

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JASON BARB**, 37, of 3351 RR 33 was arrested on a warrant for driving with invalid license.
- **HEATHER MONTOYA**, 27, of 3351 RR 33 was arrested on a warrant for open container in a motor vehicle (passenger).
- **JESSICA STEPHENSON**, 35, of 2608 Ent Drive was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **JESSE CANTU JR**, 20, of 1512 S Main was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **BLAKE ROBERT HOOPER**, 26, of 6900 S Hwy 87 was arrested on a warrant for assault (intent/recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation family member with previous conviction).
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of E 3rd, the 700 block of W I-20, the 700 block of Abrams, the 1300 block of S Gregg, and the intersection of N FM 700 and Old Gail Hwy.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of W 5th.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 400 block of Glenna Rd.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 2nd and Gregg.

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.

- **JESSE CANTU JR**, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia.
- **JACQUELINE JADE CASTILLO**, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000).
- **JASON MICHAEL ELAM**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for driving with invalid license.
- **ROBERT BLAKE HOOPER**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for assault of a family or household member.
- **MARK ANTHONY MCBETH**, 30, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property (greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000).
- **HEATHER RENEE MONTOYA**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for open container in a motor vehicle (passenger).
- **ALFRED GONZALES SANCHEZ JR**, 46, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance (greater than or equal to four grams, but less than 200 grams).
- **JESSICA LYNN STEPHENSON**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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 meeting 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/speak-

ers 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

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

Take Note

- On election night, Tuesday, Nov. 8, the Howard County Republicans will have a "counting of the votes" and celebration at the Dora Roberts Community Center in the Lake Room, beginning about 8:30 p.m. until results are final. The public is welcome to attend.

- H-E-B is looking for non-profits agencies to set up information tables at the annual Feast of Sharing. Please contact Sandy Stewart at 432- 935-1604 to reserve a spot. Feast of Sharing will be held on Dec. 11 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

- A benefit for Bethine McNally will be held on Dec. 3. Mrs. McNally is a Big Spring ISD employee and the wife of the pastor of New Life Ministries C.O.G.I.C. She has been diagnosed with bilateral kidney cancer. The benefit will help support the McNally family in these difficult times. The money raised will go to the family's medical bills and daily expenses. The benefit will include live music and food, as well as a silent auction. Anyone wishing to contribute to this event can make a financial donation or contribute an item to be auctioned off. Please send donations to P.O. Box 168, Big Spring or Wells Fargo Account No. 775238120. For more information, contact Tamika Brawley at 325-895-4410 or at mikasmiles325@gmail.com.

- 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.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 7 and 8 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

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

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

Meetings

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

Obituaries

Carolina Vences

Carolina Vences, 52, of Knott died Monday, Nov. 7, 2016. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. through 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Ackerly Cemetery.

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Wed 11/9	Thu 11/10	Fri 11/11	Sat 11/12	Sun 11/13
 57/48 Cloudy skies. Slight chance of a rain shower. High 57F. Winds NE at 10 to 15 mph.	 63/48 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	 68/47 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	 66/49 Afternoon showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	 70/49 Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 5:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 5:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 5:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 5:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 5:46 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	62	52	Cloudy	Kingsville	78	61	Sct T-Storms
Amarillo	61	33	Sunny	Livingston	73	60	Cloudy
Austin	70	61	Sct T-Storms	Longview	71	58	Cloudy
Beaumont	76	63	Cloudy	Lubbock	61	41	Cloudy
Brownsville	79	65	Sct T-Storms	Lufkin	73	60	Cloudy
Brownwood	65	55	Few Showers	Midland	62	50	M Cloudy
Corpus Christi	79	65	Cloudy	Raymondville	80	63	Sct T-Storms
Corsicana	67	59	Showers	Rosenberg	76	62	Cloudy
Dallas	67	59	Showers	San Antonio	74	63	Showers
Del Rio	74	58	M Cloudy	San Marcos	72	60	Sct T-Storms
El Paso	70	45	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	70	58	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	62	48	Few Showers	Sweetwater	60	51	Cloudy
Gainesville	66	55	Showers	Tyler	72	58	Cloudy
Greenville	68	56	Showers	Weatherford	67	56	Showers
Houston	77	64	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	63	54	P Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	69	47	M Cloudy	Miami	79	70	M Sunny
Boston	61	45	Sunny	Minneapolis	59	37	Sunny
Chicago	59	42	Showers	New York	66	51	Sunny
Dallas	67	59	Showers	Phoenix	89	64	P Cloudy
Denver	66	37	Sunny	San Francisco	67	54	M Sunny
Houston	77	64	Cloudy	Seattle	65	53	Clear
Los Angeles	88	62	Sunny	Saint Louis	61	43	Showers

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 29

UV Index

Wed 11/9	Thu 11/10	Fri 11/11	Sat 11/12	Sun 11/13
2	3	4	4	4
Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Marcy. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. San Antonio. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of College.

- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 2100 block of Wasson.

- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 4100 block of E. Marcy.

- **FLAMMABLE LIQUID SPILL** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

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ELECTION

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year? 5. (If so), Would you mind sharing who you voted for/will vote for? (If shared) Can you tell me what led you to vote for that candidate?

David Morales

1. **What are your thoughts about the candidates this year?** I really don't like neither one of them. Or none of them.
2. **Do you think the best candidates were nominated?** No. **Why not?** I just don't think they're in the best interest of our country.
3. **What are your thoughts about the campaign run by each candidate?** Honestly I really don't watch it. I don't care too much about them.
4. **Where do you get most of your information about the candidates?** Just here and there on the news or what's on Facebook.
5. **Have you already, or do you plan to vote this year?** No, I'm not voting.

KayC Stanley

1. **What are your thoughts about the candidates this year?** They're not the greatest.
2. **Do you think the best candidates were nominated?** No. **Why not?** I just know that they're not the best that we could have gotten.
3. **What are your thoughts about the campaign run by each candidate?** I think a lot of it is lies. It's not what they're actually for.
4. **Where do you get most of your information about the candidates?** I watch the TV news, and then online articles and stuff.
5. **How would you rate the media on the job they did keeping the public informed about the candidates?** I think they do a good job.
6. **Have you already, or do you plan to vote this year?** I'll vote tomorrow.
7. **Would you mind sharing who you voted for/will vote for?** I don't want to share.

Shawna Privett

1. **What are your thoughts about the candidates this year?** I think they all suck.

2. **Do you think the best candidates were nominated?** No, I think it's all rigged anyway. **Why not?** I think they have elected officials who they want to be, and I don't think our opinion matters anyway.
3. **What are your thoughts about the campaign run by each candidate?** I think they're just being dirty, and they're just like little children.
4. **Where do you get most of your information about the candidates?** Usually like Facebook or the news.
5. **How would you rate the media on the job they did keeping the public informed about the candidates?** Not really, I think it's all just... they just report what they're supposed to report.
6. **Have you already, or do you plan to vote this year?** I'm not going to.

Shannon Smith

1. **What are your thoughts about the candidates this year?** It's a sad state when that's the best we've got to offer.
2. **Do you think the best candidates were nominated?** I don't think the best candidates even tried to run. **Why (didn't better candidates run)?** I think it just got too much Hollywood. They're not looking after the country, they're just looking after themselves.
3. **What are your thoughts about the campaign run by each candidate?** Probably about par for the two that's running.
4. **Where do you get most of your information about the candidates?** TV news and cable news.
5. **How would you rate the media on the job they did keeping the public informed about the candidates?** Not very well. Each media tells their own side. Nobody's unbiased like they're supposed to be anymore.
6. **Have you already, or do you plan to vote this year?** I've already voted.
7. **Would you mind sharing who you voted for/will vote for?** I voted for Trump. Can you tell me what led you to vote for that candidate? He has



Nairn



Stanley



Morales

2016 General Election HOWARD County Race Summary	
President/Vice President Donald J. Trump / Mike Pence REP Hillary Clinton / Tim Kaine DEM Gary Johnson / William Weld LIB Jill Stein / Ajamu Baraka GRN	Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2 Mary Lou Keel REP Lawrence "Larry" Meyers DEM Mark Ash LIB Adam King Blackwell Reposa GRN
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U.S. Representative District 19 Jodey Arrington REP Troy Bonar LIB Mark Lawson GRN	Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 6 Michael E. Keasler REP Robert Burns DEM Mark W. Bennett LIB
Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian REP Grady Yarbrough DEM Mark Miller LIB Martina Salinas GRN	Member, State Board of Education, District 15 Marty Rowley REP State Representative District 72 Drew Darby REP
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 Debra Lehmann REP Mike Westergren DEM Kathie Glass LIB Rodolfo Rivera Munoz GRN	Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District, Place 3 John Bailey REP
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5 Paul Green REP Dori Contreras Garza DEM Tom Oxford LIB Charles E. Waterbury GRN	District Attorney, 118th Judicial District Hardy L. Wilkerson REP
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	Sheriff Stan Parker REP
	Tax Assessor Collector Tiffany Sayles Fernandez REP
	County Commissioner Pct. 1 Oscar M. Garcia REP
	County Commissioner Pct. 3 Jimmie Long REP
	Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Place 1 Bennie Green REP
	Constable Pct. 1 Kneel Stallings REP

his problems, but the other one comes off to me as a thief and other things ... other problems.

