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A copy of the proposed FY 2016-17 budget for the city of Big Spring, which was presented to the city council during its Tuesday meeting.

## Proposed city budget: \$1 million in cuts

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Just like every other governmental entity in Howard County, the city of Big Spring will have to make do with less — about \$1 million less — this coming fiscal year.

City Manager Todd Darden presented the proposed municipal budget during Tuesday's city council meeting, and the fiscal package is quite a bit leaner from the previous year.

A precipitous drop in property tax values and estimated

sales tax revenue are the main culprits behind the budget cuts. Property valuations will be an estimated \$50 million less than the previous year, while city officials are estimating sales tax receipts will drop by more than \$200,000.

Faced with those unpleasant realities, expenditures in the new budget have been slashed by more than \$1 million.

Here's a look at some of the major provisions of the pro-

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## Reward offered in deputy slaying

Special to the Herald

Texas Crime Stoppers, operating within the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, has announced a cash reward of up to \$15,000 for information leading to the identification and arrest of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Travis County Sheriff's Deputy Sergeant Craig Hutchinson.

The reward is being offered through the Office of the Governor's Fallen Hero Reward — Texas Remembers program launched in January 2016. Sergeant Hutchinson was killed early Monday morning at his Round Rock home.

"My deepest condolences go out to the Hutchinson family during this unimaginably difficult time," Governor Greg Abbott said in a news released sent out by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

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## Up on the roof



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

A construction crew works on the West Texas Medical Plaza roof Tuesday afternoon. The work is part of \$4.5 million renovation and rehabilitation project by Greystone Brokerage & Development, a real estate firm specializing in development, consulting and brokerage service for buildings used for health-care facilities. Greystone purchased the structure after negotiations with the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Big Spring for \$200,000 and will receive an additional \$650,000 in incentives for the renovation of the building.

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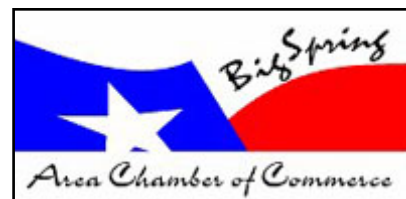
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## Shopping Extravaganza Thursday

The second in a three-event series, Summer Shopping Extravaganza, will begin Thursday and features businesses along Gregg and Scurry streets.

Summer Shopping Extravaganza is an effort by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to promote the local business community. Participating businesses will keep their doors open until 8 p.m. and many will offer a number



of deals and door prizes. Participating businesses will have a "Shop with Us Tonight" sign posted at the shop.

Participating merchants are: Dazzling Décor, 1304 Scurry;

Gale's Bakery, 2414 Scurry; H-E-B, 2000 S. Gregg; Inspirations Flowers & Gifts, 1410 Scurry; Leopard Heart Boutique, 2112 Scurry; Loco Flamigos, 1912 Scurry; Merle Norman Cosmetics, 1210 S. Gregg; Sonic Drive-In, 1510 Gregg; Southern Blush, 1203 Scurry; and Star Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, 820 W I-20.

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# News in brief

## Japan police search home of suspect in stabbing spree

SAGAMIHARA, Japan (AP) — Japanese police on Wednesday searched the home of the suspect in a mass stabbing spree that left 19 people dead at a facility for the mentally disabled.

The suspect, 26-year-old Satoshi Uematsu, was transferred earlier in the day from a local police station to the prosecutor's office in Yokohama.

The attacker left dead or injured nearly a third of the approximately 150 patients at the facility in a matter of 40 minutes early Tuesday, Kanagawa prefectural authorities said. The fire department said 25 were wounded, 20 of them seriously.

Uematsu turned himself into police about two hours after the pre-dawn attack in Sagamihara, a city about 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of central Tokyo.

He had worked at the facility until February, when he delivered a letter to Parliament outlining a bloody plan to attack two facilities for the handicapped and saying all disabled people should be put to death.

## Witnesses say South Sudan soldiers raped dozens near camp

JUBA, South Sudan (AP) — South Sudanese government soldiers raped dozens of ethnic Nuer women and girls last week just outside a United Nations camp where they had sought protection from renewed fighting, and at least two died from their injuries, witnesses and civilian leaders said.

The rapes in the capital of Juba highlighted two persistent problems in the chaotic country engulfed by civil war: targeted ethnic violence and the reluctance by U.N. peacekeepers to protect civilians.

At least one assault occurred as peacekeepers watched, witnesses told The Associated Press during a visit to the camp.

On July 17, two armed soldiers in uniform dragged away a woman who was less than a few hundred meters (yards) from the U.N. camp's western gate while armed peacekeepers on foot, in an armored vehicle and in a watchtower looked on. One witness estimated that 30 peacekeepers from Nepalese

and Chinese battalions saw the incident.

## France's religious leaders united after church attack

PARIS (AP) — France's main religious leaders have sent a message of unity and solidarity following a meeting with French President Francois Hollande a day after two extremists attacked a Catholic church and slit the throat of an elderly priest.

Hollande was presiding over a defense council and cabinet meeting Wednesday after speaking with Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Muslim and Jewish leaders.

On Tuesday, the attackers took hostages at the church in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, in the northwest region of Normandy, during morning Mass. After the priest was slain, both attackers, one a local man, were killed by police outside the church.

Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Andre Vingt-Trois, called on Catholics to "overcome hatred that comes in their heart" and not to "enter the game" of the Islamic State group that "wants to set children of the same family upon each other."

## California wildfire forces shutdown of famed Big Sur parks

BIG SUR, Calif. (AP) — California's signature parks along the Big Sur coastline that draw thousands of daily visitors were closed Tuesday as one of the state's two major wildfires threatened the scenic region at the height of the summer tourism season.

To the south, firefighters made progress containing a huge blaze in mountains outside Los Angeles, allowing authorities to let most of 20,000 people evacuated over the weekend to return home. In Wyoming, a large backcountry wildfire in the Shoshone National Forest put about 290 homes and guest ranches at risk.

The Big Sur fire threatened a long stretch of pristine, forested mountains hugging the coast and sent smoke billowing over the famed Pacific Coast Highway, which remained open with few if any flames visible to motorists but a risk that the blaze could reach beloved campgrounds, lodges and redwoods

near the shore.

"It is folly to predict where this fire will go," said California state parks spokesman Dennis Weber.

## Coast Guard: 46 people rescued from sinking boat off Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Two Good Samaritan vessels rescued 46 people Tuesday night who abandoned their sinking fishing boat in the Bering Sea off Alaska's Aleutian Islands, the Coast Guard said.

There were no reports of any injuries as the crew members were transferred from life rafts to the merchant ships, in a fairly calm seas, Coast Guard Petty Officer Lauren Steenson said.

The ships then embarked on a 13-hour voyage to Adak, Alaska, a port in the Aleutians.

When the 220-foot Alaska Juris started taking on water Tuesday morning, all crew members donned survival suits and got into three rafts.

## Senator: Is Medicare drug plan vulnerable to exploitation?

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senior senator is examining whether Medicare's prescription drug benefit is vulnerable to manipulation by pharmaceutical companies that set very high prices for medications.

In a letter Monday to Medicare's top administrator, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said policymakers must ensure the Part D prescription program serving some 38 million beneficiaries "is free from exploitation," and asked if it meets that test as currently structured.

Grassley acted after The Associated Press reported on Medicare data that show spending for high-cost drugs covered under the program's "catastrophic" protection jumped by 85 percent in three years, from \$27.7 billion in 2013 to \$51.3 billion in 2015. The data include costs to taxpayers, insurers and beneficiaries, as compiled by Medicare's number-crunching Office of the Actuary.

Catastrophic coverage kicks in after a beneficiary has spent \$4,850 of their own money. At that point, taxpayers cover 80 percent of the cost.

