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Bomb threat at SNB



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Big Spring police were called to State National Bank early Thursday afternoon after bank officials received a bomb threat via phone. The call was later determined to be a hoax.

Call determined to be a hoax, officials say

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

A Thursday afternoon bomb threat at State National Bank proved to be a hoax.

Bank staff and customers were evacuated from the building after officials received the bomb threat via phone call shortly before 1 p.m. Thursday, SNB President Richard

Steel said.

"We went through our proper protocols, cleared all the employees and customers from the bank and got them to a safe distance," Steel said. "We went through our emergency procedures at that point and (law enforcement) did a sweep of the building ... Everything appears to be OK, appears to be a hoax."

Bank employees started returning

to work after receiving the all-clear from police and bank officials.

Big Spring police did a complete sweep of both the main bank building and the motor bank facilities before allowing people back inside the building around 1:30 p.m.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

A plan for the future

BSISD trustees approve improvement blueprints

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District approved targeted plans to increase academic performance district wide and at three elementary schools Thursday night following a public hearing.

"The bottom line, we are here for the kids. That is why we are in this business," said Heidi Wagner, BSISD director of school improvement.

Wagner provided an overview to the public and trustees of all four plans to dig the three elementary schools out of low-academically performing status. Marcy, Goliad and Washington elementariness are in their third year for needing improvement required to meet academic state standards at the individual campuses. Big Spring ISD received a "met standards" rating from the Texas Education Agency in August for the first time in several years.

Essentially, both at the district and campus level, officials and faculty will work to taken data-driven information and implement it into the curriculum to help increase student performance.

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Preservation on parade

MVPA Bankhead Convoy rumbles through Big Spring Thursday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Grey clouds, rainy weather and an hour delay didn't detour spectators from welcoming a convoy of historic military vehicles that rambled in to Big Spring Thursday morning for a brief stop.

"We are very pleased with the turnout and support from the community," said Hayley Lewis, Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau tourism director overseeing the reception of the convoy.

Around 250 people welcomed the Military Vehicle Preservation Association's Bankhead Highway convoy at the Hangar 25 Air Museum. The convoy passed through the town with 65 privately owned historic military vehicles ranging from World War II era to vehicles recently decommissioned ones by the military.

The convoy is reenacting the 95th anniversary when in 1920 the military cross the country on the newly formed Bankhead Highway, the first all-weather transcontinental highway in the nation built in the early 20th Century. The convoy came into Big Spring along Midway Road and downtown through Third Street following the old highway route.

Unfortunately, rainy weather delayed the convoy for about an hour but that didn't keep several people waiting on Third Street to wave and welcome the convoy to the city before it made its way to the Hanger.

Once there, Lewis said the



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The Military Vehicle Preservation Association's Bankhead Highway Convoy travels down Third Street Thursday morning. The procession stopped at Hangar 25 Air Museum before proceeding west.



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Obituaries

Dorothy Long



Dorothy Gean (Hull) Long died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Rick Cunningham, minister of the 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Dorothy was born March 6, 1942, to Willie (Bill) and Juanita Hull in Stanton, Texas, where she was raised and graduated high school. In 1960, she married Kimmie Juel Long and they had four sons. She was a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ and was actively involved in the Big Spring Prospectors Club and Howard County Master Gardeners, until health problems caused her to stop. She enjoyed crafts and working in her flower beds. Dorothy enjoyed people, especially family. She kept

records for the Hull Family reunions. She also volunteered at Parkview Nursing Home, visiting residents weekly for the past several years.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her father, Willie (Bill) Hull; her mother, Juanita Atchison Hull; and her brother, Bobby Don Hull, all of Stanton.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Kimmie (Kim) Long; four sons, Kim Allen Long and wife, Dorthean (Dotty), Brady Long and wife, Regina, Kelly Long and wife, Angie and Cory Long and wife, Michelle. She is also survived by John Elliott and wife, Patricia, who were like her other son and daughter. She also leaves a brother, Homer Lee Hull and wife, Doris; a sister, Loveta Hull Pope and husband, Ray; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, church family, treasured friends and many others whose lives she touched in special ways.

The family suggests memorials to the Manuelito Navajo Children's Home, P. O. Box 58, Gallup, N.M. 87305-0058 or www.manuelitohome.org.

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

Paid obituary

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- DAKOTA WAYNE WHITELEY, 27, of 301 W. Thorne St., Westbrook was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of W. 18th and in the 2700 block of Central Dive.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 2500 block of Ann Drive.
- THEFT was reported in the 500 block of W. Fourth St., the 2600 block of W. Highway 80, the 4500 block of Wasson Road and

the 3300 block of I-20.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1500 block of Vines in the alley.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.
- BRITTANY CASTILLO, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for MTR/forgery of a financial instrument.
- CHADD DANIEL DEAX, 42, was

booked by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond, possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

- NOE SOLIZ, 31, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and exploding fireworks in the city limits.
- MICHAEL ANDRE TOMBLEY, 56, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for MTR/driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- DAKOTA WHITELEY, 27, of 301 W. Thorne was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for motion of surety, theft of property.

Take Note

Blood drive, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Big Spring High School. The drive will be held inside the school library, 707 11th Place. To schedule an appointment, call Haley Lefever at 264-3641, Ext. 1469 or 1-877-UBS-HERO (877-827-4376) or go online to www.bloodhero.com enter sponsor code: steers. Donors receive a custom T-Shirt, free meal coupon courtesy of McDonalds; free limeade coupons courtesy of Sonic Drive-In; a free cholesterol check, hotdogs, snacks and drinks for donors and to save up to three lives with their donation.

The Howard County's Adopt a Military Hero: Christmas for the Troops is looking for APO addresses. If you have a family member, friend, co-worker or anyone in your life that will be deployed during Christmas, Adopt a Military Hero is looking for their address to send a Christmas care package. Email the address to adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.net or drop it off at Hardison Appliance located at 1606 E. 3rd St. no later than Nov. 7.

The Howard County Republican Club will meet at noon Oct. 12 in the Cactus Room of the Howard College Student Union Building, preceded by a Dutch lunch at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Teresa Beckmeyer with the Texas Republican Party, discussing

the seven constitutional amendments which will be on the November ballot.

Applications for the annual Man and Woman of the Year are now being taken at the Chamber of Commerce.

Criteria for selection is as follows:

- The nominator must be a Chamber member but the nominee does not have to be.
- Nominations must be in writing and should be based on a record of accomplishments rather than a single contribution or an achievement although it will not be ruled out if that contribution is of sufficient importance. The committee will base its choice on information provided in the written nomination and not on personal knowledge of the nominee.
- Nominators must submit their name, address and phone number on the form for contact purposes of the committee.
- Nominees can not currently hold a political office.

Nominations must be submitted by Dec. 1.

To return an application, send the form addressed to Man and Woman of the Year Nomination; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce; 215 W. 3rd St. or P.O. Box 1391; Big Spring, Texas 79721. For more information, contact the Chamber at 432-263-7641.

Coahoma Lions Club will host a Trade Days event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7, 2015, at the old gin lot in Coahoma. The event will feature arts and crafts, food, antiques, collectibles, clothing, jewelry and other gift or garage sale items. Vendor lots are available for \$15 (10-foot-square) or \$25 (10-by-20-foot). For more information, contact Tammy or Lisa at 432-394-4287.

Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Nov. 2-3; Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well. The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano.

