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Getting back into gear



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A ball carrier looks for a cutback lane during the second day of Big Spring High School preseason football practice Tuesday evening. The Steers' regular season begins Aug. 26 at Amarillo Caprock. See related story and photo, Page 7.

Grand jury:

Alleged vandals indicted

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

An alleged vandalism spree earned three Howard County residents felony indictments from the Howard County Grand Jury.

Benjamin Robert Boadle, 18, Timothy James Craig, 21, and Christian Anthony Torrence, 20, were all indicted on state jail felony level criminal mischief charges by the grand jury for their alleged roles in a spate of home and vehicle vandalisms late last year.

The trio is believed responsible for a string of almost 50 reports of vandalism that occurred in Big Spring and Howard County in late December 2015. During a one-week span, the three men are accused of committing 47 separate acts of criminal mischief on area homes and cars.

"The offenses consisted of someone using a BB gun to shoot out windows of houses, buildings, vehicles and even a church," a Big Spring Police Department news release stated in December. Damage estimates from the vandalism exceeding \$16,000, police said.

If convicted, the men could face up to 18 months in a state jail felony and fines not to exceed \$10,000.

The following individuals were indicted during the most recent session of the Howard County Grand Jury on Friday, July 29:

- James Harold Berry, 62, Fort Worth, driving while intoxicated with child passenger (enhanced to third degree felony).
- Michelle Campbell, 34, Colorado City, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Miguel Javier Gomez, 38, Loaine, theft

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'The King' headlines next Summers on Green movie

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Elvis will be returning to the Hotel Settles if only in spirit at the final Summers on the Green Outdoor Movie and Entertainment series scheduled for Friday, Aug. 12.

"Follow that Dream," is a 1962 musical starring Elvis Presley and is about a vagabond family traveling on an as-yet-unopened section of highway in Florida when their car runs out of

gas. The family decides to homestead on land next to the road and eventually builds a thriving business catering to sports fisherman. Of course trouble comes along to thicken the plot which includes romance, comedic misunderstandings, musical numbers and run-ins with governmental officials. Follow that dream also stars Arthur O'Connell and Anne Helm.

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With jab at Ryan, Trump ignites new tensions in GOP

The Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado — As Republican loyalists continue to flee, Donald Trump ignited new party tensions Tuesday by refusing to endorse House Speaker Paul Ryan or Arizona Sen. John McCain, a remarkable display of party division just three months before Election Day.

The Republican presidential nominee told The Washington Post he's "just not quite there yet," when asked about an endorsement of Ryan, who faces a primary election next week. In doing so, he echoed the House speaker's comments of almost three months earlier, when the Wisconsin congressman was initially reluctant to embrace Trump as his party's standard bearer.

Trump's statement comes



Trump

amid intense fallout over his criticism of the family of the late Capt. Humayun Khan, a U.S. Army soldier who died in Iraq in 2004. Indeed, just two weeks after a Republican

National Convention that tried to focus on party unity, the Trump-driven rifts inside the GOP appear to be intensifying.

On Tuesday, retiring New York Rep. Richard Hanna became the first Republican member of Congress to say he will vote for Democrat Hillary Clinton in November instead of Trump.

"He is unfit to serve our party and cannot lead this country," Hanna wrote in a column published in The Post-Standard newspaper of

Syracuse, New York. "He is unrepentant in all things."

Later Tuesday, Hewlett-Packard executive Meg Whitman — a prominent Republican fundraiser — threw her support behind Clinton, saying, "Donald Trump's demagoguery has undermined the fabric of our national character."

Also Tuesday, the woman who helped shape New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's national image declared that she's voting for Clinton.

"As someone who has worked to further the Republican Party's principles for the last 15 years, I believe that we are at a moment where silence isn't an option," former Christie senior aide Maria



Ryan

Comella told CNN.

They join dozens of high-profile GOP leaders who have previously said they would not vote for Trump, including the party's 2012 nominee, Mitt Romney, and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

A day earlier, Sally Bradshaw, an architect of the Republican National Committee's 2013 "Growth and Opportunity" report, said she's leaving the GOP. While not a household name, her decision to leave the party rocked those who make politics their profession.

Bradshaw was one of the five senior Republican strategists tasked with identifying the party's shortcomings and recommending ways it could win the White House after its losing 2012 presidential cam-

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Obituaries

Willie P. Lane Jr.



Willie P. Lane Jr., 72, son of Willie P. and Lallie Lane, passed away Saturday, July 30, 2016, in Midland, Texas, after a lengthy illness. No services are scheduled at this time.

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

Survivors include his son, Cheston P. Lane; a grandson, Ashton G. Lane; and a sister, Sharon Hackney and husband Hugh of

Tennessee. He is also survived by multiple nieces and nephews; his significant other, Judith Pierce of Kansas; and his dearest friends, Jerry and Sharon Smith, and Junior and Glenda Stadham.

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

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

Paid obituary

James Bennett "Bounce" Covert Sr.

James Bennett "Bounce" Covert Sr., 78, a short-time Millerton, New York, resident, died Sunday, July 31, 2016, at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Conn. "Bounce," as he was more affectionately known, had a lengthy career in the casino and gambling industry which lasted from the early 1960's through the early 2000's. He began his career in Las Vegas, Nev., as a casino dealer; and, as he was promoted up the ladder over the course of 40 years, he worked in Athens, Greece; Biloxi, Miss.; and finished his career as Assistant Casino Manager at the Borgata Casino in Atlantic City, N.J.

Born July 12, 1938, in Big Spring, Texas, he was the son of the late Henry and Theo (Fuller) Covert. Bounce attended and graduated from high school and received an associate's degree in business. Bounce served his country for four years in the United States Army in Washington, D.C., under President Kennedy, serving in Presidential Airlift Group for Air Force One and Marine One. He was honorably discharged following his service to our nation. In 1966 in Las Vegas, Nev., he married Gloria A. Flood. Mrs. Covert survives in Millerton. Bounce enjoyed spending time with his family and will be dearly missed by his beloved wife and his loving family.

Survivors include his son, Ed Covert and his wife Kay of Millerton; his daughter-in-law Jeanette Covert of Cherry Hill, N.J.; a brother, Robert Fuller and his wife Natha of Texas; a sister, Janel Barnhill of Texas; his grandchildren, Fawna Hentish, Robert Covert, Josephine Covert, Colleen Covert, and Laurin Covert; his step-grandchildren, LeNita Van der Kruik and Carina Lucero-Harless; great-grandchildren, Zoe, Mia, and Asher Hentish; step-great-grandchildren, Tealin, Amelia, Madeline, and Charlotte Van der Kruik; three nieces, Kathy Awtry Yarbrough, Debbie Mason, and Mishell Juarez, all of Texas; and many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son, James B. Covert Jr.; a grandson, Clark Covert; and a niece, Melissa Fuller Cahill.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2016, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, N.Y., 12546. All other services are private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 45 Reade Place, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 12601, or the family requests that a tree be planted in memory of Bounce.

To send an online condolence please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Leland Daniels



Leland Daniels, 56, died July 26, 2016 at his home in Dayton, Texas, after a 24-month battle with brain cancer.

Services were held on Friday, July 29, 2016 at Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Dayton, Texas.

Leland was born July 15, 1960, in Big Spring, Texas, and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1978. He was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church while growing up in Big Spring, and also attended Howard Junior College before beginning his life-long career with Total Petrochemicals Research and Development (formerly Fina). Shortly

thereafter, he transferred to the Deer Park location where he retired May 1 of this year after 37 years of service. While working in R&D, Leland received several patent licenses.

Mr. Daniels is survived by his wife of 27 years, Pamela Lostak Daniels of Dayton; daughter, Shawnda Daniels Jackson and husband Dwayne of Mont Belvieu, Texas; son, Logan Daniels and companion Kayla Scott of Baytown; three grandchildren; parents, Melvin and Marie Daniels of Big Spring; sister, Laurie Shryack and husband Bart of Leander; and numerous other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers a memorial contribution may be made to American Brain Tumor Association by calling (866) 659-1030 or going online to <http://www.abta.org>.

Police, Sheriff, and Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **RANDY ALEN JONES**, 30, of 1092 ACR 2301 in Tennessee Colony, Texas, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **JOSHUA CARROL MATHEWS**, 31, of 3213 Drexel Ave. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **CHRISTINA MARTINEZ RODRIGUEZ**, 36, was arrested on warrants for issuance of a bad check and presenting a fictitious inspection report to an official.
- **ARTHUR EARL JACKSON**, 49, of 602 Holbert was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams), possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), and evading arrest or detention.
- **RAY RAGINO SANCHEZ JR.**, 55, of 608 E. 15th St. was arrested on a warrant for failure to identify fugitive/giving false information.
- **ROSEMARY KELLY**, 31, of 1401 Dixie Ave. was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).
- **DAVID WAYNE HOLSENBECK**, 48, of 6505 Midway Rd. was arrested on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear, defective stop lamp(s), expired driver's license, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **MARTIN D. SMITHSON**, 44, of 713 Meadowlark Dr. in Smyrna, Tenn., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FRANKLIN ARTHUR LEE**, 34, of 3370 Means Lake Rd. in Harrisonburg, La., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRAD WAYNE DUGAN JR.**, 33, of 3304 Maple was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of East FM 700 and the 4000 block of Vicky St.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal St.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of East FM 700.