## CITY

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posed budget, which will not be formally approved until September:

- Personnel — City employees will not receive a raise, although Darden promised to revisit that idea as soon as economic conditions improved. In addition, staff vacancies will not be filled for the time being, although the vacant positions won't be eliminated.
- Employee insurance

— Tax revenue may be decreasing, but health insurance costs are on the rise, and the city will pass at least some of that increase on to employees. City workers with family coverage will see an increase of \$23.87 a month in their premiums, Darden said. Employees purchasing insurance for themselves only will not pay any premiums.

• Capital outlays — "Big ticket" item purchases will be slashed by more than 30 percent, Darden said. Among the items the city will

buy this coming fiscal year are police vehicles (\$108,795), a "one-arm" trash truck (\$250,000), filter upgrades for the water department (\$1 million), distribution lines (\$600,000) and a water truck for the landfill (\$108,000).

• Infrastructure projects — Streets and water and sewer lines projects will be reduced for the coming fiscal year. Under the proposed budget, \$513,000 will be spent on sealcoating, fog sealing and striping on selected streets, \$160,000 will go toward sewer line up-

grades at the airpark, along FM 700 and at the Western Container building, and the city will spend \$900,000 upgrading water lines on Bluebonnet and 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> streets, placing a 20-inch line from Johnson to 11<sup>th</sup> and Donley and replacing 33 valves on Avion Street.

• City/county landfill — The new landfill located immediately northwest of the city is "on track" for opening in 2019, Darden said. Money for that project — \$6.5 million — is "already in the bank," he

added.

• Community support — The city will continue to make contributions to several agencies around the community, including North Side Community Center, Meals on Wheels, Chaplain Court, Potton House and Heritage Museum, Victim Services and Big Spring State Park. Those contributions total \$76,700.

• Hotel/Motel Fund projects — Despite decreased hotel and motel tax receipts, that fund will still provide money for improvements at the municipal auditorium

and renovations at the historic spring.

City Finance Director Donald Moore said the proposed tax rate for the new budget will be presented to the city council at its next meeting in early August.

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## REWARD

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"The past few weeks have highlighted the incredible dangers our law enforcement officers face both on and off duty, and we must never forget the sacrifices they make in order to keep us safe. At this time, it is imperative that the authorities receive any and all infor-

mation that will aid in bringing swift justice for Sergeant Hutchinson."

According to an Associated Press report, the "sheriff's deputy was shot and killed at his home north of Austin before dawn on Monday in what authorities said appeared to be an attempted burglary."

Sgt. Hutchinson radioed in about 1:30 a.m. to report prowlers be-

hind his house, the AP reports. When investigators arrived moments later, they found the deputy lying on the ground in his backyard.

Hutchinson was a 32-year veteran planning to retire in the next few months.

The \$15,000 reward from the Office of the Governor is in addition to a \$10,000 reward offered by the U.S. Marshals Service and a

\$5,000 award offered by Lakeway municipal Judge Kevin Madison, bringing the total award amount to as much as \$30,000 for information leading to the arrest of the assailant or assailants in Sergeant Hutchinson's murder.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, anyone with information on fugitives can provide anonymous tips in three different ways: Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477); text the letters DPS - followed by your tip - to

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Denver Heffington, 31, died June 18, 2016 in Montana. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## DAILY PRAYER

May we take Your unlimited opportunities to know You through your word, Lord. Amen.

## What can discrimination explain?

A guiding principle for physicians is *primum non nocere*, the Latin expression for "first, do no harm." In order not to do harm, whether it's with medicine or with public policy, the first order of business is accurate diagnostics.

Racial discrimination is seen as the cause of many problems of black Americans. No one argues that racial discrimination does not exist or does not have effects. The relevant question, as far as policy and resource allocation are concerned, is: How much of what we see is caused by current racial discrimination?

From the late 1940s to the mid-1950s, black youth unemployment was slightly less than or equal to white youth unemployment. Today black youth unemployment is at least double that of white youth unemployment. Would anyone try to explain the difference with the argument that there was less racial discrimination during the '40s and '50s than today?

Some argue that it is the "legacy of slavery" and societal racism that now explain the social pathology in many black neighborhoods. Today's black illegitimacy rate is about 73 percent. When I was a youngster, during the 1940s, illegitimacy was around 15 percent. In the same period, about 80 percent of

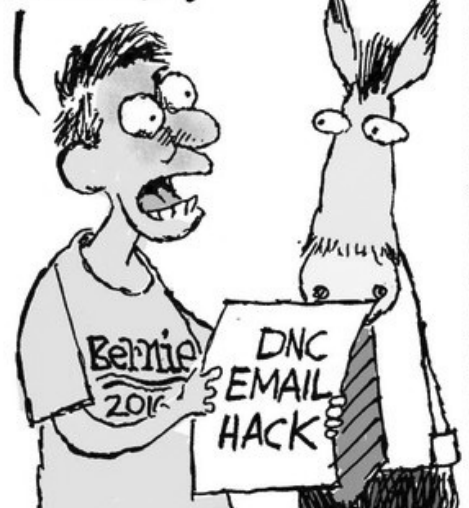
black children were born inside marriage. In fact, historian Herbert Gutman, in an article titled "Persistent Myths about the Afro-American Family" in the *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (Autumn 1975), reported the percentage of black two-parent families, depending on the city, ranged from 75 to 90 percent. Today only a little over 30 percent of black children are raised in two-parent households. The importance of these and other statistics showing greater stability and less pathology among blacks in earlier periods is that they put a lie to today's excuses. Namely, at a time when blacks were closer to slavery, faced far more discrimination, faced more poverty and had fewer opportunities, there was not the kind of social pathology and weak family structure we see today.

According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, sometimes referred to as The Nation's Report Card, nationally, the average black 12th-grader's test scores are either basic or below basic in reading, writing, math and science. "Below basic" is the score received when a student is unable to demonstrate even partial mastery of knowledge and skills fundamental for proficient work at his grade level. "Basic" indicates only partial mastery. Put another way, the average black 12th-grader has the academic achievement level of the average white seventh- or eighth-grader. In some cities, there's even a larger achievement gap. Is this a result of racial dis-

crimination? Hardly. The cities where black academic achievement is the lowest are the very cities where Democrats have been in charge for decades and where blacks have been mayors, city councilors, superintendents, school principals and teachers. Plus, these cities have large educational budgets. I am not arguing a causal relationship between black political control and poor performance. I am arguing that one would be hard put to blame the academic rot on racial discrimination. If the Ku Klux Klan wanted to destroy black academic achievement, it could not find a better means for doing so than encouraging the educational status quo in most cities.

Intellectuals and political hustlers who blame the plight of so many blacks on poverty, racial discrimination and the "legacy of slavery" are complicit in the socio-economic and moral decay. But one can earn money, prestige and power in the victimhood game. As Booker T. Washington long ago observed, "there is another class of coloured people who make a business of keeping the troubles, the wrongs, and the hardships of the Negro race before the public. Having learned that they are able to make a living out of their troubles, they have grown into the settled habit of advertising their wrongs — partly because they want sympathy and partly because it pays. Some of these people do not want the Negro to lose his grievances, because they do not want to lose their jobs."

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## No lives matter

I think this may be when black and white in America finally have it out, when we finish the race war that began at the end of the Civil War. There are people on both sides who want it, or who think they want it, or who think it will make them heroes, and those people have guns.

We're pretty close to the last battle now. We have dead cops (and a cop's color barely matters, he or she is white to the eyes behind the gun.) We have Donald's Trump's assurance that we have a big problem called "political correctness," which means America won't be great again until we can call black people whichever insulting name we think is the funniest.

See it all as one long war, and it becomes clear. After the Civil War, the Black Army has won a great battle. They are free, just like everyone else.

That cannot be borne. The White Army counterattacks. Jim Crow is born. The White Army wins that one.

The Black Army performs what military people call a "flanking maneuver." They can't face the White Army head on,

not in the South, so they sweep around its flank, looking for freedom in the great industrial cities of the North. In a battle fought on two fronts, the Black Army defeats the White Army in the civil rights struggle.

Faced with this stunning defeat, the White Army retreats. They abandon the cities to the Black Army and build impregnable strongholds in the suburbs.

There are skirmishes. The Black Army sometimes attacks

another stronghold, further from the city.

