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Animal shelter:

Mayor calls for return of citizen board

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

If Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan has his way, private citizens will have further say in the state of city's animal shelter.

McLellan announced during Tuesday's city council

meeting that he will soon ask for the reinstatement of the Animal Welfare Committee, a panel which would allow private citizens more input into affairs at the shelter. The committee was discontinued during a previous city administration, but McLel-

lan said he would try to have the proposal for its reconstitution on the agenda for the council's next meeting later this month.

The mayor said it was his hope that the committee would help city officials make their goal of a true no-kill ani-

mal shelter a reality.

"This can be a very positive thing for the community," McLellan said. "There's a lot of people out there who think we can do better at the shelter, and we can do better."

The shelter is no longer the literal last stop for stray dogs

and cats that it was in past years — as recently as 2010, more than 80 percent of dogs and 98 percent of cats placed in the facility were euthanized, according to statistics released by the city.

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Getting ready for Buffalo ball



HERALD photo/Drew Williams

Forsan High School football players participate in preseason practice at Buffalo Stadium. The regular season for area football teams begins later this month.

City officials: Tax hike to pay for street work

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Faced with a forecasted drop-off in tax revenue on virtually all fronts, Big Spring city officials are proposing a 2-cent hike in the property tax rate to make up for the anticipated shortfalls.

During Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, officials explained their rationale behind requesting the tax increase from 77 cents per \$100 valuation to 79 cents per \$100 valuation.

Like just about every other governmental entity in West Texas, the city has been hit hard by the downturn in the oil and gas industry. Not only has total property valuations dropped by more than \$50 million, but sales tax receipts, which fell by about \$1 million in the past year, are estimated to decrease by another \$100,000 in the coming fiscal year, City Finance Director Donald Moore said.

Adding to the bad news was the loss of one of the city's biggest taxpayers, Western Container, which will close its doors in October.

In response, staff has slashed the tentative budget for the new fiscal year by more than \$1 million, but without additional revenue from a tax increase, the city would be looking at a deficit in its budget, plus there would be no money for street improvement projects, Moore noted.

If the city goes with the effective tax rate — the figure that will raise the same amount of tax revenue as the previous year, that would result in an increase of approximately \$77,000 in revenue, which would be inadequate to fund street projects, which city council members have already indicated they want continued in the future.

To provide the \$500,000 needed to fund street repairs, Moore said the tax rate will have be increased by 2 cents.

City Manager Todd Darden estimated the \$500,000 figure would fund sealcoating for between seven and nine miles of city streets.

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1st Zika-related death recorded in Texas

Infant's mother had traveled to El Salvador recently

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas reported its first Zika-related death Tuesday after a baby girl whose mother traveled to El Salvador while pregnant died shortly after birth in a suburban Houston hospital.

The girl, who died a few weeks ago, had microcephaly linked to the Zika virus, said Dr. Umair Shah, executive director of Harris County Public Health.

"We are devastated to report our first case of Zika-associated death and our hearts go out to the family," Shah said.

Test results linking the death to Zika were confirmed Friday. The mother had traveled while pregnant to her native El Salvador and returned to Harris County in her second trimester. Officials did not release her name.

The only other confirmed Zika-related death in the U.S. was that of an elderly Utah man who died in June. He suffered from additional health conditions.

Florida is the only U.S. state that has reported homegrown Zika transmission by mosquitoes, in Miami-Dade County.

Texas has reported 97 Zika cases, all contracted during travel

abroad. Harris County has reported 31 Zika cases.

Last week, Texas officials announced that the state's Medicaid program would provide mosquito repellent to all expectant mothers and women between the ages of 10 and 45. Harris County Judge Ed Emmett doubted the efficiency of that program and said he would work with local and state officials as well as corporate partners to get the spray directly to residents.

"How many people are going to go get a prescription for bug spray? I think the more realistic way is to find corporate partners and make it happen," he said.

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Public hearing on ISD budget set for Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

The general public will have a chance to voice their opinions over the Big Spring ISD's proposed FY 2016-17 budget and tax rate when Big Spring ISD trustees meet Thursday night.

Trustees will hold a public hearing at the top of their meet-

ing which begins at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place.

In a legal notice published in the Big Spring Herald's Aug. 2 edition, the proposed tax rate stood at \$1.3995 per \$100 valuation. That rate breaks down to \$1.1195 per \$100 for maintenance and operation, which is

the same as last year, and .28 cents per \$100 for debt service.

During the budgeting process, officials have been working to offset an estimated \$2.2 million loss in state and local revenue. District officials have been trimming positions

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Obituaries

Dolores "Dee" McCorkle

Dolores "Dee" McCorkle, 84, of Stamford, passed away Friday, August 5, 2016 in Midland. Funeral services were held 11a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016 in Kinney-Underwood Funeral Chapel with Dr. Robert Wingrove officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memorial Cemetery. The family welcomed visitors from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Dolores Linda (Rhoton) McCorkle was born in Coahoma, Texas on May 13, 1932, the daughter of the late David A. Jr. and Laura Mae (Joyner) Rhoton. She graduated from Big Spring High School and worked as a bookkeeper for Lawrence Brothers. "Dee" as everyone called her, had lived in the Jones County area for 30 years. She worked at the Stamford V.I.P. Center and also volunteered her time there. She loved to do arts and crafts and en-

joyed fishing. Dee was a faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Preceding Dee in death were her parents; and her husbands, Thomas Underwood, Lonnie Holley and Douglas "Doug" McCorkle.

Dee is lovingly survived by two daughters, Linda Jan Edmonson and husband Gary of Colorado City, Debra Ann Hull and husband Rusty of Big Spring; a son, Geary Underwood and wife Murrina of Columbus, Georgia; five grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; two sisters, Voncid Tucker and husband Jim of Eastland, Laura Yvonne Hinrichsen "Tootsie" and husband Thomas of Freemont, Nebraska; a brother, David A. Rhoton III and wife Patricia of Eastland; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

If desired, the family suggest memorials be made to the Stamford V.I.P. Center, 508 East Gould, Stamford, Texas, 79553.

Online memories may be shared at www.kinneyunderwoodfuneralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Elton Buck Turner

Elton Buck Turner, 94, of Big Spring, died on Friday, August 5, 2016. Buck was in residence at the William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home in Temple, Texas.

Buck was born in Woodson, Texas on Oct. 7, 1921, to Aaron Springs Turner and William R. Turner, and attended Woodson High School. He married Odell F. Turner, of Big Spring, on July 5, 1985. While in Big Spring, Buck worked as a neon bender and sign painter. He was a veteran of the US Army, and an ex-POW of World War II. His distinguished service awards include: American Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Asian-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Philippine Defense Service Medal,

World War II Victory Medal and The Purple Heart. He was involved in the Texas Permian Basin Chapter of Ex-POW, a lifetime member of The American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, Inc. and a member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring. Turner was honored with numerous other awards, and recognition for his military service.

Elton Buck Turner is preceded in death by his wife Odell, his first wife Helen, his brother Willard Turner, and sisters Ruby Nell Sanders, Betty Marie Monet, and Dorothy Lee Washington.

Buck is survived by his brother Calvin Turner of Prescott, AZ, his sisters, Norma Duke of Lubbock, TX and Ann Vinson of Prairie Hill, Texas and numerous family members.

Services will be Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016 at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen, with visitation beginning at 11 a.m. and funeral service at 12:30 p.m. Burial will follow at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery.

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **NICK HERNANDEZ**, 38, of 710 Galveston was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.
- **JOSE ANTONIO NIETO**, 36, of 610 E 15th Street was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (less than one gram).
- **TERRY LYNN PAYNE**, 48, of 201 Merrick Road was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **MARTY EVANS**, 26, of 812 S San Antonio Street was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving with invalid license, and failure to appear.
- **JOSEPH RILEY KNOWLES**, 18, of 2506 Seminole Drive was arrested on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **DAVID EUGENE WILLIAMS**, 49, of 1100 Wood Street was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **MICHAEL SHANE ALLEN**, 41, of 4901 N Salem Road was arrested on a warrant for theft of firearm.
- **ALFREDO HINOJOS HARPER**, 27, of 501 NE 8th was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **LISA JANELL BURRIS**, 47, of 7805 N Service Road was arrested on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear (felony).
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of N Bell Street, the 2600 block of Langley Drive, and the 1000 block of Wood Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of E 15th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1900 block of E 25th Street.