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

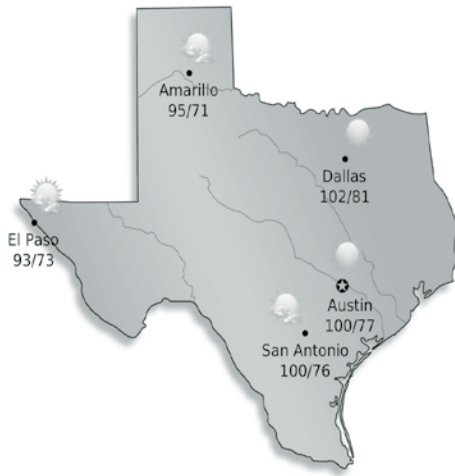
Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 33, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for resisting arrest, search, or transport.
- **BRAD WAYNE DUGAN JR.**, 33, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for harassment.
- **FRANKLIN ARTHUR LEE**, 34, was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DAVID WAYNE HOLSENBECK**, 48, was booked by BSPD on warrants for violation of promise to appear, defective or no tail lamps, expired driver's license, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **AUSTIN DERROLD HUNT**, 20, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for terroristic threat.
- **ARTHUR EARL JACKSON**, 49, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams), possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), and evading arrest or detention.
- **RANDY JONES**, 30, was booked by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **ROSEMARY KELLY**, 31, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500).
- **JOSHUA CARROL MATHEWS**, 31, was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving with an invalid license.
- **STEVEN LEE RIOS**, 37, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for failure to identify fugitive/giving false information.
- **TRINIDAD RIOS-RIOS**, 39, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.
- **CHRISTINA M. RODRIGUEZ**, 36, was booked by BSPD on warrants for presenting a fictitious inspection report to an official and issuance of a bad check.
- **RAY RAGINO SANCHEZ JR.**, 55, was booked

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 8/4	Fri 8/5	Sat 8/6	Sun 8/7	Mon 8/8
102/76 Sunny. High 102F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	100/75 Mainly sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	99/76 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	99/76 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	100/76 Plenty of sun. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 8:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 8:36 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	102	76	Sunny	Kingsville	99	74	M Sunny
Amarillo	95	71	P Cloudy	Livingston	98	73	Sunny
Austin	100	77	Sunny	Longview	101	78	Sunny
Beaumont	97	76	M Sunny	Lubbock	99	74	P Cloudy
Brownsville	96	77	M Sunny	Lufkin	99	74	Sunny
Brownwood	102	74	Sunny	Midland	102	77	Sunny
Corpus Christi	96	78	M Sunny	Raymondville	99	76	P Cloudy
Corsicana	102	78	Sunny	Rosenberg	97	74	Sunny
Dallas	102	81	Sunny	San Antonio	100	76	P Cloudy
Del Rio	103	78	Sunny	San Marcos	99	74	M Cloudy
El Paso	93	73	Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	101	79	Sunny
Fort Stockton	100	75	Sunny	Sweetwater	101	77	Sunny
Gainesville	98	75	Sunny	Tyler	101	79	Sunny
Greenville	101	78	Sunny	Weatherford	102	76	Sunny
Houston	99	79	Sunny	Wichita Falls	105	78	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	73	P Cloudy	Miami	88	81	Cloudy
Boston	78	62	M Sunny	Minneapolis	91	75	P Cloudy
Chicago	85	71	P Cloudy	New York	99	65	M Sunny
Dallas	102	81	Sunny	Phoenix	97	83	M Cloudy
Denver	96	65	Sunny	San Francisco	60	50	M Cloudy
Houston	99	79	Sunny	Seattle	75	56	Cloudy
Los Angeles	84	66	Cloudy	Saint Louis	83	72	Cloudy

Moon Phases

Phase	Date
First	Aug 10
Full	Aug 18
Last	Aug 25
New	Sep 1

UV Index

Thu 8/4	Fri 8/5	Sat 8/6	Sun 8/7	Mon 8/8
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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by BSPD on a warrant for failure to identify fugitive/giving false information.

- **MARTIN DELANEY SMITHSON**, 44, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANDREW WILSON**, 27, was booked by RSO on charges of assaulting a family or household member and interfering with emergency request for assistance.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Baylor. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wright. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20.

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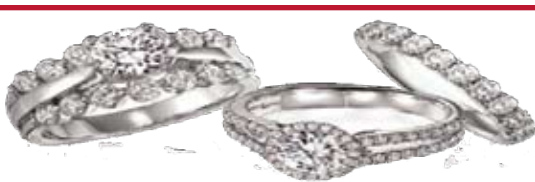
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- under \$2,500 with two previous convictions (state jail felony).
- Severiano L. Cordova, 33, 2904 Cherokee, possession of a controlled substance (second degree felony).
- Derrick Todd Drake, 30, county detention center, evading arrest with a vehicle (third degree felony).
- Timothy Edwin Fancher, 32, 2609 Wasson No. 64, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Jonathan Taylor Haws, 26, Amarillo, possession of a controlled substance (third degree felony).
- Jordan Lee Koski, 27, 1101 Sycamore, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Delilah Librada Moncada, 44, 1302 Sycamore, theft over \$1,500/less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).
- Justin Kelly Moran, 43, 511 N.W. 11th, two counts of possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony and third degree felony).

- Ben Menses Olguin Jr., 34, 2605 Chanute, possession of a controlled substance (enhanced to second degree felony).
- Maria Perez, 32, 1604 Lincoln, forgery (state jail felony).
- James Pesina, 38, Texas Department of Criminal Justice inmate, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (enhanced to first degree felony).
- Antonio Martinez Rodriguez, 37, 1200 Lamar, driving while intoxicated/third or more offense (habitual offender, first degree felony).
- Richard James White, 39, 3017 S. Moss Lake Road, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Tara Nicole White, 39, 817 W. Eighth, securing execution of a document by deception (third degree felony).
- Kevin Lamont Williams, 23, county detention center, evading arrest with a vehicle (third degree felony).
- Christopher Bennett Wooten, 55, county detention center, driving while intoxicated/third or more

- offense (habitual offender, first degree felony).
- Benjamin Robert Boadle, 18, 503 E. 16th, criminal mischief over \$2,500/under \$30,000 (state jail felony).
- Timothy James Craig, 21, 4203 Wasson, criminal mischief over \$2,500/under \$30,000 (state jail felony).
- Christian Anthony Torrence, 20, county detention center, criminal mischief over \$2,500/under \$30,000 (state jail felony).
- John Gerard Escovedo, 37, 100 N.W. Fourth, possession of a controlled substance (habitual offender, first degree felony).
- John Anthony Pantojoa, 25, 100B Lockhart, possession of a controlled substance (third degree felony).
- Patrick Aaron Ramirez Jr., 24, 1601 Stadium, possession of marijuana over four ounces/under five pounds (state jail felony).
- Reydecel Adame Rodriguez, 28, county detention center, evading arrest with a vehicle (third degree felony) and attempting to take a weapon from a peace officer (state jail felony).

Take note

- 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 conservation 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/.

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. For more information or to register, contact Sharon Rich, program director, at 432-517-0723. Space is limited.

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

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

MOVIE

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The movie is based on Richard Powell's book, "Pioneer, Go Home". Automobiles are the ongoing theme of Summers on the Green which is geared to promote tourism along the

old historic Bankhead Highway, the first all-weather transcontinental road which connected Washington, D.C., to San Diego, Calif. Both the Big Spring Auditorium and the Hotel Settles were built along this route which is no longer in existence. Elvis once stayed in the Hotel Settles during its heyday.

Last month, "Grease," the 1970s musical hit, was the featured film. "The Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau wants to thank everyone who attended our Summers on the Green Event," said Hayley Lewis, Big Spring Convention and Visitor's tourism coordinator. "We had an amaz-

ing turn out for 'Grease' and we can't wait to see everyone for our next event. "We've made just one slight change to the plan for the next event, the time," she said. "We will begin the event at 8 p.m. with vendors and yard games to kick the night off and then when it gets dark, around 9:15

p.m., we will start the movie portion of night with (radio personality) Tumbleweed Smith's Bankhead Highway Video Memoirs. After that, we will show the feature presentation: 'Follow that Dream'." The event is held on the lawn of the Hotel Settles. Those who attend the event are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Cooler and picnics are welcome but no alcohol is allowed. This year is the 100th

anniversary of the Bankhead Highway. Big Spring is one of four pilot cities participating in the Texas Historical Commission's historic Bankhead tourism project. For more information, contact Lewis at 432-263-8235.