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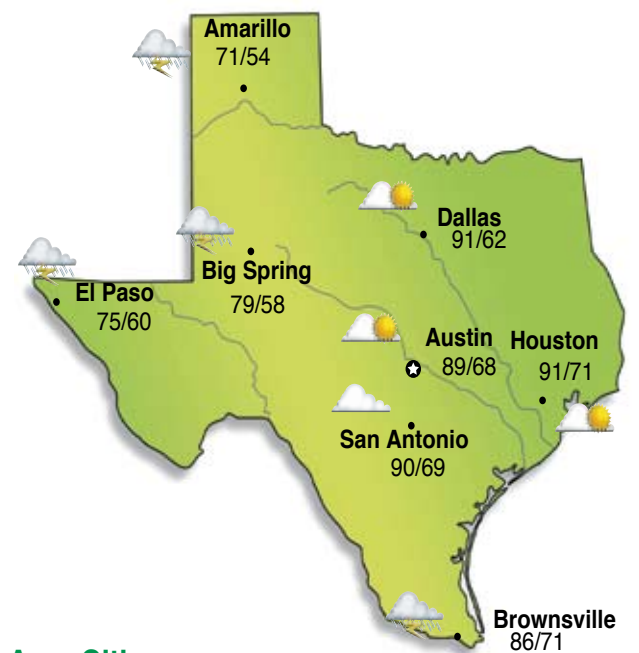
Bobbie L. Thomas

Bobbie L. Thomas, 87, of Big Spring, died Thursday, October 8, 2015 in a local nursing home. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 10/10	Sun 10/11	Mon 10/12	Tue 10/13	Wed 10/14
79/58	82/61	88/63	84/53	82/56
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. High 79F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy. High in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Mostly sunny. High in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Sunny and windy. High in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.	Mainly sunny. High in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:15 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	85	60	pt sunny	Kingsville	91	68	cloudy
Amarillo	71	54	t-storm	Livingston	90	65	cloudy
Austin	89	68	pt sunny	Longview	90	60	pt sunny
Beaumont	88	66	pt sunny	Lubbock	77	55	t-storm
Brownsville	86	71	t-storm	Lufkin	90	62	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	60	pt sunny	Midland	80	61	t-storm
Corpus Christi	89	70	cloudy	Raymondville	87	71	t-storm
Corsicana	90	63	pt sunny	Rosenberg	91	70	pt sunny
Dallas	91	62	pt sunny	San Antonio	90	69	cloudy
Del Rio	86	69	pt sunny	San Marcos	91	68	cloudy
El Paso	75	60	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	90	58	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	78	60	t-storm	Sweetwater	82	59	t-storm
Gainesville	85	56	pt sunny	Tyler	90	62	pt sunny
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A vintage military truck that is part of the Bankhead Convoy rolls past the Municipal Auditorium Thursday morning.

CONVOY

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more than hundred members of the convoy, most who were U.S. veterans, spent about an hour touring the museum.

"We had refreshments for them, snacks donated by HEB and water donated by Culligan. They were very gracious," Lewis said.

Spectators were allowed to inspect the vehicles up close and even climb into the drivers seat, Lewis said, before the convoy got back on the road to head to Midland for its overnight stop.

In September, the convoy began to retrace the 1920 route that began at Washington, DC, and will end at San Diego, Calif. at the end of this month.

The Bankhead Highway crossed the state of Texas from Texarkana to Garland, Fort Worth; on through Mineral Wells, Strawn, Ranger, Eastland, Cisco, Baird, Abilene, Sweetwater; and finally from Colorado City, Big Spring, and Midland to Van Horn and El Paso.

The Texas Historical Commission has recently completed a historical survey of the entire Bankhead Highway original routes, structures, and communities, providing a rich suite of resources at: www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/historic-texas-highways/bankhead-highway.

Follow the Convoy online with Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MVPAConvoy>.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

BSISD

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The overall goal, Wagner said, is to have all students score 70 percent on all subject area of the STAAR tests, a lofty one she admitted to the crowd.

Administrators and staff do have a challenge.

According to figures released by BSISD, 48 percent of economically disadvantaged students

in grades 3-8 did not meet the performance standards on the past STARR writing test; 43 percent of economically disadvantaged student in the same grade level did not meet standards on the reading test.

"Campuses are truly looking the root cause," said BSISD Superintendent Chris Wigington. "They are digging into what is holding us back. It's amazing how similar the recommended campus plans are. We

know what are issues are now. We are going to make huge strides this year.

In other business, trustees:

- Approved 18 class-size waiver applications to the Texas Education Agency in order to exceed to the state limit of 22 students to one each in the kindergarten level.

- Approved an adjunct facility agreement with the Texas Cooperative Extension Service. Ac-

ording to Big Spring ISD assistant superintendent Jim White, the agreement will allow students involved in activities such as 4-H excused absences if they attend function during

the normal classroom hours.

- Approved text book recommendations for the 2015-2016 academic year.

- Nominated Donny Baker to the Howard

County Appraisal District and approved the appraisal district's budget which includes a 2.3 percent increase over previous budget.

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Exhibit opens at museum

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Greg's Texas Collection returns to Howard County Saturday with an expanded catalogue of photos to be on display at the Hall Center for the Arts through the end of January 2016.

"The venue is very nice," said Toni Treadway Bodin, who along with her husband Greg have been amassing photographs of Texas historical sites and the natural beauty of Texas. "The lighting is great and really shows off the photos."

A reception is scheduled for the opening of the show from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Hall Center for the Arts located on the Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Randy Granger, an award-winning singer-songwriter, will perform during the opening reception. He is a contemporary Native American musician that has been

featured on NPRs All Things Considered, PBS as well as numerous radio, TV and live appearances. His music is a blend of Native American and world flutes.

Originally, Greg and Toni began amassing their artwork several years ago while they pursued a quest to photograph every historical marker in the state of Texas. With thousands of markers scattered the borders of the great state of Texas, the two soon came to the conclusion their task would be a lifetime commitment.

As they continued on their pilgrimage, the Coahoma residents began to meet other history enthusiasts — both profession and amateur — from those who run historic sites to devoted re-enactors and those who just love history. Several of those people are featured in the collection. Framed works will be on sale during this time and a portion

of the profits are slated to benefit the Hall Center.

As part of their tour, the couple chooses small, historic sites or local museums to showcase their work. At each stop, they say they donate a part of their earnings to support the institutions that attempt to preserve their local history.

This is the second showing in Big Spring. The touring display was first in Big Spring last February and March of 2014 at the Heritage Museum. Both Greg and Toni are contributors to the Living Magazine, a monthly magazine of feature stories about area residents, activities and local columnists.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/GregsTexas

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Carson and the politics of fantasy

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

If only Ben Carson had been in that classroom at Umpqua Community College, the outcome might have been different. The gunman reportedly asked several people their religion, only to be shot regardless of the answer. Carson said he would have been braver than they were.

“Not only would I probably not cooperate with him, I would not just stand there and let him shoot me,” he said in an interview on Fox News Channel. “I would say, ‘Hey, guys, everybody attack him. He may shoot me, but he can’t get us all.’”

Carson has never had to face a homicidal maniac training a gun barrel on him, but he has no doubt that if he did, he would respond with courage and resolve. Maybe he would. Maybe the 18 people shot last week simply lacked his unflinching nerve in the face of death. Maybe if he had been there, he would have saved them.

More likely, though, is that he’s living on a different planet. Evidence abounds that Carson maintains only intermittent contact with reality. He resembles Lewis Carroll’s White Queen, who told Alice, “Why, sometimes I’ve believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.”

Some voters think a Carson presidency is neither impossible nor undesirable. In the latest Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll in Iowa, he has 19 percent of the Republican vote, second only to Donald Trump.

These supporters may like his story: a poor African-American — raised in Detroit by an illiterate single mother — who grew up to attend Yale and become a neurosurgeon, the first one ever to separate twins conjoined at the head. They may like that he embraces conservative themes without reservation.

They may be pleased that as a



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black man who sounds just like a white tea party conservative, he absolves conservatives of any possible racial prejudice. Herman Cain filled the same role four years ago.

But they may also like Carson for his habit of believing impossible things that validate their extreme ideology. Carson is proof that when it comes to Republican primary voters, ridiculous statements are the price of admission.

He drew attention by saying he could not accept a Muslim for president, on the theory that Islam is incompatible with American values.

This was too much for Lindsey Graham, who noted that 3,500 Muslim members of the U.S. military have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. Carson apparently didn’t notice that two Muslim members of Congress have taken the oath to uphold the Constitution — the same one Christian and Jewish members take.

He earned his right-wing bonafides by saying that Obamacare is “slavery, in a way.” Barack Obama’s arguments about saving lives and ensuring access to care were lies because “it was never about health care. It was about control.” But what would you expect of a president Carson regards as a “psychopath”?

Central to his appeal in the GOP is his withering contempt

for liberals — “the most racist people there are,” in his view. He believes “political correctness is ruining our country.”

Carson is a Christian who thinks Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution is a fraud promoted by “the forces of evil.” He likens same-sex marriage to legalizing pedophilia and bestiality and predicts it will lead us to “a disastrous ending, as witnessed in the dramatic fall of the Roman Empire.”

He said that homosexuality is obviously a choice “because a lot of people who go into prison go into prison straight — and when they come out, they’re gay.” He later apologized for his words, without abandoning his view.

His comment was a reminder that he has strange views on penal issues. Carson said that when he visited federal prisons, he was “flabbergasted by the accommodations,” and he worries that we are “creating an environment that is conducive to comfort where a person would want to stay.”

