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A look at how campus-carry law will work

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas will allow concealed handgun license holders to carry their weapons into public university buildings, classrooms and dorms starting Monday, which is also the 50th anniversary of the mass shooting at the University of Texas' landmark clock tower.

The campus-carry law

pushed by Gov. Greg Abbott and the Republican legislative majority will make Texas one of a handful of states that guarantee the right to carry concealed handguns on campus. Here's a Q & A on how the law will work:

WHO CAN HAVE A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON CAMPUS?

Anyone who holds a Texas

handgun license. To get one, a person must be at least 21 (18 if in the military) and pass both classroom and gun range training courses. There are also restrictions on convicted felons, people charged with felonies and high-level misdemeanors or people with a history of mental illness.

Texas has more than 1 million concealed handgun license holders.

ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON WHERE GUNS WILL BE ALLOWED?

Generally speaking, the law allows guns in buildings, classrooms and dorms, but rules may differ from campus to campus, as each school is required to map that out.

For example, at the University of Texas at Austin, where faculty and students vigorously protested the law, teach-

ers will be allowed to declare their offices as gun-free zones, but most will post signs announcing it. Dorm residents can have guns in common areas, such as dining areas and lounges, but not sleeping rooms, where no storage of weapons is allowed. Exceptions to the room restrictions will be made for visiting family members who are

See **CAMPUS**, Page 3

Calling future leaders

Applications being accepted for CoC program

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Applications for the 35th Leadership Big Spring class is now being taken at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"This class is an introduction to our community and county," said Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. "Participants visit a number of businesses and organizations here in the community. This a great way to become educated about what this community offers and to find ways to be involved. This is our community. A community, a city is made up of people, and we all need to participate to make this a better place to live and work."

The nine-month course includes classes on leadership and visits to education, medical, industrial, and governmental entities that comprise the area's workforce. As part of the graduation requirements, the class is tasked with performing a community project. This year, the class is limited to 15 spaces.

"We are limited the space to 15 this year because we think a smaller group will allow the members to really get to know each other a little better," ValVerde explained.

Leadership Big Spring is structured to take people who

See **CHAMBER**, Page 3

Air Evac upgrades aircraft



Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Air Evac Lifeteam base has a new addition, and Base Pilot Supervisor Jason Sullivan could not be happier. The base opened in October 2007, and just recently welcomed its newly upgraded Bell 206 LongRanger.

The helicopter was upgraded with state-of-the-art technology, including the Cobham HeliSAS/Autopi-

lot and Garmin 500H glass cockpit. The autopilot and Stability Augmentation System enhances flight safety by reducing the pilot workload and increasing flight stability. Together with the Garmin 650 and 500H (glass cockpit), the pilot is able to focus on other things outside the aircraft.

"We've been looking forward to receiving the Garmin 500/650 glass cockpit and HeliSAS autopilot since Air

Evac announced the upgrades would be company-wide a couple of years ago," Sullivan said.

The aircraft, known affectionately as "Dolly" by her crews, returned to the Big Spring base on July 14.

"There is no doubt that the Glass Cockpit/Autopilot is a huge investment that Air Evac has made for its employees and patients alike," Sullivan said. See **EVAC**, Page 3



Tractor trailer overturns

Herald photo/Roger Cline

The driver of this tractor trailer is in serious condition in a Midland hospital after it overturned Sunday afternoon near mile marker 162 of East Interstate 20 in Martin County. A blue SUV was also involved in the accident, and was removed by a wrecker truck. A spokesman with the Martin County Sheriff's Office said the driver's name has not yet been released.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOANN ZAMARRIPA VILLA**, 31, of 1811 E. Highway 350 was arrested on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- **JOLISA LYNN GRACE**, 26, of 204 S. Moss Lake Rd. was arrested on charges of theft of property (\$100 to \$750)/shoplifting and possession of a dangerous drug.
- **DIANA RODRIGUEZ ALVIZO**, 29, of 1601 Avion St. was arrested on charges of theft of service (\$100 to \$750) and abandoning/endangering a child with intent to return.
- **ADRIAN ADALBERTO ROJAS**, 24, of 800 E. 15th St. was arrested on charges of resisting

arrest, search, or transport; and hindering officers discharging official duties.

- **JONATHAN MATTHEW MATA**, 31, of 1313 Virginia St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **PAUL LOZANO TORRES**, 26, of 1408 Johnson St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **WADDIE DOOLITTLE**, 56, of 2613 Neill Rd. was arrested on a charge of assault by contact.
- **JILL DOOLITTLE**, 53, of 2613 Neill Rd. was arrested on a charge of assault by contact.
- **ISRAEL TREVINO FLORES JR.**, 36, of 2202 S. Runnels St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **BRANDIANN HUTCHESON**, 32, of 316 E. Davis Rd. was arrested

ed on an outstanding warrant.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place, the 3700 block of Hatch, the 2000 block of South Gregg St., the 600 block of Caylor, and the 1800 block of East FM 700.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of West Fourth Street, the 2900 block of Cherokee Street, and the 3300 block of West Highway 80.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1900 block of South Main Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Neill Road.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DIANA RODRIGUEZ ALVIZO**, 29, was booked by BSPD on charges of theft of service (\$100 to \$750) and abandoning/endangering a child with intent to return.
- **DAKOTA ALTON BROWN**, 24, was booked by BSPD on a bond forfeiture warrant for theft of property.
- **VINCESON LORENZO CALHOUN**, 32, was booked by Glasscock County on a warrant for theft of property \$1,500 to \$20,000.
- **KIMBERLY GAIL CONAWAY**, 44, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for violation of promise to appear.
- **JILL DOOLITTLE**, 53, was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault by contact.
- **WADDIE DOOLITTLE**, 56,

was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault by contact.

- **CANDICE KATHLEEN EDWARDS**, 35, was booked by HCSO on charges of terroristic threat against a public servant and resisting arrest, search or transport.
- **ISRAEL TREVINO FLORES JR.**, 36, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for harassment.
- **FELICIA DEANNE GARCIA**, 21, was booked by DPS on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (more than 400 grams).
- **JOLISA LYNN GRACE**, 26, was booked by BSPD on charges of theft of property (\$100 to \$750)/shoplifting and possession of a dangerous drug.
- **RICARDO HERNANDEZ JR.**, 26, was booked by RSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRANDIANN HUTCHESON**, 32, was booked by HCSO on an outstanding warrant.
- **WAYLON DUANE JONES**, 39, was booked by RSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JONATHAN MATA**, 31, was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- **JEANIE ROXANNE MITCHELL**, 50, was booked by RSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ADRIAN ADALBERTO ROJAS**, 24, was booked by BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search, or transport; and hindering officers discharging official duties.
- **VANESSA SANCHEZ**, 21, was booked by RSO on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **PAUL LOZANO TORRES**, 26, was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOANN VILLA**, 31, was booked by BSPD on a charge of interference with public duties.
- **JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS JR.**, 30, was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Runnels

Street.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Muleshoe. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Northwest 10th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on Highway 350.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Wilson and Midway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Mesa.

