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Worried about your water? Blame manganese

Unusually high concentrations of mineral causing discoloration, odor at the tap

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer
Manganese has plenty of useful purposes — you can use it to make steel, batteries, and aluminum and copper alloys that are found in numerous household items, among many other things.

Add manganese to drinking water, however, and all you get is an ugly, smelly mess. If you, like many in town, have noticed the discolored, odorous water coming out of your tap lately, you can blame manganese, city officials said. Despite the odor

and the color, manganese doesn't pose a health risk, although officials understand if residents are hesitant to use infected water for cooking or bathing purposes. Thanks to a rainy, hot summer, West Texas cities are seeing high concentrations

of manganese in their water supplies for the first time in generations. "I've been talking to (officials) in other cities in the area, and they're all saying the same thing — they've never seen this much manganese in the water," said John-

nie Womack, Big Spring city public works director. So rare is the mineral in water, the state of Texas doesn't even require cities to test for it, City Manager Todd Darden said. When water department See **WATER**, Page 3



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Scott Emerson, left, speaks out against the city of Big Spring's proposed tax rate during Tuesday's city council meeting.

Animal board gets council OK

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer
Come October, local residents will have more of a say into operations at the Big Spring city animal shelter. During its Tuesday meeting, the city council unanimously approved the formation of an Animal Rescue and Adoption Committee, which will be charged with raising public awareness on shelter operations and facilitating rescue and adoption efforts from the facility.

used a few years ago, but with cooperation increasing between animal rescue groups and the city, officials believed the time was right to bring the board back to life. "Please sign up (for the committee)," Mayor Larry McLellan said. "This is a new committee ... and we need to see a lot of people take interest in it. The more involvement we have from the public, the better of a place Big Spring will be."

Williams envisions the committee being a valuable asset in helping the city achieve its goal of having a "no kill" animal shelter. "Both (animal organizations and the city) are very passionate about having a no-kill shelter," Williams said. "When you have

that passion, sometimes there's bumps in the road. Hopefully, this committee will smooth out those bumps." Williams would like to see the committee become a vital outlet for public awareness into various animal rescue and adoption alternatives, as well as informing the public about the importance of spaying and neutering pets.

In other business, the council: • Conducted a public hearing on the city's proposed tax rate of 79 cents per \$100 property valuation. Only one resident, Scott Emerson, spoke during the hearing and said the proposed 2-cent hike in the tax rate was unfair to residents. See **COUNCIL**, Page 3

Police probe cruelty case

Dead, burned cat found stuffed in resident's mailbox

By AMANDA ELSTON
Managing Editor

The remains of a cat found in a man's mailbox yesterday morning has prompted the Big Spring Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division to open an animal cruelty investigation. "Officers responded to 509 Union in reference to a request for assistance by an Animal Control Warden," a Big Spring Police Department press release read. "Officers learned that a subject had gone to check his mail and found a dead cat in his mailbox

See **CRUELTY**, Page 3

Shooting accidental, officials conclude

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A 19-year-old Big Spring man was transported to the hospital Monday evening after accidentally shooting himself in the leg, according to a Big Spring Police news release.

Jon Patrick Leos was transported to the emergency room of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and then on to a Lubbock hospital to seek medical treatment for non-life threatening injuries, the release stated.

"Based on witness statements and the statement of the victim it was determined that Leos had been handling a handgun and an accidental discharge resulted in him being struck in the left leg," the release said. "No criminal charges will be filed."

Officers responded to a call of a shooting in the 1200 block of E. 17th around 10:23 p.m., the release said.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

First day enrollment: Big Spring down, Coahoma, Forsan up slightly

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer
Big Spring ISD saw a drop of a little more than 200 students enrolled on the first day of class compared to 2015 numbers while both Forsan and Coahoma schools had a small uptick district wide in

student population, according to figures released by the districts. Enrollment numbers heavily impact funding the state allocates to area school district. On Monday, the first day of class for Howard County public schools, Big Spring ISD reports 3,699 students enrolled, down by 213 from 2015's number of 3,912. First day figures are also down from the last day of 2015-2016 school year when the district reported

enrollment at 3,957. Overall, Forsan ISD saw a slight bump of its student population. Six more students were enrolled Monday compared to this time in 2015 at the 2A school district located in south Howard County. Superintendent Randy Johnson reports 736 students on the attendance rolls compares to 733 in 2015. It's also a 30 student increase from the

Application deadline for Chamber program Monday

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The deadline to turn in applications for the 35th Leadership Big Spring class has been extended to Monday, Aug. 29, Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director announced Monday.

The nine-month course includes classes on leadership and visits to education, medical, industrial, and governmental entities that comprise the area's workforce. As part of the graduation requirements, the class is tasked with performing a community project. This year, the class is limited to 15 spaces.

"If someone needs an application, call us," ValVerde said. "We can e-mail the form or deliver it to you."

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Obituaries



Joyce Cole

Joyce Cole, 88, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016, at her home. There will be a private family service at a later date.

Joyce was born Feb. 11, 1928, to Floy Preston LaNeave and Enoch Roy LaNeave in Hardeman County, Texas. She married Rex Cole in 1961. They managed hotels and

restaurants for many years until his death in 1980. Joyce later managed the Rip Griffin Motel from 1991 to 2001 in Big Spring. She moved briefly to Midway, Oklahoma in 2001, then returned in 2004.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.



Monica Lopez

Monica Lopez, 40, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2016, at her home.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26, 2016, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, Pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Feb. 4, 1976, in Andrews. She was a

lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of First Baptist Church. She was a homemaker.

Monica is survived by one daughter, Desiree Ortega and Angel; one son, Rudy Ortega III; mother and step-father, Sherry and Celestino Correa, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Daniel Lopez and wife Beverly of San Antonio, and Christopher Lopez and wife Amanda of San Antonio; 10 nieces and nephews; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JAMES DAVID RUSSELL**, 29, of 15049 N. 74th St. in Peoria, Ariz., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **CHELSEA RENE SAWYERS**, 21, of 107 Oak St. in Stanton was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

- **CLARISSA BRIONNE TORRES**, 27, of 1307 Driver Rd. was arrested on warrants for failure to appear, expired registration, and failure to display driver's license.

- **HERIBERTO PALAFOX MORA**, 52, of 1311 Mobile St. was arrested on several outstanding warrants.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of East 15th Street and the 900 block of South Scurry Street.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ARMANDO JOSE CERVANTES JR.**, 24, was booked by DAW on warrants for bondsman off bond/bail jumping/failure to appear; bondsman off bond/resisting arrest, search, or transport; bondsman off bond/terroristic threat; bail jumping/failure to appear; and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- **ALFREDO HINOJOS HARPER**, 27, was booked by HCSO on charges of theft of property (\$1,500 to \$20,000) and accident involving injury.

- **HERIBERTO PALAFOX MORA**, 52, was booked by BSPD on warrants for bondsman off bond/burglary of a habitation, issuance of a bad check, and theft of property (\$20 to \$500) by check.

- **JAMES DAVID RUSSELL**, 29, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **CHELSEA RENE SAWYERS**, 21, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

- **MARTIN DELANEY SMITHSON**, 44, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **CLARISSA BRIONNE TORRES**, 27, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear, expired registration, and failure to display driver's license.

Take Note

- Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Thursday, Aug. 25, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. \$5 entrance fee. Live music provided by Travis. Bring a cover dish to share. The event will be held at 157 E. 2nd St., Colorado City.

