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## Rojo trial expected to begin today

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

The trial of a former Big Spring Police detective indicted on multiple sex charges was expected to get underway this morning in the 118th District Court.



**Rojo** in the 118th District Court.

Jury selection was held Monday in the case of Joel Derek Rojo, who has been indicted in three cases including indecency with a child. Additional indictments were produced from the grand jury in Octo-

ber 2016. Mike Henry of KBYG reports that before jury selection began Monday, the defense requested a change of venue. The motion was denied.

Rojo was arrested and first indicted in April 2016. The arrest came after an investigation that lasted several months by the Texas Rangers. A lawsuit has been filed by a family member of one of Rojo's alleged victims, a minor child, against the city of Big Spring and Rojo. The plaintiff is requesting monetary damages of more than \$100,000, the court records stated, for causing the minor mental anguish and physical pain along with mental anguish of her family.

## Stylists give cuts for kids



**HERALD photo/Robert Barlow**  
 Employees at Hippy Chic Salon pose with Michelle Rodriguez (far right) of the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care before their upcoming haircutting fundraiser on Sunday. Hippy Chic stylists will be donating all of the proceeds from haircuts given on Sunday to local charity program Food 2 Kids. Pictured from left to right: Liz Ward, stylist; Mique Yarbar, owner; Devine Martine, nail tech, and Rodriguez -who volunteers at Food 2 Kids.

## Craft market headed to downtown Big Spring

By **ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer

Another month means another Artwalk for downtown Big Spring organized by the Desert Flower Art Bar.

August 5, the first Saturday of the month, downtown Big Spring will be lined with vendors selling everything ranging from crafts to food, all to help promote arts in the county.

"It's going to be blast and be a lot of fun for everyone," said Jeremiah Peters, manager for the Desert Flower Art Bar. "Its going to at 9 a.m., and this time we have over 30 vendors who plan on participating."

Peters went on to say that he had spoken with some people who organize the Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton and was able to get some of the vendors from there involved in this event as well.

"The last one we did, a lot of the artists were on vacation," said Peters. "Thats why were trying to bring in a lot of different people. We're just trying to make this more successful every time."



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By **ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer

A group of local stylists and salon employees have teamed up and will be offering haircuts this weekend with all the proceeds going to help a local charity program.

Food 2 Kids will be getting a boost this Sunday when Hippy Chic Salon and Boutique hosts an event that offers ten dollar haircut and wash packages for teachers and students.

"We are doing a back to school 'Cut-a-thon' event for any kids or teachers going back to school. Elementary, high school, college, any students or teachers are all welcome,"



**HERALD photo/Robert Barlow**  
 Two backpacks full of school supplies will be given away this Sunday during an event held by the Hippy Chic Salon. Stylists will be volunteering their time at the salon and donating all the proceeds from the haircuts to a local charity program called Food 2 Kids. The salon is also offering a discounted ten dollar haircut to all students and teachers as long as they bring their school IDs.

said Devine Martin, a nail tech at Hippy Chic who is helping to organize the event. "We did it a couple years ago and it was great. It was a very good turnout."

Several employees along with stylists from Hippy Chic as well as some other local salons have come together to offer haircuts to help raise money for the cause.

"So by offering these haircuts, the ladies come in and volunteer their time," said Mique Yarbar, owner of the Hippy Chic Salon. "And they're offering the haircuts at an affordable price and using all of the money from the event to

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## Defiance that made Arizona sheriff popular led to downfall

By **JACQUES BILLEAUD**  
 Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — The political defiance that made Joe Arpaio popular and seemingly untouchable as metro Phoenix's sheriff of 24 years ultimately led to

his downfall as he was convicted of a crime for ignoring a U.S. court order to stop traffic patrols that targeted immigrants.

The TV interviews and news releases that the media-savvy lawmaker used over the

years to promote his immigration crackdowns came back to bite him. The judge who found him guilty of misdemeanor contempt of court cited comments Arpaio made about keeping up the patrols, even though he knew

he was not allowed.

"Not only did defendant abdicate responsibility, he announced to the world and to his subordinates that he was going to continue business as usual no matter who said

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## Obituaries

### Marion Greer Carter



Marion Greer Carter 82, died Friday, July 28, 2017 at his home in Glasscock County. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday August 2, 2017 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment will follow at the Garden City Cemetery in Garden City.

He was the son of Joe Carter and Mary Schafer Carter, both from pioneer families in Glasscock County. Mary died in childbirth and Marion was raised by his grandmother, Pearl Baker and his great grandparents, Christ and Susan Schafer. The ranch where he died was the same one which he had lived all his life and it was homesteaded in 1886 by the Schafers. He graduated from Garden City High School in 1954 and attended Howard College and Texas Tech University.

He had served as a police officer in Midland. He began working for Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Big Spring in 1963 and worked in a number of capacities before retiring in April 2000. During the time he was a "coke man", he met and befriended people from every walk of life. Marion was always

involved in agriculture and raised cattle on his ranch. He loved his land and enjoyed spending time outside with his cattle, horses, goats, and guns.

Carter is survived by his wife, Nelda; one daughter, Lois Pearl McDaniel (Steve) of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Mary-Ashley McDaniel of San Angelo; two step-daughters, Toni Moore (Eddy) of Flower Mound, Nikki Lewis (Darrell) of Baird, and step-son Dennie Tidwell of Bowling Green, KY; four step-grandsons, Darek Tidwell of KY, Scotty Moore of Flower Mound, Michael Lewis (Jenna) of Corinth, Rikky Moore of Sammamish, WA; three step-granddaughters, Kelli Malone (Tim) of Lewisville, Chelsi Runyun (Landon) of Lewisville, Kayme McIntosh (Rusty) of Carrollton; and 6 step-great grandchildren, a brother, Joe Carter of Snyder, and a sister, Ann Carter.

Pallbearers will be Scotty Moore, Keith Burnett, Guy Newell, Richard Schafer, Jerry Schafer, and Hugh Schafer.

Honorary Pallbearers are Ralph Schafer, Marck Schafer, Desi Hernandez, Mike Douglas, and Dr. David Long.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Oscar "Big O" Cervantes, Jr.



Oscar "Big O" Cervantes, Jr., 42 of Big Spring, died Friday, July 28, 2017 at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, August 7, 2017 at Spring Creek Fellowship.

He was born May 13, 1975 in Big Spring.

Oscar graduated from Big Spring High School in 1993 where he played football and baseball for the Steers. He worked for his father, Oscar Cervantes Paint and Body Shop until his father's death. He

then worked for Solitaire Homes, Innotek Powder Coating and Cain Electric Supply until becoming ill.

Survivors include his wife, Erica Cervantes; two sons, Jesse Cervantes and Ozzie Cervantes; one daughter, Aissa Cervantes; his mother and step-father, Maria and Larry Jojola; and two sisters, Alma Guzman and Nicole Cervantes.

He was preceded in death by his father, Oscar Cervantes, Sr.; and his grandparents.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

### Merle Haney

Merle Haney, 91, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 30, 2017 at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 3, 2017 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Merle was born in San Angelo, Texas, October 15, 1941 to Floyd Curtis and Mittie Captola (Kennedy) Ray. She married Stanley Myrle Haney in February 1941. He preceded her in death May 26, 1995.

She is survived by her son Stanley Haney and wife, Eileen of Luther, Texas; her daughter, Gena Franke and husband, Don of Coahoma; seven grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; and a sister-in-law.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Evelyn Love Dennis.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring.

Online condolences may be left at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Take Note

- School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., begins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see [www.ace-ministries.com](http://www.ace-ministries.com) for more information). School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable. For more information visit the office or contact Dr. Lillian Bohannan at 432-213-1046.

- 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 432-270-2251.

- 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.

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.

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

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

- 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 7:00 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 has dropped to \$5 per person.

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

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

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

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

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or [danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us)

## Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MANUEL SALAZAR CUELLAR**, 45, OF 1104 East 6th Street, was arrested on a warrant for assault by contact.

- **THEFT** was reported at the 1200 block of East 11th Place, the 4100 block of Parkway Road, the 1400 block of Tucson Street, and the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway Road.

- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Grafa Avenue.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of Vines Avenue.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

- **CHRISTOPHER BRYAN WESTLING**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a surety withdrawal warrant for driving while intoxicated and on a charge of unlawful carrying of a weapon.

- **WILLIAM CHARLES COLEMAN**, 63, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for assault that causes bodily injury.

- **SONIA MICHELLE BARLOW**, 38, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of prohibited weapon (knuckles).

- **JOHNNY ALLEN TONN**, 62, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for parole violation.

- **CHARLES ANDREW HOFFMAN**, 53, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension.

- **APOLLO ALLEN DUNLAP**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **SERGIO IVAN SAENZ**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.

- **RAYMOND EARL OVERTON JR.**, 38, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing and on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

- **JESSE REY NUNEZ JR.**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on charges of littering and public intoxication.

- **DAMONN STEVEN FRENCH**, 44, was booked by the DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **RAUL ORTIZ JR.**, 40, was booked by the HCSO on charges of interfering with emergency requests for assistance and assault towards family by violence, threat, or offensive touch.

- **FERNANDO LEE GONZALES**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **DANA MCCLAYNE HOLGORSSEN**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication by minor.

- **KODY MARK BARBER**, 18, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of criminal trespassing.

- **MANUEL CUELLAR**, 45, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for assault (class c).

- **SUSAN ETTA HUMPHREY**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ALLAN LEE SMITH**, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of unlawful carrying of a weapon.

## Support Groups

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held 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.

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otherwise," U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton wrote.

The verdict Monday marked a final rebuke for a politician who once drew strong support from such crackdowns but was booted from office last year as voters got frustrated with his deepening legal troubles and headline-grabbing tactics, such as jailing inmates in tents during triple-degree summer heat and making them wear pink underwear.

Arpaio told The Associated Press that he didn't have an immediate comment on the verdict, but his attorneys said they will appeal. The 85-year-old is set to be sentenced Oct. 5 and could face up to six months in jail, but attorneys who have followed the case doubt someone his age would be incarcerated.

Critics said the verdict that followed a five-day trial in Phoenix was a long-awaited comeuppance for a lawman

who had managed to escape accountability through much of his six terms.

