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# MPO OKs plans to fund Fairground overpass

■ City presents plans for exits at SH 191 and Loop 250

**By Trevor Hawes**
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Big transportation projects in the Permian Basin have gotten their final approvals.

The Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization's public policy board approved the fiscal year 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at its monthly meeting.

The action gives the OK to release funds for two major MPO projects: construction of an overpass at Fairgrounds Road and Loop 250 in Midland and realignment of John Ben Shepperd Parkway and Farm-to-Market Road 3503 in Odessa.

The Loop 250 overpass at Fairgrounds is slated to cost $13.646 million.

Permian Basin MPO's share is $7.841 million from its 2016 Proposition 1 allocation, $7.841 million from its projected 2017 Proposition 1 allocation and $1.7 million from the TxDOT Odessa District's Category 11 Discretionary Fund, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

Work on the intersection will begin 0.7 of a mile west of Fairgrounds and end 1 mile east near County Road 1160 (known as Todd Drive). The location of the current Fairgrounds exit ramps will remain, and the overpass will have a height of 17 feet.

In Odessa, the realignment of JBS Parkway and FM 3503 should be a welcome improvement.

"The alignment on the road is poor, and when you've got bad road alignment, it increases the cost of everyone using it and decreases its value as a good mobility corridor," Permian Basin MPO Executive Director Cameron told the Reporter-Telegram earlier this month. "There's too many curves, turns and stops. It's going to be radically improved."

The JBS Parkway/FM 3503 realignment project will cost just under $2.5 million. Of that, about $2 million is federally funded and the rest is funded by the state.

The TIP must be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation by Friday. The board voted to not include possible future projects, a component of the submission that is not necessary, Walker said during the meeting.

### Extra funds

On Monday, the board also approved the MPO's request to apply for an additional $25,127 in planning funds from the state for

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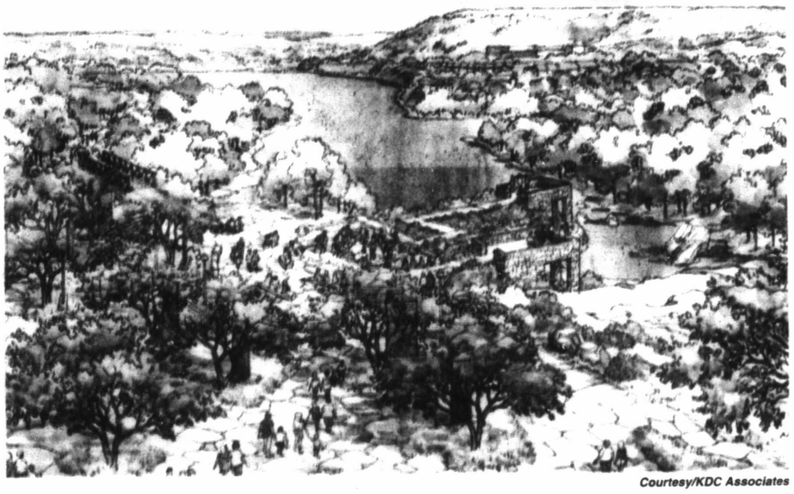
# A FRESH, NEW LOOK



Courtesy/KDC Associates

An architect's rendering of the new big spring in Big Spring. Through a partnership between the city of Big Spring and Midland-based architecture firm KDC Associates, the site will be renovated by the end of the year. The spring was a large part of why West Texas cities are located where they are today.

## Midland firm renovating Big Spring's namesake

■ Project's elements to include observation platform, signs describing city's history

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BIG SPRING — In 1849, U.S. Army Capt. Randolph B. Marcy was commissioned by the United States government to find a southern stagecoach route that could one day be part of the development of a rail line across the southwest plains. Marcy had heard rumors of a spring in far west Texas and, as he journeyed from Santa Fe, New Mexico, through El Paso and on to Fort Smith, Arkansas, Marcy asked his Comanche guides to take him there.

They arrived at a healthily flowing spring in what is now Howard County.

"This big spring … affording a great amount of water, which runs off in a small stream," Marcy wrote in his journals. "This spring flows well and provides an oasis effect on this vast desert prairie. It should provide substance for the generations to follow, and a good water source for rail should it come this direction."

And so it did. The Texas and Pacific Railway soon charted a course based on Marcy's route to this "big spring," which turned out to be the last dependable water source westward until the Pecos River.

"The Overland stagecoach route came, then the rail came, and the town of Big Spring started cropping up," said Kelly Cook, founder of KDC Associates, a Midland-based landscape architecture firm that has done projects nationally and internationally, as well as many local projects including the I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Chris Kyle Memorial, which is in progress.