- The 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 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 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Volunteer opportunities

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

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

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

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour



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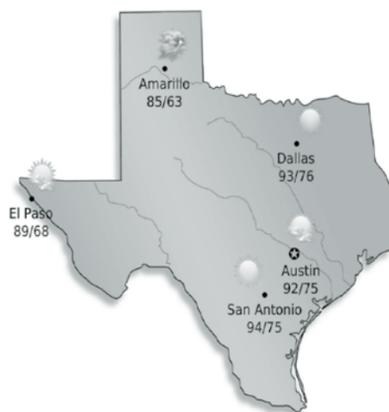
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| Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM | Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM | Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM | Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:14 PM | Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM |

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|----------------|----|----|----------|-----------------|----|----|----------|
| Abilene | 93 | 71 | Sunny | Kingsville | 96 | 74 | M Sunny |
| Amarillo | 85 | 63 | Cloudy | Livingston | 91 | 73 | Cloudy |
| Austin | 92 | 75 | Cloudy | Longview | 92 | 74 | P Cloudy |
| Beaumont | 91 | 75 | Sunny | Lubbock | 87 | 64 | T-Storms |
| Brownsville | 96 | 76 | Sunny | Lufkin | 91 | 73 | Cloudy |
| Brownwood | 94 | 69 | P Cloudy | Midland | 89 | 72 | Cloudy |
| Corpus Christi | 94 | 78 | M Sunny | Raymondville | 99 | 74 | Sunny |
| Corsicana | 92 | 75 | P Cloudy | Rosenberg | 90 | 74 | Sunny |
| Dallas | 93 | 76 | Sunny | San Antonio | 94 | 75 | Cloudy |
| Del Rio | 94 | 74 | P Cloudy | San Marcos | 92 | 73 | Cloudy |
| El Paso | 89 | 68 | M Cloudy | Sulphur Springs | 93 | 75 | Sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 89 | 68 | Cloudy | Sweetwater | 92 | 71 | Sunny |
| Gainesville | 92 | 72 | Sunny | Tyler | 93 | 75 | Cloudy |
| Greenville | 93 | 74 | Sunny | Weatherford | 94 | 73 | Sunny |
| Houston | 92 | 77 | P Cloudy | Wichita Falls | 96 | 72 | Sunny |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|----------|---------------|-----|----|----------|
| Atlanta | 86 | 70 | Cloudy | Miami | 87 | 80 | Cloudy |
| Boston | 86 | 68 | Sunny | Minneapolis | 84 | 62 | M Cloudy |
| Chicago | 83 | 72 | T-Storms | New York | 87 | 71 | Sunny |
| Dallas | 93 | 76 | Sunny | Phoenix | 103 | 81 | Sunny |
| Denver | 75 | 54 | Cloudy | San Francisco | 60 | 52 | Cloudy |
| Houston | 92 | 77 | P Cloudy | Seattle | 85 | 62 | Sunny |
| Los Angeles | 81 | 63 | Sunny | Saint Louis | 92 | 75 | M Sunny |

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UV Index

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Larry. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Correction

In Tuesday's edition of the *Big Spring Herald*, an article titled "County budget" stated County Commissioners tentatively approved a \$23 million budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Commissioners gave final approval for the FY 2016-2017 budget.

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News in brief

Blacks in Texas face greatest pregnancy-related death risk

HOUSTON (AP) — Black women face the greatest risk for pregnancy-related death in Texas, according to a new report.

The report released last week found that cardiac events, overdose by legal or illegal prescription drugs, and high blood pressure disorders are the leading causes of maternal death.

“This confirms what we feared — that many of these deaths could be prevented,” state Rep. Armando Walle, a Democrat from Houston told the Houston Chronicle. “It’s a travesty that this is happening.”

Walle was the House author of the 2013 bill that created a Texas Department of State Health Services maternal mortality task force and charged it with producing biennial reports and recommendations

In 2011 and 2012, the years studied in the report, black women accounted for nearly 29 percent of all maternal deaths, even though they gave birth to only 11 percent of all babies. In comparison, white women accounted for 38 percent of deaths and 35 percent of births and Hispanic women, the lowest risk group, accounted for 31 percent of deaths, even though they gave birth to 48 percent of babies.

The report also found that mental health and substance use disorders play a significant role in maternal death. It cited providers’ “repeated missed opportunities” to screen women and refer them to treatment for such disorders.

Recommendations in the report included calling for increased access to health services during the year after delivery and during the period between pregnancies.

Walle said he is hopeful the report makes an impression on the 2017 Legislature.

“I’m not naive to the fact we haven’t expanded Medicaid, but something needs to be done to increase access to pregnant women,” said Walle, who added we can’t keep “letting federal dollars go to other states while these women are dying.”

Astronaut breaks US record: 521 days in space and counting

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An astronaut has set a U.S. record for most time spent in space.

Jeffrey Williams, commander of the International Space Station, marked his 521st day in orbit Wednesday, a number accumulated over four flights. That surpasses the 520-day record set by Scott Kelly, whose one-year space station mission

ended in March.

By the time Williams returns to Earth in two weeks, he will have logged 534 days off the planet for NASA.

His record won’t last long. Space station veteran Peggy Whitson will top that after she flies up in November for a six-month stay. She’s already at the 377-day mark for total space time, a record for a woman.

Valve blamed for Galveston wastewater plant sludge release

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Experts blame a faulty valve at a wastewater treatment plant for the release of more than 135,000 gallons of partially treated sludge into Galveston Bay.

The Galveston County Daily News reported Wednesday that city workers say the valve was supposed to automatically close during an aeration process. The valve remained open for about 20 minutes Sunday night before a worker noticed and closed it.

Contractors working on Galveston’s \$75 million main wastewater treatment facility are trying to determine whether the issue was mechanical or software failure.

CHAMBER

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According to Val-Verde, the class is structured as an introduction

the city and community for newcomers, people who show interest in the community, and/or for those who have demonstrated leadership skills and would like

to give back to Howard County. Students visit businesses, organizations, and attend some government meetings.

The class meets the second Thursday of ev-

ery month. A meet and greet social will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 7 before the first class begins Thursday, Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In

order to graduate, students must make every class.

Tuition cost is \$500 for students employed by businesses that are members of the chamber and \$700 for non-members. Most students are sponsored by their employer.

The fees covers all material and transportation to visit various

sites in the city. Also, the cost includes a trip to Austin, Texas for the biennial Howard County Day in Austin.

For more information, contact ValVerde at 263-7641. The chamber is located at 215 W. Third St.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mailing citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

SCHOOLS

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last day of school when enrollment was reported at 706.

The largest increase in student population was at the junior high level with some slight increases at the elementary school, Johnson

noted. However, the high school saw a fairly large drop for a school system of its size with 174 students enrolled on Monday compared to 193 this same time in 2015.

“We have the smallest senior class in a number of years,” Johnson said. “We are usually in the lower 50s.”

In east Howard County, Coahoma ISD also

saw a little larger uptick in student enrollment. First day figures came in at 920 Monday, up from 900 this same time in 2015, the school district released. However Coahoma ISD saw a fairly significant increase for a small school district from the last day of school when enrollment numbers came in at 878.

Enrollment at all three school districts will continue to vary throughout the academic year as families move into and out of Howard County and school districts.

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that appeared to be burned.”

According to BSPD, the cat’s owner was the complainant’s next door neighbor and “has no idea why anyone would have

harmed the cat.”

The cat’s remains were removed from the scene by animal control.

Sylvia Martinez, the wife of the man who found the cat, told KOSA-TV she was shocked and outraged.

“What kind of sick person would do that?” she asked a KO-

SA-TV reporter, and stated she was worried “because stuff like this usually is a threat.”

If you have any information about this case, contact detectives at 432-264-2558 or Crimestoppers at 432-263-8477. Tips can also be submitted by mobile app or online web address www.p3tips.com/1277.

WATER

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crews did start testing earlier this year, they discovered an unusually high concentration — .5 parts per million — in the local supply.

So, where did the stuff come from? Darden pointed to three factors:

- Water supply — Unlike past years, Big Spring is getting a majority of its water this year from Lake Thomas, where manganese has shown up in large quantities.
- Inflow — It’s been

a wet spring and summer, which has meant greater than normal water intake at area reservoirs. That’s good news, except for one thing: All that roiled-up water has plenty of minerals — including the odorous manganese — in it, officials said.

Womack said once reservoir water has time to settle, mineral levels should decrease.

• Heat — Summer temperatures have been relatively mild, with the notable exception of July, which was one of the hottest months on record. That heat con-

tributed to the increase in manganese levels, Darden said.

The good news for water customers is that manganese levels are already decreasing, thanks to treatment procedures at the city water plant. Darden said recent tests showed the mineral’s concentration down to .129 parts per million.

He added that treatment for manganese would continue for at least the next few months.

“The typical (reverse osmosis) system will remove a lot of that from

a customer’s water,” he said. “I think it’s under control. It’s just not a condition we’ve tested for in the past, but we’ll continue treatments as long as it’s detected in our water.”

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235, or email reporter@bigspringherald.com

COUNCIL

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- Approved a change to allow residents to pay delinquent utility fees with a check or credit card. In the past, residents were required to pay with cash or a money order before utility service would be restored.

- Approved a bid of \$262,000 from Benchmark Supply of Midland for utility valves and fittings.

- Emerged from a

closed session and authorized city officials to negotiate a settlement to a lease dispute between the city and Desert Tanks, LLC.

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Hope everyone's first day of school went well. Now that the children are off to school, it's a perfect time to catch up on the books you had to put off during the summer.