Take Note

• There will be a Community Prayer Gathering for law enforcement personnel at 6 p.m. today at the Troy Hogue Joint Law Enforcement Center, 3611 W. Highway 80. According to city officials, the vigil will incorporate local pastors of different denominations offering prayers for local, state, and national law enforcement officers and other first responders.

• The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Howard County and the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District will hold their Fiscal Year 2017 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting August 15, 2016, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Big Spring USDA Service Center at 302 West IH20, Suite 101 in Big Spring, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring together conservation stakeholders to discuss conser-

vation topics and issues, and to set local conservation priorities to help farmers, ranchers and private landowners conserve and manage the natural resources. Attendees will be updated on the recent conservation efforts.

For more information, please contact Eddy Spurgin, District Conservationist at 432-267-1871, ext. 3 or visit the NRCS web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/.

• Registration for the Children's Miracle Theater for the Arts' (CMTA) two-week August camp is now on-going.






CMTA a non-profit organization open to children from ages 6-12. The registration fee for "Your Are A Star" summer camp is \$30. The camp will be held Aug. 8 through 19, and classes are 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. CMTA shirts are \$10. Classes will be held in the New Hope School building, 118 Cedar Road.

Obituaries

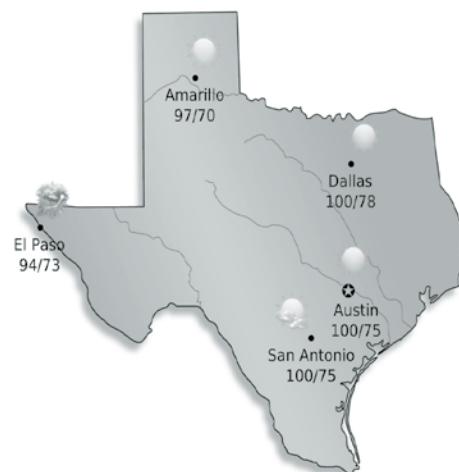
Willie P. Lane Jr.

Willie P. Lane Jr., 72, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 30, 2016, in a Midland hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 8/2	Wed 8/3	Thu 8/4	Fri 8/5	Sat 8/6
 100/73 Partly cloudy skies. High around 100F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	 100/75 Mostly sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	 101/75 Sunny. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.	 99/75 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	 99/74 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	101	74	Sunny	Kingsville	99	74	Sunny
Amarillo	97	70	Sunny/Wind	Livingston	97	72	Sunny
Austin	100	75	Sunny	Longview	99	75	Sunny
Beaumont	91	76	P Cloudy	Lubbock	98	71	Sunny
Brownsville	97	77	P Cloudy	Lufkin	97	73	Sunny
Brownwood	102	71	Sunny	Midland	100	75	Sunny
Corpus Christi	96	79	Sunny	Raymondville	100	76	M Sunny
Corsicana	101	76	P Cloudy	Rosenberg	95	75	Sunny
Dallas	100	78	Sunny	San Antonio	100	75	P Cloudy
Del Rio	102	77	Sunny	San Marcos	99	73	P Cloudy
El Paso	94	73	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	99	76	Sunny
Fort Stockton	98	73	Sunny	Sweetwater	100	74	Sunny
Gainesville	97	73	Sunny	Tyler	99	76	Sunny
Greenville	100	75	Sunny	Weatherford	102	74	Sunny
Houston	97	78	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	103	75	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	72	M Cloudy	Miami	89	82	M Cloudy
Boston	72	65	Cloudy	Minneapolis	87	72	P Cloudy
Chicago	78	69	M Sunny	New York	79	69	Cloudy
Dallas	100	78	Sunny	Phoenix	99	82	M Cloudy
Denver	95	65	Sunny	San Francisco	59	50	Cloudy
Houston	97	78	P Cloudy	Seattle	79	57	P Cloudy
Los Angeles	82	67	Sunny	Saint Louis	89	74	Sc T-Storms

Moon Phases

			
First Jul 12	Full Jul 19	Last Jul 26	New Aug 2

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.

• 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

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Texas news in brief

Officials: 1 dead, 3 hospitalized in Austin shooting

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A shooting in a crowded entertainment district in downtown Austin early Sunday caused a chaotic scene, leaving one woman dead and three others wounded and police searching for a suspect.

Austin police say they want to question a 24-year-old possibly armed man in the overnight shootings. Police are circulating a photograph of a man described in a statement as a “person of interest.”

Austin Police Chief of Staff Brian Manley says police received reports of gunshots in crowded Sixth Street Entertainment District shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday, and found that five people had been shot.

“It was a very chaotic scene,” Manley said. “A lot of people running in different directions with all the gunshots coming out.”

One woman was pronounced dead at the scene, and three other women were taken to University Medical Center Brackenridge with injuries that were serious, but not life-threatening. Manley said another victim declined to be transported to the hospital.

“We have multiple individuals, witnesses, that we are currently interviewing,” Manley said. “We had one individual who was initially noted as a person of interest, however that person’s status at this point is undetermined.”

Manley said because of the large crowd presence, police were getting descriptions of a suspect from witnesses.

NTSB: Balloon hit power lines before crashing, killing 16

LOCKHART, Texas (AP) — A hot air balloon hit high-tension power lines before crashing into a pasture in Central Texas, killing all 16 on board, according to federal authorities investigating the worst such disaster in U.S. history.

A power line was tripped at 7:42 a.m. Saturday, and the first call to 911 came a minute later, National Transportation Safety Board member Robert Sumwalt said during a news conference. The crash site was near a row of high-tension power lines, and aerial photos showed an area of scorched land underneath.

“There is physical evidence to indicate that the balloon, or some component of the balloon, hit the physical wires themselves and not the tower,” Sumwalt said.

The NTSB will look at several factors including reports of foggy weather, but is concentrating first on gathering evidence such as witness statements.

The pilot was Skip Nichols, 49, according to Alan Lirette, who identified Nichols as his best friend, roommate and boss. Lirette said he helped launch the balloon. The NTSB has not yet publicly identified the pilot or the passengers.

Matt Rowan and his wife, Sunday Rowan, were among those on board, his brother Josh Rowan said. The recently married couple from San Antonio, both 34, had texted family and posted on social media pictures of the balloon being set up, the rising sun and them in the basket.

“It’s a bit haunting now,” Josh Row-

an told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The NTSB said the balloon was run by Heart of Texas Hot Air Balloon Rides. Nichols’ Facebook page identifies him as the chief pilot.