Through a partnership between KDC Associates and the city of Big Spring, the historic spring that is the city's namesake will be renovated by the end of this year to document the significant history of the place: from mastodons and saber-toothed tigers that used the spring as a watering hole; to being what the last great chief of the Comanches, Quanah Parker, often referred to as one of the three hearts of the Comanche Nation; to becoming an essential resource for the steam engines of the Texas and Pacific Railway that resulted in the future development of West Texas as it's known today.

"Because of the spring and its water for the train, the cities of Abilene, Colorado City, Big Spring, Midland, and Odessa were formed along the rail line," Cook wrote in a description of the project. "If it had not been for the existence of the spring, these cities, along with numerous smaller and outlying towns, would not exist, or exist where they are today."

Upon the development of the automobile, the Bankhead Highway was built beside the rail line. Eventually, the route became Interstate Highway 20, which now connects much of the southern U.S.

"A lot of people in the Permian Basin will say, 'Midland is here because of the railroad,'" Cook said, citing the fact Midland was originally built as a midway station between Fort Worth and El Paso. "Well, why is the railroad here? As we got more and more into this project, it just became really fascinating."

Over the past two years, KDC Associates has worked with the city to develop the project, which will include observation platforms with signs to describe the rich history of the place. There will be a plaza above the original spring on which steel panels will be erected to tell the history, from prehistory to modern times.

Among many other design elements, there will be a 5-foot-wide sidewalk winding through teepees and indigenous plants from when the Comanches ruled. The sidewalk, when viewed from the air or a satellite, will be in the shape of a turtle, a Native American symbol of luck and water.

Additionally, all existing vegetation will be removed and replaced with indigenous flora, restoring the spring to a prairie wetland.

The project cost $2 million and is being funded by the city of Big Spring hotel/motel tax money and individual donations. It will be an "educational and interpretive center" that emphasizes the importance of the spring throughout the history of West Texas.

The project has required a tremendous amount of research, primarily done by

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## MISD names Seybert as principal at Abell

*From staff reports*

Midland ISD has named the current principal of the UTPB STEM Academy to replace Jeni Neatherlin as the principal at Abell Junior High.

Superintendent Ryder Warren confirmed that the MISD board of trustees approved Jennifer Seybert to take over for Neatherlin, who has submitted her resignation for the end of this contract term. Neatherlin will become the new principal at Llano High School, Warren said.

Seybert

Seybert is returning to MISD, where she taught at Abell and was a building principal at Washington Math & Science Academy, according to Warren.

"MISD is extremely excited to be getting one of our teammates back as the new principal of Abell," he said. "We are honored to get her back on the team."

When Seybert was at Abell, she taught seventh- and eighth-grade math.

"I am excited to return to Midland ISD and Abell JH … it's like going home," Seybert said. "Abell has always been a great school and I look forward to carrying on great traditions and a great educational experience for the students and families of Midland ISD."

## Reusable, unmanned rocket makes 4th West Texas flight

*Associated Press*

VAN HORN— The private space company run by Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos has completed its fourth successful unmanned rocket launch and safe landing in West Texas using the same vehicle.

Officials with Blue Origin say the latest launch of New Shepard happened Sunday morning near Van Horn. After the rocket landed upright, Bezos tweeted: "Successful mission."

New Shepard consists of a capsule designed to take people into space for suborbital flights, along with a booster.

The Washington state-based company also launched New Shepard on Nov. 23, Jan. 22 and April 2 from the same site.

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**The big number**
The median annual mortgage expense **dropped by $1,492** for a U.S. homeowner since 2006. Read more about the housing peak on Page 7A.

**Word of the Day: cineaste**
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# Senate likely to reject gun curbs, despite massacre

By Alan Fram and Mary Clare Jalonick
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — A divided Senate hurtled Monday toward an election-year stalemate over curbing guns, eight days after Orlando's mass shooting horror intensified pressure on lawmakers to act but left them gridlocked anyway — even over restricting firearms for terrorists.

Each party was offering one plan it said would keep terrorists from obtaining firearms and a second bolstering the existing system of background checks for gun purchases.

Democrats said the GOP proposals were unacceptably weak. Republicans faulted the Democrats' plans as overly restrictive and all four proposals faced likely defeat in largely party-line votes.

The expected rejection of the proposals underscored the pressure on each party to give little ground on the emotional gun issue going into November's presidential and congressional elections.

It also highlighted the potency of the National Rifle Association, which was urging its huge and fiercely loyal membership to lobby senators to oppose the Democratic bills.