This week I'll tell you about the fiction books we just got in. "The Survivor" by Vince Flynn (F FLY V) is a Mitch Rapp novel. When Joe Rickman, a former golden boy of the CIA, steals a massive amount of the agency's most classified documents in an elaborately masterminded betrayal of his country, CIA director Irene Kennedy has no choice but to send her most dangerous weapon after him: elite covert operative Mitch Rapp. Rapp quickly dispatches the traitor, but eliminating Rickman didn't solve the CIA's problems. Mysterious tip-offs are appearing all over the world, linking to the potentially devastating data that Rickman managed to store somewhere only he knew. It's a deadly race to the finish as both the Pakistanis and the Americans search for Rickman's accomplices, and for the confidential documents they are slowing leaking to the world. Mitch Rapp must outrun, outthink, and outgun his deadliest enemies ever to save the United States from being held hostage to a country set on becoming the world's newest nuclear superpower.

"Brighton" by Michael Harvey (F HAR M) is a powerful thriller that explores promises broken, debts owed, and old wrongs made right...no matter what the cost. Kevin Pearce and Bobby Scales had just committed heinous violence for what they thought were the best of reasons. Kevin got a free pass and his future would remain bright as ever. Bobby would stay and face the music. Twenty seven years later, Kevin is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist. He has never been back to his old block, having avoided his family and Bobby Scales. When he learns his old friend is the prime suspect in a string of local murders, Kevin heads home to protect a friend and the secret they share. In order to report this story to the end and safeguard those he loves, he must face not only an elusive, slippery killer, but also his corrupted conscience.

In Catherine McKenzie's "Smoke" (F McK C), two women navigate the secrets and lies at the heart of a wildfire threatening their town. After a long career combating wildfires, Elizabeth traded in her former life for a quieter one with her husband. Now she works as the local arson investigator in a beautiful, quaint town in the Rockies. Her tranquil life vanishes when she and her husband agree to divorce and a fire nearby begins to spread rapidly. For Elizabeth, containing a ragins wildfire is easier than accepting that her marriage has failed. For Elizabeth's ex-friend Mindy, who feels disconnected from her husband and teenage children, the fire represents a chance to find a new purpose: helping a man who has lost his home to

the blaze. Her faith is soon shattered by a shocking accusation. As the encroaching inferno threatens the town's residents, Elizabeth and Mindy must discover what will be lost in the fire, and what will be saved.

"Search and Destroy" by James Hilton (F HIL J) is a Gunn Brothers thriller. Brothers Danny and Clay Gunn both served in the military, and take work as private military contractors and freelance "fixers". When they save a woman from an assassination attempt, it is they who become targets. Vowing to protect her, they are stalked by a paramilitary team under orders from the heart of government. The only way for the brothers to discover why a seemingly harmless journalist is the object of a search and destroy order is to turn the tables, and become hunters once again.

In "I Almost Forgot About You" by Terry McMillan (F MCM T), Dr. Georgia Young's wonderful life isn't enough to keep her from feeling stuck and restless. When she decides to make some major changes in her life, she finds herself on a wild journey that may or may not include a second change at love. Georgia's bravery reminds us that it is never too late to become the person you want to be, and that taking chances with your life and your heart are always worthwhile.

"When We Were Sisters" by Emilie Richards (F RIC E) is the story Cecilia and Robin, two girls in fos-

together for a documentary on foster care, Robin agrees, forcing her husband to take charge for the time she is away. She gambles that he'll prove to them both that their children and marriage are a priority in his life. Because a lifetime of lies has finally caught up with her, Cecilia needs more than just time with her sister. She wants a chance to tell the real story of their childhood and free herself from the nightmares that still haunt her. As the documentary unfolds, memories will be tested and the meaning of family redefined, but the love two young girls forged into bonds of sisterhood will help them forward as the women they were always meant to be.

"Untethered" by Julie Lawson Timmer (F TIM J) tells the story of a modern-day family whose bonds run deeper than genetics. Char Hawthorn is a college professor, loving wife, and devoted stepmother to her husband Bradley's fifteen-year-old daughter, Allie. Char and Allie have a special bond, and the three of them feel like a family. When Bradley dies in a car accident, the "step" in Char's title suddenly matters a great deal. In the eyes of the law, all rights to Allie belong to her mother. Already heartbroken over the sudden death of her husband, Char now faces the possible loss of the child she loves as her own.

In "Her One and Only" by Becky Wade (F WAD B), NFL superstar Gray Fowler has to hire an executive protection agency to guard him when he starts receiving death threats from a stalker. Dru Porter is a former Marine, an expert marks-woman, and a black belt. She is determined to find Gray's stalker and avoid a romantic attachment between herself and the rugged football player with the mysterious past. Every secret that leads Dru to the stalker also draws her closer to Gray. As the danger escalates, they'll survive only if they can learn to trust their lives and hearts to one another.

"Dishonorable Intentions" by Stuart Woods (F WOOD S) is a Stone Barrington novel. Stone Barrington's latest lady friend is full of surprises, both good and bad. She has some unfinished business with a temperamental man who believes Stone is an intolerable obstacle in the way of his goals. In a cat-and-mouse game that trails from sun-drenched Bel-Air to a peaceful European estate and the wild New Mexican desert, Stone and his friend remain just one step ahead of their opponent. Their pursuer is not a man who can stand to be thwarted, and tensions are mounting and may soon reach the boiling point.

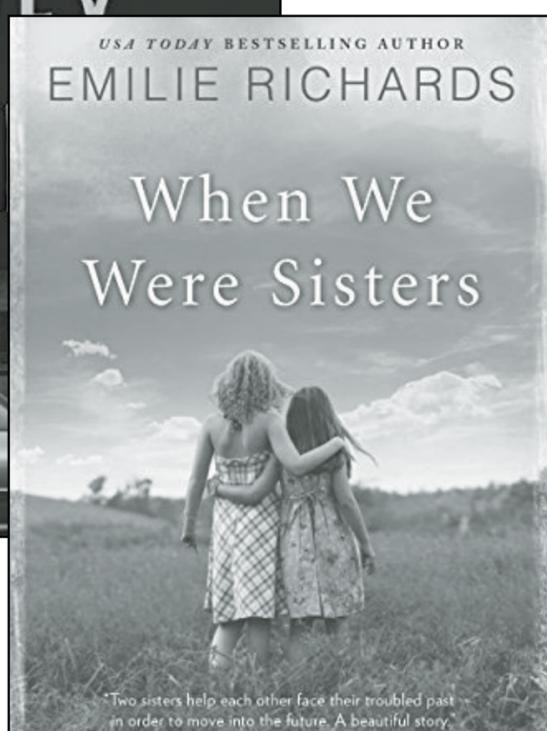
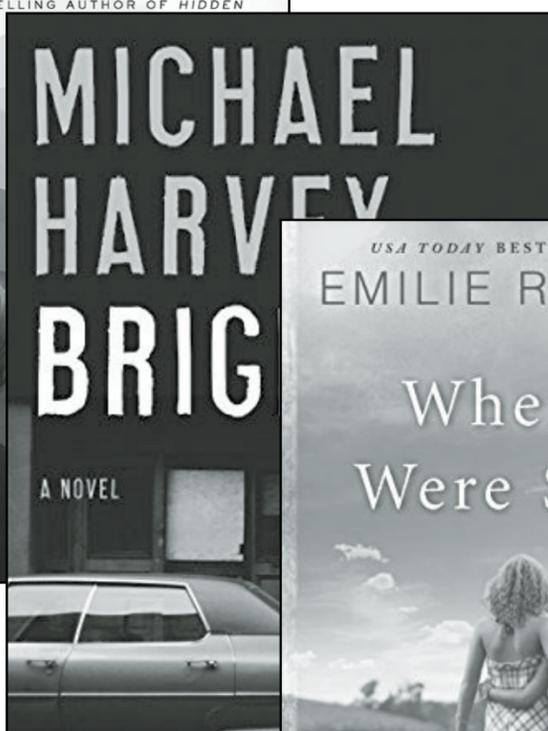
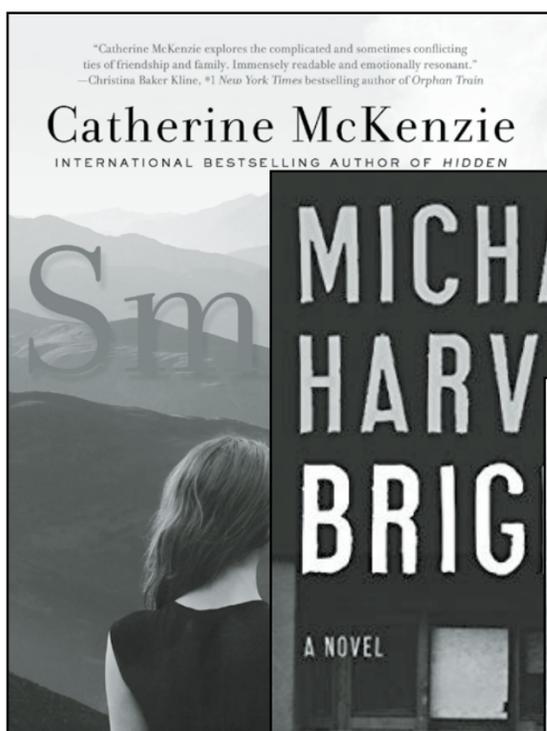
I've been long-winded once again! I leave you with a quote from Charles W. Eliot: "Books are the quietest and most constant

of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."

