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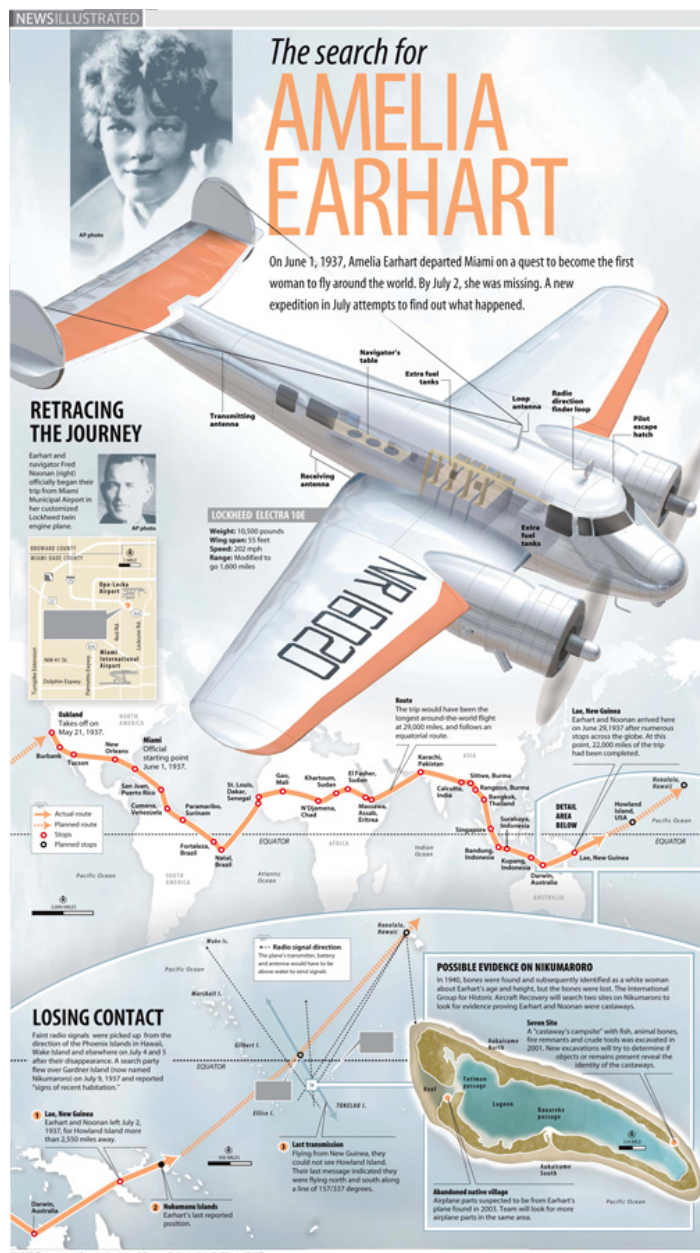
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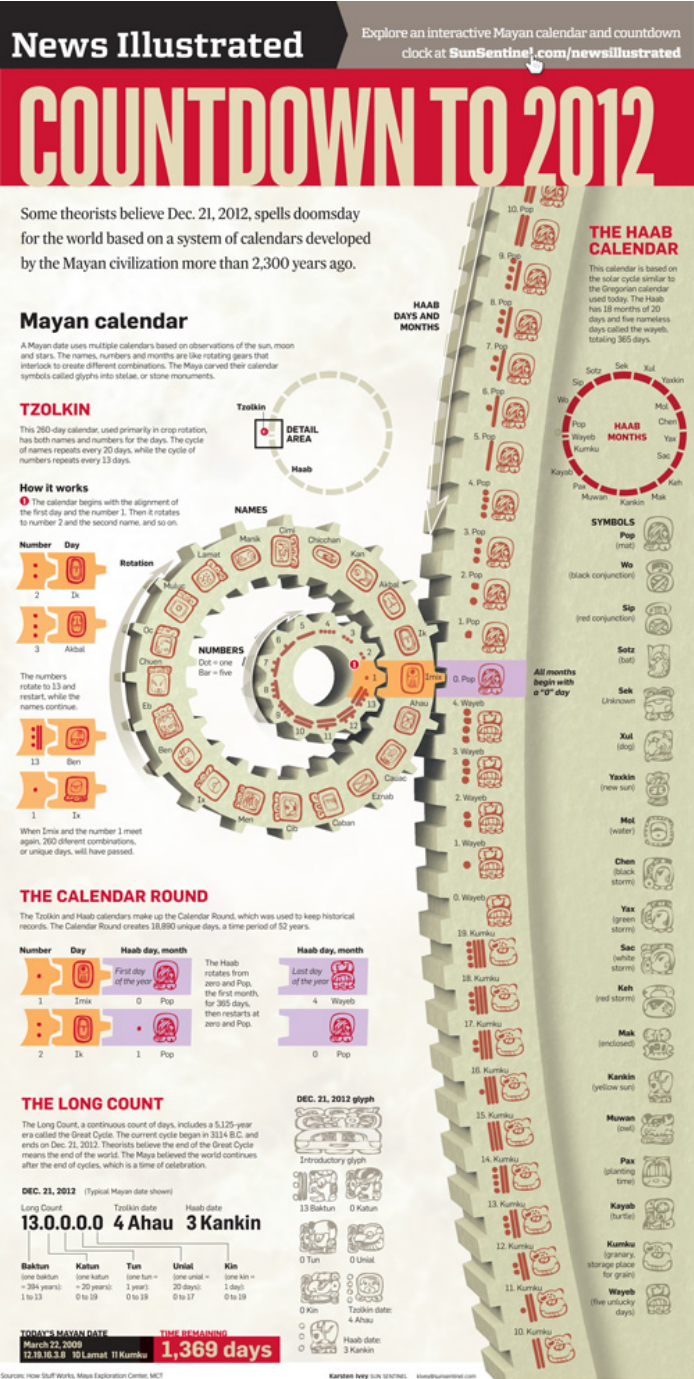
