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## Prayers for the police



About 100 people gathered at the Dora Roberts Community Center Tuesday evening for a prayer vigil in memory of the five police officers slain in Dallas Thursday and to honor Big Spring and Howard County first responders. In the top photo, a group of children prepare to release five blue balloons, one for each Dallas officer killed in the ambush. At right, a huge U.S. flag flies over the community center prior to the start of the prayer vigil.

HERALD photos/Roger Cline



## Council approves lease subsidy

Agreement helps Big Spring Rail Systems continue operations at McMahon-Wrinkle airpark

By STEVE REAGAN  
 Staff Writer

The City of Big Spring is taking steps to ensure rail service continues to airpark customers even through these weak economic times.

For the past few years, city officials have bet big that rail service to McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark would be a major selling point for attracting businesses to the facility. But with the downturn in the oil and gas industry, several of those businesses have either reduced operation or will close altogether, including the airpark's largest tenant, Western Container, reducing demand for rail service.



Wegman

To help keep Big Spring Rail System, Inc. — which operates short line rail service to the airpark — operational during the down times, the local city council Tuesday approved an agreement whereby Big Spring Economic Development Corp. will reimburse the rail service up to \$4,000 a month for the next six months for rent and operational revenue.

"Basically, this is a rent subsidy," said Big Spring EDC Executive Director Terry Wegman. "They make a monthly lease payment to the airpark for use of the rail and for office

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## Demolition begins on old Wal-Mart building

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer  
 A long-time vacant building is expected to be demolished soon.

Crews were at a vacant building in the Coronado Plaza Tuesday preparing for demolition of the aging structure that once housed the only Wal-Mart for a number of years in the town.

"I spoke to the owner (Tuesday), and he has been trying to market it for several years," said Terry Wegman, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation executive director. "He has finally decided to tear it down because he thinks it would be easier to market at this point."

The building has been vacant for decades but once served as the only Wal-Mart in town. Once the new Wal-Mart was built back in the early 1990s, the building was closed. Matt Malouf of Dallas owns most of the shopping center land, including the strip where Radio Shack and the Dollar Store is located.



Courtesy photo/John Moody

Demolition crews were at the old Wal-Mart building located in Coronado Plaza Tuesday afternoon. The owner of land plans to demolish the old building in hopes to market the land to new businesses.

## Trustees to mull budget procedures

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Setting a public hearing date of the Big Spring ISD budget and tax rate is on tap when trustees meet Thursday night.

With falling taxable values and loss of state revenue, the district is facing another tough budget with a possible \$2.2 million loss of state and local revenue for the 2016-2017 financial year. If that figure stands, the district will have lost \$5.5 millions in revenue in the past two years.

At the June trustees' meeting, officials announced the district has begun to

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## Obituaries

### Shirley Lynn Martin



Shirley Lynn Martin, 64, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 11, 2016, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 15, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Shirley was born June 18, 1952, in Dalhart, Texas and graduated from Dalhart High School in 1970.

She worked for Texas Instruments in Midland for several years before becoming a secretary for the city of Big Spring. She married William "Bubba" Martin June 27, 1992, in Las Vegas, Nevada. She loved being with her family and watching her grandchildren.

Shirley is survived by her husband, William "Bubba" Martin; two sons, Tom Heiskell, and wife, Krisha of Colorado City, and Gary Martin and wife, Summer of Big Spring; two daughters, Amy Miller and husband, Billy of Colorado City, and Leslie Sheets and husband, Logan of Clovis, New Mexico; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; one brother, Jimmy McCartney of Dalhart; and four sisters, Cathy Simi of Sierra Vista, Arizona, Carol Speer and husband, Jim of Renton, Washington, Jean Clements, of Lady Lake, Florida; and Betty Davis of San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Marion Viretta (Houston) McCartney; and one brother, Cecil McCartney, Jr.

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

*Paid obituary*

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 7/14	Fri 7/15	Sat 7/16	Sun 7/17	Mon 7/18
<b>101/73</b> Mainly sunny. High 101F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	<b>99/73</b> Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>98/72</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>97/72</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>95/72</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM	Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM

### Texas at a Glance



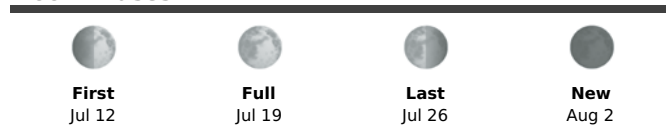
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	102	77	Sunny	Kingsville	97	76	M Sunny
Amarillo	105	73	Sunny	Livingston	97	76	P Cloudy
Austin	100	77	M Cloudy	Longview	97	76	M Sunny
Beaumont	96	77	P Cloudy	Lubbock	104	75	Sunny
Brownsville	96	78	P Cloudy	Lufkin	97	74	P Cloudy
Brownwood	101	73	P Cloudy	Midland	104	78	Sunny
Corpus Christi	93	79	P Cloudy	Raymondville	100	78	M Sunny
Corsicana	99	76	P Cloudy	Rosenberg	97	78	P Cloudy
Dallas	100	77	M Sunny	San Antonio	101	76	P Cloudy
Del Rio	102	78	Sunny	San Marcos	99	75	M Cloudy
El Paso	106	77	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	98	77	Sunny
Fort Stockton	104	75	Sunny	Sweetwater	101	76	Sunny/Wind
Gainesville	97	76	Sunny	Tyler	97	76	P Cloudy
Greenville	97	76	Sunny	Weatherford	100	75	Sunny
Houston	98	78	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	102	79	Sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	93	74	P Cloudy	Miami	91	80	P Cloudy
Boston	89	68	P Cloudy	Minneapolis	85	64	P Cloudy
Chicago	90	72	M Cloudy	New York	83	74	M Sunny
Dallas	100	77	M Sunny	Phoenix	111	85	Sunny
Denver	94	59	Sunny	San Francisco	67	53	P Cloudy
Fort Houston	98	78	P Cloudy	Seattle	75	54	M Cloudy
Los Angeles	81	64	M Cloudy	Saint Louis	93	72	P Cloudy

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Thu 7/14	Fri 7/15	Sat 7/16	Sun 7/17	Mon 7/18
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

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## Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JESSICA LYNN TALIAFERRO**, 41, of 1308 E 17th, was arrested on charges of criminal trespassing, no driver's license when unlicensed, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **LELDON TAYLOR JENKINS**, 32, of 1204 Stanford Avenue, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **ANGELA CELESTE DUGGER**, 38, of 1411 Settles, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.

- **MICHAEL WAYNE COGBURN**, 38, of 605 Dealey Road, was arrested on three warrants from other agencies.

- **HAROLD LEE VAIL**, 58, of 950 Frazier was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **STEVEN GLEN HILDEBRAND**, 48, of 804 Andree St., was arrested on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

- **JAMES HENRY LEONARD**, 65, of 1203 N FM 700, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 1600 block of Settles.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter and the 1400 block of E 14th.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported on the corner of FM 700 and Wasson.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of S Birdwell.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 6700 block of E Robinson and the 500 block of W 4th Street.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of E 14th.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on

the corner of FM 700 and I-20.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ORLANDO RAY CHAVERA**, 17, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief, greater than \$100 but less than \$750.

- **MICHAEL WAYNE COGBURN**, 38, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for hindering secured creditors, speeding, and violation of promise to appear.

- **ANGELA CELESTE DUGGER**, 38, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing.

- **HOWARD FOSTER**, 40, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for five counts of criminal trespassing, possession of a dangerous drug, possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram, and resisting arrest search or transport.

- **STEVEN GLEN HILDEBRAND**, 48, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for criminal trespassing.

- **LELDON TAYLOR JENKINS**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft of property, greater than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

- **JAMES HENRY LEONARD**, 65, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- **JESSICA LYNN TALIAFERRO**, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespassing and warrants for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.

- **HAROLD LEE VAIL**, 58, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for unsafe speed.

- **JOHNNY JOE WADDELL**, 27, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for endangering a child.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

### FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### 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

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

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• The Eighth Annual West Texas Talent Search is seeking contestants to compete for up to \$5,000 in cash and prizes. The categories available are: Top musical act age 11 and younger; top musical act age 12 to 16; top musical act—adult; top dance act; and top musical act in the field of comedy, poetry, magic, or other. The last day to sign up is Thursday, and the final preliminary will be held at Odessa College at 2 p.m., July 23. Artists selected as semi-finalists will be given a chance to perform at both the Midland County Fair and the Permian Basin Fair. The talent search will conclude at Deaderick Hall at Odessa College on Sept. 24. The event is sponsored by the Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities. For more information contact Executive Director Daniel R. Ryan at 432-978-7405. The application and rules are at [www.westtexasalent.com](http://www.westtexasalent.com)

• The biennial Forsan Reunion is scheduled for the first weekend in August, 5-6. Festivities kick off with a dinner for former students, teachers, parents and spouses at Spanish Inn. Following the dinner, all participants are invited to an open house reception in the banquet room at La Quinta Inn at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 6, reunion day activities begin at 9 a.m. in the Forsan School Cafeteria. A continental breakfast is provided at 9 a.m. followed by introductions and an invocation. At 1 p.m., Al's Bar-B-Que will cater the lunch.

