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Auditions being held to open for Clay Walker concert

By ROBERT BARLOW

Staff Writer

Local country bands will have the opportunity to audition for a chance to open up for Clay Walker and Deryl Dodd at their concert this upcoming September.

VIP Sports Getaway will be searching for a local country music band to open for the Clay Walker concert presented by Franklin and Son Inc. and will be selecting bands for weekly auditions at the Train Car Cigar Bar.

"We're picking six bands. They will be playing on consecutive nights on Thursdays at 8 o' clock at the Cigar Bar starting Aug.

3," said Barney Dodd of VIP Getaway. "The winner

Walker

gets \$1,000 and gets to open for Darrel Dodd and Clay Walker. Second place

gets \$500 and will play the pre-party at the concert and at the after-party at the Train Car Cigar Bar."

A panel of judges, including Dodd, will be picking out six acts to perform every Thursday night to play an hour set at the Train Car Cigar Bar starting on Aug. 3. The bands will play a 45 minute set at the train car for the judges and a crowd.

"They'll do a full set for us and there will be panel of judges. We are going to video tape all of them, so it doesn't matter who goes first or last," said Dodd. "Then the judges will all get together and look at the video tapes to refresh our memories and pick a win-

Dodd also mentioned they want the community's help in picking the bands and encourages people to come out, watch them perform, and give some feedback.

"We really want the public

to come out because we're going to take their reactions into account," Dodd said. "We need people to come out each week on Thursday evening and help us pick this band. We want them to let us know who they like."

Dodd says the bands that are chosen to audition are re-

quired to play the full 45 minute set and if they wanted to hang around and play some more after that, they would be more than welcome to.

To apply for the audition,

send in a sample of your mu-

sic to Dodd at barney.vipsports@gmail.com. Six bands will be chosen for the auditions and only two bands will be chosen to play at the con-

The concert is set to take place on September 30 at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl

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Food handler's course to be held in August

Special to the Herald

Since 2015, everyone who works in the food industry in Texas has to complete a food handler's course accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The course, provided by the Texas A&M

AgriLife Extension Service, is coming up Aug. The course, which focuses on proper food

storage and preparation, including time and temperature abuse; employee hygiene; and prevention of contamination, is required for all food employees within 60 days of employment; and, once completed, is good for two years, any-The course, entitled "Food Safety: It's In Your

Hands," offered by the AgriLife Extension is the only accredited food handler's course offered in Big Spring. On Aug. 10, the course begins at 2 p.m. at the

G.C. Broughton Ag Complex at Howard College, 2411 Echols Dr., and should last one to two

To register for the course, call the Extension office at 432-264-2236. Registration can also be done in person the day of the course.

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House budget blueprint boosts military, cuts food stamps

By ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans on Tuesday unveiled a budget that makes deep cuts in food stamps and other

social safety net programs while boosting military spending by billions, a blueprint that pleases neither conservatives moderates. The GOP plan, au-

thored by Budget Chairman

Black, Diane R-Tenn., is critical to GOP BUDGET,

Sports

Chasing the moonlight



File photo

Runners take off during April's Master the Mountain race, hosted by Permian Basin Events. The final Moonlight Run this year will be held on Aug. 4.

Final 2017 Moonlight Run on tap Aug. 4

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

As Texans, we all know where the moon at night is biggest and brightest. Coming up in August, you'll have a chance to soak up some of those moon rays at the final Permian Basin Events Moonlight Run of the season. "So this will be the third Moon-

light Run for the summer, our season of 2017, Aug. 4," said Cherise Felty of Permian Basin Events. "It will be the last one for the season." The event kicks off at 11:59 p.m.

from the headquarters building at the top of Scenic Mountain inside Big Spring State Park. "So they close the gate at 11:30,

said. "We used to say 12 o'clock, but people would get so confused. So we just say 11:59 p.m., instead of 12 a.m."

Registering online is appreciated, she added. "We ask everyone to register of

course, online, if at all possible, because it helps us prepare," Felty said. "If they want to register on the night of the race, we ask that they come around 10 p.m. They lock the gate at 11:30 because we have to keep all the cars off the mountain."

Although the Run is in the middle of the night, it won't be dark, she promised.

"Whenever we do a Moonlight Run, it's because it's a full moon,"

said Felty. "We have glow-in-the-

dark shirts. The shirts all have a big light-up moon, the paint on the front of the shirt lights up in the moonlight. And also we put out the lights, the glow-inthe-dark black lights. We set up black lights around the mountain so that people will see that their shirt glows as they go around a certain corner or whatever."

Many people also bring glow sticks, glow necklaces and bracelets, flashlights, and other light

"One family came and they had four children. The two older children were like, 6 and 8, and they had two babies. One was like, 2, and the other was just a few

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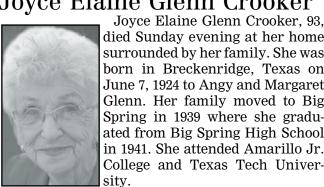
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Obituaries

Joyce Elaine Glenn Crooker



In August 1942, she joined the war effort by becoming the supply's officers secretary at the Army Air Forces Bombardier School, Big Spring Army Airfield. On April 8, 1944 she met Cadet Bill Crooker who was training on the B-24 Liberators, and they subsequently married August 8, 1945. Moving to Bridgeport, Conn., she worked from 1946-1949 for Bankers Securities Corporation. In 1953 they moved back to Big Spring where she began work as a certified court reporter at Webb Air Force Base and retired in 1978. From 1978-1986, Joyce and Bill owned and operated Mr. G's Garden Center and Christmas Store.

Joyce was very politically active for many years. She campaigned and supported her husband in his role as County Commissioner, as well as other Republicans in their bids for election.

Joyce was involved in many community endeavors in Big Spring; Planning and Zoning Commission for 13 years; Air Park Board 1993-1995 with reappointment from 2001 to 2004; Moore Economic Development Board treasurer and president 1995-1998; St. Mary's School Board for six years; vestry member of St Mary's Church; trust fund board of St. Mary's Church; Big Spring Woman of the Year 1992; board member of Big Spring Chamber of Commerce; Big Spring Friends of Library; Keep Big Spring Beautiful bommittee; and Big Spring Entrance Committee.

Joyce was predeceased by her husband of almost 70 years, William B. "Bill" Crooker; infant son, James Crooker, her parents, and a sister, Floy Sides.

She is survived by her children and spouses; Karen and Dan Patterson of Big Spring, Texas; Bill and Debbie Crooker of Temple, Texas; and Dori and Ronnie Wegner of San Angelo, Texas; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday, July 21 at 10:30 am at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, Big Spring, Texas. Family visitation will be held Thursday, July 20, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 906 S. Gregg, Big Spring, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 2949, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

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

Methodist Church and in later years, she was very active in her local and District United Methodist Women and State Church Women United. She retired from the Big Spring Independent School District after teaching at Goliad Middle School.

Jacque is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Black and husband, Richard, of Dallas; her mother, Madeline Boadle of Big Spring; one sister, Laurie Platte and husband, Roy, of Big Spring; two brothers, Miles Boadle and Eugene Boadle and wife, Tonya, all of Big Spring; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her step-father, Ben

A Boadle; her father, Jack Jones and grandparents, Horace and Virgie Miles and Henry and Velma Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral

Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Jerry K. Roach Jerry K. Roach, 88, of Big Spring died Monday, July 17, 2017 at a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Support Groups

· 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 pa-

tients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at

the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942. • Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of

- Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no
- charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

Jacquelyn Jean Jones Mauch Jacquelyn Jean Jones Mauch,



69, of Big Spring died Friday, July 14, 2017. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. at Colorado City Cemetery.