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ter care, that vowed to be the sisters each had never had. Now superstar singer-songwriter Cecilia lives life on the edge, but when Robin is nearly killed in an accident, Cecilia drops everything to be with her. Robin set aside her career as a successful photo-journalist to create the loving family she always yearned for, but gazing through a wide-angle lens, she sees that her marriage is disintegrating. Her husband is rarely home, but she and the children need his love and attention. When Cecilia asks Robin to be the pho-

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News in brief

Italy earthquake kills dozens, reduces towns to rubble

AMATRICE, Italy (AP) — A strong earthquake in central Italy reduced three towns to rubble as people slept early Wednesday, killing at least 73 people and injuring hundreds more as rescue crews raced to dig out survivors with bulldozers and their bare hands.

The toll was likely to rise as crews reached homes in more remote hamlets where the scenes were apocalyptic “like Dante’s Inferno,” according to one witness. Complicating matters was that the area is a popular vacation spot in summer, with populations swelling, making the number of people in the area at the time difficult to estimate.

“The town isn’t here anymore,” said Sergio Pirozzi, the mayor of Amatrice. “I believe the toll will rise.”

The magnitude 6 quake struck at 3:36 a.m. (0136 GMT) and was felt across a broad swath of central Italy, including Rome, where residents woke to a long swaying followed by aftershocks. The temblor shook the Lazio region and Umbria and Le Marche on the Adriatic coast.

Premier Matteo Renzi planned to head to the zone later Wednesday and promised the area, which has suffered quakes many times before: “No family, no city, no hamlet will be left behind.”

The hardest-hit towns were the tiny towns of Amatrice and Accumoli near Rieti, some 100 kilometers (80 miles) northeast of Rome, and Pescara del Tronto some 25 kilometers further east. Italy’s civil protection agency, which was coordinating the rescue, said the provisional toll was 73 dead, several hundred injured and thousands in need of temporary housing, though it stressed the numbers were fluid.

The center of Amatrice was devastated, with entire blocks of buildings razed and the air thick with dust and smelling strongly of gas. Amatrice, birthplace of the famed spaghetti all’amatriciana bacon-tomato pasta sauce, is made up of 69 hamlets that rescue teams were working to reach.

Rocks and metal tumbled onto the streets of the city center and dazed residents huddled in piazzas as more than 40 aftershocks jolted the region into the early morning hours, some as strong as 5.1.

“The whole ceiling fell but did not hit me,” marveled resident Maria Gianni.

Turkey in cross-border operation to free IS-held Syrian town

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — After a pre-dawn barrage of heavy artillery and airstrikes, Turkey sent tanks and special forces into Syria on Wednesday to help clear a border town of Islamic State militants in Ankara’s most significant military involvement so far in the Syria conflict.

Syrian opposition fighters were also part of the cross-border incursion, which was reported by both Turkish state media and Syrian opposition activists.

Turkey said its intention was to clear the town of Jarablus, located right across the border from Turkey, from IS militants. But Turkey is also concerned about the growing power of U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish forces, who it says are linked to Kurdish groups waging an insurgency in south-eastern Turkey.

Wednesday’s operation puts Turkey on track for a confrontation with the Kurdish fighters in Syria, where the civil war is now in its sixth year.

A senior official with Syria’s largest Kurdish group suggested Turkey will pay the price. Saleh Muslim, the co-president of the Democratic Union Party or PYD, tweeted that “Turkey is in Syrian Quagmire. Will be defeated as Daesh” will be.

Trump fires back against critics suggesting he’s wasting time in Texas, already a red state

AUSTIN - Donald Trump’s campaign fired back Tuesday at questions over his decision to spend precious time in reliably red states like Texas, saying the trip here is important and battlegrounds also are prominent on his itinerary.

The Republican presidential nominee was in the Lone Star State Tuesday for two fundraisers, a rally and a Fox News town hall meeting. One fundraiser was in Fort Worth, and the other events were in Austin.

Trump’s visits to states that aren’t up for grabs have prompted stories like one Monday in Politico, which reported his recent trip to the blue state of Connecticut “enraged and confused Republicans.”

Jason Miller, senior communications adviser for the Trump campaign, said Tuesday that the town hall meeting is an “important” one addressing “border security and crimes committed by illegal aliens” that will air nationally.

His rally speech will “draw additional national attention to his call for border security as well as the need for a Special Prosecutor to investigate Hillary Clinton’s bought and paid for State Department,” Miller said.

Trump and other Republicans have targeted Clinton’s use of a private email server while secretary of state, highlighting messages that they say show donors to her family’s charitable foundation got preferential treatment.

A Clinton campaign spokesman has said the Democratic presidential nominee never took action as secretary of state due to donations.

Miller said Trump returns to the battleground state of Florida Wednesday, will be “campaigning hard” Friday in another contested state, Nevada, and will be in Iowa on Saturday.

Japan, China, S. Korea unite in condemning N. Korea missile

TOKYO (AP) — The foreign ministers of China, Japan and South Korea put aside frictions over territorial disputes and wartime history to sharply criticize North Korea’s latest submarine missile test on Wednesday in a rare display of unity.

Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, who chaired the meeting with China’s Wang Yi and South Korea’s Yun Byung-se, said that North Korea’s missile launch is a “provocation that simply cannot be tolerated.”

North Korea fired a ballistic missile from a submarine into the Sea of Japan, South Korean and U.S. officials said.

Seoul officials condemned the launch as an “armed protest” against the start of annual South Korean-U.S. military drills that North Korea calls an invasion rehearsal. The launch was also the latest in a series of missile, rocket and other weapon tests by North Korea, which is openly pushing to acquire a reliable weapon capable striking targets as far away as the continental U.S.

Kishida said Tokyo lodged a protest to the North over the missile, and urged his counterparts to step up cooperation as they face the latest development.

Raped and tortured by IS, Yazidi women recover in Germany

VILLINGEN-SCHWENNINGEN, Germany (AP) — The Yazidi girl had been in the safety of a refugee camp in Iraq for two weeks when she imagined she heard the voices of Islamic State fighters outside her tent.

Petrified by the thought of again facing rape and abuse at their hands, 17-year-old Yasmin vowed to make herself undesirable. So she doused herself in gasoline and lit a match. The flames burned her hair and face, peeling away her nose, lips and ears.

That was her state when German doctor Jan Ilhan Kizilhan found her in a refugee camp in northern Iraq last year — physically disfigured and mentally so scarred that she had falsely thought her former captors were coming for her.

Now 18, Yasmin is one of 1,100 women, mainly of the Yazidi religious minority, who have escaped IS captivity and are in Germany for psychological treatment. The pioneering program that Kizilhan helps run, which has attracted international attention, tries to address a basic problem: Long after the women are rescued, the trauma remains.

Recalling her ordeal today, Yasmin hunches over in her chair, grips her gnarled hands together and looks down at the floor. But she straightens up and her face brightens as she remembers when Kizilhan first entered her tent in the refugee camp and told her and her mother, in their own language, how he could help in Germany.

China sets sights on new global export: nuclear energy

BEIJING (AP) — On a seaside field south of Shanghai, workers are constructing a nuclear reactor that is the flagship for Beijing’s ambi-

tion to compete with the United States, France and Russia as an exporter of atomic power technology.

The Hualong One, developed by two state-owned companies, is one multibillion-dollar facet of the Communist Party’s aspirations to transform China into a creator of profitable technology from mobile phones to genetics.

Still, experts say Beijing underestimates how tough it will be for its novice nuclear exporters to sell abroad. They face political hurdles, safety concerns and uncertain global demand following Japan’s Fukushima disaster.

China’s government-run nuclear industry is based on foreign technology but has spent two decades developing its own with help from Westinghouse Electric Co., France’s Areva and EDF and other partners. A separate export initiative is based on an alliance between Westinghouse and a state-owned reactor developer.

The industry is growing fast, with 32 reactors in operation, 22 being built and more planned, according to the World Nuclear Association, an industry group. China accounted for eight of 10 reactors that started operation last year and six of eight construction starts

Park Service seeks minorities’ support as it marks 100 years

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. (AP) — When Asha Jones and other Grand Canyon interns arrived for their summer at the national park, they were struck by its sheer immensity, beauty and world-class hiking trails. Soon, they noticed something else.

