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Food truck vendors celebrate ordinance changes

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Food truck vendors who call Big Spring home have reason to smile after the Big Spring City Council drastically reduced their cost of doing business.

During their Tuesday meeting, council members approved a rewrite of ordinances covering when locally based itinerate and fixed location food vendors can operate and how much they have to pay the city for the privilege of doing so.

For starters, new ordinances drastically slash licensing fees for those vendors. Current ordinances charge those businesses a \$50 fee

every 10 days, as well as a \$75 "investigation" fee. Now, Big Spring-based itinerate and fixed location vendors will pay no such fees, while vendors based out of town will pay \$125 a year.

Also, those vendors' hours of operation were expanded — unlike in the past, when



they were limited to sales between 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, there is now no restriction.

Needless to say, vendors greeted the ordinance change with open arms.

"We're very, very happy," said Linda Burchett, operator of a mobile barbecue business that was forced to move

outside the city limits to avoid paying the fees. "I know of three food trucks that were going to have to close down because they couldn't afford the fees. Now, Big Spring has three more businesses."

The ordinance change ends a months-long battle between the vendors and city officials over the ordinances, which just about everybody agreed were out of date.

"When all of us went into business, the ordinances weren't being brought up, we weren't having the pay the fees," Burchett said. "It went on that way for about four months, then one

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Probe clears janitor of wrongdoing

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

A police investigation into a complaint of a Big Spring ISD custodian acting improperly towards an elementary student found no criminal offense occurred, according to a release from the Big Spring Police Department Tuesday afternoon.

"It has been determined that the janitor did provide the child money through the teacher's aide to make a purchase within the snack bar because he had witnessed them crying and that no criminal offense had occurred," stated Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams.

Last Wednesday, a parent of a Moss Elementary student filed a claim with the BSPD of "allegation of suspicious activity involving a janitor at Moss Elementary

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Forsan marks homecoming



The 2016 Forsan High School Homecoming Queen nominees are pictured from left, Danyelle Tilley, Sterling Freeman, Hannah Beauchamp, Landis DeLaGarza and Rhian Cunningham. The Homecoming Queen will be announced during halftime activities at Friday's varsity football game against the Wink Wildcats.

Queen nominees named; festivities slated

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — The Buffaloes are heading home.

Forsan High School is hosting a week of activities to celebrate homecoming.

A community parade is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Friday on the Forsan ISD campus. Entries will line up at 2:30 p.m. starting at the north tennis courts. The route will be south from the high school to the north

road entrance of the elementary. The parade will circle the elementary to Avenue H and return to the front doors of the high school cafeteria to enter the building for the pep rally in the gym.

During spirit week at Forsan High School, each day has a designated theme to generate spirit throughout the student body. Monday was Superhero Day and Tuesday was Pajama Day. Today is Workout Outfit

Day, Thursday, Twin Day; and Friday is Buffalo Fanatic Day.

The week will wrap up Friday when the Forsan Buffaloes varsity football team takes on the Wink Wildcats in the high school football stadium. During half-time the 2016 Homecoming Queen will be announced.

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

Man arrested after standoff

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man is in custody after a brief standoff with law enforcement officials Monday afternoon.

Joe William Petty, 51, was arrested following the standoff, which began when investigators with the Department of Public Safety attempted to service an arrest warrant — Petty was being charged with manufacture or delivery of methamphetamine — at his residence on Bluebonnet Street.

"Once investigators identified themselves and their purpose, Petty retreated into his residence and locked the door," a Big Spring Police Department news release stated. "Investigators then requested the assistance of the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office."

As Petty failed to respond to "repeated attempts" to leave the residence, officers established a perimeter around the residence and the BSPD/HCSO SWAT team was called in, the news release stated.

"Once the SWAT team approached the door, Petty immediately exited the residence and surrendered," the release noted.

As of press time today, Petty was still in police custody.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235, or email reporter@bigspringherald.com

BSI students rally for reading

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Ready, set, ok. R-E-A-D, read!

The Howard College athletic department attended a pep rally at Big Spring Intermediate Monday in an effort to encourage the fifth and sixth grade students to read for

fun.

"This is going to be the first of many events with the college. This is just the kick off. For the rest of the year, athletes from Howard College will come to the school and help students practicing to read

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Obituaries

Willie P. Lane Jr.



Willie P. Lane Jr., 72, son of Willie P. and Lallie Lane, passed away Saturday, July 30, 2016, in Midland, Texas, after a lengthy illness. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. A graveside inurnment service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Sweetwater.

He was the youngest of five children. He was preceded in death by a sister, Viola Garchie; and two brothers, Joe Robert Lane and Galen P. Lane.

Survivors include his son, Cheston P. Lane; a

grandson, Ashton G. Lane; and a sister, Sharon Hackney and husband Hugh of Tennessee. He is also survived by multiple nieces and nephews; his significant other, Judith Pierce of Kansas; and his dearest friends, Jerry and Sharon Smith, and Junior and Glenda Stadham.

Willie was involved in banking/finance in his livelihood then as an entrepreneur of business thereafter. A dynamic person in life, he was loved by all who knew him. He truly will be missed. Heavenly Father cradle our brother till we meet again. Amen.

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

Paid obituary

Raquel Pena Moreno



Raquel Pena Moreno, 54, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

She will lie in state from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. at Myers and Smith Chapel. She will be buried in Panteon Santo Cristo in Saltillo Coahuilla,

Mexico.

She was born Oct. 24, 1961, in Galeana, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to Felicitas Moreno Montanez and Cirilo Pena Silva. She married Javier DeLucas Gutierrez, July 25, 2009, in Saltillo, Mexico. She moved to Big Spring in 2010 from Mexico. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Javier DeLucas Gutierrez of Big Spring; and one daughter, Claudia Gaona Pena of Saltillo, Mexico.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Tommy Rupard

Tommy Rupard, 84, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016, at his home.

No services are planned at this time.

He was born April 19, 1932, to Hazel Bell Vaughn and Tom K. Rupard in Big Spring. Tommy served in the United States Army and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

Tommy is survived by one son, Tommy Rupard of Odessa; one brother, Ikie Rupard and wife Debbie of Big Spring; and seven nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Pansy Myrick; and one brother, Charles Rupard.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **A.L. THOMPSON III**, 37, of 1211 Grafa Ave., was arrested on warrants for failure to yield right-of-way at a yield intersection, failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and displaying an unclean or obscured license plate.

- **TIMOTHY EDWARD ARRENDONDO**, 24, of 1605 E. 16th St. was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

- **SUNG JOHNSON**, 47, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. #509 was arrested on a charge of assault by contact.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3200 block of South

Highway 87.

- **THEFT** was reported at the intersection of FM 846 and FM 1205, and at the intersection of Gail Highway and County Road 34, and in the 1100 block of East 15th Street.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia Avenue.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

- **TIMOTHY EDWARD ARRENDONDO**, 24, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

- **RAMIRO CASTOR**, 26, was booked by RSO on a warrant for

aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

- **TRIG DANIEL GILKEY**, 20, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams).

- **SUNG HUI JOHNSON**, 47, was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault by contact.