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TRUMP

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campaign. She said she will vote for the Democratic nominee if the race in her home state of Florida appears close come Election Day. "Trump has moved in exactly the opposite direction from our recommendations on how to make the party more inclusive," said Ari Fleischer, who worked with Bradshaw on the GOP's so-called post-election autopsy and was a senior adviser to President George W. Bush. Fleischer still supports Trump over Clinton. But Bradshaw and Comella are among a group of top Republican operatives, messengers, national committee members and donors who continue to decry Trump's tactics, highlighting almost daily — with fewer than 100 days before the election — the fissures created by the billionaire and his takeover of the party. Veterans and families

of fallen soldiers continue to call on Trump to apologize for his treatment of the Khan family, who spoke out against Trump at last week's Democratic National Convention. Trump said the grieving father had "no right" to criticize him, only later acknowledging their son is a hero. "If @realDonaldTrump wants to be the Commander in Chief, he needs to act like one. And that can't start until he apologizes to the Khans," Dakota Meyer, one of a handful of living Medal of Honor recipients and former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's son-in-law, wrote Tuesday on Twitter. Trump invited more tension Tuesday when he told *The Washington Post* he's not ready to endorse Ryan in next week's Republican primary contest against Paul Nehlen, praising the underdog for running "a very good campaign." Tensions were already running high between the two high-profile

Republicans, who will have to work together closely should Trump win the presidency. Said Ryan's campaign spokesman Zack Roday, "Neither Speaker Ryan nor anyone on his team has ever asked for Donald Trump's endorsement. And we are confident in a victory next week regardless." In the Post interview, Trump also declined to support McCain's reelection and dismissed New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte as weak. Both had been among Trump's harshest critics in the wake of his comments about the Khan family, particular McCain, a former prisoner of war who said Trump did not have "unfettered license to defame those who are the best among us." Christie, the New Jersey governor, continues to be one of Trump's biggest supporters. But Comella, his former aide, said the very survival of the party depends on stopping the celebrity businessman. "Instead of speaking

out against instances of bigotry, racism and inflammatory rhetoric, whether it's been against women, immigrants or Muslims, we made a calculus that it was better to say nothing at all in the interest of politics and winning elections," she told CNN. "For me, if our party has a future, we have to change that trajectory and lead by example."

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This week I have a mixture of books to tell you about. "Heat & Light" by Jennifer Haigh (F HAI J) depicts a community blessed and cursed by its natural resources. Soaring and ambitious, it zooms from drill rig to shareholders' meeting to the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor to the ruined landscape of the "strippings," haunting reminders of Pennsylvania's past energy booms. This story is told through a cast of characters whose lives are increasingly bound by the opposing interests that underpin the national debate.



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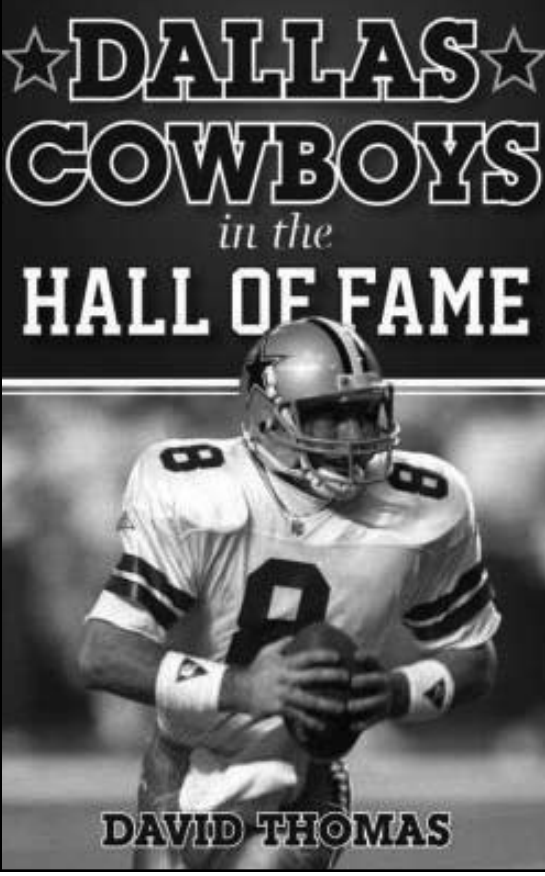
In "Troublemaker" by Linda Howard (F HOW L), Morgan Yancy, an operative and team leader in a paramilitary group, is ambushed and almost killed. His supervisor is determined to find out who is after the members of his elite squad, and sends Morgan to a remote location with instructions to lay low and stay vigilant. Part-time police chief Isabeau "Bo" Maran finally has her life figured out until Morgan shows up on her doorstep. Bo doesn't need a troublemaker as enticing and secretive as Morgan in her life as she already has her hands full reining in the residents after a personal dispute goes violently awry. As the days and weeks pass, Bo and Morgan fight the intense heat between them and become closer. Although Bo knows he is hiding something from her, discovering the truth could cost her more than she's willing to give. When Morgan's cover is blown, it might just cost Bo her life.

"Flawless" by Heather Graham (F GRA H) begins at a pub that has been in the Finnegan family for generations. Kieran Finnegan and her three brothers own it. Because of her less-than-lawful teenage past, Kieran is also a criminal psychologist. New York's Diamond District has been hit by a rash of thefts. No one has been killed until now. FBI agent Craig Frasier is brought in to investigate; he and Kieran meet at a jewelry store in the middle of a heist. She is there to "unsteal" a flawless stone taken by her light-fingered youngest brother as an act of vengeance, and Craig is there to stop the gang. The police and FBI begin to

wonder if there are two gangs of diamond thieves, the original and a copycat group of killers who think their scheme is as flawless as the stones they steal. Thrown together by circumstance, drawn together by attraction, Kieran and Craig are both assigned to the case. To Kieran's horror, there is more evidence that somehow the pub is involved.

"The Apartment" by Danielle Steel (F STE D) finds four young women at turning points in their lives sharing an apartment. Their shared life in the apartment grounds them as they bring one another comfort and become a family of beloved friends. Unexpected opportunities alter the course of each of their lives. As they meet the challenges, they face the bittersweet reality that in time they will inevitably move away from the place where their dreams began. This vibrant, tender, and moving tale pulses with the excitement of New York City and explores twists of fate, and the way that sometimes friends can be the family we need most.

"Robert B. Parker's Slow Burn" by Ace Atkins (M ATK A) is a Spenser Novel.



A fire at a boarded-up Catholic church raged hot and fast killing three firefighters who were trapped in the inferno. A year later, there are still no answers about how the deadly fire started. Most believe it was just a simple accident: faulty wiring

in a century-old building. Firefighter Jack McGee, who lost his best friend in the blaze, suspects arson so he takes the case to Spenser. Spenser quickly learns not only that McGee might be right, but that the fire might be linked to a rash of new arsons spreading through the city. Spenser follows the trail of fires to Boston's underworld, bringing him, his trusted ally Hawk, and his apprentice, Sixkill, toe-to-toe with a dangerous new enemy who wants Spenser dead. Spenser has to find the firebug before he kills again and stay alive himself.

"Boar Island" by Nevada Barr (M BAR N) is an Anna Pigeon Novel. As a National Park Service ranger, Anna Pigeon has had to deal with all manner of crimes and misdemeanors, but cyberbullying is a new one. Elizabeth, the adopted teenage daughter of her friend Heath Jarrod, is driven to despair by disgusting rumors spreading online and bullying texts. While they deal with this fragile state of affairs and find the person behind the harassment, the three adults decide the best thing to do is remove Elizabeth from the situation. Since Anna is about to start a new post, they will join her and stay at a house on the cliff of a small island near the park, Boar Island. The move halfway across the country doesn't solve the problem. The stalker has followed them. Heath and Elizabeth aren't alone on the otherwise deserted island. At

the same time, Anna has barely arrived before a brutal murder is committed by a killer uncomfortable close to her.

"Silent Creed" by Alex Kava (M KAV A) is another Ryder Creed Novel. Ryder Creed and his K9 search-and-rescue dogs team up once more with FBI Maggie O'Dell in their riskiest case yet. When Ryder Creed responds to a devastating mudslide, he knows that the difference between finding survivors and the dead is time. He and his rescue dog, Bolo, get to work immediately, but the scene is rife with danger: continued rainfall prevents the rescue teams from stabilizing the land; toxic household substances spread by the crushing slide fill the area with hazardous waste; and the detritus and debris are treacherous for both man

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Texas professors sue over guns on campus before class begins

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' new law allowing concealed handguns in college classrooms, buildings and dorms has barely started and already faces a legal challenge seeking to block it before students return for the fall semester.

Three professors at the University of Texas sued July 6 to overturn the law, claiming it is unconstitutional

and is forcing colleges to impose "dangerously-experimental gun policies." The 50,000-student Austin campus has been a flashpoint of opposition to the law among faculty and students.