Lydia Guzman, a Latino civil rights advocate and longtime Arpaio critic, said the sheriff was partly responsible for Arizona's reputation as a place that's intolerant of immigrants.

"He is the one who led the rally against immigrants, and the legislators followed suit," Guzman said, noting Arizona's landmark 2010 immigration law. "I hope a lot of this is erased and that Arizona can go back to being a normal state. I don't know when that will be."

Prosecutors say Arpaio ignored the 2011 order from a different U.S. judge so he could promote his immigration enforcement efforts in an effort to boost his 2012 re-election campaign. That judge later ruled the traffic patrols racially profiled Latinos.

The sheriff had acknowledged prolonging his patrols for nearly a year and a half but insisted it was not intentional. He also blamed one of

his former attorneys in the racial profiling case for not properly explaining the importance of the court order.

Bolton rejected all Arpaio's key arguments, saying the attorney had clearly informed him of the order and that a top aide also read part of it aloud to him during a staff meeting.

His lawyers contend the former sheriff's fate should have been decided by a jury, not a judge. They also said Bolton violated Arpaio's rights by not reading the decision in court.

"Her verdict is contrary to what every single witness testified in the case," his lawyers said in a statement. "Arpaio believes that a jury would have found in his favor, and that it will."

His defense had focused on what his attorneys said were weaknesses in the court order that failed to acknowledge times when deputies would detain immigrants and later hand them over to federal authorities.

Unlike other local police

leaders who left immigration enforcement to U.S. authorities, Arpaio made hundreds of arrests in traffic patrols that sought out immigrants and business raids in which his officers targeted immigrants who used fraudulent IDs to get jobs.

The efforts are similar to local immigration enforcement that President Donald Trump has advocated. To build his highly touted deportation force, Trump is reviving a long-standing program that deputizes local officers to enforce federal immigration law.

Arpaio's immigration powers were eventually stripped away by the courts and federal government.

The contempt-of-court case marked the first time federal authorities had prosecuted Arpaio on a criminal charge, though his office had been the subject of past investigations.

Federal authorities had looked into Arpaio's mispending of \$100 million in jail funds and his criminal investigations of political en-

emies. Neither investigation led to prosecution of the sheriff or his employees.

Arpaio's criminal charges are believed to have contributed heavily to his crushing defeat in November to Paul Penzone, a little-known retired Phoenix police sergeant.

He was ousted in the same election that sent Trump to the White House. Trump used some of the same immigration rhetoric that helped make Arpaio a national figure in the debate over the U.S.-Mexico border.

Cecilia Wang, an attorney who helped press the racial profiling case against Arpaio, said his fate is a cautionary tale for police bosses who want to get into immigration enforcement.

"What was a lark to him in going after undocumented immigrants was terrible, not only for the people he hurt but also for his own agency and his career," Wang said. "His career will go down as ending with his conviction."

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In addition to that, Peters has also been working with local volunteer Kent Ivey to incorporate a farmer's market into the Artwalk as well, bringing fresh produce alongside the handmade crafts and artwork.

Peters also mentioned that they will be hosting a double feature movie night at the event as well.

"The movie starts at 9:30 p.m., with local filmmakers Brandon Johnson and James Fite," Peters said. "That movie is called 'I See Something', and after that we're going to showcase 'Super 8' by J.J. Abrams. It's going to be outside on a big screen, and it's going to be fun."

Peters continued to say the Artwalk has seen its ebbs and flows but he is optimistic about where the event is headed and has received a lot of positive feedback on the ones that have happened so far.

"We are going to have live musicians as always," said Peters. "So we're going to have plenty of food, music, art, and a lot more. Everyone should come check it out."

The Artwalk, or Craft Market as it is called this time, is set to take place on August 5, the first Saturday of the month and opens up to the public at 9 a.m. It will be located downtown at the intersection of South Main and 2nd Street.

If anyone has any questions about the event or is interested in possibly becoming a vendor they can contact Peters at (432) 270-0290 during normal operating hours of the Desert Flower Art Bar for more information.

Contact Staff Writer Robert Barlow at (432) 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

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donate to a local organization."

All the proceeds raised from the haircuts will go to a local charity program called Food 2 Kids.

The program aims to help feed local children in the area whose families may need the assistance.

"We've been helping put together these bags, and we also decorate all the bags that the kids get," said Michelle Rodriguez of the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care and volunteer of the Food 2 Kids program. "So kids who don't eat get a bag. It has four

drinks, four puddings, four meats, four snacks, and four cereals. It should last from Friday to Monday."

Rodriguez, along with residents and other employees and the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care help pack and decorate the bags. According to Rodriguez, the program makes and delivers around 480 bags a week to local schools for the kids.

The salon will also have cookies and refreshments available to customers and will be hosting a giveaway where some students will be able to win a couple of backpacks full of school supplies and a gift certificate for the LuLu Boutique.

"We're going to be having

cookies and we're going to have a drawing for two backpacks," said Martin. "So the kids can put their name in and try to win a backpack. It's full of supplies and everything."

This isn't the first event like this that the Hippy Chic has held and because of the great response from the last events, Yarbar says they plan to continue these in the future.

"One of the biggest things I think we like to focus on is giving back to the community and helping any way we can," said Yarbar. "Liz Ward, who is a stylist here, was very focused on that in the beginning. Then shortly after we purchased this (the

store), Devine and a few of the other ladies came on and they have just been the passion behind it to keep it going."

The event is set to happen this Sunday, August 6 from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Hippy Chic Salon located on the corner of Scurry and 22nd Street. Teachers and students will need to bring their IDs to receive the discount.

For more information regarding the event, people can contact the Hippy Chic Salon at (432) 714-4544.

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**Kelly wins praise across the aisle, but bigger task is ahead**

By **VIVIAN SALAMA and JILL COLVIN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Raised voices could be heard through the thick door to the Oval Office as John Kelly — then secretary of Homeland Security — offered some tough talk to President Donald Trump.

Kelly, a whip-cracking retired general who was sworn in as White House chief of staff on Monday, had demanded to speak to the president alone after Trump complained loudly that the U.S. was admitting travelers from countries he viewed as high risk.

Kelly first tried to explain to Trump that the admissions were standard — some people had legitimate reasons to visit the coun-

try — but the president insisted that it was making him look bad, according to an administration official familiar with the exchange about a month ago.

Kelly then demanded that other advisers leave the room so he could speak to the president frankly. Trump refused at first, but agreed when Kelly insisted.

It was an early indication that Kelly, a decorated retired Marine general who served three tours in Iraq, is not afraid to stand up to his commander-in-chief.

Tapped to bring order to a chaotic West Wing, Kelly began to make his mark immediately on Monday, ousting newly appointed communications director Anthony Scaramucci and re-

vising a dysfunctional command structure that has bred warring factions. From now on, said White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, all senior staffers — including the president's son-in-law Jared Kushner and chief strategist Steve Bannon — will report to Kelly instead of the president.

Kelly "will bring new structure, discipline and strength" to the White House, Sanders said.

"It definitely has the fingerprints of a new sheriff in town," said Blain Rethmeier, who guided Kelly through the Senate confirmation process for the Homeland Security post. Rethmeier said that what stood out about Kelly during the time they worked together was the way Kelly commanded re-

spect from everyone he encountered — and the way he respected others.

Kelly drew praise from lawmakers of both parties Tuesday.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., expressed confidence that Kelly can help restore order, saying on NBC's "Today" show that "the Marines have landed at the White House. They have a beachhead."

And Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois told

CNN that Kelly "is in a

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position where he can stabilize this White House, that's good for this country. The president has to be part of that."

Jason Miller, a senior communications adviser during the Trump presidential campaign, predicted on CNN that Kelly's next move will be to put people in place that will help the president.

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## Texas 'campus carry' law expanding to community colleges

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The state's so-called "campus carry" law will be expanded beginning Tuesday to also include community colleges in Texas.

People with a handgun license will be allowed to carry a concealed firearm on campus, although there will be some restrictions such as in performance halls or child-care centers.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports Tarrant County College has put up signs designating some areas as gun-free zones.

TCC spokesman Reginald Gates says rifles remain among the weapons banned on campus, and added that open carry of a handgun also isn't allowed.

The Texas Legislature in 2015 adopted a law that already allows concealed handguns at public colleges statewide, but community colleges were given an extra year to prepare. Private colleges were allowed to opt out under the law and nearly all did.

## Man on phone killed in gunfire across the street from him

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man described as being caught in the crossfire of people exchanging gunfire from their cars in a grocery store parking lot.

Authorities say 42-year-old Jason Jolley was outside a car wash across the street from the parking lot and taking a phone call Sunday night when he was hit. Police say the shooting began when one driver passing the lot opened fire on others parked in the lot. Some of people in the parked cars had just attended a nearby block party.

Police say so many shots were fired they ran out of markers that investigators use to show where they found shell casings.

## Police in at least 2 Dallas suburbs contend with 911 woes

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Police in at least two Dallas suburbs say they're trying to determine what's preventing people from being able to make emergency 911 calls.

Authorities in Plano (PLAY'-noh) and Rowlett (row-LET'), both just northeast of Dallas, are asking anyone facing an emergency Monday to call alternate numbers.

Plano officials say some T-Mobile customers are able to call 911 but are not being heard when a dispatcher answers.

Rowlett police say its 911 problem appears to involve callers using various carriers.

Dallas has had its own problems with 911 communications, including early this year. The city has contended with staffing shortages and technological problems that have resulted at times in hundreds of callers being placed on hold.

## Italian poster for "Casablanca" attracts \$478,000 at auction

DALLAS (AP) — The only known surviving Italian issue poster for the classic movie "Casablanca" has sold for \$478,000 in Dallas at a public auction of vintage movie posters. The firm Heritage Auctions says the price ties a record for the highest amount paid for a movie poster at a public auction.

The 1946 Italian poster — four years after the Oscar-winning movie was made and first shown in the U.S. — measures 55.5 inches (1,409.7 millimeters) by 78.25 inches (1,987.55 millimeters). It previously was owned by a collector in London. Auction spokesman Eric Bradley says the buyer Saturday chose to remain anonymous.

## Man charged with slaying of girl, 16, in Laredo.

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — A 24-year-old man is being held without bond and is charged with the slaying of a 16-year-old girl in Laredo.

Records show Mario Angel Gonzalez made an early morning court appearance Sunday following his arrest.

