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American Pharoah, under the guidance of the jockey Victor Espinoza, winning the Belmont Stakes in 2 minutes 26.65 seconds.

Riding Into History by Five and a Half Lengths

By JOE DRAPE As American Pharoah came out of the far turn and squared his shoulders to let his rider Victor Espinoza stare down the long withering stretch of Belmont Park, a sense of inevitability surged through this mammoth old grandstand. The fans in a capacity crowd strained on the tips of their toes and let out a roar from deep in their seats. It was going to end, finally — this 37-year search for a great racehorse. No, a battered old sport was looking for an immortal thoroughbred, one worthy to stand alongside Sir Barton and Assault, War Admiral and Whirlaway, Count Fleet and Citation, a horse able to earn the title of a Triple Crown champion. There had been only 11 of them in history, and America had elected five presidents, fought three wars and lived through at least three economic downturns since Affirmed had last completed the feat in 1978. In the interim, 12 other very good racehorses had pulled into the starting gate at this grand old racetrack on Long Island with a chance to become the next great horse, only to fall short at the hands of a great rival, as Sunday Silence did to Easy Goer in 1989 or as Real Quiet did in 1988 in a heartbreaking photo finish, or to find the mile-and-a-half distance of the Belmont Stakes just too much, as California Chrome did last year.

Hastert Rushed To Earn Money Amid Payouts

By ERIC LITTON WASHINGTON — After a relatively slow start to his career as a consultant and lobbyist, J. Dennis Hastert, the former speaker of the House of Representatives, became very busy in 2010. He was traveling to spots including Singapore and Montreal, meeting with clients about ventures as varied as futures trading and Formula One racing. He also made an unusual request to one of his business associates: to find a financial adviser who could come up with a plan for an annuity that would generate a substantial cash payout each year. According to the associate, J. David John, the former speaker also asked that the adviser not be told of Mr. Hastert's involvement. The request came just a few weeks before Mr. Hastert, according to charges in a federal indictment, made his first payment to a man known as "Individual A" in what was to be a total of \$2.5 million. The money, two people briefed on an F.B.I. investigation of Mr. Hastert said, was paid to prevent the man from publicly saying Mr. Hastert sexually abused him decades ago, when Mr. Hastert was a high school teacher and wrestling coach in

The Secret History Of SEAL Team 6

Quiet Killings, Blurred Lines and a New Kind of American Warfare

This article is by Mark Mazzetti, Nicholas Katish, Christopher Drew, Serge F. Kovaleski, Sean D. Naylor and John Ismay.

They have plotted deadly missions from secret bases in the badlands of Somalia. In Afghanistan, they have engaged in combat so intimate that they have emerged soaked in blood that was not their own. On clandestine raids in the dead of the night, their weapons of choice have ranged from customized carbines to primeval tomahawks. Around the world, they have run spying stations disguised as commercial boats, posed as civilian employees of front companies and operated undercover at embassies as male-female pairs, tracking those the United States wants to kill or capture. Those operations are part of the hidden history of the Navy's SEAL Team 6, one of the nation's most mythologized, most secretive and least scrutinized military organizations. Once a small group reserved for specialized but rare missions, the unit best known for killing Osama bin Laden has been transformed by more than a decade of combat into a global manhunting machine. That role reflects America's new way of war, in which conflict is distinguished not by battlefield wins and losses, but by the relentless killing of suspected militants. "Almost everything about SEAL Team 6, a classified Special Operations unit, is shrouded in secrecy — the Pentagon does not even publicly acknowledge that name — though some of its exploits have emerged in largely admiring accounts in recent years. But an examination of Team 6's evolution, drawn from dozens of interviews with current

and former team members, other military officials and reviews of government documents, reveals a far more complex, provocative tale. While fighting grinding wars of attrition in Afghanistan and Iraq, Team 6 performed missions elsewhere that blurred the traditional lines between soldier and spy. The team's sniper unit was re-made to carry out clandestine intelligence operations, and the SEALs joined Central Intelligence Agency operatives in an initiative called the Omega Program, which offered greater latitude in hunting adversaries. Team 6 has successfully carried out thousands of dangerous raids that military leaders credit with weakening militant networks, but its activities have also spurred recurring concerns about excessive killing and civilian deaths. Afghan villagers and a British commander accused SEALs of indiscriminately killing men in one hamlet; in 2009, team members joined C.I.A. and Afghan paramilitary forces in a raid that left a group of youths dead and inflamed tensions between Afghan and NATO officials. Even an American hostage freed in a dramatic rescue has questioned why the SEALs killed all his captors.