“It is time for a change here, specifically, at Grand Canyon and in the National Park Service in general, to get people who look like me to your parks,” said Jones, a 19-year-old black student at Atlanta’s Spelman College.

The National Park Service, which oversees more than 131,000 square miles of parks, monuments, battlefields and other landmarks, thinks it’s time for a change, too.

As it celebrates its 100th birthday Thursday, the agency is facing some key challenges ahead. Among them is reaching out to minority communities in an increasingly diverse nation and getting them to visit and become invested in preserving the national parks.

“If public lands aren’t telling their story, and they don’t see themselves reflected in these beautiful places, they may not support them,” Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said.

Forced relocations raise doubts over Jordan’s tribal customs

IRBID, Jordan (AP) — It was four in the morning when Asma Dawaghreh fled her home with her sick husband and six children. With nothing but the loose change in her pockets, she packed her family into a car and left under the cover of darkness.

Her family is one of dozens uprooted every year in the kingdom under the tribal practice of “jalwa”— Arabic for “eviction”— in which an entire clan can be forced to relocate because of a crime committed by a family member.

In Dawaghreh’s case, a nephew on her husband’s side of the family stabbed his cousin to death, forcing three dozen relatives to flee their village in northern Jordan.

The Dawaghreh fled pre-emptively, fearing revenge killings, and then found that they were barred from returning. In exile, they were pressured into selling their supermarket, the family’s source of income.



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Dez Bryant out after concussion in practice

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant will miss the next preseason game after suffering a concussion in practice.

Coach Jason Garrett said Tuesday that Bryant was hurt a day earlier when the receiver's head hit the shoulder pads of safety Barry Church. Garrett says Bryant was held out of the rest of that practice and will not play Thursday night at Seattle.

On his Twitter account Tuesday, Bryant promised Cowboys fans that he is OK.

Garrett said Bryant seemed "much better" Tuesday, and the coach doesn't think there is a long-term concern.

"It was a nondescript hit," Garrett said. "He kind of turned and Barry Church was actually slowing down as he came over to him. But



In this Aug. 13, 2016, file photo, Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant stretches during warmups before a preseason NFL football game against the Los Angeles Rams, in Los Angeles. Bryant will miss the next preseason game after sustaining a concussion in practice.

AP Photo/Ryan Kang

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No. 23 Baylor trying to win, "keep everybody out of trouble"

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor senior cornerback Ryan Reid sometimes texts teammates out of the blue to ask what they're doing.

After a fraught off-season when the 23rd-ranked Bears lost their head coach, the outreach is part of an effort to build chemistry — and prevent more missteps off the field.

"One thing we do, we try to keep everybody out of trouble," Reid said. "I think we take the extra step to keep everybody on the right path. And I think that's just going to make us a better football player ... to see our leaders just

taking the extra step to make this team better."

Seth Russell, a senior quarterback who was the top-rated FBS passer before a season-ending neck injury last October, said the Bears are looking forward to talking football and winning games while trying to build a culture of high character.

"That's what we're doing right now," Russell said. "We're sticking together each and every day. We're growing closer as a unit, as a team."

It's been three months since the release of a 13-page report detailing an

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Texas Rangers' Rougned Odor, right, reacts after striking out swinging against Cincinnati Reds relief pitcher Raisel Iglesias during the eighth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2016, in Cincinnati.

AP Photo/John Minchillo

Holland goes 6 and gets a hit, but Rangers fall to Reds 3-0

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pitching in his native state, Derek Holland went six solid innings and got his first big league hit in front of friends and family. His only walk of the game cost him a chance for a win.

Joey Votto drove in a pair of runs and Dan Straily extended his surge since the All-Star break by pitching six innings on Tuesday night, leading the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-0 victory over the Texas Rangers.

A day after losing to the Dodgers 18-9, the Reds won a close one against a Rangers team that has been shut out three times in its last nine games.

Votto singled home a run in the sixth off left-hander Holland (5-6), who had been on the disabled list since June 22 with an inflamed pitching shoulder. Holland gave up four hits and a walk in six innings. He also got his first major league hit, a single off the plate that bounced over Votto's head at first base.

Holland grew up in Newark, Ohio, and had been unbeaten in his native state, going 3-0 in games at Cleveland. He pitched well enough to get a win at the other end of the state, too.

"That would have been very nice," he said. "I left quite a lot of tickets. It was definitely good to

be back in Ohio in front of family and friends."

Holland's only walk set up the run. He walked Tyler Holt — who pitched a perfect relief inning during Monday's lopsided loss — to open the sixth. Holt advanced on Billy Hamilton's sacrifice bunt and came around on Votto's single to right.

"Just the luck of the draw," Holland said. "Joey made a little weak contact to right field, but it was perfectly placed. That's the way baseball is."

Holland's performance in his first game back from injury was encouraging to the AL

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Rookie Musgrove roughed up in Astros' 7-1 loss to Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Joe Musgrove is learning that pitching in the major leagues is not as easy as he made it look when he was first called up by the Houston Astros on Aug. 1.

The rookie right-hander had his second straight rough outing while Ivan Nova took a shutout into the ninth inning and finished with a six-hitter and Gregory Polanco hit two home runs to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 7-1 victory over the Astros on Tuesday night.

The Pirates opened the first inning with six straight hits off Musgrove. Matt Joyce and Andrew McCutchen hit consecutive RBI doubles. Polanco and rookie Josh Bell drove in runs with singles.

"The starter's job is to go out there and set the tone of the game and anytime you go out there and have a first inning like that, it kind of sucks the wind out of you," Musgrove said.

Musgrove (1-2) was rocked for five runs and eight hits in four innings with two strikeouts and no walks. He has allowed a combined 13 runs in 9 1/3 innings while losing his last two starts.

The 23-year-old gave up only one run in 11 1/3 innings in first two games, one a start and the other a relief appearance.

"He's learning," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "That's part of the



Houston Astros' Joe Musgrove pitches to Pittsburgh Pirates' Andrew McCutchen during the third inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2016.

AP Photo/Fred Vuich

nature of having young starters. He's got to learn to battle himself through his first back-to-back games of adversity. He has pitches to do it. He has a ton of competitiveness in him."

Musgrove readily admits he is experiencing a learning curve.

"I throw a lot of strikes and that's been a strength for me," he said. "Up here, guys don't miss pitches as much. I just made bad pitches tonight and they took advantage of it."

Nova (10-6) struck out six, walked one and threw 69 of his 98 pitches for

strikes while improving to 3-0 in four starts since being acquired from the New York Yankees in an Aug. 1 trade.

It was the fourth complete game of the right-hander's seven-year career with the others coming in 2013.

"He was very efficient with his pitches," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "He threw a lot of really good strikes against a very good-hitting team with a lot of right-handed hitters and he locked them up with the ball away."

His bid for his third career shutout ended when Alex Bregman and Jose Altuve led off the ninth with consecutive doubles.

Pittsburgh snapped its four-game losing streak and stopped Houston's four-game winning streak. Both teams entered 3 1/2 games out of the second wild card in their respective leagues.

The Pirates scored four runs in the first inning. Polanco hit solo shots in the third and fifth off Musgrove and Tony Sipp to extend the lead to 6-0 and raise his season total to a team-high 19 homers.

It was Polanco's second two-home run game of his three-year career. The other was July 4 at St. Louis.

Polanco had three of the Pirates' 11 hits while driving in three runs and scoring three times.

Five things to know about the next Olympics in Tokyo, Japan

TOKYO (AP) — The countdown to the 2020 Olympics began Wednesday with the arrival of the Olympic flag in Tokyo from Rio de Janeiro. The contrast between the two host cities couldn't be starker. Instead of samba in the streets, there will be robots and self-driving cars. Five things to know about the next Summer Games:

HIGH-TECH OLYMPICS
When Tokyo first hosted the

Olympics in 1964, the games symbolized Japan's recovery from the devastation of World War II and return to the international community. The high-speed 'Shinkansen' bullet train service, launched the same year, became a symbol of Japan's technological prowess.

Half a century later, Tokyo is one of the most futuristic cities in the world, from its smart-card train systems

that run like clockwork to electronic toilets with heated seats that baffle some first-time visitors ("How do I flush this thing?").

Japan plans to use the 2020 Games to showcase more cutting-edge technology, with robots, instant language translation, self-driving vehicles and high-definition 8K TV all on display.

GETTING AROUND

The Tokyo Games won't be as compact as promised. While original plans called for all venues to be within an eight-kilometer (five-mile) radius of the Olympic Village, that won't be the case.

In an effort to cut costs, several events such as basketball, cycling and taekwondo have been moved to existing facilities outside of Tokyo instead of building new ones.