The passengers met the balloon operator in the San Marcos Wal-Mart parking lot at about 5:45 a.m. Saturday, and traveled to Fentress Texas Airpark. Ground crew members told the NTSB that they launched about 20 minutes after the expected 6:45 a.m. time.

11-year-old boy accidentally shoots self in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police are investigating after an 11-year-old boy accidentally shot himself with a gun at a home, the third such incident in the area in recent days.

Police tell the Houston Chronicle the shooting happened Sunday night.

Police say the boy got his uncle’s gun and was accidentally wounded in the neck. He was rushed to a hospital, where he was in critical condition.

The Brazoria County sheriff’s office says a 7-year-old boy shot himself in the head Thursday after getting the key to a locked gun cabinet and getting a revolver in Alvin, located south of Houston. He’s expected to recover.

A boy believed to be 5 died after shooting him-

self July 26 at a Houston-area home. Harris County sheriff’s office deputies said it appeared to be accidental.

Bexar County Commissioner Kevin Wolff accused of DWI

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Bexar County commissioner has been arrested and charged with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated after his vehicle rear-ended two vehicles in the drive-through line at a San Antonio fast-food restaurant.

Court records show Commissioner Kevin Wolff was arrested about 3 a.m. Sunday at a Whataburger restaurant just north of downtown San Antonio. Police say a field sobriety test suggested that Wolff was impaired. Wolff declined to take a breath test after his arrest, so a warrant was obtained to take a blood sample.

CHAMBER

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are new the community, have demonstrated management/leadership skills or have an interest in community affairs and to provide them education on the ways to get involved and give back, ValVerde said.

The class meets the second Thursday of ev-

ery month. A meet and greet social will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 7 before the first class begins Thursday, Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In order to graduate, students must make every class.

Tuition cost is \$500 for students employed by businesses that are members of the chamber and \$700 for non-members. Most students are sponsored by their employer.

The fees covers all material and transportation to visit various sites in the city. Also, the cost includes a trip to Austin, Texas for the biennial Howard County Day in Austin.

For more information, contact ValVerde at 263-7641. The chamber is located at 215 W. Third St.

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

CAMPUS

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licensed to carry handguns.

At Texas A&M University in College Station, guns are allowed in dorm rooms and teachers must get permission from the administration to ban guns from their office.

State law still bans weapons from some campus areas, such as hospitals and sporting events.

WITH THE STATE’S OPEN CARRY LAW, WILL WEAPONS BE ON DISPLAY IN CLASS?

No. The open carry law specifically does not apply to college campuses. Any handguns on campus must be holstered and kept out of sight.

ARE GUNS ALLOWED AT PRIVATE SCHOOLS? COMMUNITY COLLEGES?

Private schools like

Baylor, Rice, Texas Christian and others can ban guns under the state law. Currently, Amberton University, which doesn’t allow students under 21 and has a total enrollment under 2,000, is the only private school that has opted to allow guns.

As for community colleges, they have until August 2017 to allow weapons, giving them more time to adjust for security and other measures.

WHY IS THE LAW SO CONTROVERSIAL?

Texas has allowed concealed handguns in public for 20 years. Gun rights advocates consider it an important protection, given the constitutional right to bear arms, as well as a key self-defense measure in cases of campus violence, such as the 1966 UT shootings and the 2007 shootings at Virginia Tech.

Opponents of the law fear it will chill free

speech on campus and lead to more campus suicide. The former dean of the University of Texas School of Architecture left for a position at the University of Pennsylvania because of his opposition to allowing guns on campus.

WHAT’S THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AUG. 1 START DATE?

It’s unsettling for some because it falls on the anniversary of Charles Whitman’s shooting rampage, in which the Marine-trained sniper opened fire from an observation deck on top of the school’s landmark clock tower. It has come to be accepted as the nation’s first mass shooting, with 17 deaths attributed to him.

Among those who urged state lawmakers not to approve campus carry was Claire Wilson James, the first person Whitman shot. She was pregnant and was shot through the belly, killing her unborn child.

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Walker claims 1st major with win at PGA



Walker

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. (AP) — One of the last people who would have predicted Jimmy Walker's win in the PGA Championship at Baltusrol was the man himself.

Though Walker felt some improvement last week at the Canadian Open, he'd struggled much of the year, particularly in the majors. And he'd never really come close to winning in golf's biggest events.

So after a pressure-packed par on the final hole gave Walker a one-stroke win over defending champion Jason Day on Sunday, he was some-

what surprised and plenty relieved.

"I wouldn't have called this, but it's huge," Walker said. "It's nice to get in the position and keep the hammer down and keep making birds and playing well."

Walker played so well in one of the strangest PGA Championships in recent memory that he led wire to wire. And after Day eagled 18 to close within one stroke, Walker played a solid third shot from the rough near the 18th green, then two-putted in near darkness for his first major title.

"It's surreal," said Walker, whose 67 put him at 14-under-par 266. "It feels sweet. It's amazing. I haven't been playing all that well and it felt like some things clicked last week, and brought it in this week and been thinking a little better on the golf course. I'm having a hard time putting words to it right now."

Day, trying to join Tiger Woods as the only back-to-back winners of the PGA Championship in stroke play, didn't have any such trouble.

"One guy this week was

better than me," Day said. "I know exactly how Jimmy feels, because I did exactly that last year. So it was actually quite nice to be able to see him celebrate with his family and friends there. ... He's a very deserving winner."

A winner who came out of the blue even though Walker is ranked 48th in the world and has five PGA Tour victories. He missed the cut in the U.S. and British Opens this year after a tie for 29th at the Masters. In fact, he didn't make the weekend in four of his last eight tournaments.

Moreland leads Rangers to win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Mitch Moreland and Lucas Harrell helped the Texas Rangers get another big win as they pull away again in the American League West.

Moreland homered for the fifth time in his last five starts and Harrell won in his Texas debut as the Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 5-3 to finish a sweep of the four-game series.

After having their 10-game division lead shrink to 2 1/2 games last Wednesday, the Rangers have pushed the advantage back up to six games.

Harrell (3-2) gave up three runs and four hits — including solo home runs to Eric Hosmer and Drew Butera — in six innings. The 31-year-old right-hander was acquired from Atlanta last Wednesday to help the Rangers' injury-riddled starting rotation. Sam Dyson earned his 22nd save.

"More than anything else, what we saw this weekend is when we get quality starts. We have an opportunity to utilize our bullpen the way we need to," Texas manager Jeff Banister said.

The Rangers received quality starts in three of the four series games. They received quality starts in only three of their previous 21 games in July.

Harrell was the eighth Rangers pitcher to make a start in July. Colby Lewis and Derek Holland missed the entire month on the disabled list, and Yu Darvish returned from the DL on July 16.

"This team's already on a roll," Harrell said. "My job is to come in and get people out and keep us in the game."

Kansas City hit just 2 for 25 with runners in scoring position during the series. The defending World Series champions went 7-19 in July, their worst month since recording the same record in July 2012.