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



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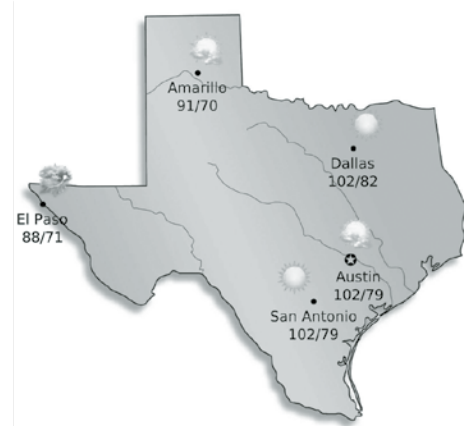
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Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:29 PM

Texas at a Glance







Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	98	79	Sunny	Kingsville	100	79	Sunny
Amarillo	91	70	P Cloudy	Livingston	98	76	P Cloudy
Austin	102	79	M Cloudy	Longview	98	76	P Cloudy
Beaumont	94	78	P Cloudy	Lubbock	93	73	M Cloudy
Brownsville	98	80	Sunny	Lufkin	98	76	P Cloudy
Brownwood	102	77	P Cloudy	Midland	99	79	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	97	82	M Sunny	Raymondville	102	80	P Cloudy
Corsicana	102	80	Sunny	Rosenberg	97	77	P Cloudy
Dallas	102	82	Sunny	San Antonio	102	79	Sunny
Del Rio	103	82	Sunny	San Marcos	101	77	M Cloudy
El Paso	88	71	Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	100	78	Sunny
Fort Stockton	97	75	Cloudy	Sweetwater	97	78	P Cloudy
Gainesville	98	78	M Cloudy	Tyler	99	77	Sunny
Greenville	101	79	Sunny	Weatherford	101	79	Sunny
Houston	100	81	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	101	79	P Cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	72	Cloudy	Miami	90	79	P Cloudy
Boston	81	75	Cloudy	Minneapolis	91	76	P Cloudy
Chicago	87	74	M Sunny	New York	85	78	Cloudy
Dallas	102	82	Sunny	Phoenix	92	81	M Cloudy
Denver	93	63	Sunny	San Francisco	60	51	Cloudy
Houston	100	81	P Cloudy	Seattle	76	59	Cloudy
Los Angeles	79	63	Cloudy	Saint Louis	92	75	Sunny

Moon Phases

			
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11	11	10	5	7
Extreme	Extreme	Very High	Moderate	High

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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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Mount Vernon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of E. 15th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of NW 3rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Fordham. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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• The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Howard County and the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District will hold their Fiscal Year 2017 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting August 15, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Big Spring USDA Service Center at 302 West IH20, Suite 101 in Big Spring, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring together conservation stakeholders to discuss conservation topics and issues, and to set local conservation priorities to help farmers, ranchers and private landowners conserve and manage the natural resources. Attendees will be updated on the recent conservation efforts.

For more information, please contact Eddy Spurgin, District Conservationist at 432-267-1871, ext. 3 or visit the NRCS web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/.

• Registration for the Children's Miracle Theater for the Arts' (CMTA) two-week August camp is now on-going.

CMTA a non-profit organization open to children from ages 6-12. The registration fee for "Your Are A Star" summer camp is \$30. The camp will be held Aug. 8 through 19, and classes are 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. CMTA shirts are \$10. Classes will be held in the New Hope School building, 118 Cedar Road.

Children will learn stage set and prop design, building, painting and stage setting as well as on stage acting.

For more information or to register, contact Sharon Rich, program director, at 432-517-0723. Space is limited.

• Bailey Pittman is raising money to go on an 11 month mission trip to 11 countries. It's called the 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. 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.

• 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 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, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information, call 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

Youth activities

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

Need help?

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, call 888-995-HOPE.

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But those figures have improved to the point where fewer than 10 percent of dogs at the shelter so far this year have been euthanized. More than half of the cats placed in the shelter this year have been put down, but even those numbers represent a dramatic improvement from the recent past.

A lot of the credit for the reversal in the eu-

thanization figures belongs to animal rescue organizations, a point McLellan was quick to point out.

"We could not have done this without the help of rescue agencies," he said. "Fifty-one percent of the dogs at the shelter this year have been taken by rescue organizations. (In contrast), only 80 animals (out of more than 1,100) at the shelter have been euthanized."

While commend-

ing the work of rescue agencies, McLellan also noted the efforts of Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams, whose department oversees the shelter, noting that the kill rate for dogs has dropped from 54 percent in 2013 — when Williams was named chief — to less than 10 percent so far this year.

McLellan cautioned that while the city will continue to work on reducing kill rates at the shelter — he said he would like to see the rate drop to low single

digits in the near future — the city is limited by financial realities.

"There are legal restraints we must follow, and we will continue to follow," he said. "The animals at the shelter are not the city's animals, they are the taxpayers', and the taxpayers will determine the shelter's future."

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"As far as streets are concerned, we've done something every year for the past four or five years, and we need to keep doing that," Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan said. "We'll

never catch up (on street repairs) if we start skipping a year or two."

The city council will hold two public hearings on the proposed tax rate — on Aug. 23 and Sept. 13 — before adopting the rate and the new budget.

In other business, council:

- Authorized Darden

to negotiate terms of an agreement between the city and Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Malone and Hogan Clinic for water line installation.

• Accepted a deed of gift from Fay Marie Hughes.

• Approved an interlocal agreement with the Permian Basin Regional

Planning Commission for a solid waste grant.

• Appointed Bebe McCasland to the city's planning and zoning commission.

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through attrition as one way to lower operating costs.

Trustees will consider officially adopting the proposed tax rate and budget during a spe-

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cially called meeting on Aug. 25.

Also on the agenda, trustees will:

- Consider personnel and financial matters.
- Consider the 2016-2017 student code of conduct.
- Consider the purchase of attendance credits.
- Consider a donation to the culinary arts program at Big Spring High School.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we make You, Lord, the leader
in everything we do.

Amen.

When death sneaks up on the young

Stagnant wages, weight gain, in-laws staying too long. A canceled flight, a stolen bicycle, a flooded basement. Bounced checks, a cold sore, refrigerator on the fritz. Getting fired.

All irritating but also microscopic in the grand scheme of things — the grand scheme being our mortality, the fact that we're going to die. Busy, busy, focusing on to-do lists to propel ourselves toward fitness, social and career excellence. So tightly scheduled that the smallest glitch unravels the day.

Such was the world of Paul Kalanithi as he was finishing his intensive medical training at the age of 35. Kalanithi's professional rocket booster had just ignited. As he was about to lift off to a splendid future as a celebrated neurosurgeon, a terrifying CT scan shut it down. The scan showed the blots of late-stage lung cancer, his own.

Kalanithi found himself on another kind of countdown, the one marking months or years he had left. He spent much of that time — two years — writing a book about his dual experience as a doctor practiced in delivering terrible news and a patient on the receiving end. The result

is a remarkable book, “When Breath Becomes Air.”

Some of you may have read this best-seller. Those who haven't might consider picking it up. This doesn't sound like a summer read, but while the topic is not light, Kalanithi's observations are revelatory. Summer is when many of us have the space to reflect and perhaps reorder priorities. To the young and hearty spared big-stuff crises, “When Breath Becomes Air” shrinks everyday anxieties down to size.

Their default is to assume they have 20, 40, 50 years left — and who's thinking that far ahead? People who've received dire diagnoses, or those close to them, know otherwise.

Kalanithi sweeps away the “you can get what you want” sunglow of self-help guides. But that also brings some relief. Squarely facing the certitude of death helps liberate one from wanting so much of so little consequence.

“Severe illness wasn't life-altering, it was life-shattering,” Kalanithi writes. “It felt less like an epiphany — a piercing burst of light, illuminating What Really Matters — and more like someone had just firebombed the path forward.”

Gone were the expected offers from elite medical institutions and a job that would have paid him six times what he was used to. Plans to have children be-

came highly complicated. (With medical intervention, his wife was able to bear him a daughter shortly before he died.)

The expectation for amassing prizes and gratitude for saving sick peoples' lives had vanished. Instead, he would bounce from his own grief to hope to terror while being ground through the machinery of heroic medicine. There were moments of comfort, though, at the hands of caring doctors and nurses — and he talks lovingly of them.

The point came when Kalanithi recognized that he would not be the special case, a statistic that similarly afflicted patients would look to for hope. He, who had everything to live for, was not going to see much more of life. That's when he turned to the spiritual through religion.

It doesn't have to be terminal illness that changes young people's understanding of mortality. Anyone can die suddenly in a car accident or terrorist attack. Serious illness just gives one time to ponder it.

This may be Kalanithi's most profound insight:

“I would have to learn to live in a different way, seeing death as an imposing itinerant visitor but knowing that even if I'm dying, until I actually die, I am still living.”

Wisdom that we — anesthetized by our imagined entitlement to long life — might all share.



Democrats erase the Second Amendment

I'm not here to repeal the Second Amendment,” Hillary Clinton promised at the Democratic National Convention last week. “I'm not here to take away your guns.”

Those disavowals were necessary because Clinton has made gun control a centerpiece of her presidential campaign, contrary to the conventional wisdom about the political risks that entails.

But Clinton's assurances ring hollow, since it's pretty clear she not only does not value the individual right to keep and bear arms but does not believe it is guaranteed by the Constitution.

After Democrats' losses in the 1994 congressional elections and the 2000 presidential contest were widely blamed on their support for gun control, the party changed its platform. In 2004, Democrats promised to “protect Americans' Second Amendment right to own firearms,” while the 2008 and 2012 platforms both included this sentence: “We recognize that the individual right to bear arms is an important part of the American tradition, and we will preserve Americans' Second Amendment right to own and use firearms.”

This year Democrats erased the Second Amendment from their platform, reverting to the approach they took in 2000 and earlier. The 2016 platform mentions “the rights of responsible gun owners” but says nothing

about the extent of those rights or the legal basis for them.