Kimberly Nairn

1. **What are your thoughts about the candidates this year?** Umm... Not good thoughts, on either one.
2. **Do you think the best candidates were nominated?** No. **Why not?** They both have different points of views on things, but neither one of their views on things is great. I don't think they'll be good for leadership.
3. **What are your thoughts about the campaign run by each candidate?** I think they're really good at bashing each other.
4. **Where do you get most of your information about the candidates?** Everywhere, facebook, social medial, the news all oover the place.

5. **How would you rate the media on the job they did keeping the public informed about the candidates?** A "10."
6. **Have you already, or do you plan to vote this year?** I'm not voting this year.

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Carolina Vences, 52, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM thru 7:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Ackerly Cemetery.

Angela Marie Harrison, 50, died Thursday. A memorial service will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Kenneth Patrick Harrison, 48, died Thursday. A memorial service will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Thanksgiving shopping here to stay

NEW YORK (AP) — Thanksgiving Day shopping — a delight to some, an anathema to others — isn't going away, but some stores are rethinking their strategies on whether it makes sense to be open on the holiday itself. Many of the nation's major mall operators and the big retailers that anchor them, such as Toys R Us, J.C. Penney, and Macy's, are sticking with what they want to be a new tradition, kicking off the hol-

iday shopping season on Thanksgiving Day, officials said. Others, including the Mall of America, the nation's largest shopping mall, are closing for Thanksgiving this year after being open for the past several years. Some retailers that are closing cite respect for the holiday, but in truth the cost of being open may be more than the return. "Once you let the genie out of the bottle, it's hard," said Stephen D.

Lebovitz, president and CEO of CBL & Associates Properties, a mall operator that is closing 72 of its malls for the day. "More retailers are coming to their senses and realizing it is a family holiday and from a business point of view, it's not making much business sense." Stores being open on Thanksgiving started in earnest in 2011 and took a punch out of sales on Black Friday, which had usually launched the shopping season.

Many places like Macy's, Target and J.C. Penney have been opening earlier and earlier on Thanksgiving as they try to outdo others to get first dibs on customers who could easily buy online. But the move has been controversial, as many workers have voiced complaints that stores are putting profits over workers' time to be with their families. Some 89 of the 145

properties that Chattanooga, Tennessee-based CBL owns or has interest in opened at 6 p.m.

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Indian cities join Delhi in air pollution emergency

By **BISWAJEET BANERJEE**

Associated Press

LUCKNOW, India (AP) — The sickening air pollution that led the Indian capital to shut schools and construction sites this week has prompted similar measures in nearby cities.

Officials in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh said Monday that they expect the acrid smog to blanket the state within days.

For more than a week, New Delhi's skies have been filled with a thick haze that has made people's eyes sting and their throats sore. Air pollution experts blame myriad pollution sources, from diesel-burning cars and seasonal crop burning to garbage fires and stoves fueled with kerosene and cow dung. Winter weather patterns also mean there is less wind to circulate the air.

On Monday, an Indian trade and industry lobby group warned that the pollution could have an economic im-

pact, and released a study suggesting up to 10 percent of workers had called in sick during the last week.

"Environment and air pollution-related issues might hurt Brand India and hit sectors like tourism and outdoor recreation, as people tend to stay away from polluted areas," said D.S. Rawat, secretary general of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of India.

Doctors urged people to avoid going outdoors unless they wear face masks.

"Higher air pollution levels may take days to settle," said Dr. Surya Kant Tripathi, who heads the pulmonary medicine department at King George's Medical University in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh.

Lucknow city director J.P. Gupta said the smog covering New Delhi was wafting over western parts of Uttar Pradesh and would soon cover the entire state, India's most populous, with around 210 million people.

Young brains & anesthesia: Big study suggests minimal risks

CHICAGO (AP) — Anesthesia during early childhood surgery poses little risk for intelligence and academics later on, the largest study of its kind suggests.

The results were found in research on nearly 200,000 Swedish teens. School grades were only marginally lower in kids who'd had one or more common surgeries with anesthesia before age 4, compared with those who'd had no anesthesia during those early years.

Whether the results apply to sicker children who have riskier surgeries with anesthesia is not known. But the researchers from Sweden's Karolinska Institute and doctors elsewhere called the new results reassuring, given experiments in young animals linking

anesthesia drugs with brain damage.

Previous studies of children have been relatively small, with conflicting results. The new findings, published Monday in JAMA Pediatrics, don't provide a definitive answer and other research is ongoing. The study authors and other doctors say the harms from postponing surgery must be considered when evaluating any potential risks from anesthesia in young children.

The most common procedures in the study were hernia repairs; ear, nose or throat surgeries; and abdominal operations. The researchers say the operations likely lasted an hour or less. The study did not include children with other serious health problems and those who had more complex or risky

operations, including brain, heart and cancer surgeries.

The research involved about 33,500 teens who'd had surgery before age 4 and nearly 160,000 who did not.

School grades at age 16 were less than half a percent lower on average in teens who'd had one childhood surgery with anesthesia versus the no-surgery group. Average grades were less than 2 percent lower among teens who'd had two or more surgeries with anesthesia.

The researchers also looked at IQ tests given to Swedish boys at age 18 upon joining the military. Scores were about the same for those with one early surgery and the non-surgery group; scores were less than 3 percent lower in boys with three or more early surgeries.

Shannon Clinic Big Spring: Multiple reasons to get flu shots

Each year, the beginning of fall means the beginning of flu season. Similar to the fall weather, some flu seasons are worse than others. But each one warrants you and your loved ones getting a flu vaccine. Here are few reasons why.

1. The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone over six months of age.

Some people, typically those with weakened immune systems, have a higher risk of developing complications from the flu. Children under five years of age, especially those under age two, and adults over 65 may need advanced support in the form of hospitalization to help them overcome the illness. In severe cases, the flu can lead to death. You can protect everyone in your family—from a potentially fatal virus—with one simple shot.

2. The vaccine offers protection from the flu viruses deemed most likely to circulate this year.

The best way to fight the flu is to get a flu shot every year. Flu vaccinations are necessary on a yearly basis because the flu virus, unlike other diseases you receive a vaccine for, changes constantly. It is not unusual for new flu viruses to appear each year and the vaccines are formulated to keep up with the viruses as they change. According to the Centers for Disease Control, multiple studies conducted throughout the course of several flu seasons, vaccine types and virus strains have shown the body's immunity to flu viruses declines over time.

3. The flu vaccine does not give you the flu.

A common myth that needs to be debunked is you cannot get the flu from the flu shot. The shot does not contain any live viruses; therefore, contracting the flu from the shot is simply impossible. The vaccine is designed to prime the body's immune system and some people may feel a little "under the weather" or develop a small fever, but those symptoms confirm the shot is working. They do not mean you have developed the flu.



RYAN WILLIAMS, PA-C

The sooner you and your loved ones get vaccinated, the sooner you are protected.

4. Getting vaccinated for the flu can help rule out flu as a diagnosis if you become sick.

When someone becomes infected with influenza, sometimes it can be hard to tell clinically if they have a cold or the flu since most people have respiratory symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, sore throat, runny nose and headache. Vomiting, diarrhea and high fever may also be symptoms, but not always. Already being vaccinated for the flu can help healthcare officials rule out flu, allowing them to focus on another diagnosis.

Remember, you can contract the flu when people around you sneeze, cough or talk and droplets containing the virus land in your mouth or nose. Touching a surface or object that has been tainted by the virus and then touching your mouth, eyes or nose or through sharing drinks, utensils, or by handling items contaminated by an infected person is another way it is spread.

Even if you've had your flu shot, you should take these steps to avoid the flu virus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.

- Try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

It's also important to minimize the spread of germs to others. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw the tissue away. If you get sick with a flu-like illness, stay home until your fever has been gone for 24 hours without taking a fever-reducing medicine.

If you are experiencing the symptoms discussed, contact your healthcare provider immediately. Also, talk to them about any questions or concerns you have regarding the flu vaccine.

Ryan Williams, PA-C, is seeing new and existing patients at Shannon Clinic Big Spring, 2503 Gregg St. For more information, please call 325-481-2074. For more information about flu and the flu vaccine, visit the online health library at www.shannonhealth.com.



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Texas election offers lots of intrigue but few nail-biters

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — While much of the country will be on pins and needles Tuesday, Texas' ballot features none of the top statewide offices and a presidential race that likely won't be close.

Only one of 36 congressional races appears competitive, and control of the Legislature isn't in doubt.

Yet Texas voters have shattered registration and early-voting records, even amid a nation-leading decline in the number of statewide polling stations sparked by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that weakened a key civil rights law.

Here a look at what's at stake:
TEXAS TRUMPED?

Talk of Hillary Clinton getting within striking distance of Donald Trump in Texas has evaporated down the stretch with good reason.

A Democrat hasn't carried the state since Jimmy Carter in 1976, and Republican nominees have coasted to double-digit statewide victory every presidential election since 2000.