"We take probably the last couple of weeks and try to forget that," Eric Hosmer said. "Times are just rough."

Moreland's two-run homer was his 18th this season, the last five coming within 16 at-bats. Nomar Mazara also homered against the Royals, who have allowed an AL-high 141 homers this season.

Since Prince Fielder was lost for the balance of the season to another neck injury, Moreland has



AP photo

Texas' Mitch Moreland, right, is congratulated by teammate Adrian Beltre after hitting a home run in the Rangers' 5-3 victory over Kansas City Sunday afternoon.

hit .366 with six homers. In the series, Moreland hit .615 with four homers.

"I'm trying to go up there and have good at-bats," Moreland said. "It definitely worked out well for me this series."

Dillon Gee (3-5) gave up four runs and seven hits over six innings in his longest and most effective start of the season. He had a 6.43 ERA in six previous starts.

GALLO SITS

Banister sat young power-hitter Joey Gallo, a left-handed hitter, against the right-handed Gee. Gallo is 1-for-14 with nine strikeouts since being recalled from Triple-A Round Rock last week.

"This guy has minor league power pedigree that we're willing to be patient with," Banister said.

"We're still winning, and that's the best part about it," Gallo said. "It just takes time."

SHORT HOPS

The temperature was 96 degrees at first pitch and reached 99. ... Gee played collegiately at Texas-Arlington and makes his off-season home in nearby Fort Worth. ... Banister also sat CF Ian Desmond and SS Elvis Andrus ahead of Monday's travel day. Adrian Beltre got his 2,873rd career hit, tying him with Babe Ruth for 43rd place all time.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Kansas City placed closer Wade Davis on the DL (flexor strain). LHP Matt Strahm was brought up from Double-A Northwest Arkansas and made his major league debut. He faced three batters and allowed one earned run.

McCann slam leads Tigers over Astros

DETROIT (AP) — On the way to winning their sixth straight game, the Detroit Tigers found an extra team-bonding moment.

The Tigers held an 8-0 lead going into the bottom of the seventh, but sensed that the Houston Astros were upset that both Jose Altuve and George Springer had been hit by pitches.

So, when the Astros' Scott Feldman hit Cameron Maybin to start the seventh, the Tigers were ready to get revenge in their own way. First, Maybin stole second — something he would normally never do with an eight-run lead.

"I believe in playing the game the right way, so I took second to let them know that I knew what was going," he said. "After that, I left it up to the big fella, because I knew he had my back."

Miguel Cabrera hit Feldman's next pitch into the Astros' bullpen for his second homer of the game. That made it a ten-run game, and the Tigers went on to an 11-0 win Sunday.

"I didn't need to say any-

thing to Feldman — that was just baseball," said Cabrera, who celebrated a bit more than expected, given the score. "That's how you play the game."

The Tigers, who began the day one game behind Boston for the second American League wild-card spot, have now won six straight — including a sweep at Fenway Park. The win extended Detroit's lead over Houston to 1 1/2 games.

"It is easy to be confident when you have won six in a row, but we've always felt like this team was going to be in the race," said Justin Upton, who also homered for Detroit. "This is a really good team, and we're getting hot at the same time we're getting healthy."

Detroit outscored Houston 28-8 in the series.

James McCann's first career grand slam capped Detroit's six-run first inning.

Mike Pelfrey (4-9) got the win, pitching five shutout innings and allowing four hits and a walk while striking out four.

Expert to Olympians: Don't put your head under water

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Just days ahead of the Olympic Games the waterways of Rio de Janeiro are as filthy as ever, contaminated with raw human sewage teeming with dangerous viruses and bacteria, according to a 16-month-long study commissioned by The Associated Press.

Not only are some 1,400 athletes at risk of getting violently ill in water competitions, but the AP's tests indicate that tourists also face potentially serious health risks on the golden beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana.

The AP's survey of the aquatic Olympic and Paralympic venues has revealed consistent and dangerously high levels of viruses from the pollution, a major black eye on Rio's Olympic project that set off alarm bells among sailors, rowers and open-water swimmers.

Since the AP released the initial results last July, athletes have been taking

elaborate precautions to prevent illnesses that could potentially knock them out of the competition, including preventatively taking antibiotics, bleaching oars and donning plastic suits and gloves in a bid to limit contact with the water.

But antibiotics combat bacterial infections, not viruses. And the AP investigation found that infectious adenovirus readings — tested with cell cultures and verified with molecular biology protocols — turned up at nearly 90 percent of the test sites over 16 months of testing.

"That's a very, very, very high percentage," said Dr. Valerie Harwood, Chair of the Department of Integrative Biology at the University of South Florida.

"Seeing that level of human pathogenic virus is pretty much unheard of in surface waters in the U.S. You would never, ever see these levels because we treat our waste water. You just would not see this."

While athletes take

precautions, what about the 300,000-500,000 foreigners expected to descend on Rio for the Olympics? Testing at several of the city's world-famous beaches has shown that in addition to persistently high viral loads, the beaches often have levels of bacterial markers for sewage pollution that would be cause for concern abroad — and sometimes even exceed Rio state's lax water safety standards.

In light of the AP's findings, Harwood had one piece of advice for travelers to Rio: "Don't put your head under water."

Danger is lurking even in the sand.

Samples from the golden beaches at Copacabana and Ipanema revealed high levels of viruses, which recent studies have suggested can pose health risks — particularly to babies and small children.

"You know how quickly an infant can get dehydrated and have to go to the hospital," said Harwood. "That's the scariest point to me."

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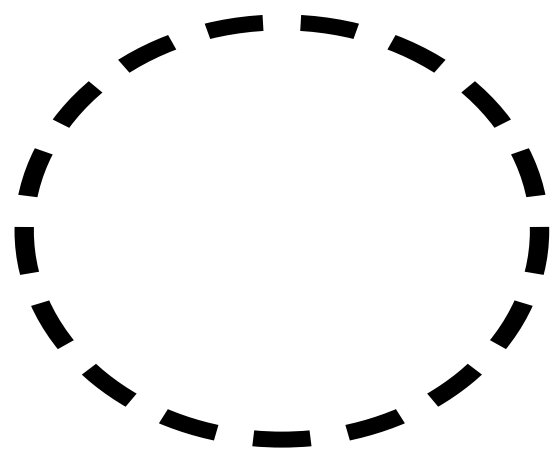
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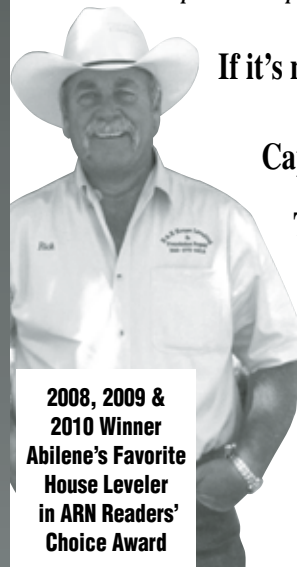