• Bailey Pittman is raising money to go on an 11 month mission trip to 11 countries. It's called the World Race with the non-denominational ministry, Adventures in Missions. She and her teammates will be living in tents most of that 11 months while serving the needy and spreading the Gospel. Despite the primitive conditions she needs to raise at least \$17,000 to join her mission team. Would you consider helping Bailey? If you want to donate directly to Bailey or follow her journey, see her blog at [www.baileypittman.theworldrace.org](http://www.baileypittman.theworldrace.org). Also, Dr. David Ward is collecting for Bailey. Checks should be made to "Adventures in Missions" and also put "Bailey Pitman" on the note section of your check. You can mail or drop it by Dr. Ward's office at 1500 Scurry St.

• A garage sale sponsoring Richard Olivas and his family will be held this Saturday, July 16th from 8 a.m. to noon at 1602 Virginia. Olivas was recently in a motorcycle accident and suffered from many broken bones and a head injury. All proceeds from the sale will go towards his medical bills and other expenses. Cash donations will also be accepted on site.

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



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

**Police officers and their families walk through an "honor corridor" formed by local firefighters during a prayer vigil service at the Dora Roberts Community Center Tuesday.**

Quilt Fundraiser. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

### Meetings

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

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• 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 Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• 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,

### Volunteer opportunities

• The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• 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, at (432) 268-7535 or [danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us)

## LEASE

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space ... We will simply reimburse them, up to \$4,000 a month for six months for those expenses."

But Wegman added money spent by EDC over the next few months will also represent the city protecting its investment in the airpark.

"We have a lot of money invested in the rail

park," he said. "Without short line rail service, the airpark would not be able to service or attract businesses, and (Big Spring Rail Systems) doesn't want to have to lay off personnel they've trained for years."

And he was quick to add the agreement is not open-ended.

"This is just a short-term lease agreement to help them deal with the downturn in oil and gas, and with us losing

customers like Western Container," Wegman said. "We think that rail service is going to be big in attracting new businesses to the airpark, and this is a way for us to support that."

In other business, council approved:

• A request from Texas Parks and Wildlife to use Comanche Trail Park for overnight camping and a "teaching day" the weekend of July 21.

• A measure which

would allow the city manager or city attorney to negotiate future oil and gas matters for the city.

• Acceptance of a \$40,000 grant award from the Permian Basin Area Foundation and a donation of trees from TXU Electric for use in renovating the historic spring in Comanche Trail Park.

• Submittal of a grant application for federal funds to help pay for new roads which would

connect the airpark to the U.S. Highway 87 reliever route.

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Jose Mendez Cuelar, Jr., 57, died June 28, 2016. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help with expenses.

## ISD

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whittle away positions through attrition. Superintendent Chris Wigginton stated that no teaching positions will be cut.

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room, 707 11<sup>th</sup> Place.

In other business, trustees will

• Be updated on STARR scores. Officials scores from the 2015-2016 school year are expected

to be released by TEA in August.

• Hold a public hearing to discuss the Local Innovation Plan.

• Consider a donation to the Child Nutrition Catering Fund.

• Financial and personnel matters.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for all the blessings  
You have given us.  
Amen.

## Matters of right and wrong

So, to get the country past this awful moment, we need:

- Gun control?
- A presidential speech?
- An end to political posturing?
- A blue-ribbon commission?
- Hugs?
- Or maybe we need something more.

What about a concentrated effort to reconstruct the moral understandings formerly embedded in our ways and institutions, orphaned by the personal entitlement culture that rules the roost — the culture of Me, the culture of "I Want; I Deserve"?

I hold college degrees in history. I am painfully aware there was never a time before us and never will be after us — humanity being what it is — when the moral norms bound us all with hoops of steel. We used to do better, though. We didn't use to assume cultural approval to decide for ourselves, on a case-by-case basis, what's right and what's wrong. Generally speaking, we had standards — guardrails between which we operated. We weren't to gambol gaily around the pasture, doing the first thing that came to mind, unless that first thing squared with the duties and obligations that went with life.

There were well-known, well-advertised sources for scrutiny of duties and obligations. There was the law written on the heart — the natural law, telling you what to do whether you liked doing it or not. The natural law

intersected with religious commands that the religious "establishment" propounded with some vigor: starting with loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind, and your neighbor as yourself. It was the kind of stuff that elevated your neighbor to a higher status than that of rifle or pistol target, or the object of vile language.

Thus the heart spoke and the churches spoke. But so also — and with no less force — the family spoke. And the community. And the schools. "Here's what's right, and here's what's wrong," they all said. And you could object to that assessment with indignation and — preferably — intelligence. You could argue for change and reform and adaptation, knowing nobody's right all the time. But that included you. You weren't right all the time. You couldn't assign everyone else an overhead berth in the Hot Place because you thought you alone knew what should be done.

Where'd it all go? The insurgencies of the '60s and '70s gave the Me culture its place in the sun. Me, I know what's wrong with society! The rest of you, shut up while I talk. The Me culture, once it became general, was impatient with institutions of "control" — for instance, the family. Why can't I live the way I want?! Divorce, abortion-on-demand, illegitimacy, and "shackin' up" were the consequences. So what if our great teaching institution disintegrated? In a Me culture, there's nothing worth teaching. You figure it out for yourself. You make your own rules, sort of the way the Dallas gunman Micah Johnson appears to have

decided who should live and who should die: judge, jury, executioner.

The country's racial divide stems in part from the disintegrative forces that have sharply reduced the number of two-parent black families, leaving, generally, the single mother to raise her brood. Not much time for teaching in so strained an environment! But then, teaching isn't popular in white households where the Me culture holds sway.

Putting it back the way it used to be: What are the prospects? Who would do it? Where would we start? In any case, who ever saw the clock turned back? Arrested, maybe, but never turned back.

The advantage of the enterprise would be the enduringness of the norms we now see as so influential previously in sparing us moments like the present one — the 1861-1865 war being an obvious exception — through emphasizing common decency over individual chest-puffing.

The norms can be ignored; they can't be taken away. You just have to assert them, and keep on asserting them, until their undeniable Truth can no longer be dodged. "Me First" is folly: That would be the first Truth, the unassailable Truth.

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## When cops kill and when cops die

Most interactions between American police and citizens are routine, civil and no worse than briefly unpleasant for those involved. But among some cops and some populations, the relationship is fraught with chronic distrust and fear. The result is an intracably toxic climate that spawns deadly consequences.

Rarely has that reality been more stark than now, with five Dallas law enforcement officers fatally shot during a demonstration against, yes, the killing of black civilians by police. The sequence is a spiral of violence, with wrong done against one group answered with wrong against the other.

Up to the moment gunfire erupted, the Dallas scene was a case where both sides were conducting themselves well. The protesters were peaceful, and the police were restrained. Some officers and marchers even posed for photos together. It was heartening proof that the two sides are not condemned to conflict.

But too often, police-citizen encounters go very differently. Cops deal daily with dangerous offenders in areas plagued by incessant crime. Innocent citizens in those neighborhoods sometimes are stopped, searched, humiliated and physically abused. People who should be working together for mutual safety find themselves at odds.

The Black Lives Matter movement is a recent reaction to an old problem made more visible by modern technology and social media. Lots of Americans who once took for granted that police deserve respect and deference have been shocked by video footage of officers killing without apparent justification.

A 2015 Gallup Poll found trust in police at its lowest level in 22 years. Only 30 percent of African-Americans express such confidence.

The deaths of Alton Sterling

and Philando Castile at the hands of police officers help explain why. Slayings like theirs happen more or less every day in this country. But unless the event or its aftermath is captured on video, it is barely noticed by the general public.

Research indicates that black and Hispanic motorists are likelier to be pulled over, to have their cars searched and to be arrested — though whites are often found to be likelier to have contraband. A new study by the Center for Policing Equity at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York documents that cops use force against blacks more than three times as often as against whites.