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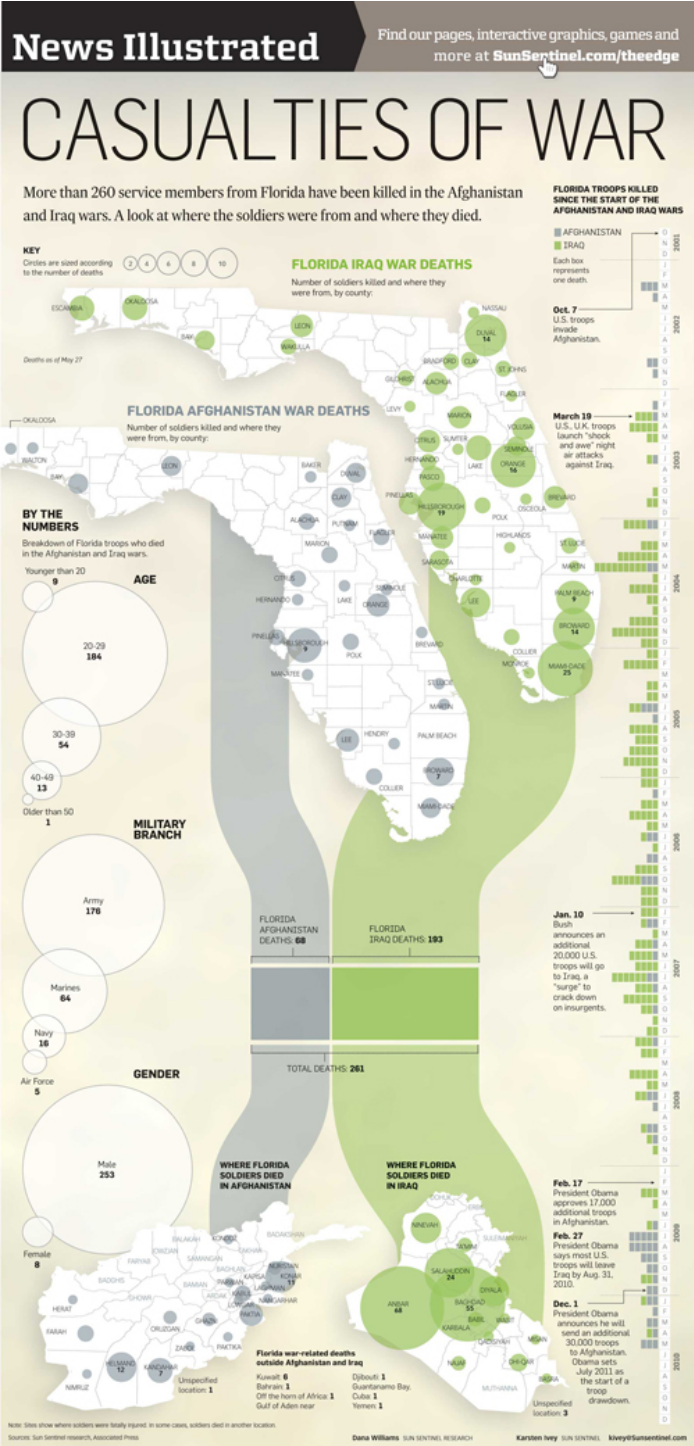
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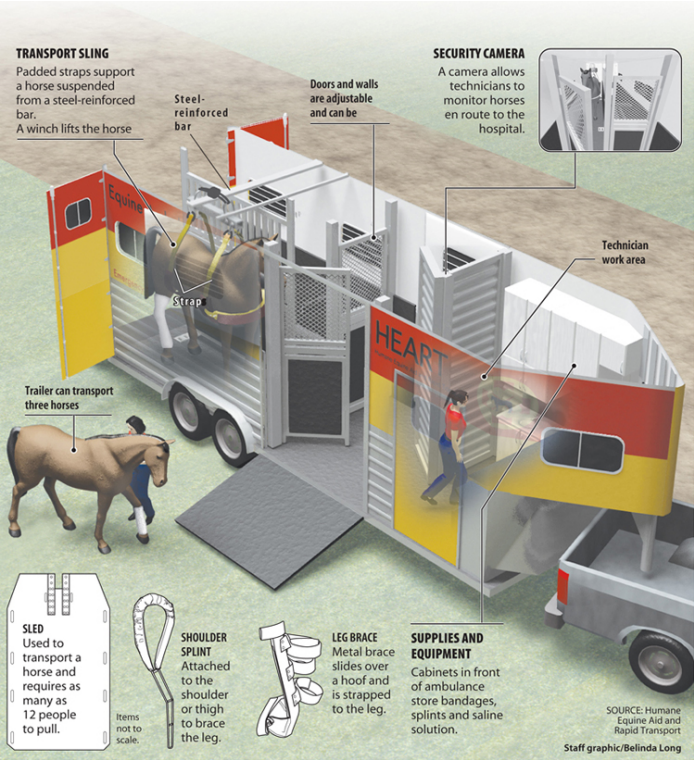