The Second Amendment's excision from the Democratic platform is consistent with Clinton's opinion that District of Columbia v. Heller, the 2008 case in which the Supreme Court recognized that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to armed self-defense, was “wrongly decided.”

At the very least, that position means Clinton thinks the Second Amendment does not guarantee the right to use guns for self-defense in the home, since the law overturned in Heller made it impossible to exercise that right.

But Clinton's disagreement with the Supreme Court seems to go even further. In an interview last June, ABC's George Stephanopoulos pressed her to say whether “an individual's right to bear arms is a constitutional right.” She repeatedly dodged the question.

“If it is a constitutional right,” Clinton said, “then it, like every other constitutional right, is subject to reasonable regulation.” She seemed to be saying that she does not believe people have a constitutional right to firearms but that even voters who do believe that should be OK with her gun control proposals.

Those proposals provide further reason to doubt Clinton's sincerity. She wants to ban so-called assault weapons, repeal the federal law that shields gun suppliers from legal liability for criminal misuse of their products, create new categories of people who are legally disqualified from owning firearms, and extend the federal background

check requirement to all gun transfers.

In other words, Clinton wants to arbitrarily restrict the kinds of guns Americans can legally buy, create a new financial threat to the industry that provides the means for armed self-defense, take away people's constitutional rights without due process, and block gun purchases by cannabis consumers, people with nonviolent felony records, and anyone who was ever forcibly treated for suicidal impulses.

These are not policies that someone who takes the Second Amendment seriously would favor.

The night before Clinton promised to “work tirelessly with responsible gun owners to pass common-sense reforms,” survivors of mass shootings and relatives of people who died in them ascended the stage to make the case for those policies. Like the speeches at the Republican convention about people murdered by illegal immigrants, these presentations were long on emotion and short on logic.

Once you consider the details of those mass shootings, it is clear the policies Clinton favors would not have prevented them.

Presenting these horrifying deaths as reasons to enact Clinton-style gun control is not an argument; it's a non sequitur.

According to a tweet from the Clinton campaign, this naked attempt at emotional manipulation was “the first time in #DemConvention history” that the gathering included “a full feature on the impact of gun violence.”

Voters will decide whether it's the last.



FROMA HARROP



JACOB SULLUM

Check this out at the Howard County Library

This week I will continue with the fiction books. "The Girl from Summer Hill" (F DEV J) is the first volume of Jude Deveraux's new series set in Summer Hill, a small town where love takes center stage against the backdrop of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice." Chef Casey Reddick has had it with men! When she arrives in Summer Hill, she leaves behind a demanding boss and a breakup with a boyfriend jealous of her success. Peace and quiet on the picturesque Tattwell plantation is just what she needs to start fresh. Her tranquility is broken one morning when she sees a gorgeous naked man on the porch of her cottage. Tate Landers, Hollywood heartthrob and owner of Tattwell, doesn't need a woman spying on him from his guest cottage. Mistaking Casey for a reporter, Tate tries to run her out of her own house. His anger makes a very bad first impression on Casey, and she lets him know it! Sparks fly when Casey is recruited to play Elizabeth Bennet opposite Tate's Mr. Darcy in a stage adaptation of "Pride and Prejudice." As they spar on and off stage, Casey begins to think



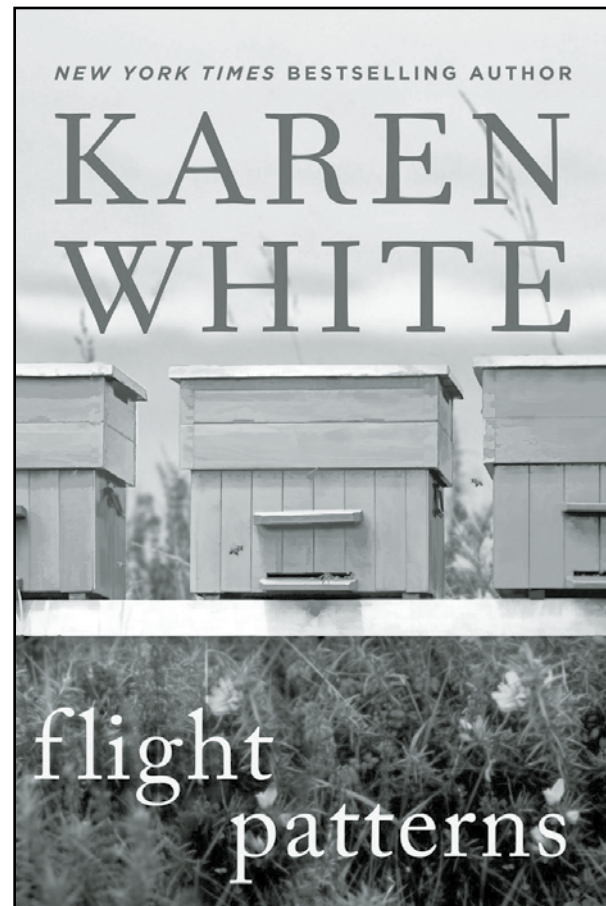
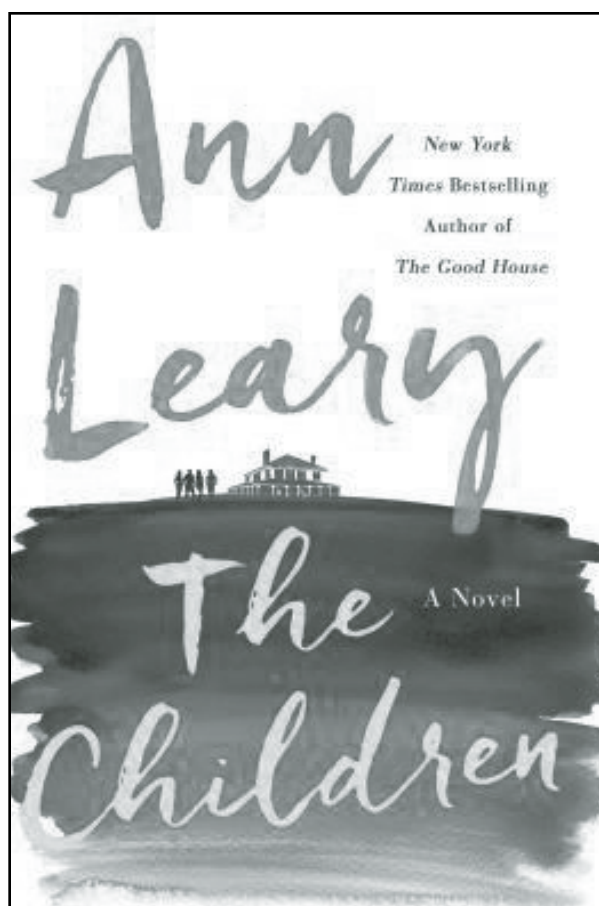
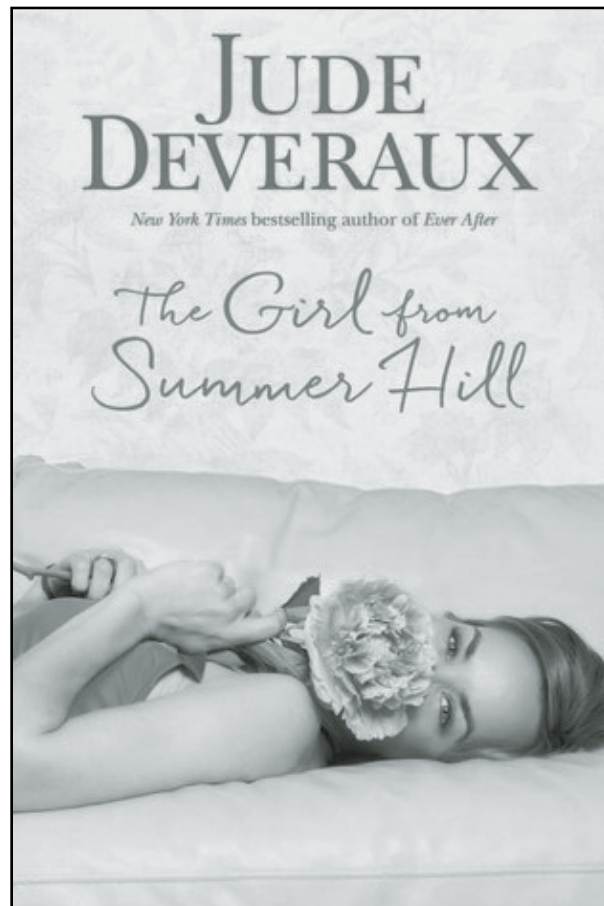
MONICA MARTINEZ

a novel of intrigue and identity that asks how both despair and faith can lead us astray, and what happens when, with the noblest intentions, we join movements beyond our control. In 1945, Jewish refugees set out for Palestine. Those who made it relied on the underground to shelter them. One survivor, Brand, tries to regain himself after losing everyone he's ever loved. Now driving a taxi provided-like his new identity-by the underground, he navigates the twisting streets of Jerusalem as well as the overlapping, sometimes deadly loyalties of the resistance. Haunted by memories, Brand tries to become the man he was before the war. He falls in love with a fellow survivor and commits himself to the revolution, accepting missions that grow more and more dangerous even as he suspects he is being used by his cell's leader. By the time Brand understands the truth, it is too late.

