

# PRAYERS FOR PEACE



Members of the Metro East community gather for the Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace and Justice at the New Life Interdenominational Church in Lebanon Monday evening, July 11, in the wake of the tragic killings that took place across the country over the past week. | LaShaunda Jordan / Alestle

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The Metro East community came together for a prayer vigil Monday night, July 11, at New Life in Christ Interdenominational Church in O'Fallon. Over one hundred people gathered to pay respects to the lives lost in the past week due to violence across the nation, as well as to pray for peace and progress among all American people.

East St. Louis police chief Michael Hubbard said he believes services like these are good for the community, and hopes that the community will continue to come together and have services.

"We so often hear that it takes a village to raise a child, and in this instance, our communities are the child, our households are the child, our families are the child," Hubbard said. "Together, we are the village, and we need to come together collectively to address the problems in our own communities and our nation."

NAACP East St. Louis chapter President Stanley Franklin spoke during the service to encourage the community to continue to support each other and stand for what is right in situations of injustice. He encouraged audience members to remain peaceful and nonviolent.

Franklin told the congregation about his own personal stories of injustice and the conversations he has had to have with his own children about police brutality and corruption in the judicial system.

"Be in compliance with police officers when they ask you to do something," Franklin said. "So that there be no question of your behavior if a situation were to occur."

Franklin said that the issue of police brutality is not an "black issue," but rather an "American issue," and urged the community support each other regardless of race or situation.

"Last week was a horrible week for the black and the blue," Franklin said referring to the men and police officers who died. "Two African-American men were killed by police officers and five police officers were slain and wounded in Dallas. We need to uplift each other moving forward, and stand together to fight this issue of social injustice."

The vigil comes in response to robberies and shootings in the St. Louis area this past week, as well as the deaths of Philando Castle, Alton Sterling and the shooting of police officers in Dallas.

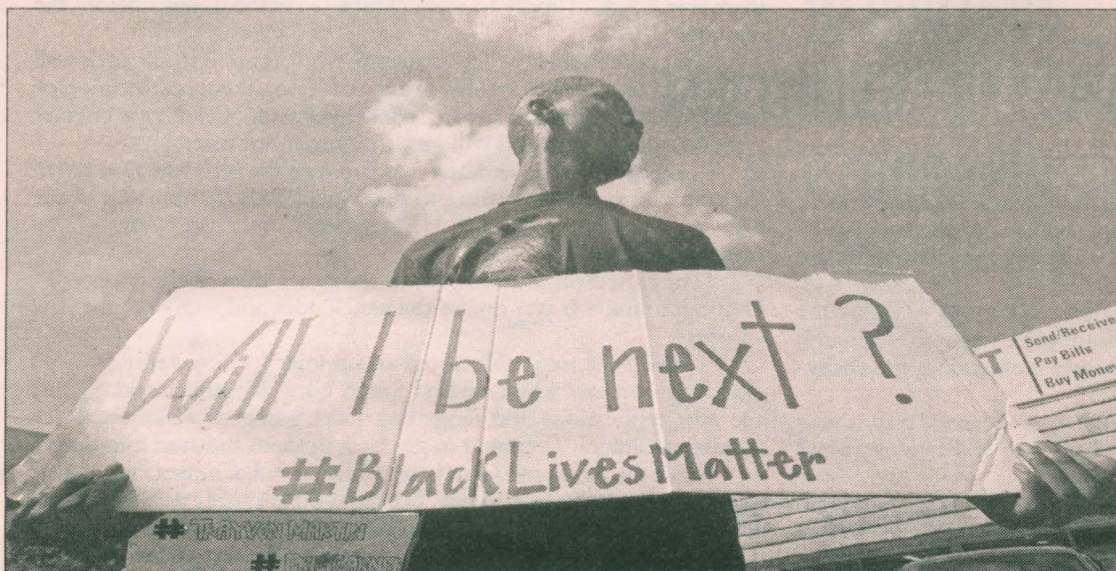
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## Recent police incidents involving black men



- July 6, 2016, Philando Castle:** Castle died Wednesday night after being shot by police. The immediate aftermath was shown in a video recorded by his girlfriend as she sat next to him. The video was widely shared on Facebook.
- July 5, 2016, Alton Sterling:** Sterling was shot by two white police officers — as he was apparently pinned to the ground — while hawking CDs in front of a convenience store.
- Feb 29, 2016, Akiel Denkins:** Denkins was shot by an officer who tried to arrest him on an outstanding felony charge. Officials determined Twiddy acted in self-defense, but some witnesses disputed that.
- Feb 25, 2016, Gregory Gunn:** An officer shot Gunn, who was unarmed, steps from his home.
- Nov. 15, 2015, Jamar Clark:** Clark died from a gunshot wound to the head after an encounter with two Minneapolis police officers. Some witnesses have said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. A police union official said Clark was trying to grab an officer's gun when he was shot.
- Aug. 7, 2015, Christian Taylor:** The unarmed black Angelo State University football player was shot and killed during a suspected burglary at a car dealership.
- July 19, 2015, Samuel DuBose:** DuBose was fatally shot during a traffic stop for a missing license plate. The officer is awaiting an October trial on murder and voluntary manslaughter charges.
- May 5, 2015, Brendon Glenn:** An officer killed Glenn, an unarmed homeless man, as he was trying to push himself up off the ground.
- April 12, 2015, Freddie Gray:** Gray suffered a severe injury in the back of a police van and died a week later. Six officers were charged in Gray's death, but three have already been acquitted.
- April 4, 2015, Walter Scott:** A police officer shot Slager as he ran from a minor traffic stop. Video of the shooting resulted in charges against the officer.
- Nov. 20, 2014, Akai Gurley:** A police officer was convicted of negligent homicide when his bullet ricocheted off a wall, hitting and killing Gurley.
- Oct. 20, 2014, Laquan McDonald:** A police officer was charged in McDonald's death. McDonald was shot 16 times. Video of the shooting created an uproar in Chicago and nationwide.

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Niamke Ledbetter, of Oak Cliff, Texas, holds a sign at a Black Lives Matter protest on Park Lane in Dallas on Sunday, July 10, 2016. | Jae S. Lee / Dallas Morning News / TNS



## College of Arts and Sciences introduces International Studies

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Beginning this fall, the College of Arts and Sciences will offer a degree program in International Studies.

The new degree will focus on three concentration areas: International Relations and Diplomacy, International Arts, Culture and Communication, and International Development and Sustainability.

According to Brian Hinterscher, coordinator of CAS undergraduate advising and international studies major adviser, the new program is taking off well and attracting attention from students wanting to declare the program as their major.

The Bachelor of Arts program is geared toward students with interests in the complex social, political, economic and cultural interrelations between nations and regions around the world.

In addition to general requirements, students enrolled will complete 42 credit hour major requirements, 18 credit hour minor requirements and a foreign language requirement through the intermediate level.

Students are also required to take six credit hours of travel study, which allows students to study abroad for a semester or to go on a faculty-led trip, typically during the summer semester. A few possible locations include England, France, Italy, or the province of Quebec in Canada.

Both faculty led travel studies and studying abroad would go through the Office of International Affairs. An internship and an independent project are not required as a part of the program but are encouraged to help students gain knowledge in the field prior to graduation.

"Depending on what the students concentrated area is, there are different paths that can be taken towards deciding the travel study experience best for them," Hinterscher said. "Although, when traveling to a different country, students are not required to know the language."