Tellingly, Clinton never spent valuable crunch time campaigning in Texas. And her top surrogates, including Michelle Obama and Bill Clinton, went to battleground states like North Carolina and Arizona, rather than here.

TURNOUT TURNAROUND

Long plagued by some of the nation's lowest turnout rates, Texas should surpass its 2008 record of 8



AP photo

million voters.

Texas has exceeded 15.1 million registered voters for the first time, with nearly a million new registrants just since the March primary. And like much of the nation, Texas smashed records for early voting turnout.

Almost 4.5 million Texas residents cast early ballots in the state's 15 largest counties alone. That accounts for 46 percent of all registered voters statewide and exceeds the record 3.5-plus million total early votes cast before the 2008 election.

There's been evidence nationally that Trump's inflammatory comments about Latinos could increase Hispanic registration and voting. Demographic data isn't collected in Texas, but an analysis by former Texas

Republican Party pollster Derek Ryan shows that 23 percent of Texas' new registrants since March have Hispanic surnames.

What's unknown, though, is if those are first-time voters or people who registered after moving, either within Texas or here from another state.

POLLING PLACE DROP

Texas has closed at least 400 polling stations since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down key portions of the Voting Rights Act in 2013. That's more than any other state, according to a report from advocacy group Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

The high court's ruling meant that Texas and other states with histories of

racial discrimination, mostly in the South, no longer had to get pre-clearance from the federal government when changing election laws.

Texas' Secretary of State Office tracks the number of precincts but not polling stations. But in recent years, Texas has consolidated polling places while allowing voters from anywhere in the county to cast ballots at the remaining election stations regardless of precinct.

The advocacy group's report notes that there are many non-discriminatory reasons for shuttering polling places, including Texas' consolidation effort. But, it also says that, since the high court ruling, there's no process ensuring that such closures "do not discriminate against voters of

color."

FRAUD FEARS?

Trump has suggested — without evidence — that the election may be rigged and might involve "vote flipping" in Texas. But Republican Secretary of State Carlos Cascos says there's no evidence of vote-flipping, which generally means a correctable technical glitch on older electronic voting machines.

The U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division is deploying election monitors to 28 states, including Texas, where personnel will go to Harris, Dallas and Waller counties.

A rural area west of Houston, Waller County is where black motorist Sandra Bland was found dead in her jail cell after a contentious traffic stop that was caught on camera — and garnered widespread attention — last year. Democrat Cedric Watson is running to become the area's first black sheriff.

Voting rights groups, meanwhile, say they have seen evidence of election officials posting misinformation at some polling places about Texas' 2011 voter ID law, which was weakened by federal courts. Voters who don't have one of seven previously required forms of photo ID can now cast a ballot by signing an affidavit, though some polling stations were found to have outdated signs listing the old voter ID rules.

STREAK STOPPED?

A Democrat hasn't won statewide office in Texas since 1994, the nation's longest such political losing streak. The party's best chance to end that is incumbent Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Lawrence Meyers, who was first elected as a Republican in 1992 but switched parties in 2013.

The entire Texas House also is up for election, and 16 of the state Senate's 31 seats. But both chambers are expected to remain comfortably Republican-controlled. What looks to be Texas' only competitive congressional race is a rematch between Republican Rep. Will Hurd and former Democratic Rep. Pete Gallego in a district that sprawls from San Antonio to suburban El Paso.

Arlington voters to decide on new Texas Rangers stadium

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The presidential showdown isn't the only contentious race on the minds of Arlington voters, who also must decide whether to approve public funding for a \$1 billion retractable-roof stadium for the Texas Rangers.

Figuring that the larger turnout for the presidential election between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump would benefit a new stadium, city officials rushed to get the initiative on Tuesday's ballot, and observers say it could be close, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported (<http://bit.ly/2ewqHYB>).

The new stadium would replace Globe Life Park, which opened in 1994. To pay for as much as half of the new stadium, voters are being asked to extend Arlington's half-cent sales tax, 2 percent hotel-occupancy tax and 5 percent car-rental tax.

Arlington currently uses those revenues to pay down the remaining \$155 million debt it owes for its share of the construction cost of the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium, which opened in 2009.

The vote also would allow for a maximum 10 percent admission tax and \$3 parking tax for the Rangers' use, which opponents have criticized because the city legally could have used those taxes for its share. It approved the same deal for the Cowboys.

Vote Yes! Keep the Rangers, a political action committee that includes the mayor as chairman and all city council and school board members, has said the Rangers should get to use that revenue since they will take responsibility for maintenance and operation of the stadium.

Sarah Patterson voted against the new stadium during early voting because she didn't "see a point in spending money that doesn't need to be spent."

And Juddie Rice echoed the concerns of city officials, who struck a deal with the Rangers in May to keep them in Arlington through the 2053 season. If the stadium proposition fails, she said, "I just think it opens it up for Dallas or Frisco to talk to them. I want to keep them."

The Rangers haven't publicly threatened to leave, although a team representative held preliminary talks with Dallas officials about a covered stadium.

Vote Yes! campaign manager Brian Mayes told The Associated Press on Monday that "a lot of supporters have turned out to vote" and the group will campaign until polls close Tuesday.

He said he believes the opposition has been turning people off by being aggressive and negative. "Nobody wants to be accosted at a polling location. Our people stayed positive," he said.

Peggy Rudd and her husband, Bill Gaut, had distributed fliers denouncing the new stadium to thousands of Arlington homes. And during early voting, they had more fliers critical of the stadium, including a rip on the roof: "The Rangers have played ball here 44 years. Suddenly now, it's too hot."

Rudd told the newspaper that she was seeing a correlation between a voter's stadium choice and presidential pick.

"We're finding that when they vote for Trump they vote against the stadium," Rudd said. "I guess they don't like seeing government joining forces with rich dudes."

Despite the politically charged environment, University of Texas at Arlington political science professor Allan Saxe predicts the new stadium will become a reality. "The 'Yes' vote will win, but it won't be overwhelmingly so," he said.

'I voted from space': American off planet casts ballot

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The lone American off the planet has cast his vote from space, keeping with NASA's motto of "Vote while you float."

NASA said Monday that astronaut Shane Kimbrough filed his ballot in Tuesday's presidential election from the International Space Station sometime over the past few days. He arrived at the orbiting lab in mid-October.

Before launching on a four-month mission, Kimbrough said it was going to be special, being able to say "I voted from space." By the time he's back on Earth in February, America will have a new commander in chief. Astronauts are "pretty much apolitical,"

he told reporters last month. "And I'll be glad to welcome the new president, whoever that is." The previous U.S. space station resident, Kate Rubins, also cast an absentee ballot from up there, before returning to Earth a week ago, according to NASA. A 1997 Texas law allows U.S. astronauts to vote from space. For NASA astronauts, home is Houston when they're not circling the globe. A secure electronic ballot is forwarded to the astronauts by Mission Control in Houston and returned by email to the county clerk.



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Online options

NEW YORK (AP) — TVs are so last century. News outlets are using Facebook Live, Snapchat, YouTube and other tools to offer live coverage of Election Day in ways not possible four years ago.

It's a fitting close to an election season that has played out on Twitter and Facebook as much as it has on the nightly news, with debates live-streamed online and candidates barbing on social media.

Here's your online guide for Tuesday. All times are Eastern.

SNAP AWAY

Among other things, Snapchat users will be able to see "live stories" on the app — showing people at the polls, election results, acceptance and concession speeches and election night celebrations. In the U.S., users will see overlays they can add to their snaps.

FACE-OFF ON FACEBOOK

NowThis, a news outlet aimed at millennials, will have video coverage on its Facebook page. Comedian Jordan Carlos will host the stream, called "No Sleep til POTUS."

CNN will have live coverage with reporters in battleground states, as well as drone shots of voting locations and international reaction throughout the day. Each hour from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. will be streamed from a different location. After 6 p.m., the network will continue Facebook Live streams from various locations, including watch parties and, again, battleground states.

The Washington Post is planning live programming on its Facebook page beginning at 7 p.m. The show will include commentary and updates from Post reporters, including those at campaign headquarters for both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.

The New York Times will also stream election coverage on its Facebook page, beginning at 4:30 p.m., from locations such as polling stations, college campuses and election viewing parties.

Other news outlets with live streaming plans include Univision, PBS NewsHour, the Daily Caller, ABC News and Vox.

TWITCH ALONG WITH TWITTER

Twitter is partnering with BuzzFeed News for a live stream from BuzzFeed's New York headquarters. The stream will begin at 6 p.m. Twitter says segments will include critiques of traditional news outlets and how they are covering the election, as well as live reports from BuzzFeed journalists at various locations throughout the U.S. and elsewhere. Go to <http://election.twitter.com>. You don't need an account.

On Monday, Twitter also launched "official" election hashtags, which include an emoji icon of a ballot box, next to the hashtag "ElectionDay" and "Election2016." With at least one scam trying to tell Clinton supporters to vote by text, Twitter reminded users that you cannot vote by text or tweet — but you can send direct messages to the Twitter-owned @gov account to find where your polling place is.

