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'Baby Trump' to greet president

Orlando activists are planning a London-style greeting for the president Tuesday when he launches his reelection campaign in Central Florida. Organizers planning a rally near Orlando's Amway Center announced Saturday that they're bringing to town one of the giant Donald Trump baby balloons that have infamously trolled the president during his trips to Great Britain. The balloon, standing 20 feet tall, will be positioned on Glenn Lane, three blocks from Trump's rally. Organizers of the Win With Love Rally wrote in a June 8 permit application with Orlando police that they were trying to bring the infamous inflatable to the city. But it wasn't until Saturday that the group confirmed it was logistically possible. Now, they're trying to crowdfund the \$2,500 cost of inflating the balloon caricature. Miami Herald

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High of 70, low of 55.

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Mankato, Minnesota

UP IN THE AIR

Airshow goes on without Thunderbirds



A stunt plane flown by Michael Wiskus comes daringly close to a jet powered truck called the Shockwave driven by Chris Darnell at the Air Spectacular show held at the Mankato Airport on Saturday. The two vehicles also faced off in a high speed drag race down the runway.

Saturday ticket holders can use tickets today

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Most of the MN Air Spectacular show went on as scheduled, but as the USAF Thunderbirds were moving toward the runway the rain fell and their show was canceled.

Those who hung on to their Saturday tickets will be able to use them today at the Mankato Airport. Organizers announced that Saturday attendees will be able to use their tickets for general admission tickets only.

With forecasts of rain and potential thunderstorms Saturday, the crowd at the first day of the airshow was much smaller than organizers had hoped for. Still, those who attended got two hours of entertainment.

The forecast for today's show is better, with clouds but little chance of rain predicted.

Randy Christensen was just walking into the airshow that had already begun when he stopped to watch "Shockwave," a jet engine semi that was blowing walls of fire, producing ear-piercing noise and roaring down the runway at 300 mph.

When the semi let loose two parachutes to bring it to a stop, Christensen raised his arms and whooped.

"Entertainment like that rocks me," said Christensen, who was at the show with his wife Marlene and two friends. They watched the 2015 airshow from afar and pledged to attend this year.

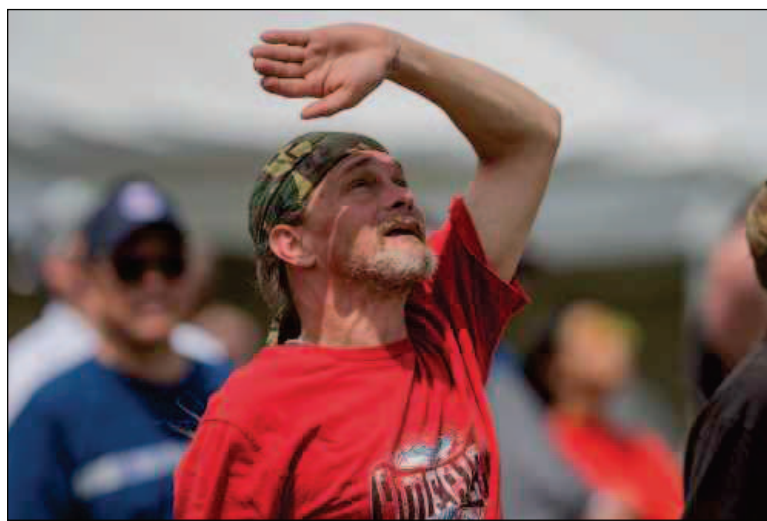
"I like sprint cars, anything that goes fast and loud," Randy said.

Chris Darnell, who was driving the 36,000-horsepower Shockwave semi, said it was their first time at the Mankato airshow. They have three semis that do more than 50 shows a year around the country.

"We're one of the top shows in the world."



Pilot Julie Clark salutes the crowd with a flag in her hand at the Air Spectacular show after wowing the audience with her stunt flying.



Chris Martin looks up at a paratrooper floating down to the runway at the Air Spectacular show. Martin watched the show from the All American Foods tent, one of many corporate tents at the event.

On the web

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He made two appearances Saturday, one racing down the runway and one where an airplane came past him at 150 mph and he caught up to it doing 300 mph.

Darnell said the vehicle handles pretty well but takes lots of steering. "You have to drive it a lot. It's

big. Mot things that go this fast aren't this big."

Tom and Marti Abts of Rochester were attending their first airshow in Mankato. Tom had been up in a glider before and visited Edwards Air Force Base as a kid and loves the high-performance jets and planes at the airshow. "I just think the technology is amazing."

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Delving into park's shrouded history

Letter by Sibley offers revelation

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MANKATO — A public space designed to bring Mankatoans together was the site of a divisive protest last winter.

An outside activist group turned up at Sibley Park's holiday lights display to call attention to Henry Sibley and Abraham Lincoln's roles in the hangings of 38 Dakota men in Mankato in 1862. The group's methods, hanging a Lincoln effigy and unfurling a banner with the words "Hangman's Park" on it, drew condemnation.

But what they called attention to, Sibley's legacy in Mankato, sparked an ongoing conversation.

Local groups have since dug into the park's origins and debated the merits of renaming it. The discourse resembles others happening across the country in recent years, as communities grapple with dark pasts.

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Target hit by glitch that halted store sales

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A glitch stalled checkout lines at Target stores worldwide Saturday, exasperating shoppers and potentially eating into sales at a prime time for retailers, the day before Father's Day.

The roughly two-hour outage periodically prevented Target's cashiers from scanning merchandise or processing transactions as long lines formed in some stores. Self-checkout registers, usually the speediest of options, also weren't working at times.

Registers were also slowed at Mankato's Target.

In response to a query by The Free Press on Facebook, some Target shoppers said

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