"Republicans should be embarrassed, but they're not," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "Republicans need to put the lives of innocent Americans ahead of the NRA."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the Orlando shootings — in which the FBI says the American-born gunman swore allegiance to a leader of the Islamic State extremist group — show the best way to prevent attacks by extremists is to defeat such groups overseas.

"Look, no one wants terrorists to be able to buy guns or explosives," McConnell said.

He suggested that Democrats were using the day's votes "as an opportunity to push a partisan agenda or craft the next 30-second campaign ad," while Republicans wanted "real solutions."

That Monday's four roll-call votes were occurring at all was testament to the powerful political currents buffeting lawmakers after gunman Omar Mateen's June 12 attack on a gay nightclub.

The 49 victims who died made it the largest mass shooting in recent U.S. history, topping the string of such incidents that have punctuated recent years.

The FBI said Matteen — a focus of two terror investigations that were dropped — described himself as an Islamic soldier in a 911 call during the shootings.

That let gun control advocates add national security and the specter of terrorism to their arguments for firearms curbs.

Gun control groups were also working Capitol Hill, with relatives of victims of past mass shootings and others visiting lawmakers and were watching the day's debate from the unusually crowded Senate visitors' gallery.

Under extraordinary pressure were GOP senators facing re-election this fall from swing states.

One, Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., said Monday she would vote for the Democratic measure to block gun sales to terrorists, a switch from when she joined most Republicans in killing a similar plan last December.

She said that vote — plus her support for a rival GOP measure — would help move lawmakers toward approving a narrower bipartisan plan, like one being crafted by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

Monday's votes were coming after Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., led a near 15-hour filibuster last week demanding a Senate response to the Orlando killings.

Murphy entered the Senate shortly after the December 2012 massacre of 20 first-graders and six educators in Newtown, Connecticut, but that slaughter and others in San Bernardino, California, and Charleston, South Carolina, have failed to spur Congress to approve gun curbs.

The last were enacted in 2007, when the background check system was strengthened after that year's mass shooting at Virginia Tech.

Because of Mateen's self-professed loyalty to extremist groups and his 10-month inclusion on a federal terrorism watch list, proposals aimed at blocking terrorists from getting guns were in the spotlight.

One proposal by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., would let the government block many gun sales to known or suspected terrorists.

People buying firearms from federally licensed gun dealers can currently be denied for several reasons, chiefly for serious crimes or mental problems.

There is no specific prohibition for those on the terrorist watch list, which updated government figures showed currently contains around 1 million people — including fewer than 5,000 Americans or legal permanent residents.

No background checks are required for anyone buying guns privately online or at gun shows.

The GOP response to Feinstein was an NRA-backed plan by Sen. John Cornyn.

It would let the government deny a sale to a known or suspected terrorist — but only if prosecutors could convince a judge within three days that the would-be buyer was involved in terrorism.

The Feinstein and Cornyn amendments would require notification of law enforcement officials if people, like Mateen, who'd been under a terrorism investigation within the past five years were seeking to buy firearms.

Republicans said Feinstein's proposal gave the government too much unfettered power to deny people's constitutional right to own a gun.

They also noted that the terrorist watch list has historically mistakenly included people.

Democrats said the three-day window that Cornyn's measure gave prosecutors to prove their case made his plan ineffective.