Sometimes, elements of the White Army raid into the cities, retaking neighborhoods their grandparents lost to the Black Army. The lifestyle sections of newspapers celebrate these successful raids, calling the retaken neighborhoods "up and coming" or "gentrified."

There are turncoats and traitors, and sellouts. People cross the line for love or money. Hearing people say Barack Obama is America's "first black president" you see how deep the division really runs.

Barack Obama is half-black. His mother was white and his father was black, but he is a black man, because that is what the rules say.

If your mother is Italian and your father is Jewish, we say you are half-Italian and half-Jewish, but if either parent is black, we say you are black.

The only people who say "biracial" are inner-city grade school teachers and white women who have had a child with a black man.

And now, once more, we stare at each other from behind barricades, ready for the next battle. Both sides are better armed than ever before and a few shots have been fired by both sides.

Maybe no retreat is possible. A thousand voices tell us to stand our ground, to kill. I think soon, maybe no lives will matter.

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and conquers a suburb, and the White Army withdraws further, bulldozing cornfields to build

# Check this out at the Howard County Library

Audio book patrons get ready because we got lots of audio books this week.

The biography audio book is "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch (AUCDBPAU). Also we have in two non-fiction audio books: "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen R. Covey (AUCD 158.1 COV S); and "A Simple Christmas" by Mike Huckabee (AUCD 976.705 HUC M).

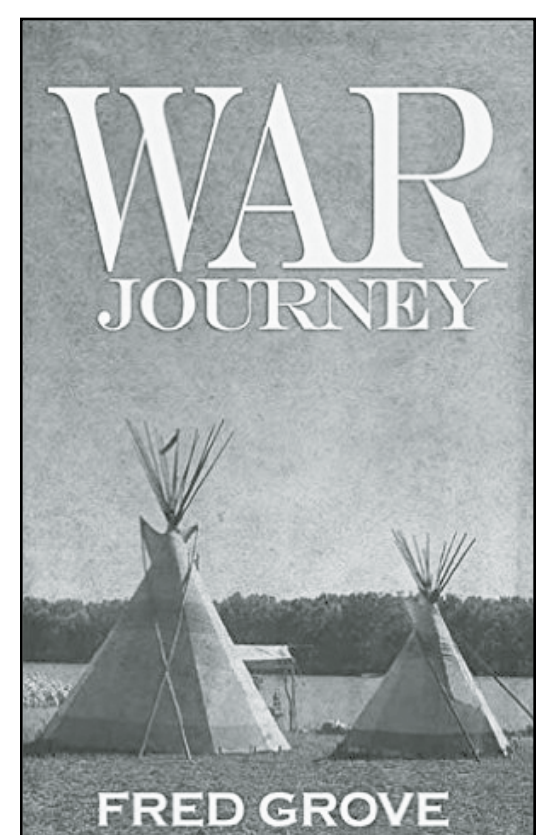
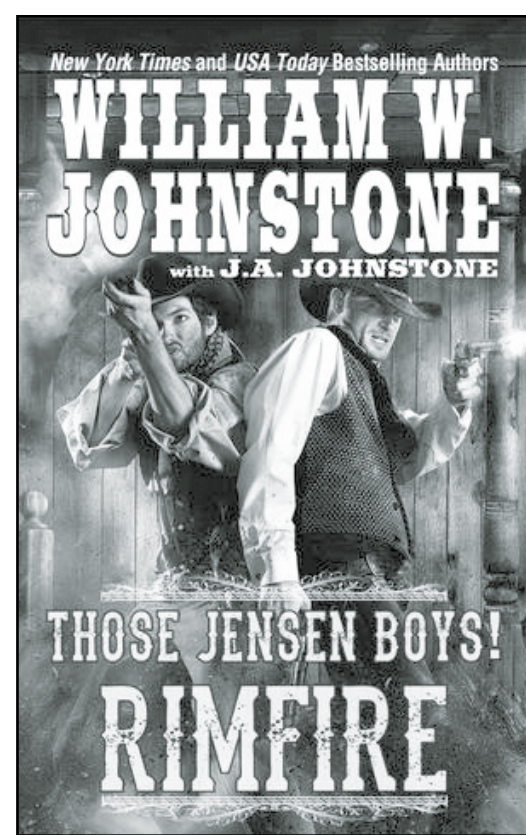
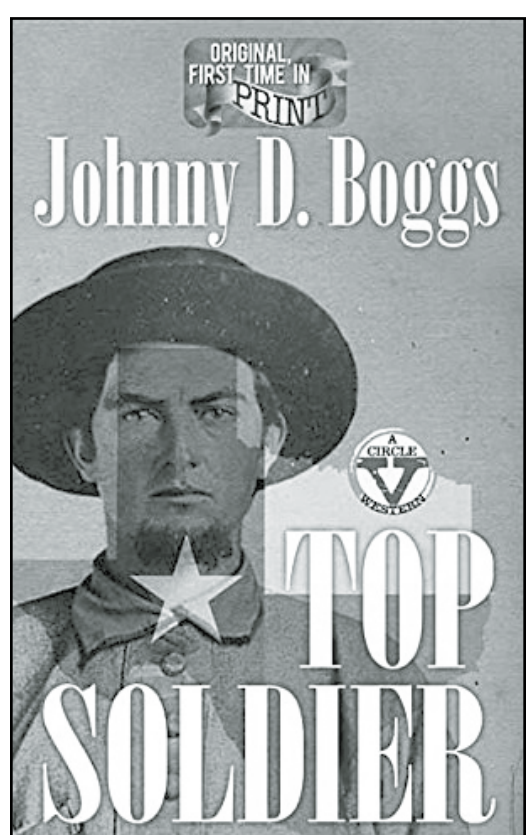
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ness" by Karen Robards (AUCD F ROB K); "Obsession in Death" by J. D. Robb (AUCD F ROB J); "The Liar" by Nora Roberts (AUCD F ROB N); "Life of Death" by Michael Robotham (AUCD F ROB M); "The Thirteenth Tale" by Diane Setterfield (AUCD F SET D); "The Choice" by Nicholas Sparks (AUCD F SPA N); "See Me" by Nicholas Sparks (AUCD F SPA N); and "The Apartment" by Danielle Steel (AUCD F STE D).

Now on to the large print western books.

"Top Soldier" by Johnny D. Boggs (LP W BOG J) is a Circle V Western. William Lee Braden was no Secessionist. When the polls opened on Feb. 23, 1861, Braden rode 12 miles to vote against Secession. But come the fall of 1861, Wil Braden rode off to join his brother to fight, not for the Confederacy, but rather to defend the state of Texas from invasion and occupation. Braden left behind him his wife and six-year-old son. Unlike many of the men who went off to war, Wil would return to Texas four years later with scars he tried to keep hidden and no desire to talk about his war experience. In this firsthand account written many years aft the events that it records, his son tells of his struggles waiting for his father's return and the years immediately following. He tries to discern if the man who gave him the nickname "Top Soldier" was a hero or a coward.

"The Trail of Vengeance" by Arthur Henry Gooden (LP W GOO A) finds Breck Allen's father, boss of the Circle B, bushwhacked by an unknown assailant. Breck swore he would reap vengeance. In the course of his avenging mission, Breck came across Jane Tallant, whose father had also met sudden death seven years before. While Tallant had been on the trail of the reputedly wealthy Horseshoe Lode, Breck suspected some connection between the two killings. Bullets whizzed thick as rain as he went on the trail for the ornery jaspers who had caused all the trouble.

In "Timber-Wolf" by Jackson Gregory (LP W GRE J), Timber-Wolf is a heroic figure that rides

into a little village that was in turmoil. Gold had been struck and adventurers had crowded in from every direction. There was foul play and danger of rioting, and one of his friends was in trouble. Joe Nunez, known by everyone as Mexicali Joe, was in jail where no one could talk to him. Sheriff Jim Taggart was determined to find out where Joe had found his gold and then stake the claim for himself. The first thing Timber-Wolf did upon his arrival was set his friend Mexicali Joe free. Mexicali Joe leaves town pursued by a vengeful Sheriff Taggart. He crosses paths with a pair of accused murderers: Lynette Brooke, who has the blood of prospectors, and Babe Deveril, a daring adventure and distant kinsman to Timber-Wolf. Lynette will try to determine if Timber-Wolf is a man or a beast, a hero or a villain.