The murdered police in Dallas obscure a positive development: Since 1977, reports University of California, Berkeley law professor Franklin Zimring, the number of officers killed on duty

from the cops. Eric Garner, who died after being subdued with a chokehold, had no weapon. John Crawford, idly holding a BB gun taken off a Wal-Mart shelf, posed no evident threat.

Sterling and Castile were carrying guns, but Sterling's was in his pocket, and from the videos, it appears he didn't reach for it. Castile, according to his girlfriend, told the officer he had a concealed pistol and a permit for it.

But American cops have a pattern of erring on the side of using deadly force, because they generally are trained to do so and rarely incur punishment for it. American police kill civilians at rates five times higher than police in Canada, 40 times higher than in Germany and 140 times higher than in England and Wales.

Is that because we have so much more violent crime, including gun crime? Partly, says Zimring, but "the U.S. rate of killings by police is 10 times as great as the difference in homicides generally."

Changes in how departments operate could save hundreds of lives each year. A report this year by the Police Executive Research Forum said, "Through de-escalation, effective tactics and appropriate equipment, officers can prevent situations from ever reaching the point where anyone's life is in danger and where officers have little choice but to use deadly force." Such reforms, it argued, can not only protect civilians but "increase officer safety."

Making life safer for police and those they encounter is a goal shared by everyone. It will take new approaches, because the old ones are not good enough.

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has plunged by 69 percent.

Cops and their defenders say that when officers kill civilians, they do so in self-defense, which often is true. Maybe information will come to light that the cops behaved justifiably with Sterling and Castile — in response to actions that didn't show up on the videos.

In some cases, though, the reaction is excessive. Laquan McDonald, shot 16 times by a Chicago officer, was walking away



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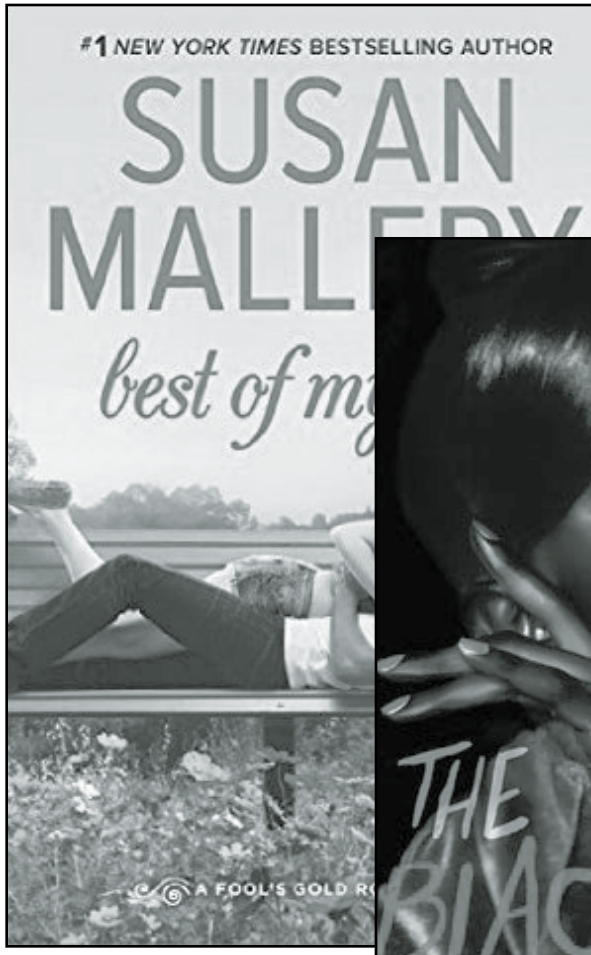
# Check this out at the Howard County Library

This week I have all fiction books to write about. In "Overwatch" by Matthew Betley (F BET M), Logan West impulsively answers a dead man's ringing phone and triggers a global race against the clock to track down an unknown organization searching for an Iraqi artifact that is central to a planned attack in the Middle East—one that will draw the United States into a major conflict with Iran. Logan is quickly contracted as a "consultant" to assist the FBI as part of a special task force bent on stopping the shadowy operatives. The battles are nonstop pitting an international team against trained mercenaries employed by the world's largest private security contractor. Logan is battling his own demons which threatens to destroy everything he holds dear.



MONICA MARTINEZ

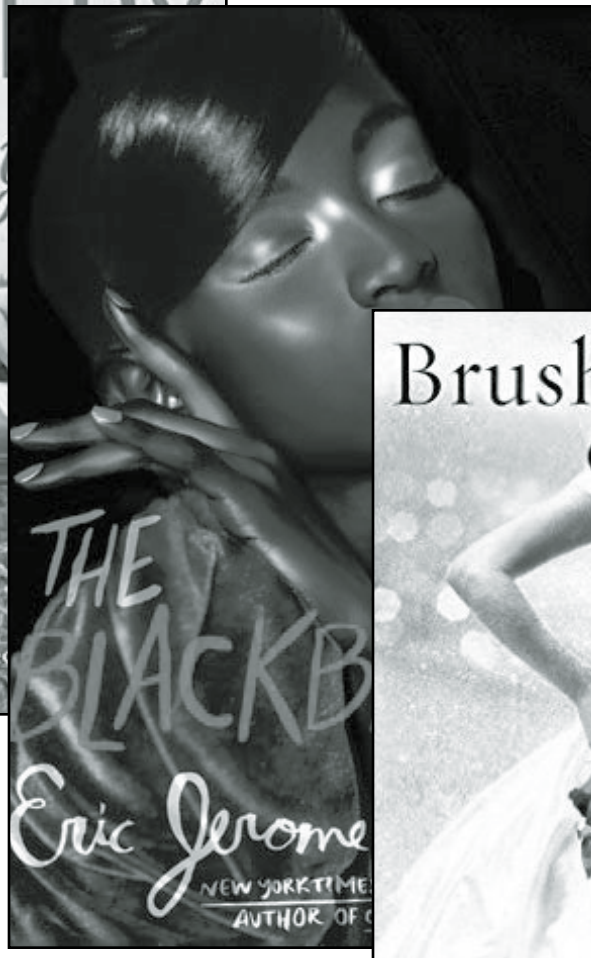
"As Time Goes By" by Mary Higgins Clark (F CLAM) finds Delaney Wright on the brink of stardom yet something is missing from her life. She should be celebrating the plum assignment of covering a sensational murder trial for her network, but her increasingly urgent need to locate her birth mother consumes her thoughts. On trial for murder is Betsy Grant, widow of a wealthy doctor, who claims she loved her husband and would never harm him. When her lawyer urges her to accept a plea bargain, Betsy refuses: She will go to trial to prove her innocence. Betsy's stepson, Alan Grant, nervously bides his time as the trial begins. Alan's inheritance hangs in the balance. When Delaney's friends offer to look into the mystery surrounding her birth, they uncover a shocking secret they do not want to reveal. As the trial unfolds, the evidence against Betsy piles up. Delaney's relentless pursuit of the truth outside the courtroom puts her life in imminent danger.



"The Blackbirds" by Eric Jerome Dickey (F DICE) is the story of four best friends who are closer than sisters and will go to the ends of the earth for one another. Yet even their deep bond can't heal all wounds from their individual past, as the collegiate and post-collegiate women struggle with their own demons, drama, and desires. As the women try to overcome or give in to their impulses, they find not only themselves tested but also the one thing they always considered unbreakable: their friendship.

beds of his many willing female tourists. He comes to the realization that he's inadvertently become "that" guy (the one-night Casanova) and everyone in town knows it. Maybe Shelby's boy/girl experiment will help him see women as more than just conquests so he can change his ways and win back his self-respect. As Aidan and Shelby explore the secret lives of men and women, the heat between them fires up the rumor mill. If no one will believe they're just friends, maybe they should give the gossips something to talk about!