- **BRANDON DENNIS VAUGHN OLIVETTI**, 24, was

booked by BSPD on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

- **A.L. THOMPSON III**, 37, was booked by HCSO on warrants for theft of material (aluminum, bronze, copper), failure to yield right-of-way at a yield intersection, violation of promise to appear, failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and displaying an unclean license plate.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meet-

ing from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting

from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meeting

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 9/29	Fri 9/30	Sat 10/1	Sun 10/2	Mon 10/3
78/55 Sunny skies. High 78F. Winds ENE at 10 to 20 mph.	79/56 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	84/60 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	87/63 Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	90/66 A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 7:32 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 7:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 7:29 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 7:28 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 7:27 PM

Texas at a Glance



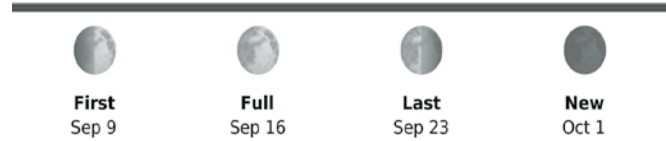
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	58	Sunny	Kingsville	90	70	P Cloudy
Amarillo	86	50	Sunny	Livingston	86	61	Sunny
Austin	87	62	Sunny	Longview	87	59	Sunny
Beaumont	89	64	Sunny	Lubbock	85	54	P Cloudy
Brownsville	84	74	Sct T-Storms	Lufkin	87	61	Sunny
Brownwood	86	57	Sunny	Midland	86	60	Sunny
Corpus Christi	90	72	M Sunny	Raymondville	88	73	Sct T-Storms
Corsicana	86	61	Sunny	Rosenberg	87	62	Sunny
Dallas	88	62	P Cloudy	San Antonio	87	65	Sunny
Del Rio	84	63	Sunny	San Marcos	86	63	Sunny
El Paso	83	66	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	88	59	Sunny
Fort Stockton	83	61	Sunny	Sweetwater	85	58	Sunny
Gainesville	87	55	M Cloudy	Tyler	87	60	Sunny
Greenville	87	57	M Sunny	Weatherford	87	59	P Cloudy
Houston	89	68	Sunny	Wichita Falls	91	56	M Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	60	Sunny	Miami	86	76	Sunny
Boston	60	54	Cloudy	Minneapolis	63	48	M Cloudy
Chicago	64	60	Cloudy	New York	71	62	M Cloudy
Dallas	88	62	P Cloudy	Phoenix	95	77	M Cloudy
Denver	82	51	Sunny	San Francisco	63	53	M Cloudy
Houston	89	68	Sunny	Seattle	69	50	Cloudy
Los Angeles	90	68	Sunny	Saint Louis	69	53	P Cloudy

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 9/29	Fri 9/30	Sat 10/1	Sun 10/2	Mon 10/3
8	7	8	8	8
Very High	High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of West 18th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **SMOKE REMOVAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 1800 block of South Goliad Street.

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Take Note

• Do you have an antique or classic car, truck, or motorcycle you want to show? Midway Baptist Church is hosting a car show and silent auction on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 6200 S. Service Road.

The church is looking for 20 cars to display. Entry fee is \$10 and includes a dash plaque and lunch for the owner.

Contact Greg Moore at 432-816-3375 by October 7th

to reserve your spot. Contact Carole Madry at 432-268-919 if you would like to donate items or baked goods for the silent auction.

• The Salvation Army will be taking applications for Christmas assistance for children ages 13 and younger, and seniors 55 and older, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 27. Following that date, applications will be taken from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through

Friday, ending on Oct. 28. Applications will be taken at the Salvation Army office building, 811 W. Fifth St.

To apply for Christmas assistance for children, parents should bring a picture ID, proof of address, and birth certificate, and proof of government assistance (food stamps, SNAP, housing, etc.). Those who don't receive government assistance must show proof of income.

Seniors do not need to provide proof of assistance or income, but should simply bring a picture ID showing proof of age.

In addition, clothing sizes and a wish for one desired toy or gift should be provided.

For more information, contact the salvation army at 432-267-8239.

VENDORS

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Sunday (in June), a police officer showed up at our truck with a citation."

Some of the vendors shuttered business, while others moved outside the city limits, she noted, before the group banded together and launched an information campaign using traditional and social media, a tactic that produced relatively quick results.

"The next thing I know, we're on the (council) agenda," Burchett said.

City Manager Todd Darden said the itinerate vendor business model has changed drastically the past several years, and the city needed to change its ordinances to accommodate those changes.

"I think this will make for a more competitive market," Darden said. "This gives them a more competitive edge in their businesses."

Burchett said food truck opera-

tors will celebrate the council's decision by hosting a "food truck party" on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Heart of the City Park. She said 10 food trucks, along with musical entertainment, will be on hand.

"If it's successful, we're going to make it a monthly deal," she said.

The council also tweaked other portions of its itinerate merchant ordinances. Ice cream truck vendors will have their operating fees slashed to \$125 a year (or \$75 for six months) and be allowed to operate between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. seven days a week.

Other peddlers and solicitors will pay reduced fees, but will still be restricted from operating on Sundays.

In other business Tuesday, council members:

- Appointed members of the newly formed Animal Rescue and Adoption Committee. Those members are Melanie Gambrell (three-year term), Betty Kelley and Kristen Partee (two-year terms) and Allison Herm and David Ferguson (one-year terms).

- Filled vacancies on the following boards and committees: Pashal Odom and Dr. Alan Abel to the Airpark Development Board; Dale Coates, Tommy Corwin and Richard Wright to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals; Jacob Cerda to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board; Aubrey Weaver Jr. and Dale Avant to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Carrie Rodman to the Zoning Board of Adjustments; and Nadine Reyes and Jeffrey Ward to the Big Spring Economic Development Corp.

- Approved the appointment of Adrial Saldivar to the local Civil Service Commission.

- Approved amended ordinances dealing with subdivision regulations and fees associated with zoning and street regulations.

- Renewed the contract with Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC as the electric power franchise for Big Spring.

- Reappointed Tim Green as municipal judge.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235.

RALLY

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and to encourage reading outside of school," Keri Rodriguez, 6th grade reading teacher, multi-class room leader, and BSI reading department chair.

To pump up the excitement, the Howard College cheerleading squad and mascot performed before the crowd of nearly 600 fifth and sixth grade students.

"I've always liked reading," said co-captain of the Howard College cheerleading squad Katie Creswell. "You just need to find a book

that interests you."

Selena Vallejos, co-captain of the Howard College cheerleading squad, said she felt honored to serve as a role model to encourage children to read.

"It means a lot to me to be able to speak," Vallejos said. "It's an honor that not many people get. It's a great feeling."

"Find a book that you like and don't judge it by its cover," she advised.

To volunteer at any local Big Spring ISD school to help encourage students to read or provide assistance in other subjects, contact George Bancroft, director of executive director of human resources, at 264-3600

PROBE

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with his child," the release said. "The parent informed officers that his child claimed they were given money from a janitor while in the restroom and that the janitor had cover(ed) their mouth to prevent them from screaming."

The claim was filed Thursday morning, according to Big Spring Police Sgt. Tony Everett. By early afternoon, a Facebook post by the man claiming to be the child's father gave more details of the alleged incident. The post appeared on Big Spring Issues, a closed group with thousands of subscribers.

In a release from Big

Spring ISD, Superintendent Chris Wigington stated, "No allegations of inappropriate conduct between the employee and the student were made to the school administration. Administrators learned of the allegations through social media and the police department on Thursday afternoon.

"Immediately, the subject employee was removed from the campus, and school administrators began assisting the police department with its investigation," Wigington continued.

According to the release from the BSPD, the child was taken to Midland to be interviewed by Children's Advocacy Center personnel.

"The child made no outcry indicating any

inappropriate contact with the janitor," Williams stated. "The janitor in question along with a teacher's aide were both interviewed and their statements of the incident were taken.

"Detectives had met with school officials and obtained all video recordings in question at the time of the incident," Williams continued. "The videos revealed the child entering the restroom and the janitor never leaving the cafeteria while continuing to work. The videos further showed the janitor seeing the child crying in the snack bar line and the janitor giving a teacher's aide money to give to the child. The statements taken by detectives of the janitor and teacher's aide were

both corroborated by the videos."

The post on Big Spring Issues drew hundreds of comments from the public about the issue as well as the release of the investigation's findings. The original post was taken down Thursday evening.

"Understandably this case has caused emotional response through social media, but the Big Spring Police Department urges our citizens to wait for the facts prior to jumping to conclusions," Williams stated in the release.

Wigington urged the parents to first report their concerns to school officials and the police department first.

"The district and the police department recognize school safety as one of their highest priorities," he said. "We each strive to take appropriate corrective action as needed upon learning of any threat

to school safety. Time is of the essence in these situations. Therefore, Big Spring ISD and the police department urge our citizens and parents to first report their concerns for school safety and allegations of possible employee misconduct immediately to law enforcement or school officials. We welcome your cooperation in our mutual efforts to provide a safe school environment."

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

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Raquel Moreno DeLucas, 54, of Big Spring died Sunday. She will lie in state today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Tommy Rupard, 84, of Big Spring died Sunday. No services are planned at this time.