International Studies students will take four core courses: Essentials of International Studies, World Regions, Introduction to International Relations and International Studies Senior Assignment.

Hinterscher believes students will have success in the workforce following graduation from the program and says that both professors and advisors have set the program up to be successful.

"This program has a lot of opportunity in the job market post-graduation," Hinterscher said.

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## Field school students unearth prehistoric artifacts

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On the southwest side of campus near Ralph Korte Stadium, the Department of Anthropology Field School is busy excavating once again for eight weeks this summer. About a dozen field school participants have been scraping away layers of earth and dirt which have revealed prehistoric secrets buried in the ground, including pits, posts and part of a wall trench structure from more than 1,000 years ago.

Walk down a narrowly plowed row in a field of horseradish along the edge of the community soccer field and a farm field, and one will find anthropology professor Julie Zimmerman and her students uncovering a Mississippian trench wall period house

(circa A.D. 1050-1300) and searching for middle woodland house posts (ca. 100 B.C. - A.D. 350).

"If you are an anthropology major, you are required to do a field school. There is an archeology one, and there is also a forensic science field school, and there is also a cultural field school," junior anthropology major and President of the Anthropology Club Nigel Knutzen, of Highland, said.

"The site was originally discovered in the 1960s and was first excavated in the 1970s. Zimmerman has been excavating this site since 2009," Knutzen said.

According to Knutzen, the SIUE site has been excavated before, and about [30,000] artifacts have been collected so far. The era represented at this site is mostly middle woodland and Mississippian.

"We are finding some artifacts like ceramic flakes and air heads, but they are not changing the understanding of the site," Knutzen said.

"We have found a Mississippian house, and people are really excited and are expecting to walk into someone's living room; we know based on certain indicators that this is a house. We've found several pits, which were likely storage pits for food and things like that," Knutzen said.

Based on the 2014-2015 Field School Investigation Interim Report, the primary goal of the SIUE Archeology Field School is to teach students standard archaeological field methods, as well as offer real world, professional research opportunities to SIUE anthropology faculty and students, who are encouraged

to do original research for their senior projects. The field school provides a means for recording endangered archaeological sites, which are rapidly disappearing due to increasing development in Madison County.

The Interim Report also mentioned that the current site has been impacted by decades of deep plowing and removal of artifacts by private collectors.

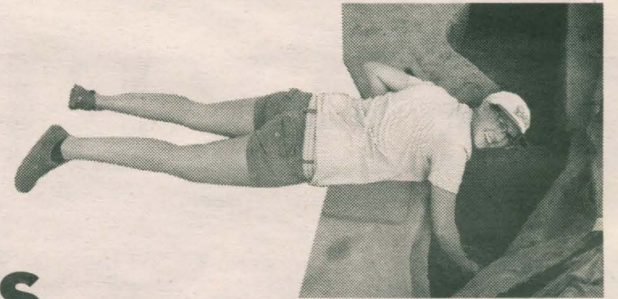
Field school is required for anthropology majors completing a Bachelor of Science degree, and it provides the opportunity to document archaeological resources on campus with the goal of protecting them, or excavating them, if deemed necessary.

Field school participant and senior forensic science major Elizabeth Storey, of Fieldon, said she is looking forward to applying the mapping skills she learned this summer in her newly acquired position as Deputy Coroner in Jerseyville.

"I have a job with Jerseyville County as the deputy coroner where I investigate deaths, and this [Archeology Field School] can go with forensic science because of the mapping and planning everything out. The extensive mapping out here at this excavation site will help me in my position as Deputy coroner," Storey said.

According to field school participants, they have gained teaching and excavation practice by participating in this program, and these students think that is a perk.

"It's a great experience being out here because at the beginning we were all in our little circles, and now we are just a bunch of great friends. It's really cool because you can find half a coin and everyone get super excited," Storey said.



Senior anthropology major Shannon Miller, of Carlyle, digs a pit at the archeology field site June 29, 2016.



Summer 2016 Department of Anthropology Field School participants dig, scrape and catalog artifacts to better understand the early North American society June 29, 2016. | LaShaunda Jordan / Alestle

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## Rock wall renovations underway, reopens in fall

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Students can look forward to a renovated rock climbing gym this fall in the Student Fitness Center. The wall has been a work in progress since April for Campus Recreation. The gym has received both aesthetic and routine maintenance during this closure, as well as new sprinklers and upgraded lighting. The previous lighting was not suitable for the space, according to Fitness Coordinator Amanda Couch.

"The new LED lighting is more appropriate for the rock wall," Couch said. "Not only for participant use, but the new lights are more energy efficient."

Rock Climbing Club President Anthony Hettinger said that the lights should make the gym a more pleasant place to climb. Although he hasn't seen the updates directly, Hettinger is excited for the changes to the gym.

"The lights, painting and mural will give the rock wall a new look, as it's different from what we're used too, and new is always better," Hettinger said.

Students and staff have been working steadily on cleaning and getting things set up for the reopening of the wall. Couch said that these small projects will make the Climbing Gym feel welcoming and safe. Single rocks have been removed from the climbing wall and been dusted, cleaned and painted when necessary.

In the past, the Climbing Gym has struggled in part to there being a lack of storage space for climbers, both Couch and Hettinger said. Storage cubbies have also been added to the Climbing Gym, as

there was a lack of space to store climber's personal items before the remodel.

"The new cubbies will give anyone who comes into the rock wall a place to put their belongings instead of laying them on the floor, or on top of other climbers' items," Hettinger said. "I think the cubbies system is a great idea and will give the gym more space."

During the spring semester, a portion of the wall was shut down for safety purposes, according to Hettinger. With that portion of the wall opening back up this fall, Hettinger said that more routes will be freed up for climbers.

"The closed-off area was one of the easier sides of the rock wall," Hettinger said. "It was one of the easier sides and a favorite for new climbers."

"Having the rock wall closed all summer for renovations wasn't exactly good news when we first found out," Hettinger said. "[But] the new renovations and reopening [are] going to make the Rock Climbing Club more excited to get back in there and start climbing."

While the Climbing Gym is currently closed, Chimega's Bouldering Cave in the Student Fitness Center is open during business hours and offers a rock wall area to climb without the need for harnesses. The rock wall is expected to be open before the start of the academic year.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

07.05.16

Alarm reactivated at 510 Cougar Village. An officer, housing and portable I responded.

An officer issued a written warning for speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone on New Poag Road near Stadium Drive.

An officer issued a state citation to Nicholas A. Murray for expired registration on East University Drive.

An officer issued a state citation to Gregory C. Krepel for expired registration on East University Drive.

An officer issued a state citation to Issac N. Jensen for no proof of insurance. Jensen also received written warnings for driving without headlights and improper display of license plates. The offenses occurred on Cougar Lake Drive at North University Drive.

07.06.16

An officer issued a written warning for driving without headlights when required. The offense occurred on South University Drive at South Circle Drive.

An officer issued a written warning for driving while using electronic communication device and for no driver's license on person on North University Drive at P3 Road.

An officer issued a state citation to David Hanks for violation of motorcycle classification on Stadium Drive at Whiteside Road. Written warnings were also issued for speeding and riding motorcycle without proper equipment.

An officer issued a state citation to Antonio Evans for driving an uninsured motor vehicle. Written warnings were also issued for disobeying traffic control device and one headlight. The offenses occurred on East University Drive.