When suspicions have been raised about misconduct, outside oversight has been limited. Joint Special Operations Command, which oversees SEAL Team 6 missions, conducted its own inquiry into more than a half-dozen episodes, but seldom referred them to Navy investigators. "JSOC investigates JSOC, and that's part of the problem," said former U.S. military officer experienced in special op-

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A steel pipe cut by inmates to escape a New York State prison.

With Power Tools and a Ruse, 2 Killers Flee New York Prison

By JESSE MCKINLEY and ASHLEY SOUTHALL DANNEMORA, N.Y. — Two convicted murderers serving life sentences in adjoining cells staged an elaborate escape from New York's largest state-run prison between Friday night and Saturday morning, fooling guards with makeshift dummies made out of sweatshirts and using power tools to drill out of their cells and past the prison's 30-foot-tall walls, officials said. The men remained at large late Saturday as law enforcement personnel conducted an extensive manhunt radiating outward from the Clinton Correctional Facility here, where residents

Clinton Traces Friendly Path, Troubling Party

By JONATHAN MARTIN and MAGGIE HABERMAN WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton appears to be dispensing with the nationwide electoral strategy that won her husband two terms in the White House and brought white working-class voters and great stretches of what is now red-state America back to Democrats. Instead, she is poised to retrace Barack Obama's far narrower path to the presidency, a campaign focused more on mobilizing supporters in the Great Lakes states and in parts of the West and South than on persuading undecided voters. Mrs. Clinton's aides say it is the only way to win in an era of heightened polarization, when a declining pool of voters is truly up for grabs. Her liberal policy positions, they say, will fire up Democrats, a less difficult task than trying to win over independents in more hostile territory — even though a broader strategy could help lift the party with her. This early in the campaign, however, forging a determined outreach effort to all 50 states, or even most of them, could mean missing out on the kind of spirited conversation that can be a unifying feature of a presidential election. And it could leave Mrs.

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Members of SEAL Team 6 and other units parachuted over the Indian Ocean for the rescue of Richard Phillips, a ship captain.

Transgender Children's Books Breaking a Taboo

By ALEXANDRA ALTER Sam Martin was browsing in a Boston record store 23 years ago when an unusual photograph book caught his eye. Mr. Martin flipped through its pages, which featured portraits and interviews with women who had become men, and started to cry. "I thought, 'Oh, my God, I'm not the only one,'" said Mr. Martin, 45, who started transitioning to male from female after he bought the book. "When I was growing up, I never saw people like me in movies or books." Mr. Martin is now on a mission to change that. He belongs to a small group of emerging authors who are writing children's literature that centers on transgender characters, hoping to fill the void they felt as young readers. His debut work of fiction — a semi-autobiographical story about a transgender teenage boy who falls in love with an older boy on the beach in Cape Cod — will be published in a collection this month by Duet, a new young adult publisher that specializes in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgen-

der and queer fiction. "My goal was to write stories that would have helped me feel less alone at that age," said Mr. Martin, who works as a Starbucks barista in Washington and writes at night. A few years ago, gender fluidity was rarely addressed in children's and young adult fiction. It remained one of the last taboos in a publishing category that had already taken on difficult issues like suicide, drug abuse, rape and sex trafficking. But children's literature is catching up to the broader culture, as stereotypes of transgender characters have given way to nuanced and sympathetic portrayals on TV shows like "Orange Is the New Black" and "Transparent." Recently, the highly publicized transformation of the reality TV star and former Olympian Bruce Jenner into Caitlyn Jenner — re-

A memoir by a transgender teenager from Oklahoma. Continued on Page 18

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A Young Prince Among Princes Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, 28, has swiftly gained more power than any Saudi prince has ever had. PAGE 18

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Pope Urges Bosnia to End Rifts On a visit to Bosnia, Pope Francis called for greater religious reconciliation and an end to the sectarian conflicts that still threaten the country. PAGE 11