The law took effect Monday, the 50th anniversary Charles Whitman's sniper attack from the top of University of Texas campus clock tower, a shooting spree that eventually claimed 17 lives and has come to be accepted as the nation's first mass shooting.

U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel had previously scheduled a preliminary injunction hearing for Thursday in Austin. Classes at the University of Texas start Aug. 24.

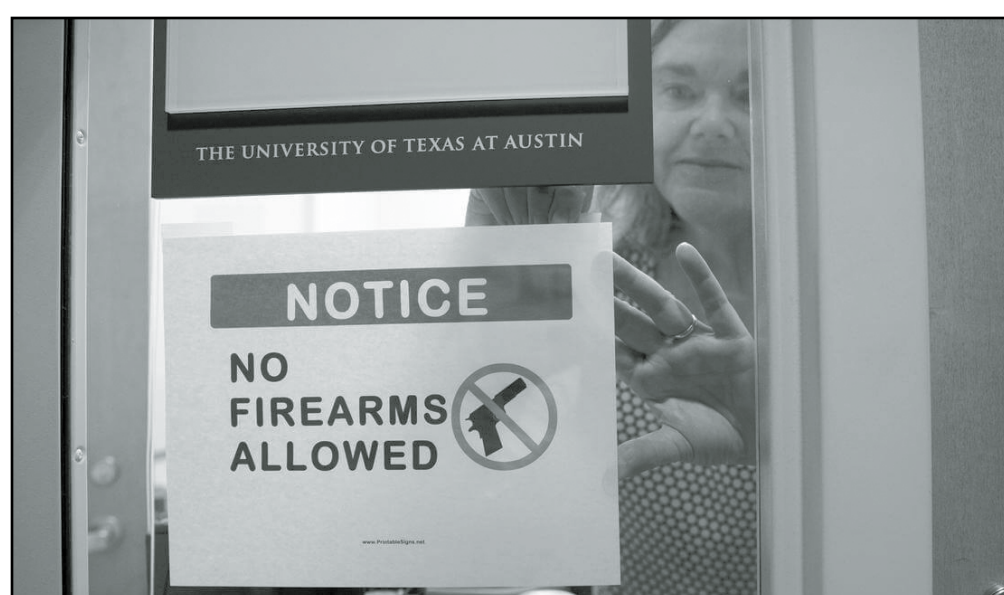
Texas has allowed licensed concealed handguns in public since 1995 but had previously made college buildings off limits.

The new law makes Texas one of eight states with laws that allow weapons on campus and inside buildings, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Another 23 let their campuses or governing boards decide.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Tuesday called the lawsuit "frivolous" and urged its dismissal. Gun rights advocates say it's a key self-defense measure that is protected under the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

"I'm confident it will be dismissed because the Legislature passed a constitutionally sound law," Paxton said.

The Texas law allows schools to set some gun limits, such as banning weapons from campus hospitals or labs with dangerous chemicals. The University of Texas rules allow professors



AP photo

UT Anthropology professor Pauline Strong posts a sign prohibiting guns at her office on the first day of the new campus-carry law Monday, Aug. 1, 2016.

to ban weapons from their private offices and places some restrictions on dorms.

The lawsuit by sociology professor Jennifer Lynn Glass, creative writing professor Lisa Moore and English professor Mia Carter says allowing guns into classrooms could be dangerous when discussions can wade into emotionally and politically charged topics such as gay rights and abortion.

"Compelling professors at a public university to allow, without any limitation or restriction, students to carry concealed guns in their classrooms chills their First Amendment rights to academic freedom," their lawsuit says.

The lawsuit also challenges claims that the law is protected by the Second Amendment right bear arms and says it violates the Constitutional equal protection clause.

Texas' Republican-majority Legislature passed the law in 2015 over similar objections from student and faculty groups, most notably at the Austin campus.

University of Texas System Chancellor, former Retired Adm. William McRaven, a former Navy SEAL who coordinated the raid that killed Osama bin Laden, urged lawmakers not to pass the law, telling them allowing guns would make campuses "less safe."

University of Texas administrators and faculty have warned the law will make it difficult to attract and retain top students, teachers and researchers. University of Texas School of Architecture dean Fritz Steiner cited the law as a reason to leave the school for a job at the University of Pennsylvania.

But those worries haven't resonated statewide. At Texas A&M University, Chancellor John Sharp supported the law and professors there won't be allowed to ban weapons from their offices without special permission from the administration.

Supporters of the campus carry law say its impact is overstated, because most students won't be legally allowed to carry concealed weapons.

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and dog to navigate. Most perilous are the secrets hidden under the mud and sludge—secrets someone would kill to protect. Among the buildings consumed by the landslide was a top-secret government research facility, and Creed has been hired to find what is left of it. When the rescuers recover the body of a scientist from the facility who was obviously dead before the landslide-killed by a gunshot to the head, the FBI sends Agent Maggie O'Dell to investigate. She and Creed are soon caught in a web of lies, secrets, and murder that may involve not only the government facility, but also decades-old medical experiments that are the subject of current congressional hearings. As more bodies are found under even more unusual circumstances, they come closer to exposing the truth. With unknown forces working against them, Maggie, Creed, and the dogs are running out of time.

For all you Dallas Cowboy fans, we have the book "Dallas Cowboys in the Hall of Fame" by David Thomas (796.332 THO

D). This book brings the fans inside information on their favorite stars of the past. Along with the countless number of loyal Cowboy supporters, all pro football enthusiasts will enjoy learning more about the iconic players profiled in this book—legends who have helped shape the Dallas franchise and the NFL.

I didn't quite get through with my list, but there's always next week. I leave you with a quote from

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News in brief

Trump taunts GOP, refusing to back Ryan, McCain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump is openly taunting the leaders of his own party by refusing to endorse House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Sen. John McCain of Arizona in their GOP primaries. Yet thus far, McCain, Ryan and other Republicans who've reluctantly declared that they plan to back Trump for president appear to be sticking with him.

Trump's stunning slap at two of the nation's most prominent Republicans dramatically escalated GOP turmoil barely a week after a convention intended to promote party unity.

With the general election campaign now squarely underway, Republicans found themselves once again forced to answer questions about the latest boundary-defying pronouncement from Trump at a moment when most would rather be talking about Hillary Clinton's record.

Trump made his declarations in an interview with The Washington Post in which he also lit into New Hampshire GOP Sen. Kelly Ayotte. All three lawmakers are facing primary challenges from the right in coming weeks, though all are expected to prevail, and each had criticized Trump's attacks on the Muslim American parents of an Army captain killed in Iraq.

Trump's rebuke to Ryan carried particular derision.

"I'm just not there yet," Trump said, closely echoing Ryan's own demurrals before eventually endorsing Trump, when he told CNN on May 6, "I'm not there right now."

America in one word? 'Free,' 'great,' or 'divided,' 'broken'

NEW YORK (AP) — Free and great, or divided and confused. Diverse and powerful, or troubled and broken. In search of a single word encapsulating their country at this moment, Americans offered pollsters a lexicon reflecting both hope and dissonance.

The most-uttered word from about 1,000 responses to the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research survey was "freedom," with "free" not far behind at No. 4. "Great" took second place — and "good," "powerful," "wonderful" and "awesome" also occupied the top tier. But crowding the list were entries mirroring national angst.

"Divided" ranked third, and "confused" and "troubled" tied for fifth, amassed alongside other words of distress: "broken," "lost," and more bluntly, "screwed."

Pollsters say grouping people's answers together with synonyms and related words is a better reflection of public sentiment. Viewed that way, "struggling," "declining" and their synonyms accounted for the biggest chunk of words, from about one-fifth of answers. Some 18 percent of respondents offered words related to American greatness, prosperity and power, which collectively ranked second, followed by those linked to freedom (15 percent), and "confused," "lost" and similar choices (10 percent).

Positive and negative words were almost evenly split.

N. Korea fires mid-range missile toward waters near Japan

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A medium-range ballistic missile fired Wednesday by North Korea flew about 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) and landed near Japan's territorial waters, Seoul and Tokyo officials said, one of the longest flights by a North Korean missile.

The U.S. Strategic Command said North Korea fired two presumed Rodong missiles simultaneously on Wednesday, not just one. The command's statement said initial indications reveal one of the missiles exploded immediately after launch, while the second was tracked over North Korea and into the Sea of Japan.

North Korea has recently claimed a series of technical breakthroughs over its goal of acquiring a long-range nuclear missile capable of reaching the continental U.S. South Korean defense officials say North Korea doesn't yet have such a weapon, but some civilian experts believe the North has the technology to mount warheads on shorter-range Rodong and Scud missiles that can strike South Korea and Japan.

According to the South Korean and Japanese announcements, one suspected Rodong missile lifted off from the North's western Hwanghae province and flew across the country before falling in waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan.

Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that it "strongly condemns" the missile launch because it explicitly shows the North's intentions of being able to launch missile attacks on South Korea and neighboring countries.

Japan's Defense Ministry said the missile landed inside Japan's exclusive economic zone, the 200-nautical-mile offshore area where a nation has sovereign rights for exploring and exploiting resources. Japanese media reported it was the first North Korean missile that has splashed down in Japan's EEZ.

Fears about Rio Games? Don't forget Brazilian party skills

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — For months, fears about the Rio de Janeiro Olympics have been hogging the spotlight.

There are concerns about safety amid a surge of murders in Rio and extremist attacks in Europe and the United States. Polluted beaches and other waterways could make athletes and visitors ill, and the Zika virus has scared some competitors away.

If all that wasn't enough, the state of Rio is so broke that months ago it stopped paying thousands of public employees; Angry police have periodically been greeting tourists in the international airport with signs that say, "Welcome to hell!"

If history is a guide, however, a focus on the problems is all part of the script in the run up to the games. Once the competitions start, most if not all of the problems fade into the background — at least for the athletes, tourists and millions watching around the world.

NYC's next top cop touts strategy to repair rift with public

NEW YORK (AP) — The career cop picked to lead America's largest police department is embracing a throwback strategy to repair the deep rift that has opened between officers and the public. He wants patrol officers to get to know people on their beat on a first-name basis.

James "Jimmy" O'Neill was introduced Tuesday at City Hall as the next commissioner of the New York Police Department.

When he takes over next month, O'Neill will inherit challenges that vexed his well-known predecessor, William Bratton, who announced that he is quitting to take a job with a corporate consulting firm.

Crime statistics in the city have never been better, but officer morale is an issue as is the level of distrust between officers and minorities, especially black New Yorkers.

In announcing O'Neill's selection, Democratic

Mayor Bill de Blasio said he would be tasked with expanding a "neighborhood policing plan" the department first unveiled last year amid tensions stirred by the police chokehold death of Eric Garner and the subsequent ambush slaying of two NYPD officers by a suicidal gunman out for revenge.

5 dead in California bus crash; ugly images for survivors

ATWATER, Calif. (AP) — A bus was nearly sliced in half after plowing into a highway pole in California's heavily agricultural San Joaquin Valley, killing five people as survivors faced horrific scene of wounds and screams.

Eighteen people were also injured in Tuesday's crash, but by days' end none were critical, officials said.

Passenger Leonardo Sanchez was sleeping peacefully before dawn on the bus carrying him to Oregon to pick blueberries when he was suddenly thrown face-first into the back of the seat in front of him and awakened to the horrific scene.

"There was lots of screaming and crying," Sanchez told The Associated Press hours after Tuesday's crash. He said only about eight people, including himself, escaped the bus largely unscathed.

The accident sliced the bus from front to back, with the vehicle coming to a stop when its first rear axle hit the pole.

2nd legal activist sentenced as China reins in critics

BEIJING (AP) — A Chinese legal rights activist was sentenced to 7 1/2 years in prison on subversion charges Wednesday, in the second in a series of cases underscoring the ruling Communist Party's determination to rein in government critics.

State broadcaster CCTV said Hu Shigen had pleaded guilty to "subversion, damaging national security and harming social stability" at the start of his hearing before the Tianjin No. 2 Intermediate People's Court.

It said Hu had decided not to appeal the sentence.

His brief trial came a day after the court issued a suspended three-year sentence to activist Zhai Yanmin. Both were arrested in July last year with two others as part of a nationwide crackdown on legal rights activists. About 300 lawyers and activists were initially seized and questioned before most were released.

Hu, 61, was accused of leading an "underground organization" that masqueraded as a church but was dedicated to identifying and drawing attention to accusations of government abuses.

He worked with others, some of whom are also facing trial this week, to "organize activities that manipulated public opinion and disturbed public order," prosecutors were quoted as saying by state media.

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2-a-days continue

The Big Spring Steers' varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen teams got on the field for the second day in a row as they prepare for their season opener.

The Steers will take on Pecos and Lubbock Estacado in two scrimmages before their regular season opener August 26 at Caprock High School. The August 12 scrimmage against Pecos is at a site and time yet to be determined, and the August 19 scrimmage is at Lubbock Estacado at 11 a.m.

Season tickets for Steers football will be on sale August 8-11 from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tickets can be bought for \$30 per ticket book at the Athletic Training Center (ATC) at Big Spring High School.

For questions regarding season tickets, contact Rosi Slate at 432-264-3662.



Big Spring freshmen practice during the second day of two-a-days.

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Phelps to carry U.S. flag during Olympic opening

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Unlike the last four Olympics, Michael Phelps will be taking part in the opening ceremony for the Rio Games.

And he'll have something to carry.

Phelps will be the bearer of the U.S. flag during the Friday night ceremony at Maracana Stadium, selected in a vote by all members of the American Olympic team.

The decision announced Wednesday makes Phelps, the most decorated athlete in second Olympic history, only the second swimmer to lead the U.S. delegation in the opening ceremony. Gary Hall was the first at the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

"I'm honored to be chosen, proud to represent the U.S., and humbled by the significance of carrying the flag and all it stands for," Phelps said.

His selection was an obvious choice. Phelps has captured 18 golds and 22 medals overall, far more than any other athlete in Olympic history, and he is the first American male swimmer to qualify for five Olympics.

But this will be the first time Phelps has participated in the opening ceremony, which can be a grueling experience in which the athletes spend hours on their

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Yu can't match Bundy as Rangers fall to O's

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Texas Rangers' new-look lineup was no match for a rookie right-hander making his fourth major league start.

Dylan Bundy pretty much got the best of Yu Darvish, too.

Bundy took a no-hitter into the sixth inning for the second time in a row, and the Baltimore Orioles used a four-homer attack to beat the Rangers 5-1 Tuesday night in a duel between AL division leaders.

Facing Texas for the first time as a starter, Bundy allowed one hit and a walk over seven sparkling innings against a potent batting order featuring newcomers Carlos Beltran and Jonathan Lucroy.

"He threw the ball really well," said Ian Desmond, who drew a fourth-inning

walk. "He's stingy. Didn't miss over the plate to me much."

Bundy (4-3) outpitched Darvish (2-3), who allowed three homers for only the second time in 90 major league appearances. Pedro Alvarez connected in the fifth and seventh innings, and Adam Jones went deep on an 0-2 pitch in the sixth.

Darvish was pulled after Alvarez's second homer made it 3-0, and Matt Wieters greeted reliever Dario Alvarez with a shot to right.

Facing the Orioles for the first time since taking the loss in the 2012 wildcard game, Darvish gave up three runs and struck out nine in his seventh start since returning following Tommy John surgery.

"He made progress, in my opinion, on how

he threw the baseball, how he competed and just how he attacked the strike zone," manager Jeff Banister said. "He had to pitch almost flawless with what Bundy was doing."

Lucroy liked what he saw from Darvish from behind the plate.

"Yeah, we got on the same page after the first inning," said Lucroy, who was dealt by Milwaukee. "He gave us a chance to win. Their guy was a little better."

The loss snapped the AL West-leading Rangers' four-game winning streak. Playing with Texas for the first time since being obtained Monday in separate trades, Beltran went 0 for 4 with two strikeouts and Lucroy was hitless with a walk

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AP Photo/Gail Burton

Texas Rangers pitcher Dylan Bundy pauses on the mound after giving up a solo home run to the Baltimore Orioles during the fifth inning of a baseball in Baltimore, Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016.



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith

Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve, left, tags out Toronto Blue Jays' Josh Donaldson after he tried to stretch a single into a double in the third inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016.

McCullers leaves with right elbow injury in Astros' loss

HOUSTON (AP) — Lance McCullers left with right elbow discomfort, and the Houston Astros' offense continued to sputter.

McCullers will be examined Wednesday after pitching 4 2/3 innings Tuesday night in a 2-1 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays.

McCullers (6-5) allowed two runs and seven hits with six strikeouts.

"We don't really know," McCullers said about the injury. "We're just going to follow protocol and take it step by step and see where we are tomorrow. I felt a little discomfort, and out of precaution, I just had to get out of there."

Joe Musgrove replaced McCullers and struck out eight in 4 1/3 score-

less innings, tying a major league record for strikeouts by a reliever in his big league debut set by Barry Jones with Pittsburgh in 1986.

"I pitch to contact so I tried to get ahead as best I could," Musgrove said. "Two-strike situations presented themselves a lot more tonight than usual, but with a defense like this behind me, it was easy to just trust the guys behind you and let them work. I just tried to throw the ball in the zone, let them put it in play and let our guys do the rest."

R.A. Dickey threw seven solid innings and Jose Bautista and Edwin

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Cowboys' scrambling for backup QB plan after Moore breaks ankle

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Dallas quarterback Kellen Moore broke his right ankle in a training camp practice Tuesday, likely forcing the Cowboys to look outside the organization for an experienced backup.