07.07.16

An officer issued a written warning for speeding 60 mph in a 45 mph zone. The offense occurred on North University Drive at New Poag Road.

An officer issued a written warning for speeding 39 mph in a 25 mph zone. The offense occurred on South University Drive at P2 Road.

An officer issued a written warning for expired registration. The offense occurred on North University Drive at North Circle Drive.

An officer responded to the information desk in the University Center to pick up a found phone.

An officer advised he would be picking up a found driver's license from the Information Desk.

An officer advised he would be taking a report regarding a purse being stolen from Building D on July 6, 2016.

An officer issued a written warning for speeding 37 mph in a 25 mph zone and expired registration. The offense occurred on South University Drive at P2 Road.

An officer stopped a vehicle for speeding 40 mph in a 25 mph zone on North University Drive at Lot 10 and arrested Oscar A. Ruiz-Oliva (30 yoa, 4139 Nebraska, St. Louis, Mo.) for no valid driver's license. Oliva was transported to the SIUE PD where he was fingerprinted, photographed and processed. Oliva was issued state citations for speeding, operation of uninsured motor vehicle and no valid driver's license and released on a notice to appear. Vehicle was towed by Brown's Towing.

An officer issued written warnings for improper registration and no driver's license on person on North University Drive at P3 Road.

An officer issued a written warning for expired registration on South University Drive at P2 Road.

An officer issued a written warning for speeding on North University Drive at P3 Road.

An officer issued a written warning for speeding on North University Drive at North Circle Drive.

An officer responded to Cougar Village for an active fire alarm in building 518. No smoke or fire was reported. Alarm was activated by cooking and was restored.

07.08.16

Caller reported seeing a masked subject driving Silver Nissan turn from State Route 157 onto East University Drive. Caller also advised there was a large suitcase in the back seat. Officers checked the area and were unable to locate vehicle or driver.

An officer unlocked the vehicle and arrested Keonna L. Gray (22 yoa, 601 Oak Hill Dr, Belleville) on an active Edwardsville PD FTA-Driving While License Revoked Warrant. Gray was transported to SIUE PD where she was fingerprinted, photographed and processed. Gray was unable to post bond and was picked up by Edwardsville police at 2:17 p.m.

An officer issued a state citation issued to Taylor W. MacDonald for disobeying a stop sign on East University Drive at North University Drive.

An officer issued a state citation issued to Katherine A. Pennock for disobeying a stop sign on South Circle Drive at Evergreen Hall.

07.10.16

An officer issued a written warning for expired registration on East University Drive at North University Drive.

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## Local organization impacts community with summer camp

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Over the years, 17th Street Corridor Neighborhood Association has impacted the lives of many families by providing a summer camp program annually for school aged children.

The camp is held in Belleville and provides services to children both there as well as in Swansea. Children are able to attend 17th Street summer camp in two three-week sessions, the first of which began the first week in June and is finishing up next week. The last session began the second week in July. This year, ages range from 6 to 15.

The camp is considered an "open-site" and not only provides day camp to registered children, but also dental exams and free lunch to children both in the camp and within the community.

Director Tiffany King said being able to serve the community at large is something of which everyone involved with 17th Street CNA is proud. The camp strives to provide a safe place for children to spend their summers where they can have fun and be safe.

"Our mission is to support the community," King said. "We put this camp on every summer to make sure that kids stay active, and safely stay out of trouble."

A typical day for the campers consists of breakfast, followed by a "camp workout" which is a group activity that normally consists of a walk and a series of exercises. These activities change from day to day and are the highlight activity for most campers, King said.

After the camp workout, the children break off into their small groups for more personalized activities led by camp leaders. The groups are broken down by age and allow the children to establish relationships and friendships throughout their time in camp. The children come back together at noon for lunch and then are broken back down into their groups until the end of the day at 3 p.m.

Each year the children and staff look forward to the camp-wide talent show, which is the last Wednesday of each session.

"It's a time for the kids and the staff to express themselves through song, dance, or poetry," King said. "The staff typically comes together to perform a group song or dance, it's a lot of fun."

The camp also serves as a volunteer opportunity for young adults who want to be involved in the

community and who enjoy working with children. Each year, between 10 and 15 camp counselor positions are available through Belleville Americorps. This gives college students an opportunity to gain volunteer hours as well as money that can be used towards school expenses.

Youth Counselor and sophomore Biomedical Sciences major Kennedy Epps, of Belleville said she sees her participation in the camp as a way for her to influence her local community in a positive way. Epps attended the camp in her youth and said it makes her happy to be able to give back to the camp that offered her so much.

"Working at 17th Street means basically everything to me," Epps said. "I attended the camp when I was younger, and I loved it. To be able to work at the same camp that gave me many summers filled with laughs and positive experiences that I wouldn't have got anywhere else is amazing to me."

Epps enjoys the camp not only for the children, but also for the role models she said she is inspired by on a daily basis. Director Tiffany King, President of 17th Street Corridor Neighborhood Association Gloria Crowder and program director Angie Brown, have all played a major role in her life.

"Not only are the kids great, but the people I work with are phenomenal," Epps said. "Working alongside such strong and independent black women such as Tiffany, Gloria, and Angie makes the job that much better."

Returning this summer for his sixth year, youth counselor Kinzell Collins, of Ladue, Mo., said he sees the camp as an opportunity to make a positive impact in a child's life. Returning yet again for another summer, Collins said that every year brings forth new challenges and hurdles, but each year has been equally, if not more, rewarding than the last.

"It is an uplifting experience to have such an impact on the youth in the community," Collins said. "With most of the children returning every year, I've had a chance to watch some of these kids grow and to establish a relationship with them. It's rewarding to know that my playfulness and positivity has made a change in their life that they'll never forget."

For more information about 17th Street CNA, visit its website at the17thst.org.

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Campers learn about exercise and healthy habits during the 17th Street Summer Camp program in Belleville. | LaShaunda Jordan / Alestle

## Anthropology students dig up history

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"SIUE is special in a way because they still have a field school. There are a lot of universities that don't provide this kind of field experience; SIUE is very fortunate," Knutzen said.

The positive team morale at this site makes participants want to continue doing this work with professor Zimmerman even after graduation, according to the students.

"I would be out here anyway, whether it was required to graduate or not. It's my main focus and what I want to do for a living," senior anthropology and archeology double major Shannon Miller, of Carlyle, said.

"It's been a blast to be out here and work along the side of other class members and pro-

fessors and finding all these cool artifacts and cool house features," Miller said.

Current and former students of site director Julie Zimmerman expressed how much she has done for them and how grateful they are for her passion to this research. Alumni graduate, Cassandra Price came out to the site to see what this year's field participants were up to.

"It's exciting to see what has been found out here; I heard they found a house. Over ten years later, we [Price and Zimmerman] are still friends; she is the best professor I've had. I really like that she has opened this up to the public and allowed me to bring my children out here to be educated," Price said.

"I love my research—it's cool finding out about people

who were here 1,000 years ago — 2,000 years ago, but I also love teaching, and I love being out here with my students. It's the best of both worlds. I get to do what I love and I get to teach students while I'm doing it, and if I had to pick one over the other, I would pick teaching; it's really neat that I get to combine them both," Zimmerman said.

"For some fields, your research is sitting in the library reading and writing by yourself, or you're in a lab by yourself. This is neat because I get to teach while I'm doing it, in fact I couldn't do it without them [the field school participants]," Zimmerman said.