"The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper" by Phaedra Patrick (F PAT P) is the story of lovable sixty-nine-year-old Arthur Pepper. On the one-year anniversary of his wife's death, Arthur finds an exquisite gold charm bracelet he has never seen before. What follows is a surprising and unforgettable odyssey that takes Arthur from London to Paris and as far as India in an epic quest to find out

like having to pass the torch to their own offspring. Over the course of this climactic summer and its attending events, the fabric of the adults' lives suddenly begins to unravel, and the secrets and revelations that are finally let loose about these long-time friends, and about the famous fourth band member who soared and fell without them, can never be recovered.

"Flight Patterns" by Karen White (F WHI K) tells the story of a woman coming home to the family she left behind and to the woman she always wanted to be. Georgia Chambers has spent her life sifting through other people's pasts while trying to forget her own. When her work as an expert on fine china requires her to return to the one place she swore she'd never revisit, she finds solace in seeing her grandfather still toiling away in the apary where she spent much of her childhood. Encountering her estranged mother and sister leaves her rattled. Seeing them after all this time makes Georgia realize that something has been missing. Unless she finds a way to heal these rifts, she will forever be living vicariously through other people's remnants. To embrace her own life, she will have to find the courage to confront the ghosts of her past and the secrets she was forced to



she's been to quick to judge. After hearing some horrifying stories about Tate from Devlin Haines, Tate's ex-brother-in-law who is playing Wickham, Casey tries to figure out who and what to believe. As she finds herself falling for Tate, she needs to know if the intense, undeniable chemistry between them real or just a performance that ends when the curtain falls.

In "The Children" (F LEA A), Ann Leary pulls back the curtain on one blended family as they are forced to grapple with the assets and liabilities-both material and psychological-left behind by their wonderfully flawed patriarch. Charlotte Maynard rarely leaves her mother's home that belonged to her late stepfather. While Charlotte and her sister grew up at "Lakeside", their stepbrothers were welcomed as weekend guests. Now the grown boys own the home which their mother occupies by their grace and a provision in the family trust. When the youngest and favorite of all the children brings his fiance home for the summer, the entire family is intrigued. As the wedding draws near and flaws surface in the family's polite veneer, an array of simmering resentments and unfortunate truths is exposed.

"City of Secrets" by Stewart O'Nan (F ONA S) is

the truth about his wife's secret life before they met. This journey leads him to find hope, healing, and self-discovery in the most unexpected places.

In "Modern Lovers" (F STR E), Emma Straub packs wisdom, insight, and humor together in this book about neighbors and nosiness, ambition and pleasure, the excitement of youth, the shock of middle age, and the fact that our passions-be they food, friendship, or music-never go away, they just evolve and grow along with us. Friends and former college bandmates Elizabeth, Andrew, and Zoe have watched one another marry, buy real estate, and start businesses and families, all while trying to hold on to the identities of their youth. Now nearing fifty, they live within shouting distance in the same neighborhood, and the trappings of the adult world seem to have arrived with ease. When the summer that their children reach maturity (and start sleeping together) arrives, the adults find that nothing ages them quite

keep.

That's all I have for now so I'll leave you with a quote from Confucius: "No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance."

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News in brief

Trump, on defense, blames media for Second Amendment flap

BRISTOL, Va. (AP) — On the defensive once again, Donald Trump is blaming faulty interpretations and media bias for an uproar over his comments about the Second Amendment. He's insisting he never advocated violence against Hillary Clinton, even as undeterred Democrats pile on.

The latest controversy to strike Trump's campaign arose, as they often do, out of an offhand quip at a boisterous campaign rally. Claiming falsely that Clinton wants to revoke the right to gun ownership, Trump said there would be "nothing you can do," if she's elected, to stop her from stacking the Supreme Court with anti-gun justices.

Then he added ambiguously: "Although the Second Amendment people, maybe there is — I don't know. But I'll tell you what: that will be a horrible day."

Was Trump suggesting gun owners take matters into their own hands if Clinton wins the White House? Or was he merely musing about the indisputably powerful influence of the gun lobby?

Like so many times before, Trump's supporters and opponents construed his comments in entirely different ways.

2 words keep sick Samsung workers from data: trade secrets

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — As a high school senior, Hwang Yu-mi went to work bathing silicon wafers in chemicals at a Samsung factory that makes computer chips for laptops and other devices. Four years later, she died of leukemia. She was 22.

After Yu-mi's death in 2007, her father, Hwang Sang-gi, learned a 30-year-old worker at the same semiconductor line also had died of leukemia. Convinced they died because of their work, the taxi driver launched a movement demanding the government investigate health risks at Samsung Electronics Co. factories.

When Hwang sued after his first claim for government compensation was denied, he struggled to get details about the factory environment. A government document he received about his daughter's workplace had a section for listing the chemicals used there, but that space was left blank because Samsung did not release that information to worker-safety officials.

An *Associated Press* investigation has found South Korean authorities have, at Samsung's request, repeatedly withheld from workers and their bereaved families crucial information about chemicals they were exposed to at its computer chip and liquid crystal display factories. Sick workers are supposed to have access to such data through the government or the courts so they can apply for workers' compensation from the state. Without it, government officials commonly reject their cases.

The justification for withholding the information? In at least six cases involving 10 workers, it was trade secrets. Court documents and interviews with government officials, workers' lawyers and their families show Samsung often cites the need to protect trade secrets when it asks government officials not to release such data.

Report offers details about Guantanamo detainees on way out

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following a lengthy tug-of-war with Capitol Hill, the Pentagon has given a senator the first-ever, unclassified report detailing the suspected militant backgrounds of more than 100 detainees at or recently released from the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay — a report that will likely spur more debate over shutting it down.

The report, given to Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., who shared it with *The Associated Press*, tells the story of detainees like Karim Bostan, who once ran a flower shop and later was accused of running an al-Qaida affiliated explosives cell believed to have targeted U.S.-led coalition forces in eastern Afghanistan. He's been at Guantanamo for more than 13 years, but has been cleared for transfer to a country willing to accept him.

"While the Department of Defense watered down information and failed to provide key details regarding some detainees, the report still provides

Americans with a consolidated, unclassified source of information regarding the dangerous terrorists at Guantanamo who the administration has recently released or plans to release soon," Ayotte said in an email response to questions. She has pushed the Obama administration for years to be more transparent about who is being transferred out.

The remaining detainees "will no doubt" return to the fight once released, she said, noting that the Defense Department told her that 93 percent of the detainees still at Guantanamo as of late last year were high risk for re-engagement in terrorism.

The report, however, also tells the stories of low-level militants released after being detained for more than a dozen years without charge — cases that support those who have long argued that indefinite detention runs counter to U.S. values.

US to release report criticizing Baltimore police force

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore police officers routinely discriminate against blacks, repeatedly use excessive force and are not adequately held accountable for misconduct, according to a harshly critical Justice Department report being presented Wednesday.

The report, the culmination of a yearlong investigation into one of the country's largest police forces, also found that officers make large numbers of stops — mostly in poor, black neighborhoods — with dubious justification and unlawfully arrest citizens for speech deemed disrespectful. Physical force is used unnecessarily, including against the mentally disabled, and black pedestrians and drivers are disproportionately searched during stops, the report says.

The Justice Department released a copy of the report in advance of its public announcement at an event Wednesday morning in Baltimore.

The report represents a damning indictment of how the city's police officers carry out the most fundamental of policing practices, including traffic stops and searches and responding to First Amendment expression. Beyond that, though, it could serve as a blueprint for change: The Justice Department is seeking a court-enforceable consent decree that would force the police agency to commit to improvements to avoid a federal lawsuit.

The Justice Department in recent years has undertaken similar wide-reaching investigations into police in Chicago, Cleveland, Albuquerque and Ferguson, Missouri, among other cities.

Witnesses: Shots fired in Ferguson after car hits protester

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Gunfire broke out during a demonstration in Ferguson, Missouri, on the second anniversary of Michael Brown's death, disrupting what had been a peaceful gathering Tuesday night but apparently wounding no one.

Witnesses told an *Associated Press* reporter that a car sped through a group of protesters who were blocking a street during the demonstration marking two years since the unarmed black 18-year-old's fatal shooting by a white police officer. They said the car struck a young man so hard that he flew into the air. As the car drove away, shots were fired, they said.

"A lady came down and hit a protester — knocked the shoes off his feet," said Sharon Cowan, who was at the scene. "Hit him, and he rolled and he bounced."

The man appeared to be badly injured and was put into a private car to be taken to a hospital, she said.

Heather De Mian, who frequently livestreams protests in the St. Louis area, said she screamed

when the man was hit.

APNewsBreak: Amtrak settlements silencing crash victims

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Amtrak has started settling lawsuits with victims of last year's deadly derailment in Philadelphia, and lawyers involved in the process say a strict confidentiality provision prevents them and their clients from talking about how they're doing or how much money they've received.

The railroad reached the first settlements last week, quietly resolving cases brought by two women who suffered head and other injuries in the May 2015 wreck, court records show.

Dozens of other lawsuits are still pending.