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Trophies will be given for Best of Show and People's Choice.

9:00am-1:00pm Silent auction in the fellowship hall. Come browse items and place your bids!
Cars on display for your viewing and voting for your favorite.

11:00am-1:00pm Lunch served...hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and ice cream floats (donations accepted)

1:00pm-2:00pm Auction winners will be announced along with trophy presentation and baked good auction.

Please contact Carole Madry at (432) 268-9191 if you would like to donate items or baked goods for the silent auction.

276804

Check this out at the Howard County Library

Since I haven't written about western books lately, I'll start with them. "The Long High Noon" by Loren D. Estelman (LP WEST L) tells the story of feuding cowboys Randy Locke and Frank Farmer who have spent decades attempting to annihilate each other. So far, they are even. Randy has a permanent limp, and Frank wears a prosthetic ear. Even their marriages have fallen victim to the feud, and the original reason for it seems moot now. With their story well known throughout the country, Frank and Randy are approached by the Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. Why not sell tickets to their next dual? Winner take all, in more ways than one!



MONICA MARTINEZ

In "Buffalo Trail" by Jeff Guinn (LP W GUI J), Cash McLendon has barely escaped nemesis Killer Boots and is in need of a safe haven on the frontier. He falls in with a band of buffalo hunters heading into forbidden Indian Territory in the Texas Panhandle. Cash helps establish a hunting camp known as Adobe Walls and thinks his luck has finally changed. Unfortunately, no good can come of entering the prohibited land they have crossed into.

In "Smoke Jensen: The Beginning" by William W. Johnstone with J. A. Johnstone (LP W JOH W), Kirby Jensen is the youngest of three children living on a hardscrabble ranch in Southwestern Missouri. On the eve of the Civil War, Kirby's father and brother went to war. Kirby, soon to be nicknamed Smoke, journeys from boyhood innocence into a manhood shaped by violence and a young man's thirst for justice.

"The Last Ranch" by Michael McGarrity (LP W MCG M) is book three of the American West trilogy. When Matthew Kerney returns to his ranch in the San Andres Mountains after serving in Sicily during World War II, he must not only fight to recover from a devastating war injury, but he must also battle attempts by the US Army to seize control of his land for expanded weapons testing. Forced off public grazing lands and confronted by military police guarding a high-security army post on the northern reaches of the range, Matt finds himself at the center of a heavy-handed government land grab. When Matt witnesses the explosion of the first atom bomb at Trinity site, the reasons for the secrecy and control become clear.

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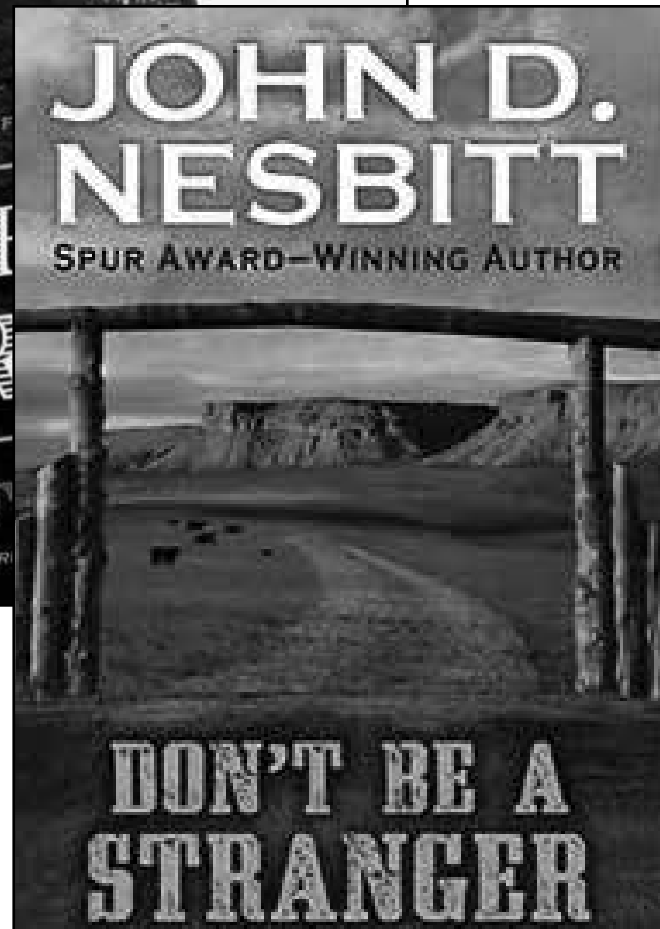
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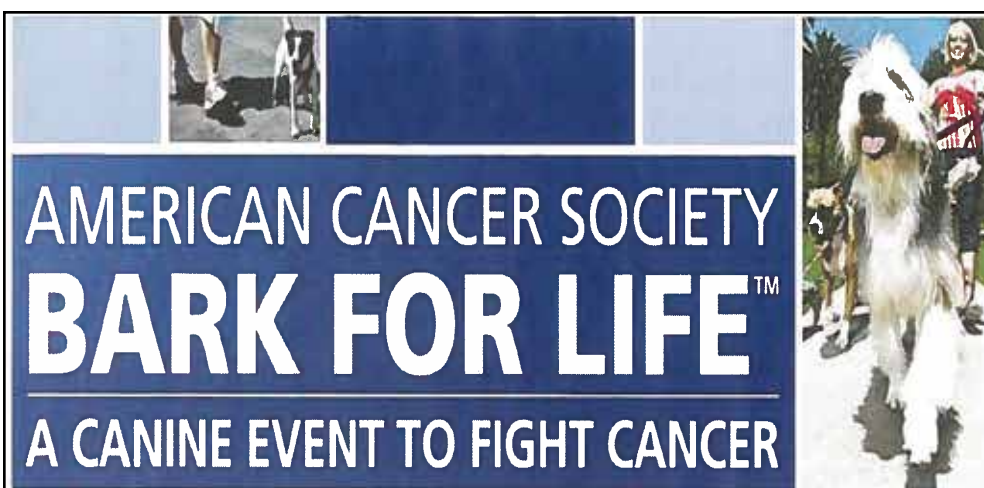
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Trump, Clinton deny their own words in debate

By CALVIN WOODWARD and CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER,

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — For all of his occasional restraint, Donald Trump offered debate viewers a greatest-hits collection from his history of mangled facts, with some new ones thrown in. For all of her policy sobriety, Hillary Clinton was far from flawless.

People who had somehow avoided the campaign until the opening presidential debate heard with fresh ears Trump's bogus claims that he opposed the Iraq war before it started and that he never branded climate change a made-in-China hoax. For people who've been paying attention, everything old was new again.

A sampling of the statements from Monday night and how they stack up with the facts:

TRUMP, when Clinton said he paid no income tax for several years: "That makes me smart."

THE FACTS: Savvy tax planning was why he avoided paying taxes in those years. It was because he was losing money.

For at least two years in the early 1990s, the businessman posted losses that were large enough to cancel out any gains he would have had to report from his creditors writing down his debts. That is known because Trump had to show tax returns then to New Jersey gaming regulators to get a casino license. He's otherwise refused to make his returns public.

CLINTON: "When I became secretary of state, Iran was weeks away from having enough nuclear material to form a bomb. They had mastered the nuclear fuel cycle under the Bush administration. They had built covert facilities. They had stocked them with centrifuges that were whirling away."

THE FACTS: Not so. Iran moved to being as close to weeks away from bomb-making capability during the Obama administration, when she was secretary of state, not under President George W. Bush.

On the day Clinton was confirmed as secretary, David Albright, a former chief U.N. weapons inspector, wrote that "Iran appears to need at least another few months

to accumulate enough low-enriched uranium to have a break-out capability." And some U.S. intelligence officials at the time were estimating that Iran could be still a year away from such capability. U.S. officials only began citing a time-frame of weeks as they closed in on a final deal with Iran in 2015.

TRUMP, when asked why he continued to raise questions about Barack Obama's country of birth even after the president produced his birth certificate in 2011: "Nobody was pressing it, nobody was caring much about it."

