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## Strike up the band



Area high school football teams aren't the only ones busy with pre-season practice — school bands, like Big Spring High School's award-winning Pride Drive, are also preparing for the return of Friday night football. In the photo at top, BSHS Band Director Rocky Harris gives instructions from atop his tower. At right, band members practice their routine. The high school football regular season begins Aug. 26.

Tony Claxton photos/  
 (www.claxtonphotography.com)



## Wreck victim ID'd

Odessa man killed, 1 other injured in I-20 pile-up Monday

By AMANDA ELSTON  
 Managing Editor

The identity of an Odessa man who was killed in a wrong-way accident on Interstate 20 Monday afternoon has been released by Texas Highway Patrol officials.

Santos Madrid, 59, was traveling in a 2008 Chevrolet pick up headed westbound in the eastbound lane of I-20 around 3 p.m when he struck a SUV driven by Lois J. Lasalle, 44, of Merkel, Texas and then struck an 18-wheeler driven by Jason Brumfield, 74, of Garland, Texas.

Santos was pronounced dead at the scene by Howard County Justice of the Peace Robert Fitzgibbons. Lasalle was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with non-incapacitating injuries.

As of Monday evening, Department of Public Safety troopers were still investigating the crash, trying to determine why the vehicle was going the wrong way.

DPS officers were on the scene for more than five hours helping to clear the accident and direct traffic.

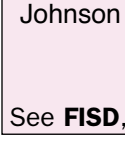
As of press time, DPS representatives were unavailable for further comment.

## Forsan ISD to host prayer breakfast

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — Randy Johnson, superintendent of Forsan Independent School District, is inviting Howard County community members to the 13th annual Forsan Community Prayer Breakfast, scheduled for Friday.

Johnson said the event is a great way to kick off a new school year. "I can't think of anything more important than asking God to provide safety, wisdom, and peace for the upcoming school year," he



Johnson

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## Blackburn cops Cowboys' tickets in UBS give-away

By LYNDEL MOODY  
 Staff Writer

Gloria Blackburn doesn't consider herself lucky when it comes to winning door prizes or other related contests, but it is nice to be lucky when it counts.

On Tuesday, Gloria was presented with two pre-season tickets to Friday's Dallas

Cowboys/Miami Dolphins football game by Linda Grace, United Blood Service representative. The tickets, courtesy of a donation by San Angelo resident Chuck Romo, were part of a promotional package UBS used to entice people in the doors.

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HERALD photo/LYNDEL MOODY  
 Gloria Blackburn, far right, shows off her Dallas Cowboy's preseason tickets she received from UBS Representative Linda Grace, middle, Tuesday.

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## Feds OK unique student aid program

**The Associated Press**

BOSTON — In an experiment backed by the federal government, Northeastern University and General Electric are offering a new manufacturing degree program to be taught primarily at the company's work sites. Students will take online courses through the university, undergo training at a GE plant and earn a bachelor's degree within three years.

The biggest twist: For the first time, students who enroll in that kind of partnership will be eligible for federal financial aid.

Under U.S. law, financial aid is prohibited for programs in which at least half of the instruction comes from "ineligible entities" outside the school, such as GE. But in a pilot project meant to help low-income students, the U.S. Education Department is opening

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## Obituaries

### Lena Jean Gober Bilbrey

Lena Jean "Jean Jean" Gober Bilbrey, of Abilene, Texas, passed away Monday, Aug. 15, 2016, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

She was born on April 10, 1942, in Gorman, Texas, to parents James Fishel Gober and Minnie Odessal Jackson Gober.

Lena moved to the Abilene area in 1955 and graduated from Abilene High School in 1960. She promptly began her employment with the Abilene Independent School District. Shortly after her marriage in 1961, she and her husband Cleve moved to Midland, Texas, where they began their family. Knowing the significance of family support and role models, the young family returned to be near family in Abilene in 1967. Lena began a successful first career as a private piano teacher, instructing hundreds of students over the course of two decades. In 1990 she launched her second career, which perfectly combined her love of people with her love of travel. She and her husband founded Bilbrey Tours Inc. Over the past 26 years, she lead tours to all 50 states, to 54 countries and 4 continents; and also became one of the few female motorcoach owners in the industry. Tens of thousands of travelers joined her on great adventures both near and far to see God's amazing world. While they began as travelers, most quickly became friends; and ultimately, members of her extended family. Showing people the beauty of God's creations was one of Lena's greatest joys, and it will remain the focus of Bilbrey Tours Inc. as they continue to lead tours throughout the world.

Lena married Cleveland Ray Bilbrey in Tye, Texas, on Feb. 24, 1961, and they had two children, Richard Cleveland and Rhonda Jean Bilbrey.

Lena was a long-time member of Southern Hills Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by parents and her brother, Charles Ray Gober.

Lena is survived by her husband, Cleve; son, Richard Bilbrey and wife Dianna of Abilene; daughter, Rhonda of Denton; grandsons, Jathan Bilbrey and wife Aleicia, Tanner Bilbrey and fian-

cée Kaylee Rowe, and Riley Bilbrey, all of Abilene. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including nephews Travis Wayne Gober and James Ray Gober of Tye, Texas, along with her Bilbrey Tours family including Tim, Valerie, and Hannah Dean; Rudy Porras; and numerous current and former tour escorts.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016, at Southern Hills Church of Christ, 3666 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene, with interment to follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, Texas. John Fanning of View Baptist Church and Danny Minton of Southern Hills Church of Christ will officiate.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2016, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Hamil Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene.

Pallbearers will be Jathan Bilbrey, Tanner Bilbrey, Riley Bilbrey, Travis Gober, James Gober, Tim Dean, Rudy Porras, Randy Dobbins, and Jeremy Sanders.

Honorary pallbearers will be Danny Haddox, Jason Weltzin, and James Boone.

The Bilbrey family would like to extend their deepest appreciation to Dr. Anton Melnyk, Texas Oncology, Abilene Regional Medical Center – 5th floor Oncology nurses, Hendrick ContinueCare, Hendrick Hospice Care, Visiting Angels, Dr. Houssam Osman, and Alyssa Chapates of Trinity Surgical Consultants – Dallas.

The family will be honoring Lena by making one of her last wishes a reality. Through the works of John 4:14 Foundation of Midland, Texas, a water well will be constructed in Uganda to provide a community of 500 to 2,000 individuals with one of life's basic needs: safe drinking water. John 4:14 reads "but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will be in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." While Lena's time on earth was short, her legacy through the gift of clean water will be a testament of Christ's love for years to come. Donations are accepted at [www.j414.org](http://www.j414.org) in honor of Lena Bilbrey.

Additionally, the family is a proud supporter of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Online condolences may be submitted at [www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Harold "Sug" Cain

Harold "Sug" Cain, 85, of Bedford, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 15, 2016, in a Bedford hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 18, 2016, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Craig Rhoton officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born June 12, 1931, in Ardmore, Okla., and married Mary Sewell June 1, 1952, in Big Spring, Texas.

Harold graduated from Big Spring High School in 1948 and attended New Mexico State University. He served in the United States Army as a corporal from 1952 to 1954, serving in Germany. He worked

for Cosden Oil and Chemical for 38 years, retiring as maintenance supervisor.

Harold was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church for over 75 years and served as a deacon for over 50 years.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Mary Cain; a daughter, Tanga Cain Chapman and husband Steve; two grandchildren, James Cade Chapman and John Kyle Chapman; a sister, Virginia Cain Tucker all of Bedford; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Audrey Gillispie Cain.

The family suggests memorials to East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 410 E. 3rd St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Sheriff/Fire and EMS

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

• **ROBERT WILLIAM BARTON**, 37, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license and failure to appear.

• **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a charge of jaywalking.

• **ROBERTO ENRIQUEZ**, 59, was booked by BSPD on warrants for possession of a dangerous drug and burglary of a habitation.

• **ERIC MICHAEL JONES**, 35, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **CORY WILLIAM LEWIS**, 30, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JESSICA JO LEWIS**, 27, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

• **RUEBEN JORDAN LITTLETON**, 25, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BRIAN MICHAEL PEDDLE**, 30, was booked by BSPD on warrants for expired driver's license, bail jumping/failure to appear, and failure to identify to police officer (false/

fictitious information).

• **BRANDON SOLIS**, 22, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• **DOUGLAS WATKINS**, 48, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.); and on warrants for driving with an invalid license and failure to appear.

• **TREVOR LOWELL WORTHINGTON**, 49, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear; and on a charge for theft of property (\$20 to \$500) by check.

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of State Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of 17th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Nolan. One person was

transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 192 on Interstate 20.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Interstate 20.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway Road.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Road.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4100 block of Muir.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the Lorilla. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



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Thu 8/18	Fri 8/19	Sat 8/20	Sun 8/21	Mon 8/22
<b>82/71</b> Mixed clouds and sun with scattered t-storms. High 82F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 60%.	<b>89/71</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>89/69</b> Showers and t-storms late. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>83/67</b> Scattered t-storms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>82/68</b> T-storms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM

### Texas at a Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	84	70	Cloudy	Kingsville	89	75	Cloudy
Amarillo	89	61	Sunny	Livingston	82	73	Sct T-Storms
Austin	81	72	Cloudy	Longview	79	71	Cloudy
Beaumont	85	76	P Cloudy	Lubbock	89	64	Sunny
Brownsville	91	76	Sct T-Storms	Lufkin	81	73	Cloudy
Brownwood	84	71	Cloudy	Midland	89	71	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	87	78	P Cloudy	Raymondville	92	74	P Cloudy
Corsicana	79	72	T-Storms	Rosenberg	82	74	Cloudy
Dallas	80	73	Cloudy	San Antonio	83	74	Sct T-Storms
Del Rio	84	73	Cloudy	San Marcos	80	73	ISO T-Storms
El Paso	93	67	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	80	72	Sct T-Storms
Fort Stockton	84	67	P Cloudy	Sweetwater	86	70	Cloudy
Jainesville	80	70	Cloudy	Tyler	79	71	Sct T-Storms
Greenville	79	71	Cloudy	Weatherford	79	71	Cloudy
Houston	85	76	T-Storms	Wichita Falls	87	71	P Cloudy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	73	Cloudy	Miami	86	79	Cloudy
Boston	85	68	P Cldy/Wind	Minneapolis	85	67	Cloudy
Chicago	84	70	P Cloudy	New York	91	76	P Cloudy
Dallas	80	73	Cloudy	Phoenix	109	86	M Cloudy
Denver	90	62	M Sunny	San Francisco	62	54	Cloudy
Houston	85	76	T-Storms	Seattle	80	62	Sunny
Los Angeles	86	63	M Sunny	Saint Louis	88	71	P Cloudy

### Moon Phases

<b>First</b> Aug 10	<b>Full</b> Aug 18	<b>Last</b> Aug 25	<b>New</b> Sep 1
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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JESSICA JO LEWIS**, 27, of 304 Circle Dr. was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

• **DOUGLAS RAY WATKINS**, 48, of 304 Circle Dr. was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), driving with an invalid license, and failure to appear.

