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Number crunching time

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

City officials will begin fine-tuning the FY 2016 budget when they hold a workshop with the city council at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers, 307 E. Fourth.

This is the first of four scheduled budget workshops this week; however, if the council follows past history, it will likely be the only session.

Council members gave their input on what they'd like to see included in the coming budget earlier this summer, and infrastructure — streets, water and sewer lines and the like — headlined most of the wish lists:

- Streets — The city currently spends \$500,000 annually on sealcoating projects, but several council members would like to see more done, if possible.

The sticking point, not

surprisingly, is cost. A rough estimate is that it would take about \$1 million per mile to resurface, rather than sealcoat, city streets. That estimate includes replacing old water lines beneath the street and bringing curbs and sidewalks into compliance with Americans With Disability (ADA) standards.

- Water lines and treatment — As any local resident knows, broken water lines have been an unfortunate

fact of life in this area, but it's not as if the city hasn't been spending money to correct the problems, officials say.

City Manager Todd Darden said more than \$12 million has been spent in the past year for water and sewer infrastructure upgrades, with more than \$10 million in additional upgrades needed.

Other needs identified by council members included upgrading maintenance on city recreation facilities,

stepping up anti-vandalism efforts and, if possible, giving property owners a break on their tax bills.

Darden said staff is still waiting for final numbers from the tax appraisal district before estimating the property tax rate this year. As for sales tax revenue, he estimates it will be similar to the \$7 million the city has collected so far this fiscal year.

So Marge, I said...



HERALD photo/Julie Bass

Two local ducks catch up on all the news around the pond this morning at Comanche Trail Lake.

Gas prices head down

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 3.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.49/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas. This compares with the national average that has fallen 3.0 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.73/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 89.0 cents per gallon

lower than the same day one year ago and are 8.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 5.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 79.1 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.



"All but seven states in the U.S. saw a drop in gasoline prices over the last week, with five states seeing a double digit decline per gallon," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy senior petroleum analyst. "So far this July, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude has managed just three days of increases with those increases averaging out to just 72 cents per barrel.

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Texas county where inmate died has history of racial tension

MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, Texas (AP) — In the searing 100-degree Texas heat, Sylvester Nunn uses three worn beach umbrellas to protect himself and the produce piled in the bed of his old Chevy pickup truck as he carries on a generations-old summer tradition.

The 78-year-old is selling watermelons by the roadside just outside Hempstead, where the perfect combination of sandy soil and rainfall make this the watermelon capital of Texas. During the first half of the 20th century, the area was the nation's largest shipper of the sweet red fruit.

But it's a more troubling tradition — of racial strife — that has resurfaced here in the days since a black woman named Sandra Bland died in

the county jail after a traffic stop by a white state trooper.

Video of the confrontational stop ignited long-simmering passions and caused some blacks to raise their guard around law enforcement in Waller County and the county seat of Hempstead, once known as "Six Shooter Junction" because of white supremacist violence in the 1800s.

"I've lived here my whole life," said Nunn, who is black. "I know how it could happen, but nothing's happened to me. It's been all right with me."

Other people insist the area about 50 miles northwest of Houston has left its troubled past behind.

Bland, a 2009 graduate of nearby Prairie View A&M University, had just accepted a job at her alma mater when she was jailed July 10
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Workshop set for potential foster, adoptive families

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services is looking for caring foster and adoptive families in your area.

To learn more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent through the agency, Family and Protective Services will be having an information meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Spring Creek Fellowship Church, 501 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring in the College Park Shopping Center.

There will be child placement agencies there to answer any questions. For more information, call Art Mavrode at 325-276-0015.

When: Spring Creek Fellowship Church, 501 Birdwell Lane
Time: 6 p.m., Tuesday

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Obituaries

Helen Galloway

Helen Galloway, 74, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 18, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Monday, July 27, 2015, at Lawnhaven Cemetery in San Angelo. She was born Oct. 19, 1940, in San Angelo to Artie and George Cates. She married James Clifford Galloway II, on March 19, 1959. He preceded her in death on July 14, 2003. She moved to Big Spring 15 years ago from San Angelo. She was a registered nurse, having worked at the Veterans Administra-

tion Hospital, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and the Big Spring State Hospital.

She is survived by one son, Jason Galloway of Big Spring; three sisters, Christine Howe and Nona Fletcher of Utah, and Mary Motl of San Angelo; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, James Clifford Galloway III.

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

Police, Sheriff, Fire/EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- EDWARD MARTINEZ, 29, of 1611 S. Owens St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication and resist arrest, search or transport.
- JARRETT ALLEN WEAVER, 33, of 3208 Auburn St. was arrested on two warrants or another agency.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 800 block of W. 4th St., the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87 and the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of E. 3rd St.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of State St. and the 1200 block of E. 5th St.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon St.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium Ave.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.
- JESSE THOMAS BLACKWELL JR., 17, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication by a minor.
- TAMMY MICHELLE BRIDGES, 25, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500; and warrants for stealing

credit card and theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

- REBECCALYNN COMSTOCK, 31, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- ROSENDO DE LA PAZ JR., 46, was booked by the BSPD on charges of fail to identify giving false/fictitious information.
- MITCHELL ALAN DUSH, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for capias possession drug paraphernalia.
- CARLOS RENE GARCIA, 36, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving on improved shoulder and driving while license invalid.
- JAMES RAY GERALDON, 29, was booked by the BSPD on charges of disorderly conduct by fighting and a warrant for theft less than \$50.
- OLIVIA GONZALES, 36, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- LISA MICHELLE GOODMAN, 34, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct language.
- JANAE VERNELL GREEN, 21, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for no driver's license.
- ELIDA HINOJOSA, 17, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of failure to attend school and two counts of fail to appear.
- DONNY JUAREZ, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bondsman off bond - driving while intoxicated 3rd or more offenses.
- IVY LYNN LEDESMA, 33, was booked by the BSPD on warrants

for eight counts of parent contributing to non-attendance and charges of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

- JESSE RENE LOPEZ, 28, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- EDWARD MARTINEZ, 29, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transport.
- MITCHELL WAYNE MCCORMACK, 32, was booked by the BSPD on charges of disorderly conduct by fighting.
- MEGHAN ELIZABETH MOSS, 25, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- KAYTLIN AMBER ROBBINS, 24, was booked by the GCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and a warrant for criminal trespass.
- JARRETT ALLEN WEAVER, 33, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for no driver's license and violate promise to appear.
- TERENCE A YOUNG, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for assault - family violence.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported on Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore St. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. For more information call, Muffet Bomar 432-935-3998 or Peggy Hopper 214-773-6775. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

- An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.
- The Big Spring Symphony

Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

Support Groups

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. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 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

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Veterans

Healing Center.

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

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

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. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• 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.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.






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

FRIDAY

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

• 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.