The injury happened during one of the last plays of 11-on-11 work in the second full-pad practice of camp. Guard Jared Smith was pushed back by defensive lineman Lawrence Okoye and stepped on Moore's ankle.

Without Moore, there isn't a backup behind Tony Romo with any NFL experience. Dallas drafted former Mississippi State quarterback Dak Prescott in the fourth round this year, and undrafted free agent Jameill Showers is in his second year. Prescott and Showers have been sharing third-team work.

The injury came four days after owner Jerry Jones declared his confidence in Moore, who made the first two starts of his career

in the final two games last season with Romo sidelined by a broken collarbone. He lost both as Dallas finished 4-12.

"It's regrettable," Jones said after Moore was injured. "We'll just basically take a look at it and address it from here."

Jones said in his camp-opening news conference that the Cowboys weren't interested in Nick Foles, a former rival with Philadelphia. Foles, with 35 starts over the past four seasons, was released by the Los Angeles Rams last week. The Rams took California's Jared Goff with the top pick in this year's draft.

Moore threw for 435 yards and three touchdowns in the season finale against Washington, but had six interceptions in three games. The first three came in his first NFL appearance, when he replaced the ineffective Matt Cassel in the first half of a loss to the New York Jets.

Brazilians shake off doubts, cite "jeito"

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — For months, fears about the Rio de Janeiro Olympics have been hogging the spotlight.

There are concerns about safety amid a surge of murders in Rio and extremist attacks in Europe and the United States. Polluted beaches and other waterways could make athletes and visitors ill, and the Zika virus has scared some competitors away.

If all that wasn't enough, the state of Rio is so broke that months ago it stopped paying thousands of public employees; Angry police have periodically been greeting tourists in the international airport with signs that say, "Welcome to hell!"

If history is a guide, however, a focus on the problems is all part of the script in the run up to the games. Once the competi-

tions start, most if not all of the problems fade into the background — at least for the athletes, tourists and millions watching around the world.

Such negative coverage has a "very simple explanation," says Michael Heine, director of the Center for Olympic Studies at Western University.

"The event is about sports, but you can't find sporting material because the whistle hasn't gone yet," said Heine. "So what else do you write about?"

Coverage ahead of the 2012 Olympics in London included stories about terrorism fears and concerns about civil liberties in light of increased military and police presence. The run up to 2008 Games in Beijing put a spotlight on authoritarianism and extreme air pollution in China. In Athens 2004, there were myriad questions

about whether the venues would be done in time.

Many Brazilians feel frustrated that the expectations are overwhelmingly negative, especially when the country has pulled off big events like the 2014 World Cup.

They argue that such accounts don't take into account Brazilian "jeito," or way of doing things, which includes an easy-going nature and a penchant for successfully pulling things off at the last moment. And the doomsday scenarios all but ignore samba dancing and capoeira martial arts, beautiful coastlines contrasted by mountains covered with lush jungle, stunning sunrises and sunsets, caipirinha cocktails and culinary options that range from meat-eaters' delights to exotic fish

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c/o: Robert D. Miller Attorney at Law 608 Scurry Big Spring, TX 79720

DATED the 1st day of August, 2016.

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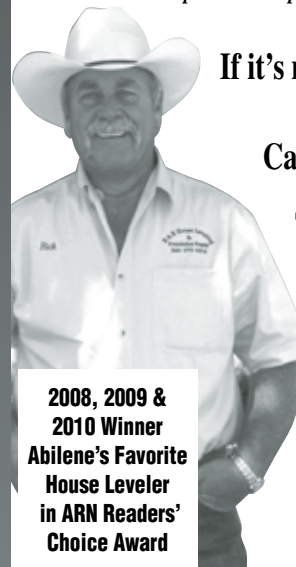


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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Post-New Moon

We are animals, sniffing around, alert to HOLIDAY threats, MATHIS sensitized to finding allies. Curiosity has driven us from home. There's a vulnerable feeling to this first day following the new moon. Like fawns at the forest edge we contemplate a return to the heart of the woods even while we seek new pastures. Remember what drove you to this place.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your life is controlled by an extremely powerful force -- you. So why does someone seem to be pulling the strings? One fix would be to just to cut those strings altogether. The attachments make things complicated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Believing it's possible to have something big will automatically increase your chances of getting

something big. So will your application of practical solutions and daily vigilance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Allow for the obstacle. Spend time thinking about how you'll handle it when it, or its cousin obstacle, finally shows up. Something will happen and it will set you back or make you late unless you deal with it in the hypothetical first.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People show the parts of themselves they want you to see. Your ability to see past the facade and accurately predict a particular human nature will make you a great leader.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Time doesn't need to be managed. Time does a good job of being consistent without any help. All the activities you're trying to stuff into those hours -- that's where your focus can effectively change outcomes and improve results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're friendly and inclusive and yet

still careful about forming new friendships, because you want to make sure you've the time and energy to nurturing the relationships of your inner circle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The task at hand will require equal parts restraint and enthusiasm, a ratio you should, given your balanced nature, hit rather easily. You'll help the others figure out what exactly to do and how much is just right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). By now, your pattern is so predictable to you that you're astounded when those close to you don't seem to know what's coming next. Shouldn't they pay more attention? Consider doing something surprising to capture it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're the "fun one" today and this social responsibility will come with phone calls, logistics and demands on your attention that will, luckily, be a pleasure to fulfill.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Make moves on what you

want or someone else will; given the competitive feelings you've had lately, you probably wouldn't like how that might go down. Use it or lose it. Put a "ring" on it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is said that mediocrity only recognizes itself, while brilliance recognizes a full spectrum of talent, intelligence and beauty in the world. You'll see and be seen for your unique gifts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The line between business and friendship will be seemingly blurred; however, do not mistakenly think that this means no one is keeping track. When it comes to money, everyone keeps track.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 3). This month brings loving support and financial luck from the blue. Use some of it to help your family and invest the rest in education. March represents another financial high. Your connection with like-minds will lead to powerful groups and

social change. A competitor will spur you to new heights in December. Virgo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 6, 13 and 44.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Virgo. A few years ago I was deeply in debt. Then I made a large sum of money unexpectedly and I paid it all off. Now I'm married with children and in even deeper than the first time, although this time it's mostly real estate, so it's considered 'good debt.' However, there is still a car payment and two credit cards that are nearly maxed. I feel the pressure of this financial debt at all times. I even dream about it. My husband, an Aquarius, says I'm worried unnecessarily and I should loosen up. But how am I supposed to do that, knowing that the financial situation is so dire?"

Your husband is right. The worry won't do you any good and will only restrict you from the flow of good fortune. The stressful feelings

will go away when you have a plan on paper that makes sense to you. This will require you to face your financial scene honestly, thoroughly and head on. Take it on as you would any other project. Try not to be so emotionally involved. Read books on personal finance or get a financial mentor. Look at it as a math equation to be solved instead of a judgment about you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Ultimate home-maker Martha Stewart is a Leo with Mercury, her sign of communication, in Cancer, the sign of home and mothers. Venus in detail-oriented Virgo suggests that her love and appreciation of details is matched only by her amazing capacity to tend to them. Stewart's moon is in Sagittarius, the sign that represents expansion, social ease and good fortune.

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After the Kids Have Flown the Coop

Dear Annie: I am a 49-year-old father of twins, a boy and girl. They are 18 and will be headed for college soon, and I am starting to get pretty worried about the nest's being empty once they depart.

I love my wife. Our marriage has been rocky at times, but we've stayed together. There's been no infidelity or anything major. We've just had normal couple issues about quality time spent together and household annoyances, such as not emptying the dishwasher and leaving stubble around the sink in the bathroom.

For the past 18 years, the kids have been our focus. In a few months, that focus moves out.

I am worried about myself. These days, when I come home from work, I check in with the kids. I help with homework. I go to their basketball games. After they leave, I will have nothing to do.

I am worried about my wife, too. Her life is

these kids. She cooks for them. She drives for them (which is shocking, considering they both have their driver's licenses). They are her world, and that will be gone after they leave.

Yes, I am looking forward to spending more time with my wife, but there are only so many episodes of "House of Cards" we can watch. Is there anything I can do to prepare for this departure? -- Deserted Dad

Dear Deserted: Change can be a wonderful thing. It can also be terrifying, disorienting and sad. The key is to embrace it.

Your kids will no longer depend on you the way they once did, but this means you can now have a relationship with them more akin to friendship. The more mature they become the more they'll appreciate you and their mom. And they'll still need plenty of help as they navigate the world of adulthood.

You and your wife can use this stage to behave like newlyweds again. Go out on more dates. Relearn what

it's like to have free time. Most importantly, talk about the transition you're both going through, as you are in a perfect position to understand and support each other. The nest isn't totally empty as long as you've got each other. (Netflix doesn't hurt.)