• **ROBERTO ENRIQUEZ**, 59, of 106 E. 22nd St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.

• **BRANDON SOLIS**, 22, of 2010 Loop Road was arrested on a warrant for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• **BRIAN MICHAEL PEDDLE**, 30, of 464 E. Ammann Rd. Apt. #7 in Bulverde, Texas, was arrested on a warrant for expired driver's license, and on other outstanding warrants.

• **ROBERT WILLIAM BARTON**, 37, of 501 N.E. 10th St. was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and failure to appear.

• **TREVOR LOWELL WORTHINGTON**, 49, of 804 S. Main St. was arrested on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1500 block of East FM 700, the 1100 block of Lloyd Ave., the 2000 block of South Gregg Street, the 900 block of North Lamesa Highway, and the 400 block of Edwards Boulevard.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of North Lamesa Highway and the 3200 block of West Highway 80.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 400 block of South Adams Street.

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# Take note

- Big Spring ISD is now accepting free/reduced lunch applications on line. To apply, go to the Big Spring Independent School District website [www.bsisd.esc.18.net](http://www.bsisd.esc.18.net) and click on the quick link "Meal App Now." Fill out the forms and then submit. You will be notified by mail or e-mail of the status of your lunch application. If you do not have access to a computer, please bring all of your income information, TANF or SNAP EDG number and come to the Food Service Department located at 708 Eleventh Place.

- 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 Cha-

let, 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](mailto: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.

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# TICKETS

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For the past 10 years, Gloria, who is a long-time city employee, has donated whenever the city held a drive to help restock UBS's inventory.

"I feel like I am contributing something, and blood is always at a low supply," she said.

Linda estimates the amount of blood Gloria has donated over years averages to about 120 potential lives save.

"Each donation saves up to three lives," Grace said.

The pre-season tickets were up for grabs for anyone who donated in the past 14 blood drives held around the area from Brownwood, Texas

to the UBS site in San Angelo, Texas. When Gloria sat down in the chair at the last city drive in early August, Dallas Cowboy football was the last thing on her mind, she said.

"I never even thought about it," she said. "I am pretty unlucky."

And yet in this case, she did. On Friday, she and her daughter will venture off to the Dallas AT&T Cowboys Stadium in Arlington — located next to the ballpark of the current American League West division leader Texas Rangers — to see her first live NFL game. It's only fitting to note she is a recovering Denver Broncos fan. Actually, she is a huge fan of Payton Manning, who retired as the quarterback of the Broncos,

so on Friday Gloria will not be rooting for any particular team.

"It will be nice to go to a game where you don't favor one team over another," Blackburn said. "That way you can just enjoy the game and the atmosphere."

The trip will be somewhat bitter-sweet for her. Gloria is the widow of Everett Blackburn, who was a long-time head trainer for Howard College and Big Spring schools. He spent many a Friday night working football games for the Big Spring Steers, Gloria said.

Although Ryan Tannehill, quarterback for the Miami Dolphins and Big Spring High School alumni, was too young to be a player when Everett worked those long, Steer Friday

nights, Gloria thinks her late husband would have enjoyed just being able to watch the game, especially knowing a Big Spring grad was on the field.

Area Cowboy fans should not feel too jealous, Linda pointed out. UBS is giving out two more pre-season tickets to a lucky person who donates blood at one of its drives between now and Aug. 27. Those tickets are for the Dallas verse the Houston Texas game set for Sept. 1.

To find a donation drive near Big Spring, call UBS 1-877-UBS-HERO (877-827-4376)

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234. or by e-mail at [citydesk@big-springherald.com](mailto:citydesk@big-springherald.com).

# FISD

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said.

The prayer breakfast will be held from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the new Forsan Elementary Cafeteria.

The featured speaker this year is Pastor Bill Ivins of First Methodist Church Big Spring. He will give a 15 -to-20-minute talk. Pastor Darren Weaver and Tim Kreitz will provide music. Craig Felty and Pastor Darren Weaver will open and close the event, respectively, with prayer.

The meal and program will last only one hour so that attendees can get to their place of employment without missing a great deal of work time, Johnson said.

Tickets, which are \$5 each, must be purchased (or reserved by phone) ahead of time to assist with meal planning, and can be purchased at any FISD campus or the administration office.

Ticket sales cover the expenses of the meal and related costs and no public monies are used for this event, Johnson said.

# FEDS

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financial aid to eight programs jointly offered by schools and companies.

"While America has some of the best colleges and universities in the world, as a system we're still catching up to the needs of today's new normal college student," Education Undersecretary Ted Mitchell told reporters on Tuesday, adding that the typical U.S. college student is no longer an 18-year-old, but a working adult.

In its first year, the project will offer up to \$5 million in federal aid for students in eight programs chosen by the Education Department.

The experiment's goal is to prepare students for the growing number of jobs that require some level of higher education, but on terms that are flexible enough for working adults.

The experiment is being called EQUIP, short for Educational Quality through Innovation Partnerships.

Among the programs chosen by the department, most are new partnerships between colleges and education companies, including four academies for computer coding.

The University of Texas at Austin, for example, is pairing with the coding boot camp MakerSquare to offer a 13-week certificate in web development.

Thomas Edison State

College in New Jersey is working with the website Study.com to offer online bachelor's degrees in business administration and liberal studies, to be completed at a student's own pace through video courses.

At Northeastern, the new degree aims to combat what school officials say is a shortage of workers with advanced manufacturing skills. The program will launch next spring, starting with up to 50 General Electric employees as the first students. By fall 2017, the university hopes to expand the degree program to students across the U.S.

"In order to bring manufacturing back to the United States, we need to focus on the

advanced aspects that require skills, that require expertise," Northeastern President Joseph Aoun said.

The program will cost \$10,000 a year without financial aid. Students with some college experience can complete it within a year and a half, school officials said.

Each of the partnerships will be assigned an independent organization to monitor their work and evaluate student incomes. The mon-

itors include consulting firms and education advocacy groups. Ultimately, the Education Department will decide

whether each partnership's pilot was a success.

"It's not enough to measure only access or simple enrollment," Mitchell said, "we need to have a laser-like focus on outcomes."

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# Check this out at the Howard County Library

This week I don't have many books processed and ready to write about. For you science fiction fans, we have three books: "The City of Mirrors" by Justin Cronin (SF CRO J) that is book three of The Passage Trilogy, "One Year After" by William R. Forstchen (SF FOR W) that is the sequel to One Second After, and "Chainfire" by Terry Goodkind (SF GOO T) that is book nine of the Sword of Truth Series.

"Unforgotten Hero" by Jim Escalle (951.904 ESC J) tells the captivating life story of Second Lieutenant Jimmy L. Escalle, a U. S. Air Force fighter pilot who became missing in action during the Korean War. Called to serve his country after the Korean War began, his childhood dream of becoming a pilot someday became a reality when he joined the Air Force and eventually got the opportunity to fly the F-86 Sabre, regarded as the most advanced jet fighter of its time. Soon after arriving in Korea, he went on his first missions. Since Jim was assigned to a fighter-bomber squadron, the majority of his



MONICA MARTINEZ

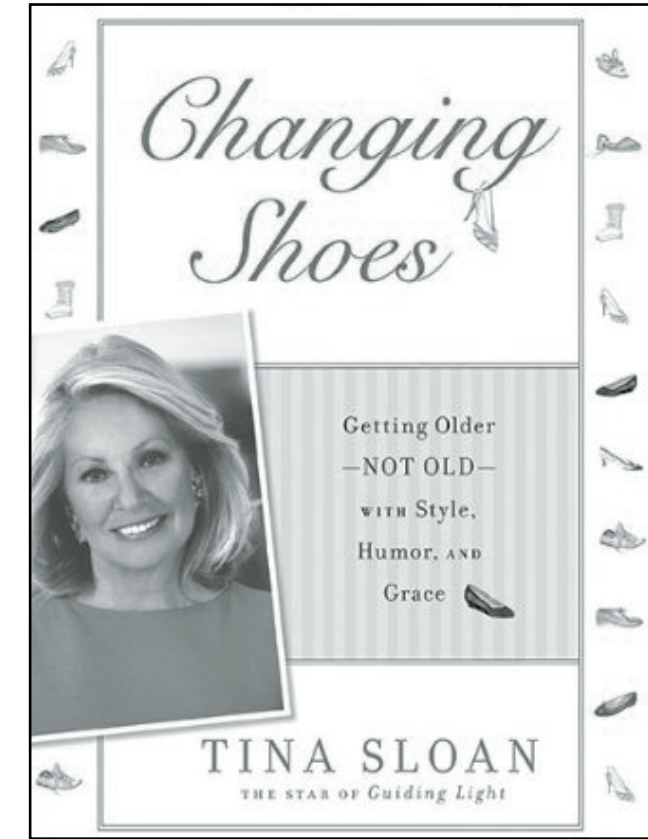
and gracefully let go of a hand you've been holding your entire life. From a child's first breath, to a mother's last, this memoir shows how closing that circle can be a celebration of this unbreakable bond. When Lisa traveled home to visit her parents, she never expected an ordinary three-day weekend to turn into an extraordinary 14-day observance of her mother's life-and ultimately-death.

In "Changing Shoes" (305.244 SLO T), Tina Sloan, a soap opera actress, addresses the issues and feelings most women eventually have to deal with using her humorous anecdotes from her personal life and her twenty-six years on Guiding Light. This beloved actress celebrates life's transitions with courage, humor, and the right shoes. Changes in her looks, love life, career, and family are managed with footwear to match: broken-in black flats when taking care of her aging parents, lavender "Cinderella" shoes to seduce her husband, and pink snow boots to hike Mount Kilimanjaro. Tina's commitment to live life to the fullest is inspiring and filled with advice on everything from retaining the spark and zest of younger days, staying "forever frisky," expanding your world, and, as Tina puts it "staying in the game."

vice dog agency in the country as "too disabled." Her nurse encouraged her to raise her own service dog, and Ben, a German shepherd, dragged her back into life. A thousand dogs later, Karen Shirk's service dog academy, 4 Paws for Ability, is restoring hurting children and their families to life. It turns out that dogs really are doing the astounding things they appear to do, and they're doing them for people they love. The frontiers of the human/dog bond are explored here with insight, compassion, humor, and joy. Questions about our attachment to dogs, what constitutes a productive life, and what can be accomplished with unconditional love are addressed in this book.