Eight people were killed and more than 200 people were hurt when the Washington-to-New York train sped into a sharp curve and tumbled from the tracks.

Federal investigators say the engineer was distracted by word that a nearby train had been hit by a rock and lost track of where he was. They say he accelerated full-throttle to 106 mph instead of slowing down for the curve's 50 mph speed limit.

Olympics feel far for those in the infamous City of God slum

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — It is one of Rio's most renowned favelas, the Cidade de Deus made infamous in a film that helped cement a stereotype of the other side of the "Marvelous City" that is host of the Olympic Games — one where ghettos are ruled by drug lords and baby-faced criminals shoot to kill.

The City of God of today, located mere miles from Olympic Park, is not so easily defined. It is a place of contrasts that defies oversimplification, where poverty and violence persist alongside modest programs that aim to get some kids off the streets and offer a path that keeps guns out of their hands.

It is also the former home of Brazil's first gold medalist of the Rio Games. Judo champion Rafaela Silva grew up in Cidade de Deus. If not for the sport that helped her climb up and out, "I could still be living in City of God now," she said through tears after winning on Monday.

The shantytown of nearly 50,000 people became globally known after Paulo Lins' novel "Cidade de Deus" was made into a critically acclaimed movie by Brazilian film director Fernando Meirelles, who also helped create the Olympic opening ceremony that featured a segment depicting the city's favelas. Lins lived in City of God, and both the book and the movie tell a tale of poverty and violence and of youth faced with choices that could lead to an early death — or a fresh start.

While much of Rio was transformed for the Olympics, City of God is a community left behind and still mired in the many problems that were the basis of the movie that introduced its brutal realities to the world. Where other neighborhoods can take advantage of improvements in transit, housing and security, the only thing "Olympic" in this slum is the painted lane for accredited vehicles to drive past it as fast as they can.

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Adding to his collection

Phelps wins Olympic gold medals No. 20 and 21 in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Michael Phelps sat alone, thoroughly exhausted. He put his head in his hands and then motioned at his neck as though he had nothing left to give.

No need. His work was done. He had his 20th and 21st gold medals.

Phelps made up for one of the rare losses in his brilliant career by winning the 200-meter butterfly Tuesday night, a victory that sent him climbing into the stands to kiss his 3-month-old son Boomer. An hour later, he returned to take what amounted to nothing more than a triumphant victory lap in anchoring the 4x200 freestyle relay, the crowd's deafening roar

growing louder with every stroke.

"That was probably one of my most challenging doubles," the 31-year-old Phelps said. "Doing a double like that is a lot harder than it once was."

It was another performance for the ages, but Phelps has done it so many times that nothing else would have been fitting. It came on a night that American teammate Katie Ledecky picked up her second gold of the Rio Olympics on the way to what could be a historic run of her own in the pool.

Phelps now has 25 medals in all, and three more races in Rio to add to his almost unimaginable total.

No other Olympian has more than nine golds.

"That's a lot of medals," Phelps said, shaking his head. "It's just insane."

The 200 fly was the one he really wanted, and it showed.

With challengers all around, Phelps simply wouldn't be denied. With his head nearly at the wall, he took one more stroke to make sure he got there first, his arms slamming against the timing pad.

"Going into the finish I said, 'If I have to take a half-stroke, I'm going to take a half stroke,'" Phelps said.

That split-second decision got him to the wall

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AP Photo/Michael Sohn

United States' Michael Phelps celebrates after winning the gold medal during the swimming competitions at the 2016 Summer Olympics, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

'Final Five' win one more gold for Karolyi

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Martha Karolyi leaned forward, her hands clutching the railing in front of her seat. Knuckles white. Head tilted. Body tense.

It didn't matter that the U.S. women's Olympic gymnastics team had already sewn up the team gold by the time three-time world champion Simone Biles saluted the floor exercise judges during the final event on Tuesday night.

Winning isn't enough for Karolyi. Never has been. For 90 seconds the longtime national team coordinator leaned one way and then another, following Biles' every move. Only after Biles' score was posted — one that served as an exclamation point on two hours of nearly flawless gymnastics — did the architect of a dynasty relax.

Then, something else happened. Something she never saw coming. She started crying. And not just a little.

"I pride normally being very tough," Karolyi said. "I was 'Oh, what's happening to me? What is this?'"

It's goodbye. The 73-year-old is stepping away from the program she has spent the last 15 years



AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell

U.S. gymnasts and gold medallists, right to left, Simone Biles, Gabrielle Douglas, Lauren Hernandez, Madison Kocian and Aly Raisman acknowledge the crowd during the medal ceremony for the artistic gymnastics women's team at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016.

turning into one of the most dominant forces at the Olympics. Her athletes — all of whom she's nurtured from prodigies to champions — repaid her hard work with a fitting tribute of precision and tenacity.

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pete. And 28 times they hit. No falls. No major wobbles. Nothing but brilliance.

The U.S. posted a score of 184.897, more than eight points clear of silver medalist Russia and nearly nine more than bronze medalist China while winning its second straight Olympic title and

third overall, a margin greater than the one that propelled the "Fierce Five" to victory in London four years ago.

So much for the pressure of being the heavy favorite. The only real mystery surrounded what nickname the team would settle on before Biles stumbled upon it during a

group text.

The group — Biles, Aly Raisman, Gabby Douglas, Madison Kocian and Laurie Hernandez — dubbed themselves "The Final Five" as a nod to Karolyi.

"It's perfect," Biles said. "It's Martha's last year. We wanted it to be meaningful."

Biles admitted there were nerves before Sunday's preliminaries, though it hardly looked like it while the Americans posted the highest score by more than nine points. The only moment of tension on Tuesday came early. When Hernandez was introduced to the crowd, Raisman nudged her and told her to wave, which the 16-year-old did with a toothy smile.

Barely five minutes later, the youngest member of Team USA was all business. Her double-twisting Yurchenko vault — basically a roundoff onto the block followed by a pair of twists — put the machine in motion. Raisman, who won three medals in London four years ago and seemed to be on the outside looking in as recently as this spring, followed with

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AP Photo/Charles Krupa

Fielder done playing after 2nd surgery

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

Texas Rangers slugger Prince Fielder will have to quit playing baseball after his second neck surgery.

A person with direct knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press that Fielder isn't formally retiring, but that doctors won't give the six-time All-Star medical clearance to play again. That person spoke on condition of anonymity Tuesday because there was no official announcement from the Rangers or Fielder about his future.

The Rangers said only that Field-

er would hold media availability Wednesday when the team returns home after an eight-game trip. Texas won at Colorado 7-5 on Tuesday.

Fielder, who is signed through 2020, had a cervical fusion on July 29 to repair a herniation between two disks in his neck. That was done just above the area where the 32-year-old Fielder had the same procedure in May 2014, only 26 months earlier.

He will finish his 12 MLB seasons with 319 career homers, the same number that his father Cecil Fielder had in 13 seasons but fewer games.

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Rangers rally for 7-5 win over Rockies

DENVER (AP) — For the second straight day, the Texas Rangers pounced on the Colorado Rockies' bullpen.

Adrian Beltre hit a two-run double, Elvis Andrus added a tie-breaking single and the Rangers scored four runs in the eighth inning to beat the Rockies 7-5 on Tuesday.

The AL West leaders had five hits in the inning and handed Colorado another tough loss

in the two-game sweep. The late-game rally came after the Rangers scored three times in the ninth Monday.

The Rangers, who have won their straight, finished their road trip 5-3. The teams head to Texas to begin a two-game set Wednesday.

"Everything is kind of working out for us right now," Andrus said. "We have to keep going the way we're doing and continue to get

more wins."

On Tuesday, Texas had four consecutive hits as Carlos Beltran drove in a run with a single and Beltre tied the game with a two-run double. Andrus gave his team the lead when he drove in Beltre with his second hit of the game.

"We have a lineup that is so deep that we feel comfortable even if we're behind," Beltre said.

Altuve, Correa lead Astros to win over Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — After getting his first night off in more than a year, Jose Altuve looked as fresh as ever Tuesday night.

The All-Star second baseman, who sat out Monday for the first time since June 15, 2015, went 4 for 4 and scored twice as the Houston Astros topped the Minnesota Twins 7-5.

The four-hit game for Altuve matched a

career high and raised his batting average to .361 as he puts his name in the AL MVP discussion.

"He's the biggest piece of this puzzle," teammate Carlos Correa said.

Correa drove in four runs, including a first-inning homer with Altuve on base. That snapped a drought of seven straight games for the Astros without a

home run.

Altuve was given the night's series opener, ending the longest active streak in the majors at 202 consecutive games played. He didn't miss a beat one day later, and his third hit helped spark a three-run sixth for the Astros.