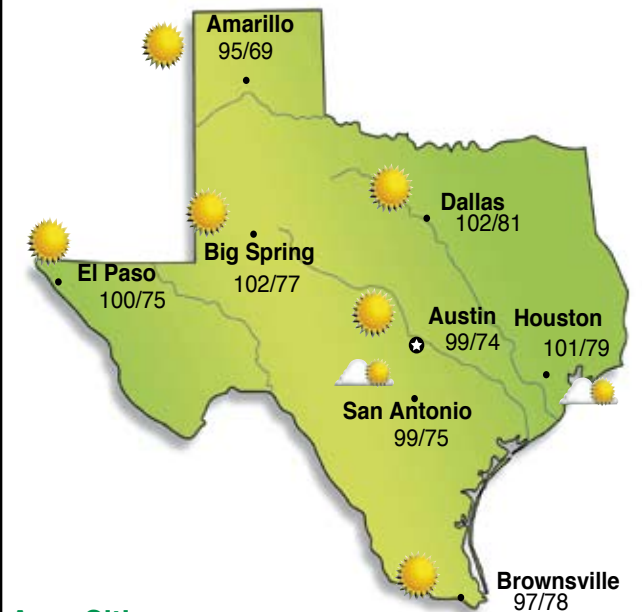
Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 7/26	Mon 7/27	Tue 7/28	Wed 7/29	Thu 7/30
				
102/77 Sunny skies. High 102F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.	101/76 Sunny. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	101/75 Abundant sunshine. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	99/75 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	99/74 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:48 PM	Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM	Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	99	77	sunny	Kingsville	96	77	pt sunny
Amarillo	95	69	sunny	Livingston	99	77	mst sunny
Austin	99	74	sunny	Longview	100	77	mst sunny
Beaumont	98	75	pt sunny	Lubbock	97	74	sunny
Brownsville	97	78	sunny	Lufkin	99	77	mst sunny
Brownwood	99	73	sunny	Midland	103	78	sunny
Corpus Christi	95	79	pt sunny	Raymondville	100	78	sunny
Corsicana	100	77	sunny	Rosenberg	99	77	pt sunny
Dallas	102	81	sunny	San Antonio	99	75	pt sunny
Del Rio	100	78	sunny	San Marcos	99	75	sunny
El Paso	100	75	sunny	Sulphur Springs	100	79	sunny
Fort Stockton	100	75	mst sunny	Sweetwater	99	76	sunny
Gainesville	99	76	sunny	Tyler	100	79	mst sunny
Greenville	97	76	sunny	Weatherford	101	76	sunny
Houston	101	79	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	99	76	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	92	72	pt sunny	Minneapolis	89	71	pt sunny
Boston	79	68	t-storm	New York	86	74	pt sunny
Chicago	85	67	pt sunny	Phoenix	105	76	pt sunny
Dallas	102	81	sunny	San Francisco	68	58	foggy
Denver	86	61	cloudy	Seattle	70	57	rain
Houston	101	79	pt sunny	St. Louis	90	75	t-storm
Los Angeles	85	65	pt sunny	Washington, DC	93	74	pt sunny
Miami	88	78	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

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Remains of 36 unidentified U.S. Marines from WWII battle return



JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (AP) — The military and a private organization have brought home the remains of 36 Marines killed in one of World War II's bloodiest battles.

A group called History Flight recovered the remains from the remote Pacific atoll of Tarawa, the U.S. Marine Corps said. A ceremony was held Sunday in Pearl Harbor to mark their return.

History Flight has started identifying the remains, and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency will complete the effort, the Marines said. The Marines plan to return the remains to their families after they've been identified.

More than 990 U.S. Marines and 30 sailors died during the three-day Battle of Tarawa in 1943. Japanese machine gun fire killed scores of Marines when their

boats got stuck on the reef at low tide during the U.S. amphibious assault. Americans who made it to the beach faced brutal hand-to-hand combat.

Only 17 of the 3,500 Japanese troops survived. Of 1,200 Korean slave laborers on the island, just 129 lived.

The U.S. quickly buried the thousands of dead on the tiny atoll. But the graves were soon disturbed as the Navy urgently built a landing strip to prepare for an attack on the next Pacific island on their path to Tokyo.

About 520 U.S. servicemen are still unaccounted for from the battle.

Preliminary work conducted by History Flight indicates the remains of 1st Lt. Alexander J. Bonnyman, Jr., a Marine who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, are among the 36 brought to Hawaii.

Gen. Joseph Dunford,

the commandant of the Marines Corps, said in a statement he's pleased to learn of the discovery of the remains at Tarawa, the site of one of the service's most significant battles.

"It was also the first contested landing against a heavily fortified enemy, and a turning point in the development in our amphibious capability. The lessons learned at Tarawa paved the way for our success in the Pacific campaign and eventual end to the war," Dunford said.

History Flight brought attention to the Tarawa missing when its research indicated it had found the graves of 139 U.S. servicemen. The Marathon, Florida-based organization used ground-penetrating radar, reviewed thousands of military documents and interviewed veterans to narrow down possible grave sites.

GAS

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Meanwhile, the price of crude oil has dropped nearly \$10 per barrel since the start of the month, and in areas of the country where refin-

eries haven't encountered setbacks, prices have fallen. 18 states have seen double digit declines in the last month while just two states have seen double digit rises —which we can blame on refinery issues. For now, it would

appear that the latter half of the summer will bring cheaper gas prices than the first half while this autumn is shaping up to give this past winter a run for its money in terms of cheap gas prices," DeHaan added.

BLAND

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for allegedly assaulting the trooper who pulled her over for an improper lane change.

Three days later, the woman from the Chicago suburb of Naperville was found hanged in her cell — a suicide, according to a medical examiner. Bland's relatives and other supporters dispute that finding.

The FBI is leading an investigation.

"It's a sad thing," Michael Wolfe, Hempstead's mayor since 2004 and the city's third black mayor since the 1980s, said of Bland's death and the negative attention it has drawn. "It is not a true reflection of people who live here. It creates a level of animosity that may not be true. The community has changed tremendously."

District Attorney Elton Mathis acknowledges the county "does and did have a lot of things that went on here that we're not particularly proud of, as far as racial interaction."

Mathis said he could understand how some people "looking at some of the bad things in our past would jump to the conclusion that this was a murder and not a suicide."

But, he added, "people need to realize there is a new generation in con-

trol of government here ... a more progressive generation."

Waller County was named for Edwin Waller, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico in 1836, who four years later became the first elected mayor of Austin. Whites make up 44 percent of the 47,000 residents, Hispanics 29 percent and blacks 25 percent.

First settled in the early 1820s, the area became home to slave-labor cotton plantations. Hempstead was incorporated in 1858 thanks to a railroad terminus.

The plantations were dismantled with the end of the Civil War in 1865. Three years later, historical records report a race riot, followed by unrest in the 1880s, when a White Man's Party was established to blunt active black political participation in the county where blacks outnumbered whites.

That's when violence blamed on the Ku Klux Klan and other extremist groups gave it the "Six Shooter" sobriquet.

More recently, voter intimidation and voting-rights complaints have arisen from students at Prairie View A&M University, a col-

lege established in 1876 specifically to train black teachers.

The complaints led to a federal lawsuit. The district attorney at the time, in 2004, reached a settlement and apologized. But the issue resurfaced only two years later and again in 2008, when additional early voting sites in the county were established only after federal pressure.

"There's a lot of prejudice going on," said Eugene Hood, citing a history of police harassment as he cut hair at Chad's Barber Shop on University Drive, just south of where Bland was arrested outside the main entrance to the university.

Marie Armstrong of Dallas, a Prairie View senior, remembers being pulled over and ticketed for a broken brake light and being forced to go court. She wished police would

Obama in Africa pushes for end to crippling crisis in South Sudan

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — President Barack Obama launched a personal push for peace in South Sudan on Monday, convening African leaders for urgent talks in neighboring Ethiopia aimed at keeping the world's newest nation from collapsing amid civil war.

"The possibilities of renewed conflict in a region that has been torn by conflict for so long, and has resulted in so many deaths, is something that requires urgent attention from all of us," Obama said. "We don't have a lot of time to wait."

The talks on South Sudan came on the sidelines of Obama's visit to Ethiopia, his second stop on a trip to East Africa. He urged Ethiopia's leaders to curb crackdowns on press freedoms and political opposition, warning that failure to do so could upend economic progress in a country seeking to move past years of poverty and famine.

"When all voices are being heard, when people know they are being included in the political process, that makes a country more successful," Obama said during a news conference with Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn.

Ethiopia has been among the most active countries in East Africa seeking to end the crisis in South Sudan, a young nation birthed with backing from the U.S. and other nations. South Sudan's warring factions face an Aug. 17 deadline to accept a regional peace and power-sharing deal.

South Sudan was thrown into conflict in December 2013 by a clash between forces loyal to former Vice President Riek Machar, an ethnic Nuer, and President Salva Kiir, a Dinka. The fighting has spurred a humanitarian crisis that threatens the country's survival just four years after its inception.