ABC makes evening news race competitive

NEW YORK (AP) — More than one competition has tightened with the approach of Election Day.

Anchor David Muir and Lester Holt are in the midst of a spirited competition for first place in television's evening news ratings. After several years in second, ABC's "World News Tonight" with Muir has lately pulled even with NBC's "Nightly News" and some weeks a relative handful of viewers separate the shows.

Morning may be where the money is for broadcast news divisions, but the evening newscasts have long been an important measure of strength. Even while some regard them as relics of a different media age, the ABC, NBC and CBS evening newscasts are durable institutions that collectively reach around 24 million viewers each weeknight.

Since the season began in late September, the ABC telecast has averaged 8.25 million viewers a night

to NBC's 8.12 million, the Nielsen company said. That essentially reverses the numbers from a year ago. NBC won during most weeks this calendar year until September, when the winds have favored Muir.

NBC counters that its lead among viewers aged 25-to-54, the demographic measurement used most often to sell news advertising, has essentially doubled since last fall. In other words, NBC says Muir's rally is built upon older, less valuable viewers.

ABC says its rise has been slow and steady since Muir replaced Diane Sawyer as chief anchor in 2014.

Muir has traveled to Guantanamo Bay and near the Syrian border during the last few months for stories and viewers seem to appreciate that he's still reporting, Karamehmedovic said.

Holt had managed to maintain NBC's viewership for more than a year following his ascension to the anchor's role.

Russian media backs Trump, questions U.S. democracy

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian state-owned media does little to hide its preferences in the U.S. presidential election.

News reports about the race for the White House on Russian television devote most of their time to elaborating on Donald Trump's allegations that Hillary Clinton is corrupt and that the election is rigged.

"Clinton has a choice. Either she gets the presidency or she goes behind bars," pro-Kremlin journalist Dmitry Kiselyov said during his flagship Sunday program on the state-controlled Vesti channel. Unlike the anti-establishment Trump, he told viewers, Clinton has the full backing of the U.S. security services, "oligarchic" corporations and the media.

Other reports on the Kremlin-controlled TV channels that are the primary source of news for most Russians have highlighted concerns about Clinton's health, linked her to sex scandals and suggested the Democratic Party is "panicking" over recent polls.

"My colleagues at these channels completely back Trump and show all the bad things about Clinton," said Aleksei Venediktov, the editor of liberal Russian radio station Ekho Moskvy.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly rejected claims that the Kremlin would like to see Trump win the White House. Experts, however, point to strong similarities between their positions on major foreign policy issues, including Syria and Ukraine.

The Russian media is pushing Trump's candidacy "very, very aggressively," according to a European Union official who monitors the Russian media and spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak publicly on the issue.

The presidential battle has been widely covered, though it usually appears in news bulletins after domestic news

and stories about Russia's military action in Syria.

Much of the focus has been on Clinton, who is portrayed as a Russophobe, a warmonger and responsible for bloodshed in the Middle East.

The latest leak of emails from Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta inspired a report titled "what's with Clinton's head?" on the state-controlled NTV television channel. It showed footage of Clinton coughing heavily and tripping when entering a plane, along with excerpts from a Soviet cartoon comparing her to a sick grandmother.

Vladimir Solovyov, a prominent presenter on NTV, said it's not that Russian media backs Trump, but rather that they dislike Clinton.

"It's rather hard to feel sympathy for a person who raises hell on your country and everyone in it," he said in an interview.

In contrast, negative stories about Trump often get lighthearted coverage. Reporting fresh allegations of sexual abuse against Trump on Oct. 15, the Vesti channel aired a segment called "Too many p-----" set to jaunty music that took viewers through allegations of sexual misconduct by former president Bill Clinton and some of the claims against Trump himself.

In recent weeks, Russian media attention has concentrated on apparent flaws in the U.S. election process, echoing Trump's claims that the election is rigged against him.

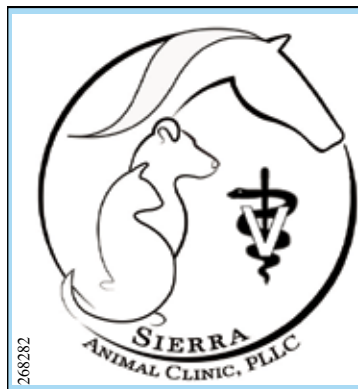
In his Sunday program, Kiselyov highlighted what he said were problems with the electoral system, which he described as "an inter-tribal mess" that had not changed since the 18th century. Some U.S. states still used voting machines from the 1980s, he said, which he compared to soda vending machines in the Soviet Union.

Also repeated frequently are claims by

Trump that the U.S. has 1.8 million dead people registered to vote. They're called "dead souls," a reference to a famous 19th century Russian novel by Nikolai Gogol.

Russian television channels say what Kremlin officials cannot afford to while the outcome of the election is still unknown, according to Venediktov.

"The Russian media is always one step ahead," he said.



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More sloppy officiating highlights MNF

By TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Rex Ryan and the rest of the Buffalo Bills were furious at how Walt Anderson and his officiating crew handled the final moments of the first half that had a bigger impact in the final seconds of the fourth quarter.

The Bills ended up losing 31-25 to the Seattle Seahawks on Monday night, the third straight loss for Buffalo. The Bills had a chance at the victory but Tyrod Taylor's fourth-down pass into the end zone in the closing seconds fell incomplete.

Buffalo potentially would have only needed a field goal to tie the game at that point if the end of the first half had been handled differently by Anderson's crew.

Mistakes were made and Ryan was angry.

"Ridiculous. Absolutely ridiculous," Ryan said.

What set off Ryan's anger was Anderson not calling Seattle's Richard Sherman for unnecessary roughness when he crashed into Buffalo kicker Dan Carpenter as he attempted at 53-yard field goal with 3 seconds left in the half. Sherman was instead called for offside and after some confusion and a Buffalo penalty Carpenter missed a 54-yard attempt on the final play of the half.

The end of the first half was confusing for everyone involved. From

trainers running on the field to players running for the locker room, there was enough confusion to leave everyone scratching their heads.

And the final result of the chaos left Buffalo completely unsatisfied.

"It was wrong," Ryan said. "It's clear what happened, the guy roughed our kicker. Jumps offside, roughs our kicker and then because we had to go out and attend to him, and it wasn't called 'roughing the kicker', then we had to spike the ball so that we could come back in and kick. We needed a little time there but, we saw him go down and our trainers ran out. ... From an officiating standpoint, I think you can do a little bit better than that."

Anderson's explanation was Sherman was called for being unabated to the kicker and that his actions crashing into Carpenter did not rise to the level of unnecessary roughness.

"I didn't feel like the actions and the contact, because we were shutting the play down, warranted a foul," Anderson said.

NFL head of officiating Dean Blandino disagreed and tweeted during the game that Sherman should have been penalized for unnecessary roughness and expanded his view of the play in comments to NFL Network.

"The referee in looking at it was coming in to kill the play and didn't think the contact was enough for unnecessary roughness. Obviously when you look at the tape that is not



AP Photo/John Froschauer

Buffalo Bills head coach Rex Ryan protests a call in the first half of an NFL football game against the Seattle Seahawks, Monday, Nov. 7, 2016, in Seattle.

the case," Blandino told NFL Network.

Sherman said he did not hear a whistle and was just trying to block the kick.

"I went for the ball. The holder still had it so I didn't hear (any) whistle," Sherman said. "They say play to blow of the whistle so I went and tried to block the kick and I got it. I think I got it and the kicker somehow kept

going. I assumed he was going to stop when he saw me going for the ball but he didn't."

Because the trainers took the field and Buffalo was out of timeouts, Carpenter had to leave for one play. Buffalo spiked the ball with 1 second left to set up a 48-yard attempt, but the Bills were penalized for delay of game with the umpire standing over the ball.

AFC HALFWAY:
Surprises and
disappointments

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

It's not difficult to pinpoint the teams that have unexpectedly prospered or just as stunningly plummeted halfway through the 2016 season.

Yep, we're looking at you, Carolina Panthers and Arizona Cardinals. Last January, you played for a spot in the Super Bowl. Right now, you're hanging with the mediocrities (or worse) of the NFL.

Nor is it hard to spot the surprisingly successful teams putting themselves in the championship mix, from the Dallas Cowboys to the Oakland Raiders.

But what about the individuals who are rising or flopping? The Associated Press sports writers who cover the 16 AFC teams suggest the following.

BALTIMORE

Surprise: LB Zachary Orr leads the team in tackles as a third-year player.

Disappointment: QB Joe Flacco has looked tentative in the pocket and has more interceptions than TDs. Granted, the Ravens have no

running game and the left side of the O-Line has been injured, but still ...

BUFFALO

Surprise: LB Lorenzo Alexander, maybe the most pleasant development in the NFL this season. The free-agent addition, a journeyman in his 10th season, is among the league leaders in sacks.

Disappointment: WR Sammy Watkins (left foot) is hobbled by injury for the third straight season and is on IR, though he could return this month.

CINCINNATI

Surprise: WR A.J. Green was leading the NFL in receptions when Cincinnati went on its bye despite being the focus of opposing defenses on every passing play.