Jacquelyn was born April 14 1948 in Loraine, Texas to Jack and Madeline Jones. She came to Big Spring as a small child, where her mother married Ben A. Boadle. All of her school years were spent in Big Spring where she graduated from Big Spring

High School in 1966. She then went to Howard College, Sul Ross University and then graduated from U.T.P.B. During her school years, she was active in choir and drama. She was a member of 1st United

Police, Sheriff, Fire & EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- CANALES • DAVID **JR.,** 32, of 616 State Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- LANCE WAYNE **LAND**, 28, of 1102 Sycamore Street, was arrested erwood Road. on a charge of public in toxication.
- RUDOLFO **RUDY** CORONADO, 25, of Del Rio, was arrested on warrants for burglary of a building and theft, less than \$50.
- JOSEPH WAYNE **RICHT** JR., 23, of 1006 North Mosslake Road, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- CRIMINAL CHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3100 block of West Highway 80, 1900 block of South Gregg Street, 700 block of West 4th Street, and 3300 block of East I-20.
- BURGLARY OF **HABITATION** was reported in the 700 block of East 14th Street and the 9900 block of Kay Road.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1600 block of East 3rd Street, at the intersection of 15th and Gregg, the intersection of 11th Street and Goliad, and the 700 block of San Antonio Street.

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- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Mt Vernon Avenue.
- DOMESTIC DIS-TURBANCE was reported in the 500 West Leath-

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activ-

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

- DAVID CANALES JR., 32, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- RUDOLFO CORO-**NADO**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for burglary of a building and theft, less than \$50.
- **WAYNE** LANCE BIDDLE LAND, 28, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxica-
- LUIS **ALBERTO** MARTINEZ, 21, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for possession of marijuana less, than 2 ounces.
- JUSTIN DANIEL **NEWSOM**, 24, was booked by Glasscock County on warrants for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces; and unlawful car-

rying of a weapon.

- RAYMOND NOEL RANDO, 32, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for unlawful use of a motor vehicle and theft of property, less than \$2,500.
- JOSEPH WAYNE **RICHT, 23**, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for eding.
- TAMARA NICOLE **RUSSELL**, 42, was booked by the HCSO on a motion to revoke warrant for theft of property, between \$1,500 and \$20,000.
- GREGORY CHAEL SHUPE, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- DAVID ALAN TIN-DOL, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of assault that causes bodily injury to a family mem-

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2300 block of Loop Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block of West I-20. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Boulder. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of East 16th. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- FENCE FIRE was reported on the 3200 block of Auburn.

Take Note

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at
- The Big Spring Salvation Army is holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those in Howard County who need one but can't afford it. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

432-270-2251.

People who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 to register and receive the distribution date.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.



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hopes to deliver on one of President Donald Trump's top priorities — Republican-only effort to overhaul the tax code. Unclear, however, is whether GOP leaders can get the measure through the House. Conservatives want deeper spending cuts while moderates are concerned the reductions go too far.

Black announced a committee vote for Wednesday, but action by the entire House could be delayed by the ongoing quarrel between the GOP's factions.

Medicare is the second largest mandatory program after Social Security, and the House GOP plan again proposes to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program in which future retirees would receive a fixed benefit to purchase health insurance on the open market. Republicans have proposed the idea each year since taking back the House in 2011, but they've never tried to implement it — and that's not going to change now, even with a Republican as president.

The plan, in theory at least, promises to balance the budget through unprecedented and unworkable cuts across the budget. It calls for turning this year's projected \$700 billion or so deficit into a tiny \$9 billion surplus by 2027. It would do so by slashing \$5.4 trillion over the coming decade, including almost \$500 billion from Medicare, \$1.5 trillion from Medicaid and the Obama health law, along with enormous cuts to benefits such as federal employee pensions, food stamps, and tax credits for the working poor. "The status quo is unsustainable.

A mounting national debt and lackluster economic growth will limit opportunity for people all across the country," Black said in a statement. "But we don't have to accept this reality. We can move forward with an optimistic vision for the future and this budget is the first step in that process. This is the moment to get real results for the American people. The time for talking is over, now is the time for action."

But in the immediate future the GOP measure is a budget buster. It would add almost \$30 billion to Trump's \$668 billion request for national defense, which already exceeds an existing "cap" on spending by \$54 billion. But while Trump proposed taking that \$54 billion from domestic agencies and foreign aid, the GOP budget plan would restore most of the cuts, trimming non-defense agencies by just \$5 billion.

All told, the GOP plan would spend about \$67 billion more in the upcoming annual appropriations bills than would be allowed under harsh spending limits set by a failed 2011 budget and debt agreement and pads war accounts by \$10 billion. And, like Trump's budget, the House GOP plan assumes rosy economic projections that would erase another \$1.5 trillion from the deficit over 10 years.

The measure, called a budget resolution, is nonbinding. It would allow Republicans controlling Congress to pass follow-up legislation through the Senate without the threat of a filibuster by Democrats. GOP leaders and the White House plan to use that measure to rewrite the tax code.

As proposed by House leaders, tax reform would essentially be deficit neutral, which means cuts to tax rates would be mostly "paid for" by closing various tax breaks such as the deduction for state and local taxes. However, the GOP plan would devote \$300 billion claimed from economic growth to the tax reform effort.

But conservatives are insisting on adding cuts to so-called mandatory programs, which make up more than two-thirds of the federal budget and basically run on autopilot. After extended negotiations, Black would instruct 11 House panels to draw up \$203 billion worth of mandatory cuts. But neither tea party lawmakers nor moderates are pleased with the idea. Conservatives want larger cuts, while moderates are blanching at voting to cut popular programs such as

food stamps.

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The cost is \$20 per person and must be paid in full before the course begins.

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are encouraged to contact the extension office at least five working days before the

Educational programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, national origin, genetic information, or veteran status.

Wear and with only 400 reserve tickets available for the VIP section, Dodd encourages people to get their tickets early. VIP tickets cost \$56 a piece and general admission tickets cost \$23. Ticket prices include admission to the fair, and \$6 from every ticket sale goes to Howard County Fair.

US sanctions more Iranians, but nuclear deal stands for now

<u>By JOSH LEDERMAN</u>

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration slapped 18 Iranian individuals and groups with sanctions Tuesday for aiding the country's non-nuclear weapons programs, in a bid to show that President Donald Trump is staying tough on Iran despite his moves to let the nuclear deal stay in place for

The latest attempt to clamp down on Iran's military financing ranged from an Iranian-based company that aided the country's drone program to a Turkey-based provider of naval equipment and a China-based network that helped secure electronics for Tehran.

The sanctions freeze any assets in the U.S. and prevent Americans from doing business with them. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the sanc tions "send a strong signal that the United States cannot and will not tolerate Iran's provocative and destabilizing behavior."

"This administration will continue to aggressively target Iran's malign activity, including their ongoing state support of terrorism, ballistic missile program, and human rights abuses," Mnuchin said. The announcement came only hours after the Trump administration told Congress for a second time that Iran is complying with the nuclear deal and can keep enjoying sanctions relief.

The administration insisted Tehran was breaching "the spirit" of the deal. Trump, who lambasted the 2015 pact as a candidate, gave himself more time to decide whether to scuttle it or let it stand. Instead, senior Trump administration officials sought to emphasize their deep concerns about Iran's nonnuclear behavior and vowed that those transgressions won't go unpunished.