Tokyo's network of criss-

crossing subway and commuter train lines will help. The challenge will be helping visitors navigate a system that is so extensive, it can be confusing.

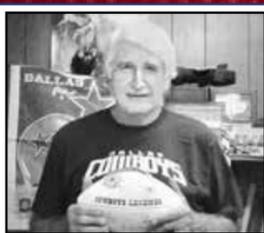
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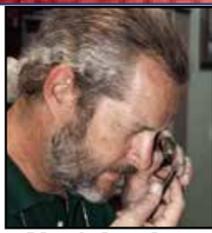
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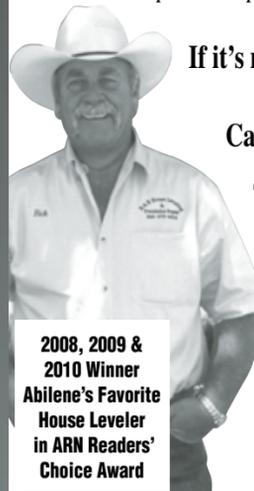
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Virgo Sun Warning

With the Virgo sun's focus on perfection and details, it's important to avoid becoming obsessive. Obsession is a distortion of thought. The more one dwells on a thought pattern, the more ingrained it becomes. One becomes closed off to other points of view. The more certain of his rightness a person is, the more likely he is to be wrong.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're so charismatic that people tend to do as you wish without even considering if it's best for them. Luckily, you're kindhearted and have their best interests in mind, so it is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll agree to things you've never done before because you want the

adventure and fresh stimulation of it. Since you've no worries about what the others think of you, you'll be comfortable in a wide variety of situations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is a good reason to organize and catalogue your work. You're so close to it now that you may not even realize it, but you've built up a treasure trove of knowledge that others would love to know. You'll benefit from this soon.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People around you may be overthinking the simple issues you so clearly see. Success in relationships will be a matter of bypassing the logical side of the other person's brain and communicating straight to the heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll approach your day with a sense of felicity, and all will pan out beautifully. The right words will reach the right ears. People will snap to your needs like perfectly matched puzzle pieces.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your

strength and confidence will give you an unfair advantage in relationships. Take it and leverage it while it lasts. When you're happy, the others will be happy, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just because you've passed this way before doesn't mean that you're regressing. Like complicated crochet, some tasks require you to circle back and repeat past steps. The end result will be neat, logical and lovely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You would love to think that you're in control of the direction a relationship takes. First of all, total control is not possible. Secondly, if it were possible, it would be deadly boring. So relax!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even if the task is lowly, doing it to your best ability and becoming great at it makes you powerful. Value power over status, effectiveness over popularity. This is spiritual strength.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You'll accomplish what you set out to do but not in the way you thought you would. A strange bit of magic will happen as you focus on your strengths and play to your talents.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll make a connection with someone you like immensely and also with someone you like a little less. Your true social genius is evident in the fact that neither will know which category he or she is in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll eloquently speak of your beliefs and dreams, entrancing your listeners and putting them in just the right headspace to agree with what you'd like them to do next. This is what happens when you speak from the heart.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 23). The risk you take in the next 10 weeks will be like jumping out of the nest: It's fly or fall time. Love will be your cushion. November sees you very creative. People will pay good money to have

what you were primarily doing for yourself. Your relationship with these people will make the end of 2016 great. Aquarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 28, 3 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I lost my cousin in a fire. After her death, I've had strange dreams, and I'm trying to find out what actually happened to her. Is there an underlying meaning to my dreams and feelings?"

I am so sorry for your loss. Psychologists say dreaming is one way the unconscious mind works out shocks or traumatic events that our waking mind can't handle or accept. The Greeks had a slightly different take on dreaming. They built dreaming temples, called "asclepieia," where people would go hoping for dream messages. They called these "healing dreams." I encourage you to explore your dreams, because the potential for healing there is enormous. All your feelings are ac-

cepted in dreamtime. Consider arranging an astral visit with your cousin in the realm of dreams. It's not complicated; all you have to do is ask and then go to sleep. Be sure to keep a notebook by your bed so you can record your dreams while they are still fresh in your mind.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: These days, Rick Springfield keeps a heavy concert schedule between recording projects and acting jobs such as his work with Meryl Streep in "Ricki and the Flash." His sun and Mercury in Virgo indicate an unfailingly practical and hardworking nature. Springfield's Leo moon promises that the spotlight will shine on him for as long as he likes it that way. Look for Springfield in the upcoming drama "Traces."

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Mommy Doesn't Know Best

Dear Annie: I am currently unemployed and living with my parents. Because I have a disability, I am unable to do many of the jobs available locally. Besides my family, I am currently working with several people at the local Department of Labor to find a job related to my degrees -- one that will help me start a career. My family wants me to get any job.

One of the local nursing homes has several openings for

certified nursing assistants. With the exception of my parents, no one sees this as a good fit for me. After all, my mother is on the nursing home's board. As a result, I'm sure that I would hear about every mistake I made during dinner if I got the job.

My mother is so obsessed with my applying. She asks me several times every day whether I have completed the forms. I'm losing it. I don't know how long it will be before I crack. What should I do? -- Going Nuts

Dear Going Nuts:

I gather Mom is a wee bit on the overbearing side. Your circumstances might mean you have to live with her, but that doesn't mean you have to live for her. Stand up to her and find your own career. The time out of the house, building your own life, will be invaluable to your sanity.

Dear Annie: My wife and I divorced in 2007 after 33 years of marriage; after the kids moved out, she realized she didn't love me anymore. I'm writing because I have a crush on a woman with whom I've been friends for 40 years.

Her late husband was a very good friend of mine. My now-ex-wife and I used to socialize with them as couples. He and I hunted and

fished and talked about everything in that special way you can when you're on a boat, no one else listening. Our wives did their own things together.

They were married for 25 years, until he passed away in 2013. At his funeral, we said our good-byes, and she insisted on walking me to my vehicle, which was a block away. We hugged, and she said, "Don't be a stranger. Maybe we could go out to dinner." So I waited six months or so and asked her out to dinner. She accepted, and since 2014 we have been going out twice a month and spending Christmas, New Year's Eve and both our birthdays together. I always pay, except on my birth-

day; then she insists on buying.

I haven't been in a rush, but lately I find myself attracted more and more. When our evenings are over and I take her home, we exchange a handshake or a peck on the cheek, and I respect her too much to push more of an advance than that.

She is 60, and I am 65. She works full time, and I'm semi-retired. I haven't dated since I was very young. Do I stay the course? -- Unfamiliar Waters

Dear Unfamiliar: Stay the course, sailor. The conditions look perfect. You two could offer each other companionship as you glide into your golden years.

Birthdays, holidays and biweekly

dinner together? You two must be best friends. That is a wonderful foundation for a relationship, and it sounds as if you're already going through many of the motions of dating. Make your intentions known by asking whether she would like to go on a date. One of the up-sides of dating at 65 versus 16 is maturity and understanding. If you ask her out and she's not interested, you can stay friends. No awkwardly dodging each other in homeroom.

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By Steve Becker
Psychological warfare

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 8 4 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ A K 10 6
♣ J 5 2
WEST
♠ K 10
♥ K Q 9 8 4 2
♦ Q J 8 5
♣ 4
EAST
♠ J 5
♥ J 6 5
♦ 9 4 2
♣ A K 9 8 6
SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 7 6 3
♥ 10
♦ 7 3
♣ Q 10 7 3
The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ Pass 2♥ 2♠
3♥ 4♠
Opening lead — four of clubs.

Take this unusual case where West defeated a contract that declarer, against normal defense, would very likely have made. It seemed to West that a heart lead offered very little chance of collecting four tricks, so he started by leading his singleton club. East took the A-K and returned a club, which West ruffed with the king! As a result of this extraordinary play, South went down one. Declarer won the heart return with dummy's ace, led a spade and finessed the nine after East followed low. West took the setting trick with the ten, and that was that. If West had ruffed the third club with the ten, as any less-imaginative defender would have done, declarer would probably have made the contract. South would almost surely have placed West with the spade king for his opening bid after East had shown up with the A-K of clubs, and would presumably have played the ace and caught the king instead of attempting the finesse. Ruffing with the king was a most effective way of selling declarer the idea that West could not have the jack or ten. Perhaps South should not have fallen into the trap, but who can argue with success?

Tomorrow: Probability becomes certainty.