Disappointment: DT Geno Atkins had 42 tackles and 11 sacks last season. Through eight games, he has only 16 tackles and 3½ sacks, and the Bengals are 3-4-1.

CLEVELAND

Surprise: WR Terrelle Pryor only made the conversion from quarterback last season

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In this Oct. 30, 2016, file photo, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott scrambles out of the pocket during the team's NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England.....	7	1	0	.875	217	132
Miami.....	4	4	0	.500	173	182
Buffalo.....	4	5	0	.444	237	203
N.Y. Jets.....	3	6	0	.333	173	235

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston.....	5	3	0	.625	137	167
Tennessee.....	4	5	0	.444	217	226
Indianapolis.....	4	5	0	.444	239	256
Jacksonville.....	2	6	0	.250	153	215

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore.....	4	4	0	.500	154	153
Pittsburgh.....	4	4	0	.500	184	171
Cincinnati.....	3	4	1	.438	167	189
Cleveland.....	0	9	0	.000	168	273

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland.....	7	2	0	.778	245	223
Kansas City.....	6	2	0	.750	185	151
Denver.....	6	3	0	.667	214	166
San Diego.....	4	5	0	.444	268	247

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas.....	7	1	0	.875	223	140
N.Y. Giants.....	5	3	0	.625	161	164
Washington.....	4	3	1	.563	186	189
Philadelphia.....	4	4	0	.500	202	145

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta.....	6	3	0	.667	305	259
New Orleans.....	4	4	0	.500	242	238
Tampa Bay.....	3	5	0	.375	180	232
Carolina.....	3	5	0	.375	204	206

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota.....	5	3	0	.625	155	126
Detroit.....	5	4	0	.556	205	206
Green Bay.....	4	4	0	.500	198	187
Chicago.....	2	6	0	.250	131	179

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle.....	5	2	1	.688	162	134
Arizona.....	3	4	1	.438	179	140
Los Angeles.....	3	5	0	.375	130	167
San Francisco.....	1	7	0	.125	167	260

Rangers decline \$11 million option on LHP Derek Holland

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Derek Holland is a free agent after the Texas Rangers declined their \$11 million option on his contract and instead chose to pay the left-hander a \$1.5 million buyout.

The AL West champions announced the move Monday, but left open the possibility of re-signing Holland.

Holland was part of Texas' only two World Series teams in 2010 and

2011, but has missed significant time because of injuries the past three seasons.

"The Rangers appreciate the many contributions that Derek Holland has made to this franchise, both on the field and in the community," general manager Jon Daniels said in a statement. "While today's action doesn't necessarily close the door on our future interest in Derek, we want to thank

him for the impact he has made here."

In 179 career games for Texas, Holland is 62-50 with a 4.35 ERA. He was a 25th-round selection in the June 2006 amateur draft and signed with the Rangers the following May.

Holland was 7-9 with a 4.95 ERA in 22 games this season while also spending time on the 60-day disabled list for a third consecutive season. He missed two

months with left shoulder inflammation.

In other news, the Rangers as expected said they will make a \$17.2 million qualifying offer to free agent outfielder Ian Desmond, who has until next Monday to accept. If he declines and signs with a different team, the Rangers would receive an extra draft pick following the first round next year.

The Rangers didn't

make qualifying offers to first baseman Mitch Moreland or right-hand-er Colby Lewis.

Desmond made the All-Star team this year and hit .285 with 22 homers and 86 RBIs after signing an \$8 million, one-year deal with the Rangers in late February and converting to the outfield. He was a shortstop the previous seven years in Washington, but turned down a \$15.8 million qualify-

ing offer from Nationals last offseason.

Texas also reinstated designated hitter Prince Fielder from the 60-day disabled list, a necessary procedural move even though the slugger signed through 2020 has ended his playing career.

The 32-year-old Fielder announced in August that he wouldn't be able to play again after his second neck surgery in more than two years.

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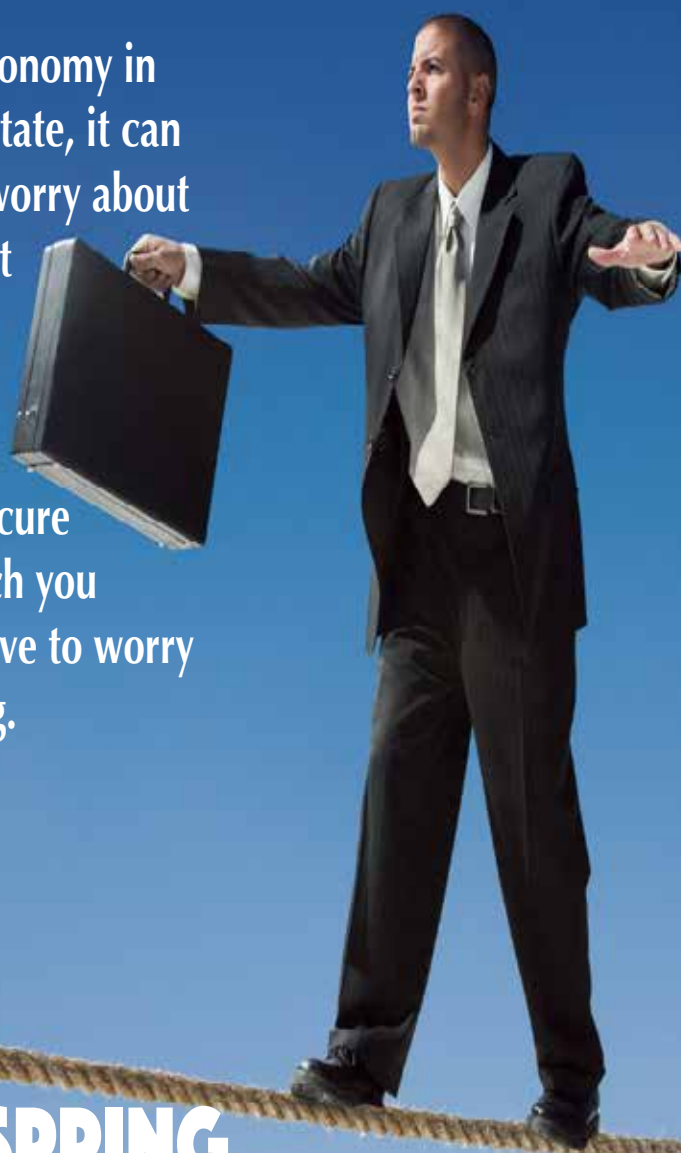
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The work will be hard, but it's the kind of hard you choose for yourself. Because this challenge was one of your own deciding, you'll approach it with a glad heart and a willing hand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People will tell you that the past doesn't matter

anymore. Incorrect. The past matters a great deal. It's the foundation for what you're building now. Sift, sort and reframe it if you have to, in the name of self-empowerment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're willing to accept that you have to take on some of the dull or difficult work to better yourself. But does it (SET ITAL) all (END ITAL) have to be dull or difficult? Of course not. Get your fair share of fun in there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Time to drop that person who makes you feel undeserving. You're not doing anyone favors by feeling guilty for wanting to be your own person, live your own life and claim the freedom that is your birthright.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're in a mood to compartmentalize, to devote yourself entirely to what you're involved with, no looking back (or sideways, or forward for that matter). With this attitude, you'll be mightily productive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you have the privilege of spend-

Tomorrow's Horoscope

ing time with one who has not yet been molded by society in the sense of right and wrong and its prejudices and manners, you will learn quite a lot. The under-8 set can be wonderful teachers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The most fun you'll have today will be in doing something you're more or less awful at. There's something about knowing it's not going to be good that will set free the laughter of your soul.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People can be very unfair, self-serving and just plain strange in what they choose to acknowledge or ignore. If you're not getting the validation you crave it may be because someone is threatened by your fabulousness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If your relationship is a muscle group, empathy is the dumbbell you need to lift again and again in order to strengthen it. Tired of being empathetic? Set it down. Shake it off. Take a break before you go another round.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Hard work doesn't always pay off in the result it was aimed toward, but it always pays off in some way. Character, self-esteem, the attainment of skills and relationships -- it will come back to you in some way, believe it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Spend as much time as you can with people who live the way you want to live, who achieve the results you value and who make you feel good about what you have to offer. It's a no-brainer, but it bears repeating.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Serenity and attachment won't go together today. The action of bonding will involve friction. You can still find happiness, though. Either accept that relationships are going to be emotionally taxing or opt for solitude.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 8). If your life were a novel, this chapter might be called "A Year of Celebration." It's not that you hedonistically seek constant fun; it's just that the blessings keep coming. You find

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ELECTION DAY STARS: "Just the facts, ma'am."

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Annie's Mailbox

Overcoming Vices

Dear Annie: When my husband and I got married a little over three years ago, we both had our vices. Mine was that I was smoking a pack a day of cigarettes, and his was that he was 20 pounds overweight and did not watch what he ate. On our wedding night, we vowed to really try to overcome our unhealthy habits. I quit smoking within six months of being married (it took a few

tries), and he started eating better and running five times a week. Within the year, he had lost his 20 pounds. We were both feeling great. I have not had a cigarette in three years, and he had kept off the weight until recently.