THE FACTS: Trump himself continued to press false theories about Obama's birthplace after they were debunked. His claim that the matter faded when the birth certificate came out belies his efforts to keep the myth alive.

"Was it a birth certificate?" he asked in a 2012 interview. "He was perhaps born in Kenya. Very simple, OK?" Trump said in 2014. "Who knows about Obama?" Trump asked in January 2016.

TRUMP, denying Clinton's accusation that he supported the Iraq war: "Wrong.

Wrong." Later: "That is a mainstream media nonsense put out by her.... I was against the war in Iraq."

THE FACTS: There is no evidence Trump expressed public opposition to the war before the U.S. invaded, despite his repeated insistence that he did. Rather, he offered lukewarm support. He only began to voice doubts about the conflict well after it began in March 2003.

His first known public comment on the topic came on Sept. 11, 2002, when he was asked whether he supported a potential Iraq invasion in an interview with radio host Howard Stern. "Yeah, I guess so," Trump responded. On March 21, 2003, just days after the invasion, Trump said it "looks like a tremendous success from a military standpoint."

Later that year he began expressing reservations.

CLINTON: "We're working with NATO, the longest military alliance in the history of the world, to really turn our attention to terrorism."

THE FACTS: When it comes to longevity, NATO takes a back seat to the Anglo-Portuguese Alliance, the Pelopon-

nesian League and numerous other military alliances.

The Anglo-Portuguese Alliance, still in effect, is either 643 years old or 376 years old, depending on whether the start date is considered to be before or after a rupture along the way.

The Peloponnesian League, organized and led by Sparta, lasted 200 years, from the 6th to 4th centuries BC.

NATO is 67 years old.

CLINTON, denying Trump's accusation that she called the Trans-Pacific Partnership the "gold standard" of trade agreements: "No ... I did say I hoped it would be a good deal."

THE FACTS: Trump is correct. On a 2012 trip to Australia as secretary of state, Clinton said the deal taking shape "sets the gold standard in trade agreements." She championed it in other venues around the world. She did not merely express the hope it would turn out well.

Clinton flip-flopped into opposing the trade deal in the Democratic primary when facing Bernie Sanders, who strongly opposed it. She said the final version of the deal didn't address her concerns.

Debate reactions from around the world

(AP) — Views from around the world on Monday's first U.S. presidential debate between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump:

AUSTRALIA

RICHARD MCCONOCHIE watched the debate on a big screen in a Canberra pub and said, "To me Trump aced it." "He came across as a man who could control himself. They said Trump's ignorant of the issues. I think he proved that he had at least a working handle on most of the stuff he was talking about."

"I think he'll swing a lot of Americans over to Trump just by proving that he is not the sort of unstable, dangerous lunatic that he's painted to be," McConochie said.

MILTON GAN, a Sydney-based photographer, said it seemed like Trump was trying

to rein in his temper for the first 15 minutes, then went off the rails.

NIGERIA

TIMI SOLEYE, an energy executive, stayed up to watch the debate in the middle of the night at his home in Lagos.

"Clinton has decent policies, I wished she should talk about them and just make her points," he said. "Attempts to ridicule and characterize Trump policies were distracting in the beginning. And he looked dangerously reasonable at the beginning, but of course he veered off into his trademark semi-unreasonableness."

Soleye described himself as conservative, but he called Trump's characterization of world economics as a zero-sum game in which America must crush other countries to succeed "disheartening."

IVORY COAST

VALERY AKPOLE KOFFI, a customer service representative in Abidjan, thought Trump did a good job of coming across as less aggressive and more precise in his responses.

"He took the lead on foreign affairs, condemning the U.S. interventions in Iraq and Libya," Koffi said. "He also was reassuring on the issues of employment and tax relief in order to give back hope to Americans."

CHINA

WANG PEI, a graduate student in communications studies, watched the debate from a cafe in Beijing and said he thought Clinton carried herself better.

"I personally like Trump's character and the feeling that he's a fighter," Wang said. "But from today's performance, I think Clin-

ton was more like a mature politician and Trump looked a bit like a misfit."

BRITAIN

TIM STANLEY, a columnist for Britain's conservative Daily Telegraph, said in his column Tuesday that Trump won the debate but may lose the election. He said Trump repeated many of his outrageous campaign statements and defended his earlier questions about whether President Barack Obama was really born in the U.S., but they played well in a debate that should be judged as reality TV.

He said Trump said everything that people who hate Clinton have wanted to say for 30 years.

"In terms of reality TV, he did well," Stanley wrote.

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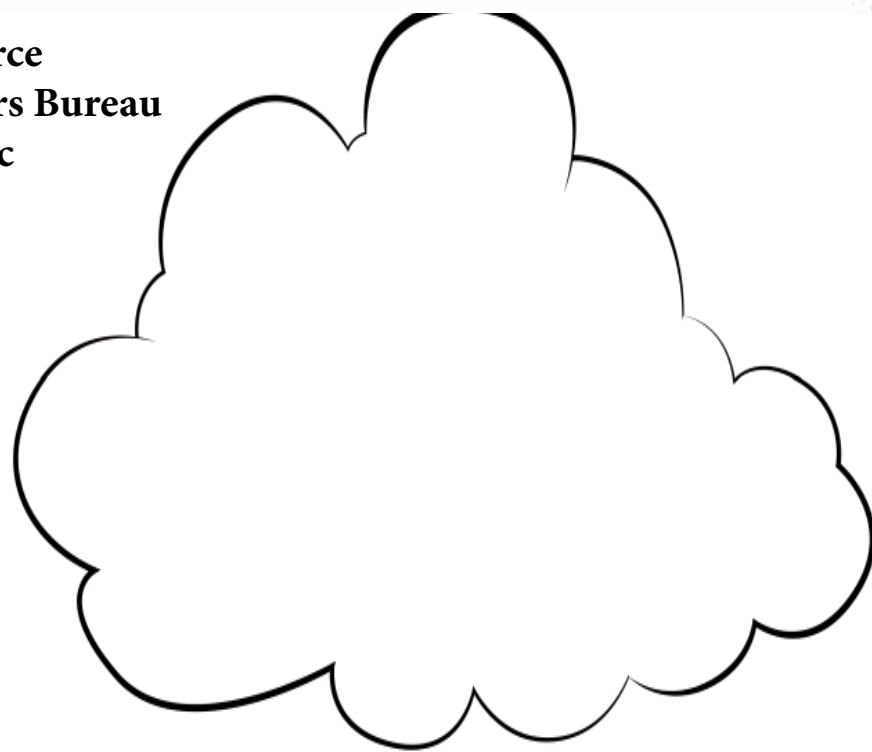
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Houston's J.J. Watt re-injures back, could miss entire season

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — J.J. Watt has re-injured his back, according to a person familiar with his condition, and the Houston Texans expect the star defensive end to be sidelined until at least December, and possibly the entire season.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on Tuesday night on condition of anonymity because the team hasn't confirmed the injury.

Watt missed training camp and Houston's four preseason games after surgery in July to repair a herniated disk in his back. He started each of the team's three regular-season games and got hurt again Thursday against the Patriots.

It's unclear if the injury will require surgery, but the person familiar with his condition

told the AP he could be placed on injured reserve as early as Wednesday.

Watt, who has won Defensive Player of the Year for the past two seasons, didn't practice on Monday, but coach Bill O'Brien said he was just getting a day off.

It's a major blow for Houston, which selected Watt with the 11th overall pick in the 2011 draft. Watt has played 83 consecutive games for the Texans despite various injuries, including torn core muscles and a broken hand last season.

This was a tough offseason for Watt, who had surgery in January to repair five torn core muscles before going under the knife again in July to repair his back. There was a time after his surgery in January where he wondered about his future in the NFL.

"After the first surgery there were some days there where I re-

ally questioned whether or not I'd ever be able to play again," he said earlier this month. "Just some of the stuff we were dealing with from a rehab standpoint, just the way that the recovery was going early on ... there was a very low point there and it was tough."

Watt, who led the NFL with 17 1/2 sacks last season, has 1 1/2 sacks this season to give him 76 for his career.