Police spokesman Jose Baeza tells the Laredo Morning Times only that Gonzalez was arrested following tips and information provided to authorities.

The girl's body was found Thursday on walking trails behind a recreation center. Her car was found a few miles away. The victim's name and the nature of her death also have been withheld.

Police have said relatives of the teenager filed a missing person's report and then discovered her body by using an app that located her phone.

## Age, storm taken down old abandoned Amarillo airport hangar

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Part of an abandoned hangar at an Amarillo airport that opened nearly 90 years ago has collapsed during a storm.

Amarillo Fire Department Capt. Larry Davis says the hangar toppled Saturday night during a thunderstorm. Joseph Guerrero, a National Weather Service meteorologist, tells the Amarillo Globe-News the already weak structure combined with 40 mph (64.37 kph) winds to take down the structure.

The building is on part of Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport property known as English Field, which opened in 1929. Firefighters checked to ensure it was empty and blocked the site with barrier tape Saturday evening. The city bought English Field in 1941 and Amarillo Air Force Base used it for training and hosted its Strategic Air Command B-52 operations starting in 1955.

# Fumes force Austin police to pull Ford Explorers off patrol

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Austin Police Department on Friday pulled nearly 400 Ford Explorer SUVs from its patrol fleet over worries about exhaust fumes inside the vehicles.

Ford Motor Co. responded by promising to repair the vehicles, even as it continues to investigate the cause of the problem.

The move comes as U.S. auto safety regulators investigate complaints of exhaust fume problems in more than 1.3 million Explorers from the 2011 through 2017 model years. In Austin, more than 60 officers have reported health problems since February and more than 20 were found to have measurable carbon monoxide in their systems, city officials said Friday.

"We need to remove these vehicles immediately," interim City Manager Elaine Hart said "We need to keep (officers) safe as well as our community."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has found more than 2,700 complaints of exhaust odors in the passenger compartment and fears of carbon monoxide in an investigation started a year ago. Among the complaints were three crashes and 41 injuries, mostly loss of consciousness, nausea and headaches.

Many of the complaints came from police departments, which use the Police Interceptor version of the Explorer in patrol fleets. Police complaints included two crashes with injuries and one injury allegation due to carbon monoxide exposure.

While several large police departments have been aware of the issue and installed carbon monoxide detectors in their vehicles, Austin appears to be first major city to pull large numbers of police Explorers off the road.

In a statement released late Friday, Ford said it has discovered holes and unsealed spaces in the back of some Police Interceptors that had equipment installed after leaving Ford's factory. Ford said police and fire departments routinely drill holes in the backs of vehicles to add customized lighting, radios and other equipment.

Ford said it will cover the cost of repairs to any Police Interceptor that may have this concern, regardless of age, mileage or modifications.

The company said it will check for holes and seal them, recalibrate the air conditioning to bring in more fresh air during heavy acceleration and check engine codes to see if the vehicles have a damaged exhaust manifold.

"There is nothing we take more seriously than providing you with the safest and most reliable vehicles," said Hau Thai-Tang, Ford's executive vice president of product development.

Non-police customers should take their Explorers to a Ford dealer to address the issue, the company said.

The decision by Austin police left the city scrambling to find replacement cars for more than half of its patrol fleet.

The Police Department said it will move equip-

ment from the Explorers to about 200 Ford Taurus and Crown Victoria models, many of which will be unmarked, and have them ready for patrol ready by Monday. Interim Police Chief Brian Manley said Austin will have just as many officers on patrol, but that they will ride in pairs. The city will closely track response time to emergency calls.

"There will be a concern there will be a spike in crime," Manley said. "But for those criminals who think they can take advantage of the circumstances, remember we now have a whole fleet of unmarked vehicles on patrol."

The city installed carbon monoxide alarms after officers began reporting getting sick while in the vehicles, and parked 60 of them when the alarms activated. Of the 20 officers found to have elevated levels of carbon monoxide, three have not been able to return to work.

The NHTSA has said nearly 800 people have complained to the government about fumes, while Ford has received more than 2,000 complaints and warranty claims. The agency tested multiple vehicles at its Ohio research center, and made field inspections of police vehicles involved in crashes. As of Thursday, the agency had found no evidence or data to support claims that injuries or crash allegations were caused by carbon monoxide poisoning. The agency said it had early tests that suggest carbon monoxide levels may be higher in certain driving conditions, but the significance and effect of those levels remain under investigation.

The NHTSA says its investigation suggests the Police Interceptor is experiencing exhaust manifold cracks that are hard to detect and may explain exhaust odors.

### 2017 Property Tax Rates in City of Big Spring

This notice concerns the 2017 property tax rates for City of Big Spring. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

#### Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$5,881,091
Last year's debt taxes	\$1,055,587
Last year's total taxes	\$6,936,678
Last year's tax base	\$878,060,506
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.790000/\$100

#### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$6,894,408
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$872,187,898
=This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.790472/\$100

#### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$7,950,691
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$872,187,898
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.911580/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.984506/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.135442/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$1.119948/\$100
-Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.236768/\$100
=Rollback tax rate	\$0.883180/\$100

#### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Big Spring adopts a 2017 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.790472 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2016 taxes by \$73,084.

#### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Debt Service Fund	428,564
M&O (General Fund - Unrestricted)	6,047,277

#### Schedule B - 2017 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligation Bonds - 2007 Series	715,000	14,300	750	730,050
Certificate of Obligatoin	25,000	8,550	375	33,925
Bonds - 2007 Series				
Certificate of Obligation	185,000	118,900	750	304,650
Bonds - 2010 Series				
General Obligation Bonds - 2016 Series	195,000	190,450	750	386,200
Total required for 2017 debt service				\$1,454,825
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A				\$428,564
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$-114,766
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2017				\$1,141,027
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 2017				\$60,054
= Total debt levy				\$1,201,081

#### Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$2,099,608 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 S. Main ( County Annex Building).

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# 'I am transgender': A US soldier shares personal journey



AP photo

In this July 29, 2017 photo transgender U.S. army captain Jennifer Sims lifts her uniform during an interview with The Associated Press in Beratzhausen near Regensburg, Germany.

By **JULIE WATSON** and **CHRISTOPH NOELTING**

Associated Press  
BERATZHAUSEN, Germany (AP) — The U.S. Army soldier took a deep breath before hitting the button that sent the email to more than 200 fellow troops. "All considered, I am, and have been, traversing what is essentially a personal matter, but is something I must address publicly," the email stated. "I am transgender."

The April 13 email officially ended the secret that burned inside Capt. Jennifer Sims, who was known as Jonathan Sims. But the feeling of relief swiftly turned to unease last week after President Donald Trump tweeted that transgender people were no longer welcome in the U.S. military.

"I read the tweets while I was at work and you know it was devastating because I still have work to do and here I am reading basically what sounds like the president of the United States — who is the commander in chief, he is the ultimate boss of the military — telling me and anybody else that is transgender that we are fired," Sims said.

Pentagon officials say the policy will remain unchanged without official White House guidance. But for Sims, the uncertainty has been upsetting.

"So in the initial moments after the tweet, I saw myself forced into the state that I was in before I started transitioning — a state of depression, exhaustion and inability to enjoy things," said Sims, 28, who spoke to The Associated Press on her own behalf and not on that of the Army.

The reversal of the Obama administration policy that allows trans-

gender people to serve openly and receive military medical coverage for transitioning from one gender to another also could affect her physically.

Sims has been on hormone therapy by her military doctor since November. If she interrupts the treatment, her body will revert to being male.

"It would be very difficult to have to go through that," said Sims, who is based at Hohenfels, a U.S. Army garrison in the German state of Bavaria.

Growing up in Minnesota and Florida, Sims, a high school football player, never felt comfortable being male. The son and grandson of military veterans quietly came to terms with identifying as a woman a year after joining the Army R.O.T.C., but outwardly kept it a secret "because I wanted to continue serving," Sims said.

Sims stopped socializing, feeling drained over worries about being masculine enough, and instead focused on work, serving in Afghanistan, Indonesia and Germany. Her sister, Natasha Sims, 24, said she saw "emptiness" in her eyes.

After the Defense Department announced in 2015 that it was considering allowing transgender troops to serve openly, Sims told Natasha and their parents. When the policy became official in June 2016, Sims said she felt the meaning of the word freedom personally after spending years fighting for it for her country.

"It was the best day of my life really," Sims said.

Sims made an appointment with the behavioral health office, was given a diagnosis of gender dysphoria and started hormone therapy in November.

Five months later, she decided to tell fellow troops.

She first told her two closest colleagues, Capt. Brandon Shorter and another infantry officer.

They were at a loss for words.

After Shorter got home, allowing it to sink in, he texted Sims about how that was brave.

"Infantry officers are best described as brutish. So Capt. Sims pulled me and another brute aside face to face. That took a lot of courage and that's the first thing that went through my mind, mixed in with surprise," Shorter said.

Sims then announced the "personal change" to more than 200 other troops.

It was not an emotional email. The seasoned military officer wrote how a lifetime of discomfort had peaked three years ago. Sims meticulously explained gender dysphoria, announced she was Capt. Jennifer Sims, not Jonathan, and outlined the steps she would take to fully transition to a woman.

"Officially in DEERS, my gender will remain male until my medical transition is complete, which means I will still comport to male standards and use male facilities," she wrote, referring to the acronym for the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, a kind of HR database for U.S. military personnel.

"While it is my preference for people to refer to me with female pronouns, if you are uncomfortable with this, there is no requirement to do so, I only respectfully request you refer to me by my proper name, Captain Sims," the email stated.

Sims assured her unit the change "if anything, will only make me more productive and capable, as I no longer have to



AP photo

In this July 29, 2017 photo transgender U.S. Army captain Jennifer Sims poses at the main gate of the Joint Multinational Readiness Center after an interview with The Associated Press in Hohenfels near Regensburg, Germany.

live two personas."

Five soldiers sent emails back with words of encouragement. Most didn't respond. For a few days, there were murmurs of "hey did you see the email?"

The force had just undergone training explaining what was expected in regards to transgender soldiers.

Sims is the first transgender person Shorter has known.

The unit is basically full of "young men wanting to chew on nails and prove how tough they are and rightly so since they are infantry men," Shorter said. There are only about eight women among the 500 soldiers in the battalion.