U.S. officials have expressed pessimism about the prospects for a deal,

saying the two sides are indifferent to the plight of the South Sudanese people. Even as they await the outcome of the peace process, officials say the U.S. is eyeing additional economic sanctions and perhaps an arms embargo to ramp up pressure on the warring factions.

Obama and Hailemariam were joined in the talks on South Sudan by the presidents of Kenya and Uganda, the chair of the African Union and Sudan's foreign minister. There were no plans for Obama or other U.S. officials to meet with representatives of South Sudan.

Obama arrived in Ethiopia late Sunday following a visit to Kenya, his father's homeland. The president is seen in Kenya as a local son and his first visit as president was treated as a homecoming.

In Ethiopia, too, Obama's visit has been eagerly anticipated. Despite a driving rain, crowds gathered along the roadways to greet him as he arrived Sunday for the first-ever visit to Ethiopia by a sitting American president.

Human rights groups, however, have criticized Obama for visiting Ethiopia, saying his trip lends legitimacy to an oppressive government.

Despite Ethiopia's progress, there are deep concerns about political freedoms on the heels of May elections in which the ruling party won every seat in parliament. Ethiopia is also the world's second-worst jailer of journalists in Africa, after Eritrea, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists.

Obama said he was frank in his discussions with Ethiopian leaders about the need to allow political opponents to operate freely. He defended his decision to travel to the East African nation, comparing it to U.S. engagement with China, another nation with a poor human rights record.

exercise some judgment.

"I'm not saying he was wrong," she said of the officer who stopped her. "We're college students. I was just going down the street. I got it fixed the next day."

Resa Henderson, 48, has lived in the area all her life and said she has never felt discrimination.

"I try to stay out of trouble," she said from behind a counter at the A-1 Variety Flea Market, Beauty Supply & Apparel shop where she works now after a 20-year nursing career.

Sheriff Glenn Smith has been singled out by some activists as the first head that needs to roll in the wake of Bland's death.

Smith was suspended for two weeks in 2007 and ordered to take anger-management classes after using profanity and pushing a black man during an

arrest, according to Patricia Cernosky, Hempstead's mayor pro tem.

He was fired as Hempstead police chief in 2008 and then elected county sheriff.

"I'm not a racist," Smith insisted, blaming "small-town politics." He plans to seek re-election next year.

Jessica Cotton, a junior at Prairie View from Houston, said she's never had any problems with law

enforcement, but what happened to Bland gave her pause.

"It could have been me," she said.

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Astros lose 5-1 to Royals, set to face Angels in key series

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — After losing two of three to the American League-leading Kansas City Royals, the Houston Astros immediately turned their focus to their next series.

The Astros finished their trip with All-Star starter Dallas Keuchel giving up four runs in the first inning in a 5-1 loss to the Royals on Sunday.

Now, Houston returns home to open a three-game series against the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday with first place in the AL West on the line.

"We have to play the whole schedule. These are three of them," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "We have some more in September where we match up in our division. It'll be a fun series, two good teams. It's all part of trying to finish the season over the next couple of months rather than the next couple of days.

"We know, obviously, when we play in our division, it matters a lot. Obviously the Angels and us have been battling back and forth. It is three of

62 games left, so we've got to keep it in perspective. We want to win as many as we can. Obviously against them would be better so it's the next series on our schedule so we'll show up."

Keuchel (12-5) was tagged for a season-high 10 hits in 6 2/3 innings. He also allowed five runs, matching a season high.

"It's going to be a fight the rest of the year, just because we're in the play-off hunt and every team's looking to put their best foot forward," Keuchel said. "LA's played some tremendous ball and I think we have as well. It'll be a good AL West battle and we'll see who comes out on top."

The Royals got off to a fast start, scoring four times in the first inning. Keuchel allowed a total of four first-inning runs in his first 20 starts of the year.

Kansas City opened with three straight singles to load the bases. After consecutive grounders led to a pair of force outs at home, Omar Infante hit a two-run single and Cheslor Cuthbert

doubled home two more runs.

Cuthbert has hit in all five of his games in the majors.

"I really didn't feel like the bases were loaded, just based on some of the contact that was being made," Keuchel said. "I felt like there were only a few hard hits all day. That's just the way it goes sometimes. You know as a ground ball pitcher they're going to find holes. I feel like they were finding every hole in the first inning, but it's my job to kind of shore up some things and sure enough, I did. It's one of those days I'd like to have the first inning back, but I battled."

Lorenzo Cain added a two-out drive in the second for his 11th homer. He had two hits after going 3 for 21 in his previous five games.

"I told Dallas on the mound in the seventh, to get us into the seventh the way he did showed a lot of perseverance," Hinch said. "I think it's easy when you get singled to death, so to speak, it's easy to cave. And Dallas didn't cave. He kept us in the game."

Houston got its only run in the second. Evan Gattis led off with a triple and scored on Colby Rasmus' single.

Yordano Ventura (5-7) pitched seven strong innings, allowing one run on six hits.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: INF Jed Lowrie (right thumb ligament tear) is 2 for 7 in three games with Double-A Corpus Christi. "He hasn't fielded a ground ball yet in rehab, which I'm very frustrated with," Hinch said. After having Sunday off, Lowrie will play Monday and Tuesday and then be re-evaluated.

Royals: LF Alex Gordon (left groin strain) is throwing and hopes to take swings off the tee this week. "Baby steps," Gordon said.

UP NEXT

Astros: RHP Collin McHugh (11-5, 4.25 ERA), who is 5-2 with a 2.85 ERA in his past seven outings, starts Tuesday against the Angels.

Royals: RHP Edinson Volquez (9-5, 3.15 ERA) starts Monday at Cleveland as the Royals open a 10-game trip.

Jason Day rallies to win Canadian Open

OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP) — Jason Day made himself right at home in the Canadian Open — at David Hearn's expense.

The Australian birdied the final three holes to win the national championship Sunday at Glen Abbey, spoiling Hearn's bid to become the first Canadian winner in 61 years.

"I've never felt so much at home, and I'm not even from Canada," Day said. "I'm looking forward to coming back here next year because I know that when I get here next year it's going to be the same. It's great to feel like a Canadian for a week."

Day made a 20-foot putt on the par-5 18th for a 4-under 68 and a one-stroke victory over Bubba Watson. Hearn, two strokes ahead of Day and Watson entering the round, had a 72 to finish third — two strokes back.

"I'm real proud of the way I played and I'm really proud to be Canadian today," Hearn said. "It was a pretty special day with all of the fans and the support that I had from beginning to finish."

Pat Fletcher, born in England, was the last

Canadian winner in 1954 at Point Grey in Vancouver, British Columbia. Carl Keffer is the only Canadian-born champion, winning in 1909 and 1914. Albert Murray, a Canadian also born in England, won in 1908 and 1913.

"It was one focused mindset the whole day today to do something really special and win the tournament," said Hearn, from Brantford — also hockey great Wayne Gretzky's hometown. "It hasn't been done in a long time, and I felt like I had the ability to do it today. I gave it my all. I didn't quite have my best game."

"It's a matter of time," fourth-place Jim Furyk said. "There are so many good Canadian players. I feel bad Mike Weir never won this golf tournament. But Graham DeLaet, David, there are a bunch of fine young players, so I'm sure it's going to happen."

The 28-year-old Australian now has four PGA tour wins.

"This must feel like what Tiger (Woods) did for so many times, and it feels good," Day said. "I'm going to try to do as much as I can and keep it the same and try and win."

Rangers lose 13-7 by Trout and Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Josh Hamilton's first series at the "Big A," since being traded away from the Angels got off to a good start for the Rangers with a pair of victories.

Then Mike Trout gave them a graphic example of why he leads the majors in home runs, and why Los Angeles leads Texas by 7 1-2 games in the AL West.