The 27-year-old is a three-time Defensive Player of the Year and a four-time Pro Bowler. He's been a force since entering the league not only because of his pass-rushing prowess, but also because of his uncanny ability to swat down passes. He has 45 passes defended in his six-year career. He has forced 15 fumbles and recovered 13.

NFL.com first reported the news.

Lady Steers fall to Wylie in straight sets



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Big Spring's Kayleigh Penny hits the ball in Tuesday's game against Wylie. Big Spring fell in straight sets, 25-14, 25-9, 25-20, to go to 0-2 in district play after losing to Brownwood Friday. They'll look for their first district win when they travel to Sweetwater for their next game at 12:15 p.m. Saturday.

AP source: Cowboys OL Collins headed to IR with toe injury

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Dallas left guard La'el Collins will be placed on injured reserve with a possible return late in the season because of a right toe injury, a person with knowledge of the injury said Monday.

Collins left late in the first half of Sunday night's 31-17 win over Chicago with a toe injury. Speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because details of the injury weren't released, the person said Collins has a ligament injury on his right big toe.

Putting Collins on IR opens

a roster spot for the Cowboys while giving Collins a chance to return to practice in six weeks and play in a game after eight weeks. He could return on Thanksgiving against Washington.

Dallas played the second half

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Rangers beat Brewers 6-4, take overall lead in AL race

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers have never finished with the best record in the American League in their history.

They're in position to do so with four home games to play following a 6-4 win Tuesday night over the Milwaukee Brewers thanks in part to a pair of ex-Brewers.

Carlos Gomez, traded to Houston at the 2015 trade deadline and acquired by Texas five weeks ago, hit a mammoth three-run home run in the third inning. Jonathan Lucroy, dealt to the Rangers at this year's deadline, hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the sixth inning.

The Rangers now have a half-game lead over Boston for the best record in the American League. The Red Sox lost 6-4 to the Yankees on Tuesday.

"It's a distinct advantage," Lucroy said of home-field advantage through the league playoffs — with the AL already owning home field for the World Series. "Anytime you're in a playoff series, you want to play at home. That's our goal right now. I know that's what I'm playing for."

Lucroy's hit made a winner of reliever Tony Barnette (7-3). Barnette worked one scoreless inning, leaving runners at second and third in the sixth. It was his first appearance since Sept. 4, having been sidelined with a strained oblique.



AP Photo/Ron Jenkins
Texas Rangers Jonathan Lucroy, left, hits a two-run double as Milwaukee Brewers catcher Manny Pina, right, looks on during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016, in Arlington, Texas.

"It was impressive for Tony with the layoff, the injury, the pitches that he made, the ability to work his way out of the inning," manager Jeff Banister said.

Sam Dyson earned his 37th save, striking out Domingo Santana to leave runners at first and third in the ninth inning. Five Rangers re-

lievers worked 4 2/3 innings following starter A.J. Griffin and built the bullpen's scoreless streak to 24 2/3 innings though it allowed an inherited run to score. Lucroy, who played six-plus seasons for the Brewers, pulled a pitch from Jimmy Nelson (8-16) down the left-field line into the corner.

Nelson leads the National League

in losses and walks. Three of the four batters that he walked on Tuesday scored.

"Extremely frustrated," Nelson said of his season. "All I can do is trust that it'll turn around."

Griffin lasted only 4 1/3 innings, allowing four runs on seven hits. That included his 27th and 28th home runs in 119 innings this season.

Gomez has seven homers in 30 games for Texas after hitting five in 85 games for the Astros. The homer traveled an estimated 444 feet to left field.

"It's only 30 games that I've been playing here, and I have some sensations that I never had," Gomez said. "I just come to the plate with that confidence."

CHOO VERDICT COMING SOON

Banister said a Wednesday night or early Thursday whether to return Shin-Soo Choo (fractured left forearm) to the active roster for the final regular-season series against Tampa Bay. Choo is rehabbing with the Rangers' instructional league team in Arizona.

"Is he physically capable," Banister asked, "and do we feel the rhythm and timing is everything that it takes to play at this level?"

This is Choo's fourth stint on the See TEXAS, Page 13

Astros use big sixth inning to get win over Mariners

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have a message for those who counted them out of the playoff race after losing four of their last five games.

"This team isn't going to quit," George Springer said. "We're going to go down fighting."

Springer had three hits, including a two-run double during a six-run sixth inning, and the Houston Astros beat the Seattle Mariners 8-4 on Tuesday night.

The victory leaves Seattle two games behind Baltimore for the second AL wild card and cuts Houston's deficit in the race to

2 1/2 games.

"We've had somewhere between 10 and 20 lives this year where just when you count us out, when you think that we're in a bad spot we seem to fight back," manager A.J. Hinch said. "It's a characteristic that I love about our team."

The Astros got five hits off Felix Hernandez (11-7) in the sixth, but only two of the six runs scored in the inning were earned because of two errors.

"I was still making good pitches," Hernandez said. "The curveball was down, and it just blooped. I was fine. They just got lucky."

The game was tied when Springer shot a ground-rule double to right field

that made it 6-4. A two-run single by Marwin Gonzalez, which sailed just out of reach of a lunging Hernandez, chased the pitcher and left Houston up 8-4.

"Contact is your friend, and you put some energy back in the dugout and put up a really big number against a pitcher who was conceivably cruising after the first inning," Hinch said. "So I'm proud of our group."

Houston starter Mike Fiers allowed eight hits and four runs in five innings. Rookie Jandel Gustave (1-0) yielded no hits and no runs with one walk in 1 1/3 innings for his first career win.

Hernandez tied season highs by allowing 10 hits

and eight runs, four of them earned, in 5 2/3 innings.

"He gave up a couple in the first, but our offense rebounded and got him in a good spot," manager Scott Servais said. "Not wipe-out stuff by any means, but he was pitching well and deserved a better fate."

It was his second straight tough start in Houston after he yielded five hits and eight runs in a third of an inning of a 10-0 loss on June 12, 2015, to tie the shortest start of his career. He also struggled against Houston at home earlier this month when he allowed nine hits and



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith
Houston Astros' George Springer celebrates his two-run double in the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016, in Houston.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA GUILFORD COUNTY In the District Court, Special Proceedings

In Re Doe, 16 SP 1611

To Rupert Arundel Brown, III:

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking step-parent adoption of the minor child as described herein below has been filed in the above-entitled action. The minor child

Public Notice

was born female on May 23, 2002 in Fort Stewart, Liberty County, Georgia, to Chanta Nicole Farr Brown, the biological mother. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Step-Parent Adoption.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than November 7, 2016 and upon your failure to do so, any parental rights you may have will be terminated upon entry of the decree of adoption.

This the 28th day of September, 2016.

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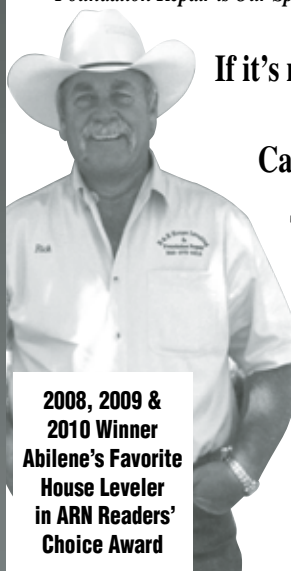
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