In "Sisi" (F PAT A), Allison Pataki tells the little-known story of Empress Elisabeth of Austria-Hungary, a dynamic heroine during the Gold Age of the Habsburg Court. Married to Emperor Franz Joseph, Elisabeth, fondly known as Sisi, captures the hearts of her people as their "fairy queen," but beneath that dazzling persona lives a far more complex figure. Feeling stifled by strict protocols and a turbulent marriage, Sisi grows restless. She finds solace at her estate outside Budapest. There she rides her beloved horses and enjoys visits from the Hungarian statesman Count Andrassy, the man with whom she's unwittingly

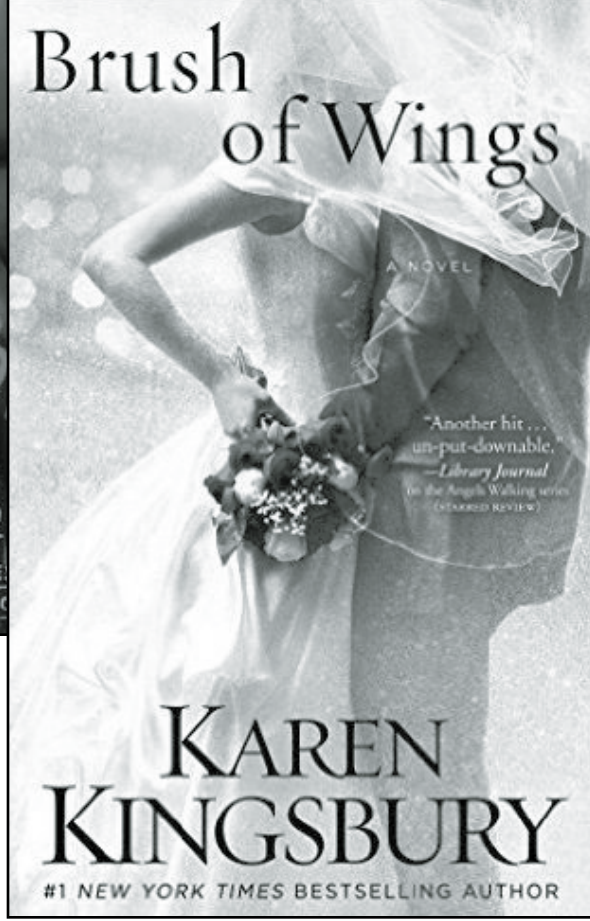


fallen in love. Tragic news brings Sisi out of her fragile seclusion forcing her to return to her capital and a world of gossip, envy, and sorrow where a dangerous fate lurks in the shadows. Through love affairs, and loss, dedication and defiance, Sisi struggles against conflicting desires: to keep her family together or to flee amid the collapse

of her suffocating marriage and the gathering tumult of the First World War. In an age of crumbling monarchies, Sisi fights to assert her right to the throne beside her husband, to win the love of her people and the world, and to save an empire.

"Once a Soldier" by Mary Jo Putney (F PUT M) tells the story of Will Masterson, heir to a title and great wealth, who should have stayed home and tended his responsibilities instead of going to war. After perilous years fighting the French, he intends his current mission to be his last. All his plans are forgotten when he arrives in the small mountain stronghold of San Gabriel and meets "her." Knowing herself to be too tall, strong, and unconventional to appeal to a man, Athena Markham has always gloried in her independence. For the first time in her life, she finds a man who might be her match. Two of a kind, too brave for their own good, Athena and Will vow to do whatever it takes to vanquish San Gabriel's enemies. Neither will back down from death, and only together can they find happiness and a love deeper than they'd dared imagine.

In "Til Death Do Us Part" by Amanda Quick (F QUI A), Calista Langley operates an exclusive "introduction" agency catering to respectable ladies and gentlemen who find themselves alone in the world. A dangerously obsessed individual has begun sending her trinkets and gifts suitable only for those in deepest mourning. Desperate for help and fearing that the police will be of no assistance, Calista turns to Trent Hastings, a reclusive author of popular crime novels. Trent doesn't trust her but manages to keep his emotions at bay, even as an instant attraction threatens his resolve. As Trent and Calista comb



through files of rejected clients in hopes of identifying her tormentor, it becomes clear that the danger may be coming from Calista's own secret past and only her death will satisfy the stalker.

"Brush of Wings" by Karen Kingsbury (LP F KIN K) is book three of the Angels Walking Series. Despite needing a heart transplant, Mary Catherine moves to Uganda to work at an orphanage. The only problem is baseball player Marcus Dillinger, with whom she never meant to fall in love. Neither Marcus nor her friends know just how serious her condition is.

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## News in brief

### Poll: Most young people dislike GOP's Trump, say he's racist

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump is wildly unpopular among young adults, in particular young people of color, and nearly two-thirds of Americans between the ages of 18 and 30 believe the presumptive Republican nominee is racist.

That's the finding of a new GenForward poll that also found just 19 percent of young people have a favorable opinion of Trump compared to the three-quarters of young adults who hold a dim view of the New York billionaire.

Trump's likely general election opponent, Hillary Clinton, is also unpopular with young people, but not nearly to the same extent as the real estate mogul and reality TV star. A mere 6 percent of young African Americans, 10 percent of young Hispanics, 12 percent of young Asian Americans and 27 percent of young whites see Trump in a favorable light, ratings that suggest the celebrity businessman faces a staggering task this summer to win their backing in his bid for the White House.

"I think if you want to be a moral young person, you can't support Trump," said Miguel Garcia, 20, of Norwalk, California.

The grandson of Mexican immigrants and a college student who also works at a tire shop, Garcia is a registered Democrat who has not chosen a candidate to support this fall — but is resolute in his disdain for Trump.

### Aiming for Friday announcement, Trump narrows his VP list

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump has reached the final phase of his search for a running mate, narrowing his list to three leading contenders and directing his staff to prepare for a Friday announcement.

"It's a little bit like 'The Apprentice,'" former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, one of Trump's finalists, said in a Tuesday interview with Fox News Channel. "You find out sooner or later who the last one standing is."

Along with Gingrich, a boisterous rabble-rouser who has spent decades in Washington, the finalists include Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a steady, staunch conservative who would help to calm nervous Republicans wary of Trump's style, and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a one-time rival who has become one of Trump's most trusted advisers.

That's according to a person familiar with Trump's thinking, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss the vetting process. Trump said in a Tuesday interview with The Wall Street Journal that Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions is also still in the mix.

Trump has spent weeks consulting with friends and family as he weighs the most important decision of his campaign to date. He's also met with the

candidates and brought his finalists on tour to test their receptions before his crowds. On Monday, it was Christie's turn in Virginia. On Tuesday, he was joined in Indiana by Pence.

### Law enforcement, activists to meet with Obama at White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will quickly return to the delicate balancing act of supporting law enforcement while addressing concerns of bias from some of the communities they serve.

Obama is meeting Wednesday with police officers at the White House — the second such session this week. This time it will be expanded to include mayors, academics and civil rights activists.

"We'll share solutions from communities that have already found ways to build trust and reduce disparities," Obama said on Facebook.

Obama and Vice President Joe Biden met with representatives from eight police organizations Monday before flying the next day to Dallas to lead a memorial for five police officers killed by a suspect who said he wanted to kill whites, particularly white officers. The officers were working at rally in which protesters gathered to voice complaints about the shooting deaths of two black men by police officers, one in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the other in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Going forward, I want to hear ideas from even more Americans about how we can address these challenges together as one nation. That means you," Obama said.

### Funerals set to begin for police officers slain in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Funerals are set to begin for the five officers slain by a sniper during a protest last week in downtown Dallas.

Funerals will be held later Wednesday for Dallas Police Sr. Cpl. Lorne Ahrens, Dallas Police Sgt. Michael Smith and Dallas Area Rapid Transit Officer Brent Thompson.

Ahrens' funeral will be held in Plano. Smith's funeral at the Farmers Branch church he and his family attended will be followed the next day with a service at the Dallas church where he worked security.

After a Dallas memorial service, Thompson's funeral will be at a church in Corsicana, the town south of Dallas where he lived.

Dallas Police Officer Michael Krol's funeral is set for Friday, and Dallas police Officer Patrick Zamarripa's funeral will be held Saturday.

### 3 arrests made in alleged plot to harm officers, police say

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Authorities in Louisiana have arrested three suspects accused of stealing several handguns as part of an alleged plot to harm police officers in the Baton Rouge area, police said.

The arrests come amid heightened tensions following the deadly police shootings of black men in Baton Rouge and Minnesota and the killings of five police officers in Dallas last week.

Authorities in Baton Rouge discovered the alleged plot while responding to a weekend burglary at a pawn shop, Baton Rouge police Chief Carl Dabadie said at a news conference Tuesday.

The chief said the first suspect arrested told police that "the reason the burglary was being done was to harm police officers." He said the suspect

didn't give any details about when or where a possible plot would be carried out.

### Cameron out, May in on dramatic day in British politics

LONDON (AP) — David Cameron is making a final appearance in the House of Commons as prime minister Wednesday before handing over to his successor, Theresa May.

The prime ministerial Jaguar left 10 Downing St. in mid-morning, taking Cameron to Parliament.

Cameron is stepping down less than three weeks after losing the campaign to keep Britain in the European Union. He will take on his final weekly prime minister's questions session at noon before traveling to Buckingham Palace to tender his resignation to Queen Elizabeth II.