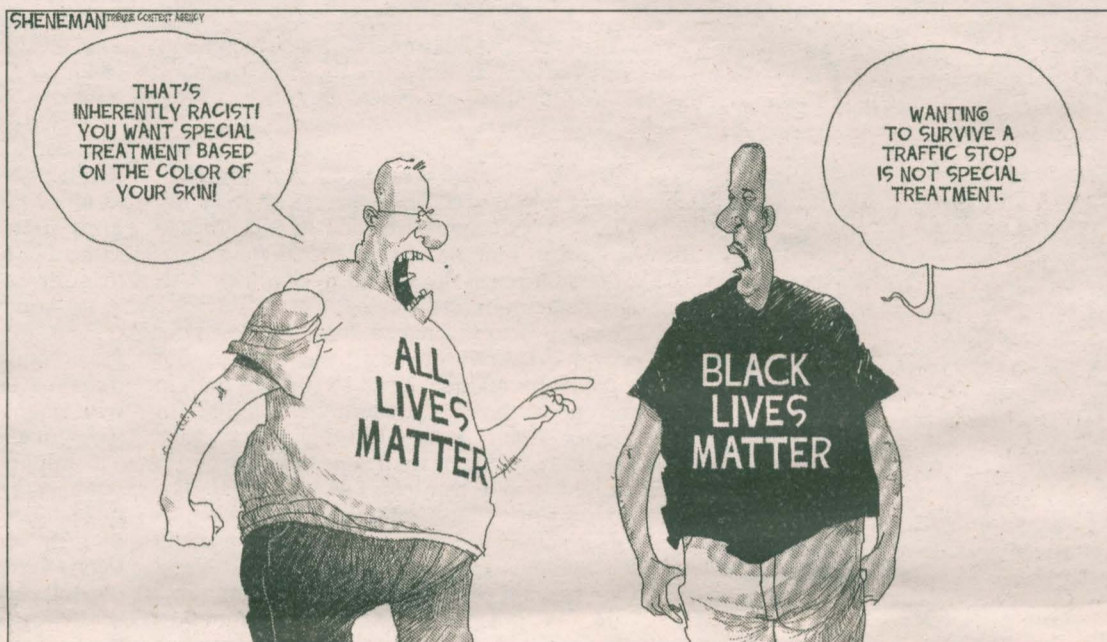
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## Violent week calls for change

The nation has endured a storm of emotions following the past week's tragedies, including the murders of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, La. and Philando Castile in Falcon Heights, Minn., by on-duty police officers.

### ALESTLE STAFF EDITORIAL

As if the country hadn't seen enough unjustifiable deaths that week, five police officers were fatally shot Thursday night in Dallas during a peaceful demonstration in response to the deaths earlier that week. With protests spreading, civil rights groups up in arms and the media in heated debates, the country is turned upside down.

There are many questions demanding answers about what will happen in the wake of these horribly violent acts. Many are asking how to do something locally about these issues, and what our country will become if these unjustified killings continue.

The Alestle staff represents a diverse collection of experiences, and we believe this is no time for apathy — we are tired of watching the death toll continue to rise as the justice sys-

tem continues to fail an entire population of American citizens — ones that are supposedly promised the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

As we take this stance, it is important for readers to know that we do not view supporting change in social justice as something in which to "take sides." The situation should not be regarded as choosing between black people and white police officers, and to make that assumption is an ignorant misunderstanding of reality.

The events in Dallas were undoubtedly malicious, and in no way aligned with the mission of the Black Lives Matter movement. Adding fire to fire surely will not benefit anyone. And while we support the efforts of BLM, it is also necessary to state that we support the individuals in law enforcement who ethically and responsibly work to keep our country safe.

However, when certain individuals take advantage of their power and quickly resort to fatal means of apprehending an individual of a specific demographic, our nation's creed that declares "liberty and justice for all" is a farce.

For individuals of the community who do not share the

experience of many in the black community, it is crucial to listen and understand the perspectives of others, and especially to recognize the privileges held by those who are not marginalized.

A common mistake made by many is proclaiming "all lives matter" in response to "black lives matter."

The problem with this ideology is that it is a selfish attempt to divert the attention from an entire race of people who have been the target of injustice for much longer than we all have been alive, or an a misguided attempt to say we should be all be equal without realizing how it is perceived.

It's obvious — all lives matter — of course, but it is not all lives that are being threatened on a daily basis. Another common mistake made by many outside of the black community is telling others to be calm about the situation. It is not in any way appropriate to tell another person how to feel, especially when they're feeling something that you have no experience of knowing, nor ever will.

Be sensitive toward others, and accept that your life experiences may not be the same as another person's, but that does not make them any less

valid. Recognize your privilege, and instead, ask how you can be an agent for change.

No amount of sugar coating the truth will hide the fact that we live in a dangerously divided society, and ignoring this further perpetuates the racist rhetoric that continues to erode our country. Denying that there is a problem of racism in our country simply proves that you are a part of the problem.

We are outraged to see innocent lives lost, yet again, and we demand action. At this point, it is not unreasonable to question the training methods of law enforcement officers. There's no reason for an officer to end a person's life if they are properly trained to apprehend a subject calmly and effectively under pressure.

In addition to being able to take down an offender without fatal force, perhaps officers should be required to do regular psychological tests in order to ensure their mental stability. If we are trusting these individuals to carry guns while also protecting us, it only makes sense.

Indifference is not an option. Recognize the reality of our country. Be open to conversations with others about social reform.

## Police brutality brings fears and concerns

The topic of race and police brutality has come to the forefront as two black males have been gunned down by police officers once again within days of each other.

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Media outlets repeatedly showed graphic close-up footage of 37-year-old Alton Sterling being killed early Tuesday morning by two officers at point-blank range in Baton Rouge, La.

Then, again late Thursday night in Falcon Heights, Minn., a suburb of St. Paul, 32-year-old Philando Castile, another black man, was killed by multiple gunshot wounds after being asked to hand his driver's license and vehicle registration to the officer for a busted tail light.

Cases like these, and also the reminder of the Ferguson and

Baltimore riots, have emphasized a mounting discontent with police treatment, systemic abuses all together and the blatant disregard for black lives — men in particular.

What really concerns me is that over and over, we see these videos on television, and I can't help but ask -- wasn't there a better way that the police could have handled this?

When I got out of the military, I became a maximum security correctional officer, and I know from my rigorous training that officers have a range of choices, and what grinds my gears is the number of times the first choice quickly goes to deadly force.

Alton Sterling and Philando Castile are dead, along with an extensive scroll of black people killed before them by sworn public officials acting in the name of public safety and justice for all.

Now, as a nation, we have entered into a culture of fear that

is so familiar that it has become routine and is no longer a shock.

All of this reminds me of my favorite poem, "We Wear Mask," by Paul Laurence Dunbar.

According to an article by Shaun King, during the five years from 1891 to 1895, America had the deadliest lynchings in the history of this country.

Paul Laurence Dunbar was the son of Africans who were enslaved in Kentucky, wrote "We Wear the Mask," in 1896. When Dunbar was a young, 24-year-old man during an extremely racist time, his words were published, and they were telling and powerful; this poem is still relevant today when it comes to the painful pretending required by most black people, to which many white people are oblivious.