It’s hard to imagine how someone so intellectually and professionally accomplished could utter such howling nonsense. But there is no real mystery. Great distinction in one field is no protection against unmitigated foolishness in another. Bobby Fischer may have been the greatest chess genius ever, but he ended up a paranoid anti-Semite.

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Political war all the time

There is a time for war and a time for peace, according to the book of Ecclesiastes and The Byrds. In the contest to replace John Boehner as speaker of the House, the Republican candidates chose to sell themselves as full-time political warriors. Forget about the national interest. Their job, as they have framed it, is to smite Democrats.

The security of American diplomats in dangerous places and maintaining America’s promise to pay its debts are a concern to everyone. Sadly, many ambitious Republicans distort the facts surrounding these important matters to fuel their political advancement. In their terms, that means entertaining hard-right voters not tuned in to the big picture. When that happens, governing stops.

Now we are not so naive as to think that a high wall separates governing and politics. But the House speaker needs to know how to avoid political warfare that turns the American people into collateral damage. Boehner understood that much of the time.

One of the aspirants, Jason Chaffetz, vowed to threaten default on the U.S. debt and a government shutdown as a means to yank concessions from Democrats. The Utah Republican’s martial words: “We’re just not going to unilaterally raise the debt limit.”

Huh? Fight over taxes and spending, sure, but compromise America’s reputation for honoring its debts as a negotiating

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tool? That treats the entire country as a hostage.

After the Republicans’ 2011 debt ceiling outrage, stock prices plunged, and consumer confidence fell through the floor. Standard & Poor’s lowered America’s previously magnificent credit rating. Even though a last-minute fix stopped the horrible from happening, the stunt cost all of us.

Just handing the powerful speaker of the House job to a man suggesting he’d do just that all over again weakens the American economy. If that weren’t sport enough, Chaffetz also backs shutting down the government rather than funding Planned Parenthood.

In promoting his political war skills, the leading contender, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, foolishly blew the cover off Republican motives for their endless investigation into the Benghazi tragedy.

You see, Hillary Clinton was secretary of state when a U.S. ambassador and three other Americans were killed at the besieged U.S. Consulate in Libya. Now she’s a strong Democratic candidate for president.

McCarthy said this: “Everybody thought Hillary Clinton was unbeatable, right? But we put together a Benghazi special committee, a select committee. What are her numbers today?” What clever fellows they are.

So dragging America through the details again and again had little to do with reaching a truth on Benghazi — one of a multitude of calamities tied to the violent chaos in that part of the world. It was all about pushing down Clinton’s poll numbers.

Republicans are understandably sore at McCarthy for making that revealing statement. What’s interesting is why a practiced politician such as McCarthy would say such an impolitic thing.

Perhaps when everything that happens is seen as politics, nothing seems impolitic. McCarthy was on Fox News Channel, where accusations concerning Benghazi (and Clinton’s use of private email while secretary of state) go round and round in a mind-numbing loop.

McCarthy may have simply lost track of the fact that there’s a voting public outside of the angry Republican base.

He forgot that our officials in Washington have duties beyond obsessing about the next election.

As a final thought, let’s note that other democracies have rules in place to temper political warfare.

In Britain, for example, the speaker of the House of Commons must be nonpartisan. According to Wikipedia, “the Speaker, by convention, severs all ties with his or her political party, as it is considered essential that the Speaker be seen as an impartial presiding officer.”

In America, that’ll be the day.

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1 John 4:18

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation."
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(Joel 2:23)

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(Psalm 103:11)

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Again, when the danger was past, Pharaoh changed his mind! He would not let the people go!
God sent Moses to Pharaoh to speak to him sternly! "Send My people out that they may serve Me! For if you refuse and you continue to grip them, the hand of Hashem is on all your livestock that are in the field — a very severe epidemic. And not a thing that belongs to the Children of Israel will die." God said this will happen tomorrow.

Did you notice that if Pharaoh continues to "grip Israel with his hand," the "hand of God will destroy your livestock"? Nice play on words!

If a person's priority is wealth, often the way to get his attention is to threaten his possessions or his income.

When Pharaoh saw that all the livestock of Egypt died and none of the livestock of Children of Israel died, his heart was hardened and he did not send out the people. You can almost see Pha-

raoh set his jaw defiantly and stomp back inside his palace! This was the fifth plague.

God sent Moses and Aaron back to Pharaoh's palace. This time they did not announce what was going to happen or offer Pharaoh a chance to release the people. God had told them, "Take for yourselves handfuls of furnace soot, and let Moses hurl it heavenward before Pharaoh's eyes."

Moses hurled the soot into the air, and it became boils and blisters, erupting on the Egyptians and their beasts. (The Egyptians must have bought animals from the Hebrews!) For seven days Pharaoh and his people endured severe boils. But Pharaoh did not relent! This was the sixth plague.

This is quite ironic because soot from the chimney was one of the ingredients our pioneering forefathers used to heal cuts and boils.

If you are following along in your Bibles, you saw that Exo 9:12 says Hashem strengthened the heart of Pharaoh and he did not heed them. Why would God strengthen his heart if Pharaoh was willing to change?

Before the first plague, God had said, "You shall tell Pharaoh that he must let My people go, but he

will not. And I shall multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt." (Exo 7:2-4 paraphrased)

This was part of God's plan from the beginning... to make Himself known to all the world. He will be the kindest benefactor or the most frightening enemy. It is our choice.

Since Adam and Eve, God wanted all people to belong to Him. Over time most of the people have chosen to trust in their own strength and ability or to worship the sun, or moon, or some man-made idol.

The signs and wonders that God poured out on Egypt certainly made all people on Earth, then and now, know of Him. But most hearts are so determined to do their own will that they will not submit to the laws of God Almighty... the Ten Commandments.

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachel: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. She has returned to enjoy her retirement as a Big Spring resident. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.



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Church News

Revival

Pastor Terry Coleman and her husband, LeRoy Coleman, are from the Dominion Christian Center located in Toledo, Ohio.

They invite the community to a revival this Friday and Sunday at the Dora Roberts Center, Lake Room.

Friday they will be preaching and sharing at 7:30 a.m. and Sunday they will begin at 11 a.m.

Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church currently has Bible study at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. on Sunday. There is also adult choir practice at 4:30 p.m. The youth meet at 5 p.m. Evening Bible study/worship meets in the fellowship hall beginning at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings the children and youth begin at 6 p.m. Adult Bible study/prayer starts 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18 the Singing Women of West/Central Texas will be in concert at 6 p.m. Invite someone to be your guest and join us for this special program. A love offering will be taken and there will be a reception following the concert.

Call Midway Baptist at 432-263-6274 for more information. Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S. Service Rd.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday our message is titled, "True or False," and comes from Psalm 119:97-104.

This week we will continue our study series on Sunday evenings called, "Heaven: Now and Then." This study will focus on what Heaven may be like as we enter it now, and what it will be like when Jesus returns.

On Oct. 25 we will have a covered dish lunch at the church, directly after morning worship. Come join us for worship and fellowship.

Our annual Trunk or Treat will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 28 in the west parking lot of the church. This is open to kids of all ages. It is a time for family fellowship and a safe environment for kids. You are welcome to participate by bringing a vehicle and passing out candy and prizes from your trunk or tailgate, or set up carnival-type games for the kids to play. We are also accepting candy donations for the event. Friendly costumes are welcome, but please avoid anything scary or demonic.

Regular youth and children's activities are in full swing on Wednesdays with special afternoon classes at 4 p.m. This week we began Art and Pinewood Derby classes. Youth and children's meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., and age-appropriate classes will begin at 6 p.m. We will be offering CHAOS for youth, GA's for girls, RA's for boys, and Heroes in Training for kids age 3-5.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Spring Creek Fellowship

If you are a musician or singer and would be interested in being a part of our worship team, contact Clint Bratcher.

Tom Word is looking for volunteers for prison ministry. Anyone inter-

ested in going into the prisons in our area and sharing the Bible with them may contact Tom or the church office.

Prayer Team meets at Spring Town Plaza from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. They have lunch at either Evita's or Brooklyn's Deli at 11:30 a.m. and then pray after lunch. You can bring your own lunch to eat in the restaurant if you prefer or come after lunch to pray with the group.

Chronic pain management group meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the church.