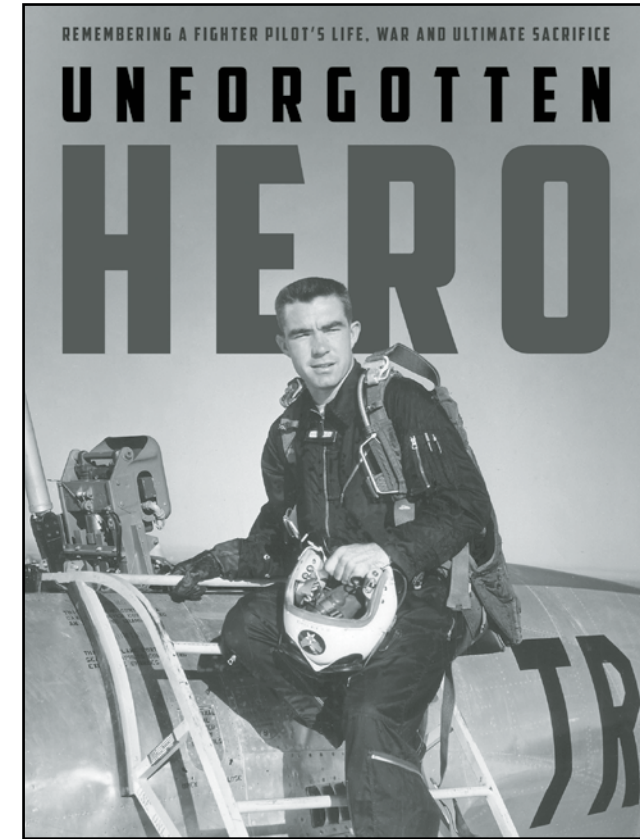
"Strange Glow" by Timothy J. Jorgensen (539.2 JOR T) is the story of radiation and mankind's extraordinary, thorny relationship with it. Tracing the most important events in the evolution of radiation, Jorgensen explains exactly what radiation is, how it produces certain health consequences, and how we can protect ourselves from harm. Jorgensen empowers us to make informed choices while offering a clearer understanding of broader societal issues.

"A Green Journey" by Jon Hassler (LP F HAS J)

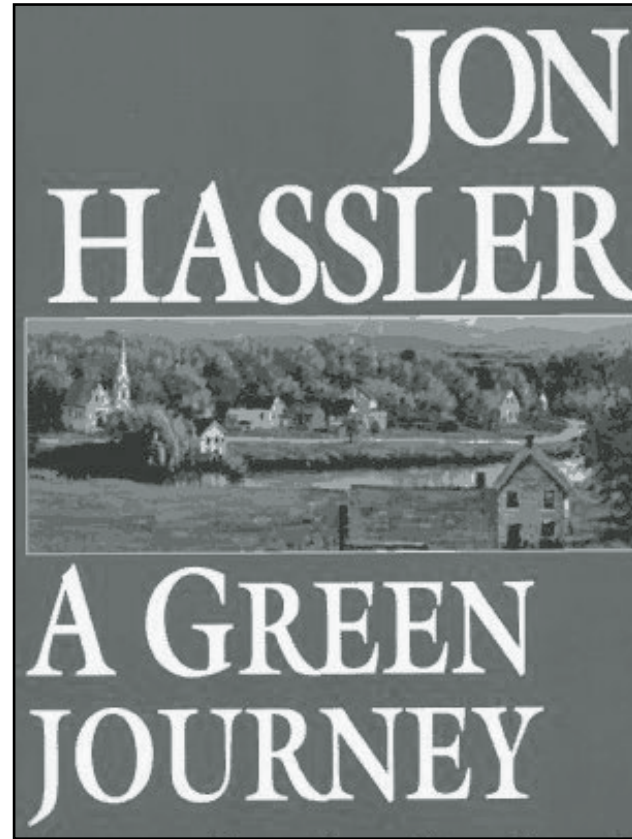


combat missions were air-to-ground and the most dangerous missions. Five weeks before the armistice was signed, Jim paid the ultimate price for freedom when he disappeared while on a combat mission over North Korea and was never seen or heard from again.

"14 Days" by Lisa Goich (155.937 GOI L) is a story of parental loss, and how to lovingly, bravely,



"The Underdogs" by Melissa Fay Greene (362.404 GRE M) tells the story of Karen Shirk who at age twenty-four was afflicted by a neuromuscular disease and facing life as an immobile, deeply isolated and depressed, ventilator-dependent patient. She was rejected by every ser-



tells the story of sixty-something Agatha McGee, a

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 23rd, 2016 at 5:30 PM at City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th Street

Second Hearing: September 13th, 2016 at 5:30 PM at City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th Street



# Olympic gold medalist Mary Lou Retton keeps up in Houston

By DAVID BARRON

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Simone Biles has won more world championships, Nastia Liukin has as many Olympic medals and Shannon Miller has more world and Olympic medals combined.

And yet, more than 30 years later, the Sports Illustrated headline of Aug. 13, 1984, rings true: "Only You, Mary Lou."

The Houston Chronicle reports Mary Lou Retton laughs appreciatively at the notion that, at age 48 and the mother of four daughters, she has been regarded as the greatest of all American female gymnasts, even surpassing those who jump higher, run faster and perform skills in the 21st century she never dreamed of accomplishing in the 20th — at least until Biles' performance in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

"All I can say is that to be the first is very special," said Retton, who in 1984 became the first U.S. woman to win an Olympic all-around gold medal in women's gymnastics, a feat since accomplished by Carly Patterson (2004), Liukin (2008), Gabrielle Douglas (2012) and Biles, of Spring.

Retton burst onto the international gymnastics scene at a time the balletic grace of the dominant Soviet Union team was the standard, packing the power and leg drive of a mini-Earl Campbell in a 4-foot-9, 95-pound package.

Generations of gymnasts later, her body type and style are the sport's gold standard, embodied by the Biles, 4 feet 8, the three-time defending world all-around champion and prohibitive favorite to win the Olympic all-around.

"Back in my day, I was kind of on the cutting edge," Retton said. "No one had ever seen a gymnast like me. Fast-forward today, and that's all you see because that is how the sport has evolved to benefit powerful, athletic gymnasts.

"You go back to Nastia in 2008. She was one of the most beautiful gymnasts I've ever seen. But that kind of gymnastics has gone. Back when I competed, it was the pretty little butterflies, which I was not. I showed the world what the sport was going to be — power and athleticism as opposed to just the graceful, artistic side of things."

Born and raised in Fairmont, West Virginia, (her father, Ron, at 5 feet 7 inches tall, was a co-captain with Jerry West on West Virginia's 1959 NCAA Tournament finalists), Retton came to Houston at age 14 to train with Bela and Martha Karolyi, who trained the great Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci before coming to the United States in the early 1980s.

Retton won two international events in 1983 and entered the Olympic year, with the Soviets boycotting the games in Los Angeles, picked to win the all-around silver medal behind Ecaterina Szabo of Romania. Retton sailed through the Olympic Trials but, in an event that would not have happened these days, was allowed to appear in a post-trials exhibition and suffered a knee injury that required arthroscopic surgery six weeks before the games.

Retton recovered and, trailing Szabo entering her final event in the all-around at Los Angeles, received a perfect score of 10.0 on the "vault without

fault" to win the gold medal by 0.05 points.

She emerged from the Olympics as the most photogenic, marketable athlete on the U.S. team, becoming the first female athlete to be depicted on a Wheaties box and launching a life of celebrity that receded but has never gone away.

"My goal was to come to Houston because the Karolyis were going to give me my best shot at making the Olympic team," Retton said. "If it didn't work out, I would go back to Fairmont, West Virginia, and finish my sophomore year in high school and maybe go out for cheerleader. That was my thinking."

Instead, she stayed in Houston, graduating from high school and attending the University of Texas, where she met her husband, Shannon Kelley, a former Memorial High School quarterback who also played for the Longhorns and is an assistant coach at Houston Baptist University.

They have been married for 25 years and have four daughters — Shayla, a member of Baylor University's national champion acrobatics and tumbling team; McKenna, a gymnast at LSU; Skyla, who attends Second Baptist School; and Emma, a potential elite gymnast who trains at Stars Gymnastics in west Houston.

"Those kids keep me hopping," she said. "I travel from January to May watching them compete, and that is the joy of my life.

"I will pick and choose some appearances, but I need to take care of these kids and support them and love them. That's where I am at this stage of life."

Retton did not arrive at this point in her life unscathed. Born with hip dysplasia and battered by years of constant training as a teenager, she has undergone 19 surgical procedures, including replacements for both hips and underwent back surgery in June prompted by a degenerative bone disorder.

"All my problems came after I had my babies. That sucked all the calcium out of me," she said, laughing. "With this back surgery, you get to the point when the pain overrides the fear of getting it done. It was a doozy, but I'm recovering."

Gymnastics, she said, "is a brutal sport. But 30 years ago, the equipment we worked on wasn't so forgiving. The floors today are like little trampolines. And we trained hard — 70 vaults a day onto hard surfaces. But the equipment today is better, and they train smarter today."

But after all is said and done, Retton is just a kid from a small West Virginia town who has become one of the most familiar faces and most beloved citizens in the fourth-largest city in America.

"People still come up to me and say they remember where they were during the summer of 1984," she said. "It's not like today, when you get the results before they appear on television. You had to watch ABC, because that was the only place to see us. That made it special for people."

Houston, she said, "has become home to me. All four of my children were born here, and my husband is from here. It really is home. It's a small town in a big city and such a sports town where everybody supports each other."

# Lopez family still pursuing Olympic taekwondo quests

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The key to the men's 80-kilogram taekwondo competition at the Rio Games may be Liliana Marie Rogowski.

She's 1, and isn't exactly competitive yet.

But if you like either superstitions or coincidence, here's why she could be a factor: Since 1999, whenever a baby arrives in the Lopez family in the year before an Olympics, Steven Lopez wins a medal in taekwondo. It's a trend he hopes to continue on Friday, when he competes on the Olympic stage for the fifth time and looks to add to the medals he claimed in 2000, 2004 and 2008.

"In '99, Jean, my older brother, had a baby and she was my inspiration," Lopez said. "In 2003, he had another baby. In 2007, he had another baby. In 2011, no babies — and I didn't do well. And now Liliana, my sister Diana's baby, was born in 2015. So I'm ready to go."

Family is everything to Lopez, and taekwondo is the family business. Jean Lopez, the oldest sibling, is Steven's coach. Younger brother Mark Lopez is his training partner here at the Rio Games. Younger sister Diana Lopez spent part of the summer working out with her brothers, and will be watching Friday from Houston where she, her husband and daughter live.

In 2008, Steven, Mark and Diana all medaled at the Beijing Games. Mark and Diana have transitioned out of the day-to-day grind; Mark wears a suit to work now and has a job in finance, while Diana is a teacher. Meanwhile Steven Lopez remains in the game, and it's hardly a sure thing that Tokyo won't be on his mind in four years either.

But at 37, thoughts about the family legacy within the sport are more prevalent in his mind now than they were at past games.