About a year ago, he was laid off from his job, and he's not been able to find a new one since. He has been trying really hard but with no luck. Needless to say, he has been very discouraged and is not feeling great about himself

-- which has caused him to start back with some of his old unhealthy eating habits. He has stopped running and is eating close to a pint of ice cream almost every night before we go to bed.

I don't want to say anything to him about our pact because I know that this is a stressful time for him and I want to be supportive, but it hurts me to see him going down a self-destructive path. Should I say anything to him about our pact, or should I wait to see whether he gets a job and starts to feel good again? -- Made a Pact

Dear Pact: When is the ideal time to improve my physical fitness? No matter when you ask the question, the answer is always the same: Now.

Your husband doesn't need to wait to get a job to start getting back in shape. In fact, if he starts eating better and exercising more, he will probably have a better chance of finding a job, because he'll feel better about himself and exude more confidence. Gently remind him about the pact, and help him put down the pint of rocky road for some healthful bedtime snacks, such as an apple, a banana or cereal.

Make clear that you're coming from a place of love, not judgment. Keep an open line of communication and check in on his emotional well-being, as mental health impacts physical health, and vice versa.

And congrats to you on quitting smok-

ing. That is no small feat.

Dear Annie: One of your readers asked what the benefit is of putting yourself out there to heal wounds between siblings. I can tell her.

My siblings and I got into a long-lasting argument. Finally, when my husband became ill, each began to talk to me. They were not, however, talking to each other.

When my husband passed away and my brother got ill, I moved back home to take care of him in July. Still, I only saw one at a time until, at Christmastime, I had a party and invited both of them. I told each the other would be coming, and I expected both to be there and act decently toward each other.

Imagine my delight when my sister came in, went directly to my

brother and gave him a huge hug, which he returned! They only needed a referee to pull them together.

Since that time, we have all been close to one another, helping whenever it's needed, enjoying fun times and realizing how much we missed with the previous quarrels. The quarrels were not about minor things, but the coming together as brother and sisters was so much larger.

It's worth the effort, because family is the one thing we need around us. -- Happy to Referee

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The delicate art of deception

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠K 7 5

♥Q 6 3

♦K J 10 6 2

♣Q 8

WEST

♠8 4 2

♥10 4 2

♦5 3

♣9 7 6 4 3

EAST

♠J 10 6 3

♥A K J 7

♦Q 8

♣J 10 5

SOUTH

♠A Q 9

♥9 8 5

♦A 9 7 4

♣A K 2

The bidding:

East South West North

Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — two of hearts.

A defender does best in the long run if he does not paint a false picture of his hand, even though the intent might be to try to lead declarer astray. More often than not, a defender who misrepresents his holding winds up deceiving partner instead of declarer, and his effort proves self-defeating.

But there are times when it is right for a defender to try to mislead declarer because he knows the

defense will not be adversely affected. Today's deal provides a case in point.

Assume that South is in three notrump and that West, in an attempt to find his partner's best suit, leads the deuce of hearts from his worthless hand. Declarer follows low from dummy, hoping West has led from some combination including the J-10, but East wins the trick with the jack and continues with the A-K. It seems automatic for East to cash his fourth heart at this point, but if he is on his toes, he shifts to a club.

Now put yourself in declarer's shoes and decide how you'd proceed from here. You would naturally assume that West has the missing heart and shape your play accordingly.

After winning the club with dummy's queen, you'd lead a low diamond to the ace and a low diamond back. When West followed low, you'd probably finesse the jack in order to assure the contract, since East could not harm you even if he had the queen.

But when East won the trick and unexpectedly produced the seven of hearts to put you down one, you would, of course, have no choice but to turn to him and say, "Nice play."

Tomorrow: A delicate refinement.

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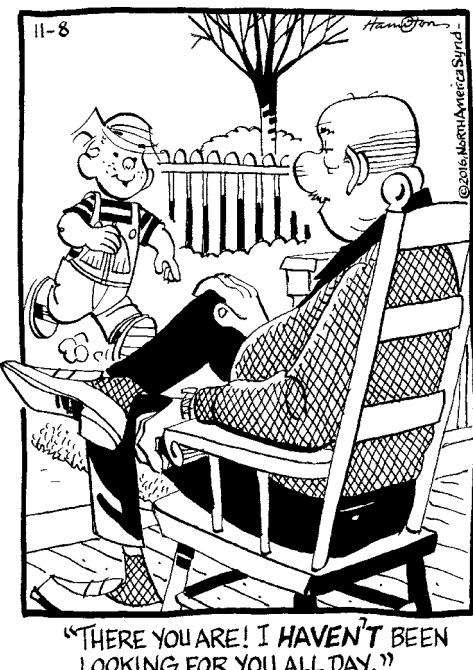
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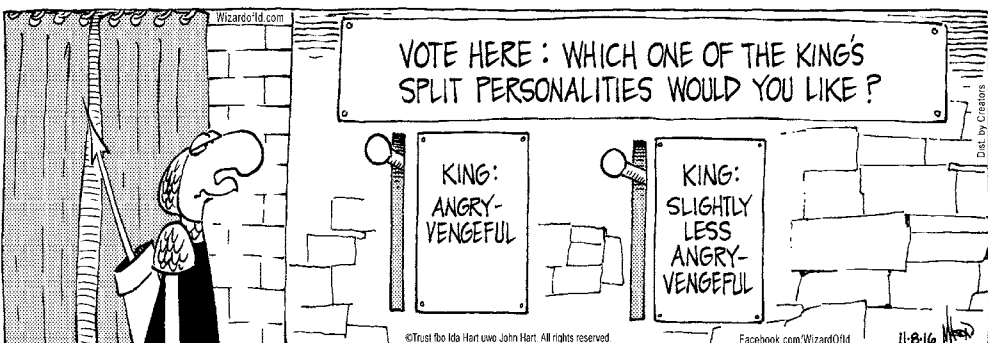
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 8, the 313th day of 2016. There are 53 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Nov. 8, 1966, Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., became the first black candidate to be elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote. Republican Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California, defeating Democratic incumbent Pat Brown. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a measure allowing the merger of the American Football League and the National Football League.

On this date:

In 1793, the Louvre began admitting the public, even though the French museum had been officially open since August.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln won re-election as he defeated Democratic challenger George B. McClellan.

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power in Germany with a failed coup in Munich that came to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

In 1932, New York Democratic Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Republican Herbert Hoover for the presidency.

In 1942, Operation Torch, resulting in an Allied victory, began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

In 1950, during the Korean War, the first jet-plane battle took place as U.S. Air Force Lt. Russell J. Brown shot down a North Korean MiG-15.

In 1960, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.

In 1974, a federal judge in Cleveland dismissed charges against eight Ohio National Guardsmen accused of violating the civil rights of students who were killed or wounded in the 1970 Kent State shootings.

In 1986, former Soviet official Vyacheslav M. Molotov, whose name became attached to the incendiary bottle bomb known as a "Molotov cocktail," died at age 96.

In 1988, Vice President George H.W. Bush won the presidential election, defeating the Democratic nominee, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

In 1994, midterm elections resulted in Republicans winning a majority in the Senate while at the same time gaining control of the House for the

first time in 40 years.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush announced Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's resignation; Bush chose former CIA Director Robert Gates to succeed him. Israeli shells killed 18 Palestinian civilians in the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun (bayt ha-NOON) during an attack targeting militants.

Five years ago: An asteroid as big as an aircraft carrier zipped by Earth in the closest encounter by such a massive space rock in more than three decades. Voters re-elected Kentucky's Democratic governor, Steve Beshear, and picked a new governor in Mississippi, Republican Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant. Bil Keane, 89, creator of the comic strip "Family Circus," died in Paradise Valley, Arizona.