"Connection Groups" are meeting now on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. "community groups" meet Wednesday nights at various locations. Go to our website or call the church office for more info.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday-
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - Sunday school/connection groups

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m. - Noon - Worship service

Tuesday-
Noon-2 p.m. - Prayer team

Noon- Narcotics anonymous
6 p.m. - Pain management group

Friday-
7 p.m.- 8 p.m. - Narcotics anonymous

Saturday-
7:30 a.m. - Weekly men's prayer breakfast and fellowship

10 a.m. - "Sowing seeds of hope" crafting fellowship

Sunday -
4 p.m. - "Grief share"

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org.

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We have regretfully received the resignation of Mike Mitchell, our music director/organist/interior decoration consultant, effective the end of Oct. Anyone who has missed sharing Mike's outstanding musical talent should come to our services during the month to be blessed. The last Sunday of Oct. our worship service will be a service of music, and we will have a lunch afterward.

The youth group schedule for Sun-

day evening is male chorus at 5:15 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., followed by handbell choir and youth group.

Lane Reynolds is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Ushers for Oct. are Buddy Cochrane, Lane Reynolds, Vicki McLean, and Mark McLean. Jenn

Patterson is lector for the month.

The Service Committee has begun its Annual Fall Food Drive. Every member is asked to pick up a blue bag, fill it with the listed items, and return it Oct. 11-18.

This Sunday is the Stewardship Drive Kick-Off. Information and pledge cards will be offered during worship.

The lectionary is Job 23:1-9,16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The chancel choir will present "Proclaim the Story" by Charpentier/Rawsthorne as the offertory.

After worship, we will have a farewell reception for Margarita and Gabriel Durand-Hollis, who after many years as congregants and choir members, are moving to Kerrville.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

The regular Wednesday church activities are the following: 5:17 p.m., the lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger; children's choir, 4:30 p.m. and young women's choir, 5:15 p.m. and chancel choir rehearsal at 6 p.m.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. Like us on Facebook.

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We invite you to praise God with us Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of BHDC encourage you to choose the best service time for you and join them in worship of our Risen Savior. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For additional information

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CHURCH NEWS

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about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

Sunday morning service starts at 10:50 a.m. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Selfie" in which we are examining what Scripture says about 'self'. Drawn from Galatians 2:16, Sunday's message is titled "Self-Righteousness". If you are unable to attend, you may watch the service through the live stream on our website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday school groups meet throughout the building with children gathering on the first floor in the 'Good News Garage,' and youth, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters will help you find your class.

All area grade school children are invited to participate in AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) at 5:30 p.m. There is no fee to attend this Bible based program of songs, games, stories, and Scripture memory.

Also at 5:30 p.m., the study "Financial Peace" by Dave Ramsey meets in the second floor Youth Department. It's not too late to join this life impacting event. Childcare is provided at the church.

Youth will gather at the Raffini's Sunday night from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Contact youth pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for more information.

Sunday evening service starts at 6 p.m., and this week we will be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Pastor Lindsey leads the Bible study "Experiencing God" each Tuesday evening from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Enter through the west doors, turn right, and continue to room 201.

Area teens are invited to attend 'Fields of Faith' Wednesday Oct. 14 at Big Spring's Memorial Stadium. This will be a time of coming together to celebrate Jesus and be challenged in our lives for Christ. The church bus will leave the parking lot at 6:30 p.m., and return about 8:45 p.m. Youth may also meet us at the stadium. For more

information, contact youth pastor Jonathan at: 270-8332.

Our Wednesday night schedule begins with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5 p.m.-6 p.m., followed by activities for all ages. Go to fbcbigspring.org or call 267-8223 for details. Join us Oct. 14 for spaghetti. FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church invites you to join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as we continue our series "Freedom Experienced".

Oct. 16th at 7 p.m. our "S.U.R.G.E-Single's Ministry" will gather at Bean's World Cafe, 100 South Main Street for a night of fellowship and encouragement for singles who love the Lord.

Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. join the church family in the main sanctuary for the roll-out of the new revamp, renovated and recharged children's ministry program presentation.

Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. our "Far Above Rubies" women's small group will be gathering in the Green Room at CCC. 706 E. 12th St. Bring your t.v. trays and a dish to share.

Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. Bella Willard is inviting all the women of our community to join her for the start of our new series by Pricilla Shirer called "The Armor of God." This class will be held in the main sanctuary; contact the front office to pre-order your class workbook.

Men, be sure to join Pastor Willard in the Chapel (formally the fellowship hall) for an awesome time in the Word. Bring your remote controls from home.

CCC offers ministry classes for all ages, our student ministries meet every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. (youth, children's, pre-school, toddlers, pre-K and nursery age).

We serve a free fellowship breakfast each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Misfits Lounge.

Join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship. (CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services).

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other ques-

tion about the ministry contact our administrative office at 432-264-0015. You can also find us at facebook.com/cccbigspring or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church of Big Spring is located at 911 Goliad St. This Sunday our guest Minister will be Dan Miracle. We will hear the word proclaimed by Mary Beth Johnson, a faithful member of our congregation. Instead of our usual sermon we will hold a Congregational Meeting for all our members to ask much needed questions and have a meaningful Christian dialog concerning First Christian Church. All Board members are eager to be available to any members and their questions or concerns.

As always we are pleased to have Tara Trowbridge as our choir director as well as Lawrence Thibeault assisting and lending his voice.

After our service we are having a Fellowship Luncheon themed... "HEB says, Italian". Loretta Farquhar heads our fellowship luncheons and she puts a great deal of effort and heart into all our luncheons.

If you have questions or concerns about our services or Isaiah 58 or just need someone to pray with you please call our office 432-517-4821 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Sunday Service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Bobby Roeber will present the scripture readings this week.

Our Wednesday night bible study began again on Sept.16. A meal is served from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and classes are from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for the "Morning Meditation Thoughts".

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Astros strike first against AL champion Royals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Collin McHugh and the Houston Astros beat the Kansas City Royals at their own game Thursday night, relying on sharp pitching and stingy defense for a 5-2 victory in the opener of their AL Division Series.

McHugh (1-0) allowed four hits, including a pair of solo homers by Kendrys Morales, while pitching around a 49-minute rain delay. The right-hander lasted six innings before turning the game over to his bullpen, which scattered three runners over the final three frames.

Tony Sipp, Will Harris and Oliver Perez got the game to Luke Gregerson, part of Oakland's wild-card collapse in Kansas City last year. He handled the ninth to earn a save.

George Springer and Colby Rasmus went deep for the homer-happy Astros, but they also scored via the same sort of small ball the Royals used in reaching the World Series last season.

"We're happy. It's obviously good," Springer said, "but it's on to tomorrow. I mean, it's over with, and now we understand that they're going to be prepared to play."

Game 2 is Friday, with lefty Scott Kazmir on the mound for Houston against right-hander Johnny Cueto.

Yordano Ventura (0-1) yielded three runs on four hits and two strikeouts in two innings for Kansas City, but did not come back following the delay. Chris Young served up Springer's home run with one out in the fifth, but tossed four otherwise solid innings of relief.

The Astros, who struggled so mightily on the road this season, have apparently found their woes just in time. They beat the Yankees 3-0 in New York in Tuesday night's wild-card game, then took care of the Royals.

"That's a young, athletic team and they played really, really good defense," Kansas City manager Ned Yost said.



Houston Astros' George Springer celebrates after his solo home run during the fifth inning in Game 1 of baseball's American League Division Series against the Kansas City Royals, Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, in Kansas City, Mo.

Houston also made it the first time since 1970 that visiting teams won baseball's first four postseason games, STATS said. The other two times it happened were 1906 and 1923.

The Astros wasted no time getting Ventura in trouble, loading the bases with nobody out in the first inning. The hard-throwing ace settled down to retire the next three batters, but Rasmus and Evan Gattis provided RBI groundouts to give Houston a 2-0 lead.

Jose Altuve tacked on another run in the second with a single to right.

The Royals answered in the bottom half, just as rain started to fall, when

Morales ripped McHugh's 89 mph fastball down the right-field line.

The rain became a downpour as the inning progressed, and lightning sent fans scurrying for the concourse.

The tarp was pulled onto the field between innings.

When the game resumed after the rain delay, the Royals sent Young to the mound rather than Ventura.

"It was pushing 60 minutes there," Yost said. "He was just settling in when it started to rain."

Astros manager A.J. Hinch stuck with McHugh even though he hadn't won a game.

Morales got the better of McHugh

again in the fourth, driving a 1-1 pitch out to right. Morales became the first Royals player with two homers in a postseason game since George Brett against Toronto in the 1985 AL Championship Series.