Trout hit a solo homer in the first inning against Nick Martinez, then added a grand slam against Spencer Patton in the sixth that helped send the Rangers to a 13-7 loss on Sunday.

"We played some good games here," said Hamilton, who was 2 for 10 in the series with a double, four strikeouts and two runs scored. "We got down in this game, but we fought back. We came out and played well the first two games. We won five games on this trip, so it's a good spot to be in at the end of the trip."

Martinez (5-6) was charged with four runs and six hits in five-plus

innings. The right-hander is 0-4 with a 7.01 ERA over his last six starts for the Rangers.

"I felt good overall but I had some command issues," Martinez said. "I had to make some adjustments pitching from behind."

C.J. Cron also went deep against Martinez and rookie Heaney kept his unblemished record intact, helping the Angels end a three-game skid and regain sole possession of the division lead by a full game over the Houston Astros.

Martinez was relieved by Anthony Bass after giving up a leadoff walk to Conor Gillaspie in the sixth. Bass then fielded a sacrifice bunt by Carlos Perez and threw wildly past first base, putting two men in scoring position. Daniel Robertson lined a single off Bass that loaded the bases, and Johnny Giavotella's RBI single gave the Angels a 4-3 lead.

Trout then capped the inning with his third career slam on Patton's full-count pitch, in-

creasing the margin to 8-2 and getting a curtain call from the crowd.

"I think we kind of shot ourselves in the foot there, throwing the ball away on the bunt. That kind of set the inning up," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said.

Trout drove an 0-2 pitch just above the yellow line into the first, becoming the fastest player in Angels history to reach the 30-homer mark in a season. The reigning AL MVP did it in his 97th game, breaking the previous mark set in 2000 by Troy Glaus (100 games).

The Angels got a scare in the fourth inning when Trout came up holding his left wrist in pain after diving for a Texas Leaguer by Elvis Andrus that popped out of his glove for a single after he hit the ground.

"It's still a little sore, but it's fine," Trout said.

Prince Fielder, who was hit by a pitch to open the fourth inning, advanced to second on Andrus' hit before a

two-out walk to Ryan Rua loaded the bases. Heaney, who hadn't hit a batter 34 1-3 innings over his five previous starts this season, plunked No.9 hitter Tomas Telis on the foot to force in a run that put the Rangers ahead 2-1.

The next batter was Delino DeShields, who lifted a pop fly into short left field. Shortstop Erick Aybar made an over-the-shoulder catch for the third out, a split second before he went head-over-heels in a violent collision between himself and Matt Joyce — who hit the deck in an effort to avoid him.

Both made it back to the dugout on their own power after spending several anxious minutes on the ground.

"They said I was out for a good couple of seconds there," Joyce said. "I was definitely dizzy right afterwards, and I really don't remember walking off the field. They said it was a mild concussion, so I'm going to see the doctor tomorrow and see where we stand."

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				AMERICAN LEAGUE			
East Division				Central Division			
New York	55	42	.567	Kansas City	59	38	.608
Toronto	50	50	.606	Minnesota	52	46	.531
Baltimore	48	49	.495	Detroit	48	50	.490
Tampa Bay	49	51	.490	Chicago	46	50	.479
Boston	44	55	.444	Cleveland	45	52	.464
West Division				West Division			
Los Angeles	55	43	.561	Los Angeles	55	45	.550
Houston	50	49	.485	Texas	47	50	.485
Texas	47	50	.485	Seattle	46	53	.465
Seattle	46	53	.465	Oakland	44	56	.440
Oakland	44	56	.440	Saturday's Games			
Saturday's Games				Saturday's Games			
Detroit 5, Boston 1				Detroit 5, Boston 1			
San Francisco 2, Oakland 1				San Francisco 2, Oakland 1			
Toronto 8, Seattle 6				Toronto 8, Seattle 6			
Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 1				Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 1			
Chicago White Sox 10, Cleveland 3				Chicago White Sox 10, Cleveland 3			
Kansas City 2, Houston 1, 10 innings				Kansas City 2, Houston 1, 10 innings			
N.Y. Yankees 8, Minnesota 5				N.Y. Yankees 8, Minnesota 5			
Texas 7, L.A. Angels 6				Texas 7, L.A. Angels 6			
Sunday's Games				Sunday's Games			
Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 2				Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 2			
Chicago White Sox 2, Cleveland 1				Chicago White Sox 2, Cleveland 1			
Kansas City 5, Houston 1				Kansas City 5, Houston 1			
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 2				N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 2			
NATIONAL LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division				East Division			
L.A. Angels 13, Texas 7				L.A. Angels (C. Wilson 8-7)			
San Francisco 4, Oakland 3				at Houston (McHugh 11-5), 8:10 p.m.			
Seattle 6, Toronto 5, 10 innings				Pittsburgh (Morton 6-4) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 5-7), 8:10 p.m.			
Boston 11, Detroit 1				Arizona (Godley 1-0) at Seattle (Iwakuma 2-1), 10:10 p.m.			
Monday's Games				Monday's Games			
Atlanta (A.Wood 7-6) at Baltimore (Gausman 1-2), 7:05 p.m.				Oakland (Gray 10-4) at L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 5-5), 10:10 p.m.			
Chicago White Sox (Danks 5-8) at Boston (J.Kelly 2-6), 7:10 p.m.				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Detroit (An.Sanchez 10-7) at Tampa Bay (Karns 5-5), 7:10 p.m.				East Division			
Kansas City (Volquez 9-5) at Cleveland (Co.Anderson 2-1), 7:10 p.m.				Washington 52 45 .536			
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 2-3) at Texas (M.Harrison 1-1), 8:05 p.m.				New York 51 48 .515			
Arizona (Ray 3-5) at Seattle (Montgomery 4-4), 10:10 p.m.				Atlanta 46 52 .469			
Tuesday's Games				Central Division			
Atlanta (Teheran 6-5) at Baltimore (U.Jimenez 7-6), 7:05 p.m.				St. Louis 63 35 .643			
Philadelphia (Morgan 1-2) at Toronto (Doubtront 1-0), 7:07 p.m.				Pittsburgh 57 41 .582			
Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 7-5) at Boston (Miley 8-8), 7:10 p.m.				Chicago 51 46 .526			
Detroit (Price 9-3) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 5-6), 7:10 p.m.				Cincinnati 43 53 .448			
Kansas City (C.Young 8-6) at Cleveland (Bauer 8-7), 7:10 p.m.				Milwaukee 43 56 .434			
N.Y. Yankees (Capuano 0-4) at Texas (M.Perez 0-1), 8:05 p.m.				West Division			
Wednesday's Games				West Division			
Wednesday's Games				Wednesday's Games			
San Francisco 2, Oakland 1				Los Angeles 56 44 .560			
Philadelphia 5, Chicago Cubs 0				San Francisco 54 44 .551			
Washington 9, Pittsburgh 3				San Diego 47 52 .475			
N.Y. Mets 15, L.A. Dodgers 2				Arizona 46 51 .474			
St. Louis 1, Atlanta 0				Colorado 42 54 .438			
Cincinnati 5, Colorado 2				Saturday's Games			
Arizona 2, Milwaukee 0				San Francisco 2, Oakland 1			
San Diego 3, Miami 1				Philadelphia 5, Chicago Cubs 0			
Sunday's Games				Sunday's Games			
N.Y. Mets 3, L.A. Dodgers 2, 10 innings				Atlanta (A.Wood 7-6) at Baltimore (Gausman 1-2), 7:05 p.m.			
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 1				Colorado (J.De La Rosa 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-5), 8:05 p.m.			
Atlanta 3, St. Louis 2				Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 1-2) at St. Louis (Lynn 7-5), 8:15 p.m.			
Philadelphia 11, Chicago Cubs 5				Arizona (Ray 3-5) at Seattle (Montgomery 4-4), 10:10 p.m.			
San Francisco 4, Oakland 3				Milwaukee (Lohse 5-11) at Milwaukee (Heston 10-5), 10:15 p.m.			
Colorado 17, Cincinnati 7				Tuesday's Games			
San Diego 3, Miami 2				Atlanta (Teheran 6-5) at Baltimore (U.Jimenez 7-6), 7:05 p.m.			
Arizona 3, Milwaukee 0				Philadelphia (Morgan 1-2) at Toronto (Doubtront 1-0), 7:07 p.m.			
Monday's Games				Monday's Games			
Atlanta (A.Wood 7-6) at Baltimore (Gausman 1-2), 7:05 p.m.				San Diego (Shields 8-3) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 4-5), 7:10 p.m.			
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-5), 8:05 p.m.				Transactions			
Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 1-2) at St. Louis (Lynn 7-5), 8:15 p.m.				BASEBALL			
San Francisco 4, Oakland 3				American League			
Colorado 17, Cincinnati 7				Boston Red Sox — Selected INF Jemile Weeks from Pawtucket (IL). Optioned RHP Noe Ramirez to Pawtucket.			
San Diego 3, Miami 2				Chicago White Sox — Reinstated INF Emilio Bonifacio from the bereavement list. Optioned INF Leury Garcia to Charlotte (IL).			
Arizona 3, Milwaukee 0				Detroit Tigers — Recalled LHP Kyle Ryan from Toledo (IL). Optioned INF Marc Krauss to Toledo.			
Atlanta (A.Wood 7-6) at Baltimore (Gausman 1-2), 7:05 p.m.				Kansas City Royals — Acquired RHP Johnny Cueto from Cincinnati for LHPs Bran-			
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-5), 8:05 p.m.				don Finnegan, John Lamb and Cody Reed.			
Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 1-2) at St. Louis (Lynn 7-5), 8:15 p.m.				National League			
San Francisco 4, Oakland 3				Los Angeles Dodgers — Recalled RHP Yimi Garcia from Oklahoma City (PCL). Activated INF Zack Greinke from the paternity list.			
Colorado 17, Cincinnati 7				American Association			
San Diego 3, Miami 2				Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks — Released INF Brent Peterson and INF Frazier Hall.			
Arizona 3, Milwaukee 0				Gary Southshore Railcats — Released RHP AJ Quintero. Signed RHP Matt Solter.			
Atlanta (A.Wood 7-6) at Baltimore (Gausman 1-2), 7:05 p.m.				Sioux Falls Canaries — Signed INF Brett Balkan.			
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-5), 8:05 p.m.				Rock-Land Boulders — Released RHP Mike Denhardt.			
Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 1-2) at St. Louis (Lynn 7-5), 8:15 p.m.				Sussex County Miners — Signed LHP Blaine Howell.			
San Francisco 4, Oakland 3				Football			
Colorado 17, Cincinnati 7				National Football League			
San Diego 3, Miami 2				Indianapolis Colts — Released OT Gosder Cherilus.			
Arizona 3, Milwaukee 0				Minnesota Vikings — Signed K Blair Walsh to a contract extension. Placed LB Casey Matthews on injured reserve. Placed DB Josh Robinson on the PUP list. Placed WR DaVaris Daniels and DT Shamarr Stephen on the active/non football injury list.			