Dunbar's words, which so eloquently expressed what it is still like to be black in this country, beautifully illustrated the

masks the sweet and docile Negro wore in 1896 and now in 2016. Dunbar said it like this:

"We wear the mask that grins and lies, It hides our cheeks and shades our eyes, - This debt we pay to human guile; With torn and bleeding hearts we smile, And mouth with myriad subtleties. Why should the world be over-wise, In counting all our tears and sighs? Nay, let them only see us, while We wear the mask. We smile, but, O great Christ, our cries To thee from tortured souls arise. We sing, but oh the clay is vile Beneath our feet, and long the mile; But let the world dream otherwise, WE WEAR THE MASK!"

The poem was less about wearing physical masks and more about expressing the pain, torment and rage hidden beneath them.

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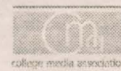
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## Review: 'The Secret Life of Pets' takes us where no human has gone before

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"The Secret Life of Pets" will make you walk away with an aspiration to get your very own pet, and maybe even to move to New York City. This movie centers around domesticated animals on an exciting mission on the streets of Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The movie begins by introducing us to Max, voiced by Louis C.K., a dog living in the beautiful New York City with his beloved owner Katie, voiced by Ellie Kemper, whom he identifies as his "soulmate." Max loves Katie more than anything, as one can see by the way he waits at the door for her every day after she leaves.

One day, as Max routinely awaits Katie's arrival home, she surprises him with an addition to their family. This ad-

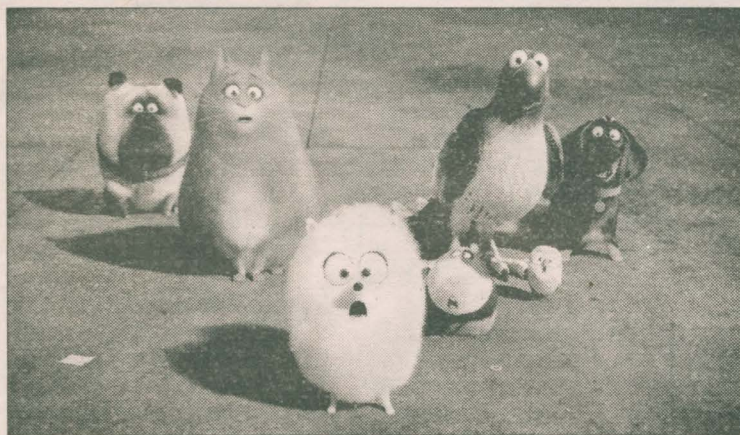
dition is a shaggy brown stray dog named Duke, voiced by Eric Stonestreet, who Katie says is going to be Max's new brother. As you could guess, Max is not so crazy about the idea, and almost instantly begins plotting how he can get rid of Duke.

Duke catches onto this plan quickly though and hatches his own scheme that, in a turn of wacky events, lands both he and Max in the possession of animal control, only to be broken out by a ragtag group of anti-human animals, including a scene-stealing rabbit named Snowball, voiced by Kevin Hart.

Max and Duke have their ups and downs, but as they get further lost into the city and run into more trouble, they begin to work as a team. Together they battle Snowball and his underground army of feisty critters, who were



Duke, voiced by Eric Stonestreet, and Max, voiced by Louis C.K., compete for owner Katie's, voiced by Ellie Kemper attention. | Photo via IMDB



Max and Duke's neighbors go on their own adventure in order to rescue them. | Photo via IMDB

either abandoned by their owners or chose to not be domesticated, and soon find friendship and become true brothers. As Max and Duke try to avoid these vengeful animals and animal control, Max's neighboring friends scour the streets on a rescue mission led by Gidget, a Pomeranian who is equal parts fluffy and feisty, voiced by Jenny Slate.

"The Secret Life of Pets" is one of those rare animated films that gains laughs from children and adults alike, and when that humor is paired with the stunningly colorful animation and incredible voice acting, it is one that can't be missed. Aside from the main char-

acters, the cast is full of familiar voices, including "Saturday Night Live" favorite Bobby Moynihan as a rambunctious pug, Hannibal Buress as a snarky Dachshund and Albert Brooks as an unlikely hawk ally.

All of the animals have vivid personalities. Even the smaller characters have distinct personalities, like like a seemingly sophisticated poodle named Leonard who continuously switches his owner's classical playlist to head-banging metal music. No scene goes wasted in "The Secret Life of Pets."

This movie is a heartwarming story of teamwork and friendship, and despite what the trailer may have shown, goes

far beyond what our beloved pets do at home. While you can definitely expect to see the jokes that captured your attention in the first place, you can look forward to so much more than that.

If you want to see how our furry friends live when we're not around, and have some laughs in the process, then give yourself a treat and buy a ticket to "The Secret Life of Pets."

"The Secret Life of Pets" hit theaters everywhere Friday, July 8.

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## THE HEADPHONE JACK: THE POWER OF TDE

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Kendrick Lamar. ScHoolboy Q. Jay Rock. Ab-Soul. SZA. Isaiah Rashad. The newly-signed Lance Skiiwalker. These are the artists who are housed at Top Dawg Entertainment, or TDE.

TDE is a record label that was founded by Anthony Tif-fith, also known as Top Dawg, in 2004, and in a matter of a few years, TDE has turned into one of the most recognizable record labels in hip-hop music.

Top Dawg Entertainment gained notoriety around 2010, and over the years, the label has released albums of undeniably high quality, but what I love most about the label is that it puts pressure on the label to support these artists. Top Dawg makes the consumer put their money where their mouth is by basically telling them that if you love these artists as much as you say you do, support them.

Also, there have been many critically-acclaimed albums released by artists under the TDE

label. For example, by releasing his albums "Section.80" in 2012, "good kid, m.A.A.d city" in 2012 and "To Pimp a Butterfly" in 2015, Kendrick Lamar established himself as one of the most recognizable and successful hip-hop artists of today.

While Lamar is quite obviously the most popular artist on the label, he is not the only reason TDE's roster is powerful. ScHoolboy Q is a popular artist on the label, and he was Grammy-nominated last year with his single "Studio," which featured BJ the Chicago Kid and was on his album "Oxymoron," released in 2014. He just recently released his second studio album, "Blank Face LP," this month, and album that I think could go down as one of the best of 2016.

Because of the label's emphasis on fan support, the label feels like a family, and whenever someone on the label is anticipated to drop something, fans are first in line waiting. Personally, I am waiting for a new Isaiah Rashad project because I thought his debut EP on the label, "Cilvia Demo," was an immaculate way to introduce himself to the world. It was personal, relat-

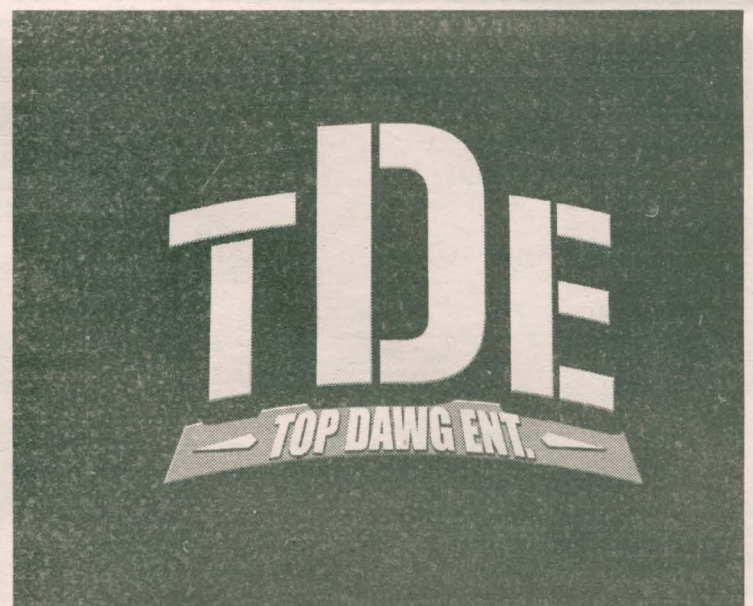
able and just all around dope.