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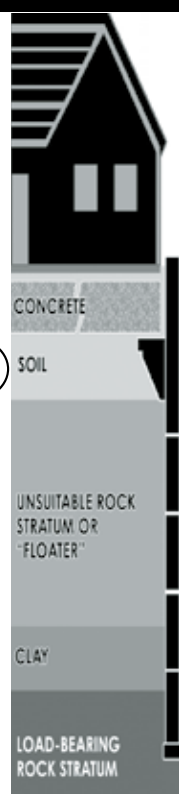
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



New Moon Setup

The degree of anxiety around the topic of first impressions is not unfounded. People decide extremely quickly what they think of one another and are likely to stick with the initial decision, especially during this this setup to tomorrow's new moon. The choice to go in friendly-like, agreeable, assertive and kind will work overwhelmingly in your favor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can and will make the relationship with or without the other person's involvement. Your efforts will stimulate the recovery, regeneration and renewal necessary to make it all better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The one who knocks himself out to get the details right will automatically

rise up the ranks on your "favorite people" list. You'll make similar efforts because it gives you immense pleasure to get things just right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Steer clear of those who are too literal to laugh, too specific to get your general drift, too mannered to have any fun. These types will dull your creative edge. Seek the company of the wild at heart.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The reason your heart is so full is that you intuitively know what choice will enable you to be the most loving, happy and thereby the most generous with others. Continue to trust yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Listen to the parental-toned voice inside your head. It's a buzz-kill, but it's speaking up for a reason. It will tell you to leave before you want to. It will tell you to stop eating before you're full. It will save you from trouble and belly ache.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may misunderstand the works of another; your work may not be something

they can grasp. This is precisely what will make you such a valuable pair today. There are lessons in your differences.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The event is on the horizon. If you don't make a gesture, who will? Now is the time to start thinking about how you're going to toast someone. Your group needs a morale boost, and this will be it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The qualities that will help you do your job today are focus and enthusiasm. Ward against any distraction that will diffuse your focus or any influence that will dampen your high energy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An important relationship or endeavor has become like a train that's jumped the tracks. There is no going forward until you have the conversation that will put you back on the rails.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You see the absurdity of a situation, and the others don't seem to register it. Chances are, they'll keep playing this out for

a while. The real question is, how much a part of it do you really need to be?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Make your pitch. You won't feel ready, but this is an opportunity practice. What if you mess up and leave a portion out? You'll remember next time. Besides, no one misses what they didn't know was supposed to be there.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If only courage were a transferable item. Instead, each person has to find it within. However, witnessing the courage of others does help tremendously. You'll inspire your crew to be brave like you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 1). You'll be a part of something beautiful, fascinating and perhaps a bit dangerous if only for its consuming aspects. Therefore, your challenge will be to find balance in your life. Family will help with this, and so will the fun you have over the next few months. Save those financial perks of November. Pisces and

Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 42, 15, 36 and 4.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "You recently talked about certain signs being 'cardinal' signs. What other types of signs are there? Also, what type of sign is Pisces? Thanks for your help."

Pisces falls under the category of mutable modality. Each sign falls into one of three categories. Astrologers call these categories "modalities." They represent a sign's particular strength in working with others. I find that using a person's modality can be a very effective method of team building. The ideal team would have at least one person from each modality. The three modalities are cardinal, mutable and fixed. Think of it as beginning, middle and end. The cardinal signs are initiators. They love to dream, envision and begin projects. They are Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn. The next modality, mutable, likes to work out the kinks of a project or relationship. They adjust as nec-

essary to make things run smoothly. They are Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces. A fixed modality sign brings it home. They are the finishers of the zodiac, and they are driven to do whatever it takes to perfect the project or relationship. They are Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Multiple-Grammy-winner Robert Cray brings his brand of blues to America this summer with a jam-packed tour schedule. The Blues Hall of Famer was born when the sun, Mars and Pluto were all in the sign of Leo, the entertainer, and the moon was in earthy Taurus. Groovy Taurus moon musicians are known for an excellent "pocket," which refers to the musician's rhythmic feel.

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Annie's Mailbox

Hyper-involved School Administrators

Dear Annie: My 10-year-old's school administrators are over-the-top nosy and won't stay out of our business. I think they mean well, but at times, they try to micromanage the care of our child. For example, his favorite pair of shoes are falling apart, and although he has new shoes, he prefers the old ones. The school sent home a pair of shoes, as if we couldn't afford to buy any. It seemed insulting and passive-aggressive, and my son liked those shoes even less than the new ones we'd bought him. So that was a waste.

Also, our son recently had a cut that

became infected. The school nurse spotted the beginning of the infection, so we are grateful for that, though we were watching it closely, too. We took him in immediately and began treatment. The school sent home notes about where we could take him in case we could not afford a doctor. (We can and have never implied that we don't have the means or insurance.) The administrators even sent instructions on how to give him a bath using Epsom salt for the wound. They know that we are both professionals with advanced degrees, yet they treat us like nimrods. -- Capable With a Cub

Dear Capable: Unless the school addressed the note home

to "Mr. and Mrs. Nimrod," you're jumping to conclusions. I guarantee that the administrators were just trying to help.

Your son really (SET ITAL) shouldn't (END ITAL) wear shoes that are disintegrating -- no matter what he "prefers." A 10-year-old might prefer to eat pizza rolls three meals a day and play Xbox all night; that doesn't mean you let him.

We make concessions where we can as parents, but some matters aren't up for debate. Make your son wear the new shoes, no matter how much whining follows. (I know, I know. Easier said than done.) Sometimes cubs need tough love.

Dear Annie: My brother-in-law keeps borrowing money, and

my husband just can't say no to his big brother. This wouldn't be a problem if we were Rockefellers. We're not. We both work full time. We have kids of our own to put through school. We are barely scraping by and even have debt. We're just not in a position to lend money.

Larry, my brother-in-law, seems to have a new career every year. This year, he's trying to get his real estate license. Last year, he started an online store, which never took off. In the past, he's tried photography and painting.

It's hard to watch him fail, and I would feel sorry for him if I weren't so ticked off that he's flushed thousands of our dollars down the drain along with each of these new

enterprises.

And now I find out that behind my back, my husband co-signed a loan, which his brother defaulted on, and we had to take out a second mortgage on the house to pay it. How can I get my husband to stop giving him money? How can I stop resenting both my brother-in-law and his wife for this? -- Broke and Bitter

Dear Broke: You're right. He's wrong. But you probably married him because you fell in love with his generous disposition and his desire and willingness to help others in need -- qualities at play here. Recognize that big heart of his while also telling him it's unacceptable to make such decisions behind your back. Tell him that his

continuing to do so would be a betrayal of your trust.