"War Journey" by Fred Grove (LP W GRO F) is a colorful tale of the plains Indians and a moving saga of the inevitable passage of their simple way of life. It is a fascinating contrast of two conflicting cultures in which white civilization dramatically appears less "civilized" than we would like to think.

"Rimfire: Those Jensen Boys!" by William W. Johnstone with J. A. Johnstone (LP W JOH W) finds Ace and Chance Jensen blazing a legendary trail of their own. When hot-headed Chance wins a beautiful Chinese slave girl named Ling from a gambler named Haggarty, he and his twin want to set Ling free and keep their cash. Ling gives them the slip and robs them blind. When they hunt her down, she's with Haggarty lining up their next mark. Ace and Chance want payback. So does hard-

case Leo Belmont, who has come with a grudge and a couple of kill-crazy hired guns. Belmont wants revenge, and the twins are in the way. Soon the boys are fighting alongside Ling and Haggarty because it doesn't matter who's right or wrong-blazing guns and flying lead are laying down the law.

"Canon Creek" by Lewis B Patten (LP W PAT L) is a Western Duo that contains the stories: "The Feud" and "Canon Creek".

I have run out of time so I leave you with a quote from Helen Hayes: "From your parents you learn love and laughter and how to put one foot before the other. But when books are opened you discover you have wings."

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# Obama returns to convention to back Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama acknowledged Wednesday that his hopes for a new tone in politics, embodied in the rousing Democratic convention speech he delivered 12 years ago, never materialized. Still, he says he remains undaunted.

In 2004, he was the obscure Senate candidate from Illinois whose words catapulted him to the center of American political consciousness. On Wednesday night, he steps on the convention stage as the battle-hardened president hoping his legacy won't be eroded by the outcome of the election to replace him.

It's hard to overstate what Obama has at stake as he implores voters to elect Hillary Clinton. Take Republican Donald Trump at his word, and if elected, he'd undo just about everything Obama has done, from climate change and immigration to trade and foreign relations.

Obama has cast Trump as dangerous and unprepared. In an interview aired hours before his remarks, he said Trump lacks "basic knowledge about the world" and has shown no interest in learning

more about it.

Democrats should be "running scared" about the real political challenge Trump poses, he said in an interview aired Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show.

Obama's speech will also be a moment to revisit his political story and words that captivated Democrats in Boston and beyond. His scolding of pundits who carve up America into red and blue states, and his declaration that there is no black or white America but "we are one people" looks largely aspirational after a decade of increased political polarization and months of heighten racial tensions.

"I'm the first to admit that when I spoke in 2004, when I ran in 2008, my hope, my expectation was that we could lift up all that common ground and create a new way of doing business in Washington and a new political tenor, a new political tone that was more respectful and more practical in trying to solve problems," he said. "And that hasn't happened. But it doesn't keep me from wanting to keep on trying."

After his wife, Michelle Obama, brought delegates



to their feet with a stirring speech Monday evening, Obama stayed up late into the night fine-tuning his words, the White House said. His speech will combine an affirmation of Clinton's judgment and fortitude with a rebuke of the scare tactics he accuses Trump of deploying.

"The president will talk about who we are as a country and that we are better united than divided, and that we're better together than apart," said White House spokesman Eric Schultz.

That Democrats are so eager for Obama to grace the convention stage is a reflection of how dramatically things have

changed from just two years ago, when Democrats practically begged an unpopular Obama to keep his distance from the campaign trail. His approval ratings have since recovered, though a solid majority of Americans still feel the country is moving in the wrong direction.

His vice president, Joe Biden, also will address the convention on Wednesday, in a reminder to some Democrats that the candidate they wanted this year was the one they couldn't have.

With his last State of the Union address behind him, Obama's speech in Philadelphia will be one of his final

opportunities to define and defend his tenure with a massive audience watching. Tens of millions have been tuning in to the conventions in primetime this year.

Democrats are hoping that Obama is uniquely positioned to persuade wary voters that Clinton is right for the job and to vouch for the trustworthiness of a nominee most voters say they still don't trust. White House officials have described him as a "convert" to Clinton's cause who, after fighting her bitterly in the 2008 Democratic primary, saw her abilities firsthand when he named her secretary of state.

## News in brief

### Bill O'Reilly: Slaves who built White House were 'well-fed'

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill O'Reilly says the slaves who helped build the White House "were well-fed and had decent lodgings provided by the government."

The Fox News commentator was responding to first lady Michelle Obama's remarks in her speech at the Democratic National Convention on Monday in praise of the social progress of the United States.

"I wake up every morning in a house that was built by slaves," Mrs. Obama said.

"And I watch my daughters, two beautiful, intelligent, black young women playing with their dogs on the White House lawn."

O'Reilly said on his show Tuesday that "Michelle Obama is essentially correct in citing slaves as builders of the White House, but there were others working as well."

O'Reilly's comments have drawn criticism on social media.

### Kaine adds to Virginia governor's potential White House ties

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Soon after Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine accepted Hillary Clinton's offer to be her running mate, he called Terry McAuliffe to say thanks.

Kaine had good reason to be grateful: it's likely that no one lobbied as hard for Kaine to get the job as the colorful former fundraiser and Clinton pal turned Virginia governor.

And with one friend at the top of the ticket and another as her running mate, McAuliffe could find himself with two direct lines to the White House should the Clinton-Kaine ticket win on Election Day.

McAuliffe led the effort to raise money for Bill Clinton's re-election bid, vacationed with the couple after the Monica Lewinsky scandal and secured a \$1.35 million mortgage on their house in Chappaqua, New York, after they left the White House swamped by legal debts. He traveled the world with Bill Clinton as a board member for the Clinton Global Initiative, his post-presidential foundation, and he also helped manage Hillary

Clinton's 2008 run for president.

"I've known Hillary and her husband Bill for more than half my life," he said in a speech to the Democratic convention Tuesday night, delivered just after she officially became their party's nominee. "I love this woman."

He remains a confidante, golf partner and loyal advocate of both Bill and Hillary. In recent months, he's hosted fundraisers, campaigned across the country for Clinton and alongside her in his home state. He's rumored to be interested in a potential Cabinet post, perhaps Commerce secretary, should Clinton make a return to the White House.

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### Durant leads US to rout, 106-57 over China

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Just two games into the U.S. basketball team's pre-Olympic tour, coach Mike Krzyzewski already sees the start of something big.

Kevin Durant scored 19 points, Klay Thompson added 17 and the Americans rolled to a second straight blowout exhibition victory, 106-57 over China on Sunday night.

DeMar DeRozan scored 13 points in his hometown, and DeMarcus Cousins had 12 points and seven rebounds in the second stop on the five-city tour leading the Americans to Rio de Janeiro. The victory over an overmatched, but Krzyzewski liked it more for the composed, cohesive manner in which the new teammates worked together.

"We should have won, but the way we won was excellent," Krzyzewski said. "We're really growing together as a group."

After opening their showcase

tour by trouncing Argentina in Las Vegas on Friday night, the U.S. team posted another rout at a Staples Center. Krzyzewski is finding it difficult to disguise his early optimism, praising his team's work in their brief practice time together.

And while they're still learning their teammates' tendencies and solidifying player rotations, the U.S. team looked remarkably connected for long stretches against China, which has no current NBA players.

Durant noticed it, as did Los Angeles Clippers center DeAndre Jordan, who blocked off the festivities by blocking a shot on China's first possession and throwing down an alley-oop dunk on the Americans' first possession.

"We've only been together a week, but it seems like we've

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AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

From left, United States' Draymond Green, Kevin Durant and DeMarcus Cousins celebrate after a score by Carmelo Anthony during the second half of an exhibition basketball game against China on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, in Oakland, Calif. The United States won 107-57.