Fans have been waiting, and literally begging, Top Dawg for a new Jay Rock album, and he finally released "90059" last year to the hands of the fans. Top Dawg made fans preorder the album, and the more pre-orders the album would receive, the earlier the release date for the album will be. It shows that these artists are sought out by their fans and that support from the fans is vital.

But what I also love about the label is that they sincerely live by the phrase "quality over quantity." No artists are constantly releasing mixtapes over and over just to remain relevant, but instead are trying to make sure they craft the best project that they can. That anticipation of a quality album is what makes fans excited for new albums.

Now, I cannot say what TDE future will be, but what I can say is that the success it is receiving now will definitely continue in the future. The label has such a great ear for talent, and I do not see them slowing down any soon.

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Top Dawg Entertainment is dominating the hip-hop genre with fresh, talented artists and a dedicated fan base. | Photo via Facebook

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## SIUE sends two to Olympic Trials

**CONNOR MCMAHON**  
Alestle Reporter

Following the 2016 track and field collegiate season, a representative from both the men's and women's track team qualified for the United States and Canadian Olympic Trials.

Sophomore Brittney Gibbs, a native of Toronto, finished in third place at the Canadian Trials with a triple jump mark of 41 feet, 2.5 inches, just shy of the Olympic standard of 43.96 feet, and junior Julian Harvey finished in 19th place at the U.S. Trials.

Gibbs came into the event with the second seed after qualifying for the trials with a mark of 41'8.75," which she recorded at the NCAA West Preliminaries.

SIUE Jumps Coach Joey Pacione said he is excited for Gibbs to build on the success she has had this year, and, that he sees a bright future for her.

"I am excited to see her blossom in the next three years," Pacione said. "She had an injury-riddled freshman year, and this shows how talented she is once we got her healthy. She's going to keep the momentum of our program going."

Harvey, who claimed the OVC Championship in long jump this year, as well as earning All-American honors, finished his trials with a mark of 24'10" in long jump. The jump was a foot less than his personal best, which would have been enough to qualify him, and he finished in

19th. Harvey needed to finish in 12th place to advance.

Pacione said is also looking forward to Harvey's senior year where, he believes, Harvey is capable of being one of the top men's track and field athletes in the nation.

"I am expecting [Harvey] to be among the elite in the NCAA in his final year of eligibility," Pacione said. "The experience of competing at the trials will be a stepping stone for both of them to keep getting better."

Pacione said he was proud of everything that they have accomplished and that their drive and dedication was the major factor behind them qualifying for this massive event.

"I'm proud of them, and I've

worked hard to give them the best training and coaching I can, but it means nothing without them committing to attaining greatness," Pacione said. "They both ascended to a new level of performance this year and should be proud of their hard work paying off."

Pacione expressed that he did not just view this as a great chance for just Gibbs and Harvey individually, but that it also provided a great opportunity for SIUE to be in the spotlight and reaffirm all the hard work that the staff and athletes have put into the program.

"People who see our jersey will realize we have huge goals and expectations here," Pacione said. "Any athlete coming here

will have big shoes to fill and higher standards. When the expectations are higher, the performances come along with it."

Both athletes will return to SIUE to compete in their respective events for the 2016-2017 season.

The 2016 Olympics will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with the track and field events set to start at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 12 with the marathon event wrapping things up in the morning on Aug. 21.

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## Salary cap increase causes record deals in NBA free agency

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The 2016 National Basketball Association free agency period has been long anticipated due to the massive salary increase from \$70 million to just under \$95 million. Most professional teams will find themselves with an excess of money, leading to huge payouts for a number of players. ESPN analyst Steven A. Smith speculates that LeBron James will sign the first \$200 million contract in NBA history.

So far, former Oklahoma City Thunder small forward Kevin Durant has been the biggest free agency prize, signing a two-year, \$54.5 million contract with the 2016 second place Golden State Warriors. However, big contracts and names are still rolling in.

Houston Rockets star point guard James Harden has agreed to a four-year, \$118 million renegotiation. The Rockets were avid to sign Harden after center Dwight Howard left for the Atlanta Hawks. Houston has also begun signing new names to counteract the loss of one of the best centers in the game. Former New Orleans Pelicans big man Ryan Anderson agreed to a four-year, \$80 million contract while Pelicans Eric Gordon signed a four-year, \$53 million deal. Former Wizards center Nene has agreed to a one-year, \$2.9 million contract.

Shooting guard Dwayne Wade stunned fans when he left the Miami Heat to sign a two-year \$47.5 million contract with the Chicago Bulls. Some fans found this to be a desperate move, since the Bulls have lost point guard Derrick Rose and center Joakim Noah to the New York Knicks — both contracts over \$70 million. Big man Pau Gasol has also left the Bulls, signing with the San Antonio Spurs. The Spurs have yet to make any huge postseason moves, but Gasol has been signed to a two-year, \$30 million deal to offset the retirement of 19-year veteran Tim Duncan. Head Coach Gregg Popovich has been preparing for the retirement of his big-three, Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili — who re-signed with the Spurs, and Duncan. Arguably the

greatest coach of all time, Popovich has transitioned to Kawhi Leonard and LaMarcus Aldridge as the new franchise stars. Despite being 35-years-old, Gasol ensures stability and long minutes, which he put up with the Bulls in the 2015-2016 season averaging 16.5 points, 11 rebounds, 4.1 rebounds and two blocks a game.

Other notable trades include Bradley Beal — a costly five-year re-sign worth \$128 million max contract with the Washington Wizards. Analysts say the Wizards may have signed this max contract too early since Beal is only 23 and missed 27 games due to a shoulder injury last season.

Timofey Mosgov stunned the NBA when he signed a four-year, \$64 million with the Los Angeles Lakers just weeks after winning an NBA championship with the Cleveland Cavaliers. Mosgov is expected to take Roy Hibbert's starting center position, who is expected to leave in free agency.

The Toronto Raptors jumped on shooting guard Demar DeRozan, re-signing him to a five-year, \$145 million contract, which is slightly below his \$153 million max. DeRozan helped the Raptors reach the Eastern Conference Finals for the first time in franchise history. The Toronto organization, and fans, were happy to hear DeRozan opt out of his contract to become a free agent. The all-star guard did not meet with any other teams and quickly returned to the Raptors.

After speculation that he would return to his hometown of Chicago, center Hassan Whiteside has re-signed with the Miami Heat. The contract is a four-year, \$98 million for the 27-year-old big man. Heat General Manager Pat Riley told fans that re-signing Whiteside would be the top priority for the 2016 offseason, and he kept true to his word.