"It's just an ordinary family that's been able to do extraordinary things," Steven Lopez said. "It's through faith in God, love of family and dedication and sacrifice. My parents immigrated from Nicaragua, a very poor country, and what my parents showed me is the work ethic and to appreciate every single thing this country has offered me. So in training, we take into account the way we were brought up, to be the very best."

The family patriarch, Julio Lopez, was an athlete while growing up in Nicaragua, competing in track and swimming. He and his wife Ondina eventually moved to New York and one of their ways their kids got used to things in America was through sports. And once they all tried taekwondo, they were basically hooked.

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feisty, intelligent, quick witted, hot-tempered, nurturing teacher who is propelled to leave America when there is a problem at the school where she teaches. She decides to go to Ireland to look for the pen pal with whom she has corresponded for years. Although it may be a little late in the game, Agatha follows her heart in search of a dream. Along the way, she not only discovers people she would never have allowed herself to know, but learns through experience that love is unpredictable, unstoppable, and never appears as we dream it will.

As we get ready for the beginning of another school year, I leave you with a quote from Maya Angelou:

"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him."

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## News in brief

### Donald Trump shaking up campaign

TETERBORO, N.J. (AP) — Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, who has slipped in the polls in recent weeks, has shaken up his campaign again.

The billionaire real estate mogul is bringing in Stephen Bannon of Breitbart News as chief executive officer and promoting pollster Kellyanne Conway to campaign manager.

"I've known both of them for a long time. They're terrific people, they're winners, they're champs, and we need to win it," Trump told The Associated Press in a phone interview early Wednesday.

The move comes just 82 days before the November election and represents yet another overhaul of Trump's tumultuous quest for the White House.

In confirming the campaign overhaul, Trump called Bannon and Conway "big people" who can help him defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton in November.

### Greece: Search for migrant boat reporting engine problems

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Two Greek coast guard vessels and a helicopter from the European border agency Frontex were searching Wednesday for a migrant boat whose passengers said was suffering engine problems in the eastern Aegean Sea.

Greek authorities were alerted by a phone call to emergency services by one of the boat's passengers, who said there were about 53 people on board and that the vessel was experiencing mechanical problems. The coast guard said the search was being conducted northwest of the island of Samos and north of the island of Ikaria.

Earlier Wednesday, the coast guard rescued 59 migrants in an inflatable dinghy in rough weather to the south, off the island of Kos. They were among a total of 147 people who arrived on three Greek islands in the 24 hours between Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning.

Of the others, 44 reached the small island of Kalymnos and the remaining 44 were picked up by the coast guard from another inflatable dinghy off the island of Lesbos.

With many islands close to the Turkish coast, Greece has been the main entry point into the European Union for hundreds of thousands of migrants and refugees hoping for better lives in Europe, especially in the continent's more prosperous central and northern nations.

An EU-Turkish agreement and Balkan border closures have severely reduced the flow of people through the country this year. Under the deal, new arrivals on Greek islands face being returned to Turkey unless they successfully apply for asylum in Greece.

### Russia-Iran cooperation in Syria sends message to US

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia's use of an Iranian air base to bomb targets in Syria sends a message to Washington as it weighs a military partnership with Moscow: Join us or we'll look to your enemies.

Tuesday's missions were unprecedented. Iran allowed Russian warplanes to take off from its territory to strike opposition targets in Syria. The move came with little notice to the United States, which has watched helplessly the escalating bloodshed near Aleppo, the country's biggest city, and even offered an alliance with Russia against Islamic State and other extremist fighters as a way to get Syria's government out of the fight.

The negotiations have dragged on for weeks. Russia has grown impatient, with top officials several times suggesting an imminent deal, only to have American officials counter that the sides weren't close.

The bombing runs from a base near the Iranian city of Hamedan, 175 miles southwest of Tehran, may have been a reminder to the Obama administration that Moscow could be cozying up to Iran if Washington doesn't come around.

"The Russians are showing they have options in Syria while they have Washington over a barrel on Aleppo," said Andrew Tabler, a Syria expert at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. He said the operations also cement Russia's alliance with Iran in the region.

Russia and Iran have strongly backed Syrian President Bashar Assad's government throughout the five-and-a-half year civil war with rebel groups supported by the United States and allies such as

Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

### Staying ahead of the mold, residents salvage what they can

GONZALES, La. (AP) — The heartbreaking task of sorting through waterlogged belongings and ripping out carpets and drywall is kicking into high gear Wednesday in flood-wracked southern Louisiana as the state faces a long-term challenge of how to house thousands of displaced people.

But even as the water receded in some areas, it was rising in other places downstream, sending people fleeing to shelters.

Officials painted a stark picture of the crisis: at least 40,000 homes damaged and 11 people killed in some of the worst flooding in Louisiana history. More than 30,000 people have been rescued since Friday.

There were scattered reports of looting, and Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said parishes with widespread damage were being placed under curfew as of Tuesday night.

The smell of muddy water hung heavy in the air as people donned surgical masks and began the back-breaking job of ripping out soggy carpet, drywall and insulation. They cleared out spiders and cockroaches that had bubbled up through the sewer grates.

### Monstrous California wildfire drives over 80,000 from homes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It tore through canyons and flew over ridges in every direction with astonishing speed, sending flames 80 feet skyward and forcing tens of thousands to flee their homes.

The Southern California wildfire that began as a small midmorning patch of flame next to Interstate 15 in the Cajon Pass had by Tuesday's end turned into a 28-square-mile monster that had burned an untold number of homes.

"This moved so fast," said Darren Dalton, 51, who along with his wife and son had to get out of his house in Wrightwood, a mountain town of 4,500 popular with skiers in winter. "It went from 'have you heard there's a fire?' to 'mandatory evacuation' before you could take it all in. This is a tight little community up here. Always in rally mode. Suddenly it's a ghost town."

Hundreds of cars packed with residents, belongings and animals left the town. The air for miles around the blaze was filled with smoke. The sound of explosions — possibly from ammunition stored in homes — could be heard in the distance.

### Grandfather: Man killed by police was just trying to survive

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The man killed in a police shooting that sparked two nights of violence in Milwaukee suffered from cognitive and mental health issues, and he carried a gun because he had been shot more than once in the past, his grandfather said.

Sylville K. Smith had a lengthy criminal past, but was just trying to survive in the inner city, William Brookins told The Associated Press.

"In this city, there's a lot of killings going on in the street," said Brookins, who detailed Smith's problems in a letter to a judge last year seeking mercy for his grandson. "He was afraid for his life. He was concerned about his safety and surviving."

Smith, 23, was shot and killed Saturday after a brief foot chase that followed a traffic stop. Police say Smith was fleeing, and officials have said the officer's body camera shows him being shot after he turned toward the officer with a gun in his hand.

The officer, who has not been identified, is black, as was Smith. A few hours after the shooting, violence erupted on the city's largely black north side, with protesters hurling rocks at police and burning six businesses. A lighter night of protests followed Sunday. Monday was calm, though 10 people were arrested.

### 25 years on, Russians tell of how they defeated a coup

MOSCOW (AP) — The KGB major was on vacation in the Russian countryside in August 1991 when he woke up to a radio broadcast announcing a state of national emergency. The bulletin contained something else: a secret code phrase for intelligence officers, summoning them back to their posts immediately.

On Aug. 19, 1991, a group of eight senior hard-line

Communist leaders, including the KGB chairman, had seized power from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, declaring that Gorbachev was unable to continue as head of the party due to illness.

In fact, Gorbachev was under arrest and the "Gang of Eight" intended to roll back his reformist policies of glasnost and perestroika, which they believed had set the Soviet Union on a path of disaster.

For a few days, the fate of the superpower hung in the balance.

When KGB Maj. Valery Shirayev arrived in Moscow and got on the phone, his supervisor was anything but enthusiastic about the coup. "These are people who have no idea what they're doing," he declared to the major. "They're doomed, and the coup will be over in two days."

### Romances by women authors in Nigeria challenge traditions

KANO, Nigeria (AP) — Nestled among vegetables, plastic kettles and hand-dyed fabric in market stalls are the signs of a feminist revolution: Piles of poorly printed books by women that advocate forcefully against conservative Muslim traditions such as child marriage and quick divorce.

They are part of a flourishing literary movement centered in the ancient city of Kano, in northern Nigeria, where dozens of young women are rebelling through romance novels.

Hand-written in the Hausa language, the romances now run into thousands of titles. Many rail against a strict interpretation of Islam propagated in Nigeria by the extremist group Boko Haram, which on Sunday posted video showing dozens of the 218 girls militants abducted from a remote school in April 2014.

"We write to educate people, to be popular, to touch others' lives, to touch on things that are happening in our society," says author Hadiza Nuhu Gudaji, whose views have gained a recognition unusual for women in her society.

Gudaji's novellas are so popular that she is invited to give advice on radio talk shows. She describes how she was able to influence the future of a 15-year-old who called in, begging the novelist to persuade her father not to force her into marriage.

"We said: 'The father of this girl, you are listening to us, you hear what your girl is saying,'" Gudaji recounts. "If you force her, maybe the marriage will not end so well, maybe the girl will run away and come to a bad end."

### How do the blind watch the Olympics? NBC helps them hear it

NEW YORK (AP) — Two people in a recording booth deep inside a Connecticut office park are helping millions of blind Americans feel part of the Olympics like never before.

For the first time in the U.S., NBC is airing the Olympics in prime time with additional narrators who simply report what's happening on screen — a sort of closed captioning for the visually impaired. Most viewers won't even know the additional narrators are there; to hear them, you need to turn on special cable-box settings to activate their audio track.

But their running blow-by-blow can open things up for the blind, who at best get an incomplete picture from traditional sportscasting that takes visuals for granted.

"I love the Olympics," says Marlaina Lieberg, 66, who's been blind since birth and has long bugged her sighted husband to describe the athletic events. "I'm so happy I'm going to be able to sit back, watch the Olympics like anybody else, know what's going on, not have to imagine or wonder. That's huge."

On a recent Wednesday, narrator Norma Jean Wick opens the Olympics broadcast in a neutral, almost robotic tone, saying "Golden orange sunset in Rio de Janeiro" as music swells over a shot of the city.



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### Lady Steers sweep C-City

By DREW WILLIAMS  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers played their first home game of the young season Tuesday, and they didn't disappoint their fans.

The Lady Steers swept the Colorado City Lady Wolves, winning each of the first three sets by a score of 25-18. Captains Katie Wash and Addie Jimenez fulfilled their roles as they led the team in kills with ten and eight, respectively. Ashley Gonzales finished with a team-high 14 assists, while Medina Bancroft wasn't far behind with 13.

On the defensive end, it was Wash and Jimenez coming up big as Wash finished the game with 12 digs and Jimenez dominated the category with a game-high 22. Janisha Smith was a force at the net as she was the only Lady Steer to register a solo block, finishing with three total.