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insight before they disappear.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). So what if you make a big to-do over a trifling matter? Living artfully and blowing things out of proportion is just something that artists do: They play with scale. Just because your sizing is different, that doesn't make it wrong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Celebrate what you've been through. Embrace the experiences in life that are written in the lines of your face. They make you better, and you're more attractive for your uniqueness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Without a map or a tour guide and nary a recommendation in sight, you launch your adventure. This ambling journey will be rewarding, if tinged with purposelessness. Trust your sense of direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want the victory as much as anyone does, and yet you don't want it at the expense of another. This is a conundrum, because everyone can't win in the same

way -- although there may be various ways that everyone can win.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). With the big responsibilities comes the fear of doing it all wrong. It's a healthy fear to have, as it will keep you checking yourself, seeking teachers and remaining humble and coachable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you find yourself fantasizing about being somewhere -- anywhere -- else, this is only one more reason to stick where you are and face the thing right in front of you. Your escape is in working out the problem.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you're accused of being a troublemaker, grin and own it. When your trouble doesn't amuse, it gets people thinking and forces them to be better than they were.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll avoid a mistake by turning your attention to the obvious responsibilities before you. By taking care of the big basics, the fine details either fall naturally into place or

get handled by trusted supporters.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll play in different energetic styles today. You can be frivolous because there's a stable supporter behind you. You can be stable because there's a whimsical influence flitting around to your delight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't need to stretch the truth in order to prove that you can handle a duty. Nor do you need to posture or act confident enough to fulfill a role. Truly, just do the work, and you'll shine.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You probably didn't wake up in an outgoing mood, but the day has social opportunities not to be missed. You'll quickly feel just as friendly and warm as you pretend to feel.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 28). You'll get to choose your level. You'll play strong at whatever level you choose. Bigger is not necessarily better. Next month brings new loving influences into your world. November is your chance to fix

or replace what broke. March will bring a gearshift. You may get a new job or move. Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 2, 14, 50 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I'm madly in love with a Capricorn girl born on Christmas. We had a beautiful six months, and now she's gone cold on me. Honestly, I think she just got bored. She doesn't seem to stick with anyone for more than a few months. Can't you just write it into the horoscopes that she needs to rethink this? I'm a Gemini. Tell me that we're going to get back together."

As much as I would love to bring your Capricorn to you by mandating that Capricorn women should get back together with their Gemini men, it wouldn't work -- for a lot of reasons. Mostly because she's a Capricorn woman, and she has already made up her mind. There is nothing so unwavering as a Capricorn woman who's already decided.

That said, don't

give up hope just yet. Perhaps you should use your Gemini charm on another woman. Capricorn is a fiercely competitive sign. She just may fight to get you back.

She's definitely looking for a challenge. Her sign thrives on that. In general, don't be too quick to bow down to the wishes of such a woman. She needs you to be strong on your own. Once she feels you'll do her bidding, she'll get bored and move on.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Australian actress Naomi Watts will be releasing numerous projects in the months to come, starting with the thriller "Shut In" in November. Watts is a lovely Libra with Mercury, Venus and Neptune in magnetic Scorpio. Such a configuration brings intensity and charisma, which are grounded by Mars, Jupiter and Pluto in hardworking Virgo.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll hash out a deal. Once you commit and move forward, differences vanish. That doesn't mean they were unimportant. In fact, it will be very helpful to name and discuss them; milk out the

The Demon Within

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for 12 years, and I absolutely love her and the kids. But at family events, she tends to get really drunk and mean. Usually, I end up taking the lumps of her aggression, but sometimes it's someone else. I feel guilty when that happens, because I'm just happy that it isn't me. Her family has a lot of issues, as does mine, and when

we get together for events, she gets loud, obnoxious and downright ugly to whichever poor soul rubs her the wrong way first. She wakes up with a hangover, apologizes when she has to and pretends as if it never happened.

One example: Last weekend, her sister was in town (she's a complete mess, but it's way too long of a story to explain), and my wife went to visit her at their parents' house. I stayed home because of work. She and her sister got into

a fight that turned physical. She called me crying around midnight. I tried to talk her down, but it turned into her screaming at me over the phone.

My wife is the type who does not take kindly to suggestions, especially when she's intoxicated. A simple "maybe it's time to go to bed" will inevitably unleash a vicious monster that will scratch, tear and scream its way through anything that gets in its path.

How can I give her a "last call" when I see that something is about to happen? -- Concerned Husband

Dear Concerned: That vicious monster you're dealing with is alcoholism. Your wife needs to stop drinking. You should try talking to her about that when

she's sober. But alcoholism is a disease that sustains itself through the mechanism of denial, and you should know that her path to recovery may be a long one. In truth, it may be never-ending.

Living with an alcoholic can leave you feeling desperate and frustrated to tears -- and also profoundly lonely because you feel as if you have no one to talk to about it. I encourage you to consider attending a local Al-Anon Family Groups meeting. The meetings are free and anonymous, and they're open to anyone who is bothered by a loved one's drinking -- so even if you don't consider your wife an alcoholic, they're still for you. My heart goes out to you, and I wish you all the

best.

Dear Annie: I live in an apartment complex, and my upstairs neighbors recently had a baby. I swear that she is the loudest baby I've ever heard. I'm losing my mind from the lack of sleep. Why can't they keep her content? And why would anyone with a newborn live in an apartment complex anyway? Should I talk to them? -- Newborn Insomniac

Dear Newborn: Sounds as if somebody needed to cry it out -- and I don't mean the baby upstairs. Your crankiness is understandable, but I'm not sure what exactly you plan on saying to the parents: "Excuse me. Could you please ask your 3-month-old to try to keep it down? I've got a big presentation tomorrow. I'm sure she understands."

The fact is that these new parents are very aware of how

loud their baby is. They have front-row seats to that opera. No doubt they feel bad about keeping up their neighbors, but there's not much they can do.

What you can do, however, is invest in some tools to block out as much sound as possible. Invest in high-quality noise-canceling headphones, a white-noise machine or both. You might even consider talking to your landlord about options for installing soundproofing material on your ceiling.

Above all, try to be as empathetic as possible. Remember, you were once a baby, too.

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Annie's Mailbox



By Steve Becker
A straw worth grasping

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
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 ♠ Q J 3
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ K 7 2
 ♣ K Q J 6 3
WEST
 ♠ 4
 ♥ 10 2
 ♦ 10 8 6 4 3
 ♣ A 9 7 5 4
EAST
 ♠ K 9 8
 ♥ A K Q 8 7 5
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ 10 2
SOUTH
 ♠ A 10 7 6 5 2
 ♥ J 4 3
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ 8

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ Pass 2♠ 2♥
 2♣ Pass 4♠
 Opening lead — ten of hearts.
Just as declarer must assume there is a lie of the cards that will allow him to make the contract, the defenders must likewise assume that there is a way to defeat the contract. Without this mindset, the defenders may all too often permit declarer to make a contract that could have been defeated.
Consider this case where East takes the first two heart tricks against four spades and must then ask himself how the defense might score two more tricks. To begin with, East

knows from partner's lead of the heart ten followed by the deuce that West started with only two hearts. He also knows from the bidding that South must have nearly all of the missing high cards as well as a rebid-able spade suit.
Starting with this as a base, East should conclude that if South has all three missing aces, the contract cannot be stopped. East must therefore credit his partner with either the ace of clubs or ace of diamonds.
However, this assumption accounts for only the third defensive trick. The next step is to look for a way to score a fourth trick, since the king of spades — apparently the only remaining hope — seems certain to fall prey to South's ace of spades.
The solution to the problem lies in East's knowledge that West started with a doubleton heart. So at trick three East continues with a heart — a low one is best to make sure West understands what is expected of him. After South follows with the jack, West trumps with the four, forcing dummy to overruff with the jack.
East now has a guaranteed trump trick whatever South does next, and this, together with West's hoped-for ace, spells inevitable defeat for declarer. Surprisingly, West's lowly four of spades proves to be the straw that breaks the contract's back.

Tomorrow: Killing two birds with one stone.