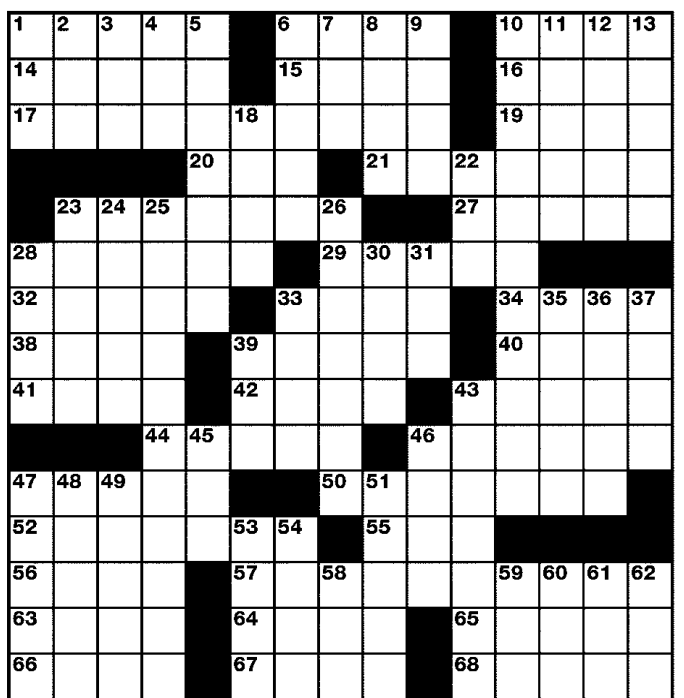
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Prepares a gift
 - 6 Stated
 - 10 Sent a duplicate email to, for short
 - 14 Nun's attire
 - 15 Cancel out
 - 16 Jay once of *The Tonight Show*
 - 17 Thick seafood soup
 - 19 Tacks on
 - 20 Old college cheer
 - 21 Pep up
 - 23 Group of civilian soldiers
 - 27 Cape Cod codfish
 - 28 Fix, as a shoe
 - 29 Cozy diner seating
 - 32 "___ seeing you!"
 - 33 Opinion survey
 - 34 Has debts
 - 38 Professional charges
 - 39 Meted (out)
 - 40 Used to be
 - 41 Try out
 - 42 With no warranty
 - 43 Start of a challenge
 - 44 Makes simpler
 - 46 Lopsided
 - 47 Tired
 - 50 Ben Franklin's bill
 - 52 Woman with an inheritance
 - 55 Take to court
 - 56 Approximately
- DOWN**
- 57 Mexican seafood sandwich
 - 63 Pepper grinder
 - 64 Person, place, or thing
 - 65 Softened, with "down"
 - 66 Banana skin
 - 67 Anthem or ballad
 - 68 Made sharper
 - 9 Crossword column heading
 - 10 Seafood soup
 - 11 Fragrant wood
 - 12 Put an ___ (stop)
 - 13 Gave medicine to
 - 18 Hourly charge
 - 22 Suffix meaning "believer"
 - 23 Free-for-all fight
 - 24 Castaways' spots
 - 25 Seafood sandwich
 - 26 Make illegal
 - 28 Fissure
 - 30 Spanish cheers
 - 31 Ancient
 - 33 Sit for a picture
 - 35 Work a loom
 - 36 Made a goof
 - 37 Observed
 - 39 Prosecutors: Abbr.
 - 43 Very detailed
 - 45 Sailor's assent
 - 46 E pluribus ___
 - 47 Defeat decisively
 - 48 Spooky
 - 49 Supermarket pathway
 - 51 Putting to work
 - 53 Tax form IDs
 - 54 "Scram!"
 - 58 Compete in a race
 - 59 Excessively
 - 60 Raggedy doll
 - 61 So-so grade
 - 62 Unusual



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and has quickly developed into a playmaker. Through the first nine games, Pryor had 46 catches and four touchdowns.

DENVER
Surprise: QB Trevor Siemian was an afterthought when Peyton Manning retired. Now he's the starting QB on a playoff contender.

HOUSTON
Surprise: DE Jadeveon Clowney, finally healthy after two injury-filled years. His move from outside linebacker has helped the Texans make up for the loss of J.J. Watt.

Disappointment: QB Brock Osweiler got a \$72 million contract and has thrown the same number of interceptions (nine) as touchdowns.

NFC

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cus Cooper. Having all kinds of problems at the cornerback spot opposite Patrick Peterson, they traded for Cooper, who intercepted two passes in his first start.

ATLANTA
Surprise: LB Vic Beasley Jr. Whispers were that he was a draft bust, but the 2015 first-rounder has emerged with 7½ sacks.

CAROLINA
Surprise: TE Greg Olsen has always been productive, but the 10-year veteran is in the midst of his best season with 45 receptions for 673 yards through eight games.

Disappointment: DE Kony Ealy has one sack after getting three in the Super Bowl in February.

CHICAGO
Surprise: RB Jordan Howard, a fifth-round draft pick, has become the main man running the ball, averaging 5.1 yards a carry.

Houston's passing game ranks among the worst in the league.

INDIANAPOLIS
Disappointment: Coach Chuck Pagano. After signing a four-year deal, being given more authority over some decisions and armed with a healthy Andrew Luck, it looked as if Pagano would take his second chance and run with it. Instead, the Colts have gotten stuck in neutral.

JACKSONVILLE
Disappointment: QB Blake Bortles has been so inaccurate and inconsistent that he brought in a mechanics coach for a two-day refresher course, a last-ditch effort to turn his season around.

KANSAS CITY
Disappointment: OLB Tamba Hali signed a three-year, \$21 million contract when the Chiefs realized they would be without Justin Houston most of the season, but he's aging

Disappointment: WR Kevin White, who missed his 2015 rookie season with a left leg injury and is back on injured reserve with another leg problem.

DALLAS
Surprise: QB Dak Prescott, no questions asked. The Cowboys could have been looking at a repeat of 2015 without Tony Romo, but the fourth-round pick stepped in and they are 7-1.

Disappointment: Owner Jerry Jones taking so long to set aside his allegiance to Romo and accept Prescott as the starting QB.

DETROIT
Surprise: QB Matthew Stafford, playing without star WR Calvin Johnson for the first time, has the highest passer rating in his eight-year career.

GREEN BAY
Disappointment: RB Eddie Lacy, who looked trimmer after tweaking his training routine in the offseason, then wound up on injured reserve.

LOS ANGELES
Surprise: WR Kenny Britt,

before their eyes.

MIAMI
Surprise: RB Jay Ajayi has turned a weak ground game into a strength by averaging 6.0 yards per play and has six TDs.

Disappointment: WR DeVante Parker, a 2015 first-rounder, has done little to establish himself as a complement to top target Jarvis Landry.

NEW ENGLAND
Surprise: RB LeGarrette Blount, whose production over the first four games coming off hip injury last season helped take the pressure off Jimmy Garoppolo and Jacoby Brissett.

NEW YORK JETS
Surprise: WR Quincy Enunwa, a sixth-rounder in 2014, has blossomed into a legitimate playmaker in Chan Gailey's offense. With Eric Decker out, Enunwa has stepped up as the No. 2 receiver be-

has resurrected his career after problems on and off the field, and has become a downfield threat.

Disappointment: QB Jared Goff, the top overall draft pick, hasn't come close to getting on the field behind journeyman Case Keenum.

MINNESOTA
Surprise: WR Cordarrelle Patterson was relegated to a kickoff return role for the past two years. He's improved enough as a receiver to factor in as a complementary pass catcher, also excels as the outside coverage man on the punt team.

NEW ORLEANS
Surprise: LB Craig Robertson came in unheralded as a likely backup to James Laurinaitis or 2015 first-rounder Stephon Anthony. Instead he's starting and reliable.

NEW YORK GIANTS
Surprise: S Landon Collins, the second-round draft pick in 2015, has been the best player on the team after struggling as a rookie.

Disappointment: The entire offense, which has added

hind Brandon Marshall.

Disappointment: CB Darrelle Revis, a former shutdown defender, has looked mostly mediocre this season, no longer resembling the guy who left opposing teams' best receivers stranded on "Revis Island."

OAKLAND
Surprise: RB Jalen Richard, an undrafted free agent, has helped provide depth behind Latavius Murray.

PITTSBURGH
Surprise: WR Sammie Coates led the league in yards per reception (21.3) before injuring his left index finger. He's been a long-distance threat.

SAN DIEGO
Surprise: Top draft pick DE Joey Bosa. After a holdout and hamstring injury that cost him four games, he has become a force on the Chargers' defense, particularly in opposing backfields.

WRs Victor Cruz, back from injury, and rookie Sterling Shepard. It was one of the best in the league last season.

PHILADELPHIA
Surprise: Rookie Carson Wentz was elevated from No. 3 QB to starter eight days before the season opener after only playing part of the first preseason game. He led the Eagles to a 3-0 record, and he's played well despite four losses in five games since.

Disappointment: WR Nelson Agholor, a first-round pick in 2015, is moving closer toward being a bust with each unproductive game.

SAN FRANCISCO
Surprise: WR Jeremy Kerley, picked up in a trade from Detroit just before the start of the season, leads the team as a pass catcher.

Disappointment: On the contrary, WR Torrey Smith, San Francisco's big free-agent acquisition in 2015, has had little impact and has struggled to get open consistently.

SEATTLE
Surprise: C Justin Britt

Disappointment: That the team couldn't get the rookie defensive end signed in time for training camp. A squabble over money he was due and offset language caused the No. 3 overall pick to miss camp. After signing, Bosa pulled the hamstring and the Chargers went 1-3 without him.

TENNESSEE
Surprise: RB DeMarco Murray. For a player who looked washed up in Chip Kelly's offense in Philadelphia last season and cost the Titans only swapping 13 spots in the fourth round of the draft, what a bargain.

Disappointment: Rookie LB Kevin Dodd, the 33rd pick overall, has been a minimal contributor. The Titans could use more pressure from someone who had 12 sacks and 23½ tackles for loss last season at Clemson.

started his career as a right tackle, moved to left guard and this season took over at center.

Disappointment: RBs Thomas Rawls and Christine Michael. Seattle's once-vaunted run game is broken. Rawls had a breakout 2015 before he broke his ankle, and has been injury prone this season. Michael has shown flashes, but not enough consistency.

TAMPA BAY
Disappointment: K Roberto Aguayo, for whom the Bucs traded up in the second round, saying he was the best kicker in college football history. He's been inconsistent at best.