Unfortunately for the Royals, Morales was the only hitter who could solve McHugh. That left the darlings of last year's postseason facing a crucial Game 2 on Friday, when another defeat would leave them on the brink of elimination.

Houston ranked second in the majors with 230 homers this year, two behind Toronto.

Allegations that Louisville hired escorts prompts 2 reviews

An escort's allegations in a tell-all book that former Louisville men's basketball staffer Andre McGee hired her to provide dancers to strip and have sex with Cardinals recruits, their fathers and players stunned the college basketball world when word of its pending release surfaced a week ago.

Four investigations have been launched, two this week, to review Katina Powell's allegations in the book, "Breaking Cardinal Rules: Basketball and the Escort Queen." Powell said in the book that three of her daughters were among those who danced with her in a dormitory on Louisville's campus, creating a lingering unease and uncertainty looming over Rick Pitino's program.

With questions mounting about who did what, who knew what and when, Louisville President James Ramsey stressed the need for patience as the investigations move forward. Ramsey said Thursday in a statement that, "We must, as one university, con-

tinue doing the work we do to move our university and our community forward."

Campus police took a couple of days to review the book's details before Chief Wayne Hall announced Tuesday that his department is working with Louisville Metro Police and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to review the allegations for possible criminal charges.

The independent University of Louisville Foundation, which does fundraising for the school, hired a law firm Thursday to review the allegations in the 104-page book. There were ongoing investigations by the NCAA and Louisville that had begun when the school was notified in late August about Powell's accusations.

As Ramsey called for people to let the process unfold, he also praised longtime athletic director Tom Jurich's "exemplary" supervision of the department. The president, however, didn't mention Pitino — raising even more questions.

The coach talked about the omission in a radio interview later Thursday, saying, "I'm sorry that Dr. Ramsey did not think enough to mention me, but that's something I cannot control."

Pitino then bristled at a question if the widespread attention now on his program has made him consider resigning.

"I don't know what resigning would accomplish," Pitino, 63, told 840 WHAS. "I think that's the cowardly way out if I resign now without coaching two fifth-year seniors and people who came to play for me. What does it do for the program if the coach runs away?"

"If I resign, would people feel better about it?"

Much depends on what the investigations uncover, but the book's allegations have raised several troubling questions.

Former Cardinals recruit JaQuan Lyle, now an Ohio State freshman, confirmed the "gist of allegations" detailed in Powell's book during

a meeting Tuesday with the NCAA, CBS Sports reported Thursday. Louisville men's basketball spokesman Kenny Klein had no comment on the report.

Lyle originally signed with Louisville before decommitting and eventually landing with the Buckeyes. OSU spokesman Dan Wallenberg confirmed the NCAA meeting via email on Wednesday but said there were no issues with Ohio State. He did not mention Louisville.

Powell's book was released online by a publishing affiliate of the Indianapolis Business Journal. A hardcover version of the book is scheduled for release on Monday.

The book states that McGee hired her and other dancers for 22 shows performed from 2010 to 2014, mostly at Billy Minardi Hall. She said McGee paid her \$10,000 during that period.

McGee left Louisville in 2014 for Missouri-Kansas City, which has placed him on paid administrative leave. Messages left Thursday with

his Louisville attorney, Scott C. Cox, were not returned. A spokeswoman for IBJ publishing also could not be reached for comment. Neither Powell nor McGee has commented publicly since the release of the book.

Pitino has said McGee denied Powell's allegations and repeated in his second local radio interview in three days that he didn't know those activities took place in the dorm named after his late brother-in-law. The coach said he was still trying to understand the motive behind McGee's alleged actions and said that Louisville didn't need to hire dancers to attract top-flight recruits to his elite program.

"If you're the University of Louisville, you don't need any help with those artificial means to get players," Pitino said. "This is one of the premier programs in the nation."

Right now, his premier program is being scrutinized and examined by four separate entities.

6-6-6 Tourny set for Oct. 24-25

Big Spring Country Club will host a 6-6-6 tournament — six holes scramble, six holes low ball and six holes modified alternate shot - on Oct. 24-25. Entry fee is \$100 for Big Spring CC members and \$200 for non-members plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

Shotgun start both days at 1 p.m.. Entry includes barbecue on the course Saturday. Field will be flighted by first round score. Number of flights determined by number of entries. Call the Pro Shop at 432-267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

Scoreboard

<p>TRANSACTIONS</p> <p>FOOTBALL</p> <p>National Football League</p> <p>CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LB John Timu to the practice squad.</p> <p>MIAMI DOLPHINS — Fired defensive coordinator Kevin Coyle. Promoted defensive backs coach, Lou Anarumo to defensive coordinator.</p> <p>Canadian Football League</p> <p>CFL — Fired Saskatchewan OL Dan Clark and undisclosed amount for a chop block on a Montreal player during a game on Sept. 27.</p> <p>Arena Football League</p> <p>ORLANDO PREDATORS — Agreed to terms with WRs Greg Carr and Kendal Thompkins and DE Meshak Williams.</p> <p>HOCKEY</p> <p>National Hockey League</p> <p>CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled D Viktor Svedberg from Rockford (AHL). Assigned D Ville Pokka to Rockford. Reassigned F Corey Tropp from Rockford to Albany (AHL).</p> <p>DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned RW Dan Cleary and D Xavier Ouellet to Grand Rapids (AHL). Removed Ds Jakub Kindl and Alexey Marchenko from injured reserve.</p> <p>ECHL</p> <p>READING ROYALS — Assigned D Philadelphia (AHL) announced D Maxim Lamarche from Lehigh Valley to Reading.</p>	<p>LACROSSE</p> <p>Major League Lacrosse</p> <p>BOSTON CANNONS — Named Sean Quirk coach.</p> <p>COLLEGE</p> <p>FURMAN — Named Bailey Miles men's assistant basketball coach.</p> <p>MEMPHIS — Extended the contract of Tom Bowen, Director of Athletics, through June 30, 2019.</p> <p>NEW MEXICO — Named Eugene Canal associate director of communications.</p>
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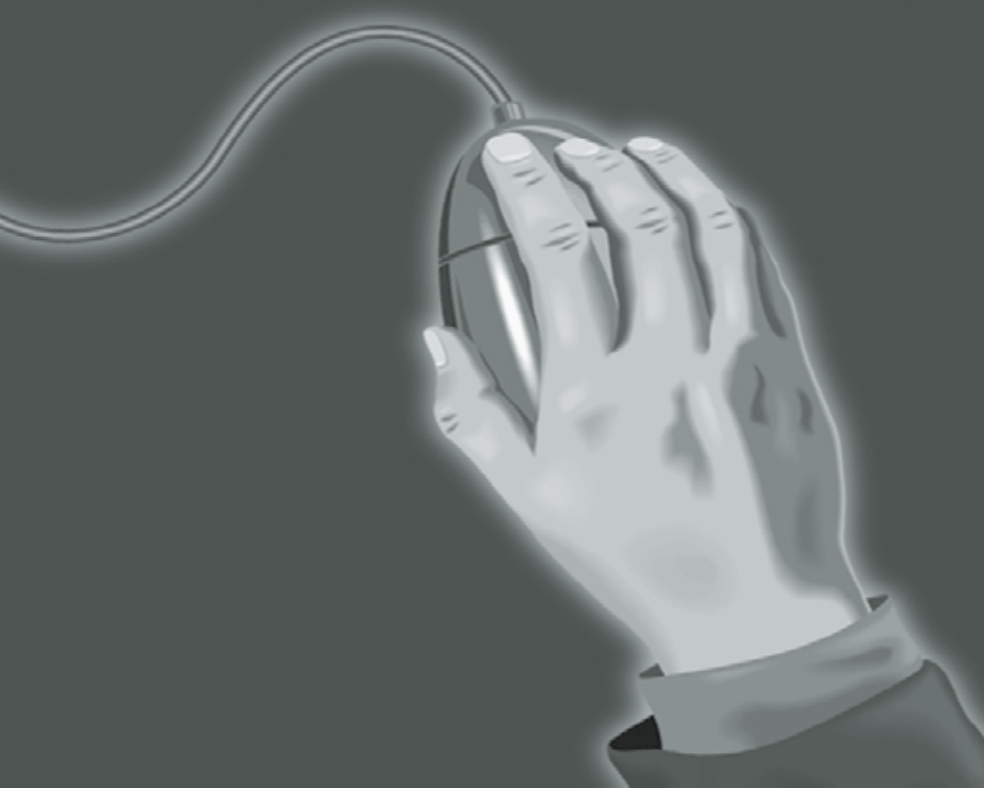
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Something to think of as Venus transits Virgo, the sign of perfectionists: If you're being honest, aren't the people who are usually right just a little bit annoying, too? It's not necessary to be right all the time or even often. General, widespread success often comes from being right but once. Mercury ends its retrograde to cheer you on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sometimes you just have to do the job you have instead of the job you wished for. The good news is that once you commit to hunkering down, the hard part goes by quickly. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You've seen the attitude you want -- someone you know is wearing it well. Guess what. It will look even better on you. A change of attitude will bring a change of circumstances. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). If you win