He had a lot of questions "being naturally

curious and wanting to be a good friend because we didn't really have a personal relationship. He's, excuse me, she's — see I still slip up sometimes — a single captain, I'm married with two daughters. Our lives are different."

Shorter, 32, of Anson, Michigan, describes himself as conservative. He said he struggles with his beliefs about what's appropriate. An assistant operations officer for the battalion, Shorter is concerned about how Sims — whom he considers to be the best signal officer he's seen in the Army — cannot deploy while undergoing medical procedures.

But Shorter, speaking on his own behalf and

not that of the Army, said he would be "incredibly disappointed" if Sims were kicked out.

After Trump's tweet, a few soldiers, including Shorter, asked Sims how she was doing. She didn't know what to say.

Her pills will run out in three months. Doctors recommend 12 months of hormone therapy before surgery. The cost of her surgery can run close to \$50,000, which Sims was expecting the military would help cover.

Army officials told her nothing will change without official guidance.

"I had waited so long just to be able to tell the world this is who I am," Sims said.

## 2017 Property Tax Rates in Howard County Junior College District

This notice concerns the 2017 property tax rates for Howard County Junior College District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

### Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$7,574,377
Last year's debt taxes	\$1,457,380
Last year's total taxes	\$9,031,757
Last year's tax base	\$2,878,207,318
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.313798/\$100

### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$8,989,314
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$2,920,628,536
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.307786/\$100

### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$7,537,781
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$2,920,628,536
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.258088/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.278735/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.048454/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.327189/\$100

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Howard County Junior College District adopts a 2017 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.307786 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2016 taxes by \$30,756.

### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered M&O Funds	0

### Schedule B - 2017 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2016	985,000	441,300	400	1,426,700

Total required for 2017 debt service	\$1,426,700
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2017	\$1,426,700
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2017	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$1,426,700

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 S. Main ( County Annex Building).

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## A state-by-state look at juvenile life without parole

By The Associated Press

States are responding to U.S. Supreme Court rulings that have found mandatory life-without-parole sentences unconstitutional for juveniles except for the rare homicide offender incapable of rehabilitation. After the latest ruling in January 2016 said those serving such terms must have a chance to argue for release one day, dozens of inmates have won new sentences — and some, freedom — while others wait or fight to have their sentences reviewed.

Through court and legislative action, states also are revisiting laws related to the punishment of juvenile offenders in myriad ways. The Associated Press reviewed correctional data and interviewed lawmakers, parole officials and advocates across the U.S. Here's a look at what's happening from state to state:

### ALABAMA:

Inmates: At least 72 inmates were inmates sentenced to life without parole for murders committed as



AP photo

This Wednesday, June 21, 2017 photo shows barbed wire surrounding the prison that holds Jason Robinson, 39, in Gatesville, Texas. Robinson was convicted of murder at 16 and sentenced to automatic life with the possibility of parole. States are responding to U.S. Supreme Court rulings that have found mandatory life-without-parole sentences unconstitutional for juveniles except for the rare homicide offender incapable of rehabilitation. After the latest ruling in January 2016 said those serving such terms must have a chance to argue for release one day, dozens of inmates have won new sentences — and some, freedom — while others wait or fight to have their sentences reviewed.

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juveniles, including Evan Miller, one of two teens whose murder convictions resulted in the landmark 2012 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that said mandatory life without parole is unconstitutional for minors convicted of homicide.

**Resentenced or Released:** At least 20 inmates have been resentenced to parole-eligible sentences. One has gone before the parole board, but was denied release. A judge presided over a new sentencing hearing for Miller in March. A decision is pending.

**The Law:** Lawmakers in 2016 passed a measure that allows juveniles convicted of capital murder life with the possibility of parole after 30 years, but life without parole remains an option.

### ARIZONA

**Inmates:** Thirty-four serving life without parole for murders committed as teens. The state's two most populous counties, Maricopa and Pima, account for 85 percent of these inmates.

**Resentenced or Released:** One so far. Jack David Jewitt was resentenced in June and is eligible for parole in 2021, after 28 years. He was 14 when he and a then-20-year-old accomplice carjacked and fatally shot a woman. Jewitt's accomplice committed the murder. A handful of other inmates have petitioned for new sentences.

**The Law:** Life without parole for juveniles has always been discretionary in Arizona. Nevertheless, prosecutors are reviewing juvenile lifer cases. Lawyers predict lower-court judges will hold resentencing hearings to determine who

should get a new term. A bill to eliminate natural life altogether for juveniles failed this year.

### ARKANSAS

**Inmates:** The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth estimates about 114 juvenile lifers are in state prisons, including those serving mandatory and discretionary sentences. State officials said about 41 former teen offenders are serving mandatory life without parole as of July.

**Resentenced or Released:** At least 16 resentenced; 11 of those released. Among them is Kuntrell Jackson, another plaintiff in the 2012 U.S. Supreme Court decision on life without parole for juveniles. In 1999, Jackson was 14 when he joined in an attempted robbery during which a video store clerk was killed. Jackson was not the shooter. He was released on parole in February.

**The Law:** A state law that took effect in March banned life without parole for juvenile offenders and makes those already serving the sentence eligible for release after 25 years for first-degree murder or 30 years for capital murder. The parole board had been reviewing cases but put that on hold recently after one county circuit judge found that fixed terms prevent individualized sentencing.

### CALIFORNIA

**Inmates:** Estimates vary between advocacy groups and state officials. Anywhere from 268 to 283.

**Resentenced or Released:** Corrections officials could not say how many have been resentenced, but Human Rights Watch estimates about 50 juvenile lifers have had their sentences reduced and seven

have been released.

**The Law:** A 2012 state law allows those sentenced to life without parole as juveniles to petition for resentencing. A judge can grant a hearing, and has the discretion to lower the penalty to 25-to-life. But the state Supreme Court has said the law is not enough to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions because it does not guarantee a parole hearing. A bill is pending in the Legislature that would make youthful offenders eligible for parole during their 25th year of incarceration.

### COLORADO

**Inmates:** Colorado ended life-without-parole sentences for juvenile offenders in 2006. But the state had 48 offenders sentenced between 1990 and 2006, when the sentence was an option.

**Resentenced or Released:** At least four resentenced; one released. The Department of Corrections said several others are potentially coming up for resentencing soon.

**The Law:** Lawmakers in 2016 ordered corrections officials to create a program for offenders sentenced to life terms as juveniles, with or without parole. Those inmates could join the program after serving 20 years or 25 years if convicted of first-degree murder. Upon completion, offenders could be eligible to apply to the parole board; release is up to the governor. The Colorado Supreme Court ruled in May that the U.S. Supreme Court decisions do not prohibit lengthy sentences for teen offenders who commit multiple crimes.

### KANSAS

**Inmates:** None. **The Law:** Offenders under 18 are prohibited

from receiving life without parole.

### KENTUCKY

**Inmates:** Two serving life-without-parole sentences for murders they committed as teens. Two others argue they effectively have life without parole because the parole board denied their release and won't give them another hearing.

**Resentenced or Released:** All of the inmates have filed legal challenges asking to be made eligible for parole. A spokeswoman for the state attorney general's office said the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last year does not apply to any of the defendants.

**The Law:** The state Supreme Court banned life without parole for juveniles charged with homicide in 2008.

### LOUISIANA

**Inmates:** 303 sentenced to mandatory life without parole for crimes committed as juveniles, according to the state Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

**Resentenced or Released:** The agency does not track resentencings. But over the last year, at least 67 inmates have been resentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole, according to the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights. Since the start of 2016, four juvenile life inmates have been released, including one as the result of a commutation by the governor, according to Keith Nordyke, a lawyer with the Louisiana Parole Project. A small number of juvenile lifers have been resentenced to life without parole.

**The Law:** The case of Louisiana inmate Henry Montgomery was at the center of the Supreme Court's 2016 ruling that gave juvenile lifers a chance at release. Montgomery, who killed a sheriff's deputy in 1963 when he was 17, was resentenced in June to life with parole and is awaiting a review. Legislation that takes effect in August makes juvenile lifers eligible for parole after serving 25 years, although prosecutors can still petition judges for no-parole sentences.

### MAINE

**Inmates:** None. **The Law:** A juvenile tried as an adult can receive a life sentence. Maine eliminated parole more than 40 years ago, so all life sentences are imposed without the possibility of release. But the attorney general's office says it's not aware of any cases

where a juvenile has been bound over and sentenced to life.

### NEW MEXICO

**Inmates:** None, although the state Supreme Court is reviewing the sentence of 36-year-old Joel Ira, who was convicted on multiple counts of rape as a teen and isn't eligible for parole until at least age 62. He is petitioning for release, with his lawyer arguing that sentence could be considered a de facto life without parole term. State records show Ira is among roughly 100 inmates in New Mexico sentenced to 20 years or more for crimes committed as juveniles.

**The Law:** Judges have broad authority to decide whether to sentence youth convicted of serious crimes as juveniles or adults. This means juveniles could theoretically receive a sentence of life without parole for first-degree murder with aggravating factors, but such sentences are exceedingly rare in the state even for adults. Judges can also hand down multiple lengthy prison terms and order them to be served consecutively, for major crimes, which is how the judge ruled in Ira's case two decades ago.

### OKLAHOMA

**Inmates:** At least 41 inmates serving life without parole for crimes committed while they were juveniles, according to the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System.

**Resentenced or Released:** None, though two cases have been remanded to district court for resentencing. There is no specific review process to deal with these cases. In Oklahoma County, the state's largest, a handful of resentencing motions have been filed. Prosecutor Scott Rowland said the office would address each on a case-by-case basis.

**The Law:** The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals spelled out new sentencing guidelines last year when it tossed the life-without-parole sentence of Chancey Luna, who was 16 when he fatally shot Christopher Lane, a college baseball player from Australia. The court developed new instructions for juries to consider before imposing a no-parole sentence on minors, and said the sentence is prohibited unless "you find beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is irreparably corrupt and permanently incorrigible."