Dear Annie: I am a 14-year-old girl. I have known "Mia" since the third grade, when we instantly became the best of friends. Unfortunately, things have not been great with us lately because Mia spends so much time on social media. She has been constantly "chatting" with different people, who are complete strangers, over the internet. She has even met up with some of these people in person. I am worried that she may be putting herself in danger. What is so sad is that she has a messed-up family, and nobody is supervising her when it comes to social media.

I am nervous that she will send naked pictures of herself or get lured into prostitution or something else terrible

because she does not have good judgment and is not making smart choices. What should I do? Please help. -- Concerned Friend

Dear Concerned: Your worries are 100 percent justified. It's not just that Mia may put herself in further danger; she already (SET ITAL) is (END ITAL) putting herself in danger by talking to strangers online and even meeting up with them in person unsupervised. You need to enlist the help of your mom and dad. They can talk to Mia's parents or other adults in her life who will look out for her best interests, such as a guidance counselor.

Prepare yourself for the fact that Mia will be angry with you. But her safety is paramount, and she's left you with no choice. You will look back on this and be glad you did the right thing. You are an amazing friend, and Mia is lucky to have you in her life.

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Annie's Mailbox

sudoku

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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By Steve Becker

From the mailbox

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
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♥ 9 4 2
♦ K Q 8 7
♠ A K J
WEST
♦ 9 6
♥ 8 7 5 3
♦ 6 4 2
♣ 6 5 3 2
EAST
♦ Q J 10 8 7 5
♥ K Q J 6
♦ —
♣ 8 7 4
SOUTH
♦ 4 2
♥ A 10
♦ A J 10 9 5 3
♣ Q 10 9

The bidding:
South 1♦
West Pass
North 3♦
East 3♠

Opening lead — nine of spades.
Dear Mr. Becker: I been reading your column lately, and I figure you play pretty good. I want to see what you think about a hand we played at the club yesterday.

The way I look at it, my partner shouldn't have bid seven. This don't make no sense to me because here we got a 700-point rubber stashed away and 750 for a small slam, and he takes a shot at losing the whole bundle to try and make a big slam. This don't seem like a good percentage bet to me.

But there I am, and I gotta do the best I can. I look the dummy over and I see I have to lose a heart because I can't eat it, unless maybe I can con these guys out of it.

The fellow sitting East, his name is Charlie Four Cents, can't beat his way out of a paper bag. If I can give him the business, I got a chance, because he really don't know from nothing.

So I win the spade lead and pull trumps, and I keep on playing them till I don't have any more left, hoping Charlie will get mixed up. Next I play the A-K-Q of clubs, and when I cash the queen, Four Cents starts to look worried. You see, dummy by this time has the K-3 of spades and nine of hearts, and I have the four of spades and A-10 of hearts. Charlie don't know what to throw, because he's got the Q-J of spades and K-Q of hearts.

Would you believe it, Mr. Becker, he threw the queen of hearts and made my A-10 good, and we wrapped up the grand slam? I tell you this fellow Charlie don't know what time of day it is. Should my partner have bid seven? Yours truly, Butch O'Doul.

Dear Butch: I don't think so, but I wouldn't squawk if I were you. Just keep playing your cards the way you played them here, and Four Cents will have no cents in no time. S.B.

Tomorrow: There's only one way out.

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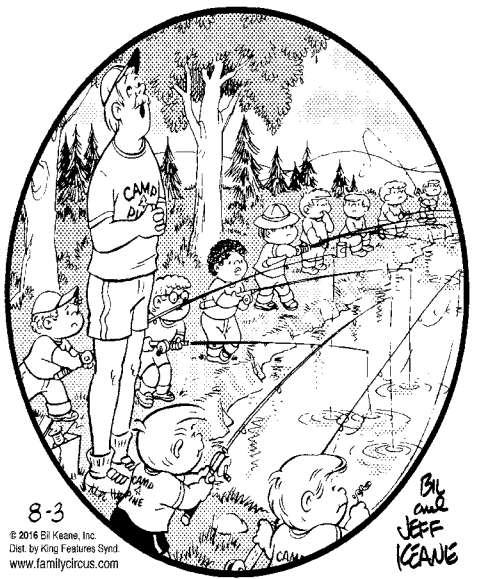
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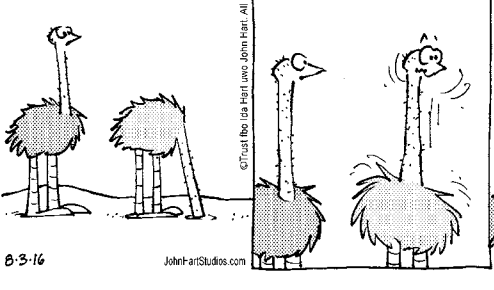
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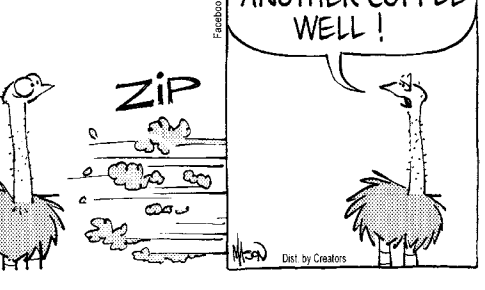
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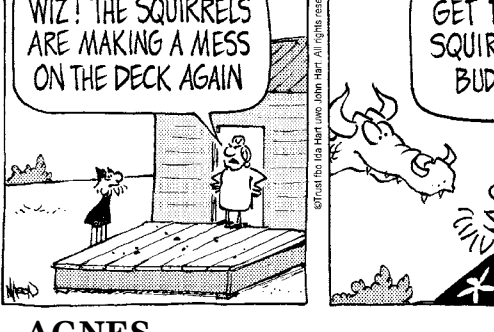
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NOTHING TO WEAR

Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com. Crossword grid with clues: 14, 17, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71.

Answer to previous puzzle. A crossword grid with words filled in: CLUMP, HANOT, ELITE, WATERWINGS, ROD, ERASER, DORA, IMIN, TEDDY, CADET, MADAME, ALAS, MITT, ABEL, SIDE, SELL, TRUE, AINT, WINGS, GALLEY, MOOLA, STEM, TIRE, NINE, PASSAS, ITS, BEACHTOWEL, TACO, OVEN, REDS, STAB, URGE, NAIL, GILL, GALLERY, ESSAY, SURE, EDEN, PASSAS, ITS, TOWEL, UNITE, TENTS, ESSAYS.

Small crossword grid with numbers 1-71 and some letters filled in.

Trump 'unfit' to be president, Obama says

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a searing denunciation, President Barack Obama castigated Donald Trump as “unfit” and “woefully unprepared” to serve in the White House. He challenged Republicans to withdraw their support for their party’s nominee, declaring “There has to come a point at which you say enough.”

While Obama has long been critical of Trump, his blistering condemnation Tuesday was a notable escalation of his involvement in the presidential race. Obama questioned whether Trump would “observe basic decency” as president, argued he lacks elementary knowledge about domestic and international affairs and condemned his disparagement of an American Muslim couple whose son was killed while serving the U.S. Army in Iraq.

A chorus of Republicans has disavowed Trump’s criticism of Khizr and Ghazala Khan and the Republican nominee’s calls to temporarily ban Muslims from coming to the U.S.

But Obama argued that isn’t enough.

“If you are repeatedly having to say, in very strong terms, that what he has said is unacceptable, why are you still endorsing him?” Obama asked during a White House news conference. “What does this say



about your party that this is your standard-bearer?” No prominent Republican lawmaker responded to Obama’s challenge.

Trump’s response? On Twitter, he said, “President Obama will go down as perhaps one of the worst president in the history of the United States!”

Obama’s harsh comments were an attempt to raise the stakes for Republicans, suggesting their support for Trump will taint their party for years to come.

His statements also dovetail with Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton’s efforts to reach out to Republican voters —

particularly women — who may be so upset by Trump that they’re willing to look past policy differences and questions about Clinton’s character.

The president — who is enjoying heightened popularity in his eighth and final year in office — plans to campaign robustly for Clinton through Election Day. He and first lady Michelle Obama spoke at last week’s Democratic convention in Philadelphia.

The Khans also appeared at the convention, with Khizr Khan telling the story of his son, U.S. Army Capt. Humayun Khan, who

was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart after his death in 2004. Khan criticized Trump’s position on Muslims and asked whether the real estate mogul had read the Constitution.

For most politicians, tangling with a bereaved military family would be out of bounds. But Trump dove in, questioning why Ghazala Khan did not speak, implying her religion prevented her from doing so, and saying he was “viciously attacked” by Khizr Khan.

Trump’s criticism was part of a familiar pattern: He can’t let go of a perceived slight,

no matter the potential damage to his presidential campaign or political reputation.

Those who have worked with him say that in private meetings he can often appear amenable to putting a controversy aside. But the businessman can quickly be drawn back in by an interview, especially if he believes he’s already answered a question, or if he grows irritated by commentary on cable television.

Trump’s unwillingness to let the matter subside sparked outrage Monday from several Republicans.