today's challenge, you'll get a prize. But if you lose, you'll get something far more valuable: an education you can apply over and over until you can win and win consistently.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're someone's hero, and the responsibility isn't one you take lightly. Even heroes need a break, and this weekend will provide you with one, eventually -- although not before Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Anyone can resist authority, and most do at some point. But resisting authority with grace, style and effectiveness -- now that's remarkable. You could pull off such a stunt brilliantly today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No one can judge a performance that hasn't happened yet, and that's why you should refrain from making assessments before you get out there and prove what you can do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're thinking big, but you're starting small. This is the best way. Incre-

mental gains have staying power. You'll avoid future trouble by doing it right from the ground up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Most things that are available for purchase lose value immediately after the buy -- most things, but not all things. Search out rare gems. You have a terrific sense of what's going to be collectible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're willing to sacrifice for the team as long as it's a meaningful sacrifice. You want to get to the end of the day and feel like it really mattered, if not to you, then to someone you care about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In time you'll learn what everyone was thinking today -- the good, bad and indifferent. Wait until then to judge it. Now is the time to get involved to the point that you couldn't care less what the others think.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your cosmic bonus will be time with people who like you for who you are. This frees you up

to do your best in the ways in which you are compelled rather than in the ways that are expected of you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're even more magnetic and mysterious than usual. This attracts all kinds of interesting scenarios. For instance, someone from your past could return wanting another chance with you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 9). You still have the magic. In fact, you have more of it than you did last year. Stop doubting yourself and get busy. A new area of study will lead to better income and improved living. One friend will open up your social life to many more. December through February requires great discipline, and you'll be rewarded for it. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 40, 20, 16 and 38.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: When you help others at your own expense, it will be very expensive indeed! Helping shouldn't hurt quite so much.

TAURUS: Dealing with the issue may be painful, but it will be worthwhile to unblock the obstacle to your joy. **GEMINI:** People appreciate what they earn, so don't give away too much for free. **CANCER:** Happiness is bringing your own car to the party. **LEO:** If you feel that you must continually try harder and harder to make a relationship work, the relationship is inherently dysfunctional. **VIRGO:** Graciously receive compliments, but think twice before you accept gifts. **LIBRA:** Think carefully about how you'd like a relationship to evolve, because once you go forward, you won't be able to revert back to where you are now. **SCORPIO:** You're a fool for love. Good. If you were a top strategist for love, that would indicate sociopathic leanings. **SAGITTARIUS:** The way they make you feel about yourself -- that's where their attraction potential lies. **CAPRICORN:** Whatever happens, it's the feeling that will be remembered. **AQUARIUS:** Going to sleep,

waking up -- lately it's the same person on your mind. **PISCES:** You don't love or even like people for strategic reasons, and yet sometimes relationships just work out to be mutually beneficial.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Virgo moon and Venus newly entering this realm brings all sorts of glamorous energy to the Virgos of the world. Libra notices. These two are next-door neighbors who share high standards and thrive on the satisfaction and attention that come from living up to those standards. Both are driven to be a gift to the special people in their lives -- Virgo through deeds and Libra through empathy.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband of five years has just learned that his daughter is engaged, and I am already stressing about the wedding.

My husband was married when we met. I didn't intentionally date a married man, but he pursued me, and I told him that if he wanted to date me, he must leave his wife. It only took three months, so he was obviously ready to go. Still, I'm the "other woman."

I have tried to be considerate, avoiding the places where his ex shops. He has lunch regularly with his daughter, but the only time his daughter sees me is for a short, awkward time at holidays. His daughter came to our wedding, but didn't stay for the reception. I don't blame her. I'd hate me, too.

I don't want to go to her wedding. I feel it would stress her out, and I don't want to ruin her special day. I think the focus should be on her, not on people whispering about the woman who broke up her parents' marriage. I've been the butt of bitter comments already. I also don't want to confront her mother.

If the bride wanted me there, I would go, but I am pretty sure

she doesn't. Should I go and wish them well, then leave? Should I stay away altogether? My husband would have a better time if I were with him, but it's not his big day. Please tell me what to do.

-- Somewhere in California

Dear California: You are wise to understand the situation, and considerate to put the bride first. Your husband should ask his daughter directly if she wants you there. If she says no, then stay away. If she says "yes" or she doesn't care, it might be best for you to attend only the ceremony, and your husband should remain for the reception. But keep in mind that you are now married to Dad and in order for the situation ever to normalize, you will need to endure these encounters so that, over time, they won't seem so unusual or stressful.

Dear Annie: I am continually fascinated at the people who are quick to criticize retired husbands for not taking on 50 percent of the household chores.

Why do these stories never include the expectation that the wife will wash the cars, mow the lawn, repair the broken shades, change the

air-conditioning filters, clean the gutters and on and on?

Everyone is quick to yell at the husbands for not doing the dishes, but why shouldn't the wives be sharing the other tasks? -- Mike

Dear Mike: We agree that the wives who are retired should pick up some of the slack on the other end, but these are not exactly equal chores. Dishes, laundry and house-cleaning have to be done every day. Mowing the lawn or cleaning the gutters is seasonal and periodic. You could count up the hours spent doing each of these if you are determined to make it "equal,"

but we don't believe household chores should be tit-for-tat. You might be better at some things and your wife at others, and it's fine to focus more on the work you do best. And the rest you should do because you love each other and these things still need to be done, retired or not.

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Contract Bridge

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Test Your Defensive Play

You are West, defending against Four Spades after South opened with three spades and was raised by North to four. You lead the king of hearts, on which East plays the three and South the four. When you next lead the ace of hearts, East plays the six and South the eight. Which card would you play at trick three?

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

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

This problem comes from the book "More Killing Defense at Bridge" by the brilliant Scottish player/writer Hugh W. Kelsey. The hand is another example of why most experts agree that defense is the most difficult part of the game.

The correct play at trick three is the queen of hearts! You should play the queen even though you know your partner has the missing ten of hearts (because he did not play high-low to show a doubleton).

When declarer ruffs the heart and plays a trump, you grab the ace and lead another heart to kill dummy's jack. East ruffs and declarer overruffs, but South later loses a club trick and goes down one.

Tomorrow: The battle for trump control.

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This was South's hand at the start:
♠ K Q J 10 8 5 2
♥ 8 4
♦ 9
♣ J 6 2

Now let's suppose you had shifted to a diamond at trick three, which seems the more natural thing to do. In that case, South can make the contract with correct play. He wins the diamond with the ace and leads a trump to his king. You take the ace and lead another diamond.

South ruffs, cashes the queen of trumps, leads a club to dummy's king, ruffs the nine of hearts and plays two more trumps to produce this position:

North
♥ J
♣ A 7

West
♥ Q
♣ Q 10

East
♦ K
♣ 9 5

South
♠ 8
♣ J 6

Declarer leads the eight of spades, and you are caught in a squeeze. If you discard a club, dummy discards a heart; if you discard a heart, dummy discards a club. Either way, declarer makes the last three tricks and the contract.

West must be exceptionally alert to foresee what might happen to him if he fails to lead the queen of hearts at trick three. But that's the highly demanding type of game bridge is.