### TEXAS

**Inmates:** 12 serving mandatory life-without-parole sentences for crimes committed as juveniles.

**Resentenced or Released:** None of the 12. Lawmakers in 2009 passed legislation banning life without parole for offenders 16 and younger and then, four years later, prohibited the sentence for 17-year-olds as well — instead mandating a sentence of life with the opportunity for parole after 40 years. A spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice said any juvenile offender whose case was still being tried or was in the appeals process when the changes passed was resentenced. Twenty-three inmates now have life with parole at 40 years after those changes and resentencing appeals. Because the changes were not applied retroactively, the remaining 12 no-parole inmates must ask for new punishment hearings.

**The Law:** A bill that would have cut in half the amount of time served before juvenile offenders are eligible for parole died this year in the state Legislature. Advocates plan to revive it next session. The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition said more than 2,100 juvenile inmates would have qualified for parole sooner. The law would also have required the Board of Pardons and Paroles to consider the "growth and maturity" of a youthful offender.

### FEDERAL PRISONS

**Inmates:** 38 sentenced as juveniles to life without parole, according to the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth. That includes those whose sentences were mandated by law, and others who got that term at a judge's discretion. The Federal Bureau of Prisons says it's aware of only 20 such inmates.

**Resentenced or Released:** The Campaign says 23 federal juvenile lifers have been resentenced. Court briefs filed by federal officials identify 26 juvenile life inmates by name, at least 18 who have been resentenced. Two were resentenced to life without parole; others received shorter terms. One has been released.

**The Law:** The Justice Department in a 2015 brief supported resentencing of juvenile lifers, but some federal prosecutors continue to seek life without parole for some offenders getting new hearings.

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### Marisnick's 2 homers, 5 RBIs power Astros past Rays 14-7

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Houston's lineup is so powerful that even the Astros' No. 9 hitter Jake Marisnick has been dangerous at the plate this season.

He proved that once again on Monday night, finishing with three hits, including two homers, and a career-high five RBIs and the Astros coasted to a 14-7 win over the Tampa Bay Rays.

"It's nice to have that kind of production at the bottom," manager A.J. Hinch said. "It really makes things interesting when we roll to the top again no matter who we put at the top. They've benefited from some guys at the bottom doing their part."

The Rays cut the lead to one after a two-run homer by Corey Dickerson in the third inning

before an RBI single by Tyler White made it 4-2 with two outs in the bottom of the inning.

Marisnick's first shot — a three-run homer which bounced off the wall above the seats in left field — came next to push the lead to 7-2.

Two pitches later Derek Fisher, who finished a triple shy of the cycle, connected off Alex Cobb (9-7) on a home run to right field to make it 8-2.

The Astros were up 10-2 in the fifth inning when Marisnick launched a solo shot to left field for his second career multi-homer game.

"You go 1-9 with us and we can do it and we've got guys on the bench that can do it, too," Marisnick said. "It's just a complete team, a complete team."

Houston starter Charlie Morton (9-4) allowed

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Houston Astros' Jake Marisnick is doused with water after hitting a solo home run off Tampa Bay Rays relief pitcher Chase Whitley during the fifth inning of a baseball game, Monday, July 31, 2017, in Houston.

AP photo

### After Yu: Rangers lose 6-4 to Mariners after dealing ace



AP photo

Texas Rangers' Alex Claudio hunches over at the waist after being charged with a balk in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners on Monday, July 31, 2017, in Arlington, Texas. The balk was Claudio's second of the game in the 6-4 Mariners win.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers seemed a bit wiped out after a few emotional days, both good and bad.

Hours after ace pitcher Yu Darvish was traded, and a day after Adrian Beltre's 3,000th career hit, the Rangers blew a big early lead in a sloppy 6-4 loss to the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

"Obviously the magnitude yesterday, the high emotion with the 3,000 hits and then today with the trades," manager Jeff Banister said. "I don't like to use those as any type of excuse, but they are human beings, and there are different emotions. ... However, we still feel like these guys continue to battle."

After jumping ahead 4-0 the first two innings against Felix Hernandez, the Rangers couldn't overcome four errors, two balks and 13 strikeouts against the four Seattle pitchers.

Robinson Cano had the tiebreaking two-run single in the ninth, lining a ball over the head of right fielder Shin-Soo Choo. Cano was thrown out trying to stretch the head into a double, a play that came right after pitching coach Doug Brocail was ejected for arguing a balk called against Alex Claudio (2-1) that put runners at second and third.

"About as rocky start as we've seen Felix have, he didn't really have a

lot," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "The story of the game is really the bullpen."

David Phelps (1-1) got all five of his outs on strikeouts before Edwin Diaz pitched a perfect ninth for his 20th save.

Rougned Odor and Carlos Gomez hit homers in the Rangers, who had five hits in the first two innings — then only one the rest of the way.

A day after becoming the first Dominican player and 31st overall in the majors with 3,000 hits, Beltre added to his total in the first with a solid single up the middle against Hernandez, his good friend. They were teammates during Beltre's five seasons in Seattle (2005-09) and are still close.

Odor had just hit his 23rd homer overall and 10th of July, a two-run homer measured at 437 feet, when Hernandez walked toward the plate and hugged Beltre before going back to the mound.

"My first thing that came to my mind was just go to home plate and congratulate him," said Hernandez, who had alerted home plate umpire Doug Eddings of his plan. "What he did last night was unbelievable."

Darvish was dealt to the NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers within minutes of the non-waiver trade deadline earlier Monday for three minor league players. Texas also traded

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### Cowboys' Byron Jones eyeing interceptions in 3rd season



AP photo

In this June 14, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys free safety Byron Jones catches a pass during an NFL football practice at the team's training facility in Frisco, Texas. Jones made acrobatic interceptions two straight days in training camp, one that counted and one that did not.

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Dallas safety Byron Jones caught bouncing tennis balls and tracked baseballs from the outfield of minor league batting practice during the offseason.

The goal: Improve on the one interception he has produced in two seasons since the Cowboys drafted him late in the first round in 2015 from UConn.

The immediate result: Flashy grabs on consecutive days at training camp, one that counted as an interception and one that didn't, although it essentially left the same impression despite Jones only getting one foot inbounds.

The former cornerback is intent on catching balls in the secondary, not merely batting them down after Jones tied for the team lead with 10 pass breakups last season.

"I think a lot of those times that he's broken up the pass, if he just had a more aggressive mentality, just put two hands out there and try to catch it, I think he would have had more plays," said Jeff Heath, Dallas' other starting safety with the departure of

free agents Barry Church (Jacksonville) and J.J. Wilcox (Tampa Bay).

"That's something we've talked about and he knows that. Through the first few practices this training camp, you've seen that come alive."

Two of the biggest attention-getters of the Cowboys' California camp so far involved Jones — both leaping grabs on the run in the end zone. The second was the one where he got both feet in, and even better for Jones, 2014 All-Pro Dez Bryant was Dak Prescott's intended target.

"He's really been working on his catching ability," Bryant said. "Every day when I came in in the offseason, I've seen Byron working, working, working. Just with the tennis balls, throwing them off the wall, turning around and catching them, just little stuff like that."

Jones wasn't interested in discussing the details of his offseason work. About the best he could offer was an explanation of why he spent time with the Double-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers in Frisco, where the baseball stadium is less than a mile from the Cowboys' training facility.

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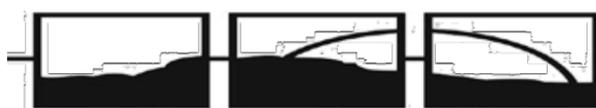
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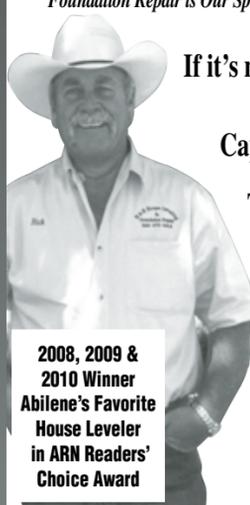
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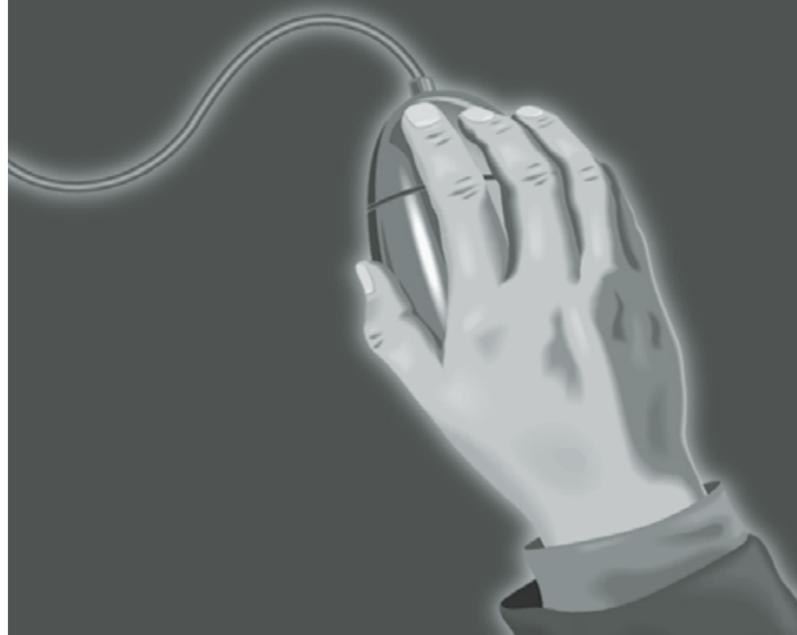
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Uranus Retrograde Pre-show

It is impossible to achieve total control of this existence, and anyway that would be dreadfully boring. However, as Uranus readies himself for a long retrograde, many will feel driven to subtract some of the haphazardness from the equation by taking responsibility for more and doing what is necessary to turn up personal power and influence.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Avoid

the triggers of a bad mood. Limit your exposure to negativity. When you're happy, everyone around you is happy. Today you will influence many, so your happiness is kind of like a responsibility.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're impressionable. It's one of the ways you learn so quickly (though sometimes you learn the hard way). If other people in your life are telling you that someone is bad for you, listen.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You may change what you're doing in order to harmonize with the dominant environmental influences and forces, and that's only smart. Even so, you never completely lose your unique you-ness.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Things that look good on paper don't always play

out in real life, and things that work in real life don't often come with the hype, as hype hasn't been necessary. Word of mouth and personal referrals will serve you well.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You may be tempted to veer off, but dig down and find the strength and focus to stay the course. Simply put, you'll be better off tomorrow for following the plan today.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** There is no magic formula to follow now. Logic prevails. Efforts that are correctly focused will lead to success. Repeat the same action several times -- a habit is being forged.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** There will be a tangled little piece of drama to sort out. Then again, perhaps this isn't yours to solve. Suspend your

judgment. Assume the innocence of others. Embrace humility.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Compromise is a part of living together peaceably. However, too much negotiating hurts a relationship. In the name of respect and simplicity it may be best to do what the other person wants without making a counteroffer.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Lead yourself. All sense of direction will stem from your clear, bright, compelling vision of the goal. It's worth spending time on. The right vision will help you set the strategy and execute the mission.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Listening isn't easy. To give quality focus to another is a skill that takes years to learn and decades to master, and some people

will never get it. You're good at it, and you deserve to be around people in the same league.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It's all just a theory until you apply it. So go on. Decide the limits to your gamble, and then jump in and work it out. You'll either disprove the theory quickly and move on or be pleasantly rewarded.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You are organized; you have a plan; and you'll stick to the plan. Because of this, you won't have too much trouble finding people who understand your deal, want to support you and will go along for the ride.