### Gallo quickly shows his power, but Rangers fall 6-3 to A's

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — When the Texas Rangers recalled Joey Gallo earlier in the day, manager Jeff Banister talked about what the young slugger could provide for the lineup.

Gallo then had an impressive homer in his first start this year, and Mitch Moreland also went deep the opposite way for the Rangers in their one big inning against Sonny Gray during a 6-3 loss to Oakland on Tuesday night that ended their three-game winning streak.

"Gallo's swinging the bat well," Banister said. "We tried to find some potential power to put in our lineup. He showed that tonight."

Considered one of the Rangers top prospects, Gallo hit six homers in 36 games in his MLB debut last season. But before getting called up from Triple-A Round Rock and starting at first base against the A's, he had been up only for four games in late May and his only at-bat was a flyout as a pinch-hitter.

The Rangers didn't have a hit against Gray (5-9) until Rowned Odor singled on the first pitch of the fifth, though the out trying to stretch a routine single to right into a double.

"That's obviously a little more aggressive than we like it, based on the result of the play," Banister said.

Gallo then homered, a 448-foot opposite-field blast over the A's bullpen in left-center. Ryan Rua singled before Moreland also went over that bullpen, a 423-foot homer to get Texas within 5-3. Robinson Chirinos doubled to



AP Photo/LM Otero

Texas Rangers Joey Gallo hits a home run during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Oakland Athletics in Arlington, Texas, Tuesday, July 26, 2016.

make it five consecutive hits, but the Rangers had only one more hit the rest of the night.

Texas recalled Gallo a day after revealing that Prince Fielder likely will have season-ending neck surgery for the second time in three years.

The A's won for the fourth time in five games. AL West-leading Texas had its three-game winning streak snapped.

Nick Martinez (1-3) gave up five runs and six hits while pitching into the fifth after being recalled to start

in place of Kyle Lohse, the 37-year-old right-hander designated for assignment with a 12.54 ERA after losing both of his Texas starts.

"I felt the same all four innings, just a couple of mistakes that they capitalized on it," Martinez said. "That's the biggest thing, I was attacking the zone."

Coco Crisp led off the fourth with his eighth homer of the season, and Josh Reddick homered after Jed Lowrie's single. Semien's 21st homer started the fifth before Reddick added a run-

scoring single for a 5-0 lead.

Gray, who has won all six of his career starts at Texas, had a season-high eight strikeouts over six innings. All five hits he allowed came against consecutive batters to start the fifth.

"He pitched great, and he got through a tough spot, which he wasn't able to do against them the one time at home," manager Bob Melvin said. "He's working through some things in a difficult year for him, and he got through it tonight. He got us through six innings, and he pitched great."

SHORT HOPS

The start of the game was delayed 62 minutes because of rain. ... It was the second time in their last four home games the Rangers had a rain delay. ... Gray has allowed 17 homers, matching his career high set last season. The right-hander had been 1-8 with a 6.45 ERA his previous 14 starts.

THE OTHER BIG BOOM

Moreland has homered in three of his last eight games, and five of his last eight hits are for extra bases. He has 16 career homers against Oakland, his most against any team.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers' SS Elvis Andrus was out of the lineup for the second time in a nine-day stretch that also included an off day for the team. Banister said Andrus "was a little banged up" but would play Wednesday. ... OF Drew Stubbs (sprained left toe), out since May 23, was transferred on his injury rehabilitation assignment from the Arizona League to Triple-A Round Rock.

### Olympics present problem in US qualifying for Ryder Cup

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. (AP) — The Olympics has thrown another wrinkle into the golf schedule, this one affecting the American team for the Ryder Cup.

The PGA Championship typically is the final event to earn one of the eight automatic qualifying spots, and then Davis Love III would have four captain's picks leading up to the Ryder Cup matches that start Sept. 30 at Hazeltine.

Because the PGA has been moved to the end of July ahead of the Olympics, qualifying for the Americans won't end until Aug. 28 after The Barclays.

Love is looking beyond standings because of the Olympics.

For example, Rickie Fowler has slipped to No. 10 in the standings. He is going to Rio de Janeiro, taking him out of at least two tournaments (Travelers Championship and John Deere Classic) that others behind him in the standings might not play.

Bubba Watson (No. 7 in the standings) is playing next week at the Travelers Championship as the de-

fending champion. However, Matt Kuchar (No. 8) and Patrick Reed (No. 11) will be in Rio for the Olympics.

"I think the assistant captains and I are going to be challenged, because we have so many factors like the Olympics that we haven't really dealt with before," Love said. "Rickie just told me he's going to be down there for 11 days. You have to factor in that there's two weeks he could have played here."

It's more than just the Olympics.

Brooks Koepka was at No. 3 until an ankle injury knocked him out of a lucrative World Golf Championship and the British Open, where money counts double toward the Ryder Cup standings. Koepka now is at No. 9, and his ankle is not at full strength.

Daniel Berger, who won in Memphis a week before the U.S. Open, withdrew from the WGC event at Firestone and The Open with a shoulder injury. He is at No. 16.

Love said he is keeping

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AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith

Houston Astros' Jose Altuve flips his bat after striking out during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees, Tuesday, July 26, 2016, in Houston. Altuve currently leads Major League Baseball in batting average, hitting .355 on the season, and is second in On-Base Percentage, trailing only Mike Trout of the Angels.

### Fister struggles as the Yanks beat the Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Doug Fister had trouble locating his pitches on Tuesday night and it doomed the Houston Astros in a 6-3 loss to the New York Yankees.

Fister (10-7) allowed nine hits and six runs, which both tied season highs, in 4 2/3 innings.

"I didn't execute today," Fister said. "Basically, I let my team down. It was execution. I left balls over the middle."

The Astros led by 1 when Mark Teixeira doubled in the second inning and scored on a sacrifice fly by Didi Gregorius to tie it. Chase Headley hit an RBI single later in the inning to put New York on top.

Starlin Castro's run-scoring single with two outs in the third pushed the lead to 3-1.

Fister plunked Brian McCann to start the fifth inning before Teixeira singled. The Astros intentionally walked Castro with one out to load the bases before Mc-

Cann scored on a sacrifice fly by Headley. The first triple of the season for Aaron Hicks came next to score two more and chase Fister.

"They came up pretty hot with the hits," manager A.J. Hinch said. "They were clearly aggressive, he's always in the strike zone, and he's pretty bullish with his fastball. He escaped it a little bit early, but then obviously, they opened it up in the fifth."

CC Sabathia allowed just two runs in 6 2/3 innings to get back on track after a tough stretch and help the Yankees to the victory.

Sabathia (6-8) allowed four hits and struck out five to pick up his first win since June 16 after going 0-4 and allowing 31 runs — 29 earned — combined in his past six starts.