The Lady Steers benefitted from early mistakes by Colorado City and took advantage of them. The Lady Wolves committed multiple net violations in the first set that helped

Big Spring gain momentum, and in the second set the Lady Wolves had trouble serving, sending a handful of serves too short and into the net and too long and out of play. The third set started 3-1 in favor of Colorado City, and Big Spring head coach Sunni Strickland took an early timeout as her team came out too flat for her liking.

"I basically told them that they need to play on their level and not on the level of the team that they're playing. C-City is a good team and they have some good players, but we should be able to compete at a higher level than that. Our momentum and intensity needed to increase and I told some of the girls what they were doing wrong and that I expected them to fix it right then and there or somebody else is coming in their spot, and they fixed it," Strickland said.

Big Spring immediately went on a 3-0 run after the timeout to take the lead and never looked back. Strickland said the team is looking to come together and has improved continuously throughout the start of the season.

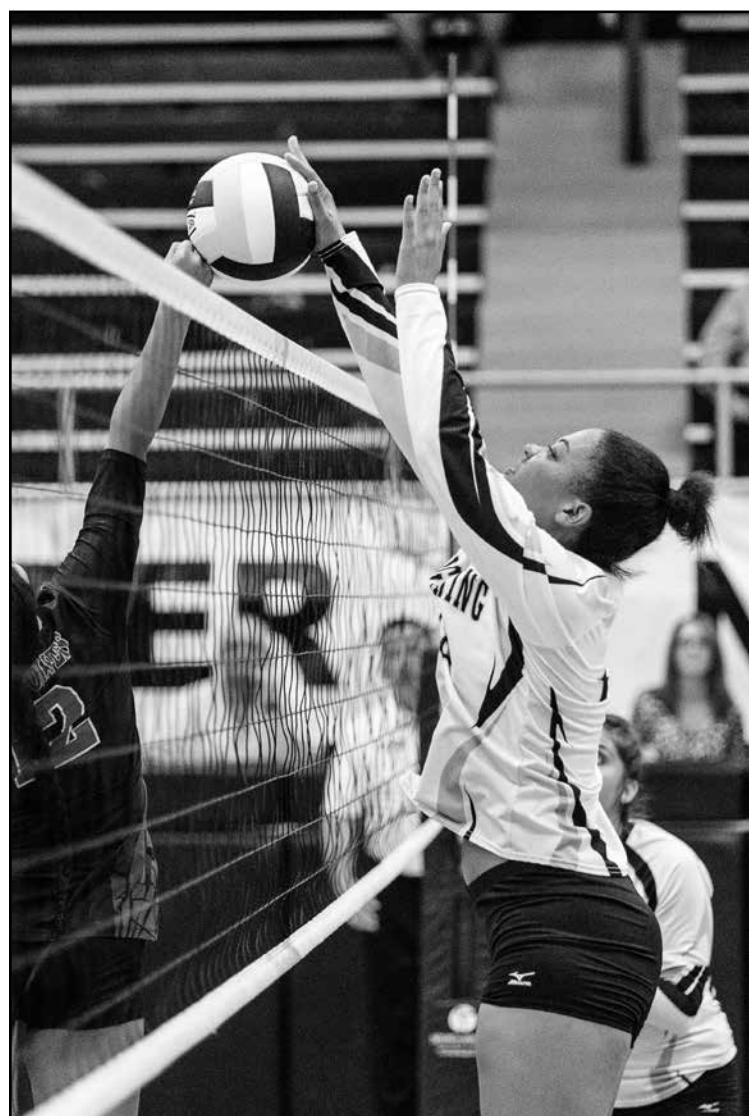
"We've been working really

hard trying to figure out just the right rotation that we'd like to use, and it's coming together," she said. "We've been working on a lot of fundamentals, where we want certain girls to play against certain teams' offenses and defenses, and what we want to do. And it's just a learning curve for them, as well as me, trying to figure out where they left off and what they need to learn. We've improved every single set that we've played, and we've played some pretty tough teams."

She added that having so many players with varsity experience has made her job a little easier in her first year as head coach.

"It's a blessing," she said. "It's not a lot of re-teaching. I'm just teaching them what type of offense and what type of defense that I run. They're quick learners and they get it so it's really helped me out a lot."

The Lady Steers will head to LeVell Thursday for a tournament that will run through Saturday. Start times are yet to be determined.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Janisha Smith makes a block on a Lady Wolves spike. Smith finished with a game-high three blocks. See more photos, Page 13.

### Brazil women beat US

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — If Kerri Walsh Jennings winds up with a fourth medal in Olympic beach volleyball, it will be bronze — not gold, like the other three she has earned in what had been an unblemished record at the Summer Games.

Walsh Jennings and partner April Ross were relegated to the third-place game by Brazil's reigning world champions, who beat the Americans in straight sets on Tuesday night to advance to a gold medal matchup with Germany.

"We could squash that team, and I say that with all the respect in the world," Walsh Jennings said. "But they outplayed us in every way."

Agatha and Barbara rode a boisterous crowd at the Copacabana venue to a 22-20, 21-18 victory, keeping alive the host nation's chances for a gold medal after their top-seeded team lost to Germany the earlier in the day.

It was the first loss in an Olympic beach volleyball career that claimed gold medals in Athens, Beijing and London with part-



AP Photo/Petr David Josek

Brazil's Agatha Bednarczuk celebrates winning a point during a women's volleyball semifinal match against United States at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2016.

ner Misty May-Treanor.

"It's a terrible feeling," she said, taking the blame for the loss by saying her failure to pass effectively put her partner in a bind.

"I don't agree with that," Ross said.

"The roles have been reversed before; I could have done a lot more. We're a team," she said, finishing it before repeating, "We're a team."

Asked if she can come back for another try at a gold medal,

Walsh Jennings said, "I know I can. I just don't know if I want to."

Walsh Jennings said they would be proud to stand on the podium, and their focus now was to recover from the emotional loss with less than 21 hours before the third-place match against Larissa and Talita, a pair of three-time Olympians.

"It's a huge deal," said Ross, who won the medal in London.

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### Youth soccer signups continue Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will hold signups for the 2016 season on Saturdays, August 13, August 20, and August 27 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. They will also sign up August 22-26 from 5:30-7 p.m.

There will be no signups on Thursday, August 25 due to the Howard County Bowl. Signups will be held at the Spring Town Plaza. Cost is \$60 a child, ages 3-15.

### Jerry Jones among Hall of Fame finalists

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and former Commissioner Paul Tagliabue have been selected as finalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

Jones and Tagliabue were chosen Tuesday by the hall's contributor committee.

The Cowboys won three Super Bowls in a span of four seasons from 1992 to 1995 after Jones bought the team in 1989 and fired Tom Landry, the only coach the franchise had known.

The 73-year-old billionaire who made his for-

tune in the oil business was also a pioneer in sponsorships, sparking a lawsuit from the NFL when he struck deals outside the league's revenue-sharing model.

Tagliabue was commissioner from 1989 through 2006, a period during which the NFL expanded from 28 to 32 teams and built 20 new stadiums. He helped negotiate a \$25 billion TV deal in 2006, and the NFL Network was launched during his tenure.

The 2017 class will be selected during Super Bowl weekend in February.

### Rangers' 3 runs in 10th beat A's 5-4 when Odor hit by pitch

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Rougned Odor was ready to hit for the Texas Rangers with the bases loaded in the bottom of the 10th inning. He instead ended the game by getting hit.

Odor was hit by a pitch, forcing in the winning run and capping a three-run rally that gave the AL-best Rangers a 5-4 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday night.

Recent acquisition Carlos Beltran tied the game at 4-all with his fourth hit, a two-run single, after John Axford (4-4) had walked the bases loaded. Marc Rzepczynski then came on and the A's opted to intentionally walk Adrian Beltre, who hit a grand slam in the series opener Monday, to reload the bases with one out. The next pitch hit Odor on the shoulder.

"The pitch he threw me was really, really in," Odor said. "And I was like, 'I'm not going to move. I'll take that pitch, and we'll win the game.'"

Rzepczynski, who primarily throws sinkers into lefties like Odor, was trying to induce an inning-ending double play grounder.

"I threw one and it ran instead of

sank. And it ran right into his shoulder," the lefty reliever said. "That sums it up right there."

Oakland had tied the game in the ninth off closer Sam Dyson, then took a 4-2 lead in the 10th when five of its first six batters reached against Kela (4-1), the sixth Texas pitcher.

Dyson struck out the side in the ninth, but also gave up three hits and a run for his fourth blown save in 31 chances. The A's had been 0 for 9 with runners in scoring position before Danny Valencia's two-out RBI single tied the game at 2.

Kela, the sixth Texas pitcher, got all three of his outs on strikeouts, between three hits and a walk.

The A's lost their fourth straight, dropping a season-high 16 games under .500. At 52-68, they are 18 1/2 games behind Texas in the AL West after their 19th loss this season in which they led the game by multiple runs.

Texas (71-50) has won nine of 13 after its first game-ending hit by pitch with the bases loaded since Sept. 11, 2010, against the New York Yankees.

"Since I've joined the ballclub I have seen the energy in the clubhouse and



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Texas Rangers' Rougned Odor is hit by a pitch from Oakland Athletics' Marc Rzepczynski during the 10th inning with bases loaded. Ian Desmond scored, giving the Rangers a 5-4 win.

the energy in the dugout day in and day out," said Beltran, the 39-year-old switch-hitter traded from the Yankees two weeks ago. "They could be three runs behind or four runs behind and

feel they can come back. Having that attitude is really great to see for me."