Encourage him to support his brother in ways that have no bearing on your finances. He could help Larry work out a budget or set realistic career goals. In the long run, that kind of aid is better than simply handing him a check whenever he's in a pinch. Teach a man to fish.

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Guess who's turning another year older this week!

October 2-8

I was born on October 3, 1981, in Malmo, Sweden. I captain the national football team of Sweden. Who am I?

Answer: Zlatan Ibrahimovic

I was born on October 4, 1991, in Berkshire, England. I am a member of Little Mix. Who am I?

Answer: Leigh-Anne Pinnock

CryptoQuiz

Each of the following cryptograms is a clue to the identity of a sports legend. Using the hints E=A and K=R, decipher the clues to name the athlete.

- 1 HUKCEF _____
- 2 ZBEROHJ _____
- 3 DSUKYUJKIWXF _____
- 4 VEZSOUH _____
- 5 VOGT _____

This athlete won more titles than any other person in the sport:

Answers: 1) Norway, 2) Skating 3) Choreography 4) Fashion, 5) Film, Sofia Henle

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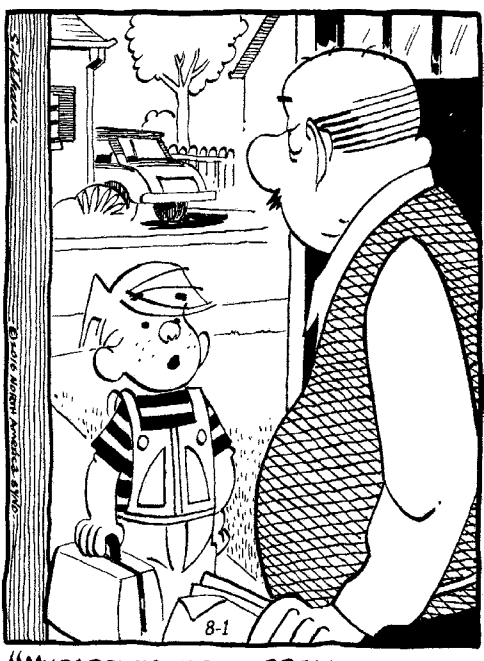
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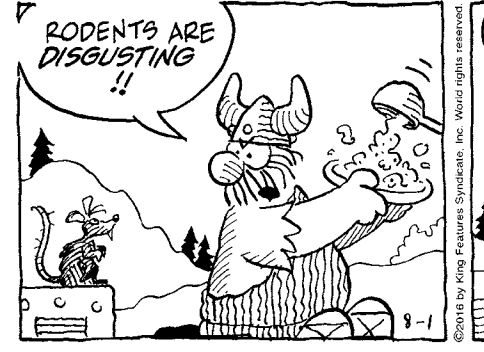
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"Maybe our folks don't have to pay for rainy days."

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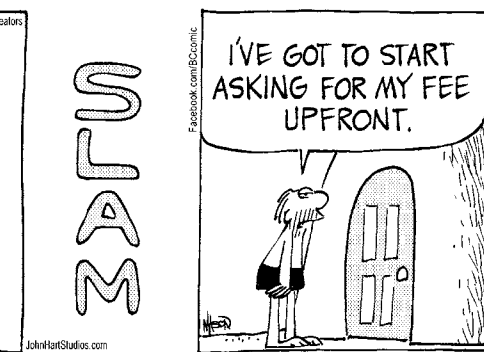
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 1, the 214th day of 2016. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 1, 1966, Charles Joseph Whitman, 25, an engineering student at the University of Texas in Austin, went on an armed rampage that killed 14 people, most of whom were shot by Whitman while he was perched in the clock tower of the main campus building. Whitman, who had also slain his wife and mother hours earlier, was finally gunned down by police.

On this date:

In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died at age 49; she was succeeded by George I.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.

In 1913, the Joyce Kilmer poem "Trees" was first published in "Poetry: A Magazine of Verse."

In 1936, the Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against

Nazi occupation; the revolt lasted two months before collapsing.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman signed measures establishing the Fulbright Program and the Atomic Energy Commission.

In 1957, the United States and Canada agreed to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

In 1971, the Concert for Bangladesh, organized by George Harrison and Ravi Shankar, took place at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1975, a 35-nation summit in Finland concluded with the signing of a declaration known as the Helsinki Accords dealing with European security, human rights and East-West contacts.

In 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

In 1994, Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley confirmed they'd been secretly married 11 weeks earlier. (Presley filed for divorce from Jackson in January 1996, citing irreconcilable differences.)

Ten years ago: Mel Gibson issued a statement in which he denied being a bigot; he also apologized to "everyone in the Jewish community for the vitriolic and harmful words" he'd used when he was arrested for investigation of drunken driving. Fidel Castro released a

statement a day after ceding power to his brother Raul in which he sought to reassure Cubans that his health was stable after intestinal surgery.

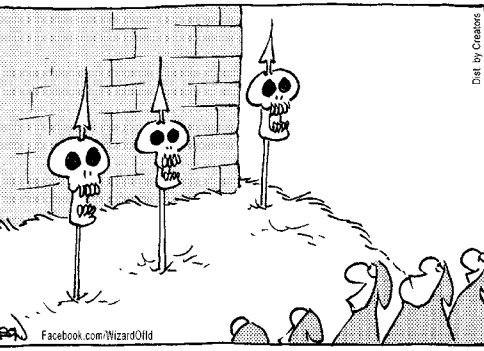
Five years ago: The U.S. House of Representatives passed, 269-161, emergency legislation to avert the nation's first-ever financial default.

One year ago: Japan's Imperial Household Agency released a digital version of Emperor Hirohito's radio address on Aug. 15, 1945, announcing his country's surrender in World War II; the digital recording offered clearer audio, although Hirohito spoke in an arcane form of Japanese that many of his countrymen would have found difficult to comprehend. British singer and TV host Cilla Black, 72, died in Estepona (eh-steh-POH'-nah) in southern Spain.