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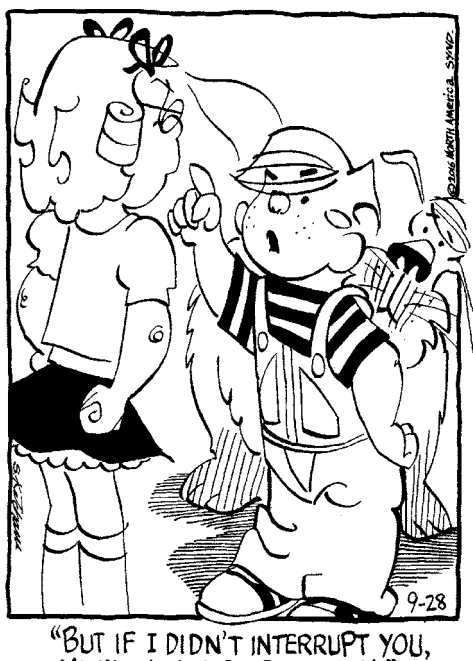
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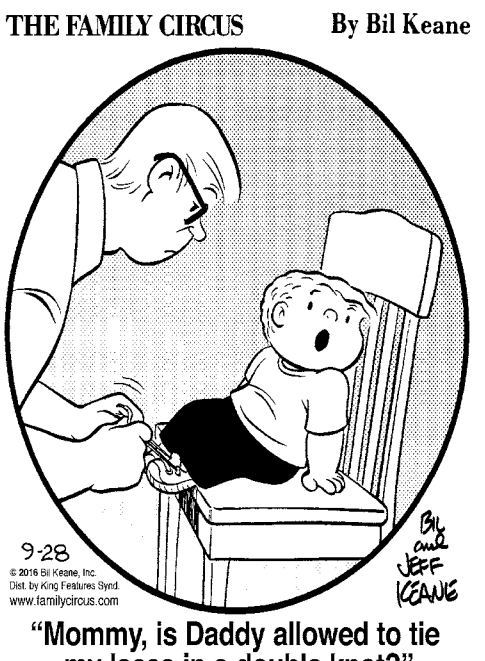
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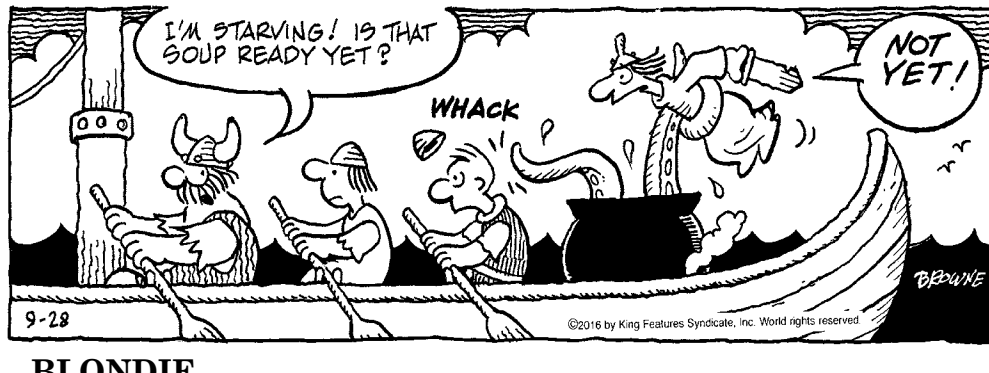
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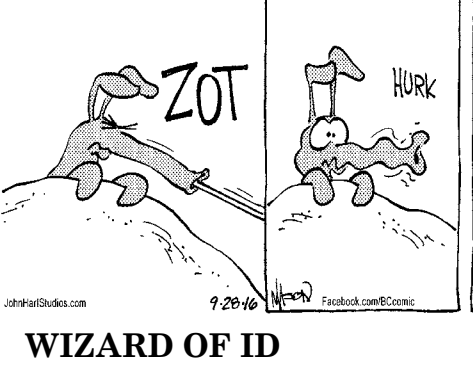
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This Date In History

In 1967, Walter E. Washington was sworn in as the first mayor-commissioner of the District of Columbia.

In 1976, Muhammad Ali kept his world heavyweight boxing championship with a close 15-round decision over Ken Norton at New York's Yankee Stadium.

In 1989, deposed Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos died in exile in Hawaii at age 72.

In 1991, jazz great Miles Davis died in Santa Monica, California, at age 65.

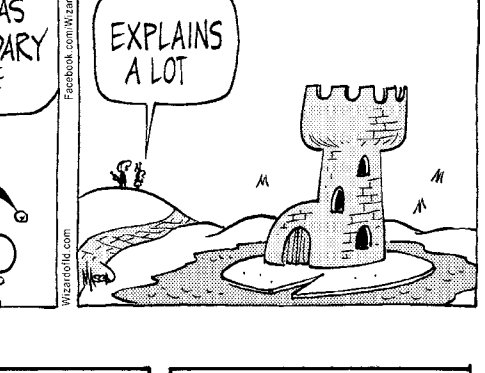
In 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat signed an accord at the White House ending Israel's military occupation of West Bank cities and laying the foundation for a Palestinian state.

Ten years ago: Al-Qaida in Iraq's leader, in a chilling audiotape, called for nuclear scientists to join his group's holy war and urged insurgents to kidnap Westerners so they could be traded for a blind Egyptian sheik serving a life sentence in a U.S. prison.

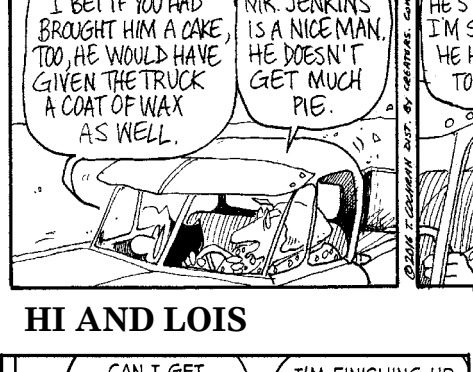
Five years ago: The Obama administration formally appealed a federal appeals court ruling striking down a key provision of President Barack Obama's health care law requiring Americans to buy health insurance or pay a penalty. (The U.S. Supreme Court later upheld the individual mandate.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin, meeting at the United Nations, agreed to discuss a political transition in Syria but remained at odds about what that would mean for Syria leader Bashar Assad's future. Former prison worker Joyce Mitchell, who'd helped two murderers escape from a maximum-security lockup, said she regretted her "horrible mistake" as she was sentenced in Plattsburgh, New York, to up to seven years behind bars. Trevor Noah debuted as host of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central. Catherine E. Coulson, 71, an actress best known as the quirky Log Lady in the TV series "Twin Peaks," died in Ashland, Oregon.