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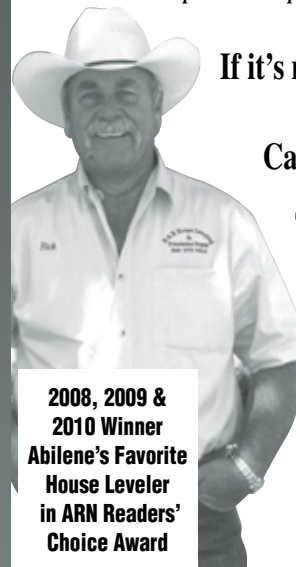


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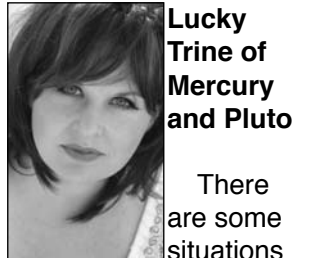
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Lucky Trine of Mercury and Pluto

There are some situations that are awkward by nature. Expecting them to be anything other than uncomfortable defies reason. The best you can do is give yourself every possible advantage, even as you mentally ready yourself for the inevitable discomfort. Under today's lucky trine of Mercury and Pluto, this strategy can't lose!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today will prompt introspection. With this will come realizations about what you see in others. To recognize the best and worst qualities in your loved ones and accept both is powerful stuff.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a difference between connecting with a person out of habit and connecting with a person out of driving need. The second way is charged with exciting energy, tangible to both parties.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). While not exactly monumental, you've thought about today's events and they matter to you. You feel it, the others feel it: You're ready for anything and everything that's about to unfold.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you don't know a word, you make guesses about its definition based on the context of the words around it. You'll do the same thing in regard to unknown people today, judging them by the company they keep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Avoid working too hard to smooth over the current situation at the expense of your having pleasant future. You're in danger of obligating yourself to do what you will neither enjoy nor benefit from.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll work harder than anyone when the plan is something you can see coming to fruition. You need a coach to help you come up with this solid plan -- someone who's been there and is good at showing the way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Unsure about your next move, your sense of duty demands that you tend to the pressing business before you regardless. In a sense, worry, trepidation or even rumination is a luxury at this point.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you don't get the reply you want to hear it can be frustrating, disheartening or inspiring, depending on your attitude. The prevalent sentiment welling up in you now sounds something like, "Fine, I'll do it myself!"

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In the social media blur, envy is par for the course. The funny, talented and glamorous people you know sometimes get on your nerves for the exact same reasons you admire and love them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Stagnant waters breed disease. The algae, the bugs, the stench! It's the same with situations that are too peaceful: They begin to rot. Don't let this happen. Stir it, change it, move it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It may feel like

someone is pushing and pulling you along. It's a direction you want to go, and yet if you're not in charge of getting there, you'll resist every inch of the way -- rightly so. You need to get there on your own volition.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The quick fix, the fast fame, the instant buzz: It's all appealing to you now. Just because it's easy and attractive doesn't make it wrong, but it does make it worthy of skepticism. What does the Virgo in your life think?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 10). What's old will change you. You'll be touched by curious legends, find a muse in dead poets and explore the magic of ancient wisdom. You'll become richer as you create through the end of the year. Past support of friends will swing back around in December. The sweetness that starts 2017 will

grow as you focus on it. Pisces and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 24, 31, 17 and 40.

COMMUNICATION TIPS BY SIGN (PART THREE OF FOUR): Mercury and Pluto form a lucky trine today to help us connect on the matters that will truly have impact. So how will your communication style match up with those around you? If you're communicating with a Libra, know that diplomacy and tact are very important to this sign. Libra prefers the formalities and protocol that one would use when speaking with, for instance, a president or queen. Manners matter to this sign and are taken as a sign of respect. Scorpio is far less picky. Mostly Scorpio wants the unvarnished truth. If Scorpio hears messages that are inconsistent, it is cause for alarm to

Scorpio. This sign is so perceptive that they detect lies faster than a polygraph machine. Sagittarius is open-minded and adventurous, which shows in the colorful conversations in which this sign often takes part. You can skip the boring details when talking with a Sag, because this fire sign would rather the story be exciting than precisely accurate. Also, Sagittarius tends to have a short attention span for conversation, as the archer would prefer to be out experiencing life rather than talking about it.

CELEBRITY PRO-

FILES: Is Antonio Banderas a descendant of royalty? Ancient cultures worshipped the (Leo) sun gods -- like Ra, Apollo and Helios, for example -- for their admirable qualities of nobility, integrity and kingly leadership. Banderas certainly looks the part, with his passionate intensity that translates even through the medium of animation in such roles as Puss in Boots in the movie of the same name.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

One card points the way

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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♥ A
♦ K J 10 8 3
♣ K J 9 2

WEST
♠ A K J 10 3
♥ 10 7 3 2
♦ 9 4
♣ 8 3

EAST
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♥ 6 5
♦ A Q 6
♣ 10 7 5 4

SOUTH
♠ 7
♥ K Q J 9 8 4
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A Q 6

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠
2♣ 2♠ 4♥

Opening lead — king of spades.
Defense is considered by many players to be the most difficult part of the game, but it wouldn't be as hard as it's cracked up to be if the defenders availed themselves of every opportunity to help each other out.

Consider this deal from a tournament where only one pair found the way to defeat South's four-heart contract. At every table, the defense started with West leading the king of spades. Some Easts mechanically signaled with the eight, and West

continued with the spade ace. Declarer ruffed, led a heart to the ace, a club to the ace, drew trumps and eventually lost two diamonds to finish with exactly 10 tricks.

At some tables, East tried to discourage West from continuing spades by playing the deuce at trick one. West then either disregarded the signal and played the ace anyway, or shifted to a club. In those cases, South also made 10 tricks.

At one table, however, East found a most effective way of stopping West from leading a second spade while suggesting a diamond shift, the only return that defeats the contract. Instead of playing the deuce or eight on West's king, this inspired defender played the queen!

This play could hardly be misconstrued by West as a singleton or a doubleton, since East had raised spades. Nor could East be attempting to show possession of the queen and jack, since West — as East fully expected — was looking at the jack in his own hand.

The meaning of the queen was thus eminently clear: East was suggesting that West shift to the higher-ranking of the two remaining side suits. So West led the diamond nine, and the Q-A and another diamond, ruffed by West, gave the defenders a well-deserved top score.