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RACE of the DRAGONS

The dragon boat festival is coming back to Broward County after a three-year hiatus. A look at the sport:

THE BOATS

Lightweight, low-drag boats are used for racing, with a typical crew of 20 to 22.

TRADITIONAL CHINESE DRAGON BOAT
Typically made of wood, this boat can seat up to 30 paddlers. Sizes may vary.

INTERNATIONAL RACING DRAGON BOAT (STANDARD)
This fiberglass boat seats 20 paddlers and is commonly used in races.

HONG KONG STANDARD WOODEN DRAGON BOAT
Slightly smaller than an international boat and made from teak wood.

INTERNATIONAL RACING DRAGON BOAT (SMALL)
Similar to the standard model but seats only 10 paddlers.

THE CREW

It is crucial for the paddlers to synchronize their movements with the crew member diagonally in front of them to keep the rhythm and balance.

STEERSMAN
Uses the tiller to steer the boat. Can override the call of the drummer and must be aware of the boat's surroundings at all times.

POWER
The back paddlers focus more on power strokes to maintain speed in the faster water.

SYNCHRONIZE
Paddlers in the front are good at keeping time. Out-of-sync blades hit the water a fraction of a second behind each other, creating a lag.

LEAD STROKES
The first pair set the pace for the team.

DRUMMER
The drum beat indicates the pace of the paddlers. Some call out or use hand signals to dictate the strokes instead.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The object is to paddle as fast as possible to the finish line. If there is a tie, both teams are declared the winners. There are two types of races:

Festivals: The course is straight, with buoys or landmarks marking the start and finish lines. Can typically stretch for 2,000 meters.

Races: The course has one lap and flags set every 50 meters. Buoys mark where boats are required to turn. Races are held at 250, 500 and 1,000 meters.

THE PERFECT STROKE

1. The reach: Position of blade determines the length of the stroke.

2. Catch and drive: A blade should be perpendicular to the boat as it slices into the water.

3. Pull: Paddler uses back muscles to pull blade parallel with the boat.

4. Release: Paddler exits water at the hip, rotating back to the reach position.

Inside hand: Should be as high as forehead and outside the boat.

Paddle should move at about a 60-degree angle.

The stroke's length is about 18 inches.

By rocking the body to sync with paddling, extra inches can be added to the stroke.

RECREATIONAL CANOE PADDLE
Width: 8 inches
25 inch long to 40 in. long

DRAGON BOAT RACING PADDLE
Width must be no more than 7 inches
45 in. long (up to 51 in.)

SLUG CATCHER

In Taiwanese-style races, a person who stops the dragon head to grab the flag at the finish line. If he or she misses, the team is penalized.

UPCOMING RACES

Tampa and Miami hold internationally recognized festivals each year. Where you can see a race:

April 19: Spring Dragon Boat Racing Series, Quiet Waters Park, Deerfield Beach.

May 31: Tampa Bay International Dragon Boat Race, downtown Tampa. Hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. For information, call 305-636-0902.

May 31: Fifth annual Miami Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival, Bickell Key, Miami. Open to the public from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For information, call 305-636-0902.

DRAGON BOAT HISTORY

Dragon boat racing traces its origins back almost 2,000 years to a Chinese poet and royal advisor, Qu Yuan, who, after being banished from the palace to the Hubei Province, threw himself into the Miluo River. Local fishermen raced to recover his body and beat drums and threw rice to distract fish. The body was never found. To commemorate Yuan's death, boat races were held on the fifth day of the fifth Chinese lunar month, which equates to June 5. Because of the time of the year, dragon heads eventually were put on the boats to help ward off evil spirits during the race.

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