Things didn't look good early on Tuesday night when he allowed a solo home run to Marwin Gonzalez in

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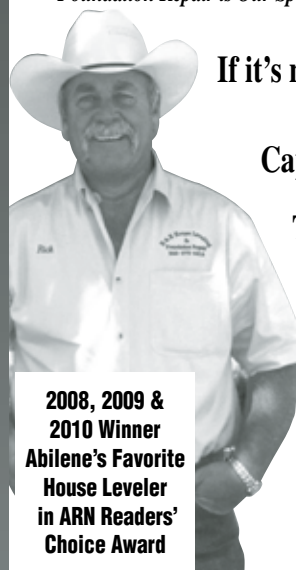
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Venus Gets Financial

HOLIDAY the Tauro MATHIS rus moon and Venus

The evening brings strife between the Tauro and Venus

in the sign of the cat. The argument is about money... again. Isn't it usually? Although, if you look deeper into the matter, maybe it's not so financial after all. Money issues often hold the seeds of our deepest fears and insecurities. Face the fear instead of fighting over the dollar.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The shepherd and the sheep have an interesting relationship. The sheep are known to drift to new horizons and greener pastures at will. The shepherd expects no loyalty, but understands the job: Corral and protect.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). What seems boring to you is riveting to another -- not (SET ITAL) every (END ITAL) other, though. Being a

winner with your crowd will depend on choosing your audience or censoring yourself.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are driving yourself crazy trying to figure out the answer to a puzzle. Maybe this is about an upcoming occasion and how to celebrate it well, or maybe it's about a relationship in general. Whatever it is, the muses are with you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Results might not come as fast as you want them to, but keep at it. Faith is a muscle that needs to be exercised just like the other muscles you have. In your love life, you'll receive the confirmation you've been wanting.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). This day echoes the biblical story of the prodigal son, i.e., the one who goes off and goes crazy seems to get the most and best attention -- not you. Perhaps you should straight-out ask for your due.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The song insists that "only the lonely" know the way the

singer is feeling tonight. However, people who are not lonely but are very empathetic (like you) know, too, and will help the situation.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Should emoji icons be used as punctuation? In the future, will this be the case? And if so, is this a dumbing down or a smarting up? These and more questions will speak to the emotional intelligence of you and your generation.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Hopefully, you are still aware of the fun that is to be had under this sky. It's a lot. A lot more than you had yesterday, and a lot less than you'll have tomorrow if you play your cards right.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A certain relationship will be on your mind all day. If this relationship had a soundtrack, what would that defining song be? The evening will bring a welcome change in mood.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Did you sleep better than you have in months? Are

your stars finally aligning to the projection of your higher mind? No surprise: You're lightening up and straightening out at the same time.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You do your best work when you are emotionally distanced from a problem. Clear your head; get away. Humor heals! Give your brain a break. Seek comedy.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Well, hey, might you say that the smarter a person is, the more engaged he or she is in what others might classify as "mundane"? This could explain today's simple fascination.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 27). You'll go into this year with clear goals and wind up with a completely different set of aims by the end of August because of all the inspiration you'll soak up over the next four weeks. Physically you're getting stronger, and in September you'll capture someone's fascination. October and February bring a wind-fall. Virgo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky

numbers are: 11, 32, 26, 5 and 47.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My 16-year-old daughter has just informed me that she is pregnant and intends to keep her baby. I'm a 42-year-old Cancer mother who has raised three children and I did not plan on or want more. My 16-year-old is the youngest, and I was looking forward to my newfound freedom. I know that my daughter will need lots of help, and how could I possibly not offer it? I already feel disappointed and resentful, like the role of grandmother/primary caretaker is being forced on me. At the same time I feel guilty for having these cold feelings."

You are not cold. It is precisely because you recognize the serious responsibilities of child rearing that you have these feelings. It is your nature to be nurturing, and you know that nature will take over once the baby is born. Your daughter may be idealizing her impending parenthood and hasn't a clue about all that is in-

volved in raising a child. You are right to want to establish boundaries now. Seek truthful and sensitive family counseling that you and your daughter can attend together so that she can understand all of her options and the realities she is likely to face as a young mother.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** From "SNL" to "Up All Night," Maya Rudolph has a talent for making people laugh in the p.m. hours. Born into a show-business family, Rudolph also has the stars for entertainment, with her natal sun, Mercury and Mars in Leo. Her moon in Aquarius shows mad-cap creativity. Look for this Leo star in "We Don't Belong Here," a serious family drama in which she'll appear with fellow "SNL" alumnus Molly Shannon.

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Annie's Mailbox

A Closed-Off Husband

**Dear Annie:** I am a Care Bear, and my husband is a cyborg. What I mean is that I get emotional from almost anything. I once cried during a commercial for laundry detergent. I know it sounds cliched, but I love happy endings, puppies, babies, the color pink and -- of course -- talking about my feelings.

My husband, on the other hand, is pretty much the exact opposite. I've never seen him cry. He barely talks to his siblings (although they're a little nutty, but that's a different letter). He is constantly on his phone either working or playing solitaire. And getting him to open up is like pulling teeth. Actually, I think pulling teeth might be easier, because he wouldn't have to talk.

We have two kids, and he is great with them. He is super engaged and talks to them on their level. Maybe he feels safe because they won't judge him.

He's not mean or neglectful to me. He says "I love you." But I can't help feeling frustrated when I love talking about feelings and emotions and he doesn't. How do I connect with a man who is so closed off? -- Funshine Bear

**Dear Funshine:** Opposites attract -- and then

drive each other nuts. But with effort, you and your husband can use your differences as a source of strength and balance. The key is good communication, even if your communication styles are totally different.

I would say your husband is more Secret Bear than cyborg. He has feelings. He just expresses them nonverbally, through actions -- such as spending time with the kids or putting his arm around you when a Tide ad tugs at your heartstrings. Try to recognize these as legitimate expressions of love.

When you'd really like him to talk about something, let him know. Don't be judgmental or accuse him of never opening up, as this would only make him withdraw further. Instead, put those Care-a-Lot skills to work and articulate how you feel.

**Dear Annie:** A few weeks ago, my boyfriend and I went to a beach bonfire for my cousin's 15th birthday. We enjoyed chatting and catching up with the family. Everything was going great until I had to use the bathroom and, unfortunately, the only bathroom in sight was a port-a-potty.

I hate port-a-potties. They're disgusting. I don't even care if I find a freshly lined port-a-potty and I am the first person to use it. I still think they're

full of germs, and I get incredibly grossed out.

Anyway, after weighing my options and realizing that I could not hold it until I got home, my fate was sealed. I was going to have to use the port-a-potty.

I asked my boyfriend to walk over with me, and he didn't get what the big deal was but agreed to walk with me. I told him that because he -- as a man -- doesn't always have to get near the seat, he will never understand the trauma that is the portable toilet.

Why is this such an issue for me? I'm not germophobic or obsessed with cleanliness, but I can't stand these things. -- Reluctant Reliever

**Dear Reluctant:** I've never seen anyone heading into a port-a-potty looking especially jazzed, but clearly it bothers you more than most. Your best bet is to be prepared. When you know you're going to be in a situation where you might have to use a port-a-potty, pack some hand sanitizer, toilet paper and toilet seat liners in your

bag. It might also help to practice holding your breath.

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By Steve Becker

The bidding points the way

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Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ A J 8 3  
♥ 7 5  
♦ Q 10 5 2  
♣ Q 9 4

**WEST**  
♦ K Q 10 9 2  
♥ A K 10 6 4  
♦ —  
♣ 8 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ 7 5 4  
♥ Q 8 2  
♦ J 9 7 6  
♣ 10 6 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ 6  
♥ J 9 3  
♦ A K 8 4 3  
♣ A K J 7

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ 1♥ 1NT Pass  
2♠ 2♥ 3♦ Pass  
4♦ Pass 5♦

Opening lead — king of hearts. Assume you get to five diamonds on the bidding shown and West, after cashing the K-A of hearts, shifts to the king of spades, which you win with the ace. How would you continue?

There seems to be nothing to the play, but, like any tried-and-true veteran, you say to yourself before proceeding: "Is there anything that can defeat me?" The lone answer that emerges is "yes — if one of the opponents has all four missing

trumps."

There are two ways of handling this possibility. One is to lead a low diamond to the ace at trick four, which would enable you to overcome the J-9-7-6 in the West hand. The other is to play the queen of diamonds at trick four and trap the J-9-7-6 in the East hand.

Judging from West's bidding, the odds are astronomical that if either opponent holds all four trumps, it is East. You therefore cash the queen of diamonds at trick four and, when West shows out, you continue with the ten.

After East covers with the jack, you win with the king, ruff the jack of hearts in dummy, return a trump and make the appropriate play with your holding of A-8-4 poised over East's 9-7.

The catch in this setup, and what makes it so easy to go wrong, is that usually your trump holding facing the Q-10-5-2 is something like A-K-9-4-3, or A-K-7-4-3 — and in both of these cases cashing the ace first is the only correct play.

But here, where you have A-K-8-4-3, the four missing trumps — wherever they are — can be easily overcome if you guess which opponent is more likely to have them. Considering the bidding, the "guess" is not really a guess at all.