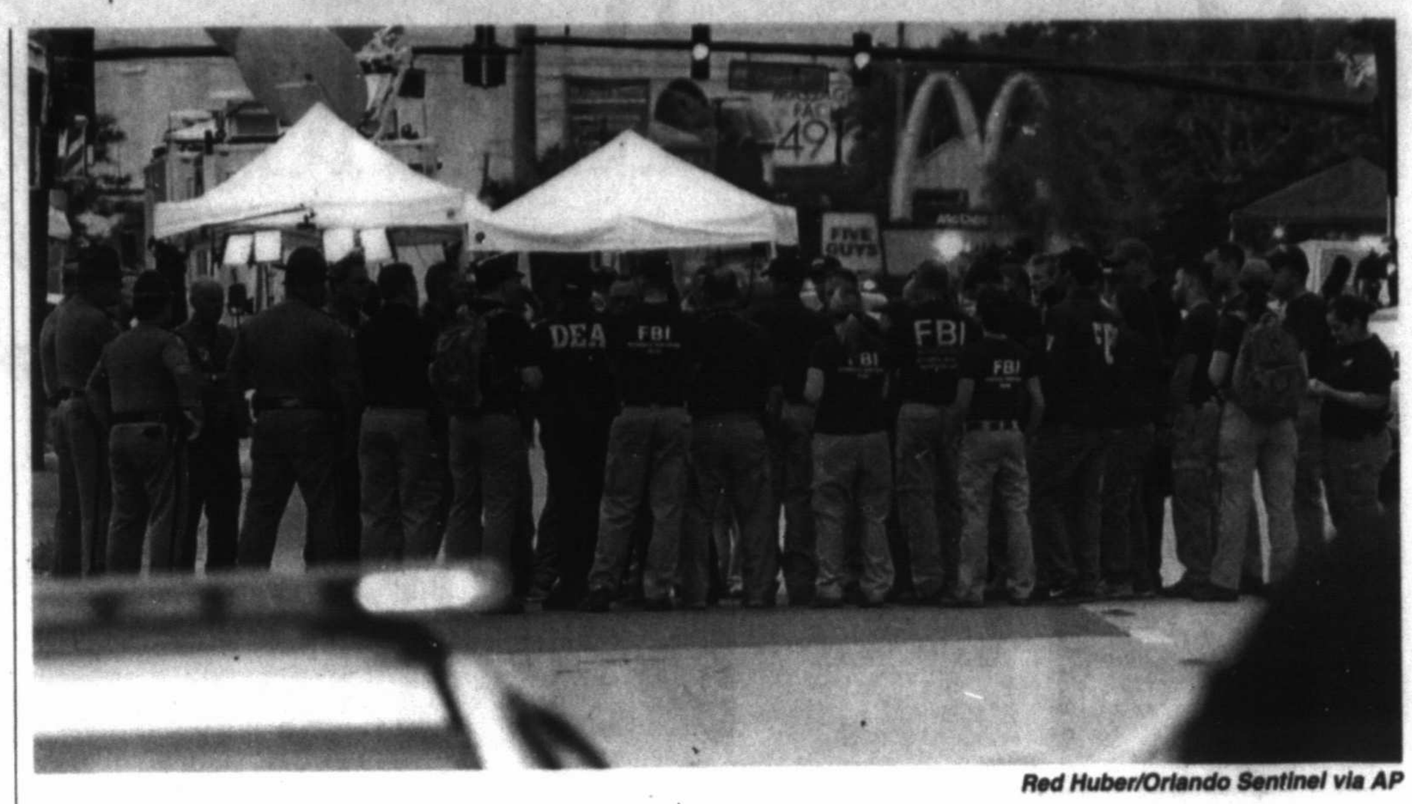
The Senate rejected similar plans Feinstein and Cornyn proposed last December, a day after the San Bernardino attack killed 14 people.

Murphy's proposal would widely expand the requirement for background checks, even to many private gun transactions, leaving few loopholes.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, would increase money for the background check system. Like Murphy's measure, it would prod states to send more records to the FBI, which operates the background check system, of felons and others barred from buying guns.

Grassley's proposal would also revamp language prohibiting some people with mental health issues from buying a gun. Democrats claimed that language would roll back current protections.

Separately, Collins was laboring to fashion a bipartisan bill that would prevent people on the no-fly list — with just 81,000 names— from getting guns. There were no signs Monday that it was getting wide support or would receive a vote.



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Multiple law enforcement agencies gather in front of Pulse Nightclub at the mass shooting scene early Monday in Orlando. Federal investigators promised to provide more insight as to what was happening inside the Pulse nightclub after a gunman started a deadly assault that was the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

# 911 transcript: Orlando gunman said he was Islamic soldier

By Eric Tucker and Mike Schneider
*Associated Press*

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando gunman Omar Mateen identified himself as an Islamic soldier in calls with authorities during his rampage and demanded to a crisis negotiator that the U.S. "stop bombing Syria and Iraq," according to transcripts released by the FBI on Monday.

The partial transcripts were of a 911 call made by Mateen and three conversations he had with the police crisis negotiators during the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history, in which 49 people died and dozens were wounded.

Those communications, along with Facebook posts and searches Mateen made around the time of the shootings, add to the public understanding of the final hours of Mateen's life and to the possible motivations behind the rampage.

The first call came more than a half-hour after shots rang out, when Mateen told a 911 operator, "Praise be to God, and prayers as well as peace be upon the prophet of God," he told the dispatcher, referring to God in Arabic.

"I let you know, I'm in Orlando and I did the shootings."

During the 50-second call with a dispatcher, Mateen "made murderous statements in a "chilling, calm and deliberate manner," Ronald Hopper, FBI assistant special agent in charge in Orlando, said during a news conference.

However, there is no evidence Mateen was directed by a foreign terrorist group, and he was radicalized domestically and on his own, Hopper said.

Mateen's name and the groups and people to whom he pledged allegiance were initially omitted from the excerpt. But the Justice Department reversed course later Monday, providing a more complete transcript confirming Mateen pledged allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of the Islamic State. The extremist group encourages its followers who seek to commit violence in its name to make public pledges of support.