During the campaign, Trump told the American

Israel Political Action Committee:

"My number one priority is to dismantle the disastrous deal with Iran." And he returned to that theme often during the presidential race, describing the deal as "catastrophic," among other things.

In a shift from that earlier threat to dismantle the deal, officials said the administration was working with U.S. allies to try to fix the deal's flaws, including the expiration of some nuclear restrictions after a decade or

The officials also said the U.S. would slap Tehran with new sanctions penalizing it for developing ballistic missiles and other activ-Trump, Secretary of State Rex

Tillerson and "the entire administration judge that Iran is unquestionably in default of the spirit" of the agreement, one official said. That assessment carries no legal

force, while Trump's certification that Iran is technically complying clears the way for sanctions to remain lifted.

The late-night announcement capped a day of frenzied, last-minute decision-making by the president, exposing deep and lingering divisions within his administration about how to deal with a top national security issue.

Since early last week, Trump's administration had been prepared to make the certification, a quarterly requirement. Trump first told Congress in April that Iran was indeed complying. With no final decision on his broader Iran policy, the White House had planned to let the status quo stand for another three months.

As planned, a public rollout began Monday morning involving close choreography among the White House, the State Department and other

parts of government. The White House National Security Council distributed talking points to other agencies while national security adviser H.R. McMaster and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin briefed outside policy experts who frequently comment on such issues in the media.

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months old. And they had them in a double jogging stroller, and they had lights wrapped around the stroller," Felty said. "The dad ran with the two older kids, and the mom pushed that stroller all the way around."

There are multiple options for different preferences or abilities, said.

"A lot of people, instead of going all the way to the bottom of the mountain and back up, a lot of times they'll do two loops around the top, which is basically the same distance," said Felty. "But they prefer to do that because it is at night, and it's a little more level so if they're not comfortable doing inclines, the top loops are perfectly fine. Our start and finish line is at the headquarters at the top of the mountain,

which is just a little way down from that that's playground up there." Race volunteers

will be out in force to help keep participants pointed in the right direction.

"We always have people out on the course with flags and that sort of thing...flashlights, to help people who may not be familiar with the mountain," she said. "We do have people who do come in from out of town. We've had people from San Angelo, Abilene,

Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, because our venue is unique."

Like most Permian Basin Events runs, the Moonlight Runs benefit a good cause. "The Moon-

light Runs are basically raising money for the Big Spring State Park." Felty said. "So at the end of each season we write a check to (State

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Sylvia Rodriguez, 63, died Sunday. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Jacquelyn Jean Mauch, 69, died Friday. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. at Colorado City Cemetery.

Marva Jo Reid Forman, 69, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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San Antonio officer kills man during domestic violence call

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio police officer fatally shot a man after investigators say the suspect had a gun and allegedly threatened to kill a

Police Chief William McManus says nobody else was hurt during the domestic disturbance Monday morning. A woman and two other children were

McManus says the suspect was arrested at the same location a month ago on a family violence

McManus says police responded to a call about a man threatening a girl.

Two officers heard gunfire inside the residence. McManus says a third officer had arrived as the suspect exited the home.

McManus says the suspect refused orders to drop his gun and allegedly raised his arm while holding the weapon.

An officer fatally shot him.

Details on the suspect weren't immediately re-

70-year-old Army veteran fired for confronting shoplifters

PEARLAND, Texas (AP) — A 70-year-old Army veteran has been fired from a Houston-area Home Depot after trying to stop suspected shoplifters from taking thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise.

KTRK-TV in Houston reports that Jim Tinney says he was fired last month from the store in Pear-

Tinney says he was trained to not confront shoplifters and knows he violated company policy, but that his military training just kicked in when he noticed three men attempting to steal tools. He threw a paint roller extension pole toward the suspects' feet. The men escaped.

The Home Depot said in a statement that only trained company security personnel can pursue and engage shoplifters, citing the safety of customers and associates.

A Pearland Police Department spokesman says he has no information on the shoplifting case.

8 hurt in 10-vehicle wreck during West Texas dust storm

RANKIN, Texas (AP) — Authorities are blaming a zero-visibility dust storm for a 10-vehicle pileup in West Texas that left eight people hurt, including one in critical condition.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says the accident happened Sunday afternoon on Highway 349, near Rankin, about 275 miles (440 kilometers) northwest of San Antonio.

The National Weather Service reports gusts topped 40 mph (65 kph) during scattered storms.

Upton County Sheriff Dan Brown says dirt from recently plowed fields blew across the highway. Brown says nobody could see and "everybody hit

DPS Sgt. Oscar Villarreal (vihl-uh-ree-AHL') says the victims were from two separate collisions. A spokeswoman at Midland Memorial Hospital says the critically injured person was taken to another hospital. Seven people have been treated and released. The highway reopened early Monday

Garth Brooks offers free honeymoon after fans get engaged

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Garth Brooks says he'll pony up for a Hawaiian honeymoon for a Texas couple who got engaged at his concert in Oklahoma City.

WFAA-TV reports Drew Bargsley proposed to Chelsea Townsend while Brooks was playing his hit "Unanswered Prayers" on Saturday night.

The singer got wind of the commotion and asked the Dallas-area couple about their honeymoon plans from the stage. He told them he and his wife, Trisha Yearwood, will pay for their honeymoon if they decide to go to Hawaii.

Brooks later told Yearwood about his offer and she agreed, but added, "Nobody else can get engaged tonight."



Texas governor has \$41M but no major challenger yet for 2018



Texas Gov. Greg Abbott gestures to supporters as he and his wife, Cecilia, arrive for an event where he announced his bid for re-election, Friday, July 14, 2017, in San Antonio.

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Texas Gov. Greg Abbott announced Monday that he's starting his re-election bid with nearly \$41 million on hand, giving the Republican who has no major Democratic opponent in sight a big and formidable head start on any potential challenger in 2018.

The fundraising total is nearly twice the money Abbott started with when he launched his first run for governor in 2013. He easily defeated **Democrat Wendy Davis** by 20 points in the 2014

The task will be no easier this time for Texas Democrats, who haven't won a statewide race since 1994. Democrats are still looking for a candidate to take on Abbott.

Abbott formally announced his run for re-election Friday and is reviving anti-abortion measures, school finance reforms and a "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people in a special legislative session that begins Tuesday.

"In the upcoming election, our campaign will be relentless in our efforts to identify and turn out conservatives to keep Texas red," Abbott said in a statement.

This week is a deadline for campaign finance filings in Texas. Abbott — who has long been a prolific fundraiser in the Lone Star State, which has no limits on campaign contributions — said 45 percent of his latest haul was from first-time donors. The names of his contributors and how much they gave are due to the Texas Ethics Commission by midnight Monday.

Texas is an expensive place to run a statewide campaign. In 2014, Abbott and Davis spent more than \$80 million

At least one big name has said he won't run against Abbott — Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who was the Texas chairman of then-candidate Donald Trump's presidential campaign and has led the push to require transgender people to bathrooms that correspond with the sex on their birth certificate. Patrick is popular among Texas influential social conservatives but has repeatedly said he won't challenge Abbott in a GOP primary.

Texas police investigate deadly high-speed chase

when their truck crashed into a concrete pillar and burst into flames. Authorities are working to identify the pair who died in Sunday's accident in Houston and determine why they fled when an officer tried to make a traffic stop, the Houston Chronicle reported. Houston police spokesman Kese Smith said no bystanders or officers were injured during the short pursuit that lasted under two minutes, and that in the end the suspects are responsible for their actions.