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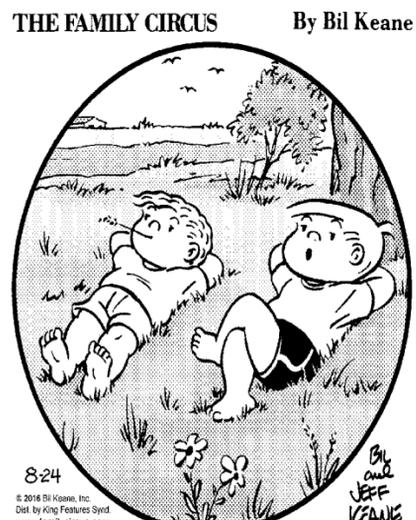
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 23, the 236th day of 2016. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 23, 1926, legendary silent film star Rudolph Valentino died in New York at age 31.

On this date: In 1305, Scottish rebel leader Sir William Wallace was executed by the English for treason.

In 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

In 1858, "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," a play by Timothy Shay Arthur about the perils of alcohol, opened in New York.

In 1913, Copenhagen's Little Mermaid statue, inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen story, was unveiled in the harbor of the Danish capital.

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1927, amid protests, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and

the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 1944, Romanian Prime Minister Ion Antonescu was dismissed by King Michael, paving the way for Romania to abandon the Axis in favor of the Allies.

In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein (HAM-ur-STYN) II, 65, died in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome."

In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president. (However, Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks later.)

In 1989, in a case that inflamed racial tensions in New York, Yusuf Hawkins, a 16-year-old black teen, was shot dead after he and his friends were confronted by a group of white youths in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. (Gunman Joey Fama was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison; he will be eligible for parole in 2022.)

Ten years ago: A previously unknown militant group released the first video of two

Fox News journalists who'd been kidnapped in Gaza. (Reporter Steve Centanni and cameraman Olaf Wiig were later freed.) The Citadel released the results of a survey in which almost 20 percent of female cadets reported being sexually assaulted since enrolling at the South Carolina military college. Jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson died in Ventura, California, at age 78.

Five years ago: A pair of judges in New York put an end to the sensational sexual assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn, setting him free after prosecutors questioned the credibility of the hotel housekeeper who'd accused the French diplomat. A magnitude 5.8 earthquake centered near Mineral, Virginia, the strongest on the East Coast since 1944.

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Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Spa garment
 - 5 Touches lightly
 - 9 Actor Hawke
 - 14 Whitish gemstone
 - 15 "Gotcha"
 - 16 Merest amount
 - 17 Internet site administrator
 - 19 School corridors
 - 20 Important period
 - 21 ATM manufacturer
 - 22 Throw a fit
 - 24 A lot better than average
 - 27 Apt. coolers
 - 28 Ernie of the PGA
 - 29 Water east of Dublin
 - 34 Cut and (edit)
 - 37 Lasting mark
 - 38 Meal for a mare
 - 39 Skin soother
 - 40 Radar-screen dots
 - 41 Cajun veggie
 - 42 Star Wars series mentor
 - 43 Isn't truthful
 - 44 Tough to climb
 - 45 Aspiring actresses
 - 47 Virtuoso
 - 48 Museum-funding org.
 - 49 Patient and forgiving
 - 54 Helps out
 - 58 Solo of the Star Wars series
 - 59 Aussie marsupial
- DOWN
- 1 Propelled with oars
 - 2 Tosca or Carmen
 - 3 Kid-lit elephant
 - 4 Shade tree
 - 5 '70s dance halls
 - 6 Bart Simpson and Daffy Duck
 - 6 Houston baseballer
 - 61 Percussion instrument
 - 64 Mental picture
 - 65 Beginning of an idea
 - 66 Impley
 - 67 Using few words
 - 68 "___ the night before..."
 - 69 Road-fork shapes
 - 7 Most iffy
 - 30 Door knocks
 - 31 Sushi-bar beverage
 - 32 Raison d'___
 - 33 "Quickly" in a memo
 - 34 Is worth it
 - 6 Houston baseballer
 - 7 Pollen collector
 - 8 Feudal laborer
 - 9 Moral principles
 - 10 Skeet participant
 - 11 Angelic topper
 - 12 Rights org.
 - 13 Residence for robins
 - 18 Hidden agenda
 - 23 Hibernation spots
 - 25 Paycheck amount
 - 26 Most iffy
 - 30 Door knocks
 - 31 Sushi-bar beverage
 - 32 Raison d'___
 - 33 "Quickly" in a memo
 - 34 Is worth it
 - 35 Frequently
 - 36 Club ___
 - 37 Narrow cut (bar mixer)
 - 40 Sheep's call
 - 44 Film clip
 - 46 Apartment renter
 - 47 Warning sounds
 - 50 Gone With the Wind surname
 - 51 Impressive grouping
 - 52 Have ___ for (dislike)
 - 53 Hefty volumes
 - 54 Working diligently
 - 55 A few
 - 56 Fly like an eagle
 - 57 USAF noncom
 - 62 Innovative
 - 63 Morning condensation

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DEZ

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somehow the angle of Barry's shoulder pads and the angle of Dez's head, they hit. Dez took a couple of steps and he kind of felt something."

Bryant, a 2014 All-Pro, was limited to career lows in catches, yards and touchdowns last season after breaking his right foot in the opener.

Although he returned after missing five games, he had just one 100-yard game and sat the final two games

with the Cowboys out of contention on their way to a 4-12 finish while also without quarterback Tony Romo for 12 games.

The 27-year-old Bryant missed the past two off-seasons, first in a contract dispute and then recovering from his second foot surgery. He had a strong training camp in California and was a surprise starter in the preseason opener at the Los Angeles Rams with Romo sitting.

The injury means Bryant is probably finished for the preseason because most if not all the starters will sit the finale at home against

Houston on Sept. 1. The season opener is Sept. 11 at home against the New York Giants.

Bryant has four catches for 74 yards in two preseason games. He had a touchdown catch in each game.

"All those younger receivers get more of an opportunity," Garrett said. "That's happened a few times over the course of training camp and the first couple games of the preseason where a veteran player hasn't been able to play and that's given us an opportunity to see some younger guys."

TEXAS

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West leaders. "I like what we saw," manager Jeff Banister said. "That's arguably as good a start as he's had all year."

Tyler Barnhart doubled home a run in the seventh off Jeremy Jeffress. Votto added a sacrifice fly in the eighth off Matt Bush.

Straily (10-6) hasn't allowed more than two runs in any of his eight starts since the break, going 6-0. He gave up three singles and two walks. Raisel Iglesias gave up two hits in the seventh but escaped the threat with two strikeouts.

Tony Cingrani gave up two walks in the ninth before retiring Ryan Rua on a grounder to complete his 16th save in 21 chances.

Hamilton made a sensa-

tional diving catch of Carlos Beltran's fly to the track in left-center field to open the sixth inning, preventing a scoring opportunity.

INTERLEAGUE STATS
The Rangers are 10-6 in interleague play this season, with their pitchers going 3 for 19 at the plate. The Reds are 5-11. ... The Rangers are making their first visit to Cincinnati since 2007. The Reds lead the all-time series 8-7.

GOMEZ UPDATE
OF Carlos Gomez could join the club in Texas on Thursday. He signed a minor league deal on Saturday and is playing for Triple-A Round Rock. Manager Jeff Banister said he'll get a chance to play left field and right field.

JOSH HAMILTON WAIVED

The Rangers placed OF Josh Hamilton on unconditional release waivers,

though they hope his left knee is healthy enough to allow him to try for a spot with the team next season. By making the move now, he's eligible to play for them all of next season. He had surgery on June 8 to reconstruct his ACL and repair cartilage damage.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Rangers: RHP Colby Lewis will pitch for Frisco on a rehab assignment Wednesday. He's been sidelined since June 25 with a strained back.

Reds: SS Zack Cozart missed his sixth straight game with a sore left Achilles tendon.

UP NEXT
Rangers: Yu Darvish (4-3) is 2-0 in his last three starts with a 1.74 ERA. He has made six straight quality starts, matching the club high for the season.

Reds: Tim Adleman (2-1) makes his sixth start.

TOKYO

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ing, skateboarding, karate and sports climbing have all been added to the program.

Baseball and softball, which are returning for the first time since 2008, and karate are popular in Japan.

Surfing, skateboarding and sports climbing have been added in a bid to appeal to a younger generation of athletes and fans.

SCANDALS

Every Olympics seems to have its scandals, and Tokyo is no exception.

Work on a new main stadium has fallen behind schedule, because the government aban-

doned the original design due to spiraling costs. The original logo for the games, unveiled with much fanfare, was scrapped over accusations of plagiarism.

The shifting of some events from new to existing venues has saved 200 billion yen (\$2 billion), but overall costs are still expected to far exceed initial estimates.

The Tokyo organizing committee has admitted that the operating costs for the Games will be considerably higher than the \$3 billion forecast in its bid, but it hasn't disclosed a new estimate.