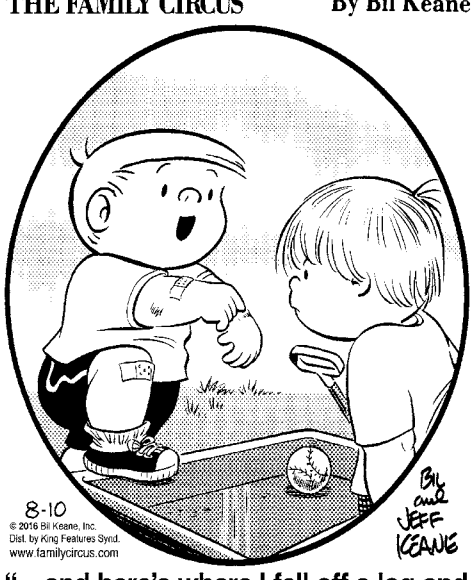
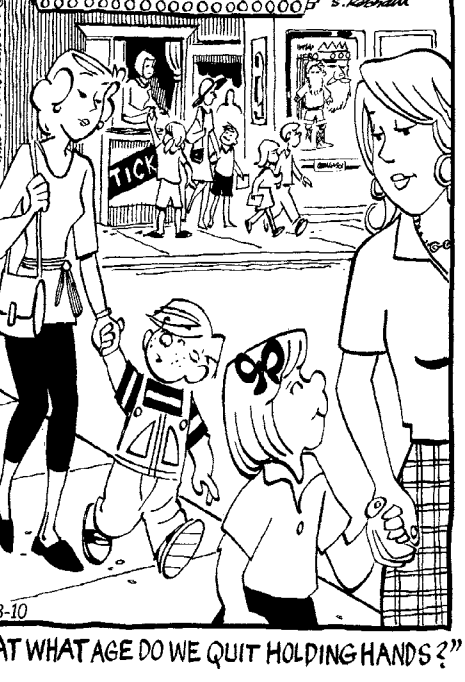
Tomorrow: Eliminating the luck factor.
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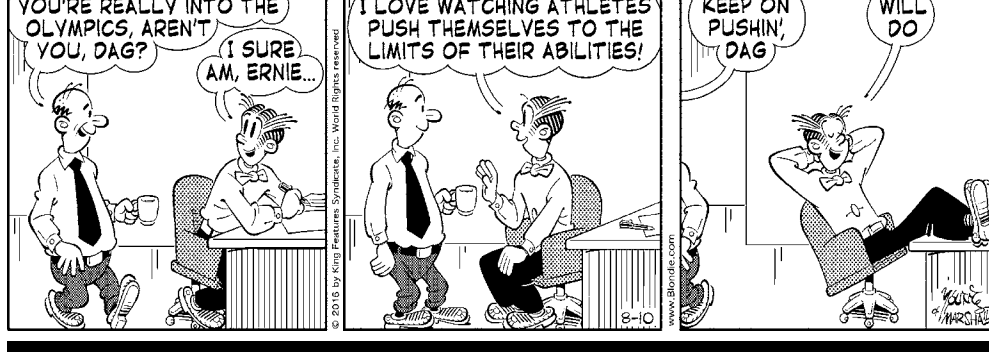
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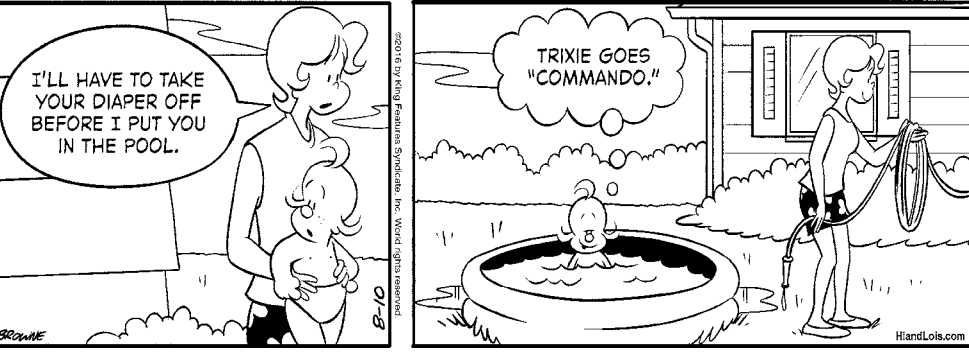
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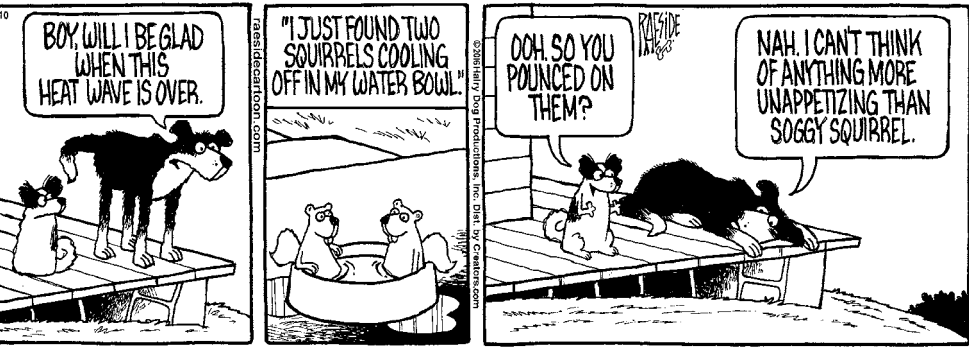
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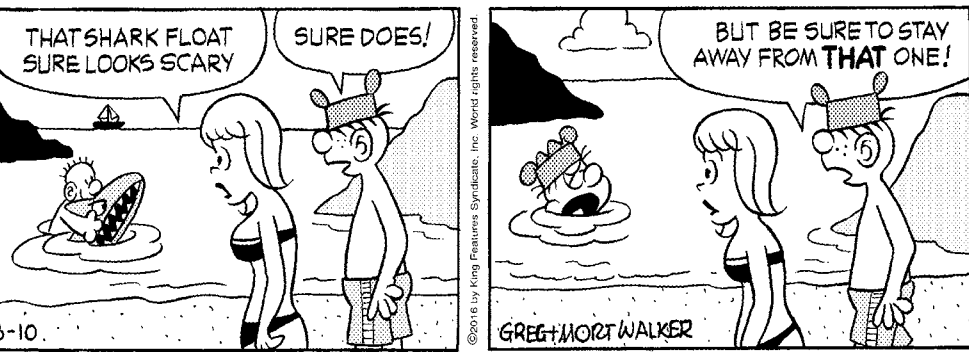
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 10, the 223rd day of 2016. There are 143 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On Aug. 10, 1846, President James K. Polk signed a measure establishing the Smithsonian Institution.
 On this date:
 In 1792, during the French Revolution, mobs in Paris attacked the Tuileries (TWEH'-luh-reez) Palace, where King Louis XVI resided. (The king was later arrested, put on trial for treason, and executed.)
 In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.
 In 1814, Henri Nestle, founder of the food and beverage company bearing his name, was born in Frankfurt, Germany.
 In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.
 In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.
 In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.
 In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in

their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people had been slain.
 In 1975, television personality David Frost announced he had purchased the exclusive rights to interview former President Richard Nixon.
 In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a measure providing \$20,000 payments to still-living Japanese-Americans who'd been interned by their government during World War II.
 In 1991, nine Buddhists were found slain at their temple outside Phoenix, Arizona. (Two teen-agers were later arrested; Alessandro Garcia was sentenced to life in prison, while Jonathan Doodly received 281 years.)
 In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.
 In 1995, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were charged with 11 counts in the Oklahoma City bombing (McVeigh was convicted of murder and executed; Nichols was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to life in prison). Norma McCorvey, "Jane Roe" of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, announced she had joined the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue.

Ten years ago: British authorities announced they had thwarted a terrorist plot to simultaneously blow up 10 aircraft heading to the U.S. using explosives smuggled in hand luggage. A suicide bomber blew himself up among pilgrims outside Iraq's holiest Shiite shrine in Najaf, killing 35 people.
 Five years ago: Marine Corps Gen. John Allen, the top American commander in Afghanistan, said international forces had slain the Taliban insurgents responsible for shooting down a U.S. helicopter, killing 30 Americans and seven Afghan commandos.
 Country singer-musician Billy Grammer, 85, died in Benton, Illinois.
 One year ago: A draft of a secret study obtained by The Associated Press found that air traffic controllers' work schedules often led to chronic fatigue.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Thomas
- 5 Square footage
- 9 Optimistic
- 13 Brewery product
- 14 Crowd's sound
- 15 Pennsylvania port
- 16 HBO WWII miniseries
- 19 All wrapped up
- 20 Happen next
- 21 Rubies and emeralds
- 23 Made possible
- 28 Alphabetize
- 29 Little fellow
- 32 Weapons warehouse
- 33 Venomous snake
- 35 Gave one's word
- 36 Acting groups with many well-known actors
- 40 Pertaining to birds
- 41 Play for time
- 42 Wedding-ring holder
- 44 In the manner of
- 45 Worship from
- 49 More understandable
- 51 Scorn and mock
- 53 Old saying
- 56 Wins, as a contract
- 57 Eggs and bacon with potatoes, e.g.

- DOWN**
- 11 Dear ___ or Madam
- 12 "Fine with me!"
- 17 Poem of praise
- 18 Sandwich fish
- 22 Unlikely, as chances
- 24 German autos
- 25 Ill-gotten gains
- 26 Makes a mistake
- 27 Salon application
- 30 Police dept. alerts
- 31 River-mouth formation
- 33 Time-honored
- 34 Bona fide
- 36 Bad to the bone
- 37 Prime-time hour
- 38 Epic story
- 39 Dressed (in)
- 40 Pro Bowl team, for short
- 43 Start over with
- 45 Former PLO leader
- 46 Instrumental ender
- 47 Appends
- 48 Took five
- 50 Temple leader
- 52 Moose cousin
- 54 Look amused
- 55 Sushi bar selections
- 57 PC "brain"
- 58 Rowing implement
- 59 13 Across holder
- 60 Height: Abbr.

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Trump ignites new firestorm, Dems pounce quickly

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Donald Trump ignited a fresh political firestorm Tuesday by declaring gun rights supporters might still find a way to stop Hillary Clinton, even if she should defeat him and then name anti-gun Supreme Court justices. Democrats pounced, accusing him of openly encouraging violence against his opponent.

The Republican presidential nominee has been working this week to move past distracting campaign disputes, but once again he put himself at the center of a blazing controversy.

First, he falsely claimed that Clinton, his Democratic opponent, wants to “essentially abolish the Second Amendment.”

She has said repeatedly that she supports the Second Amendment right to own guns, though she does back some stricter gun control measures.

Trump then noted the power Clinton would have to nominate justices to the high court.

“By the way, if she gets to pick her judges, nothing you can do, folks. Although the Second Amendment people — maybe there is, I don’t know,” Trump told supporters at a rally in Wilmington, North Carolina. “But I’ll tell you what. That will be a

horrible day.” The reaction from Democrats was immediate. Said her campaign manager, Robby Mook: “This is simple — what Trump is saying is dangerous. A person seeking to be the president of the United States should not suggest violence in any way.”

Trump’s reaction later as the uproar grew: “Give me a break.” Interviewed by Fox News’ Sean Hannity, he said everyone in his audience knew he was referring to the power of voters and “there can be no other interpretation.”

Trump’s campaign sought to quell the controversy with a statement that blamed the “dishonest media” for misinterpretation. And Trump’s running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, said his boss was talking about the election choice for pro-gun voters, not encouraging violence.

Yet Trump’s foes were unconvinced and unforgiving.

Tim Kaine, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, said “of course” the Republicans were trying to explain away Trump’s comments, but added, “I think it was just revealing ... and I don’t find the attempt to roll it back persuasive at all.”

Priorities USA, a

super PAC supporting Clinton, said Trump had “suggested that someone shoot Hillary Clinton.” Across the country, Democratic House and Senate candidates piled on, working to tie Trump’s comments to their GOP opponents.

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, which has endorsed Clinton, said Trump was encouraging gun violence “based on conspiracy theory about Hillary Clinton.”

Tweeted Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a Massachusetts Democrat, “@realDonaldTrump makes death threats because he’s a pathetic coward who can’t handle the fact that he’s losing to a girl.”

The National Rifle Association, the gun lobby that has endorsed Trump, came to his defense.