"An investigation will deter-

light the dangers of police chases. The newspaper's 2016 analysis found that Houston saw 13 crashes because of police chases in 13 weeks, which left six people dead and nine injured.

Federal data shows that between 300 and 400 drivers, officers and

bystanders die every year during police pursuits.

"Obviously, pursuits are

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas mine how the officer's actions like police shootings in that you police are investigating the balance against the policies and have policies in place to try to deaths of two men involved in procedures of the department," find a balance between when it's a high-speed pursuit that ended Smith said. The fatalities high-appropriate and when it isn't." said Larry Karson, an assistant professor of criminology at University of Houston-Downtown. "We're talking about the potential of deadly force because cars are considered a deadly weap-



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OJ Simpson faces good chance at parole in Nevada robbery

By KEN RITTER

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) - O.J. Simpson, the former football star, TV pitchman and now Nevada prison inmate No. 1027820, will have a lot going for him when he asks state parole board members this week to release him after serving more than eight years for an ill-fated bid to retrieve sports memorabilia.

Now 70, Simpson will have history in his favor and a clean record behind bars as he approaches the nine-year minimum of his 33-year sentence for armed robbery and assault with a weapon. Plus, the parole board sided with him once before.

No one at his Thursday hearing is expected to oppose releasing him in October not his victim, not even the former prosecutor who persuaded a jury in Las Vegas to convict Simpson in 2008.

"Assuming that he's behaved himself in prison, I don't think it will be out of line for him to get parole," said David Roger, the retired Clark County district attor-

Four other men who went with Simpson to a hotel room to retrieve from two memorabilia dealers sports collectibles and personal items that the former football star said belonged to him took plea deals in the heist and received probation.

Two of those men testified that they carried guns. Another who stood trial with Simpson was convicted and served 27 months before the Nevada Supreme Court ruled that Simpson's fame tainted the jury. Simpson's conviction was upheld.

Prison life was a stunning fall for a charismatic celebrity whose storybook career as an electrifying running back dubbed "The Juice" won him the Heisman Trophy as the best college player in 1968 and a place in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1985.

He became a sports commentator, Hollywood movie actor, car rental company spokesman and one of the world's most famous people even before his Los Angeles hasn't changed.

"trial of the century," when he was acquitted in the killings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ron-

Simpson, appeared grayer and heavier than most remembered him when he was last seen, four years ago.

He will appear Thursday by videoconference from the Lovelock Correctional Center, to be quizzed by four state parole commissioners in Carson City, a two-hour

Two other members of the board will monitor the hearing, said David Smith, a parole hearing examiner.

The commissioners will have a parole hearing report that has not been made public, plus guidelines and worksheets that would appear to favor Simpson. It plans to make its written risk assessment public after a decision.

They will consider his age, whether his conviction was for a violent crime (it was), had none) and his plans after release, Smith said.

Nevada has about 13,500 prison inmates, and the governor-appointed Board of Parole Commissioners has averaged about 8,300 annual hearings for the past four years. The rate of inmates who are granted parole in discretionary hearings held as they approach their minimum sentence, like Simpson's, averages about 82 per-

The same four board members also have experience with Simpson, having granted him parole in July 2013 on some charges — kidnapping, robbery and burglary — stemming from the 2007 armed confrontation. The board's decision left Simpson with four years to serve before reaching his minimum time behind bars.

Board members Connie Bisbee, Tony Corda, Adam Endel and Susan Jackson noted at the time that Simpson had a "positive institutional record," with no disciplinary actions behind bars.

Simpson's lawyer, friends and prison officials say that



his prior criminal history (he In this May 14, 2013 pool file photo, O.J. Simpson sits during a break on the second day of an evidentiary hearing in Clark County District Court in Las Vegas. Simpson, the former football star, TV pitchman and now Nevada prison inmate, will have a lot going for him when he appears before state parole board members Thursday, July 20, 2017 seeking his release after more than eight years for an ill-fated bid to retrieve sports memorabilia.

> "He's really been a positive but will be "trying to be good force in there. He's done a lot of good for a lot of people," said Tom Scotto, a friend from Florida whose wedding Simpson was in Las Vegas to attend the weekend of the robbery. Scotto said he visits or talks with Simpson every few months. Simpson leads a Baptist prayer group, mentors inmates, works in the gym, coaches sports teams and serves as commissioner of the prison yard softball league, Scotto said. Scotto will be among the 15 people with Simpson in a small conference room at the prison, along with Simpson's lawyer, Malcolm LaVergne, daughter Arnelle Simpson and sister Shirley Baker.

A parole case worker, two prison guards and a small pool of media also were expected, along with Bruce Fromong, one of the memorabilia dealers who was robbed.

Fromong said he will attend as a victim of the crime $\,\,$ public $\,$ attention $\,$ if $\,$ Simpson $\,\,$ he could be in trouble.

for O.J." He said he suffered four heart attacks and severe financial losses as a result of the robbery but later forgave

The other collectibles broker, Alfred Beardsley, died in

Andy Caldwell, a retired Las Vegas police detective who investigated the Simpson case, will be at the prison but won't be in the room.

"I don't want to offer an opinion," said Caldwell, now a Christian minister in Mill City, Oregon. "I'm just curious to see how everything unfolds." In a nod to Simpson's ce-

lebrity, officials will let the proceedings be streamed live, and the board plans a sameday ruling. A decision usually takes several days.

Laurie Levenson, a Loyola Law School professor and longtime Simpson case analyst, predicted a "tsunami" of wins release.

"If this is the ordinary case, he will be paroled," Levenson said. "But O.J. is never the ordinary case."

Al Lasso, a Las Vegas defense attorney who has followed the case but does not represent Simpson, said any other defendant in a similar case probably would have gotten probation, not prison.

"I think he spent more than enough time in prison for a robbery in which he didn't even have a gun himself,"

But Michael Shapiro, a New York defense lawyer who provided commentary during Simpson's conviction in Las Vegas in 2008 and his acquittal in Los Angeles in 1995, said freedom was no certain-

"The judge believed he got away with murder," Shapiro said. "That's the elephant in the room. If the parole authorities feel the same way,

Woman, 59, who tried for decades to get pregnant gives birth

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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — During nearly four decades of marriage, Akosua Budu Amoako and her husband tried to have a child, without success.

But last month, at age 59, Budu gave birth to her first child after fertility treatments.

The full-term 7-pound, 4-ounce boy was born June 15 at Bellevue Woman's Center in Niskayuna, near Albany. He's named after his father, Isaiah Somuah Anim.

"They're doing super, very well," Dr. Khushru Irani, who delivered the baby, told The Associated Press on Monday. The couple, he added, "are so happy about the whole thing."

Budu said she and her 59-year-old husband, who live in Schenectady, had tried for years to get pregnant ago, but they eventually stopped trying. Then last year, after learning that a 60-year-old woman in the couple's homeland of Ghana gave birth to triplets after fertility treatments, the couple, both medical professionals at a local hospital, decided to try once again to have a child.

Irani said he was apprehensive at first, noting the risks of complications that can arise from giving birth at such an advanced age.

"Initially, when I saw her, I'm saying no, it's not a good idea for your health to have a baby at your age," the doctor said. "But they were very insistent and they wanted to try it out."