Arizona Sen. John McCain, a former prisoner

of war, said Trump did not have “unfettered license to defame those who are the best among us.” Rep. Mike Coffman, a vulnerable Republican in a competitive Colorado district, said he was “deeply offended when Donald Trump fails to honor the sacrifices of all of our brave soldiers who were lost in that war.” Missouri Sen. Roy Blunt said the Khans “deserve to be heard and respected.”

Obama argued those denunciations “ring hollow” as long as Republicans continue to back Trump in the White House race.

Sen. Mark Kirk, who is facing a tough reelection fight in Illinois, rescinded his endorsement of Trump in June after the GOP nominee criticized an American-born judge’s Mexican heritage. Others, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan, have broken with the nominee on individual issues but continue to back his candidacy.

Ahead of Obama’s remarks Tuesday, GOP Rep. Richard Hanna of New York said he would be voting for Clinton. Hanna, who is retiring from Congress, had previously said he couldn’t back Trump.

Writing in the Syracuse Post-Standard, Hanna said that while he disagrees with Clinton on many issues, “I trust she can lead.”

Judge blocks ND voter ID law

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A federal judge on Monday blocked North Dakota’s voter identification law after a group of American Indians said it unfairly burdens them — the latest court ruling against voting laws that critics say disproportionately affect minorities.

U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland issued a temporary restraining order and criticized the state for its 2013 repeal of provisions that let people without valid IDs vote if someone vouched for them or if they signed an affidavit swearing they were a qualified voter.

“The public interest in protecting the most cherished right to vote for thousands of Native Americans who currently lack a qualifying ID and cannot obtain

one, outweighs the purported interest and arguments of the State,” Hovland wrote.

He added: “There are a multitude of easy remedies that most states have adopted in some form to alleviate this burden.”

It was the latest setback in the courts for Republican efforts that critics say are intended to restrict voting rights but that supporters tout as anti-fraud measures that keep non-citizens from voting. In three separate rulings Friday, a federal appeals court blocked North Carolina’s law requiring photo ID, a federal judge in Wisconsin ordered changes to make it easier for voters to get a valid ID, and a Kansas judge said the state must count thousands of votes from people who didn’t

provide proof of citizenship when they registered. Earlier in July, a federal appellate court ruled that Texas’ voter ID law was discriminatory.

The North Dakota lawsuit was filed in January by seven members of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

North Dakota doesn’t have voter registration, but the state has required voters to provide ID since 2004. Before that, casting a ballot was an informal process in most precincts, and identification cards were seldom requested.

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Cowboys' Romo at ease, resolute early in his 14th training camp

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Quick with a quip, Tony Romo looked at ease in the first chat with reporters at his 14th training camp — even when the topic turned to fat memes that spread on social media after an unflattering and deceptive photo of the Dallas quarterback was posted online.

The 36-year-old with a history of back issues and now coming off a twice-broken collarbone also sounded resolute, like a 10-year starter who hasn't been close to a Super Bowl with a franchise once defined by championships.

"It's a sense of urgency every year," Romo said Monday, three days into a three-week camp in California.

"Every year you walk in, you feel like it's the most important season you are ever

going to play. I feel that way again this year. That's why you do everything you can to be at your best."

Romo still has his two most trusted targets — tight end Jason Witten, who came into the league with him in 2003, and 2014 All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant, who had career lows across the board last season after breaking his right foot in the opener.

But the franchise leader in yards passing and touchdowns also has a 21-year-old running back in Ezekiel Elliott, the fourth overall pick in this year's draft.

Not to mention a roster that gets increasingly younger as the years pile up for him. And those younger players recognize his voice.

"This is our football team;



AP Photo/Gus Ruelas

Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) and teammate quarterback Tony Romo (9) talk a part over during practice at the NFL football team's training camp in Oxnard, Calif., Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016.

this is football team," said Romo, who likely wouldn't have made such a statement five years ago.

"Guys on the team under-

stand how important it is to me, to the veterans of the team and the staff. We want that approach to be taken by everybody."

ASTROS

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Encarnacion homered for Toronto.

Houston has scored two runs or fewer in four straight games for a total of five runs.

"We haven't been able to muster hits together," Hinch said. "Concern? No, I believe in our guys and love our guys. Obviously, we haven't been able to get the motor started for a few games now, but we've run into some

good pitching and had some missed opportunities."

Bautista hit his 300th career homer in the third to put Toronto up 1-0.

Encarnacion launched his 29th home run to lead off the fourth — a monstrous shot that bounced off the railroad tracks at Minute Maid Park before landing in left field.

"I made two mistakes and paid for both of them with home runs," McCullers said. "But I felt really good tonight. I thought it was going

to be a good night."

Dickey (8-12) allowed one run on six hits with five strikeouts. He had allowed 18 runs — 17 earned — over his last three starts, all losses.

"We have been in an offensive lull for a few games now," Hinch said. "Obviously, Dickey had his good knuckleball going tonight, and his ball was moving all over the place."

Danny Barnes pitched the eighth before Jason Grilli pitched the ninth for his second save with Toronto and his fourth overall.

PHELPS

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feet. As a 15-year-old in Sydney, his handlers thought it best that he not participate even though he qualified in only one event for the 2000 Summer Games.

At the last three Olympics, Phelps skipped the ceremony to rest up for his first event, the 400-meter individual medley, which was held the next day.

With the 400 IM no longer part of his program,

he was available to lead the team in Friday's ceremony.

"For Sydney, I just wanted to make the team. For Athens, I wanted to win gold for my country. For Beijing, I wanted to do something nobody else had done (breaking Mark Spitz's record with eight gold medals). In London, I wanted to make history," Phelps said.

"And now," he added, "I want to walk in the opening ceremony, take it all in, represent America in the best possible way and make my fam-

TEXAS

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but scored the Rangers' lone run.

Bundy retired the first 10 batters before Desmond walked and was thrown out trying to steal as Beltran struck out. Elvis Andrus ended the rookie's no-hit bid with a clean line drive up the middle with two outs in the sixth.

Bundy capped his outing with a 1-2-3 seventh, the farthest he's gone in the majors. Facing the team with the AL's best record, the right-hander struck out seven and didn't allow a runner past first base.

In his previous outing, Bundy retired the first 16 hitters against Colorado.

ily proud."

Phelps will compete in three individual events at Rio and could be a member of all three relay teams, giving him a good chance to take his already-staggering medal haul even higher.

Phelps conceded he wasn't at his best for the London Games and didn't really want to be there. After taking a yearlong break, he rediscovered his love of training and competing, sparking a desire to close his career the right way.

RIO

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plucked from the Amazon River.

"No one throws parties like Brazil," said Denis Eduardo, a 34-year-old travel agent from Sao Paulo traveling to Rio for the games. "People might be bashing Brazil now, as if all previous Olympics had been perfect, but it won't be long until they are all enjoying it here."

Brazil's problems, however, go beyond what other recent countries hosting the Olympics have faced. Latin America's largest economy and most populous nation is suffering its worst recession in decades. A political crisis has paralyzed the

country and brought out deep polarization — which could very well translate into large protests during the competitions.

The opening ceremony will highlight the cloud hanging over the country: Interim President Michel Temer will ring in the games while impeached President Dilma Rousseff, suspended for alleged fiscal irregularities in her managing of the budget, stays home.

Even in normal times, Brazil's infrastructure is poor. Building collapses are frequent, clogged and pot-holed plagued streets turn traffic into parking lots and electricity and running water are not always a given, even in rich areas.

When the Australian

delegation complained last week about dangling wires, bursting toilets and gas smells in the Olympic Village apartments, they were experiencing things that are common for Brazilians.

The April collapse of a coastal bike lane, an Olympics legacy project inaugurated with much fanfare just a few months before, underscored how dangerous shoddy construction can be. Two men plunged to their death when a big wave turned a large chunk of the path into a mountain of concrete and metal.

The lane has been shut down while authorities investigate. However, there is little doubt that the engineering was deficient or the construction was faulty, or a

combination of both.

David Wallechinsky, president of the International Society of Olympic Historians who will be attending the games, says the last-minute completion of major projects reminds him of an episode in Athens.

On the way back from watching a beach volleyball game, his wife and son got stuck in a newly-built metro train. It was over 90 degrees and the doors were not working, so several men pried them open.

When Wallechinsky looked into it he was told: "We just inaugurated it yesterday."

In Brazil, "are they doing this for the metro system, the venues? Has everything been checked out?" he asked.

Arguably the biggest fear is security. The re-

cession has exacerbated the already precarious situation of millions who live in the city's hundreds of slums; Armed men sometimes descend from the hills to rob unsuspecting tourists and more well-to-do locals.

After recent attacks in Orlando, Florida, and Nice, France, Brazilian authorities have gone on the offensive in recent weeks, arresting more than a dozen men

who had expressed allegiance to the Islamic State group — but had done almost nothing to actually plan an attack.

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