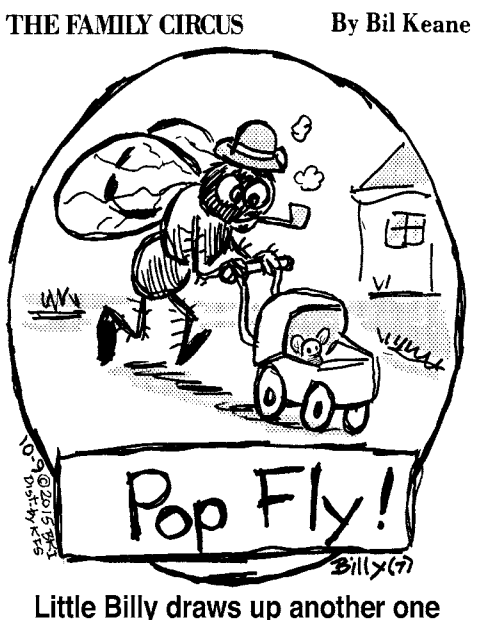
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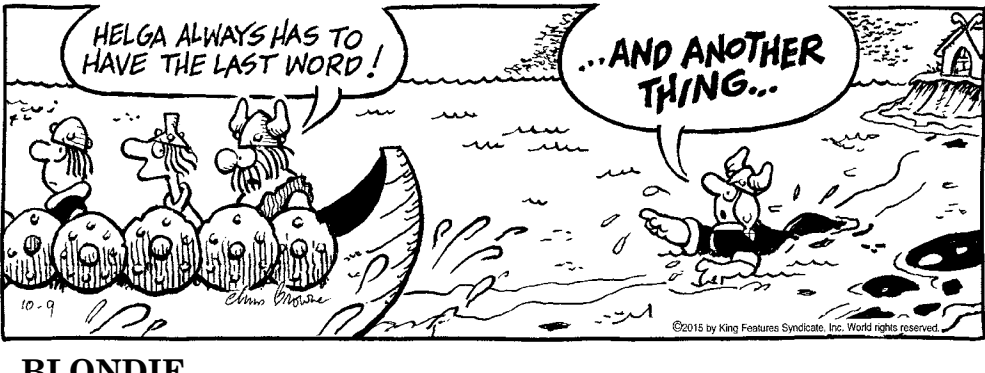
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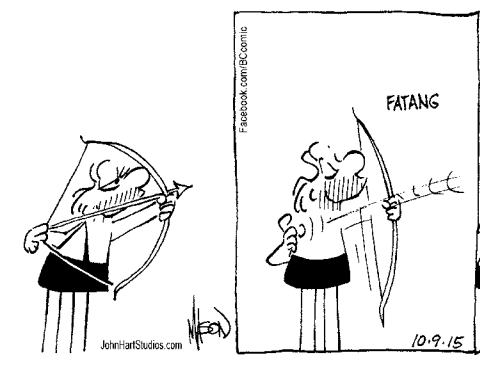
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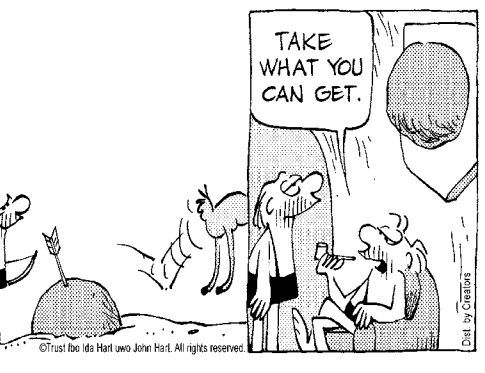


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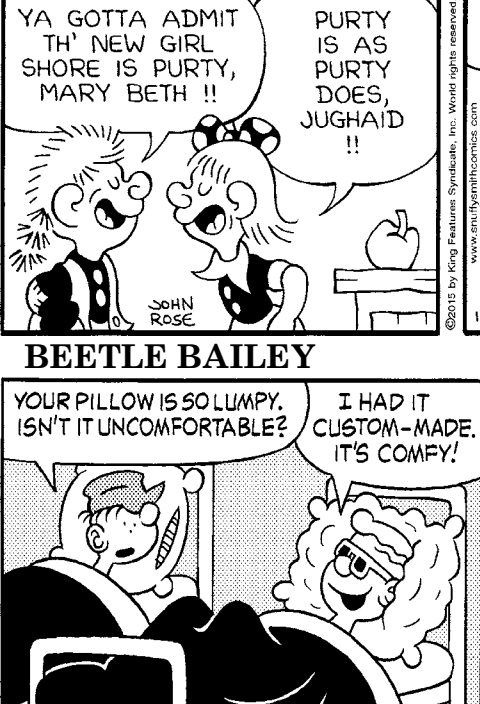
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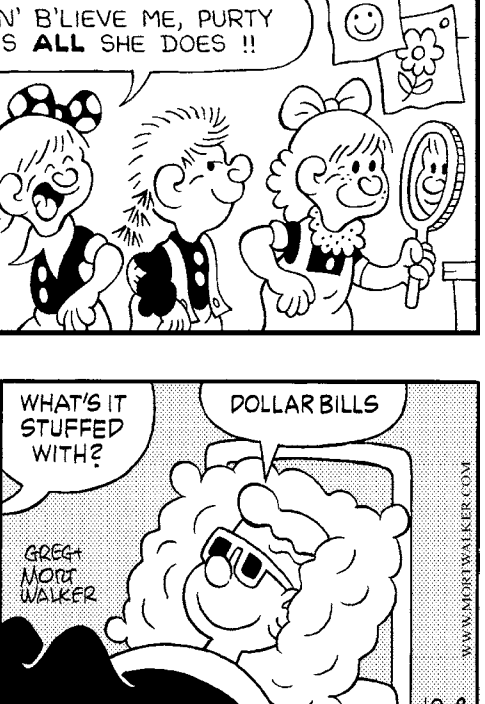
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, October 9, the 282nd day of 2015. There are 83 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 9, 1940, rock-and-roll legend John Lennon was born in Liverpool, England. (On this date in 1975, his son, Sean, was born in New York.)

On this date:

In 1514, Mary Tudor, the 18-year-old sister of Henry VIII, became Queen consort of France upon her marriage to 52-year-old King Louis XII, who died less than three months later.

In 1776, a group of Spanish missionaries settled in present-day San Francisco.

In 1888, the public was first admitted to the Washington Monument.

In 1914, the Belgian city of Antwerp fell to German forces during World War I.

In 1934, King Alexander I of Yugoslavia was assassinated in Marseille, France, by a Macedonian gunman.

In 1946, the Eugene O'Neill drama "The Iceman Cometh" opened at the Martin Beck Theater in New York.

In 1958, Pope Pius XII died at age 82, ending a 19-year papacy.

(He was succeeded by Pope John XXIII.)

In 1967, Latin American guerrilla leader Che Guevara was killed by the Bolivian army a day after he was captured.

In 1975, Soviet scientist Andrei Sakharov (AHN'-dray SAHK'-ah-raw) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1985, the hijackers of the Achille Lauro (ah-KEE'-leh LOW'-roh) cruise liner surrendered two days after seizing the vessel in the Mediterranean. (Passenger Leon Klinghoffer was killed by the hijackers during the standoff.)

In 1995, a sabotaged section of track caused an Amtrak train, the Sunset Limited, to derail in Arizona; one person was killed and about 80 were injured (the case remains unsolved).

In 2009, President Barack Obama was named the recipient of the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize for what the Norwegian Nobel Committee called "his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."

Ten years ago: Dozens of foreign tourists fled devastated lakeside Mayan towns as Guatemalan officials said they would abandon communities buried by landslides caused by Hurricane Stan and declare them mass graveyards.

Five years ago: Chile's 33 trapped miners cheered and embraced each other as a drill punched into their underground chamber where they had been stuck for an agonizing 66 days. The International Monetary Fund wrapped up two days of talks in Washington without resolving deep differences over currency movements. A crush of fans circled a flower-graced mosaic in Central Park's Strawberry Fields and sang lyrics from "Imagine" to honor John Lennon on his 70th birthday.

Thought for Today: "I think everyone should go to college and get a degree and then spend six months as a bartender and six months as a cab-driver. Then they would really be educated."

Al McGuire, American Basketball Hall of Fame coach (1928-2001).