Budu underwent in vitro fertilization at an Albany-area clinic using

naturally after they married 38 years her husband's sperm and a donor egg. The entire process, from initial screening to successful fertilization,

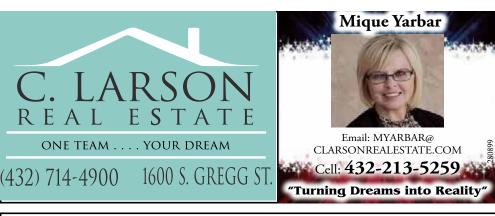
cost \$20,000 and took about a year, the elder Amin told the newspaper.

"We haven't gotten much sleep, but I feel fine and I think he already knows our voices," Budu told the Times

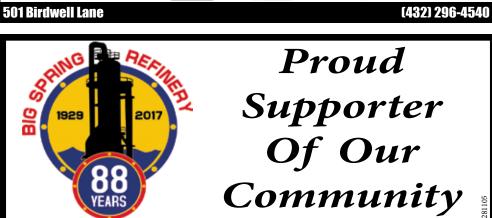
The couple, who came to the United States in 2005, are naturalized U.S.

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citizens. "And our son is born an American, and a New Yorker," Amin said.









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Smith HR in 7th breaks tie, carries Orioles past Rangers 3-1

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Chris Tillman and a trio of relievers provided the Baltimore Orioles something that's been lacking for much of this season: a well-pitched game. Seth Smith hit a tiebreak-

ing homer in the seventh inning and the Orioles used a solid outing from by its struggling pitching staff to beat the Texas Rangers 3-1 Monday night.

Smith connected off Andrew Cashner (4-8) to make it 2-1, Baltimore's first lead

since the All-Star break following a three-game sweep by the Chicago Cubs. Baltimore yielded 27 runs in that series, including 21 by the starters over 11 1/3 innings. In this one, Tillman allowed

one run and two hits over six innings. It was the righthander's best performance since his season debut on May 7, when he blanked the White Sox over five innings in what remains his only win over 12 starts.

"It was great. He did fantastic,"" Smith said. "I think that's what we expect from him, and what he expects

from himself, so it was great off a 2-8 stretch that dropped to see him go out there and shut them down."

Richard Bleier (2-1) pitched a scoreless seventh, Mychal Givens had a perfect eighth and Brad Brach completed the three-hitter for his 16th

"There's a lot of pieces, but we know that's been a challenge for us," manager Buck Showalter said about the team's pitching. "We know that's got to get better."

Manny Machado went 3 for 3 and Welington Castillo had two hits and scored a run for the Orioles, who were coming

them into a tie with Toronto in the AL East cellar.

Adrian Beltre had two hits for the Rangers to move within 18 of 3,000 for his career.

Texas has scored only five runs in its last three games and now stands at 45-47.

"There have been a couple of games here where the offense has been challenged. The opportunity to score has been challenged," manager Jeff Banister said. "But these guys are still playing. We're engaged. We're getting excellent starting pitching."

Cashner gave up three runs

and six hits in 62/3 innings.

"I thought he was pretty good," catcher Jonathan Lucroy said. "Obviously, I thought he threw well enough to get the win. We just didn't score runs for him."

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when rookie Drew Robinson drew a twoout walk and scored on a double by Lucroy, who was thrown out trying to make it a triple.

Baltimore pulled even in the sixth when Adam Jones walked, went to third on

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Mariners beat Astros



Houston Astros' Jake Marisnick, right, celebrates his solo home against the Seattle Mariners with George Springer during the third inning of a baseball game Monday, July 17, 2017, in

Seager's homer in 10th lifts Mariners over Astros 9-7

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON(AP) - TheSeattle Mariners tied a season high by hitting four homers including

back-to-back shots by Kyle Seager and Danny Valencia in the 10th inning to get a 9-7 win over the Houston Astros on

However, the after game it wasn't the power-

Monday night.

ful offense but Jean Segura's defense that everyone was talking about. Josh Reddick was on second with no outs in

the ninth inning when Segura snagged a grounder by Marwin Gonzalez backhanded and threw him out at first. Later in the inning he threw Reddick out at home on a fielder's choice on a ball hit by Nori Aoki. But Segura wasn't done yet. After an intentional walk loaded the bases, Segura

had another backhanded Mariners who raved the win and Edwin Diaz grab on a grounder hit by Alex Bregman and tossed it to second for the force out to send it to the 10th.

"The defense (from) Jean throughout there was just unbelievable," manager Scott Servais said. "The backhand stop that was the key out in the inning getting the first out with Marwin Gonzalez. Then the play at home, the backhand with the force play. There was a lot going on that in-

Segura was asked about the last play of that in-

"I knew the only chance I had was the force at second," he said. "It was just 'go get it.' It was the last out and if I don't get it or make an error, they win the game. I tried to make the play as quick as I (could)."

And it wasn't just the

about Segura's work.

"Both plays were exceptional plays," A.J. Hinch "Obviously, would love to create more situations for ourselves, but it's hard to argue that he didn't have the most important plays of the game."

The wild back and forth game was tied at 7-7 entering the 10th when Seager, who finished with three hits, connected off Tony Sipp (0-1) on a shot to the seats in right field. Valencia added an insurance run when he launched a slider to center field three pitches later.

Mike Zunino and Nelson Cruz also homered for the Mariners as they tied a season high with four homers to win their fifth straight game.

Yovani Gallardo (4-7) allowed a hit and two walks in a scoreless ninth for

struck out two in a scoreless 10th for his 17th save.

Cruz tied it in the seventh and Zunino put Seattle on top with his homer in the eighth. A sacrifice fly by George Springer scored a run to tie it at 7-7 in the bottom of the eighth.

Jake Marisnick and Carlos Beltran both homered for the Astros on a night when All-Star shortstop Carlos Correa left in the fourth inning after jamming his left thumb on a swing.

Houston used a fourrun sixth, highlighted by a two-run homer by Beltran, to take a 6-5 lead.

Seattle starter Ariel Miranda yielded six hits and five runs in 5 2/3 innings.

McCullers allowed six hits and five runs in 42/3innings.

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NC Courage hold on to top spot in **NWSL**

By ANNE M. **PETERSON**

AP Sports Writer

Even though Jess McDonald missed a few games with a hamstring injury, it didn't stop her from being the North Carolina Courage's biggest cheerleader.

The veteran forward said the best thing she can contribute if she's not on the field is her support.

"I want to just continue to bring positive vibes on to this squad, and just sort of keep the positive energy going inside the locker room and outside the locker room as well," she said.

There's lots of pos itive energy around the Courage right now despite a loss over the weekend on the road against the Portland Thorns. With 10 games left in the regular season, the Courage (9-5-0) sit atop the league standings with 27 points. Rounding out the top four are the Chicago Red Stars (7-3-4),Sky Blue (7-6-2) and the Portland Thorns (6-4-4). The top four teams in the 10-team league go to the playoffs.

North Carolina also has the league's best record at home (6-2-0).

McDonald sat out games this three season because of a left hamstring injury. She's been

working her way back in three games since, coming in as a sub. And while she may not yet have her speed back, the 29-year-old's savvy and toughness was still apparent against the Thorns.

"I'm just going with the flow right now, just trying to work hard day in and day out, trying to improve my game going off an injury," she said. "Obviously I'm not 100 percent quite yet and not ready to play the full 90 minutes. But when the time does come, hopefully I'll be at my peak and I will be at my best."