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Annie's Mailbox

Newsorthy or Not?

**Dear Annie:** I'm a writer and photographer for a regional magazine. In my town, there's a local celebrity whom I think has gotten a big career on not-so-big talent. He gets press coverage everywhere for almost everything he does -- except in my little corner of culture writing. I have not pitched any articles about him and instead cover lesser-known people. In my mind, I'm lending credence to the those who have

actually worked hard and don't just market themselves well, but I worry that my pettiness is apparent and will limit me career-wise. Which way should I go? -- Rolling My Eyes

**Dear Rolling My Eyes:** If almost every other publication is covering this man, then surely no one misses him when he's not in your magazine. Still, I'd encourage you to drop your angle and consider, as objectively as possible, whether whatever he is doing is newsworthy and would be of interest to your readers. If deep down you know

the answer is yes, put aside your own feelings and feature him. If the answer really is no, then stop worrying about being perceived as petty.

By the way, these days, people with mediocre talent can exceed if they're savvy at self-promotion, and that's really not your local celebrity's fault; it's simply the times we're living in, for better or worse.

**Dear Annie:** There are renters who recently moved into our neighborhood. They have two children around the age of 8 who help with

chores and seem very well-mannered. Lately, a neighborhood boy around the same age has become a frequent visitor at the house and constant playmate. The boy, whom I'll call "Johnny," is well-known ... and not for good reasons. He has vandalized property, purposely walks out in front of cars, uses bad language and defies authority.

Johnny used to hang out at another house in the neighborhood but is no longer welcome there because the father decided he was "a

bad influence." I feel for Johnny. He is being raised by elderly grandparents who are in bad health and offer little oversight. However, I also wonder if I should warn the neighbor's parents about Johnny's history. What do you think? -- Concerned in Georgia

**Dear Concerned:** Your intentions are good, but you know what they say about good intentions. Keep your thoughts to yourself for now. Your new neighbor's children sound wonderful, and it's two well-behaved children with one not-so-well-behaved child.

They might end up influencing Johnny for the better, setting him on the straight-and-narrow. Regardless, with whom your neighbor children spend time is completely up to their parents. If their parents should come to you with questions about Johnny, then offer up your two cents.

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By Steve Becker

Upping the percentages

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ 7 5 4 3

♥ Q 9 2

♦ A 9 6 4

♣ K 10

what irregular finesse makes the contract. You eventually score four club tricks, two spades, two diamonds and a heart.

**But if you lead a club to the king at trick two, instead of playing the ten, you are almost certain to finish down one.**

**The advantage** of playing the ten from dummy is that you make four club tricks not only when the suit is divided 3-3, but also when the suit is divided 4-2 and West started with the Q-x, J-x or Q-J-x-x.

**These possibilities** cannot be lightly brushed aside. Thus, if you played strictly for the clubs to be divided 3-3 by cashing the K-A and continuing with a third club, you would have only a 36 percent chance of finding the suit evenly divided.

**But if you play the ten** from dummy at trick two, your chances improve to nearly 60 percent because of the possibility of finding West with either a doubleton honor or both honors.

**In essence,** the success of the contract rests on whether you make four club tricks, and leading to the ten at trick two offers by far the best chance of achieving that goal.

**WEST**  
♠ Q 10 8 2  
♥ A 6 3  
♦ Q 10 5 2  
♣ J 6

**EAST**  
♠ J 6  
♥ J 10 8 5 4  
♦ J 8  
♣ Q 8 7 2

**SOUTH**

♠ A K 9

♥ K 7

♦ K 7 3

♣ A 9 5 4 3

The bidding: South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 NT

Opening lead — two of spades. Assume you're in a three notrump and West leads a spade. You win East's jack with the ace, and the problem is what to do next.

**Actually,** there's only one correct way to proceed, and if you find it, you get home safe and sound. You lead a low club at trick two and, after West follows low, play the ten from dummy. As the cards lie, this some-

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	4			7			1	
		2	5		1	6		
5	6						2	3
	3	4	6		2	1	9	

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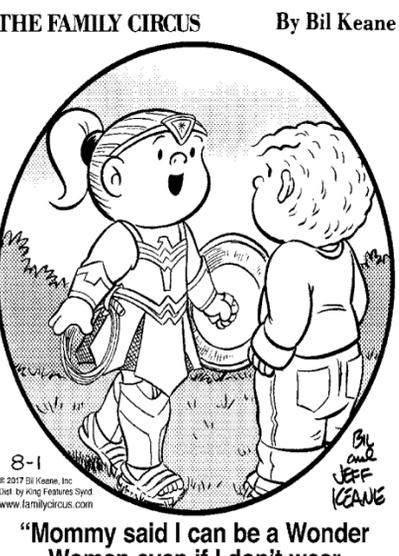
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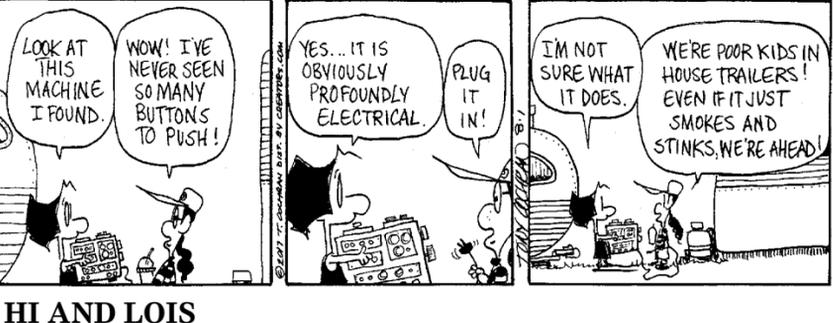
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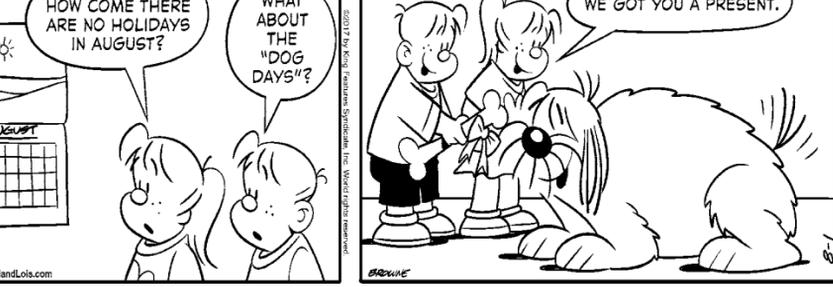
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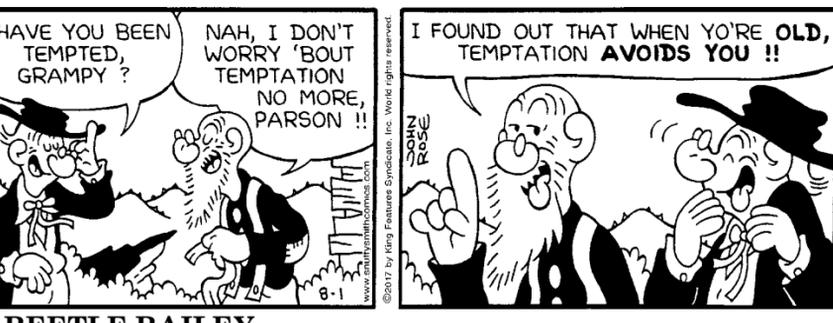
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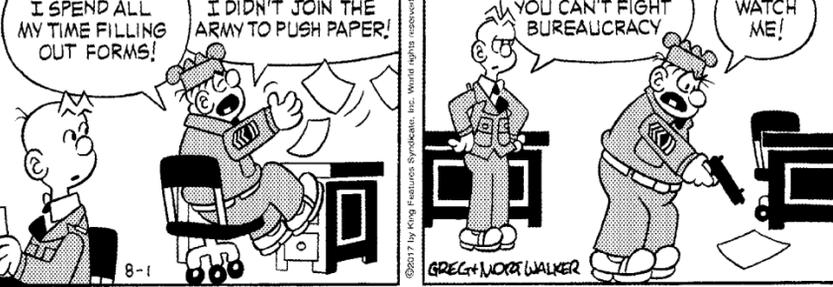
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 1, the 213th day of 2017. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 1, 1957, the United States and Canada announced they had agreed to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

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

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

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

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

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

In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation; the revolt lasted two months before collapsing.

In 1947, Mickey Spillane's first novel, "I, the Jury," featuring the debut of private eye Mike Hammer, was published.

In 1966, Charles Joseph Whitman, 25, went on an armed

rampage at the University of Texas in Austin that killed 14 people, most of whom were shot by Whitman while he was perched in the clock tower of the main campus building. (Whitman, who had also slain his wife and mother hours earlier, was finally gunned down by police.)

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

In 1977, former U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers, working as a traffic reporter for KNBC-TV in Los Angeles, was killed with his cameraman, George Spears, when their helicopter ran out of fuel and crashed; Powers was 47.