May will later visit the palace, where the queen will ask her to form a new government.

### Cameron an ambitious leader defined by EU referendum defeat

LONDON (AP) — When David Cameron was elected leader of Britain's Conservative Party, the press called him the "heir to Blair." Like Labour premier Tony Blair, he was a young leader who dragged his sometimes reluctant party toward the political center.

Cameron steps down Wednesday after six years as prime minister — like Blair, defined by a historic blunder.

For Blair, it was the 2003 invasion of Iraq. For Cameron, it was the decision to call a referendum on Britain's European Union membership. He gambled that voters would choose to remain, after a cathartic debate that would resolve Conservative Party divisions on Europe.

Instead, Britain voted by 52 percent to 48 percent to leave — and a tearful Cameron announced his resignation the next morning, saying "I do not think it would be right for me to try to be the captain that steers our country to its next destination." He was due to stay on until the party picked a new leader in September, but on Monday Home Secretary Theresa May was chosen as Conservative chief after her last opponent dropped out.

### China says it could declare air zone over South China Sea

BEIJING (AP) — China warned other countries Wednesday against threatening its security in the South China Sea after an international tribunal handed the Philippines a victory by saying Beijing had no legal basis for its expansive claims there.

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin said Beijing could declare an air defense identification zone over the waters if it felt threatened, a move that would sharply escalate tensions. But Beijing also extended an olive branch to the new Philippine government, saying the Southeast Asian nation would benefit from cooperating with China.

The Philippines, under a U.N. treaty governing the seas, sought arbitration from an international tribunal on several issues related to its long-running territorial disputes with China.

The tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, rejected China's claims in a landmark ruling that also found the country had aggravated the seething regional dispute and violated the Philippines' maritime rights by building up artificial islands.

## LIBRARY

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Ultimately his correspondence with Mary Catherine leads him on a desperate mission to rescue her and get her to a US hospital. Her friends struggle with issues of their own and the very core their relationship is in jeopardy. The team of angels walking is busier than ever in this epic battle between life and death.

With this hot weather, it is the perfect time to be indoors reading so come checkout a book. I leave you with a quote from Tomie dePaola: "Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and

everything about anything."

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### Big Spring juniors going to state

#### HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Little League Junior All-Star team (14-year-olds) went undefeated in the sectional tournament in Childress last week and are now on their way to the state tournament this weekend.

After defeating Pecos 15-13 on Tuesday and Abernathy 13-1 on Friday, the championship series was held Saturday and Pecos was on a roll after coming through the losers bracket. The two teams met up again in Big Spring with Isaac Murillo on the mound as he struck out 9 batters in 6.1 innings. Jonathan Sch-

neider came in to get the last two outs to secure the victory with a final score of 10-4.

Big Spring was led at the plate by Jeremiah Johnson, who had a single and a towering two-run bomb that went over 400 feet and would have been out of most major league ball parks. Jared Marquez had double and a single, and Jonathan Schneider had two hits. Joshua Wood, JC Escovedo and Isaac Murillo all had hits to help Big Spring advance to state.

They open the state tournament in Abilene this Saturday at noon against Corpus Christi Padre.



Courtesy photos/Diane Kligora



At left, the Big Spring Junior All-Stars celebrate their sectional championship and at right, Jeremiah Johnson poses with the home run ball he hit over 400 feet.

### Coahoma camp to start July 25

Coahoma ISD will be holding a summer sports camp for children from incoming kindergarten through incoming sixth grade.

The boys' camp will consist of football and basketball, and the girls' camp will consist of basketball and volleyball. The cost of the camp is \$10 dollars per student. Each student that participates will also get a T-shirt, and will be invited to lead the Coahoma football team onto the field at the Howard County Bowl against Forsan on Aug. 25.

A press release from Coahoma athletic director and head football coach Fred Dietz said it will be a chance for kids to "come have fun and learn the fundamentals of the sports from the Coahoma ISD coaching staff."

Those interested in the camp should join the coaches at the Coahoma ISD field house on Monday, July 25 at 7:30 a.m. to get started. The camp runs through July 27.

### AL earns World Series home field for 11th time in past 14 years

SAN DIEGO (AP) — No matter the names, the AL dominates the All-Star Game in the 21st Century and starts the World Series at home.

Back in 2003, when a "This Time It Counts" sign was put up in right at Chicago's U.S. Cellular Field, the stars included Roger Clemens and Hank Blalock. This year, the key names were baseball Royalty: Eric Hosmer and Salvador Perez.

And because they came up big Tuesday night, Kansas City would open the World Series at home again if it wins a third straight AL pennant — a big if.

"It just brings that sense of comfort to the team and gives you a jump-start for the whole Series," Hosmer said after homering, driving in two runs and earning the MVP Award in the American League's 4-2 win over the Nationals.

The Game 1 Series host has won six of the

last seven titles and 24 of the last 30.

"I would have loved to have that seventh game last year in San Francisco," manager Dusty Baker said in 2003, thinking back to when his Giants lost Game 7 at Anaheim the previous fall.

Home teams have taken a 2-0 Series lead in six of the last 13 years. No visiting team has won the first two games since the 1999 New York Yankees, who swept Atlanta.

"Hopefully this is something we can all rally upon for the second half and find a way to use that home-field advantage," Hosmer said

Hosmer and Perez homered in a six-pitch span, and the Kansas City duo drove in all the AL's runs. The defending World Series champion Royals are languishing at 45-43, seven games off the AL Central lead and in the middle of the wild-card



AP Photo/Gregory Bull

American League's Eric Hosmer, of the Kansas City Royals, holds the MVP award after the MLB baseball All-Star Game, Tuesday, July 12, 2016, in San Diego. The American League won 4-2.

race.

Before the game, Royals manager Ned Yost told the AL team of the importance of earning home-field.

"We don't know who is going to be in the World Series. We don't know who is going to be rep-

resenting the American League, but we know how much that home-field advantage helped us," Hosmer recalled his manager saying.

The AL cut its deficit to 43-42 with two ties — including the infamous 7-7, 11-inning game at

Milwaukee in 2002 that sparked baseball officials to link Series home field to the All-Stars the following year.

After two decades of NL domination starting in the early 1960s — 20 wins in 21 games — the AL has nearly caught

up. The NL's scoring lead is just 360-359.

Even the three NL players who became All-Star MVPs in the last 13 years now play for the AL — Prince Fielder, Brian McCann and Melky Cabrera.



Courtesy photo

Big Spring's Gary Starr and his children, Ayden and Paige, pose with a 32-pound blue catfish caught over the weekend.

### Rapinoe, coming off surgery, Lloyd make Rio roster

#### The Associated Press

Megan Rapinoe, who is coming off December knee surgery, has been named to the national team roster for the Rio Games along with Carli Lloyd, who has scored in the gold-medal winning final for the United States in the last two Olympics.

Lloyd, who also scored three goals in 16 minutes to lead the United States to victory over Japan in the final at last summer's Women's World Cup, joins fellow three-time Olympians midfielder Tobin Heath and goalkeeper Hope Solo on the roster announced Tuesday. Solo was also an alternate in 2004.

The United States has won the last three Olympic gold medals. The team opens the tournament in Brazil against New Zealand on Aug. 3 at Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte.

"There is nothing I want more than to win again," Lloyd told The Associated Press about the prospect of a fourth straight U.S. gold. "I'm going to do whatever it takes to win. I know there are loads of people out there saying that no team that has won a World Cup has gone on to win in the Olympics. I would love nothing more than to prove them wrong. It would be another dream come true."

Rapinoe injured her knee during practice when the team was in Hawaii for a World Cup victory tour match, which was later called off because of the poor condition of the turf at Aloha Stadium.

It had been uncertain whether she'd be available to play in the Olympics. Coach Jill Ellis had just 18 roster spots, down from the 23 she had for the World Cup.

"It's very surreal, mostly because

I have a lot of work to do now, and where I am at now is not where I am going to be in a few weeks," Rapinoe said in a statement. "Going to the Olympics and representing your country is incredible, but this one is that much better. After everything I went through and the uncertainty, this one is very special."

Rapinoe, forward Alex Morgan and defenders Kelley O'Hara and Becky Sauerbrunn will make their second Olympic appearance.

Players who make their debut in Brazil include goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher, defenders Whitney Engen, Julie Johnston, Meghan Klingenberg and Ali Krieger, midfielders Morgan Brian, Lindsey Horan and Allie Long, and forwards Crystal Dunn, Christen Press and Mallory Pugh.