Small forward Nicolas Batum eased the anxiety of Charlotte Hornets' fans after re-signing a five-year, \$120 million contract. The three-point shooting, all-star defender signed his contract on July 1, after spending the 2015 season with the Hornets. Batum is seen as both a role player and a star, creating scoring opportunities when point guard Kemba

Walker or center Al Jefferson are off the floor or defending and assisting when needed. In the 2014 season without Batum, the Hornets went 33-49. Minus the twelve games Batum missed due to injury, the Hornets improved to 41-29 last season.

Another Heat star, Luol Deng, agreed to a four-year, \$72 million deal with the Lakers. After opting out of his contract for another year with the Heat, the 31-year-old small forward entered the free agency market and was quickly signed by the Lakers to offset the retirement of former great Kobe Bryant.

Former Atlanta Hawks center Al Horford stunned the NBA when he signed a four-year, \$113 million deal with the Boston Celtics. The four-time all-star will be the apparent starting center for the Celtics, a position they lacked in the 2015-2016 season. Horford averaged 15.2 points, 7.3 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 1.5 blocks as he helped the Hawks to 48 wins and their ninth consecutive trip to the NBA playoffs.

Point guard Rajon Rando has left the Sacramento Kings and joined the Bulls to help fill the void left by Rose, Noah, Gasol and possibly Jimmy Butler. Despite a sub-par 33-49 season last year with the Kings, Rando still managed to lead the NBA in assists. There are few players with the ability to assist like Rando, but his constant need for the ball and few shot attempts raises concerns in the modern NBA role.

Small forward Chandler Parsons has left the Dallas Mavericks and signed a four-year, \$94 million contract with the Memphis Grizzlies. The Grizzlies also re-signed franchise star point guard Mike Conley at a whopping five-year, \$153 million contract.

Point guards Jamal Crawford and Austin Rivers will both be returning to the Los Angeles Clippers. Crawford signed a three-year, \$42 million deal while Rivers extended his contract for three more years and \$35 million.

The Brooklyn Nets acquired point guard Jeremy Lin on a three-year, \$36 million contract. Lin ultimately signed with the Nets and former coach Kenny Atkinson after meetings with both

### Top NBA free agents

Here's a look at the latest free-agent agreements with the most expensive contracts

#### Top 2-year deals

-  **Kevin Durant**  
Golden State Warriors  
2 years: \$54 million
-  **Dwyane Wade**  
Chicago Bulls  
2 years: \$47.5 million
-  **Dirk Nowitzki**  
Dallas Mavericks  
2 years: \$40 million
-  **Pau Gasol**  
San Antonio Spurs  
2 years: \$30 million

#### Top 3-year deals

-  **Dwight Howard**  
Atlanta Hawks  
3 years: \$70 million
-  **Jamal Crawford**  
L.A. Clippers  
3 years: \$42 million
-  **Jeremy Lin**  
Brooklyn Nets  
3 years: \$36 million
-  **Austin Rivers**  
L.A. Clippers  
3 years: \$35 million

Source: Chicago Tribune, ESPN, NBA.com  
Graphic: Tribune News Service

#### Top 4-year deals

-  **Al Horford**  
Boston Celtics  
4 years: \$113 million
-  **Hassan Whiteside**  
Miami Heat  
4 years: \$98 million
-  **Harrison Barnes**  
Dallas Mavericks  
4 years: \$94 million
-  **Chandler Parsons**  
Memphis Grizzlies  
4 years: \$94 million

#### Top 5-year deals

-  **Mike Conley**  
Memphis Grizzlies  
5 years: \$153 million
-  **Demar DeRozan**  
Toronto Raptors  
5 years: \$145 million
-  **Andre Drummond**  
Detroit Pistons  
5 years: \$130 million
-  **Bradley Beal**  
Washington Wizards  
5 years: \$128 million

the Nets and Pelicans.

No one was surprised when the Detroit Pistons extended center Andre Drummond's contract another five years and \$130 million. The big man is coming off his best season in the league, where he averaged 16.2 points and 14.8 rebounds per game.

One of the longest awaited signings was the four-year, \$94 million deal small forward Harrison Barnes signed with the Dallas Mavericks. It was no surprise the Mavericks signed Barnes to a large contract as they try to make a championship run with big man Dirk Nowitzki. On top of re-signing Nowitzki, the Mavericks have also signed point guard Deron Williams, point guard Seth Curry and center Andrew Bogut. Barnes speed and size allows him to guard multiple positions, while his three-point shot allows him to open up the court on the offensive end.

Of all the signings, Durant and Warriors are creating the most noise. With 2014 MVP Du-

rant, 2015 and 2016 MVP Steph Curry, Splash Bro Klay Thompson, Draymond Green and all-star sixth man runner-up Andre Iguadala, fans expect the Warriors to win the NBA championship for the remainder of Curry's and Durant's contracts.

However, the NBA has recently announced the salary cap will be reduced \$5 million for the 2017-2018 season. Golden State still has to re-sign Curry and Thompson at the end of next season, and this drop in salary will make it nearly impossible to keep all of their stars.

Analysts and fans alike believe this move by the NBA is to keep the Warriors from dominating the league for the immediate future. As we saw in the 2016 Finals with the Cleveland Cavaliers, no amount of star players can ensure a championship for either team.

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# Cardinals Recap: Who's shining as St. Louis heads to the All-Star break?

**JEFF GORDON**  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Here is our daily rundown of who's hot and who's not-so-hot for the Cardinals:

**Trending up**

**Randal Grichuk, OF:** When he reaches for a breaking pitch down and away and one-arms it over the left field bullpen, he demonstrates why the franchise has such high hopes for him. That is just ridiculous power. And lately he has looked more like his 2015 self, going 9 for 22 with a double, two homers, four RBIs and just two strikeouts in six games since rehabilitating his swing in Memphis.

**Stephen Piscotty, OF:** He went into the break with a 2-for-5 performance, driving in another run in the process. After scuffling a bit in June, Piscotty has delivered a timely 15-for-44 upturn with three homers and nine RBIs with other key Cardinals sidelined by injuries.

**Kolten Wong, 2B-OF:** Hey, look who has figured out how to bunt his way on base! While it is important for Wong to start driving the ball with Matt Carpenter and Brandon Moss down, he also needs to get his speed on the base-paths any way possible. Lately he has done that. He is 6 for 19 with four walks in July.

**Aledmys Diaz, SS:** He is headed to the All-Star Game on an offensive roll. In his last 12 games Diaz is 17 for 47 with six

doubles, a triple, three homers and nine RBIs. But unlike Wong, he should ease off the bunting. Swing away!

**Matt Adams, 1B:** No Cardinals hitter enjoyed the 5-1 victory at Milwaukee more than Adams. He broke an 0-for-27 slump by crushing a long homer down the right field line and a RBI double into the right-center field alley. With Carpenter and Moss out, the Cardinals needed him to snap out of his funk.