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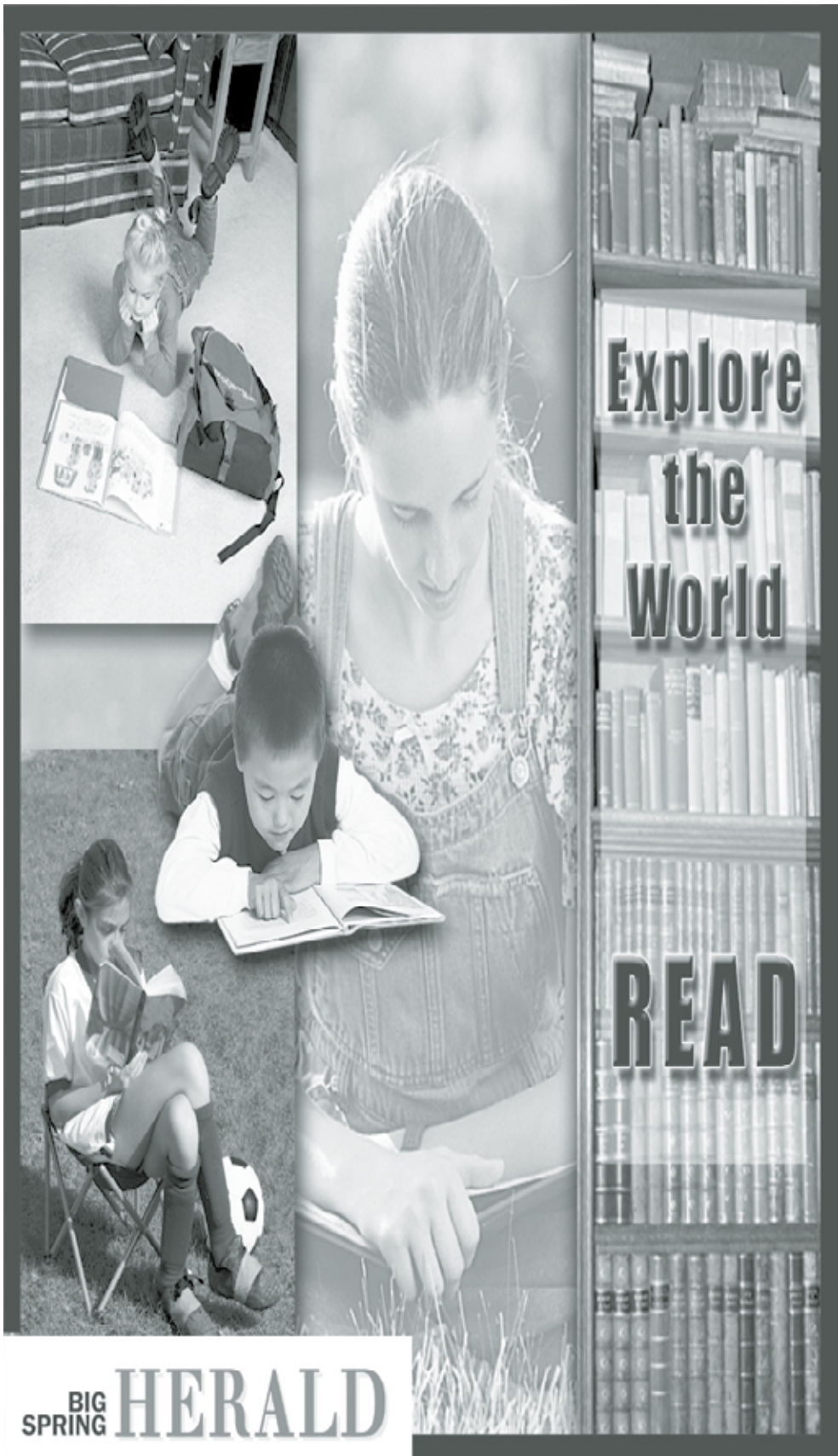
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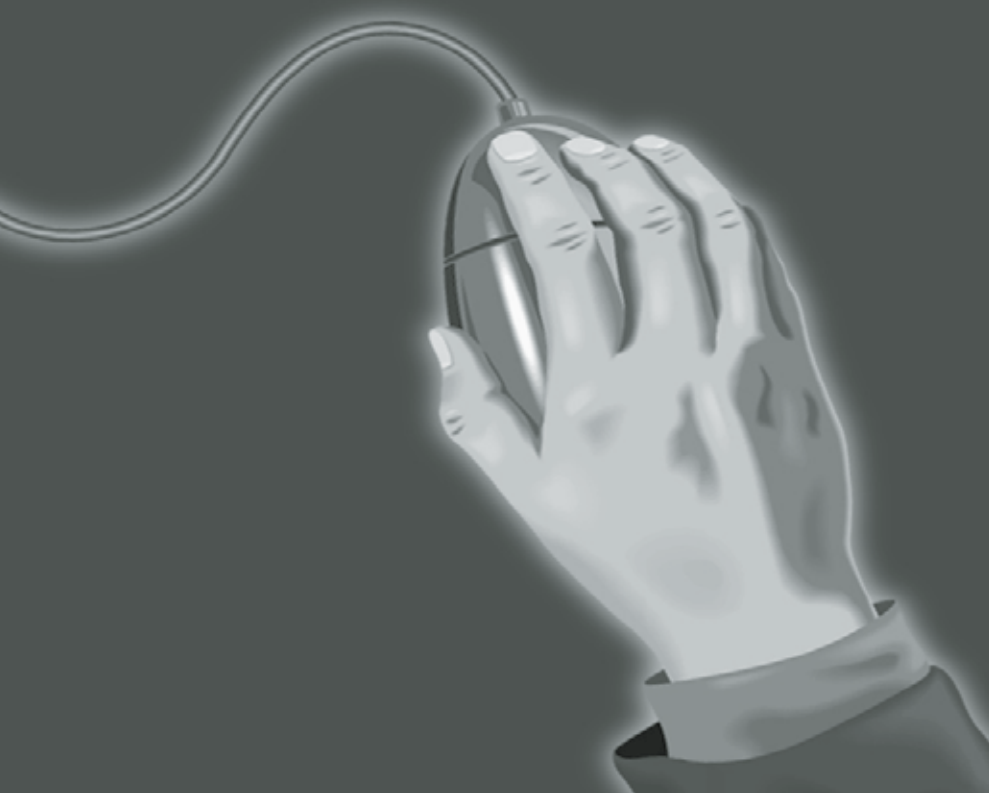
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Narcissism in the Fire-Sign Sky