Rangers manager Jeff Banister said

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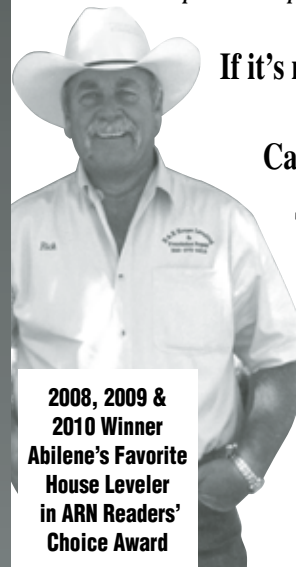


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Tomorrow's Horoscope



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Trine Theme Continues

There are many problems that fade from neglect. Ignore them and they go away. Refuse to call them "problems" at all and they become something else entirely -- mere situations or even non-issues. It's a strategy that can work as Venus and Pluto form an auspicious trine to help us focus ourselves on the big picture and what really matters.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Self-acceptance creates the congruence you need to move forward. If you're not self-accepting enough to feel comfortable in all you do, baby steps toward self-love will still make a positive difference.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** When you think, "I don't

have time for this!" but then "this!" is all you're doing, it's a signal that the disparity between your higher self and lower self is at its ultimate tensile strength. What gives? Roll toward your chosen side and hang on.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your social graces will put you in an excellent position with a group you might have been intimidated by once upon a time. Now you realize you're in the same league, and you're about to find out more about the games.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Set the paces. So what if they have to run to keep up with you? They need the "exercise." Besides, they are depending on you to keep them at the top of their game.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Commitment is the essence of style. Once you've made your choice, wear it and wear it hard. And if you didn't make your choice, and you're dealing with the product of un-intention, this is all the more reason to

own it.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll be impressed by someone's talent, productivity or behavior. Truly, it's because you have these same capabilities. You've exercised them in the past. You'll do it again in the near future.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Don't expect a smooth, straight ride. Roll with the turmoil, keeping your goal in mind the entire time. You'll likely land with what you desire, safe inside your grasp.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** This is no time to let things linger. If ignoring the problem isn't working and you simply can't leave the situation alone, gather up your inner fire and get ready to deal directly, head-on. Kill it with one punch.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The one who shares a bad mood with you is a true friend. Some would call this emotional dumping, or venting, but you just call it "having a gripe." There's a bond build-

ing here.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Even though social media makes this harder and harder, to a large extent you're still in control of what people know about you. You'll spend some of the day shaping your image to maximum effect.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Try not to blame the poor ignorant souls who throw a wrench in the works out of sheer inexperience. Those who know better will do better. Teach them and help them practice until they get it right.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The superstar may exhibit great strengths but that doesn't mean they can show you the way. The best instructors will be the ones with marginal talent who have made just about every mistake there is to make.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 17).** The cosmos trumpet a welcome to your year of big love. You'll give and receive at a more immersive level and feel what it's like to be

a fixture in the lives of others. This will bring pressure at times, as well as pleasure and joy beyond measure. Family life improves in January when an agitation is eliminated or a wild element tamed. Scorpio and Libra adore you. Lucky numbers: 3, 22, 14, 39 and 50.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I am an Aquarius in a relationship with a Gemini. When we first began it was great and I was really emotionally involved. He seemed like the perfect guy for me. Now I feel like I should be in this relationship but am emotionally detached. I keep telling myself I am in a funk and it will pass. I don't know if I should ride it out and see what happens or if I should just end it and move on."

For Aquarius the intensity can get, well, draining, dull, lackluster, boring -- and there are far more enlightened things to explore, like your projects, your people, your politics. You both thrive on variety and independence, so why don't you flex this

muscle and see where that takes you? Go away for the weekend with your girlfriends. Get immersed in a work project and let it consume all of your hours. Gently distance yourself, and make no decisions about how to define your relationship for at least two weeks. Upon your return to him, you'll see things differently and know immediately what to do.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Among several upcoming projects, Robert De Niro will play Bernie Madoff in the made-for-television movie "The Wizard of Lies." Widely considered to be the greatest actor of his time, De Niro teams fire-sign passion with a workman approach to his craft. The Leo master was born under an artistic Pisces moon and has natal Mercury and Venus in Virgo, the sign of industriousness and growth.

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Annie's Mailbox

A Blue-Collar Affair

**Dear Annie:** Two of my friends recently got married out in the countryside. Although the three-day weekend was sold as a "vacation in a cabin by the river," the bride and groom expected everyone to come to the venue and work nonstop for the entire weekend.

There were friends who drove across half the country with their families, only to spend hours upon hours dec-

orating. Some worked themselves into complete exhaustion. The day before the wedding was spent in nonstop preparations the entire day. There was no food provided for the free "workers" or anything else of the sort.

The couple's disgruntled friends made plenty of comments about not having everything they needed to perform their assigned tasks and having to make due, and there was a general attitude of being overwhelmed and working

too much. I not only was annoyed with the amount of work and lack of thankfulness but also barely got to spend any quality time with my boyfriend, who hardly even knows the couple. He was asked to help with manual labor and would disappear with the father of the bride for hours on end.

Before we even parked our car the day of the wedding, my boyfriend was asked to help with parking all the other wedding guests and disappeared for another four hours. The day was rushed and panicked. I was in the bridal party and had less than 30 minutes to get ready because of all the tasks. I didn't think my hair was more important than setting up a beverage

station so the 120 guests had something to drink during the 81-degree outdoor wedding.

After the ceremony, while people were dancing, her father needed to take the borrowed tables and chairs back to the church. We were loading 120 chairs, heavy tables, etc., onto a truck. The bride was dancing 10 feet away and acted as if she couldn't see people working. We went with him to the church and were gone for nearly two hours. Upon our return, the bride asked me where I had been. I told her, and she said, "Well, you didn't have to do that!" But someone did have to do it, and I wasn't OK making my boyfriend do all of that work without helping.

After we returned,

the bride kept asking us to dance and have fun. We went to bed and left early in the morning before we could be asked to do anything else. I am ready to sever the friendship.

Since when does having a country-style wedding make it OK to work your friends to death? How should we have handled this situation differently to save ourselves? This friend has started to contact me as if nothing happened. How do I respond without tainting the memory of her "special day"? -- Bride's Maid

**Dear Maid:** Forced unpaid labor doesn't count as "something borrowed," and the fact that it's a couple's special day doesn't give them a free pass to act especially inconsiderately. One small chore would have been appropriate, but this situation crossed the line somewhere around the 40th car your boyfriend helped to park. The bride and groom weren't thoughtful, plain and simple.

That said, weddings can trigger acute bouts of myopia in otherwise well-adjusted people. If this was the first time these friends behaved this way, forgive -- but don't forget. Next time, set boundaries early on, lest you be assembling a crib at the baby shower.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response

to "Wonder Woman," who is in her 50s and self-conscious about her young workout class. You were so right to tell her to stop the cycle of negativity. I was astounded by her complete rudeness when she remarked about others her age desperately trying to get back in shape even though, in Wonder Woman's opinion, that's "never going to happen." She is the reason people avoid going to gyms. The fact that these people are there should be applauded, not ridiculed.

Wonder Woman needs to take a deep look at herself and determine why it makes her feel better to ridicule others while tooting her own horn. She should then apologize for her rude remarks -- although it's clear that that's never going to happen, either.

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By Steve Becker

The old misdirection play

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ —  
♥ J 8 5  
♦ 10 9 7 3 2  
♣ Q 10 7 6  
**WEST**  
♠ J 9 7 6 4 3  
♥ 10 7 2  
♦ 6  
♣ A J 5  
**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 8 5 2  
♥ 9 6 4  
♦ A  
♣ K 9 4 3  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A K  
♥ A K Q 3  
♦ K J 8 5 4  
♣ 8 2

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

Opening lead — six of spades.  
There are times when declarer's best chance lies in attempting to deceive the opponents. Usually, this takes the form of trying to camouflage the strengths and weaknesses of particular holdings. When the ruse works, it can turn a seemingly certain defeat into an unexpected victory.  
Consider this deal where South, who at one point entertained thoughts of slam, arrived at five diamonds and was shocked to find himself saddled with three apparently unavoidable losers — a diamond and two clubs. While West's opening

spade lead provided a momentary respite, there still didn't seem to be any way to get around the loss of two clubs, since discarding two clubs from dummy on the A-K of spades wouldn't alter the situation.  
There was, however, the possibility of diverting the opponents' attention from the winning defense. And so, at trick one, declarer slyly discarded a heart from dummy instead of a club!  
After taking East's queen with the ace, South next led a diamond to East's ace, and East then had to decide whether to return a club or a heart. Reluctant to make the risky-looking lead of a club away from the king, and with declarer's heart discard at trick one firmly implanted in his mind, he chose the heart return.  
There was not much to the play after that. Four heart winners and the king of spades quickly followed, with three of dummy's clubs being discarded in the process. A club trick was conceded, and that was that.  
Whether East should have shifted to a club at trick three, or whether he would have found the winning return had declarer adopted a less deceptive approach, is not really the issue here. What matters is that South, by focusing the opponents' attention on an apparent weak spot in hearts, enhanced his chances of inducing a defensive misplay, and he succeeded.

Tomorrow: The first step tells the tale.  
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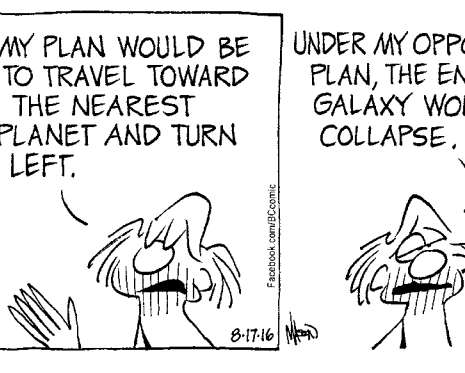
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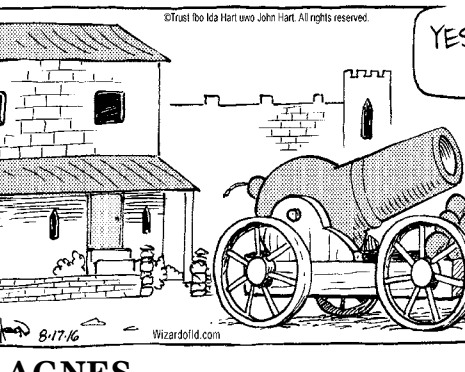