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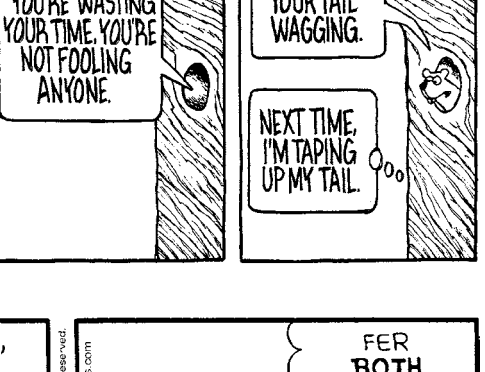
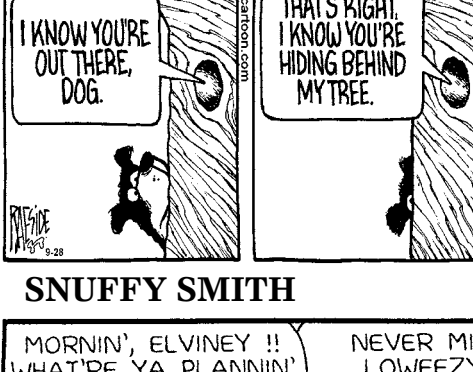
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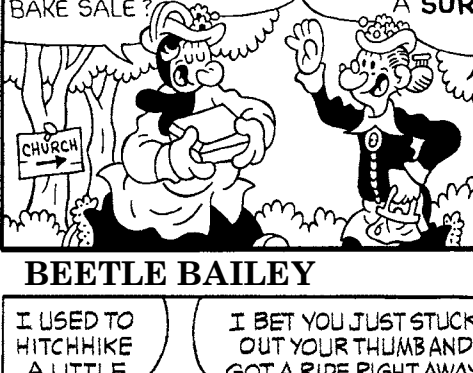
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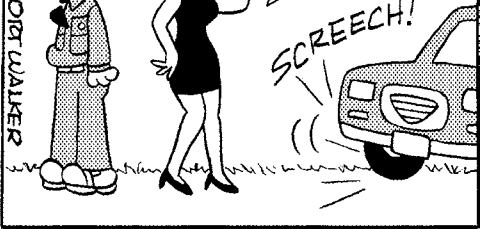
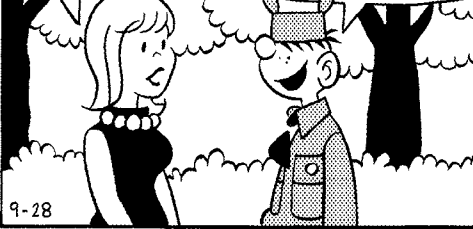
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- ACROSS**
 - 1 Billiards bounce
 - 6 Weeps loudly
 - 10 Sheep of the zodiac
 - 13 "All kidding ..."
 - 14 Fuel from mines
 - 15 Israeli airline
 - 17 Isolated place
 - 20 Simple, as a process
 - 21 Prepare for testimony
 - 22 Feline of the zodiac
 - 24 Starts a poker pot
 - 25 Brews, as tea
 - 30 In the midst of
 - 33 Really angry
 - 34 Campus teacher, for short
 - 35 "Vamoose!"
 - 38 Microsoft woe
 - 42 Bart, to Homer
 - 43 ___ with faint praise
 - 44 Be disloyal to
 - 45 Point-and-click tool
 - 47 Squad-car sounds
 - 48 Couldn't stand
 - 51 Hoopsters' org.
 - 53 Great joy
 - 56 Versus
 - 62 Clothing store category
 - 64 One seeking damages
 - 65 In need of directions
 - 66 Arrived at
- DOWN**
 - 1 Hunter's garb, for short
 - 2 Z, ___ "zebra"
 - 3 Use a shuttle
 - 4 Racetrack
 - 5 Postings
 - 6 Range of view
 - 7 Cartoon "Ouch!"
 - 8 Makes illegal
 - 9 Decelerate
 - 10 Put back on the wall
 - 11 Heads-up
 - 12 ___ Antoinette
 - 16 Camera attachment
 - 18 Slippery fish
 - 19 Detach, as from a habit
 - 23 Guys in a regatta
 - 25 Drinks slowly
 - 26 Small singing group
 - 27 Be worthy of
 - 28 Incoming plane stat: Abbr.
 - 29 Kitty or doggie
 - 31 Natural satellite
 - 32 Not plugged in
 - 34 Smartphone ancestors: Abbr.
 - 35 Airport boarding area
 - 36 Kind of golf club
 - 37 Poker pair
 - 39 College's URL ender
 - 40 Prefix for cycle
 - 41 Armed conflict
 - 45 Olympics race measures
 - 46 Norse Zeus
 - 47 Wise one
 - 48 Cuts with an ax
 - 49 For all to hear
 - 50 Less exciting
 - 52 Eccentric
 - 54 Scandinavian capital
 - 55 Cozy corner
 - 57 2012 Affleck film
 - 58 Victor's cry
 - 59 Clears after taxes
 - 60 Fill to excess
 - 61 Easy run
 - 63 Main Street, ___ (Disneyland area)



Barnes, Bogut highlight latest round of changes for Mavs



AP Photo

Dallas Mavericks center Andrew Bogut (6) films a promotional spot during an NBA basketball media day Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, in Dallas.

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Harrison Barnes and Andrew Bogut are in, Chandler Parsons and Zaza Pachulia are out and Dallas coach Rick Carlisle has a retooled roster for the sixth consecutive time since winning a championship.

“Well, we love it,” Carlisle said at media day this week as someone chuckled. “What’s more exciting than getting seven new guys? New blood. It’s fresh every year.”

“Really, that wasn’t meant to be a joke,” he added. “If you view it as a negative, there’s a pretty good chance it’s going to be a negative. I don’t look at it that way.”

The Mavericks have made the playoffs all but one season since the constant turnover started after owner Mark Cuban chose salary cap flexibility over keeping a few key players when a new labor agreement was reached six months after his team won the

title in 2011.

But Dallas still hasn’t won a postseason series since beating Miami in six games in those NBA Finals.

Repeated efforts to land big names in free agency failed, which this year led to the additions of Barnes and Bogut from 2015 champion Golden State after the Warriors lured Kevin Durant from Oklahoma City and had to unload both starters to make cap room for the four-time NBA scoring champion.

Barnes headlines the group of newcomers because he’ll be a top option on offense after signing a four-year, \$94 million max contract. Over his four seasons with the Warriors, he was always a role player behind Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson.

“It’s going to be bigger expectations and I’m going to have a larger role on this team,” Barnes said. “I feel like we have a lot of pieces this year, either coming

back off injury, guys who are motivated, have a lot to prove. So hopefully we can all come together and do something special.”

There’s actually some stability in the starting five because point guard Deron Williams is back for a second season with his hometown team.

Nowitzki, going into his 19th season at age 38, says Williams was the best player on the team at times last season, and the Mavericks missed him in their five-game loss to Oklahoma City. He was limited by a sports hernia injury that required offseason surgery.

Parsons signed a max deal with Memphis, and Pachulia went to the Warriors after the trade that landed Dallas the 7-footer Bogut, who should be a much stronger shot-blocking presence than his predecessor.

The changes fit the formula of at least two new starters each season going back to the title year.

ASTROS

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six runs in 4 1/3 inning of a 6-0 loss to the Astros on Sept. 16.

The Astros trailed 4-2 entering the sixth before Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa hit consecutive singles with no outs. Yuli Gurriel grounded into a force out that scored Altuve and left Correa out at second. Shortstop Ketel Marte made an error on the play that allowed Gurriel to reach first.

Tony Kemp drew a walk before pinch-hitter Alex Bregman’s RBI single

tied it.

Jake Marisnick then reached on an error by Lind before Springer and Gonzalez drove in two runs each.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Astros: Bregman’s pinch hit in the seventh was his first action since leaving a game on Sept. 14 with a right hamstring injury. He was replaced by a pinch-runner after his hit.

BREGMAN’S RETURN

Bregman had an idea that he could pinch-hit early in Tuesday night’s game. But since he had been out so long, coming up in that situation had him a little bit rattled.

“That might have been more nerve-racking than my first at-bat here,” he said.

Hinch was confident that he could deliver there despite the long layoff.

“He’s Alex Bregman; he’s sort of never out of an at-bat,” Hinch said. “His competitiveness, his readiness, he’s been bouncing off the walls trying to get back in the game. He almost couldn’t hold back his smile, how good he felt.”

UP NEXT

Astros: Doug Fister (12-12, 4.42) will pitch for Houston on Wednesday. Fister has lost his last four decisions.

BOYS

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against the Bears without the starting left side of its line. Pro Bowl left tackle Tyron Smith was inactive with a back injury. But Collins’ replacement is former starter Ron Leary, who lost his job to Collins last season.

Receiver Dez Bryant sprained his right knee on his first catch early against the Bears but

returned and caught a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. Coach Jason Garrett said there was no update on Bryant’s status.

If Bryant is out for any length of time, it will be the second straight year that he’s been sidelined. Last season, he broke his right foot in the opener, missed five games and wasn’t the same the rest of the season while he also battled ankle issues.

The Cowboys sat Bryant the last two games

in 2015 because they were out of contention on their way to a 4-12 finish.

Bryant appeared to injure his right ankle when he was tackled awkwardly after the first-quarter catch against the Bears. He missed several plays while he was checked out on the sideline, and the knee injury was announced. He didn’t appear in the locker room when it was open to reporters after the game.

TEXAS

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disabled list this season, limiting him to 45 games. He leads the team in on-base percentage at .369.

SHORT HOPS

Carlos Beltran, 39, stole a base for the first time since 2014 and made a diving catch in right field. ... Texas extended its majors leading total for come-from-behind wins to 48. . Rougned Odor is hitless in his last 22 at-bats.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Brewers: Manager Craig Counsell said he

gave LF Ryan Braun (sore wrist) a day off on Tuesday and that Braun should play in Wednesday’s series finale.

UP NEXT

Brewers RHP Chase Anderson (9-11), a native Texan who lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, is 5-1 with a 2.30

ERA over his last 11 starts.

If Rangers LHP Cole Hamels (15-5) pitches at least 6 1/3 innings in what should be his regular-season finale, he’ll reach 200 for the season for the eighth time in 11 years.

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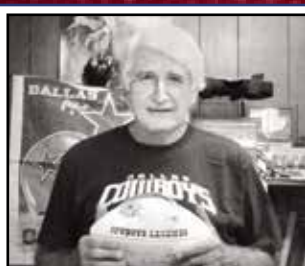
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Pigskin Picks Entry Form

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