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Ebenezer's partner
- Course rental
- Further stipulations
- Walking path
- Masters
- Vulgar one
- Three case openers
- Broadcast part
- Fatuous
- Scarfs down
- Yards of yarn
- Suppress
- Floor decor
- Univ. helpers
- Antlered animal
- Abraham's Oscar film
- Three case openers
- Fully absorb
- Annual dance
- Incline slightly
- Play for a fool
- Masterstrokes
- Rent splitter
- Holder of locks
- Collar clip-on
- Give or take
- Three case openers
- Standard measure
- Hill formed by wind
- Foreword
- Striders, in brief
- Don't move
- Now under control

DOWN

- Quick blow
- Ambiance
- 15-season CBS series
- Encouraging shout
- Happen to
- Birthday greetings
- Palm fruit
- It's north of Carson City
- Discouraging sound
- Peerlessly
- "Step right in!"
- Spanish chaperone
- Underline or overload
- Signal to start
- Company's Facebook request
- Measures averaging 100
- Trail mix ingredients
- Cold remedy
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- Robobanker
- Steamed state
- Drop (off)

19 Company's Facebook request

22 Measures averaging 100

23 Trail mix ingredients

24 Cold remedy

25 Source for some biofuels

26 Plenty

28 It's west of Carson City

29 Solemn oaths

32 Have words

33 List on a lot

34 Top-drawer

36 Blue shade

37 Caspian Sea nation

38 Beach bag

41 Yellowstone hrs.

42 Cause to stumble

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Answer to previous puzzle

EPIC	ABBOT	DOTS
LARA	CAINE	EURO
FRESHMAN	SEATOR	
BEE	INORBIT	
ATBAR	PDT	WOOS
SOPHOMORE	JINX	
IMO	DELI	UNE
FEES	RIPON	SCAM
TIC	DOTE	OXO
JUNIOR	PARTNER	
TORT	DYS	AISLE
SHADROE	ATE	
SENIOR	DIS	COUNTS
STONE	BOITE	PURE
SCAR	SNIPS	STYX

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Johnson has 2 TD receptions, leads Colts over Texans 27-20

HOUSTON (AP) — Indianapolis coach Chuck Pagano isn't sure when Andrew Luck can play again.

Not to worry though. He's got the ageless Matt Hasselbeck to fill in.

Andre Johnson caught two touchdown passes from the 40-year-old Hasselbeck, the second for 2 yards in the fourth quarter, to help the Colts beat the Houston Texans 27-20 on Thursday night.

"Got the best backup in the league right now," Pagano said. "We could argue that."

Released by Houston in March after 12 seasons with the team, Johnson had six catches for 77 yards.

Hasselbeck won his second straight game filling in for Luck, who was out with a shoulder injury.

Hasselbeck's performance was even more impressive given the fact that he was battling a bacterial infection that hospitalized him this week. He started feeling ill just before halftime Sunday in a victory over Jacksonville and didn't start feeling better until Thursday night.

"I honestly feel like this isn't even real right now," Hasselbeck said.

Pagano raved about Hasselbeck.

"Hewasliterallyonhisdeathbed Monday/Tuesday and mustered up enough to come in Wednesday and practice,"

Pagano said. "He was getting IVs and fighting a virus and the grittiest performance I've seen in a long time."

Brian Hoyer, who replaced Ryan Mallett for Houston (1-4) in the second quarter, threw a pass up for grabs that was intercepted by Mike Adams with less than 2 minutes left to help the Colts (3-2) seal the victory.

Some things to know about the Colts' win over the Texans.

QUARTERBACK CAROUSEL: Mallett got the wind knocked out of him on an illegal hit midway through the second quarter and was replaced by Hoyer. Mallett was OK soon after that, but coach Bill O'Brien stuck with Hoyer, who finished with



Houston Texans' Ryan Mallett (15) is sacked by Indianapolis Colts' Erik Walden (93) during the first half of an NFL football game Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, in Houston.

AP photo

312 yards passing with two touchdowns. Hoyer won the starting job out of camp but was benched after Week 1. He came in late in last week's loss Atlanta, but O'Brien started Mallett again on Thursday. After the game he wouldn't say who will direct the offense going forward.

"We'll review (the film) tomorrow and see where we are at that position," O'Brien said.

MIXED RECEPTION: Johnson, who is Houston's career receiving leader, drew boos from the home crowd when

he grabbed a 23-yard reception late in the first quarter. Two plays later, he scored his first touchdown of the season when he was wide open in the back of the end zone for 4-yard reception that made it 10-0. Johnson laughed about the early boos and said the crowd warmed up to him later. "When I would be on the sidelines a lot of the fans were screaming, 'Andre we still love you! Come back to Houston! Welcome home!'" Johnson said. "So that was probably the most special thing."

Chirinos 2-run homer leads Rangers over Blue Jays 5-3

TORONTO (AP) — A big day by the bottom of Texas' batting order helped the Rangers overcome an injury to slugger Adrian Beltre in the start of their postseason run.

Robinson Chirinos hit a two-run homer against David Price, Rowned Odor added a solo shot and the Rangers beat the Blue Jays 5-3 Thursday in their AL Division Series opener as postseason baseball returned to Toronto for the first time in 22 years.

"It means a lot to the team to come to Toronto and win that first game against a great pitcher," Chirinos said.

Both starting third baseman left with injuries: Beltre came in the third with a strained muscle in his lower back and Toronto's Josh Donaldson in the fifth after he was kneed in the head while sliding in an attempt to break up a double play.

Rangers manager Jeff Banister said he wasn't sure whether Beltre would be available for Game 2 on Friday. In an effort to remain in the series, Beltre had a cortisone shot.

"Obviously we want Adrian in there," Banister said. "He's the heart and soul of this ballclub."

After going for tests at a hospital, Beltre returned to the clubhouse about an hour after the game and walked gingerly. An MRI confirmed Beltre had a strained back but no structural damage, general manager Jon Daniels said.

"We haven't ruled him out of tomorrow's game," Daniels said.

Texas will have Joey Gallo and Ed Lucas travel from its Arizona Fall League team in case Beltre needs to be removed from the roster, a deci-

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sion that also would rule Beltre out of the AL Championship Series.

Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said Donaldson felt light-headed while playing defense in the top of the fifth, forcing the AL MVP candidate to come out of the game.

"They check for concussions, and apparently he passed all the tests. So that's good news," Gibbons said.

Yovani Gallardo (1-0) allowed two runs and four hits in five innings.

"That's what we really needed from him," Banister said. "I think he did a great job."

Gallardo is 4-0 with a 1.78 ERA in four career starts against Toronto.

"We got in some good hitter's counts and he wouldn't give in," Blue Jays catcher Russell Martin said. "He didn't make those mistakes that we capitalize on."

Keone Kela, Jake Diekman and Sam Dyson finished, with Dyson getting a save.

Pitching on 11 days' rest, Price (0-1) allowed five runs and five hits in seven innings. He dropped to 1-6 with a 4.79 ERA in 11 postseason games, and

is 0-6 in six playoff starts.

"I expect to have better results," a subdued Price said.

Gibbons said Price was the victim of timely hits by the Rangers.

"He wasn't getting hit around. It was just a couple of key hits at some key times that made the difference," Gibbons said.

Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista hit a solo homer in the sixth, then left with a sore right hamstring after popping out in the eighth and was replaced in right by Dalton Pompey. The Blue Jays said Bautista is expected to play Friday.

Delino DeShields and Beltre hit RBI singles to give Texas a 2-0 lead in the third. Beltre, injured when sliding into second base as Prince Fielder hit into an inning-ending double play in the first, had difficulty running and was replaced by rookie Hanser Alberto in the bottom of third.

Edwin Encarnacion's run-scoring infield single cut the deficit in half in the fourth - the first run Toronto scored off

Gallardo in three meetings this season.

Price hit Odor with a pitch for the second straight at-bat, and Chirinos homered for a 4-1 lead.

"I think he relaxed a little bit with the people at the bottom of the lineup," Chirinos said.

Price hit just three bat-

ters all season, none after Toronto obtained him from Detroit on July 30th.

Kevin Pillar doubled home Russell Martin in the bottom half, but Toronto left a runner at third when pinch-hitter Ezequiel Carrera, batting in Donaldson's spot, hit an inning-ending groundout. Cliff Pennington took over defensively in the sixth.

Bautista's leadoff homer off Kela cut it to 4-3 in the sixth — the first run off the pitcher since July 30. Odor homered in the seventh.

FOR STARTERS

Cito Gaston, who managed the Blue Jays to back-to-back World Series titles in 1992 and 1993, threw out the ceremonial first pitch to veteran left-hander Mark Buehrle, who is not on Toronto's playoff roster.

UP NEXT

RHP Marcus Stroman, who returned from a torn left knee ligament to go 4-0 with a 1.67 ERA in four September starts, starts for the Blue Jays on Friday. Texas starts LHP Cole Hamels, who is 7-1 with a 3.66 ERA in 12 starts with the Rangers. Texas has won each of the past 10 games started by Hamels.

"They check for concussions, and apparently he [Donaldson] passed all the tests. So that's good news," Gibbons said.

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