The Justice Department said in a statement it initially withheld the names so as not to give extremists "a publicity platform for hateful propaganda," but the omissions became an unnecessary distraction.

Shortly after the call with a 911 operator, Mateen had three conversations with crisis negotiators in which he identified himself as an Islamic soldier and told a negotiator to tell America to stop bombing Syria and Iraq. He said that was why he was "out here right now," according to the excerpt.

City officials have refused to provide hundreds of 911 calls to The Associated Press and a coalition of news organizations, citing confidentiality under Florida law, and arguing that an ongoing investigation kept the tapes secret. Hopper also said Monday that the tapes would not be released out of respect for the victims.

"Yes, the audio was compelling, but to expose that now would be excruciatingly painful to exploit them in this way," Hopper said.

Hopper also said: "Part of redacting is to not give credence to individuals who have done terrorist acts in the past. They are not going to propagate their violent rhetoric."

The AP and others requested the 911 tapes and related data, a common practice after such major events. The recordings could offer insight into how law enforcement responded.

Also at Monday's news conference, Orlando police Chief John Mina said that if any fire from responding officers hit victims at the club, gunman Mateen bears the responsibility. He wouldn't give further details but said: "Here's what I will tell you. Those killings are on the suspect, on the suspect alone in my mind." He stressed that the officers "acted heroically."

Meanwhile, hospital officials said four people remained in critical condition Monday morning, more than a week after they were wounded in the attack.

Orlando Regional Medical Center said 18 victims from the shooting were still at the hospital and three more surgeries were scheduled for Monday. The other 14 patients are listed in stable condition.

Armed with a semi-automatic weapon, Mateen went on a bloody rampage at the Pulse nightclub June 12. He died in a hail of gunfire after police stormed the venue.

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch will travel to Orlando on Tuesday to meet with investigators. She said that a key goal of the investigation was to determine why Mateen targeted the gay community. The victims were predominantly gay and Hispanic since it was "Latin night" at Pulse.

Around Orlando, people left balloons, flowers, pictures and posters at a makeshift memorial in front of the city's new performing arts center and at Orlando Regional Medical Center where 49 white crosses were emblazoned with red hearts and the names of the victims.

The crosses were built by a Chicago carpenter with a history of constructing crosses for victims of mass shootings. Greg Zanis drove from Illinois to Orlando last week and installed the crosses at the medical center, where many of the 53 shooting victims who survived were taken for treatment.

Dr. Khurshid Ahmed was part of a group of Muslim-Americans at a Sunday vigil attended by tens of thousands who held signs reading, "Muslims Condemn Extremism." A letter from the chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, Republican Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, said Mateen wrote on Facebook that "real Muslims will never accept the filthy ways of the West."

# TCEQ declines to say if it has oil spills records

*Associated Press*

EL PASO — The agency charged with protecting the Texas environment has declined to say whether it has any record of oil slicks and inundated fracking sites shown in photographs of flooding on several rivers in 2015 and 2016.

The photos, which were taken by the Civil Air Patrol, were posted on a University of Texas website before the Department of Public Safety removed them from public view, citing safety concerns. The El Paso Times reports that the photos were removed shortly after it began reporting on the images in May.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality coordinates the response to spills, but it referred questions about the flood photos to the Texas Railroad Commission, an agency that has been repeatedly criticized for inadequate record keeping and rules enforcement when oil or other toxic chemicals spill into state waterways. The commission is responsible for ensuring the cleanup.

The newspaper tried to get answers about how many oil spills were in the photos or whether the agency did anything to monitor the railroad commission's response.

"I would think TCEQ would be able to at least tell you what role they have been playing," said Ken Kramer, water resources chairman of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club. "If TCEQ had been interacting with the Railroad Commission, they should be able to tell the public about it."

Texas politics have long hamstrung the environmental agency when it comes to oil — and now fracking fluid — escaping into state waterways, Kramer said. Who should have primacy on water-quality issues "has been an issue for decades in Texas," he said, adding: "It's testament to the ongoing influence of the oil-and-gas industry that they have been able to promote the Railroad Commission as the agency."

The railroad commission is responsible for regulating the oil-and-gas industry in Texas. It reported having some records of cleanups from some spills, but in at least one instance, a spill was not listed in the agency's spill database even though it had a cleanup report, the newspaper reported.

The commission had an abysmal record of documenting spills or penalizing companies that pollute, according to a report this year by the Sunset Review Commission. The legislative watchdog group periodically reviews state agencies to determine if they're effective or even necessary.