The Courage are the defending NWSL champions, ning the title game last season as the Western New York Flash. The team moved in the offseason to Cary, North Carolina.

North Carolina is loaded with talent young U.S. national team hopefuls Lynn Williams, Sam Mewis and Jaelene Hinkle, who are expected to find out this week if they'll be called up to the U.S. women's national team for the upcoming Tournament of Nations. Mc-Donald, Abby Erceg and McCall Zerboni are steady veterans for the Courage under head coach Paul Riley.

Rookie Ashley

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Iowa State's Lanning goes from playing QB to chasing them

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Joel Lanning always had the mentality of a linebacker when playing quarterback for Iowa State. Now he'll be chasing QBs in and out of the pocket.

After 14 starts at quarterback for the Cyclones the past two seasons, Lanning moved to defense during spring practice and is listed as one of their starting linebackers.

"I wasn't offended by it. I'm a team player," Lanning said of the switch. "I don't need all the, whatever, followers on Twitter and all that stuff. I was just trying to play football and have fun playing with my teammates, win games."

Former transfer Jacob Park became the primary quarterback late last year, though the 6-foot-2, 220 pound Lanning was still involved in some wildcat formations and had a school record five rushing touchdowns in a win over Texas Tech in November. Lanning, a team co-captain, could still run a few of those plays this year, and possibly play some special teams.

"My main thing is linebacker," Lanning said. "All the other stuff is fantasy right now."

On Iowa State's pre-fall camp depth chart revealed Monday during Big 12

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Iowa State linebacker and quarterback Joel Lanning speaks during the Big 12 NCAA college football media day in Frisco, Texas, Monday, July 17, 2017.

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Happiness Trine

The trine of loving Venus and lucky Jupiter invites us to be happy first and let the circumstances catch up to us to support the feeling -- or not. Either way, you can't let your surroundings have more sway over your mood than your own mind does. "God bless the child that's got his own, that's got his own." -- Billie Holiday and Arthur Herzog Jr. **ARIES (March**

21-April 19). Airplane pilots know that getting off the ground depends on the opposing force of the wind. No opposition, no lift. It will seem like the forces are against you at some point today. How can you use this?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You want the best and will approach all things with an eye toward quality, even when you're out of your element. Ask questions to get educated on the difference between "good" and "great."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your significance is a given; don't doubt it now or ever. Today, in lieu of doing one great big thing, you will execute a series of great little things and make a bigger difference with this approach.

CANCER (June **22-July 22).** Your mood may not start out so warm and fuzzy, but you can improve the quality of it by changing the channel on your thoughts or generally having fewer of them. Exercise will help.

LEO (July 23-**Aug. 22).** It's not about having good cards; it's about playing whatever cards you're dealt to the best advantage. This is a day for calm, collected strategy. If you give your enthusiasm, do so because you consciously decided to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). All things being equal, most

things aren't. That is to say, everything has its own unique qualities, and the more you can

honor the particular differences, the better off you'll be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe this day isn't happening (SET ITAL)to(END ITAL) you so much as (SET ITAL)for(END ITAL) you. Try out that framework and see if it doesn't actually seem like a better fit. Things do, after all, seem to be unfolding in the direction you've been wanting to go.

SCORPIO (Oct. **24-Nov. 21).** They shouldn't tell you no. If the sign has it inside a circle with a line through it, it will be extra appealing to you today. There's something in you that wants the rush of being a little bad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be tenacious as a

sidewalk weed. Find a place to grow through through the hard parts. The situation may not change because of your attitude, but you'll change, and that's what matters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today's events seem to swing and sputter and combust like some kind of newly forming invention in a science lab. You're not the mad scientist but you're the one who will use the creation to its finest advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. **20-Feb. 18).** The heart is a better healer than the head. The heart will keep it simple, pumping oxygenated lifeblood into the situation, giving all that's needed for vitality and rushing away with all the bad stuff.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). How you start out will set the tone for your entire day. There's a key piece of your routine that could really use a good tweak, and this is a fine day to set a new precedent.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (July 18). Your approach is simple: They treat you well; you'll treat them even better, and this will start a snowball effect of positivity. You'll make peace with someone in September and free up energy and space to love anew. There's a peek into a fantastic new world in November. You'll be paid for doing

what you love in December. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 33, 35 and 49.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "What is the connection between the Greek goddess Artemis and the sign of Taurus? This is my sign, and I am interested in all things related to Taurus. I have seen Artemis depicted as wearing a horned tiara on her head." On the Northern

coast of the Black Sea lives a Turkic ethnic minority of nearly half a million people, known as the Crimean Tartars (or sometimes Tatars). The ancient Greeks called them the Tauri, and they called the land Tauris. According to mythology, Heracles used a giant ox (Taurus) to plow the mountainous land there. Heracles was a son of Zeus, and Tauris was the location of a large cult of Zeus worshipers. The ancient connection between Zeus and Taurus is evident, but what's this to do with Artemis? The Greek goddess Artemis was Zeus' daughter, and she was worshipped

there, alongside her father, in what came to be known as the Taurus Mountains. Today she is acknowledged as a moon goddess of hunting and childbirth. An asteroid with a somewhat erratic orbit was named after her in 1868. Those whose natal horoscope chart shows a major mathematical aspect to the Artemis asteroid may display quite a temper. This prickly goddess did not suffer fools, and neither do you!

CELEBRITY PRO FILES: Country music star Luke Bryan channels his water-sign energy into songs such as "Rain Is a Good Thing," "Shore Thing" and "Shake the Sand." Bryan was born when the sun and Mercury were in the soulful sign of the crab and lucky Jupiter was in Taurus, the sign of interesting and powerful voices. Bryan's Venus and Saturn, both in Leo, lend an entertaining edge.

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Breaking a Cardinal Rule of Dinner

Dear Annie: We have all been told to avoid discussions of politics and religion when dining out with friends, and for many years I found this easy to practice. But lately, it seems that many of my friends insist on talking about politics. Some are in favor of our current president, and some are opposed. The one thing they both have in common is that they

are adamant that they are right and the other side is wrong! Whenever I sug-

gest we talk about something else, they want to know where I stand and insist that I agree with them. Frankly, I don't have strong political opinions and just want to change the subject. But when I have said that, they always jump on me, saying that the issues are so important today and I must express agreement with their side. It is almost as if our friendship is at stake. Do you have any sugges-



By Steve Becker

When and how to lose a trick

North dealer. North-South vulnerable. **NORTH** ♠ A K 9 3 **♥**KJ6 **EAST ♠** Q 10 4 **♥**Õ98 ♦ A 8 6 ♣10875 SOUTH ♥A543 **♣**Q 6 The bidding:
North East West South

1 **+** 4 **+** Pass Opening lead — king of diamonds. The aim of an elimination play is to compel a defender, at a given point, to make a lead that hands declarer a trick he might otherwise

Declarer achieves this position - usually by design but sometimes accidentally - by first eliminating from his own hand and dummy's any suits that the defender he plans to endplay could otherwise safely return. Declarer then purposely concedes a trick to that defender, forcing him to make a losing return.

Here is a typical example. South is in four spades, and West wins the first two tricks with the K-Q of diamonds. West then shifts to a trump.

Declarer plays dummy's A-K of spades, learning that he must sooner or later lose a trump trick to East's queen. He is then faced with the problem of trying to escape a heart Let's say South decides to cash

the Q-K-A of clubs at this point, hoping the J-10 doubleton or tripleton will fall and make dummy's nine a trick. After this unlikely possibility fails to materialize, South would go down one if he next played a heart to the ace and continued with another heart to dummy's jack. However, this would be the wrong

way to play the hand. After cashing the Q-K-A of clubs, South can guarantee the contract 100 percent by ruffing dummy's fourth club and then conceding a trump to East's queen.