As for the people who seem to be in love with themselves,

there's something oddly attractive about them at first. If you accidentally become enamored, you're not to be blamed as long as the fiery Sagittarius moon and the Leo sun rule the sky. Just know that it's hard to get back home when you're traveling down a one-way street.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can't hide something that's not there. It's why emptiness is so embarrassing. It's why people feel driven to fill it with just about anything around. Be sensitive to lack. Everyone lacks something.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may be by yourself for hours today, but you won't feel lonely, largely because your noble thoughts and extraordinary interests keep you

company.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The amateurs complain that they weren't meant for this activity or that one. It's not true. It doesn't matter what you're doing; you shine through it. You can't help but be you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Thomas Jefferson suggested that the best government governs the least. He trusted human nature and expected that people usually will discipline themselves. Do you think that's true? Today will make you wonder.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Here's a case for articulation and specificity: The right words ring through you, resonating with your very being and shaking loose the tarnishing muck. Those words that are close but not right have no resonance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When inaction is the norm, it takes boldness -- some would say insanity -- to act. You have the guts to make a difference. You'll set the wheels in motion and be admired.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The most exciting person to be around is the one who challenges you, catches you off guard and makes you feel alive. Such a person will come into your life within the week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Invest what you have in a safe bet, or in the ordinary things on which you would normally focus your energy. If you don't have the goods yet, build them and grow them before promising them away. Stay debt-free.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Look ahead and decide whether you have the means to get there or not. This is no time for conjecture. You can't jump a chasm in two leaps.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A wise man said that love is life. However, "love" is also one of the most ambiguous words in the human language. You'll explore what it means to you and come up with a few defining principles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Destiny suggests you'll be

rekindling the past. It takes a long time to know someone, and if you've been apart for a few years, the getting-to-know-you process must happen all over again, as people change.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your love life has been a combination of exhilarating highs and disheartening lows, so much so that you welcome the easy, uneventful, coasting sensation you'll get today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 27). Your superpowers surge as planets dose you with constellation elation. Your cash flow will increase steadily. September will highlight the visionary part of you. Go forward -- you'll meet the right person to take your plan all the way. You may have mad chemistry with someone, but good relationships require much more. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 50, 22, 27 and 31.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Dear Holiday: As Christians,

we are not supposed to read horoscopes. (Not only that, but I had a bad experience with them several years ago.) But it seems like every time I meet someone I like, my curiosity gets the best of me. I started reading yours in our local newspaper. So far I have found your horoscope to be very accurate for my zodiac (Cancer). I have even acted on what was said on someone else's reading (Scorpio), and it turned out just the way you said. At this time, I'm not taking the readings too seriously only because I don't need another emotional breakdown, but I just thought you might like to know that so far you're doing well."

I'm happy to hear that you're gaining some insight by reading about your sign and also Scorpio -- two water signs that are deeply and inexplicably connected. I encourage you to always do what you feel drawn to and never give a horoscope, an astrologer or anyone else for that matter more power than your own intuition.

I believe you are being divinely guided to read and do what is helpful and peaceful for you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: From "SNL" to "Up All Night," Maya Rudolph has a talent for making people laugh in the p.m. hours. Look for this Leo star to appear with her "SNL" sisters Amy Poehler and Tina Fey in the upcoming comedy "Sisters." Born into a show-business family, Rudolph also has the stars for entertainment, with her natal sun, Mercury and Mars in Leo. Her moon in Aquarius shows madcap creativity.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie:

How do you cope with a friendship where the person stays connected just enough to continually remind you of how unimportant you are?

I have a friend with whom I was once quite close. We exercised and ran errands together, and when she was seriously ill, I spent countless hours visiting, reading to her and just being there. I donated to her charities, sang in her choir, and we always had fun together.

But after I was diagnosed with the same illness (now recovered), she visited me only twice and now seems too busy to get together. That would be bad enough. But the real problem is that she texts me often to say how much she misses me or to ask for a favor, but apparently never wants to see me. It's a sad reminder of how little she is willing to do to maintain the friendship.

We live in a small town and I

can't cut her off without repercussions. Is my only option to simply live with the disappointment? -- Friend in Need

Dear Friend: You have another option: Talk to her about it. Not everyone is good about friendship maintenance. Some people become so busy that they neglect people who are otherwise important to them, and don't recognize that this behavior is hurtful. For them, texting becomes a convenient substitute for face-to-face interactions that require scheduling and organization.

You won't know whether this is the case unless you ask your friend directly. We hope she will be completely honest about the reasons for her dismissive attitude. At the very least, you will be able to determine how much she cares by how sincerely apologetic she is and whether she does anything to remedy the situation. After all, what do you have to lose?

Dear Annie:

My granddaughter just hosted a birthday party for her year-old baby with 100 people in attendance. The child was lavished with beautiful, expensive gifts. When I asked my granddaughter if she had written thank-you notes for the lovely presents, she informed me that "this isn't done for birthdays" and the subject was closed.

I am livid over this pompous act of entitlement by my usually kind and thoughtful grandchild. But this is a pattern I have seen with lots of children who were never taught how to express gratitude well, and this lack of training is passing to the next generation.

I have come up with a solution that I can live with. I am having "Thank You" notes printed with my grandchildren's names, adding Forever stamps and handing them out at Christmas. -- R.J.

Dear R.J.: We

hope this works for you, but we aren't optimistic. Nonetheless, your granddaughter isn't entirely wrong. Birthday gifts that are opened in front of the givers with appropriate verbal thanks offered at the time do not require a written thank-you note afterward, although that is always a nice touch and makes a good impression. What we find tacky is the lavish birthday party for a year-old baby that includes 100 guests.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 8 6 5 3 2
♥ 10
♦ 10 7 3
♣ 10 5 3

WEST
♠ Q 10 7 4
♥ J 8 7 6
♦ Q 9 8 6 4
♣

EAST
♠ A K 9
♥ K 4 3
♦ K J 5 2
♣ A K 6

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ A Q 9 5 2
♦ A
♣ Q J 9 8 7 4 2

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 2 NT 3 ♣
Pass 4 ♣ Pass 5 ♣
Pass Pass Dble
Opening lead — six of diamonds.