In the past, Ramona Nye, spokeswoman for the railroad commission, said it's a violation of commission rules any time oil and chemicals are spilled into the environment, regardless of whether raging floodwaters are the cause.

# 1 killed, 3 hurt in oil well explosion in North Dakota

By James MacPherson
*Associated Press*

BISMARCK, N.D. — One worker was killed and two others were seriously injured in an explosion and fire at an oil well in western North Dakota, authorities said.

The McKenzie County Sheriff's Department said 52-year-old Johnny Stassinos of Rock Springs, Wyoming, died Saturday afternoon from injuries suffered that morning at a well site operated by XTO Energy Inc. near Watford City.

The department's statement issued Monday said Daniel Montes, 28, of Fruita, Colorado, and Richard Maheu, 27, of Rock Springs, Wyoming, were airlifted to the Regions Burn Center in St. Paul, Minnesota, where they were listed in critical condition.

The men suffered third-degree burns to 70 percent of their bodies, said Eric Brooks, director of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's office in Bismarck.

Authorities said 40-year-old Justin Pyle of Grand Junction, Colorado, was treated for minor burns to his face at a Watford City hospital and later released.

The fire was out when emergency workers arrived on the scene Saturday morning, authorities said.

Houston-based XTO Energy is a subsidiary of ExxonMobil. XTO Energy spokeswoman Suann Guthrie said the men were contractors working for companies that do maintenance on oil wells.

Guthrie said XTO Energy has been working with regulators to determine the cause of the explosion.

The men were on a workover rig that's used to perform maintenance at an oil well. An initial investigation found there was a breech in a gas pipe that ignited, state and federal investigators said.

"There was a split in a pipe, and there was an explosion," Brooks said. Investigators were on the scene Monday attempting to find the cause of the breech and the source of the ignition, he said.

Bill Suess, an environmental scientist with the state Health Department, said no oil or gas escaped from the well.

Brooks said it was the first oilfield-related death in North Dakota in the fiscal year that began last August, compared with seven in the same period during fiscal 2015.

Since late 2010, there have been 108 workplace fatalities in North Dakota, including 48 that were oilfield-related, Brooks said.

Crews on workover rigs have among the most dangerous jobs in the oilpatch, he said.

OSHA has stepped up inspections on workover rigs in the past few years and has issued 30 citations of violations since 2012 to companies that did not take appropriate safety measures, Brooks said.

WORD OF THE DAY
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**cineaste**
[sin-ee-ast] noun.
1. Any person, especially a director or producer, associated professionally with filmmaking.
2. An aficionado of filmmaking.

# Justices rap Labor Dept. over change in overtime pay rules

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that the Labor Department must do a better job of explaining why it is changing a longstanding policy on whether certain workers deserve overtime pay.

The justices asked a lower court to take another look at whether federal law allows the agency to require overtime for people working as service advisers at auto dealerships.

The 6-2 ruling came in a case involving Encino Motorcars, a California auto dealership that claims its service advisers are similar to car salesmen or mechanics who are exempt from overtime requirements under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

A federal district court sided with the dealer. But the federal appeals court in San Francisco deferred to a 2011 Labor Department rule stating that service advisers are not exempt from overtime.

Writing for the court, Justice Anthony Kennedy noted that the 2011 rule was a reversal of a longstanding Labor Department policy to exempt service advisers from overtime pay.

He said the retail auto and truck dealership industry had relied on the old position since 1978, when the agency announced it in an opinion letter.

Kennedy said that while courts generally defer to a government agency's reasonable interpretation of law, no deference is warranted if a regulation is "procedurally defective." The Labor Department in this case changed existing policy with "barely any explanation," Kennedy said.

He instructed lower courts to decide the question by looking only at the law itself, without deferring to the agency's rule.

In dissent, Justice Clarence Thomas agreed with the majority that the Labor Department regulation is defective, but disagreed "with its ultimate decision to punt on the issue before it."

Thomas said he would have reversed the appeals court and ruled for the auto dealer. His dissent was joined by Justice Samuel Alito.

# SCOTUSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

## Supreme Court leaves state assault weapons bans in place

The Supreme Court has rejected challenges to assault weapons bans in Connecticut and New York, in the aftermath of the shooting attack on a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, that left 50 people dead.

The justices on Monday left in place a lower court ruling that upheld laws that were passed in response to another mass shooting involving a semi-automatic weapon, the elementary school attack in Newtown, Connecticut.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly turned away challenges to gun restrictions since two landmark decisions that spelled out the right to a handgun to defend one's own home.

In December, less than a month after a mass shooting in San Bernardino, California, Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia dissented when the court refused to hear an appeal to overturn a Chicago suburb's ban on assault weapons. Scalia died in February.