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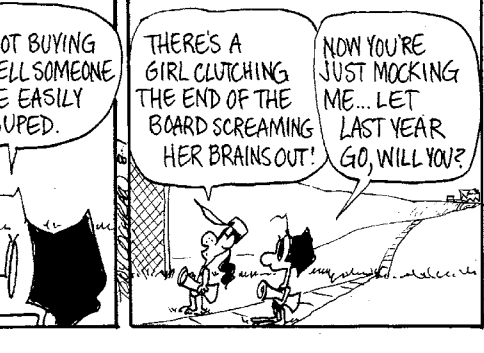
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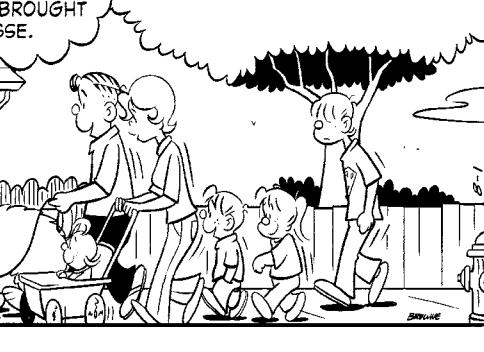
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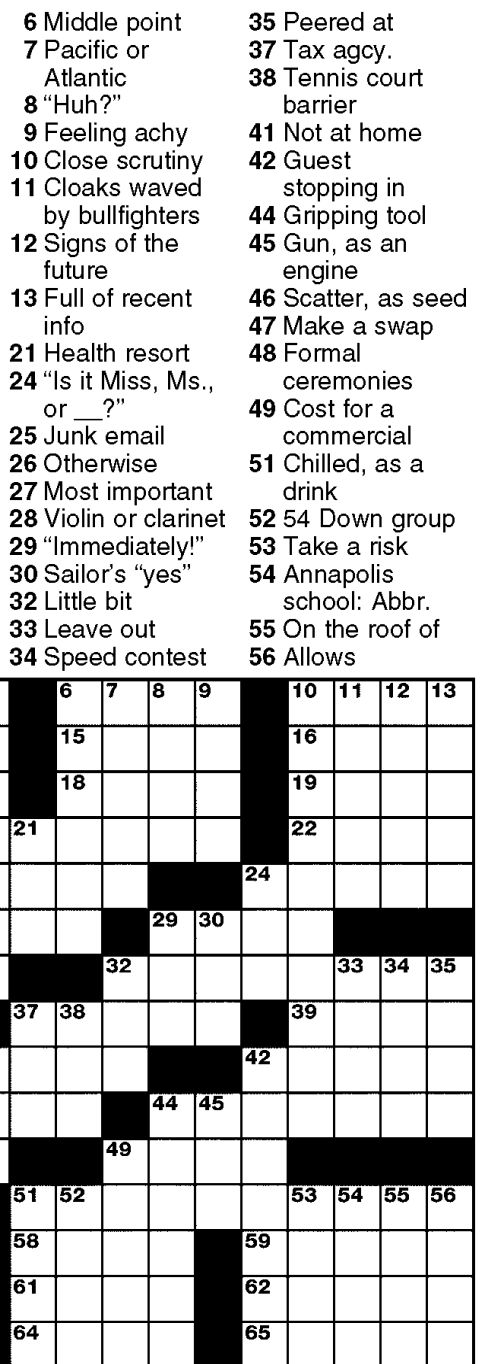
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Newsday Crossword

IN THE LEAD by Gail Grabowski

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- ACROSS
- 1 "Tossed" dinner course
 - 6 Dairy animals
 - 10 Computer screen image
 - 14 Privileged group
 - 15 Empty-hallway sound
 - 16 Identify
 - 17 Widespread craze
 - 18 Within walking distance
 - 19 Eject, as a geyser
 - 20 Cross-country highway
 - 22 Ballpoints
 - 23 Take the lid off
 - 24 All disheveled
 - 25 Training session
 - 29 Antidrug cop
 - 31 Airborne vehicle
 - 32 Shop selling dolls and games
 - 36 Having no warranty
 - 37 Very impressed
 - 39 "If ___ be so bold..."
 - 40 Guided, as a trainee
 - 42 Speak, as an opinion
 - 43 Corrosion of iron
 - 44 Wrote with block letters
 - 46 Walk with a swagger
 - 49 Pub beverages
 - 50 Quick haircut
 - 51 Person
 - 57 Make an evaluation of
- DOWN
- 1 "Half" prefix for final
 - 2 Alda of M*A*S*H
 - 3 Clothes-dryer buildup
 - 4 End in ___ (come out even)
 - 5 Cherished person
 - 6 Middle point
 - 7 Pacific or Atlantic
 - 8 "Huh?"
 - 9 Feeling achy
 - 10 Close scrutiny
 - 11 Cloaks waved by bullfighters
 - 12 Signs of the future
 - 13 Full of recent info
 - 21 Health resort
 - 24 "Is it Miss, Ms., or ___?"
 - 25 Junk email
 - 26 Otherwise
 - 27 Most important
 - 28 Violin or clarinet
 - 29 "Immediately!"
 - 30 Sailor's "yes"
 - 32 Little bit
 - 33 Leave out
 - 34 Speed contest
 - 35 Peered at
 - 37 Tax agcy.
 - 38 Tennis court barrier
 - 41 Not at home
 - 42 Guest
 - 44 Gripping tool
 - 45 Gun, as an engine
 - 46 Scatter, as seed
 - 47 Make a swap
 - 48 Formal ceremonies
 - 49 Cost for a commercial
 - 51 Chilled, as a drink
 - 52 54 Down group
 - 53 Take a risk
 - 54 Annapolis school: Abbr.
 - 55 On the roof of
 - 56 Allows



Answer to previous puzzle

BLANKS	RADIALS
ARABIAN	UTENSIL
MONSTRO	BATCAVE
IND ROW	LEAPED
ECONOMY	CLASS
LOGS	AIN'T
TRADE	PSSIT
YUKON	POSTAL
CHEZ	ASIS
ORS	GRIN
	GIBE
	VERTICAL
EASILY	ALA
TRELLIS	SPATULA
AIRLANE	TALKSAT
LA FARGE	ELITES

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News in brief

Fight with Khan family tests

Trump's 'say anything' strategy

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's presidential bid has thrived on controversy of his own making. Now, the Republican nominee kicks off the first full week of the general election campaign having put his strategy of saying the politically unimaginable to its greatest test yet.

Trump broke a major American political and societal taboo over the weekend when he engaged in an emotionally-charged feud with Khizr and Ghazala Khan, the bereaved parents of a decorated Muslim Army captain killed by a suicide bomber in Iraq. He further stoked outrage by implying Ghazala Khan did not speak while standing alongside her husband at last week's Democratic convention because they are Muslim.

The outcry was swift and bipartisan, leaving Trump largely isolated among his fellow Republicans and potentially putting at risk whatever progress the New Yorker had made during his convention at winning over the independent voters who will likely decide the fall election.

"I am appalled that Donald Trump would disparage them and that he had the gall to compare his own sacrifices to those of a Gold Star family," said New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte, a Republican seeking re-election in one of the nation's most competitive Senate contests.

Both House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell issued statements praising Capt. Humayun Khan, awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart after the U.S. soldier was killed in Iraq in 2004. Though neither explicitly mentioned Trump, the congressional leaders pointedly denounced his proposed ban on foreign Muslims entering the country, a policy he had altered in recent weeks but nevertheless one that returned to the center of the campaign debate via his attacks on the Khan family.