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

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

Five years ago: President Barack Obama made his rival's personal millions a front-and-center issue in the race for the White House, telling a swing-state audience in Ohio that Mitt Romney "is asking you to pay more so that people like him can get a big tax cut." Four

teams from China, South Korea and Indonesia were kicked out of the women's badminton doubles at the London Olympics for trying to lose on purpose in order to earn an easier match-up in the knockout round. Host country Britain picked up its first two gold medals as Helen Glover and Heather Stanning won the final of the women's pair at the rowing regatta and cyclist Bradley Wiggins took the time trial.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, speaking at the annual convention of the Disabled American Veterans in Atlanta, said the U.S. had made serious strides in improving services for military veterans, but that work remained to overcome shortcomings in the delivery of health care, housing and mental health services.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Taper off
  - 6 Not doing anything
  - 10 Back talk
  - 14 Lone Star State resident
  - 15 Spiral shape
  - 16 5,280 feet
  - 17 Island nation near Sicily
  - 18 Notion
  - 19 Forget to include
  - 20 Obscuring, as a bathroom mirror
  - 22 Hung on to
  - 23 Rim
  - 24 "Because I \_\_\_" (parent's reply)
  - 26 Wander
  - 30 Plant with fronds
  - 31 Creme-filled cookie
  - 32 Practice boxing
  - 35 White heron
  - 39 Justification
  - 41 Wedding vow
  - 42 Nimble
  - 43 Tots' batting game
  - 44 How drive-thru orders are made
  - 46 \_\_\_ the air (uncertain)
  - 47 Minuscule amount
  - 49 Truthful
  - 51 Draw back in fear
  - 54 Honolulu's island
  - 56 Install, as curtains
  - 57 Failing spectacularly
  - 63 Eden resident
  - 64 Bart Simpson's sister
  - 65 Hex
  - 66 One of Columbus' ships
  - 67 Change for a \$5 bill
  - 68 Snaky letters
  - 69 \_\_\_ the line (obeyed)
  - 70 Loch of a Scottish "monster"
  - 71 Taking little time
  - 8 In \_\_\_ of (instead of)
  - 9 Go by, as time
  - 10 Indisputable evidence
  - 11 Pointed at a target
  - 12 Minor mistakes
  - 13 Brief brawl
  - 21 "Beware the \_\_\_ of March"
  - 25 Region
  - 26 Gen. \_\_\_ E. Lee
  - 27 Typical Saudi
  - 28 Southwestern tableland
  - 29 Furious
  - 30 Toad relative
  - 33 Bread with a pocket
  - 34 Big fuss
  - 36 Ready for harvesting
  - 37 Yale students
  - 38 Camper's shelter
  - 40 Plod along
  - 45 Distracted greeting
  - 48 Cookware coating
  - 50 Fractions of a pound
  - 51 Repeated slogan
  - 52 AM/FM device
  - 53 Nonsensical
  - 54 Springs in the desert
  - 55 Accumulate
  - 58 Bit of dialogue
  - 59 Spew forth
  - 60 Approximately
  - 61 \_\_\_-friendly software
  - 62 Exam

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# TEXAS

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reliever Jeremy Jeffress back to Milwaukee for a Double-A pitcher, and had sent catcher Johnathan Lucroy to Colorado after Sunday's game for a player to be named.

After three trades the previous week, the Mariners made no addition deals before the deadline.

Hamels struck out seven and walked one over six innings. Hernandez struck out five, walked three and hit two batters in 5 1/3 innings.

Seattle tied the game at 4-all with an unearned run in the sixth. Guillermo Heredia reached on a two-out error by Beltre and scored on a triple by Leonys Martin.

It was the third straight game that Beltre had a throwing error. He had gone 62 consecutive games without an error before that, a franchise record and career best for the five-time Gold Glove winner.

## SHORT HOPS

Beltre's 3,001 hits put him 30th all-time, breaking a tie with Roberto Clemente at 3,000. ... Odor homered in three consecutive plate appearances, having gone deep in his last two at-bats Sunday. The last Rangers player with at least 10 homers in a month was Beltre, who hit 11 in September 2012.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: Martin, a .145 hitter, was recalled from Triple-A after RF Mitch Haniger got hit in the face by a fastball on Saturday. Haniger is expected to be out about two weeks.

Rangers: RHP Tyson Ross made a rehab start for Double-A Frisco, a week after going on the 10-day DL with a blister on his right index finger.

## UP NEXT

Mariners: RHP Erasmo Ramirez will start three days after being re-acquired by the Mariners in a trade with Tampa Bay. Since his last start June 21, Ramirez has pitched only 10 innings in six relief appearances. Manager Scott Servais said he will be limited to 60-80 pitches and that a reliever will be ready to go.

Rangers: RHP Nick Martinez is likely to start in what was Darvish's scheduled spot Tuesday. Martinez was recalled after being activated Monday from the disabled list (right forearm soreness) at Triple-A Round Rock.

# ASTROS

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a season-low two hits with two runs in six innings for his fourth win in five starts.

Cobb was tagged with nine hits and eight runs in a season-low three innings for his first loss since July 2. He'd been pitching well lately, allowing just five runs combined and going 3-0 in his past four starts.

"Alex just didn't have it," Tampa manager Kevin Cash said. "He couldn't quite command the baseball, missing over the plate too much. They came out, and they didn't miss anything either."

Jose Altuve added two hits, including a two-RBI single which pushed Houston's lead to 3-0 in the second, before being lifted in the seventh with the game out of hand.

Dickerson added a solo home run in Tampa's four-run eighth inning to give him his seventh multi-homer game and third this season.

Houston added three runs in the eighth inning when the Rays put backup catcher Jesus Sucre in to pitch with their bullpen taxed.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: 1B Logan Morrison was the team's designated hitter on Monday after missing three straight starts with a bruised left heel. Manager Kevin Cash said he wanted to give him one more day off his feet and expects him to return to first base on Tuesday.

Astros: Houston placed right-hander Lance McCullers on the 10-day disabled list on Monday with back discomfort. This is the second stint on the disabled list with the same problem for McCullers, who was also out from June 12 to 24. McCullers is 7-3 with a 3.92 ERA in 19 starts this season. ... Reliever Michael Felix left Monday night's game after the second home run by Dickerson because of discomfort in his right shoulder.

## ALTUVE'S MONTH

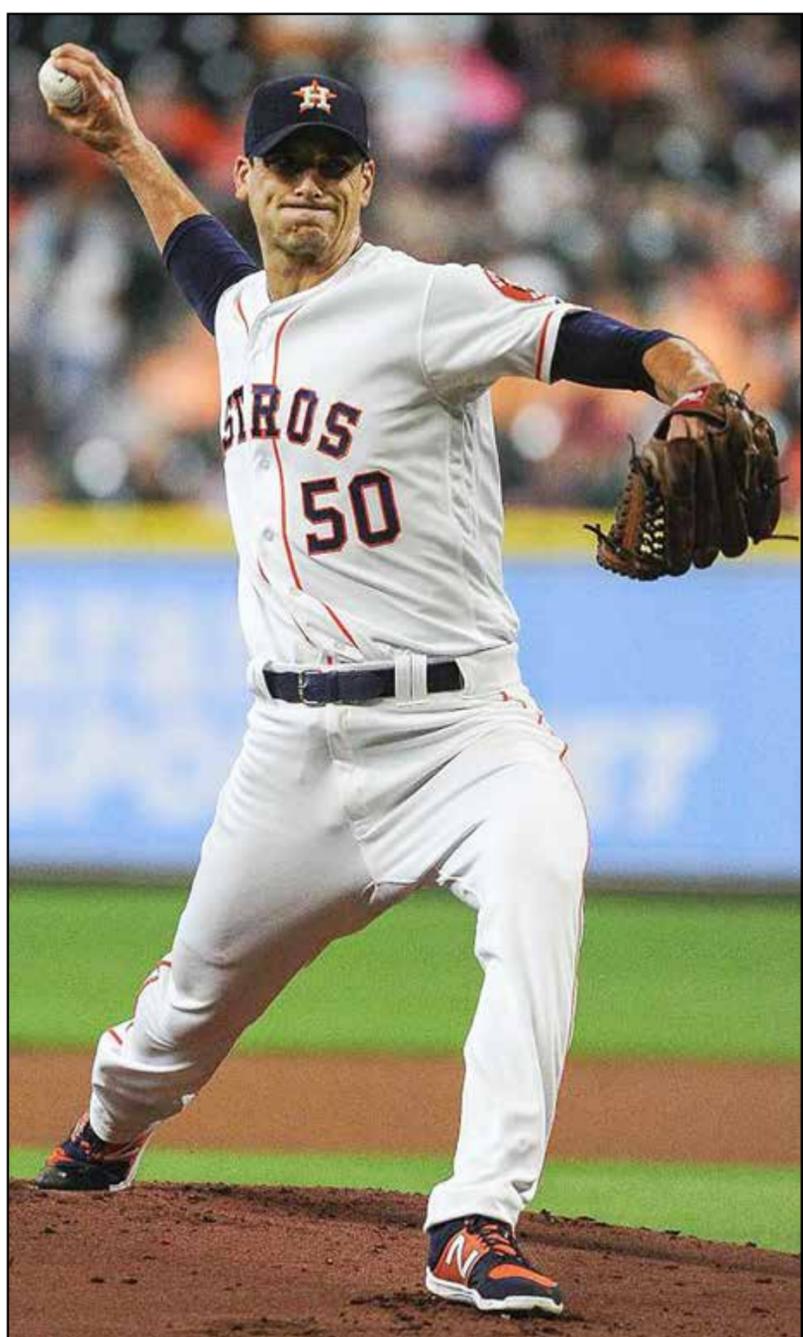
Altuve wrapped up July with the best batting average in a month in franchise history. The All-Star second baseman hit .485 with 10 doubles, a triple, four homers and 21 RBIs. His big July surpassed the .476 that Richard Hidalgo posted in September 2000. Active's 48 hits in July were the most in a month by an Astro since Lance Berkman had 49 in May 2008.

Altuve said he doesn't really keep up with what he's doing by the month, but he was so hot in July it was hard not to notice.

"I hit a lot, obviously people told me that," he said. "But the only thing I'm looking for is to help my team."

## SUCRE ON THE MOUND

Sucre made his third career pitching appearance on Monday night and his first since Aug. 15, 2015, with the Mariners. That was the second of two outings in 2015, with the other one coming on June 12, 2015, against the Astros. He was a good sport about being thrown into action.