Seven states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws banning assault weapons. The others are California, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts and New Jersey, according to the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. In addition, Minnesota and Virginia regulate assault weapons, the center said.

Connecticut and New York enacted bans on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines in response to the December 2012 massacre of 20 children and six educators at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. The gunman, Adam Lanza, shot and killed his mother before driving to the school where he gunned down the victims with a Bushmaster AR-15 rifle. Lanza then killed himself.

WASHINGTON

## Supreme Court rejects apartheid victims' appeal

The Supreme Court has rejected an appeal from victims of apartheid in South Africa who wanted to sue IBM Corp. and Ford Motor Co. in American courts.

The justices did not comment on their order Monday that left in place lower court rulings dismissing lawsuits filed 14 years ago against Armonk, New York-based IBM and Dearborn, Michigan-based Ford.

The high court had earlier limited circumstances in which foreigners could seek to hold companies accountable in U.S. courts for their participation in or complicity with human rights abuses abroad.

The federal appeals court in New York said IBM and Ford could not be held liable for the actions of their South African subsidiaries during the apartheid regime.

WASHINGTON

## High court says gov't can prosecute drug robbery

The Supreme Court says the government can prosecute a robbery of drug dealers under federal law without having to show that the drugs were intended for interstate commerce.

The justices on Monday ruled 7-1 to uphold the conviction of David Taylor, a Virginia gang member who robbed two houses in an effort to steal marijuana from dealers.

He was prosecuted under the federal Hobbs Act, which prohibits attempted robbery that affects interstate commerce. Taylor said that the law did not apply because the marijuana was grown only in Virginia.

The Obama administration argued that Congress has authority over all domestic trade in marijuana, including production and distribution that takes places solely in one state.

Lower courts sided with prosecutors.

WASHINGTON

## High court upholds process for challenging patents

The Supreme Court on Monday upheld the process for challenging invalid patents, making it easier for companies to fight so-called patent trolls.

The justices were unanimous in backing the legal standard used to cancel patents by a new appeals board at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Congress created the board in 2011 over concerns federal officials were issuing too many patents and fueling the rise of patent trolls — companies that buy up patents and force businesses to pay license fees or face costly litigation.

The high court ruled against Cuozzo Speed Technologies LLC, a New Jersey company that had its patent for speedometer displays in cars declared invalid. Cuozzo had argued that the board was using an overly broad legal standard. The Supreme Court disagreed.

Writing for the court, Justice Stephen Breyer said the patent office has the authority to construe patent claims "according to the broadest reasonable construction of its words."

Michelle Lee, director of the patent office, praised the ruling and said it would allow the appeals board "to maintain its vital mission of effectively and efficiently resolving patentability disputes while providing faster, less expensive alternatives to district court litigation."

WASHINGTON

## High court nixes European suit against R.J. Reynolds

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that the European Union can't pursue a federal racketeering lawsuit accusing tobacco giant R.J. Reynolds of taking part in a global money-laundering scheme that sponsored cigarette-smuggling in Europe.

In a 4-3 ruling, the justices said the EU has no right to sue in U.S. courts because racketeering laws don't allow recovery for injuries occurring outside the United States.

The decision is a major win for the tobacco company, which has been fighting the allegations for more than a decade. The case was closely watched by multinational corporations concerned about the threat of increased exposure to U.S. litigation based on their actions abroad.

The high court sent the case back to lower courts, where RJR still faces other state law claims.

The EU and 26 of its member states alleged that RJR coordinated the scheme with the help of Colombian and Russian criminal groups and laundered money through New York-based financial institutions.

The EU claims the company's actions hurt the economies of EU member nations by depriving governments of tax revenues.

Writing for the court, Justice Samuel Alito said nothing in the civil racketeering laws indicates that Congress intended to create a private right of action for foreign injuries.

Alito said applying U.S. remedies to the case would "unjustifiably" allow European citizens to bypass the legal system in their own countries where damage awards are less generous. Plaintiffs who bring civil racketeering lawsuits in U.S. courts are eligible for triple damages.

"Allowing foreign investors to pursue private suits in the United States, we are told, would upset that delicate balance and offend the sovereign interests of foreign nations," Alito said. "There is a potential for international controversy that militates against recognizing foreign injury claims without clear direction from Congress."

Alito was joined by Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Anthony Kennedy and Clarence Thomas.

WASHINGTON

## Supreme Court rules for police in search case

A divided Supreme Court bolstered police powers on Monday, ruling that evidence of a crime in some cases may be used against a defendant even if the police did something wrong or illegal in obtaining it.

The 5-3 decision drew heated dissents from liberal justices who warned that the outcome would encourage police to violate people's rights.