WASHINGTON
Surprise: OLB Trent Murphy looked likely to be a backup DE, but Junior Galette tore his Achilles tendon. Murphy molded himself into a pass-rushing LB and he's been terrific.

Disappointment: WR Josh Doctson, a first-round pick, was practically invisible, playing in only two games.

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News in brief

Election Day: Americans choose between Clinton and Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — After nearly two years of bitterness and rancor, America will elect its 45th president Tuesday, making Hillary Clinton the nation’s first female commander in chief or choosing billionaire businessman Donald Trump, whose volatile campaign has upended U.S. politics.

The winner will inherit an anxious nation, angry and distrustful of leaders in Washington. They’ll preside over an economy that is improving but still leaving many behind, and a military less extended abroad than eight years ago, but grappling with new terror threats.

Clinton enters Election Day with multiple paths to victory, while Trump must win most of the roughly dozen battleground states up in order to clinch 270 Electoral College votes. Control of the Senate is also at stake, with Democrats needing to net four seats if Clinton wins the White House.

Like millions of Americans, Clinton and Trump planned to cast their votes Tuesday morning. The Democrat was heading to a polling place near her home in Chappaqua, New York, while the Republican was voting in Manhattan.

The candidates blitzed through the battleground states on Monday, accompanied by their families, political allies and celebrities. Clinton was expected to greet one more crowd in the early hours of Tuesday morning when her campaign plane lands in suburban New York.

Iraqi experts probe mass grave site found near IS-held Mosul

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi investigators were probing a mass grave on Tuesday that was discovered the previous day by Iraqi troops advancing further into Islamic State-held territory near the city of Mosul.

The chilling find was the latest instance of mass graves being uncovered in territory wrested from IS militants. In Iraq and Syria so far, the group has killed thousands of people in summary executions and extrajudicial killings, the graves a dark testimony to its brutality.

Associated Press footage from the site shows bones and decomposed bodies among scraps of clothing and plastic bags dug out of the ground by a bulldozer after Iraqi troops noticed the strong smell while advancing into the town of Hamam al-Alil on Monday.

“Investigators flew in this morning and are on their way to the grave to conduct examinations and determine the cause of death,” said Cabinet official Haider Majeed, in charge of mass grave investigations.

The first officials at the site said the grave, behind an earthen embankment near an agricultural college, likely holds about 100 bodies, many of them decapitated. The town lies some 30 kilometers (19 miles) from Mosul.

In defeat, SKorean president to let parliament choose her PM

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea’s president said Tuesday she will allow parliament to choose her prime minister, a major political concession to growing anger as she scrambles to defuse an escalating influence-peddling scandal.

The announcement by Park Geun-hye, who has faced tens of thousands of protesters and an investigation into whether a mysterious confidante manipulated government decisions, could severely curtail her ability to govern in the 15 months she has left in her term.

Park’s decision, which came during a meeting Tuesday with National Assembly Speaker Chung Sye-kyun, means that the liberal candidate for prime minister who she nominated last week as a way to settle growing anger will apparently be replaced. But opposition and ruling party lawmakers must first agree on someone else.

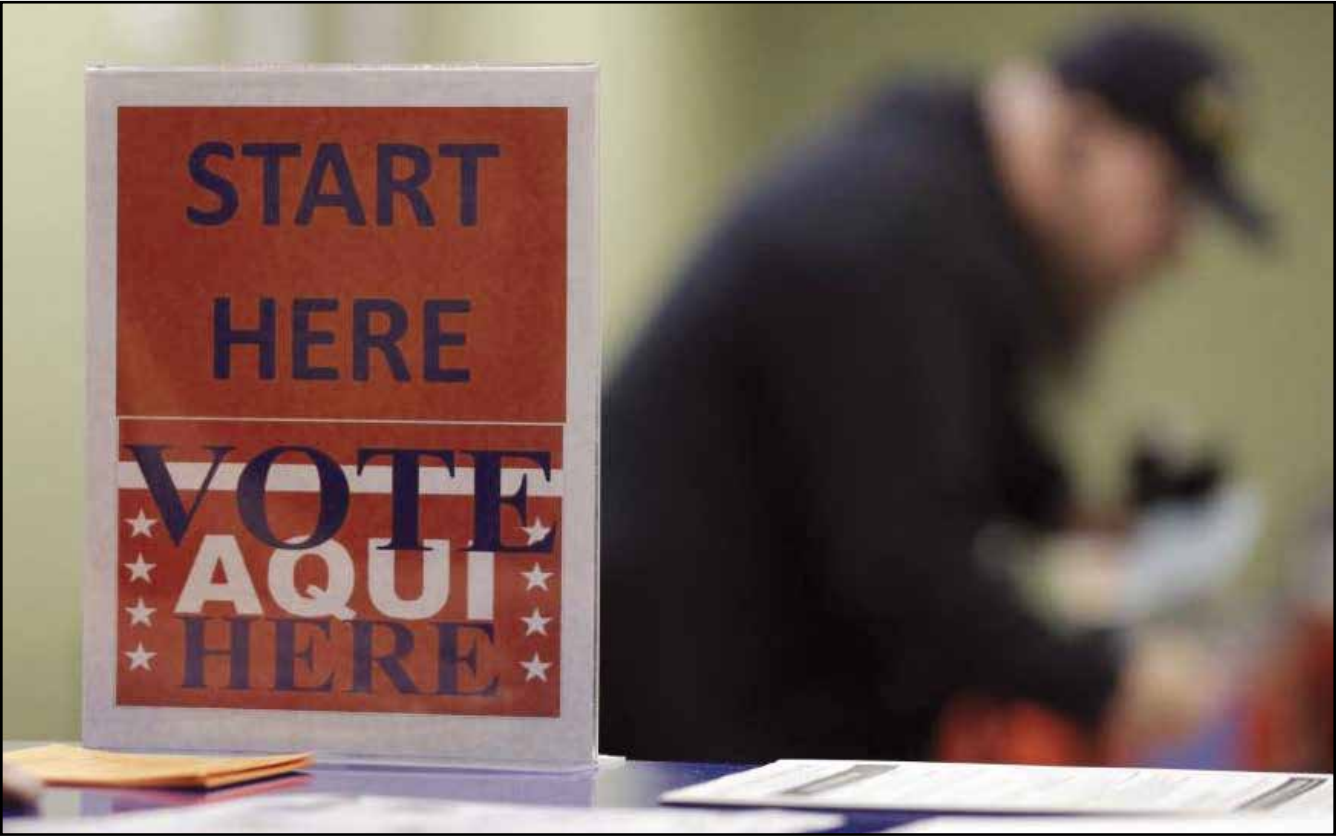
The political tug-of-war over the prime minister, who is typically chosen by the president as a No. 2, comes as opposition lawmakers demand that Park distance herself from domestic affairs because of the scandal involving Park’s longtime confidante, Choi Soon-sil, who has no official government role.

Park giving up the presidential prerogative to choose a prime minister will further weaken her politically. She already faces terrible approval ratings and calls from the public to step down.

Killings spark reckoning over status of Arab women in Israel

LOD, Israel (AP) — After years of abuse and death threats, Duaa Abu-Sharkh had finally divorced her husband, agreeing even to give up custody of her four young children and family property to escape his violent grip. Then, one night in late September, as the 32-year-old mother was dropping off her kids after a rare visit, a masked gunman dragged her from her car and shot her in the head before their eyes.

Her killing is the latest in a string of murders of Israeli-Arab women believed to have been carried



AP photo

out by relatives. But after years of silence, the recent outburst has sparked soul searching in the community and unprecedented demonstrations against its mistreatment of women.

The killings have some similarities to the so-called “honor killings” elsewhere in the Muslim world, where women can be murdered by relatives for tarnishing the family name through perceived sexual indiscretions. But activists in Israel reject such comparisons, saying the vast majority of the killings are the result of rampant spousal abuse that has been ignored by police in a landscape rife with drugs, crime and poverty.

British banker guilty of murdering Indonesians in Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — A British banker was convicted of murder Tuesday for killing two Indonesian women in Hong Kong, torturing one of them over three days while using cocaine in a gruesome case that shocked the Chinese financial hub.

The nine-person jury returned unanimous verdicts against Rurik Jutting after a two-week trial in the High Court.

The slayings in 2014 and disclosures as the case developed highlighted Hong Kong’s significant inequality as well as the decadent lifestyles of some members of the former British colony’s expatriate elite.

Jutting bowed his head briefly as the verdicts were read out to a packed courtroom but otherwise showed little reaction. He was given an automatic mandatory life sentence.

While he has the right to an appeal, his defense lawyer indicated ahead of the verdict that Jutting would request a transfer to a British prison.

In a statement his lawyer asked to be read into the court record, Jutting said he was sorry and accepted the verdicts as “just and appropriate punishment.”

He also said he was haunted by his actions and the pain he’d caused to the women’s loved ones.

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Phone: _____

Please type or print your recipe legibly
and submit it with this form

*Finalist will be required to cook entry and drop off at the Big Spring Herald on the day of judging
Winners will be notified and empty containers may be picked up the day after judging of the contest.

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