Houston Astros starting pitcher Charlie Morton delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Monday, July 31, 2017, in Houston.

"I was trying to have fun with Wilson (Ramos) over there," he said. "I was laughing every time he threw the slider down."

## UP NEXT

Rays: Chris Archer (7-6, 3.80) will start for Tampa Bay on Tuesday. He struck out 10 in six innings in his previous start, but didn't factor into the decision after Alex Coloma's blown save in a 6-5 loss in 11 innings.

Astros: Mike Fiers (7-5, 3.71) is scheduled to start for Houston on Tuesday. Fiers looks to bounce back after allowing five hits and three runs in just four innings of a 9-0 loss to the Phillies in his previous start.

# JONES

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"If you can track a baseball down, should be easy to track a football down," the reticent Jones said.

The Cowboys were one of six teams with fewer than 10 interceptions last season, finishing with nine. Five of those came from players no longer on the roster after Dallas also let cornerbacks Brandon Carr and Morris Claiborne leave as free agents. Church was the only Dallas player with more than one (he had two).

"That's our No. 1 objective on defense," secondary coach Joe Baker said. "We graded ourselves as sort of middle of the pack in terms of

our turnover production. We expect to be A-plus in that area. We want to crank those numbers up."

Dallas expects Jones to be in the area for most throws down the field because he's likely to be the roaming deep safety. And they're expecting him to put two hands on more of those throws.

"He's got tremendous athletic ability and what we'd like to see is have that athletic ability turn into more ball production," Baker said. "His interception (in camp) was just such a great moment when you see sort of your vision come to life on the grass."

Now the Cowboys hope to see it in the regular season.

NOTES: Veteran QB Luke McCown signed to

compete with rookie Cooper Rush for the No. 3 job after Zac Dystert sustained a back injury that required surgery. ... OL Chaz Green is expected to miss at least a week with a shoulder injury, making it more likely that Jonathan Cooper, the seventh overall pick by Arizona in 2013, will be the starting left guard. ... Rookie WR/KR Ryan Switzer is nursing a hamstring injury, so the Cowboys added WR Javontee Herndon. ... Veteran RB Ronnie Hillman signed after rookie Jahad Thomas was waived following another hamstring injury on the first day of camp. Thomas missed the offseason with the same injury.



In this July 25, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys free safety Byron Jones (31) is covered by cornerback Anthony Brown (30) and safety Xavier Woods (25) as they take part in a special teams kickoff return drill during NFL football training camp in Oxnard, Calif. Jones made acrobatic interceptions two straight days in training camp, one that counted and one that did not.

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## Shooting at Moscow courthouse leaves 3 dead, 4 wounded

MOSCOW (AP) — Five defendants at a Moscow courthouse attacked their guards in a bungled escape attempt, leading to a shootout that killed three people and wounded four others, officials said Tuesday.

Russia's Investigative Committee said the incident happened when five handcuffed defendants were escorted by two guards in an elevator at the Moscow Regional Court. Russia's chief investigative body said one of the defendants tried to strangle a guard. The defendants somehow managed to escape and seized the guards' weapons.

Three of the defendants were killed and two wounded in a shootout with the court's guards. Two guards were injured and taken to hospital, the agency said.

Authorities said the incident took place before a hearing for a gang of nine who are suspected of killing more than a dozen motorists.

Russia media dubbed the accused "the Grand Theft Auto gang" after the violent video game. The men on trial are accused of terrorizing Moscow motorists for months in 2014. Prosecutors said the gang members were placing spikes on roads, forcing the motorists out of their vehicles and shooting them dead.

The nine men, all from Central Asia, are charged with 17 murders and two attempted murders.

## Jordanian parliament repeals 'marry the rapist' clause

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — The lower house of Jordan's parliament on Tuesday scrapped a provision in the kingdom's penal code that allowed a rapist to escape punishment if he married his victim.

Cheers and applause erupted from a packed spectators' gallery as legislators voted for repeal, following an emotional debate in which some of the lawmakers jumped up and yelled at each other.

The vote was hailed as a major step forward for women in the conservative kingdom.

"This is a victory for the women's movement and human rights movement in Jordan," said Salma Nims, the secretary general of the Jordanian National Commission for Women.

Despite the country's pro-Western political orientation and cosmopolitan urban elites, many areas of Jordan remain socially conservative, with entrenched notions of "family honor."

This includes the belief that having a rape victim in the family is shameful, and that such "shame" can be expunged through marriage.

In Tuesday's debate, some lawmakers had argued that an amended version of Article 308 was needed to protect rape victims against social stigma by giving them the marriage option.

In the end, lawmakers voted in line with the recommendations of the government and a royal committee on legal reforms. Prime Minister Hani Mulki addressed the plenum before the vote, saying the government backs repeal.

The decision must still be approved by parliament's appointed upper house, or Senate, and by King Abdullah II. After the expected final approval, Jordan would join Tunisia, Morocco and Egypt which have canceled their "marry the rapist" clauses over the years.

The international rights group Human Rights Watch said Lebanon's parliament is also considering repealing such a provision. The clause remains on the books in several other countries in the Middle East and Latin America, as well as in the Philippines and Tajikistan, HRW said.

In a statement issued before Tuesday's vote, the New York-based watchdog said that scrapping Article 308 "would be a positive step to strengthen the rule of law and end impunity for violence against women."

Dima Barakat, a leading activist, said that those forcing a girl to marry her rapist "are killing this girl a thousand times a day, at least."

The attacker "took away her dignity, her honor and took away her life," Barakat said.

Ahead of Tuesday's vote, several dozen activists rallied outside the parliament in Amman, the Jordanian capital, calling for repeal. They held up banners reading "Article 308 is a disgrace to the Jordanian justice system" and "Article 308 does not protect honor, it protects the culprit."

Nims said before the vote that many of the lawmakers had been undecided.

She said some saw the provision as a form of "protection" for women who can demand marriage rather than suffer further social stigma for having been raped.

The need for such "protection" indicates a fundamental problem in how Jordanian law and society perceive women, said Eva Abu Halaweh, executive manager of Mizan for Law, a human rights group.

"The law still looks at women as bodies, linked with 'honor,'" Abu Halaweh said.

Earlier this week, parliament took another step toward legal reform, closing a legal loophole that had given courts the discretion to impose sentences of as little as six months on those who killed female relatives in the name of "family honor."

Under the new amendment, killing "in a fit of rage" can no longer be considered a mitigating circumstance in such cases.



AP photo

Women activists protest in front Jordan's parliament in Amman on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 with banners calling on legislators to repeal a provision that allows a rapist to escape punishment if he marries his victim. Parliament is to vote on the proposed change to the penal code Tuesday. The banner in the middle in Arabic reads: Article 308 is a disgrace in the Jordanian justice system, the banner on the left says: Article 308 does not protect honor, it protects the culprit.

## Italy focuses on Libya mission to manage migrant crisis

MILAN (AP) — Italy is putting its hopes for managing the migrant crisis on a new, Libya-requested mission to support the North African nation's coast guard after suffering a rebuke by humanitarian groups.

Italian ministers were briefing parliamentary committees Tuesday on a mission approved by the Cabinet to deploy the navy to aid the Libyan coast guard in its territorial waters. A vote could come as early as Wednesday.

Premier Paolo Gentiloni says the mission could become a "turning point" in Italy's bid to manage the unrelenting flow of migrants across the Mediterranean Sea. The U.N. migration agency says 94,802 migrants have arrived in Italy this year through Sunday, up 11 percent over last year and 85 percent of the European total. They estimate that 2,221 people have drowned this year alone on the central Mediterranean route.

Italy's bid to get 10 humanitarian groups to agree to new rules of conduct for rescuing people from the Mediterranean failed when at least four, including Doctors Without Borders, refused to sign on Monday.

Objections to the Italian demands included rejecting a provision permitting armed police on board the rescue ships and not being allowed to transfer migrants to another vessel in order to continue other rescues, instead being forced back to port.

Doctors Without Borders general director Gabriele Eminente said her charity would continue to work in the Mediterranean "but at the moment, I don't understand what the failure to sign means."

## Bank of England workers on strike for first time in 50 years

LONDON (AP) — Striking employees at the Bank of England wore comical masks depicting the face of Governor Mark Carney on Tuesday as they stood outside the institution demanding better pay.

The three-day strike — the central bank's first in over 50 years — came after workers failed to reach a deal that would allow them to keep their wages growing as much as inflation, which is now at 2.6 percent annually.

Some 40 workers, including maintenance and security workers, carried signs reading "Bank of England staff want fair pay."

An official with the union, Unite, Peter Kavanagh, said the workers had "been left with no choice but to take industrial action because they are fac-

ing another year of having to endure a pay cut imposed upon them."

Kavanagh said Carney should meet the protesters to explain "why hardworking men and women deserve to face years of pay cuts."

The central bank noted that the number of strikers is small and says it will "continue to operate as normal during this period." The bank issued a statement which said it had been in talks with the union, "and remains ready to continue those talks at any time."

## EU: 23 cities keen to host UK-based agencies post-Brexit

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union says 23 cities are competing to host the bloc's medicines and banking agencies, which are based in Britain but must move before the country leaves the EU in 2019.

Competition to host the prestigious agencies has been hot, and the new homes for the agencies are likely to be the easiest and first of many Brexit issues resolved before Britain leaves.

The EU's executive Commission said Tuesday it will make its assessment public on Sept. 30. The deadline for submitting applications passed Monday.

Paris and Frankfurt are among eight cities vying for the European Banking Authority. Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Dublin and Vienna are among the 19 hoping to host the European Medicines Agency.

EU countries will pick the winners by secret ballot in November.

## Under Armour lowers outlook, cutting about 280 jobs

BALTIMORE (AP) — Under Armour is cutting approximately 280 jobs from its global workforce and lowering its full-year revenue outlook, overshadowing a strong second-quarter and extending woes for companies in the retail sports sector.

Shares declined more than 5 percent in premarket trading Tuesday.

A board-approved restructuring plan will come with about \$110 million to \$130 million in related charges this year. That includes approximately \$15 million in employee severance and benefits costs.

Under Armour Inc. now expects full-year revenue growth of 9 percent to 11 percent, down from a previous outlook of 11 percent to 12 percent growth. The chain foresees full-year adjusted earnings between 37 and 40 cents per share.

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