This leaves East with a losing

choice of plays: He must either return a heart into dummy's K-J-6, or lead a diamond, allowing declarer to discard a heart from one hand while trumping in the other. Either way, declarer avoids a heart loser and so makes the contract without having to resort to a finesse

Tomorrow: Eliminating the risk factor. ©2017 King Features Syndicate Inc

tions for how I should handle these political zealots from both sides of the political spectrum? -- Peacemaker in Pittsburgh

Dear Peacemaker: Your intuition is so good -- that taking sides in a political argument during dinner is fraught with danger. In his classic book "How to Win Friends and Influence People," Dale Carnegie pointed out that arguing during dinner is a lose-lose proposition. If you lose the argument, you lose; and if win the argument, your guest feels inferior and you lose again. There is a reason that we have been advised for many years -- long before the current political controversies -- to avoid discussions of politics and religion at dinner with friends.

Dear Annie:

Several years ago, I suffered from severe back pain. I had sciatica that went from my lower back to my foot. I remember trying a hundred different treatments, including shots, and any relief was only temporary. Then a friend told me about Dr. John Sarno, a pain treatment specialist at New York University. I read his book "Healing Back Pain: The Mind-Body Connection," and it

changed my life! After reading that book, I found more books by Dr. Sarno, as well as some lectures on DVD. I was never his patient; I never even met the man, but gradually -- as I followed his treatment advice -- my sciatica disappeared, and I have not had back pain since.

I am writing this

letter now because I read that John Sarno died June 22 at the age of 93, and I hope you will print my letter as a message for any of your readers who are suffering from chronic pain. That includes headaches, back pain, sciatica, fibromyalgia and gastrointestinal problems.

The radio "shock jock" Howard Stern had terrible back pain until he saw Dr. Sarno. After Sarno's death was announced, Stern said, "I suffered horribly from back pain for many years ... and he

really saved my life." Plenty of other celebrities -- including Anne Bancroft, Larry David and John Stossel -- have said similar things about this great man. I am writing this to alert any of your readers who are in chronic pain to

check out the works of Dr. John Sarno. His advice could change your life, too. -- Grateful in Green Bay

Dear Grateful: Thank you for your inspiring letter. Dr. Sarno has many devoted fans like you, yet his treatment is still considered controversial by some in the medical establishment. He died one day before his 94th birthday and the release of a new documentary about him, called "All the Rage (Saved by

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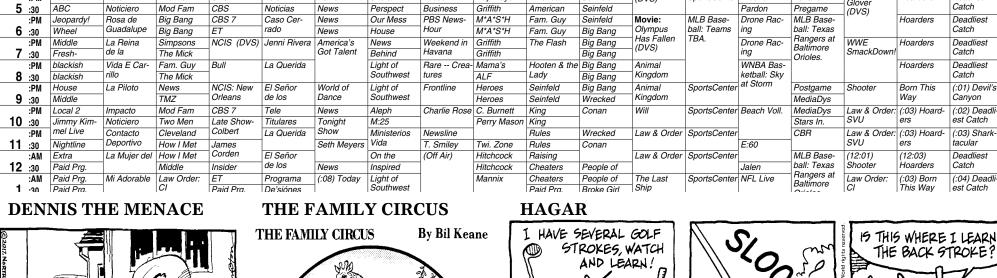
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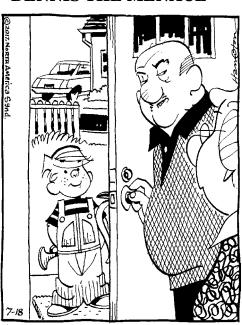
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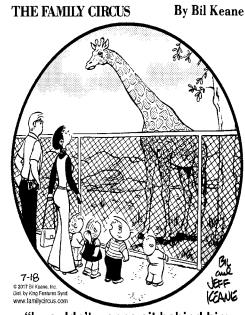
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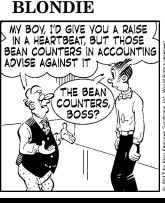
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On this date:

In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began, consuming most of the city for about a week. (Some blamed the fire on Emperor Nero, who in turn blamed Christians.) English In 1536, the

Parliament passed an act declaring the authority of the pope void in England. In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris

at age 45. In 1817, English novelist Jane Austen died in Winchester

at age 41. In 1927 the 4,000th time in his career during a game between the Philadelphia Athletics (his new team) and the Detroit Tigers (his old one) at Navin Field. (The Tigers won, 5-3.)

In 1932, the United States and

Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway. In 1944, Hideki Tojo was

removed as Japanese premier and war minister because of setbacks suffered by his country in World War II. American forces in France captured the Normandy town of St. Lo. In 1955, President Dwight D.

Eisenhower, Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and French Premier Edgar Faure held a summit in Geneva. In 1969, Sen. Edward M.

Kennedy, D-Mass., left a party on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard with Mary Jo Kopechne (koh-PEHK'-nee), 28; some time later, Kennedy's car went off a bridge into the water. Kennedy was able to escape, but Kopechne drowned. In 1976, 14-year-old Romanian

gymnast Nadia Comaneci, competing at the Montreal Olympics, received the firstever perfect score of 10 with her routine on uneven parallel bars. (Comaneci would go on to receive six more 10s in Montreal.)

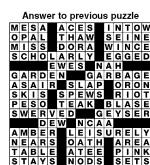
In 1984, gunman James Huberty opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro (ee-SEE'droh), California, killing 21 people before being shot dead by police. Walter F. Mondale won the Democratic presidential nomination in San

Francisco.

In 1994, a bomb hidden in a van destroyed a Jewish cultural center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 85. Tutsi rebels declared an end to Rwanda's 14-week-old civil war. Ten years ago:

Republicans torpedoed legislation to force the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq. An underground steam pipe exploded on a New York City street, swallowing a tow truck and claiming the life of a woman who suffered a heart attack. Armed men kidnapped two Germans and five Afghans working on a dam project in central Afghanistan. (One of Germans, Ruediger Diedrich, was found shot dead three days later; the others were later released.) Opera tenor Jerry Hadley, 55, died at a hospital in Poughkeepsie, New

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- thoughts
- "How are you?"
- everything!"
- 25 Long-running
- 28 Awful
- 31 Thing of value 35 Additionally
- 38 __ carte menu
- 39 Upbeat
- response
- litter
- 45 River-mouth
- 47 Medical
- **51** Little guy
- "How are you?"
- 61 Rolls down the

- 68 Boggy lands **DOWN**

- 18 Creative
- 19 Smell awful **20** Middling
- response 23 "Now __ heard
- 24 Impress greatly
- quarrels
- 36 "Couldn't catch a break"
- "How are you?"
- 42 Clean air org.
- 43 Snips again
- 44 Smallest in the
- formation
- insurance grp. 48 Daddies
- 49 That guy
- 52 Reflexive
- response 59 Two of a kind
- runway 62 "I dropped it"

- 63 Probabilities 10 Sequence
- **64** Important happening
- 65 On the house
- 66 Tugboat sound 67 Mails away

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 - 5 Piece of pizza
 - 6 Chore list heading
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- 9 Electric car
- 8 "Quickly," in a
- company
- memo

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11 Pizzeria

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12 Service charge

21 HD sets in dens

13 Noah's vessel

22 Not sleeping

25 Confronted

27 Customary

- photographs
- 30 Because of
- 32 Stopped slouching
- 33 Justice Kagan
- 34 Little pies
- **36** Point opposite SSW
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- eye logo

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Machado's hit-and-run single and scored on a sacrifice fly by Jonathan Schoop .