The group wrote on Twitter that “there’s nothing we can do” if Clinton is elected, urging voters to defeat her in November.

The controversy immediately overwhelmed Trump’s intended campaign-trail focus: the economic plan he unveiled just a day earlier and was promoting during a series of rallies in the most competitive general election states. It also reinforced the concern, voiced



AP photo

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump speaks at a recent campaign rally.

by many worried Republicans, that he cannot stay disciplined and avoid inflammatory remarks that imperil not only his White House prospects but the re-election chances of many GOP lawmakers.

At another rally later Tuesday in Fayetteville, Trump was careful with his words. He repeated his argument that Clinton poses a threat to gun rights, but avoided any talk about advocates taking matters into their own hands.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, introducing him, blamed the controversy on “disgusting” journalists.

Clinton’s supporters are hoping the latest Trump trip-up will lead yet more of his fellow Republicans to defect. A day earlier, Maine Sen. Susan Collins became the latest to

declare she won’t vote for her party’s nominee, explicitly pointing to his “constant stream of cruel comments.”

The U.S. Secret Service, responsible for both Clinton’s and Trump’s protection, said it was aware of what Trump had said but declined to say whether it planned to investigate.

Contrary to Trump’s remarks, Clinton has made her support for gun rights a key piece of her stump speech in a bid to pre-empt attacks from Trump and groups like the NRA. Still, she supports reinstating a federal assault weapons ban, expanding background checks and barring purchases by domestic abusers, among other steps.

“I’m not here to repeal the Second Amendment,” she said in her Democratic

National Convention speech. “I’m not here to take away your guns. I just don’t want you to be shot by someone who shouldn’t have a gun in the first place.”

Clinton spent Tuesday in Florida calling for emergency public health action on the Zika virus while visiting the Miami area dealing with the first U.S. outbreak. At a local health clinic, she urged Congress to cut short its summer recess and immediately pass funding for a Zika response. She blamed congressional Republicans for inaction.

“Everybody has a stake in this. And that’s really why I’m here,” Clinton said. “We don’t want to wake up in a year and read more stories about babies like the little girl who just died in Houston.”

Speaker Ryan wins primary

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — House Speaker Paul Ryan on Tuesday defeated a longshot Republican primary challenger who had been praised by Donald Trump.

Ryan beat businessman Paul Nehlen in Tuesday’s Wisconsin primary. Nehlen had been courting Trump supporters and won praise from the Republican presidential nominee last week. But Trump endorsed Ryan days later.

“I’m humbled and honored that Wisconsinites in the 1st Congressional District support my efforts to keep fighting on their behalf,” Ryan

said in a statement to *The Associated Press*. Ryan said he and his wife, Janna, were grateful and thankful for the support.

Ryan had largely ignored Nehlen in what had been a sleepy primary before Trump thanked Nehlen on Twitter for his comments defending Trump.

Nehlen won the backing of some prominent conservative figures, including former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, but it wasn’t enough to overcome Ryan’s popularity in his southeastern Wisconsin district.

Ryan was first elected in 1998 and this is his

first re-election win since becoming speaker last fall.

He went into the primary with massive advantages in name recognition and money. Ryan had outtraised the unknown Nehlen by a 17 to 1 ratio through the latest reporting period, and was largely ignoring his opponent and was expected to win easily.

Trump changed all that the week before the primary, when he tweeted thanks to Nehlen for support while Trump was being vilified for remarks about the Muslim American parents of a U.S. soldier slain in Iraq.

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Brazilian who learned golf with a branch will open Olympics

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The first Olympics in South America. The first time for golf in 112 years. So imagine the deep sense of honor for Adilson da Silva when the only Brazilian in the 60-man field was chosen to hit the first tee shot.

"One of the most special times in my life," he said.

The honor is not his alone.

Joining him on the first tee Thursday at Olympic Golf Course will be Andrew Edmondson, who has been part of da Silva's unlikely golf career for the better part of 30 years. Edmondson asked to be his caddie for the week, and both men could only

smile at circumstances that led to this occasion.

Long ago, on a nine-hole course in Santa Cruz do Sol about a two-hour flight south of Rio, it was the other way around.

Da Silva was an 11-year-old who saw golf only as a way to make a little pocket money.

"If we found golf balls, we would sell them for pocket money," he said. "My parents didn't have much, so we had to do a bit of work. It teaches a good lesson. It was great fun. I used to go with my brother and friends. It teaches you to work a bit, to get things by working for it."

The more he worked and

watched, the more the game began to appeal to him, even without the proper equipment. Finding golf balls to hit was the easy part. Getting golf clubs required a little imagination.

"We used to cut the branch of a tree in the shape of a golf club," da Silva said. "It was a proper head, you just had to shape it up nicely. I guess you had to improvise. Your timing had to be right because the shaft would be wobbly."

They became close enough, and da Silva was getting good enough, that they would play together when Edmondson didn't have a regular game.



AP Photo/Chris Carlson

Adilson da Silva, of Brazil, right, walks off the ninth green with his caddie during a practice round for a men's golf event at the 2016 Summer Olympics.

PHELPS

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ahead of everyone else, by a mere four-hundredths of a second.

When Phelps saw the "1" by his name, he held up one finger. Then he sat on a lane rope, egging on the roaring crowd at the Olympic Aquatics Center with both hands, before emphatically pumping his fist.

Tears welled in his eyes as he listened to the national anthem — until one of his buddies from Baltimore cracked him up that shouting out "O" like they do at Camden Yards before Orioles' games. Then, during the customary stroll around the pool to pose for photographers, Phelps broke ranks and bounded into the stands to plant a kiss on Boomer, the son who symbolizes just how much Phelps' life has changed since a second drunken-driving arrest two years ago.

"I wanted to hold him longer," Phelps said. "It's good to see he's awake. He usually sleeps all the time."

Phelps held off Japan's Masato Sakai with a time of 1 minute, 53.36 seconds, but that number was of little concern.

The only thing that mattered was beating everyone else.

"The last 10 meters were not fun," Phelps said. "My gosh, I

thought I was standing still."

Four years ago, Phelps mistimed his finish in the windmilling stroke he does better than anyone, gliding to the wall a little too long after his final whirl of the arms. That allowed Chad le Clos of South Africa to stunningly win gold in an event that Phelps had dominated for the better part of a decade.

Phelps retired after the London Games, so it looked like he wouldn't get a chance to make up for his defeat. But when he decided about a year later to start competing again, the 200 fly was clearly the title he sought more than any other.

"This is the race I really wanted back," he said.

Le Clos was in the final again, thoroughly inspired himself by his mother and father, both battling cancer and in the stands cheering him on.

But the South African could only manage fourth this time, also finishing behind bronze medalist Tamas Kenderesi of Hungary.

The relay was much less dramatic.

Conor Dwyer, Townley Haas and Ryan Lochte went out ahead of Phelps, handing off a commanding lead to the most decorated athlete in Olympic history.

Phelps essentially spent the next 100 seconds or so soaking

up the cheers. He was only the third-fastest swimmer on his team, but he was a full body length ahead of Britain's James Guy when he touched in 7:00.66.

The British claimed silver in 7:03.13, while Japan took the bronze in 7:03.50.

Sure, Phelps hogged the spotlight on this night, but let's not forget two other very impressive swimmers.

Ledecky took the most challenging step toward a feat that's only been done one other time, holding off Sweden's Sarah Sjöström to win the 200 freestyle and give the American star her second gold of the games.

Debbie Meyer is the only female swimmer to capture the three longest freestyle events at a single Olympics, winning the 200, 400 and 800 at the 1968 Mexico City Games. Ledecky looks like a lock to match Meyer, having already won the 200 and 400 titles and an overwhelming favorite in the 800, where she's the world-record holder and far faster than anyone else in the world.

For Phelps, another retirement looms.

This time, he can fade away with the gold he really wanted in the 200 fly.

"That event was kind of like my bread and butter," Phelps said. "That was the last time I'll ever swim it."

PRINCE

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Before surgery in 2014, Prince Fielder had MLB's longest active streak of 547 consecutive games played. He played in 809 of 810 possible games from 2009-13 with Milwaukee and Detroit, after playing at least 157 games each of the three seasons before that.

The Rangers acquired Fielder from Detroit in November 2013 for second baseman Ian Kinsler.

Fielder hit .247 with three homers and 16 RBIs over 42 games in 2014 before the first surgery. He came back to play 158 games in 2015, when he hit .305 with 23 homers and 98 RBIs but slowed late in the season. The stout first baseman and designated hitter will finish this

season at a career-low .212 with eight homers and 44 RBIs in 89 games.

Fielder was only two years into a \$214 million, nine-year contract when he got to Texas. His annual salary is \$24 million each of the next four seasons, of which \$6 million is due from the 2013 trade and the remaining \$18 million from the Rangers, though half of their liability is ex-

pected to be covered by insurance.

Over 1,611 major league games with the Brewers (2005-11), Tigers (2012-13) and Rangers (2014-16), Fielder hit .283 with 1,028 RBIs. The only other father-son duo with more than 300 homers each is Bobby and Barry Bonds. Cecil Fielder got his 319 homers in 1,470 games over 13 seasons with five teams.

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