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Mark of a Champion Serena Williams, ailing, started strong but needed a third set to top Lucie Sadeghova in the French Open final. Novak Djokovic also was tested in defeating Andy Murray in a semifinal. PAGE 5

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What Makes a Woman? When Lawrence H. Summers was president of Harvard and suggested that women and men have different brains, he was immediately branded a sexist and a troglodyte. But when Bruce Jenner said much the same thing in an interview with Diane Sawyer in April, he was lionized for his bravery. PAGE 1

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Funeral for a Biden 'Original' The president and a former president were among the mourners at the funeral Mass in Wilmington, Del., for Beau Biden, elder son of Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. PAGE 21



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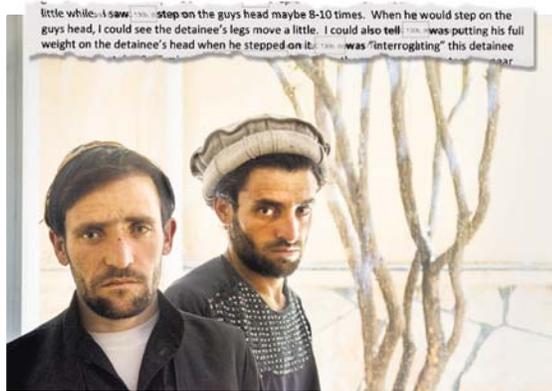
Late Edition Today, cloudy, rain at times, mild, high 55. Tonight, plenty of clouds, evening rain, mild, low 50. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, cooler, high 51. Weather map appears on Page B13.

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Assadullah, left, one of the Afghans interrogated in May 2012 by Navy SEALs and Afghan police officers, and Abdul Aziz, whose brother died after the questioning — detailed in an investigative report — in Kabul in 2014.

Navy SEALs, a Beating Death And Claims of a Cover-Up

This article is by Nicholas Kulich, Christopher Drew and Matthew Rosenberg.

The three Navy SEALs stomped on the bound Afghan detainees and dropped heavy stones on their chests, the witnesses recalled. They stood on the prisoners' heads and poured bottles of water on some of their faces in what, to a pair of Army soldiers, appeared to be an improvised form of waterboarding.

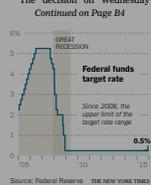
Police unit that the SEALs were training. Angered by the death of one of their comrades in the blast, the police militiamen had rounded up half a dozen or more suspects from a market in the village of Kalach and forced them to a nearby American outpost. Along the way, they beat them with rifle butts and car antennas.

The four American soldiers working with the SEALs reported the episode, which has not previously been disclosed. In a Navy criminal investigation, two Navy support personnel said they had witnessed some abuse by the SEALs, as

FED RAISES RATES, CLOSING CHAPTER OF U.S. RECOVERY

Yellen's Widely Expected Announcement Shows Confidence in Economy

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve said on Wednesday that it would raise short-term interest rates for the first time since the financial crisis, a decision it described as a vote of confidence in the American economy even as much of the rest of the world struggles.



Deal Alters Way New York State Isolates Inmates

By MICHAEL SCHWARTZ and MICHAEL WINERIP

New York has agreed to a major overhaul in the way solitary confinement is administered in the state's prisons, with the goal of significantly reducing the number of inmates held in isolation, cutting the maximum length of stay and improving their living conditions.

Mistrial Is Declared in Trial of Baltimore Officer

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG and JESS BIDGOOD

BALTIMORE — The trial of the first Baltimore police officer in the death of Freddie Gray ended in a hung jury on Wednesday, an unexpected twist that complicates the case against five other officers facing charges in a fatal police encounter that prompted violent unrest here last spring.



Marilyn J. Mosby, the state's attorney who brought charges against the six police officers, outside court on Wednesday.

disappointed by the lack of a verdict, absorbed the news. A decision on a new trial date could come Thursday; the judge has scheduled a private conference to discuss it with lawyers.

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MIAMI — One candidate, Marjorie Taylor Greene, nurtured by the sprawling Cuban-American community here, bounces effortlessly between two cultures — fitzas and hamburgers, Spanish and English — in a city so comfortably bilingual that news conferences pivot between the languages.

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