TRADE WINDS

With the Orioles fading from contention, it's possible that closer Zach Britton could be dealt before the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline.

"I'm not in any rush to go anywhere, but it's not my decision," he said. "If it happens I'll take it in stride. But I've been here since I was 18."

NO SHORT-CHANGING

Robinson, who started in left field for Texas, won't have to worry about playing shortstop anytime soon.

"We're not going to put that on him," Banister said. "He been at second, he's been at third, he's been at left, we know he can go out in center."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: RHP Keone Kela (shoulder)

will throw a bullpen session Tuesday and could return to game action as early as Thursday, though it's unclear whether that would be with Texas or on a rehab assignment, Banister said . RHP A.J. Griffin (left intercostal strain) will pitch Wednesday at Triple-A Round Rock.

LHP Jake Diekman (ulcerative colitis surgery) threw long toss on Monday and expects to have his first bullpen session of the season Thursday.

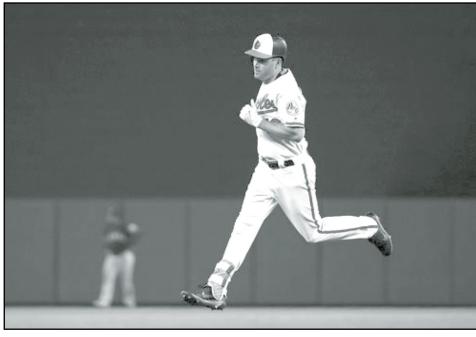
Orioles: RHP Stefan Crichton (right shoulder strain) was reinstated from the 10-day disabled list and optioned him to Triple-A Norfolk.

UP NEXT

Rangers: RHP Tyson Ross (2-1, 5.33 ERA) will start Tuesday night in the second game of the series.

He's 0-2 with a 17.10 ERA in seven career appearances against Baltimore.

Orioles: Dylan Bundy (8-8, 4.33 ERA) makes his third start since June 24 and first since July 11.



Baltimore Orioles' Seth Smith rounds the bases after hitting a solo home run during the seventh inning of the team's baseball game against the Texas Rangers in Baltimore, Monday, July 17, 2017. Baltimore won 3-1.

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media days, Lanning was listed as one of three starting line-

Even though Lanning's position is marked LB/QB on the roster and his bio sheet, he wasn't listed among the three quarterbacks on the depth chart - junior Park, senior Kyle Kempt and redshirt freshman Zeb No-

Cyclones coach Matt Campbell said Lanning has taken a leadership role and excelled on the defensive side.

"I probably was taken back a little bit about just as much growth as he was able to make from practice 1 through 15," Campbell said. "I thought by practice 13, 14, 15, boy, he looked like he belonged for sure."

With his quarterback role changed, Lanning met with his coach right after last season. Nothing was mentioned then about playing linebacker, but that conversation changed right before spring practice when the Cyclones needed some depth at linebacker.

The biggest adjustment for Lanning, who last played linebacker in eighth grade, is getting hit all of the time.

"I was a physical runner, but like every single play I wasn't getting hit, and now I'm getting hit every single play regardless if I like it or not," he said. "Right now I feel good because it's the summer. I haven't been hit for a while. During the spring, yeah, your whole body aches, just like your arm. ... It's definitely a lot different."

Iowa State left tackle Jake Campos used to be responsible for protecting Lanning from blitzing defenders, but now during practice has to try to keep Lanning from getting to Park, who started his college career at Georgia, or the other quarter-

Campos said it was fun to watch Lanning mature from just an athlete out there to what" looked like an elite linebacker' by the end of the spring. It was also fun trading hits with him.

"He was bringing it every play," Campos said. "He's one of the toughest, most versatile people I know."

Campbell, going into his second season with the Cyclones, said Lanning has "been a beacon of excellence within our program. ... You talk about laying a foundation of attitude and effort, Joel was that and has been that."

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fifth spot.

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TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: OF Mitch Haniger was out for the second straight game after injuring his right index finger on Saturday night. But manager Scott Servais said he was feeling better on Monday and could be available on Tuesday.

Astros: Houston ace Dallas Keuchel allowed two hits with one walk and three strikeouts in three innings in his first rehabilitation assignment for Double-A Corpus Christi on Monday night. Keuchel hasn't pitched since June 2 because of a pinched nerve in his neck. The lefty will likely need multiple starts in the minors before he comes off the DL, but the Astros haven't yet determined exactly how many he will need. ... RHP Collin McHugh, who hasn't pitched all season because of an elbow injury, will throw a bullpen on Tuesday and if that goes well he could come off the disabled list this weekend.

CORREA'S INJURY

The Astros said that Correa will be re-evaluated on Tuesday and aren't sure how long he'll be out. "I've been playing through some pain the last couple of days and hopefully, it's nothing big," he said. "I felt a lot of pain in my finger and felt like I couldn't go back in there."

UP NEXT

Mariners: Sam Gaviglio (3-4, 4.31) will be recalled from Triple-A Tacoma to start on Tuesday. Gaviglio last started in the majors on July 6 against Oakland when he allowed nine hits and seven runs in $4 \frac{2}{3}$ innings of a 7-4 loss.

Astros: Brad Peacock (7-1, 2.63) is scheduled to start for Houston on Tuesday. He scattered five hits over six scoreless innings in a 19-1 win over the Blue Jays in his last start to extend his winning streak to four games.

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Hatch, who played at BYU, leads the team with four goals. A look at some oth-

er story lines in the NWSL: KERR ON FIRE: Mc-

Donald set the NWSL record for career goals scored when she had her 33rd goal in a May match against the Breakers, but she's since been surpassed by Sky Blue forward Samantha Kerr, who scored her 36th NWSL goal in a 2-2 draw with Chicago last weekend.

Kerr, who is Australian and is on her country's national team roster for the upcoming Tournament of Nations, leads the league with 10 goals this season. The 23-year-old was the league's Player of the Month for May and June.

"The most exciting thing about Sam is we truly believe there is still more to come from her. She is very young, and she is still very early in her development. These are the moments where she is proving to be one of the best players in the world," Sky Blue coach Christy Holly recently told reporters.

MARTA'S IMPACT: There was a great deal of fanfare earlier this year when the Orlando Pride signed Brazilian star Marta, and so far she's fit in well. She ranks third in the

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son, and she's tied for second with four assists. With Alex Morgan nursing a hamstring injury, Pride coach Tom Sermanni

played Marta behind

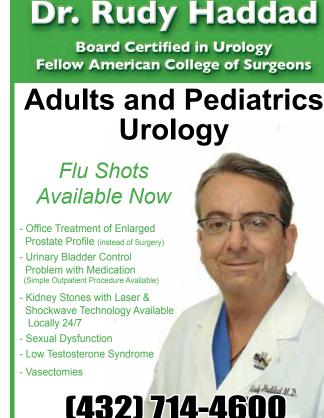
Morgan over the week-

league with eight goals

in her first NWSL sea-

Megan Rapinoe is having a resurgent season after a turbulent 2016. Rapinoe has nine goals for the Seattle Reign, who are sitting just outside the playoff picture in the





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