This dramatic deal occurred in a playoff match to determine the team to represent the United States in the 1973 world championship.

At the first table, Bill Grieve, playing with George Rapee, overcalled East's two-notrump opening with three clubs, intending to show a genuine club suit. But Rapee thought three clubs was the Landy Convention, showing length in both majors, and he jumped to four spades.

Tomorrow: Measures and countermeasures.
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This response did not sit well with Grieve, who retreated to five clubs. After two passes, East — with 21 high-card points, including the A-K of trumps — doubled. This proved to be a grievous error when the contract turned out to be unbeatable.

Grieve won the diamond lead with the ace, cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade and ruffed another heart on which the king fell. He then gave up two trump tricks to make five clubs doubled, plus 750.

At the second table, the bidding went:
West North East South
Pass Pass 2 NT Pass
3 ♣ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
3 NT

John Swanson, playing with Paul Soloway, was South at this table and elected to pass two notrump because he was playing Landy and knew his partner would read three clubs as an artificial bid.

When the bidding died at three notrump, Swanson passed again — this time because he thought he had a good chance to beat the contract with a club lead. This proved to be an illusion when declarer won the club queen with the king, drove out the ace of diamonds and romped home with nine tricks to produce a total gain of 1,350 points for his team.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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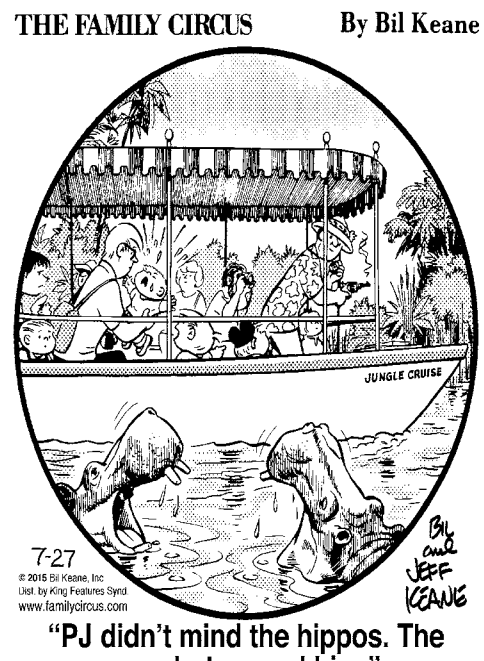
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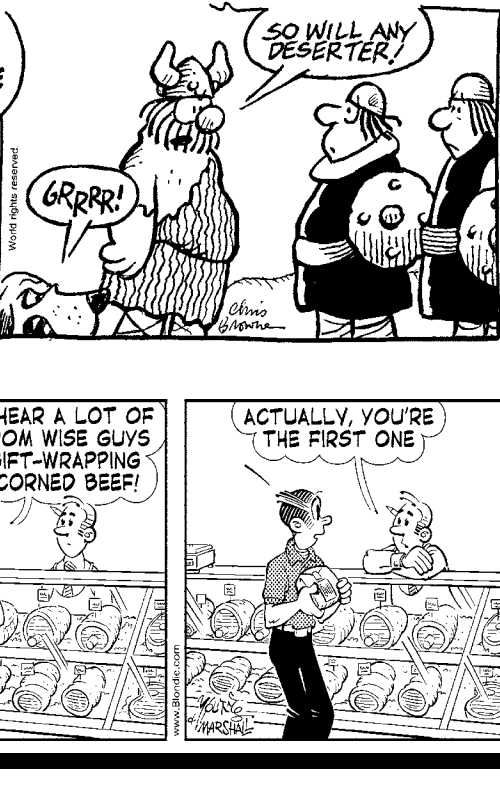


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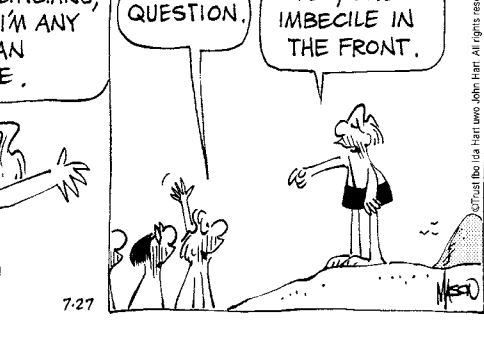
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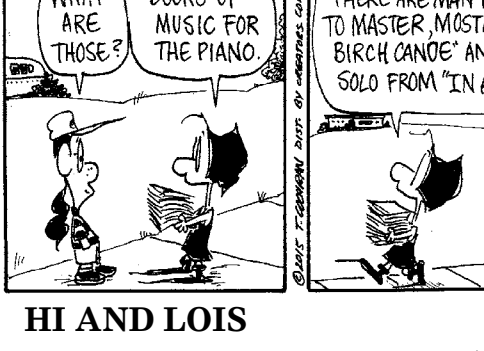
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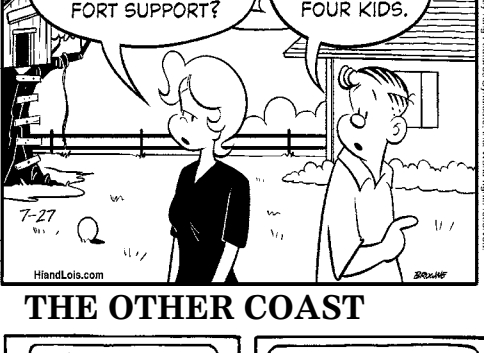
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 27, the 208th day of 2015. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

- On July 27, 1940, Bugs Bunny made his "official" debut in the Warner Bros. animated cartoon "A Wild Hare." Billboard magazine published its first "music popularity chart" (listing best-selling retail records in first place was "I'll Never Smile Again" recorded by Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra, with featured vocalist Frank Sinatra).
- On this date: In 1789, President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.
- In 1861, Union Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan took command of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War.
- In 1921, Canadian researcher Frederick Banting and his assistant, Charles Best, succeeded in isolating the hormone insulin at the University of Toronto.
- In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three

years of fighting.

In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1965, Shirley Ann Lawson of Auckland gave birth to four girls and a boy, the first quintuplets born in New Zealand.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown said in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon.

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

In 1995, the Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington by President Bill Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam.

In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing.)

In 2003, comedian Bob Hope died in Toluca Lake, California, at age 100.

Five years ago: BP announced that its much-criticized chief executive, Tony Hayward, would be replaced by Robert Dudley as the company reported a record quarterly loss and set aside \$32.2 billion to cover the costs of the massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Canadian character actor Maury Chaykin died in Toronto on his 61st birthday.