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♥ A J 9  
♦ J 10 7 5  
♣ 9 6 4  
**WEST**  
♠ 5  
♥ Q 10 7 5 3 2  
♦ 8 6 4  
♣ J 8 3  
**EAST**  
♠ K 9 4  
♥ K 8 4  
♦ A 3 2  
♣ K 10 7 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q J 10 8 7  
♥ 6  
♦ K Q 9  
♣ A Q 5  
The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
4 ♠

seven. The three-spade bid is thus an invitation — not a command — to responder to bid again.

A **four-spade bid** is made by opener when he feels he will have a good chance for game even if responder has only six or seven points. Today's South hand, for example, is so promising for game that South should not risk being dropped at three spades.


**Declarer makes the contract** if he chooses the right finesse to take after his only entry to dummy is forced out on the opening lead. If he finesses the queen of clubs, he makes the contract; if he takes the trump finesse, he goes down against best defense.

**Granting that either finesse** has a 50 percent chance of winning, the club finesse is clearly the better play. This is not because it succeeds in the actual deal, but because there is a better chance for the contract if the club finesse wins than if the spade finesse wins.

**For practical purposes**, the hand is over if the club finesse wins. But if South tries the trump finesse instead, he will still have to lose a trump trick if East was dealt three or more spades including the king.

**Because a successful club finesse** will make the contract about half the time, while a successful trump finesse won't, it is the correct play at trick two. It is the percentage play.

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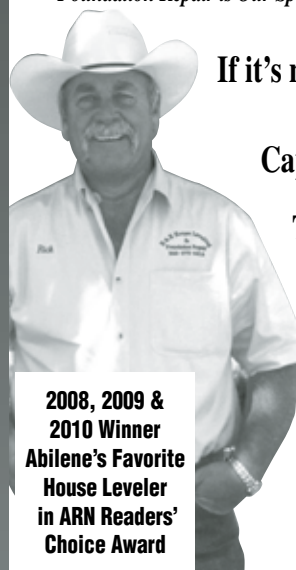
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### Tomorrow's Horoscope



**Mercury Chases Venus**

Mercury chases Venus into the sign of the cat. All this lion energy buzzing

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about is mighty creative, entertaining -- even dramatic. Has it started for you yet? If your imagination isn't sparking, it's probably because you're too distracted by doing things. Try a little boredom. It's good for you! It leaves space for creativity to rush in and fill the void.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). What is it called when it seems like the whole world is conspiring to get in the way of "your thing"? Some call it bad luck; others call it a bad mood. Or maybe it's a sign...

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Even with state-of-the-art tools, it is impossible to chart exactly how you experience the journey. Still, you'll be enriched by trying your

very best to keep track. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Stocking your life with fun people has proven to be a stellar idea. It's part of the reason you're seeing a joke in most things now -- not everything, mind you. If there were humor in everything, it would cease to be funny.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Make others feel comfortable, at ease and better about themselves and you've suddenly more clout than the most confident and authoritative person in the room.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The current cosmic lineup is a vitamin shot to your imagination. Use your creative powers to visualize your next incarnation and you'll quite naturally find a way out of stale, negative patterns.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some find comfort in knowing the numbers, but even statisticians don't live their lives by statistics. Share a feeling. It's more interesting than knowing and prolif-

erating the cold facts. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're witty. You could impress people with that, but for now let wit be your ace in the hole as you lean on other skills: empathy, listening, compassion, curiosity, the desire to create genuine rapport and more.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are days when you can casually, lazily hanker for something and actually bring it to hand. Not most days though. Certainly not today. Desire makes things happen. Commit to what you want.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The greedy person is afraid of being overlooked and undernourished by life in some way. It's the same with other things as it is with food: Quantity doesn't equal nutrition. "More" can often be harmful instead of fortifying.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The magician has to practice very hard to pull off the illusions but once the tricks are learned, executing them is easy. It's the

same with humor, which is more magical than magic.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may have heard the answers already from your current fold, but those answers didn't take hold, because familiarity sometimes causes deafness. It's why you need to talk to new people, too.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You've a sense of fun burbling up in you now, and you can't help but share it. Kindred spirits will see the sparkle in your eye, and they'll get ready to catch whatever else you're throwing out.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 13). Your birthday wish is a tall order, but it's not out of line; nor is it outside the realm of possibility. Strides made in the next 10 weeks will make it so. A deal wraps up favorably next month. September highlights family togetherness. There will be exciting developments in the realm of love and relationships in October. Capricorn and Aries adore you.

Your lucky numbers are: 44, 12, 14, 7 and 50.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Why is astrology so popular now? I now know the sun sign of almost everyone I actually know on Facebook."

Facebook reminds its users of friends' birthdays and announces sun signs on the profile pages of its users, making it easier than ever to decide who fits the profile of their sign and how. The ancient art of astrology was formulated in a simpler age, when the stars were a fascination as strong as Facebook is now. Of course, people tuned in to the heavens to know about the seasons and therefore the weather and related information about planting, harvesting, travel and the like. But the stars were also a source of endless drama.

To a civilization such as ancient Greece, for instance, stargazing was like watching a soap opera. Gods and goddesses interacted with humans, ruled planets

and turned each other into constellations. These stories and stories from other cultures around the world evolved and intersected. The result is a rich tapestry of time-tested beliefs, characteristics and associations. This is the basis of astrology today.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Harrison Ford has made a full recovery from the critical injuries he received in the plane crash he survived last year, proving that the action heroes he portrays on screen are a window into the brave soul of his true character. The Cancer star (with Mars and Pluto in entertaining Leo) reprised the role of Han Solo recently and will do the same with the roles of Indiana Jones and Richard Deckard.

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### Annie's Mailbox

#### Home Imposition

**Dear Annie:** I'm getting sick of my living situation. After college, I moved in with a very close family friend. He has an awesome house right by the beach and was kind enough to offer me his spare bedroom for very cheap rent while I'm still looking for a full-time job. It was really perfect for the first few months; he's a really mellow, simple guy who generally keeps to himself. But lately, I feel as if I'm walking on eggshells at home.

You see, he's a bit older -- in his 40s -- and he has never been married. All of the furniture and appliances in the house are his. It's a pretty tiny

space, so we agreed to just share appliances and things when I moved in. I've always been respectful of his space. At night, he likes to cook for hours and play video games in the living room until 11 o'clock or so. Lately, if he comes home to me watching a movie on (SET ITAL) his (END ITAL) TV or cooking on (SET ITAL) his (END ITAL) stove or even just stretching before a workout in the living room, he gets all bunged up and passive-aggressive. I'm only comfortable when confined to my room. What's the best way to handle this? -- Tiptoeing

**Dear Tiptoeing:** To think -- a 40-something single man who prefers to be alone and play

video games doesn't like sharing his space?! Shocking.

You have a right to feel comfortable, so talk to him and see what happens. It's unrealistic for him to expect you to live like a ghost. But at the end of the day, you are in (SET ITAL) his (END ITAL) home, and this was supposed to be temporary. So enough with the tiptoeing. Pull yourself up by your bootstraps and march on to a new apartment.

**Dear Annie:** I'm finally finding my stride in life. I have a good job, am completely financially independent and am constantly busy working on projects. I feel good about my accomplishments.

I have a formerly close friend -- let's call her Christine -- who hasn't really grown in my direction. She met a 35-year-old wealthy artist last year and has been a kept lady since then. She casually floats between jobs and spends almost every day just doing yoga, going to the beach and smoking marijuana. It's as if she has no clear picture of what she wants to do with her life.

I was initially sad when she stopped putting in effort to hang out, but I've been sort of ambivalent since realizing we don't have much in common anymore. I would rather spend my time with people who are actually doing things with their lives.

She recently reached out to me and apologized for being off the radar, and she said she wants to hang out. I'm not sure whether I really want to rekindle the friendship. She'll probably show up high anyway. What do you think? -- Losing Touch

**Dear Losing Touch:** How's the boyfriend's art? Any idea? Have you given her new life a chance, or are you dismissing it out of hand because it's not what you would choose for yourself?

We're all on our own paths. Perhaps hers

is a meandering one. There's nothing wrong with that. You shouldn't compare your life, scoreboard-style, with anyone else's life -- especially not a friend's. Christine no doubt senses the judgment, and that's why she's been distancing herself.

Meet up with her and have an open mind.