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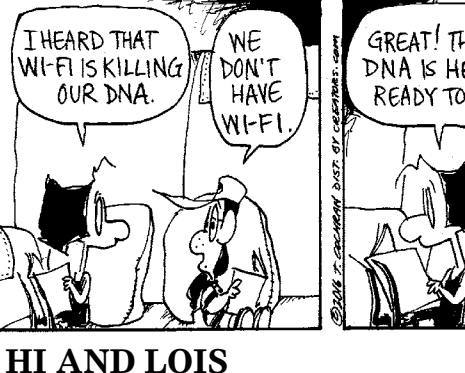
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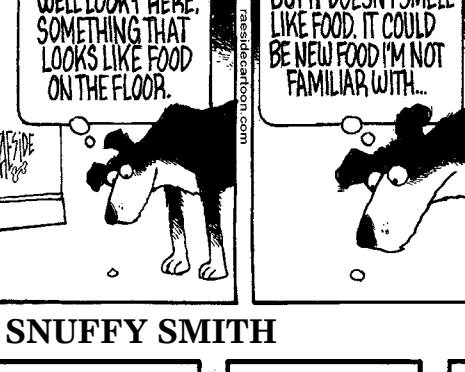
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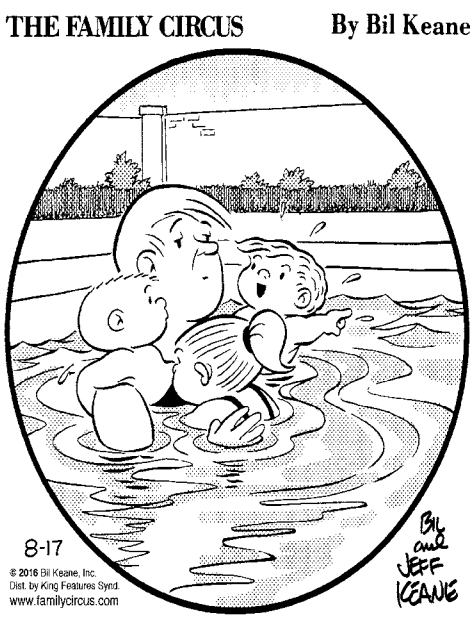
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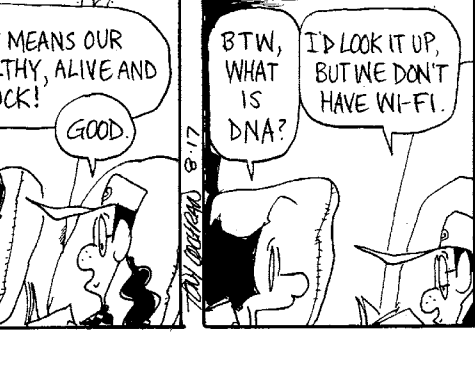
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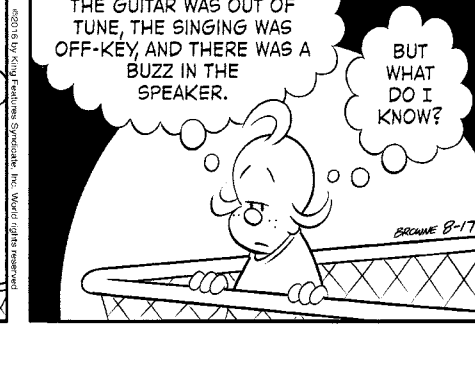
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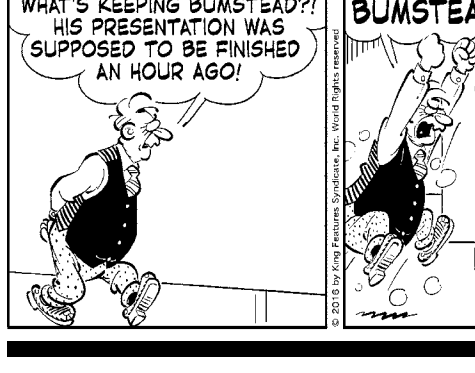
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**THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 17, the 230th day of 2016. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 17, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat began heading up the Hudson River on its successful round trip between New York and Albany.

On this date: In 1863, Federal batteries and ships began bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War, but the Confederates managed to hold on despite several days of pounding.

In 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Georgia, lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, 31, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily during World War II was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.

In 1945, Indonesian nationalists declared their independence from the Netherlands. The George Orwell novel

**FOUR AFTER THREE**

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12 Genealogy diagram  
13 German mister  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Voting group
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  - 9 Astronauts' starting point
  - 14 Boyfriend
  - 15 Layer of a cake
  - 16 Beach locale
  - 17 Three- (sidewalk scam)
  - 19 Rational
  - 20 Stares openly
  - 21 Hot-water gusher
  - 22 Track event
  - 24 Hill's high point
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  - 33 "The Raven" monogram
  - 34 Every 24 hours
  - 35 Critics' blessings
  - 36 Surrounded by
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  - 47 Sets firmly
  - 49 Rolled-up lunch
  - 50 In this spot
  - 51 Natural balm
  - 52 Line on a to-do list
  - 54 Actress Hatcher
  - 55 Some HDTVs
  - 57 Beta Kappa
  - 58 Nation n. of Mexico
  - 59 Part of TGIF
  - 60 Art on an arm, for short

# Pick Six: Games most likely to determine who reaches playoff

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

If you can only watch six games this college football season, well, you should probably consider changing jobs or something because that is no way to live. If that truly is your plight, though, we're here to help.

Out of the more than 700 FBS regular season games (conference championships not included) scheduled to be played from Aug. 27 (Aug. 26, Australia time) to Dec. 2, these six will have the greatest impact on which teams reach the College Football Playoff:

**OKLAHOMA vs. HOUSTON** at NRG Stadium in Houston, Sept. 5  
The "neutral site" is about a 10-minute drive from the Cougars' campus, but expect plenty of Sooners support at the home of the NFL's Texans. The stakes are high for the Sooners, but Oklahoma can slip here and recover to make the playoff. This nonconference game makes the list because of its importance to Houston and the American Athletic Conference. If Tom Herman's team pulls the upset, it could vault the Cougars and by extension the entire AAC into the playoff conversation. Lose and the playoff pretty much comes off the table for the Cougars — in week one!

**OKLAHOMA at TCU**, Oct. 1

Since the Horned Frogs joined the Big 12 in 2012, every game against Oklahoma has been decid-

ed by one score. The Sooners and Frogs have split the last two, with the winner taking home at least a share of a conference title. There will still be a long way to go in the season, and the Big 12 has the feel of a conference that will produce an upset or two from the middle of the pack. But these are the best two rosters and the winner in Fort Worth has the inside track to being the league's One True Champion — even though it has retired the slogan.

**CLEMSON at FLORIDA STATE**, Oct. 29

The winner of this game has won the last seven Atlantic Division titles and as Jimbo Fisher and Dabo Swinney have grown their programs into national title contenders, it has become one of the most significant rivalries in the country. In each of the last three seasons, the winner has gone into the postseason with a chance to win the national championship. There is certainly a possibility both the Seminoles and Tigers could be playoff teams in 2016, but only one can win the ACC and this showdown in Tallahassee could end up being a playoff elimination game.

**ALABAMA at LSU**, Nov. 5

Since the Tigers' 9-6 Game of the Century victory in 2011, the Crimson Tide has won five straight in the series. As Ole Miss can attest, beating Alabama does not guarantee an SEC West championship.

But no SEC West team has won the division in college football during Nick Saban's time at Alabama without beating the Tide. Can Alabama's defense derail a second consecutive Leonard Fournette Heisman Trophy campaign? Can the Tigers keep the Tide from a third straight playoff appearance?

**STANFORD at OREGON**, Nov. 12

The Ducks (two) and Cardinal (three) have won all the Pac-12 titles since the conference broke into divisions in 2011. The twist last season was Oregon won the head-to-head meeting and probably spoiled Stanford's playoff hopes, though the Cardinal still went on to win the conference. The Pac-12 could be looking at another season with a two-loss champion. And Washington might very well have a say, for once, in who wins the North. But until proven otherwise this is the Pac-12's most important game.

**MICHIGAN at OHIO STATE**, Nov. 26.

Michigan State fans, feel free to be a little slighted — the Spartans have won two of the past three Big Ten titles, after all. That said, the second Harbaugh-Meyer matchup sets up to be the first of many to decide the Big Ten East, and send the winner to Indianapolis looking to win not only a conference title but a spot in the playoff.

## VBALL

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Brazilian men's team Alison and Bruno also advanced to the gold medal game by beating the Netherlands earlier in the day. Italy defeated Russia in the other men's semifinal to clinch its first Olympic beach volleyball medal.

The men's final is Thursday. With the 21-18, 21-12 victory, Laura Ludwig and Kira Walkenhorst clinched Germany's first-ever Olympic medal in women's beach volleyball.

"I think it will take some time to realize what we did here," Ludwig said. "We had some tough times, and now we're in the final!"

The German men won the gold medal in London. But to match the

feat in Rio, the women will have to beat the defending world champions.

Brazil still has a chance to match its 2004 Olympic haul of three medals. Despite failing to make the final, Talita said she would never forget playing in front of the hometown crowd on the iconic beach.

"I am so proud of my people, the Brazilian people," Talita said.

## RANGERS

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he felt "no deflation whatsoever" from his players in the dugout even after the A's tied the game in the ninth and went ahead in the 10th when Yonder Alonso had an RBI double and scored on Ryon Healy's single.

"I don't think it's in their DNA," Banister said after his team's MLB-best 38th come-from-behind victory. "They're going to continue to grind."

**A FREE PASS WITHOUT GETTING HIT**

Texas went ahead 2-1 in the seventh, when Odor led off with a rare walk, only his 12th coming in his 476th plate

appearance this season. He later scored on a sacrifice fly by Elvis Andrus.

**WHAT A RELIEF**

Alex Claudio threw four scoreless innings for the Rangers after taking over for starter Lucas Harrell, who left after two innings because of a right groin strain. Harrell will have an MRI on Wednesday.

**TOUGH START**

Harrell faced only 12 batters, allowing three hits and four walks. The A's loaded the bases both innings against him, but their only run came when Valencia drew a bases-loaded walk in the second for a 1-0 lead.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

Athletics: 2B Jed Lowrie will have season-ending surgery after be-

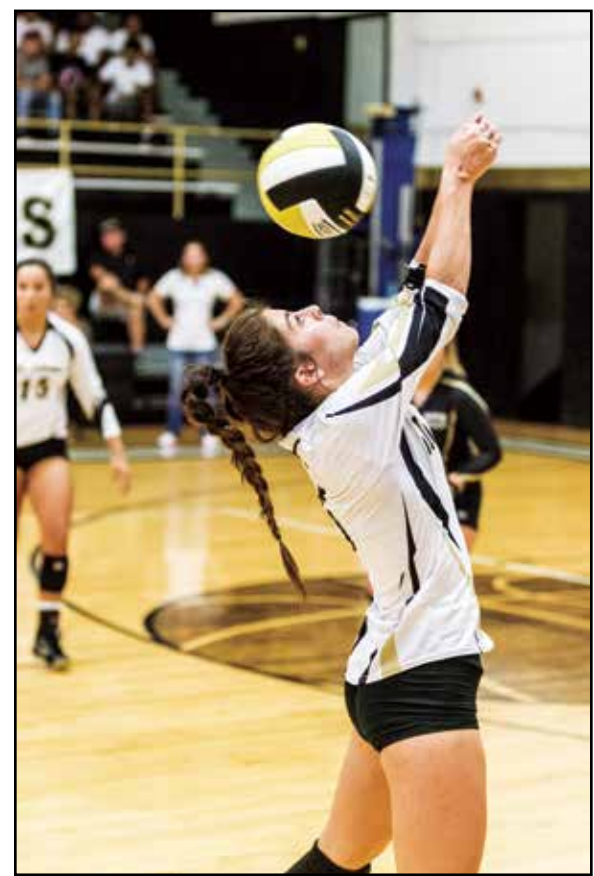
ing on the DL since Aug. 5 with lingering left foot issues.

Rangers: RF Shin-Soo Choo is scheduled to have surgery Wednesday to have a plate inserted near his left wrist and forearm where he got hit by a pitch. ... LHP Derek Holland, eligible to come off the 60-day DL on Sunday, could make his next start for the Rangers.