Thought for Today:
"The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority."
Ralph W. Sockman,
American clergyman
(1889-1970).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

HAPPY TRIO by Gail Grabowski

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Shoreline
 - 6 Airport screening grp.
 - 9 Just slightly
 - 13 Cost for a commercial
 - 14 Mixed-breed dog
 - 15 University of Notre ___
 - 16 Formal ceremonies
 - 17 Word-of-mouth
 - 18 Lumberjacks' tools
 - 19 Golf peg
 - 20 Very happy
 - 23 Sunbeams
 - 25 Shoelace snarl
 - 26 Female choir voice
 - 28 Patient care grp.
 - 31 Spewing oil well
 - 35 ___ and groan (complain)
 - 36 Removes from office
 - 38 Pie ___ mode
 - 39 Very happy
 - 43 Obtain
 - 44 Really angry
 - 45 Pack of playing cards
 - 46 Tater Tots maker
 - 48 Unusual
 - 50 Tiny pantry pests
 - 51 Western tableland
 - 53 Bullets, for short
 - 55 Very happy
 - 60 Feeling poorly
 - 63 Prefix for chute or medic
- DOWN**
- 1 Grocery vehicle
 - 2 Garfield's pooch pal
 - 3 Eater's lingering sensation
 - 4 Catch sight of
 - 5 Short-tempered
 - 6 Istanbul native
 - 7 Piece of celery
 - 8 For quite a while
 - 9 Copes with change
 - 10 Metered vehicle
 - 11 Prayer ending
 - 12 Cubicle furniture
 - 14 Soft-soled shoe, for short
 - 21 Suffix meaning "somewhat"
 - 22 Extinguish, as a fire
 - 24 Top-rated
 - 26 Mexican friend
 - 27 Unsocial person
 - 29 "___ Lisa"
 - 30 ___ lunch (store sign)
 - 32 Be totally clueless
 - 33 Vote into office
 - 34 Military positions
 - 37 Tool-storage structure
 - 40 The "V" of VCR change
 - 41 Pencil deletions
 - 42 Dad of Cain and Abel
 - 47 "Sorry, gotta run"
 - 49 Dapper ___ (fancy dresser)
 - 52 Like a lot
 - 54 Office messages
 - 55 Oil cartel
 - 56 Western alliance
 - 57 Study all night
 - 58 Antidrug cop
 - 59 Taxing agcy.
 - 61 Clothes-dryer buildup
 - 62 Young girl
 - 66 Day before a holiday

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World in brief

Obama in Ethiopia for talks with leaders on counterterrorism, human rights concerns
ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — President Barack Obama huddled with Ethiopia's leaders Monday for talks on counterterrorism, human rights and regional security issues, including the crisis in neighboring South Sudan.

Obama's visit marks the first visit by a sitting U.S. president to Ethiopia. He arrived at the National Palace in the capital of Addis Ababa for a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn, followed by a joint news conference.

Later Monday, Obama was to convene a meeting of African leaders on the situation in South Sudan. The world's newest nation has been gripped by civil war for months, spurred by a conflict between warring factions in the government.

South Sudan is facing an Aug. 17 deadline to accept a peace and power-sharing agreement, though U.S. officials say they're pessimistic a deal will be reached. Obama's meeting with regional leaders is aimed in part at considering an international response if the deadline passes without a deal.

Obama arrived in Ethiopia on Sunday night after a stop in Kenya, his late father's homeland.

Turkish troops target Kurdish fighters in

northern Syrian village
BEIRUT (AP) — Turkish troops have shelled a Syrian village near the border, targeting Kurdish fighters who have been battling the Islamic State group with the aid of U.S.-led airstrikes, Syria's main Kurdish militia and an activist group said Monday.

The Kurdish People's Protection Units, or YPG, said the Sunday night shelling on the border village of Til Fındire targeted one of their vehicles. It said Til Fındire is east of the border town of Kobani, where the Kurds handed a major defeat to the Islamic State group earlier this year.

In cross-border strikes since Friday, Turkey has targeted both Kurdish fighters as well as the IS group, stepping up its involvement in Syria's increasingly complex civil war. The Syrian Kurds are among the most effective ground forces battling the IS group, but Turkey fears they could revive an insurgency against Ankara in pursuit of an independent state.

On Monday the YPG and Syrian rebels captured the town of Sareen in northern Syria, which had been held by the Islamic State group, according to The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Aleppo Media Center in Syria, two activist groups that track the civil war.

A Turkish official said Turkish forces are only targeting the IS group in Syria and the Kurdistan Workers'

Party, or PKK, in neighboring Iraq.

AP investigation: Slave fishing boats tracked to Papua New Guinea after fleeing Indonesia

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — From space, the fishing boats are just little white specks floating in a vast stretch of blue water off Papua New Guinea. But zoom in and there's the critical evidence: Two trawlers loading slave-caught seafood onto a massive refrigerated cargo ship.

The trawlers fled a slave island in Indonesia with captives of a brutal Southeast Asian trafficking ring whose catch reaches the United States. Hundreds of men were freed after they were discovered there earlier this year, but 34 boats loaded with workers left for new fishing grounds before help arrived — they remain missing.

After a four-month investigation, The Associated Press has found that at least some of them ended up in a narrow, dangerous strait nearly 1,000 miles away. The proof comes from accounts from recently returned slaves, satellite beacon tracking, government records, interviews with business insiders and fishing licenses. The location is also confirmed in images from space taken by one of the world's highest resolution satellite cameras, upon the AP's request.

The skippers have changed their ships'

names and flags to evade authorities, but hiding is easy in the world's broad oceans. Traffickers operate with impunity across boundaries as fluid as the waters. Laws are few and hardly enforced. And depleted fish stocks have pushed boats farther out into seas that are seldom even glimpsed, let alone governed.

This lack of regulation means that even with the men located, bringing them to safety may prove elusive.

Greece's beleaguered boat makers, yacht merchants worry luxury tax hike may torpedo business

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — At its height eight years ago, George Kranitis' 10,000 sq. foot family-owned shipyard NireusinPatra, Greece's third-largest city, employed some 35 people and sold around 340 boats annually.

But after years of biting recession, Kranitis has had to fire almost everyone.

And if that wasn't enough, things just got a whole lot more taxing — literally.

In order to get its third financial bailout in five years, Greece's government has had to introduce a series of economic reforms and austerity measures — just to get discussions started.

One involves the extension of an annual luxury tax to all recreational boats over 16.4 feet (5 meters), so it's not just your average Catamaran that's a fea-

ture across countless harbours in the Aegean Sea.

'She is finally at peace': Bobbi Kristina Brown, daughter of Whitney Houston, has died at 22

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Born and raised in the shadow of fame and litigation, shattered by the loss of her mother, Whitney Houston, Bobbi Kristina Brown was overwhelmed by the achievements and demons of others before she could begin to figure out who she was.

Bobbi Kristina died Sunday at Peachtree Christian Hospice in Duluth, Georgia, about six months after she was found face-down and unresponsive in a bathtub in the suburban Atlanta townhome she shared with Nick Gordon, the man she called her husband. She was 22-years-old.

"Bobbi Kristina Brown passed away July 26 2015, surrounded by her family. She is finally at peace in the arms of God. We want to again thank everyone for their tremendous amount of love and support during these last few months," Kristen Foster, a representative for the Houston family said Sunday.

The Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office confirmed Bobbi Kristina's death Sunday night.

Police said she was found Jan. 31 at her Roswell home. A police report described it as a "drowning."

2 lives cut short: Family and friends remember the young women killed inside a movie theater

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — One was a talented artist who sang in an all-female band and planted trees to beautify her neighborhood. Another was studying to be a radiology technician and looking forward to a future with a longtime boyfriend.

Jillian Johnson, 33, and Mayci Breaux, 21, were shot and killed last Thursday while watching the movie "Trainwreck" at The Grand 16 movie theater in Lafayette, leaving stunned friends and family questioning how two lives off to such promising starts could end so tragically.

Police say John Russell Houser, 59, stood up about 20 minutes into the movie and began firing before ultimately taking his own life.

Funerals for both women were scheduled for Monday.

Friends of Johnson, like Pudd Sharp, remembered her as a woman of talent and warmth. At an event to remember the victims he pointed out people wearing

T-shirts she designed and described her as a funny, talented and welcoming woman. He said she was a "tastemaker," the type of person that if you showed up at a club or restaurant or an event and she was there, you knew you were in the right place.

In Afghanistan, a country awash with weapons, government bans toy guns

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The weapons of Afghanistan's long decades of war can be seen almost everywhere, from the burned-out hulks of Soviet tanks to the Kalashnikov assault rifles slung over policemen's shoulders and helicopter gunships roaring overhead.

It should be no surprise then that young children play "police and Taliban," chasing each other around with toy guns and weaponry designed to mimic the real thing. And like the real war, there have been casualties.

At least 184 people, nearly all children, suffered eye injuries over the recent Eid al-Fitr holiday from toy weapons that fire BB pellets and rubber shot, health officials said.

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