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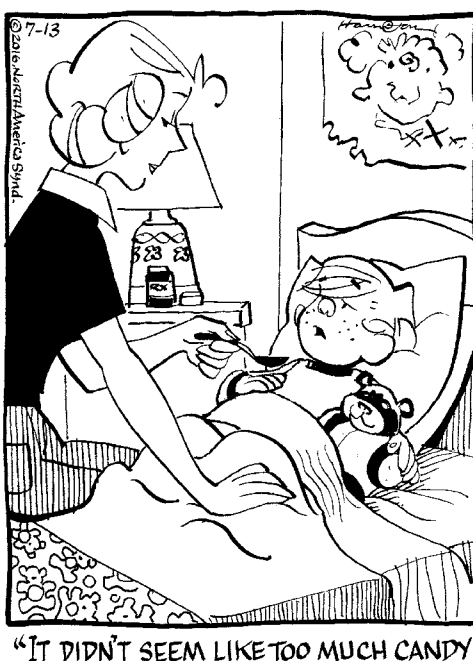
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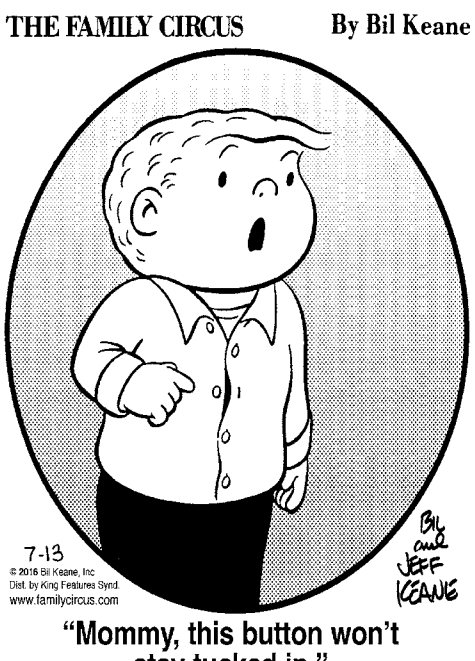
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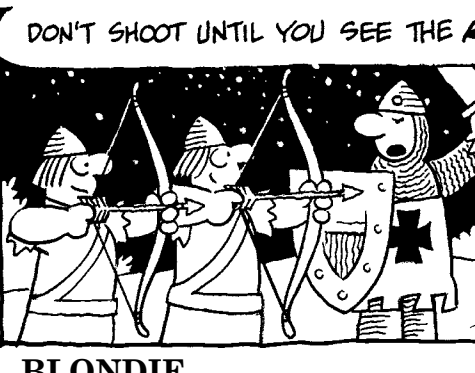
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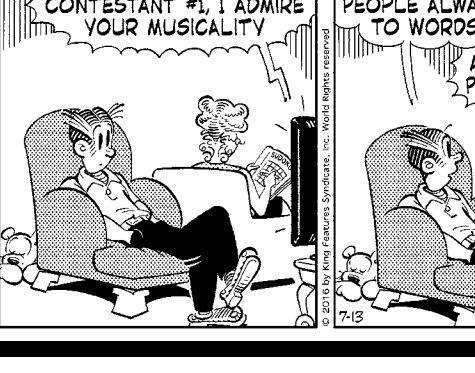


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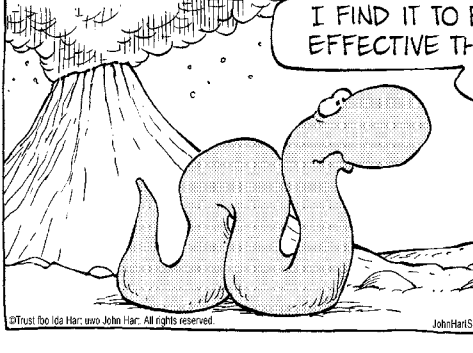
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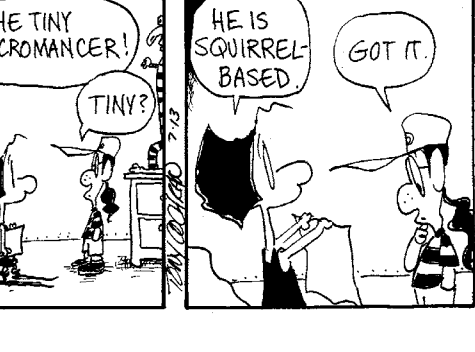
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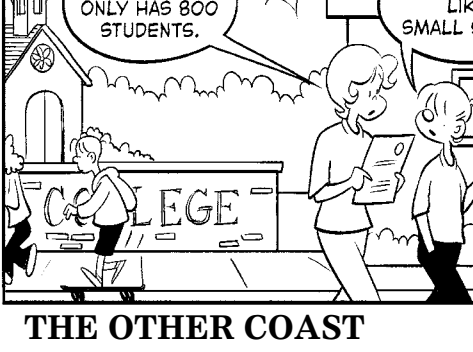
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This Date In History

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On July 13, 1793, French revolutionary writer Jean-Paul Marat was stabbed to death in his bath by Charlotte Corday, who was executed four days later.

On this date:

In 1787, the Congress of the Confederation adopted the Northwest Ordinance, which established a government in the Northwest Territory, an area corresponding to the eastern half of the present-day Midwest.

In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. (The insurrection was put down three days later.)

In 1939, Frank Sinatra made his first commercial recording, "From the Bottom of My Heart" and "Melancholy Mood," with Harry James and his Orchestra for the Brunswick label.

In 1955, Britain hanged Ruth Ellis, a 28-year-old former model and nightclub hostess convicted of killing her boyfriend, David Blakely (to date, Ellis is the last woman to be

executed in the United Kingdom).

In 1960, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination on the first ballot at his party's convention in Los Angeles.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Thurgood Marshall to be U.S. Solicitor General; Marshall became the first black jurist appointed to the post. (Two years later, Johnson nominated Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court.)

In 1972, George McGovern received the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Miami Beach.

In 1977, a blackout lasting 25 hours hit the New York City area.

In 1978, Lee Iacocca was fired as president of Ford Motor Co. by chairman Henry Ford II.

In 1985, "Live Aid," an international rock concert in London, Philadelphia, Moscow and Sydney, took place to raise money for Africa's starving people.

In 1990, the romantic fantasy "Ghost," starring Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1999, Angel Maturino Resendiz, suspected of being the "Railroad Killer," surrendered in El Paso, Texas. (Resendiz was executed in 2006.)

Answer to previous puzzle

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  - 21 Finale
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  - 27 Rural vacation spot
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  - 55 Tach letters
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- 28 Flow slowly
- 29 Textbook section
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- 34 GI offense
- 35 Sneaker bottom
- 36 Sharp blow
- 38 Eggist's focus
- 39 Fishing gear
- 40 Surpass
- 43 President before Wilson
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- 47 Former name for 23 Across
- 48 Up for grabs, politically
- 49 50-cent pieces
- 50 Hotel repositories
- 51 Glittery topper
- 52 Reference-book section
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- 58 Low female voice
- 59 Chunk of marble
- 60 Meal for a mare
- 62 Wallet cards, for short
- 63 Prefix meaning "recent"

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# Manfred says dates of Tokyo Olympics 'not ideal' for MLB

By **RONALD BLUM**

AP Baseball Writer  
SAN DIEGO — As Major League Baseball prepares for talks about the 2020 Olympics, Commissioner Rob Manfred said "from a calendar prospective, the dates of the Tokyo Games are not ideal."  
The International Olympic Committee executive board voted last month to support a six-nation tournament that year in both baseball and women's softball, and the full IOC is to vote in August on the inclusion of

the World Baseball Softball Confederation for the Tokyo Games, which are scheduled from July 24-Aug. 9.  
Baseball became a medal sport for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics but was dropped for the 2012 London Games and won't be played next month in Rio de Janeiro. MLB is reluctant to stop its season for the Olympics, and players are reticent to play anywhere other than the big league stadiums they are accustomed to.  
"We're going to have some meetings with the international baseball

and softball federation to fully understand what the program is going to be in Tokyo in terms of how long, how many, before we have any final decision on that issue," Manfred told the Baseball Writers' Association of America on Tuesday. "We like the idea of baseball being in the Olympics. We're supportive of baseball being in the Olympics."  
The IOC wants the top players to appear in the Olympics, and the Japanese Central and Pacific Leagues appear open to interrupting their seasons for the Tokyo Games. The NBA has sent its players since 1992 and the NHL since 1998 — although the NHL has not yet committed for the 2018 Games in Pyeongchang, South

Korea.  
In 2008, only those not on 25-man big league rosters as of late June were allowed to compete in the Beijing Games. The U.S. team included Jake Arrieta and Stephen Strasburg — both All-Stars this year.  
Cuba won gold medals in 1992, 1996 and 2004, the U.S. in 2000 and South Korea in 2008.  
"Is there an appreciation for the value of having baseball in the Olympics? Yes, there is," union head Tony Clark said Monday. "Is there an appreciation for the season and how or if it could work with our active players? Yeah, there's a conversation, but we run into the same roadblocks we always have."