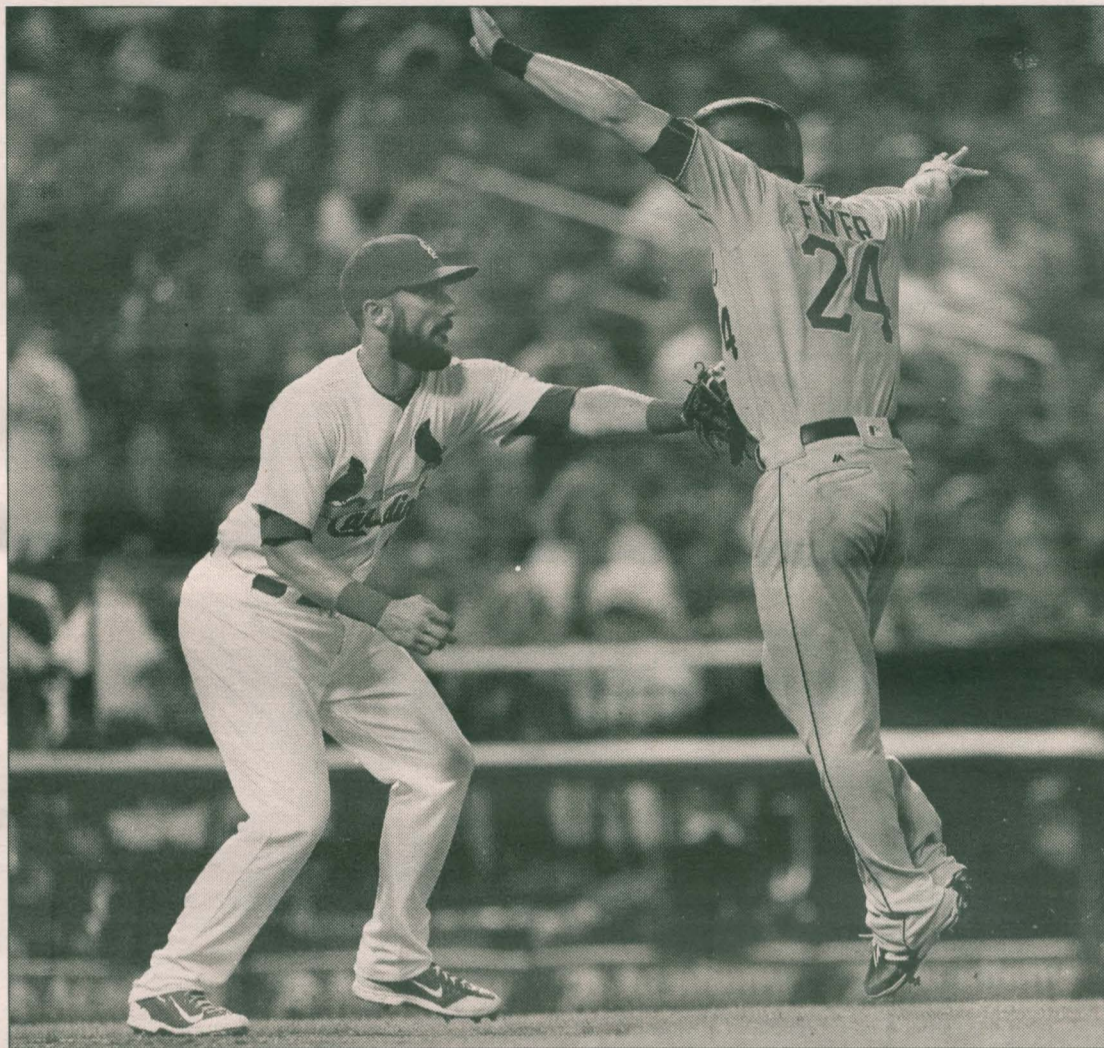
**Alberto Rosario, C:** He has been doing his best Eric Fryer impersonation since debuting in the big leagues as Brayan Pena's latest replacement. He delivered a RBI pinch hit in his first major league at-bat and he went 1 for 3 with a sacrifice bunt in his first start Sunday.

**Trending down**

**Matt Holliday, OF:** He looks like he could use a nice four-day break from baseball. Since June 27, he is just 6 for 43 with one double, no homers and six RBIs. An ankle injury shelved him over the weekend in Milwaukee, but he did come off the bench Sunday to make another out.

**Yadier Molina, C:** He sat out Sunday's game to nurse his bruises. He went 4 for 20 at the plate in his last six games and failed to control the Brewers' running game in Milwaukee. He is still another Cardinal welcoming the break.

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The Pittsburgh Pirates' Eric Fryer, right, is tagged out by St. Louis Cardinals second baseman Matt Carpenter in a rundown between third and home in the fifth inning on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. The Pirates won, 5-2. | Chris Lee / St. Louis Post-Dispatch / TNS

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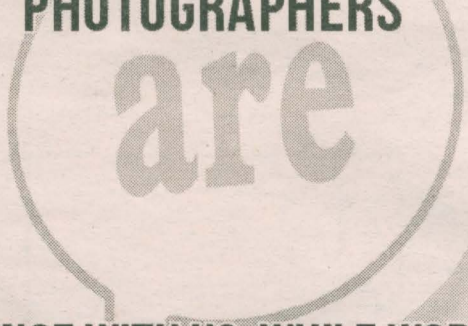
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**HOROSCOPES**

By Jennifer Shepherd, The Lipstick Mystic  
Monday, July 11 – Sunday, July 17, 2016

**Aries: March 21 - April 19**  
Venus is adding some zest and sparkle to your love life. Don't let past romantic problems hold you back. Even if you feel stung by an old relationship, you still have a chance at finding true love. Be open to experiencing something great.

**Taurus: April 20 - May 20**  
Avoid letting self-sabotage or bad habits get the best of you. With the moon opposite your sign, you could be tempted to indulge in some bad behavior. The truth is you're probably just a little burned out. Hang out with positive people and loving friends.

**Gemini: May 21 - June 21**  
You could have a major insight into your personal life this week, thanks to Saturn. Finally, you'll figure out why every girl you date reminds you of your mother. At last, you'll see you frequently embrace loser dudes instead of winner guys.

**Cancer: June 22 - July 22**  
You'll be prompted to express yourself in sharp and sassy ways. The sun is increasing your wit and confidence. Maybe it's finally time to tell off that clueless friend or read the riot act to a boss who is out of line. You'll feel great as you share your true opinions.

**Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22**  
Venus and Mercury are moving into your sign for several weeks. Venus will boost your romantic happiness, and Mercury will make it easier for you to communicate and connect with others. This powerful combination will improve your social life.

**Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22**  
Don't lose sight of your long-term goals. Jupiter is reminding you that you still have a lot to do before you can make your dreams come true. Don't let messy situations in your personal or professional life distract you too much.

**Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 23**  
You might need to use care with your words this week. A Mercury square could create moments where you're tempted to say rude or rough things to someone. Don't let a minor bad mood turn into a major temper tantrum.

**Scorpio: Oct. 24 - Nov. 2**  
Two planets are giving you extra energy. You'll find it easy to work hard and play all night. You're entering into a powerful period of your life when you can push through a lot of obstacles. Relationships will be happier than they have been for a long time.

**Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21**  
A love relationship will take on greater power and passion, thanks to Venus. If you're single, you could fall madly in love with somebody. If you're already partnered, you and your sweetheart will bond at a deeper and more joyful level.

**Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19**  
It will be challenging to stick to deadlines and get things done because of Mercury. Try to stay focused. Don't let yourself get caught up in daydreams or fantasy worlds, because you need to focus on getting results in the real world.

**Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18**  
Don't make promises that you're not willing to keep. You could feel pressured to make a commitment to someone, but you might not be truly in love. Or maybe you do love your partner, but you want to take things slowly. Venus says be honest.

**Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20**  
Mars is urging you to be true to yourself. Sometimes you can be too easily influenced by parents, friends or other people who have an influence over you. Take some time to be still. Connect with your heart and your authentic emotions.

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