Skydiver becomes first person to jump and land without chute

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After leaping from an airplane, Luke Aikins rocketed toward earth for two minutes, and then calmly flipped onto his back at the last second and landed in a 100-by-100-foot net in California.

Cheers rose from those who gathered at the Big Sky movie ranch on the outskirts of Simi Valley to watch the stunt, including his family.

The 42-year-old skydiver with more than 18,000 jumps made history as the first person to survive a leap without a parachute and land safely in a net.

As the audience erupted, Aikins quickly climbed out, walked over and hugged his wife, Monica, who had been watching from the ground with their 4-year-old son, Logan, and other family members. "I'm almost levitating. It's incredible," the jubilant skydiver said, raising his hands over his head as his wife held their son, who dozed in her arms.

"This thing just happened! I can't even get the words out of my mouth," he added as he thanked the dozens of crew members who spent two years helping him prepare for the jump, including those who assembled the fishing trawler-like net and made sure it really worked.

The jump — from the death-defying altitude of 25,000 feet — makes Aikins the only skydiver ever to go from plane to planet Earth without a parachute.

The stunt, broadcast live on the Fox network for the TV special "Stride Gum Presents Heaven Sent," nearly didn't come off as planned when Aikins revealed just before climbing into his plane that the Screen Actors Guild had ordered him to wear a parachute to ensure his safety.

Aikins didn't say what prompted the original restriction, but SAG spokeswoman Pamela Greenwalt said the union and producers "could not come to an agreement on the safest way to pursue this stunt and therefore we could not sanction it to go forward under a union agreement."

Aikins said he considered pulling out at that point because having the parachute canister on his back would make his landing in the net far more dangerous. If he had to wear it, he said he wouldn't bother to pull the ripcord anyway.

"I'm going all the way to the net, no question about it," he said from the plane. "I'll just have to deal with the consequences when I land of wearing the parachute on my back and what it's going to do to my body."

A few minutes before the jump, one of the show's hosts said the requirement had been lifted. Aikins left the plane without the chute.

He jumped with three other skydivers, each wearing parachutes. One had a camera, another trailed smoke so people on the ground could follow his descent and the third took an oxygen canister he handed off after they got to an altitude where it was no longer needed.

Then the others opened their parachutes and left him on his own.

Aikins admitted before the jump he was nervous, and his mother said she was one family member who wouldn't watch.

When his friend Chris Talley came up with the idea two years ago, Aikins acknowledged he turned it down cold.

"I kind of laugh and I say, 'Ok, that's great. I'll help you find somebody to do it,'" he told The Associated Press as he trained for the jump last week.

A couple of weeks after Talley made his proposal, Aikins called back and said he would do it. He'd been the backup jumper in 2012 when Felix Baumgartner became the first skydiver to break the speed of sound during a jump from 24 miles above Earth.

Aikins was able hit the net with pinpoint precision thanks to GPS alerts in his helmet and a sophisticated lighting setup on the ground that was visible from more than 25,000 feet up,

Texas balloon pilot had been arrested for DWI in 2000

LOCKHART, Texas (AP) — The pilot of a hot air balloon that crashed in Texas and killed all 16 people aboard had been arrested in Missouri for driving while intoxicated in 2000, police said, and the Better Business Bureau there had warned consumers about doing business with him after complaints about his balloon touring company.

Alfred "Skip" Nichols, 49, was identified as the pilot by his friend and roommate Alan Lirette, who said that Nichols was a good pilot.

"That's the only thing I want to talk about, is that he's a great pilot," Lirette said, speaking to the AP from a house he shared with Nichols in Kyle, Texas. "There's going to be all kinds of reports out in the press and I want a positive image there too."

Federal investigators said the balloon, which was operated by Heart of Texas Hot Air Balloon Rides, hit high-tension power lines before crashing into a pasture in Central Texas early Saturday morning. One witness who lives a quarter-mile from the site, Margaret Wylie, said she heard popping sounds and saw what looked "like a fireball going up."

Authorities have not publicly named Nichols or the victims of the crash. They said identification of the bodies could be a long process.

Syrian child actor who rose to fame killed in city of Aleppo

BEIRUT (AP) — The sit-com is a little like "I Love Lucy," starring a comic housewife who gets into shenanigans and bickers with her husband. Except children play all the roles. And it all takes

place in one of the historic stone houses in the old city of Aleppo, besieged by government forces in one of the worst battlegrounds of Syria's civil war.

"Um Abdou the Aleppan" is a small curiosity of the 5-year-old war, the first sit-com produced out of rebel-held parts of Syria.

Aired in 2014 on a local Aleppo station, it was a light-hearted look at life in the war-ravaged city, finding comedy as it showed residents dealing with everything from cut-offs in electricity and water, to factionalism among rebels, to bombardments and violence. The child actors, even as they spot-on mimic characters of a traditional Aleppo neighborhood, provide a tone of innocence.

The tragic reality intruded on that innocence this month.

Qusai Abtini, the 14-year-old boy who played the husband, was killed when a missile struck the car he was in as he tried to escape Aleppo. Fresh-faced with a toothy grin and thick black hair, Abtini had become a local celebrity.

Paradox nation: Norway, a climate leader making money on oil

STAVANGER, Norway (AP) — Norway wants to get rid of gasoline-fueled cars, plans to become carbon neutral by 2030 and spends billions on helping poor countries reduce their carbon footprints. Meanwhile, it's pushing ever farther into the Arctic Ocean in search of more oil and gas.

"We know there is a paradox," admits Vidar Helgesen, Norway's climate and energy minister. "We have been living well from oil and gas. But there is no country in the world that has done more to undermine the oil and gas industry than Norway."

The mountainous Scandinavian country of 5 million people is torn between its ambition to be a global leader on climate change and the awareness that its wealth is linked to the world's dependence on fossil fuels.

This apparent contradiction is particularly striking in Stavanger, Norway's oil capital.

The west coast town is the hub of an offshore industry that has made Norway the world's eighth biggest exporter of oil and third biggest exporter of natural gas. Norway's \$875 billion oil kitty is the world's largest sovereign wealth fund, and hydrocarbons account for 40 percent of Norwegian exports.

Timberlake, Alba bring seriousness to Teen Choice Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The rowdy revelry of the Teen Choice Awards momentarily took on a somber tone Sunday when Jessica Alba, Ne-Yo and a group of teenagers called for an end to gun violence.

The actress was joined on stage at the fan-favorite ceremony by a group of teens related to shooting victims in such places as San Bernardino, California; Newtown, Connecticut; and Orlando, Florida.

Alba and singer Ne-Yo, who performed Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On," asked the audience to stand and for everyone to post on social media using the hashtag #StopTheViolence.

"Tonight, we stand together with these teens united in a call for peace and an end to this violence," Alba said after each of the teens introduced themselves. "Now, more than ever, we need to stop, feel and ask, 'What's going on?'"

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