Tomorrow: A necessary assumption.

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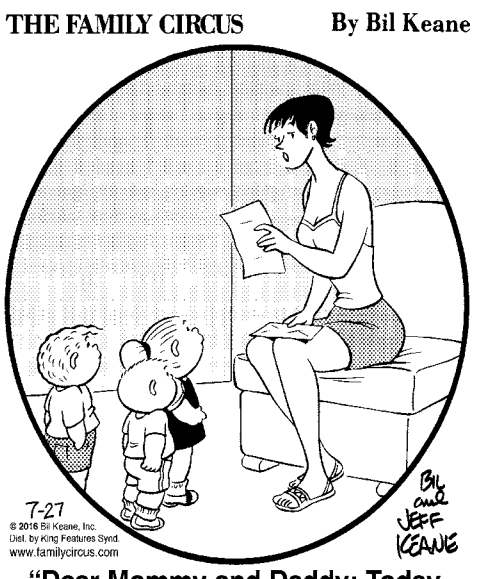
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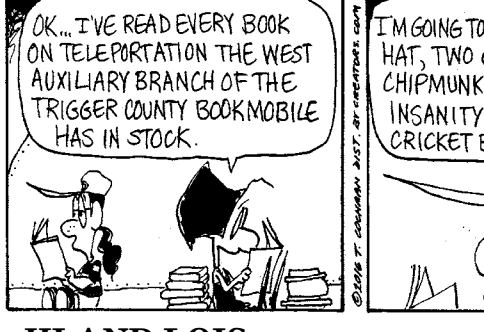
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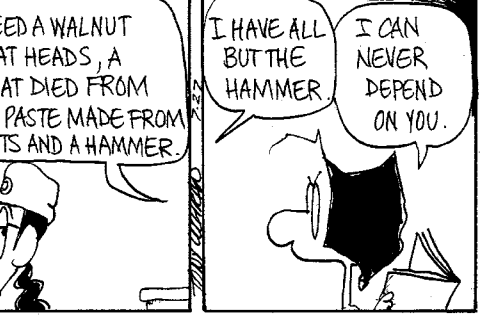
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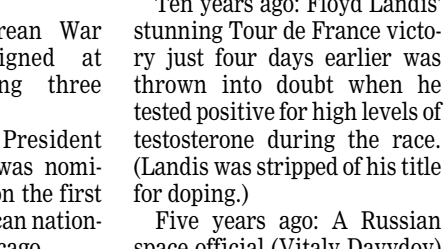
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, July 27, the 209th day of 2016. There are 157 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 27, 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing, exonerating security guard Richard Jewell, who had been wrongly suspected.) On this date: In 1789, President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State. In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe (a previous cable in 1858 burned out after only a few weeks' use). In 1921, Canadian researcher Frederick Banting and his assistant, Charles Best, succeeded in isolating the hormone insulin at the University of Toronto. In 1946, American author, poet and publisher Gertrude Stein, 72, died in Neuilly-sur-Seine (NU'-yee-suhr-sehn), France. In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting. In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican national convention in Chicago. In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown said in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie." In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon. In 1976, Air Force veteran Ray Brennan became the first person to die of so-called "Legionnaire's Disease" following an American Legion convention in Philadelphia. In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60. In 1995, the Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington by President Bill Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam. In 2003, comedian Bob Hope

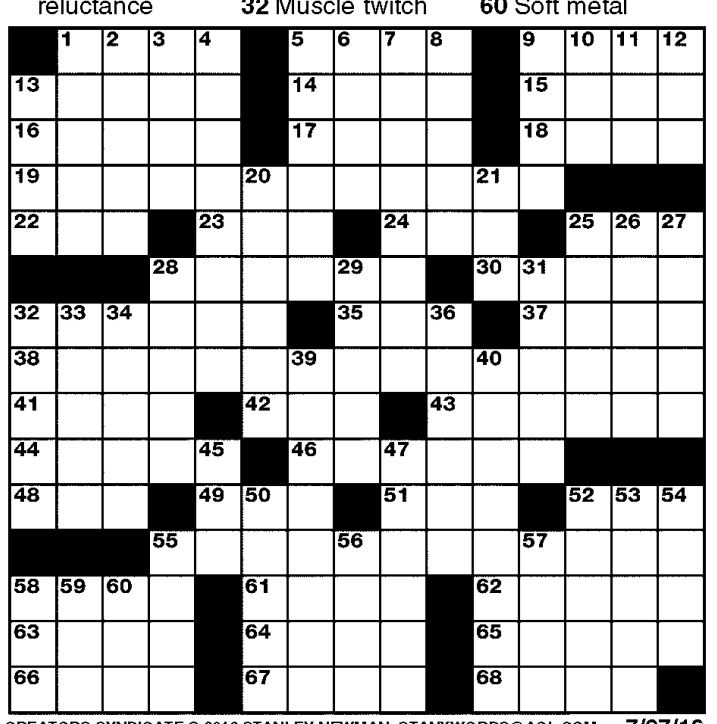
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# US women's hoops team wraps up 3 exhibitions at Garden

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. women's basketball team continues its pre-Olympic tour with a three-city exhibition series that wraps up Sunday at Madison Square Garden.

The Americans will face France on Wednesday at the University of Delaware, play Canada on Friday in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and host Australia on Sunday in New York before heading to the Rio Olympics.

"We really want to win the next three games, but at the same time, we need to find out before we get on that plane to go to Rio, what we have," U.S. coach Geno Auriemma said.

"What are the things that we're going to build on that are going to sustain us down there? And that's what these next three games are going to be all about."

The Americans will play France in the home state of Olympic rookie Elena Delle Donne.

"I'm excited for a chance to play in front of the home crowd," said Delle Donne, who had 11 points in the 88-84 victory over the select team in Los Angeles on Monday night.

France was the silver medalist at the 2012 London Olympics and Australia has medaled at every Olympics since 1996 — the year that the U.S. won the first of its five straight gold medals.

"This is a good chance for us to see where we are before the Olympics," Australia guard Penny Taylor said. "It will give the younger players a chance to face the U.S. for the first time before Olympic competition."

While most of the other teams in the Olympics

have been together for months, the U.S. has had just two days of practice. After a sluggish start against the select team, the Olympic squad built a 12-point lead.

The select group kept it close, giving the national team all it could handle.

"We are focused on the whole process, the whole journey, and this was just the first game," said guard Sue Bird, who is aiming for a fourth gold medal at the Olympics. "We've only had a couple practices together, so it was really good to be challenged in that way by the select team. It really showed what we're going to need to work on and the level that we have to play at moving forward."

The U.S. will play its first game at the Olympics on Aug. 7 against Senegal.



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**FILE - In this March 9, 2016, file photo, basketball player Elena Delle Donne poses for photo at the 2016 Team USA Media Summit in Beverly Hills, Calif. The Americans will face France on Wednesday at the University of Delaware, play Canada on Friday in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and host Australia on Sunday in New York before heading to the Rio Olympics. The Americans will play France in the home state of Olympic rookie Elena Delle Donne.**

## DURANT

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been teammates for years," Jordan said.

Jordan scored 12 points and led a strong defensive effort with three blocks for the Americans, who held the Chinese to 30.9 percent shooting. Krzyzewski believes the American team will excel at defensive switching because of its abundance of versatile players.

"I think we're learning more about one another, and our defense was there pretty much the whole game," Krzyzewski said.

The Americans haven't lost a game since the 2006 world championships, winning 65 straight games. They're 47-1 in exhibitions since NBA stars took over the roster in 1992, going undefeated since 2004.

While LeBron James, Stephen Curry and

Kawhi Leonard all declined the chance to play in Rio, the Americans who accepted the opportunity appear to be serious about winning without some of the nation's top stars.

"We're young, but we've got a bunch of seasoned pros," said Kyrie Irving, who had 10 points and four assists. "We've been on a lot of journeys, and we've crossed paths before, but now we're all coming together at the right time."