AP Photo/Ringo H. W. Chiu

In this May 17, 2015, file photo, United States' midfielder Megan Rapinoe dribbles against Mexico during a soccer friendly match at StubHub Center in Carson, Calif. Rapinoe, who is coming off of ACL surgery on her right knee in December, has been named to the national team roster for the Rio Olympic Games.

## RIO

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Pugh, at 18, is the youngest player on the roster. She will be a freshman at UCLA after the Rio Games.  
"We've got a great blend of players with experience at the Olympic Games and in major events along with the youthful energy of some players who did not play in the Women's World Cup last summer," Ellis said in a statement. "As a coach in the Olympic Games, you want to put together a group capable of reaching the top of the podium while also being mindful of getting players prepared for the next World Cup, and I think we've done that."

Lloyd returned to action this past weekend after she sprained her knee in late April during a match for her club team, the Houston Dash. She came in a substitute in a 1-0 victory over South Africa on Sunday at Chicago's Soldier Field.

Roster by position with club team:  
Goalkeepers: Alyssa Naehner (Chicago Red Stars), Hope Solo (Seattle Reign FC).

Defenders: Whitney Engen (Boston Breakers), Julie Johnston (Chicago Red Stars), Meghan Klingenberg (Portland Thorns FC), Ali Krieger (Washington Spirit), Kelley O'Hara (Sky Blue FC), Becky Sauerbrunn (FC Kansas City).

Midfielders: Morgan Brian (Houston Dash), Tobin Heath (Portland Thorns FC), Lindsey Horan (Portland Thorns FC), Carli Lloyd (Houston Dash), Allie Long (Portland Thorns FC), Megan Rapinoe (Seattle Reign FC).

Forwards: Crystal Dunn (Washington Spirit), Alex Morgan (Orlando Pride), Christen Press (Chicago Red Stars), Mallory Pugh (Real Colorado).

# Brady's 'Deflategate' appeal rejected by federal court

NEW YORK (AP) — Quarterback Tom Brady's last best chance to avoid serving a four-game "Deflategate" suspension to start the new season was flatly rejected Wednesday by an appeals court.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan issued a one-sentence rejection of requests by the National Football League Players Association and Tom Brady to reconsider an April decision that found NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell acted within his powers by upholding a four-game suspension of the star quarterback for his role in a scheme to doctor footballs used in a January 2015 playoff game.

The court's action leaves intact the 2-1 ruling by a three-judge panel that affirmed wide-ranging powers given to the commissioner by the NFL's collective bargaining agreement. It was a setback for organized labor groups ar-

guing for due process in employee discipline.  
The players association and Brady had requested that the three-judge panel reconsider the case or that all the 2nd Circuit judges hear arguments and decide anew.

Brady's remaining hope is to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Patriots open the season Sept. 11 at Arizona. If Brady is suspended, backup quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo would take his place.

Lawyers for the players association, the NFL and Brady did not immediately return mes-

sage seeking comment.  
Anthony Barkow, a lawyer who submitted an amicus brief on behalf of Kenneth R. Feinberg, the special master of the Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund and a longtime arbitrator, said: "We wish the result were otherwise, but respect and understand the decision and know that it is extremely rare for the Second Circuit to grant en banc review."

What began as an accusation of cheating in the 2015 AFC championship game has grown into a multimillion-dollar legal battle over three NFL seasons.

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# Young voters wary of Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton is having trouble attracting younger voters who enthusiastically backed Bernie Sanders during the Democratic presidential primary, according to a first-of-its-kind poll that pays special attention to the voices of young adults of color.

The new GenForward poll of adults ages 18 to 30 shows that a majority of the nation's younger blacks and Asian-Americans have a favorable impression of Clinton, but the presumptive Democratic nominee struggles with whites and Hispanics.

## WEAKNESS AMONG WHITE AND HISPANIC YOUNG VOTERS

Just 26 percent of young whites and 49 percent of Hispanics have a positive opinion of the former secretary of state. Both groups overwhelmingly say she is not trustworthy.

The survey widely polled young adults, not necessarily registered or likely voters, but the findings suggest Clinton may struggle to turn out voters aged 18 to 30. While Clinton emerged victorious in her unexpectedly tough primary with Sanders, the contest revealed a stunning weakness with such young voters.

The GenForward poll found that among those who preferred Sanders in the primaries, only half are prepared to say they'll back Clinton in her general election face-off with presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump.

Clinton's support is strongest among young blacks, half of whom consider her honest and trustworthy and two-thirds of whom say they have a favorable opinion of Clinton. Among young Asians, 55 percent view Clinton at least somewhat favorably.

## LESSER OF TWO EVILS

While Clinton campaign officials acknowledge their candidate's disconnect with young people, they see the prospect of a Trump presidency as perhaps the best way to motivate those voters in November.

Indeed, the GenForward poll found that Trump's standing with young people is staggeringly negative. Just 19 percent of young voters have a favorable opinion of the businessman. Among minorities, a paltry 6 percent of African-Americans, 10 percent of Hispanics and 12 percent of Asian-Americans see him favorably. Trump performs strongest with young whites.



Sen. Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton wave to the crowd during a rally in Portsmouth, N.H. Tuesday. Sanders officially endorsed Clinton's presidential candidacy during the event. AP photo

# Hillary receives Bernie's backing

## Presumptive Demo nominee gets long-awaited endorsement

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — A contentious Democratic primary fight ended Tuesday with hugs, handshakes and thank yous, as Bernie Sanders told supporters that their "political revolution" was dependent upon getting Hillary Clinton elected as the country's next president.

Sanders bestowed his long-awaited endorsement on his one-time rival, telling a boisterous New Hampshire crowd that he wanted to make it "as clear as possible as to why I am endorsing Hillary Clinton." He congratulated Clinton for securing enough delegates to win the Democratic nomination and vowed to do everything he could to help her defeat Republican candidate Donald Trump.

"This campaign is not really about Hillary Clinton, or Donald Trump or Bernie Sanders, or any other candidate who sought the presidency. This campaign is about the needs of the American people and addressing the very serious crises that we face," Sanders said.

He added: "And there is no doubt in my mind that,

as we head into November, Hillary Clinton is far and away the best candidate to do that."

Sanders delivered the endorsement just two weeks shy of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia but Clinton offered a huge smile, embracing Sanders as they raised their arms in unity. The former secretary of state said the final four months of the campaign would be "much more enjoyable" working alongside Sanders and echoed her campaign slogan, "We are stronger together."

During much of her remarks, Clinton embraced many of Sanders' causes, vowing to oppose trade deals like the Trans-Pacific Partnership, fight to raise the federal minimum wage — adopting Sanders' tone, she called it a "starvation wage" — and overhaul the campaign finance system.

"These aren't just my fights. These are Bernie's fights. These are America's fights," Clinton said.

Democrats have coalesced around Clinton's candidacy since she defeated Sanders in primaries last month in Califor-

nia and five other states, helped along by endorsements from President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and others. In a high-profile rally last month, Clinton was embraced by Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a liberal stalwart popular with Sanders' followers.

Sanders has spent the past month seeking to influence the party's platform for the Philadelphia convention and promote electoral reforms including allowing independents to participate in future primaries. He called the platform "the most progressive" in history and hailed steps to create a \$15 an hour minimum wage, prevent Wall Street malfeasance and address climate change.

The event at a Portsmouth high school sought to project Democratic unity before Republicans formally nominate Trump next week in Cleveland but some Sanders' supporters in the crowd did not appear to be ready to move on.

Chants of "Bernie" broke out in the gymnasium while opening speakers addressed the crowd, prompt-

ing Clinton's faithful to chant, "unity." When Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, a Clinton supporter, told the audience, "We need to elect Hillary," some Bernie supporters stood and shouted, "No," which was followed by chants of "Hillary" in the crowd.

"It's like he's giving up if he endorses her," said Steve Rand, a hardware store owner from Plymouth, New Hampshire, before the two candidates took the stage. He added: "She stands for everything that I am against."

But James LePage, a 25-year-old teacher from Denver who attended the rally, said he felt Clinton was "genuine" in her remarks.

"I heard a lot of Bernie in her voice, which I wasn't willing to listen to before," LePage said.

Recent polls have shown that many Sanders voters plan to back Clinton but have reservations about her honesty.

A new GenForward poll of adults ages 18 to 30 found that Clinton was struggling to make inroads among young Americans who overwhelmingly supported Sanders.

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