EARTHQUAKES

Then there are the forces that are beyond anyone's control.

Tokyo is regularly

shaken by moderate earthquakes. They rarely cause any damage in a city where buildings are designed to withstand the shock, but experts warn that a major earthquake could happen anytime.

The coast of northeastern Japan was devastated in 2011 when an offshore magnitude 9.0 earthquake spawned a tsunami that killed more than 18,000 people and triggered meltdowns at three reactors at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant.

Tokyo hasn't had a massive earthquake in nearly a century, since a magnitude 7.9 quake and subsequent fires killed 140,000 people in 1923, so it may be overdue.

BAYLOR

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independent investigation that determined the school mishandled complaints of sexual assault against some players.

Art Briles was suddenly gone after eight seasons, a span in which the team went from routine Big 12 bottom dweller to two conference titles, six straight bowl games and the verge of the College Football Playoff.

Athletic director Ian McCaw resigned and school President Ken Starr was demoted. Starr last week severed his final tie with the school by resigning his post as a law school professor.

Russell was with other athletes from the private Baptist school on a mission trip in Brazil when the report was released and Briles was immediately removed as coach.

Russell faced plenty of uncertainty when he returned home the following week, and the team has different challenges than normal as it prepares for its opener Sept. 2 at home against Northwestern State.

"It's night and day I feel like," Russell said. "We're going to get faced with adversity. But you have to come out and take advantage of every opportunity you have on the field, because you never know when that opportunity will be taken away."

The Bears are down to about 70 scholarship players after some summertime departures, including backup quarterback Jarrett Stidham. Only half of

their highly touted signing class from last spring is now on the team.

"Everybody just knows that the chemistry that we have, it has to be greater than ever before," Reid said.

Acting coach Jim Grobe was hired to replace Briles and kept all the assistant coaches even after being given authority to make changes, saying he wanted to keep as much continuity as possible for the players on the field. Briles was the only coach fired even though the report concluded multiple football "coaches" acted inappropriately in handling sexual assault allegations against some players.

Grobe has already had to deal with other off-field issues, too.

Offensive lineman Rami Hammad, an expected starter at right guard, was suspended earlier this month and is no longer listed on the roster after his arrest on a felony stalking charge in a case involving his ex-girlfriend this summer.

That was before video surfaced of sophomore receiver Ish Zamora beating a dog with a belt while training it this summer. Without being specific, Grobe has promised that Zamora is "going to get disciplined by a bunch of people" after his misdemeanor charge for molesting an animal. Zamora, expected to be one of the team's top receivers, has been practicing but could lose playing time.

"The only thing we can do is win games. Stay off the front page," Reid said. "If it's the front page, it's the front page about football. That's all we can do."

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Clinton Foundation donors got face time with her at State

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half the people outside the government who met with Hillary Clinton while she was secretary of state gave money — either personally or through companies or groups — to the Clinton Foundation. It's an extraordinary proportion indicating her possible ethics challenges if elected president.

Donors who were granted time with Clinton included an internationally known economist who asked for her help as the Bangladesh government pressured him to resign from a nonprofit bank he ran; a Wall Street executive who sought Clinton's help with a visa problem; and Estee Lauder executives who were listed as meeting with Clinton while her department worked with the firm's corporate charity to counter gender-based violence in South Africa.

They are among at least 85 of 154 people with private interests who either met or had phone conversations scheduled with Clinton and also gave to her family's charities, according to a review of State Department calendars released so far to The Associated Press. Combined, the 85 donors contributed as much as \$156 million. The 154 does not include U.S. federal employees or foreign government representatives.

The AP's findings represent the first systematic effort to calculate the scope of the intersecting interests of Clinton foundation donors and people who met personally with Clinton or spoke to her by phone about their needs.

The meetings between the Democratic presidential nominee and foundation donors do not appear to violate legal agreements Clinton and former president Bill Clinton signed before she joined the State Department in 2009. But the frequency of the overlaps shows the intermingling of access and donations, and fuels perceptions that giving the foundation money was a price of admission for face time with Clinton. Her calendars and emails released as recently as this week describe scores of contacts she and her top aides had with foundation donors.

Clinton's campaign said the AP analysis was flawed because it did not include in its calculations meetings with foreign diplomats or U.S. government officials, and the meetings AP examined covered only the first half of Clinton's tenure as secretary of state.

"It is outrageous to misrepresent Secretary Clinton's basis for meeting with these individuals," spokesman Brian Fallon said. He called it "a distorted portrayal of how often she crossed paths with individuals connected to charitable donations

to the Clinton Foundation."

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump fiercely criticized the links between the Clinton Foundation and the State Department. "It is impossible to figure out where the Clinton Foundation ends and the State Department begins," he said at a rally Tuesday night in Austin, Texas. "It is now abundantly clear that the Clintons set up a business to profit from public office."

State Department officials have said they are not aware of any agency actions influenced by the Clinton Foundation. State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Tuesday night that there are no prohibitions against agency contacts with "political campaigns, non-profits or foundations — including the Clinton Foundation." He added that "meeting requests, recommendations and proposals come to the department through a variety of channels, both formal and informal."

Last week, the Clinton Foundation moved to head off ethics concerns about future donations by announcing changes planned if she is elected. Those planned changes would not affect more than 6,000 donors who have already provided the Clinton charity with more than \$2 billion in funding since its creation in 2000.

"There's a lot of potential conflicts and a lot of potential problems," said Douglas White, an expert on nonprofits at Columbia University. "The point is, she can't just walk away from these 6,000 donors." Fallon said earlier Tuesday the standard set by the Clinton Foundation's ethics restrictions was "unprecedented, even if it may never satisfy some critics."

Muhammad Yunus, a Bangladeshi economist



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In this Aug. 16, 2016 file photo, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks in Philadelphia. More than half the people outside the government who met with Hillary Clinton while she was secretary of state gave money, either personally or through companies or groups, to the Clinton Foundation.

who won the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for pioneering low-interest "microcredit" for poor business owners, met with Clinton three times and talked with her by phone during a period when Bangladeshi government authorities investigated his oversight of a nonprofit bank and ultimately pressured him to resign from the bank's board. Throughout the process, he pleaded for help in messages routed to Clinton, and she ordered aides to find ways to assist him. Grameen America, the bank's nonprofit U.S. flagship, which Yunus chairs, has given between \$100,000 and \$250,000 to the foundation — a figure that bank spokeswoman Becky Asch said reflects the institution's annual fees to attend CGI meetings. Another Grameen arm chaired by Yunus, Grameen Research, has donated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

In another case, Clinton was host at a September 2009 breakfast meeting at the New York Stock Exchange that listed Blackstone Group chairman Stephen Schwarzman as one of the attendees. Schwarzman's firm is a major Clinton Foundation donor, but he personally donates heavily to GOP candidates and causes. The next day, according to Clinton emails, the State Department was working on a visa issue at Schwarzman's request. In December that same year, Schwarzman and his wife, Christine, sat at Clinton's table during the Kennedy Center Honors.

Differences aside, Supreme Court unites Trump, Senate GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Differences aside, Donald Trump and Senate Republicans are strongly united on one issue — ideological balance on the Supreme Court.

While Democrats are pushing the GOP-led Senate to confirm Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland by the end of President Barack Obama's term, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has been resolute in blocking him, saying the next president should fill the high court vacancy. Republicans maintain it's a winning political strategy in a year when some GOP rank and file are struggling with reasons to vote for their nominee.

"I would argue that it's one of the few ties that binds right now in the Republican Party," said Josh Holmes,

McConnell's former chief of staff. "It's one of the things that's kept a Republican coalition together that seems to be fraying with Donald Trump."

Trump himself has made the same argument.

"If you really like Donald Trump, that's great, but if you don't, you have to vote for me anyway," Trump told supporters at a rally last month. "You know why? Supreme Court judges, Supreme Court judges. Have no choice ... sorry, sorry, sorry."

The billionaire businessman has made the future ideological balance of the high court a key issue in the campaign, promising to nominate a conservative in the mold of former Justice Antonin Scalia, who died in February. He often mentions the is-

sue in campaign speeches, as does his vice presidential nominee, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

Pence often spends several minutes of his standard campaign speech reminding crowds of the importance of the court and conservative values. To loud cheers, he warns that a court in Hillary Clinton's hands could push through amnesty for immigrants living in the country illegally and strip individuals' rights to own guns, a reversal of the Second Amendment that Clinton has rejected.

Democrats had hoped that McConnell's insis-

tence on blocking the nominee would hurt vulnerable Senate incumbents, but the issue of the Supreme Court fails to resonate with voters like jobs or terrorism. At the Democratic convention last month, Clinton never uttered his name.

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