Anthony was the only holdover in the Americans' starting lineup from Las Vegas while Krzyzewski works on chemistry and coordination. He put Paul George in with the starters alongside Anthony, Jordan, Kyle Lowry and DeRozan, whose family watched from court-side.

Both teams had early shooting struggles, but the Americans took charge with impressive

speed late in the first quarter.

Durant, one of the two returning American gold medalists from London, heard boos from the LA crowd during pregame introductions. He quickly found his outside stroke with 14 points and four assists in the first half, and Cousins overpowered the Chinese down low for 12 first-half points.

The Chinese team's most recognizable name to North Americans is Yi Jianlian, the Milwaukee Bucks' choice with the No. 6 overall pick in the 2007 draft. He spent five seasons with four NBA teams before heading back to the Guangdong Southern Tigers.

Yi led the Chinese with 18 points. Zhou Qi, the 7-foot-2 center drafted by the Houston Rockets in the second round last month, scored two points on 1-for-6 shooting. Exciting guard Zhao Jiwei scored 14 points.

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an "unofficial points list" in his head among those who are playing well, but either don't have enough tournaments because of injury (Jim Furyk, for example) or might be missing events because of the Olympics.

"We know who is playing well and who is not playing well," Love said. "And we know who our team wants as their teammates or their partners. We have a longer list maybe than you would think."

Love could get a little more clarity this week, anyway. The PGA Championship also is worth double points.

**NO SMOKING:** A week into making good on a bet, the caddie of Henrik Stenson was starting to struggle.

Gareth Lord had a friend in Florida who told him he should quit smoking, and the conversation led to a bet: If Stenson wins a major, Lord stops smoking.

And then Stenson won the British Open, closing with a 63 for a three-shot victory at Royal Troon.

Stenson could tell his caddie was struggling when Lord jokingly told him on more than one occasion, "I wish Phil had shot 59."

Tuesday morning on the range as the story was going around, someone did some quick math and realized Lord

should be on his ninth day of no smoking, not seventh day.

"I had so much to drink, the first two days didn't count," Lord replied.

**LONG DRIVE:** Rory McIlroy thought he had his first victory of the week before the PGA Championship even started.

For the third straight year, the PGA of America staged its "Long Drive Championship," this time on the first hole at Baltusrol. Jordan Spieth was the early leader at 314 yards, but that was before McIlroy hammered one 345 yards.

"I hit one out there pretty good this morning," McIlroy said Tuesday. "Not going to lie."

## ASTROS

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the first inning. But he settled in after that, allowing only one single over the next five in-

nings.

The Yankees led by five when Evan Gattis homered to start Houston's seventh and cut it to 6-2. Sabathia was lifted after a two-out single by Carlos Gomez in that inning.

Andrew Miller allowed one hit in a scoreless ninth for his second save since Aroldis Chapman was traded.

Gonzalez added a solo homer in the eighth for his first career multi-home run game.

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# Bill Clinton tells a love story to make case for Hillary

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — There have been millions of words, decades of video and reams of commentary devoted to the story of Bill and Hillary Clinton. It's been dissected, defended and decried at kitchen tables and on cable news, in tabloids and classrooms.

But on Tuesday night, as millions of voters watched and with the political stakes as high as they've ever been, the former president tried to make sense of it all and make the case for his wife, the newly minted Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.

"In the spring of 1971, I met a girl," he began.

The former president's tenth address to a Democratic convention was by far his most personal, a 42-minute tour through wedding proposals and Halloween parties, the deaths of parents and movie marathons.

Perhaps their worst moments — the Monica Lewinsky scandal, impeachment and legal battles that followed — were conspicuously omitted though hinted at.

"She'll never quit on you," he said. "She never quit on me."

Instead, Bill Clinton cast himself as a passenger in his wife's life,



reshaping the story of much of their decades in politics.

The goal was to make Clinton, perhaps the most famous female politician in the world, yet a public figure her aides claim remains unknown, relatable to voters. He cast her as a liberal heroine of her own story, who fought for education reform, health care, civil rights, the disabled, 9/11 first responders and economically depressed rural areas.

"She's the best darn

change-maker I've ever met in my entire life," he said. "This woman has never been satisfied with the status quo on anything. She always wants to move the ball forward."

He dismissed the multiple views of his wife, telling delegates and the nation: "One is real, the other is made up."

He never once mentioned GOP nominee Donald Trump by name, dismissing Republican attacks on Clinton as "made up" and a "cartoon alternative." Rath-

er, Bill Clinton focused nearly exclusively on his wife's achievements and how she'd influenced him.

"I have lived a long full blessed life. It really took off when I met and fell in love with that girl in the spring of 1971."

But it wasn't only Clinton who broke a glass ceiling on Tuesday when she became the first female nominee of a major party. Should she win on Election Day, her husband will step into a singular role in American history:

first gentleman.

The potential new title is perhaps the strangest twist in a political career known for its second acts. After health scares and political missteps, the Comeback Kid, as he was known in his first presidential race, could come back to Washington one last time.

In 2012, he acted as a powerful validator for President Barack Obama, electrifying the room as the party's "explainer-in-chief."

Nearly 70, Bill Clinton

is a bit frail, a touch shakier, though aides and friends say his famous memory remains sharp. Some say his administration's legacy has been repudiated by his own party, which shifted left during Obama's time in office.

"God bless him, Bill even looks old now," said Republican strategist Alex Castellanos. "He's not the once and future king, he's the once and past king."

But no one doubts that Bill Clinton still wants to be at the center of the action. While aides have said he will not get a Cabinet post or a seat in the Situation Room should his wife win, Clinton has made clear that her closest adviser will remain involved with her administration, saying he'd likely have a role in managing the nation's economy.

They remain a "two for one" package, as Bill Clinton famously said during his first presidential race. But on Tuesday night, he hinted, just barely, that Clinton perhaps is finally getting her part of the deal.

"I married my best friend," he said. "And I really hoped that she choosing me and rejecting my own advice to pursue her own career was a decision she'd never regret."

# Sanders loyalists warn of party split after Clinton victory

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bernie Sanders loyalists warned that the Democratic Party could rupture over the nomination of Hillary Clinton after a volatile night that saw a large group of Sanders delegates and supporters exit the party's national convention to stage a sit-in at a nearby media tent.

They rejected Sanders' call for unity even after the Vermont senator took the symbolic step of declaring Clinton the winner of the state-by-state delegate count inside the convention in Philadelphia.

"I suspect we are witnessing an event that

will fundamentally change American politics," said Cory James, 22, a college student from Flint, Michigan, who expects the Democratic Party to break apart over Clinton's victory.

Thousands of activists have taken to the streets during the convention this week to voice support for Sanders, a liberal U.S. senator, and his progressive agenda. The "Bernie or bust" brigades that have marched across the sun-warped city threatened to disrupt Clinton's moment as the first woman to be nominated for president by a major

U.S. political party.

"We all have this unrealistic dream that democracy is alive in America," said Debra Dilks, of Boonville, Missouri, who spoke as a protest broke up near Philadelphia's City Hall.

She said she wasn't sure she would even vote in November.

"Hillary didn't get the nomination. The nomination was stolen," Dilks said.

At the media tent protest, some had their mouths taped shut, while a few others spontaneously sang, "This land is our land." They said they were holding a

peaceful protest to complain about being shut out by the Democratic Party.

In the streets outside, Sanders supporters who had spent the day protesting began facing off with police. They started scaling 8-foot walls that blocked off the secure zone around the arena parking lot. Police and the Secret Service immediately arrested four protesters, who will be charged with entering a restricted area. They're scheduled to appear in court Wednesday.

Protests continued into the night as Sanders supporters and an anti-police brutality

group joined together. Later, another protester set an Israeli flag on fire as people chanted, "long live the intifada."

Others then came together for a candlelight vigil.

Earlier in the day, activists held a midday rally at City Hall, and

then made their way down Broad Street to the convention site. By early evening, a large crowd had formed outside the subway station closest to the arena. The crowd consisted of an assortment of protesters espousing a variety of causes.

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