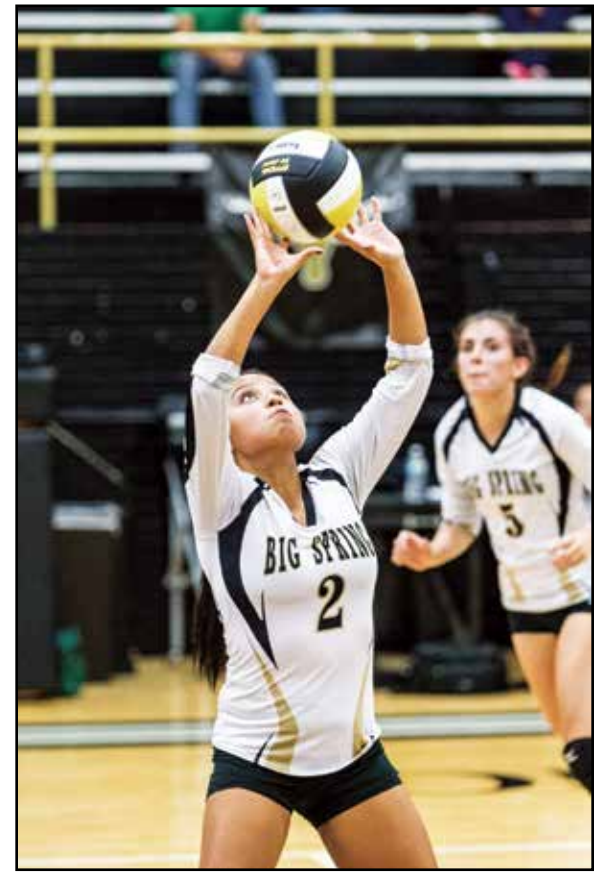
**UP NEXT**

Athletics: Rookie LHP Sean Manaea (4-7, 4.57 ERA) is 2-3 with a 3.27 ERA in nine games since coming off the DL on June 29.

Rangers: RHP Yu Darvish, pitching one day after his 30th birthday, will try to beat the A's for the first time since he first faced them in 2012.



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Big Spring's Katie Wash returns the ball in Tuesday's win over Colorado City. She finished with 10 kills.



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Big Spring's Ashley Gonzales sets the ball during Tuesday's win. She finished with 14 assists.

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# Clinton: Trump foreign policy 'bewilders' her

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Hillary Clinton vowed Tuesday to conduct a national security and foreign policy that Americans could be proud of, saying rival Donald Trump "just absolutely bewilders" her when he talks about his policies around the globe.

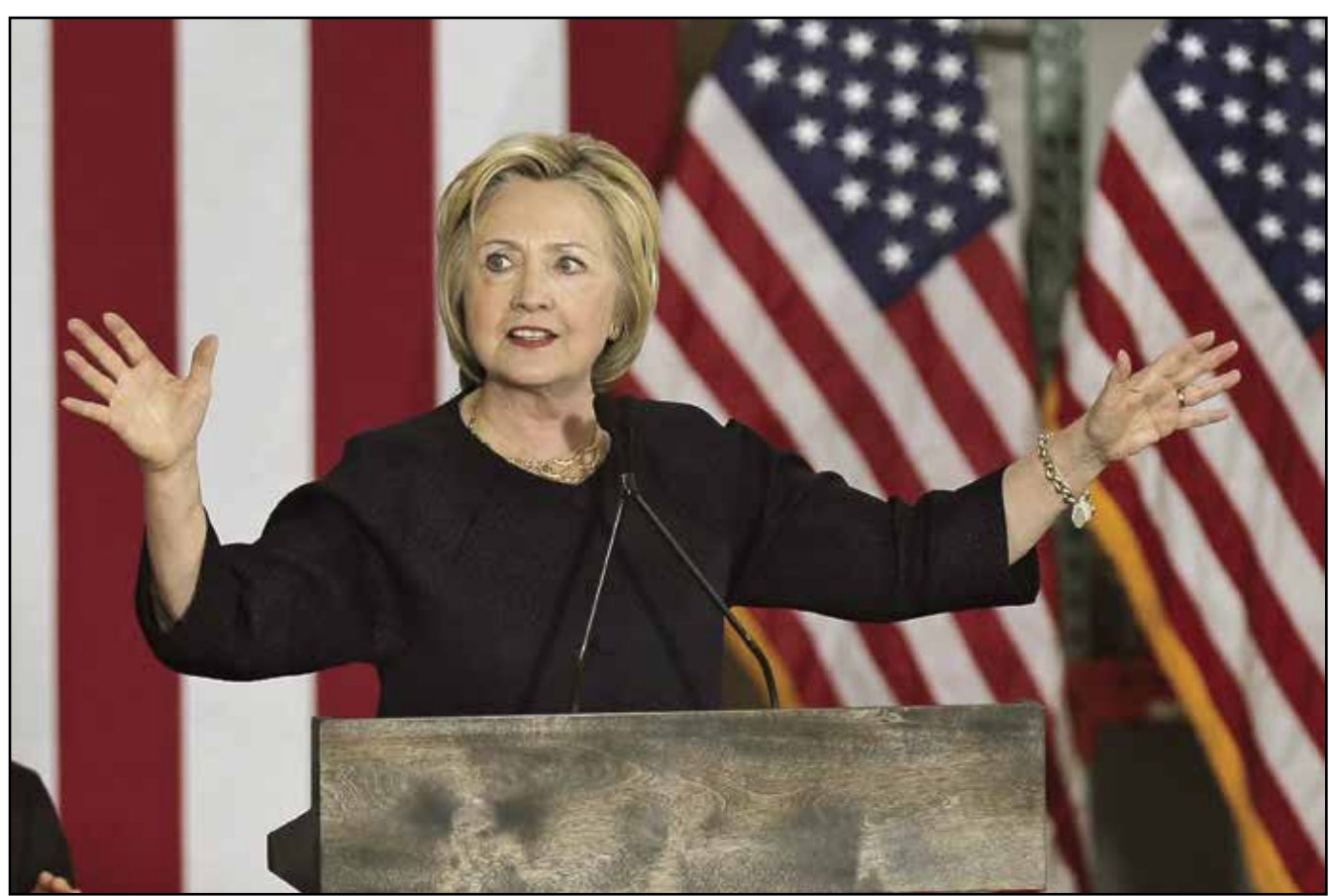
Clinton embraced the U.S. Olympic team's success at a voter registration rally in Philadelphia, pointing to Team USA's gold as an example of an optimistic nation that runs counter to what she considers Trump's pessimism.

"It just absolutely bewilders me when I hear Donald Trump try to talk about national security," Clinton said, pointing to Vice President Joe Biden's dissection of Trump's foreign policy at a Pennsylvania event on Monday. "What (Trump) often says hurts us. It sends

the wrong message to friend and foe alike." Turning to the Olympic team, she said, "Team USA is showing the world what this country stands for."

Trump on Monday said the country's national security requirements demanded "extreme" vetting of immigrants seeking admission to the United States, pointing to the threat of the Islamic State group and terrorism elements. But he offered few specifics about how the process might work or how it would be paid for by taxpayers.

Clinton and Trump have each sought the upper hand as the chief executive most capable of battling terrorism. While the GOP business mogul has vowed to project strength and decisive action against terror, the former secretary of state has pointed to her deep foreign



policy credentials and warned that Trump could plunge the nation into another war.

Trump has previously called for an unprecedented temporary ban on Muslims entering the U.S., and said in his Ohio speech that he would overhaul the nation's screening process and block those who sympathize with extremist groups or fail

to embrace American values.

The Republican nominee has made changes to the nation's immigration system and the construction of a wall along the Mexican border a key part of his fight against terrorism and the Islamic State group, which he compared to the struggle against communism.

As president, Trump

said he would encourage immigrants to assimilate and urge parents, teachers and others to promote "American culture." But he declined to say which regions of the world would race "extreme" vetting and how federal agencies would go about conducting the review.

Trump was traveling on Tuesday to Milwaukee, the site of ongoing

protests over the fatal shooting of a black man by a black police officer. His visit follows several days of violence that has left businesses in flames and the Milwaukee police chief expressing surprise at the level of unrest.

Trump was expected to hold an event with veterans and law enforcement officers on Tuesday.

## WHY IT MATTERS: *Issues at stake in this election*

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — A look at issues at stake in the election and their impact on people

WASHINGTON (AP) — A selection of issues at stake in the presidential election and their impact on Americans, in brief:

### HEALTH CARE

About 9 in 10 Americans now have health insurance, more than at any time in history. But progress is incomplete, and the future far from certain. Rising costs could bedevil the next occupant of the White House.

Millions of people previously shut out have been covered by President Barack Obama's health care law. No one can be denied coverage anymore because of a pre-existing condition. But "Obamacare" remains divisive, and premiums for next year are

rising sharply in many communities.

Whether Americans would be better off trading for a GOP plan is another question. A recent study found that Donald Trump's proposal would make 18 million people uninsured. GOP congressional leaders have more developed ideas, but key details are still missing.

Overall health care spending is trending higher again, and prices for prescription drugs — new and old — are a major worry.

Medicare's insolvency date has moved up by two years — to 2028.

Hillary Clinton would stay the course, adjusting as needed. Republicans are united on repealing Obama's law, but it's unclear how they would replace it.

### AMERICA AND THE WORLD

How the U.S. uses its influence as the world's sole superpower is a central feature of presidential power.

It can mean taking the country to war — to protect the homeland or to defend an ally. Or it can mean using diplomacy to prevent war. It can affect U.S. jobs, too, as choices arise either to expand trade deals or to erect barriers to protect U.S. markets.

In the contest between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, America's role in the world is a point of sharp differences.

Each says the U.S. must be the predominant power, but they would exercise leadership differently. Trump calls his approach "America first," meaning alliances and coalitions would not pass muster unless they produced a net benefit

to the U.S. Clinton sees international partnerships as essential tools for using U.S. influence and lessening the chances of war.

These divergent views could mean very different approaches to the military fight and ideological struggle against the Islamic State group, the future of Afghanistan and Iraq, the contest with China for influence in Asia and the Pacific, and growing nervousness in Europe over Russian aggression.

### VOTING RIGHTS

Voting rights in America are in flux. Republican-controlled legislatures are tightening voter laws, placing limits on early voting and same-day registration, and imposing new requirements for IDs at polling places. In 2013, the Supreme Court in-

validated a key provision of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. That provision had required states with a history of racial discrimination to get federal preclearance to change election laws.

The issue has become highly partisan with the rapid growth of minority populations, which in recent presidential elections have tilted heavily Democratic.

The Obama Justice Department has challenged voter ID and other laws, saying they could restrict access for minorities and young

people. Recent lower court rulings temporarily softened some of the toughest restrictions, but litigation remains knotted up with Supreme Court appeals likely. Bills in Congress to restore the Voting Rights Act are stalled.

Donald Trump opposes same-day voter registration, backing laws to ensure only citizens vote. Hillary Clinton wants Congress to restore the Voting Rights Act and seeks a national standard of at least 20 days of early in-person voting.

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