The ruling comes in a case in which a police detective illegally stopped defendant Joseph Edward Strieff on the streets of South Salt Lake City, Utah. A name check revealed an outstanding warrant for him.

Police Detective Doug Fackrell arrested Strieff and routinely searched him, finding that he was carrying methamphetamine.

The case raised the question of whether the valid warrant outweighs the stop, which was illegal because Fackrell lacked any reasonable suspicion that Strieff had been violating the law. It was the court's latest case that questions whether evidence should be thrown out of court because the police did something wrong or illegal that led to the discovery of the evidence.

Justice Clarence Thomas said for the court that the officer's actions were not a flagrant violation of the law. "While Officer Fackrell's decision to initiate the stop was mistaken, his conduct thereafter was lawful," Thomas wrote.

But Justice Sonia Sotomayor said in dissent that the decision is a blow to constitutional rights.

"The court today holds that the discovery of a warrant for an unpaid parking ticket will forgive a police officer's violation of your Fourth Amendment rights," Sotomayor wrote, joined by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

In a portion of her opinion that expressed only her own views, Sotomayor also described the "humiliations" of unjustified police searches and said that "people of color are disproportionate victims of this type of scrutiny."

Justice Elena Kagan filed a separate dissent in which she said the ruling "creates unfortunate incentives for the police — indeed practically invites them to do what Fackrell did here."

The fourth member of the court's liberal wing, Justice Stephen Breyer, joined the four conservatives to form a majority on the eight-justice court.

The issue is especially significant, Sotomayor said, because "outstanding warrants are increasingly common."

In one prominent example, the Justice Department's 2015 report that faulted police practices in Ferguson, Missouri, found that 16,000 of Ferguson's 21,000 residents had outstanding warrants.

Many of those outstanding warrants, like Strieff's, are for unpaid traffic fines — penalties that would not result in jail time.

The argument made by Strieff's supporters is that in places with so many outstanding warrants, officers have a good chance of randomly stopping someone who has not paid a fine for a minor infraction.

But Thomas, in his majority opinion, said that Fackrell's "discovery of the arrest warrant attenuated the connection between the unlawful stop and the evidence seized incident to arrest."

WASHINGTON

## Supreme Court rejects appeal from Illinois smokers

The Supreme Court on Monday rejected an appeal from Illinois smokers who sought reinstatement of a $10.1 billion class-action judgment in a long-running lawsuit against Philip Morris.

The justices did not comment in leaving in place an Illinois Supreme Court ruling in favor of the cigarette maker. The smokers objected to the participation of state Supreme Court Justice Lloyd Karmeier, who they said benefited from tobacco money in his retention election.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of hundreds of thousands of Illinois smokers, was one of the nation's first to accuse a tobacco company of consumer fraud. Known as Price v. Phillip Morris, the lawsuit claimed that Philip Morris deceptively marketed "light" and "low-tar" Marlboro cigarettes as a healthier alternative. The federal government now bars cigarette makers from labeling their products with such terms.

"Today's action by the U.S. Supreme Court effectively ends this case once and for all," Murray Garnick, an attorney and spokesman for Philip Morris' parent company, Altria Group Inc., said in a statement.

"Losing any case after 17 years of intense litigation is obviously disappointing," Stephen Tillery, a St. Louis-based lawyer for the plaintiffs, said in a statement. "But all of us who represented the plaintiffs in 'Price' feel that the case was socially significant and brought into public view facts that needed to be revealed."

The Illinois Supreme Court first overturned the 2003 judgment in 2005. The plaintiffs eventually revived their lawsuit, and in 2014, a state appeals court reinstated the original verdict. But the state Supreme Court overturned that ruling last November in a 4-2 vote.

The case led to aggressive efforts by the plaintiffs' attorneys to oust Karmeier, whom they accused of being biased in ruling to overturn the judgment against Philip Morris and another $1.2 billion judgment against State Farm Insurance due to donations his 2004 campaign received from big business.

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# TODAY IN MIDLAND

## Things to do

■ "Hotel Transylvania 2" at Summer Movie Camp, 9:30 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3:30 p.m., The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Ages 5 and up. $5. Petroleummuseum.org.

■ "The Magic School Bus: Bugs, Bugs, Bugs," 1 p.m., Midland County Public Library-Downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Little Chefs Basics for children age 6-12, 2 p.m., MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. $1.

■ Kid's Summer Cooking Classes: Cupcake Wars, 3:30-5 p.m., Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50 or $40 at five or more classes, hightfoods.com. Participants ages 4-14 can learn to cook, bakes or prepare a variety of eats with throughout the summer.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.

■ $2 Tuesdays bowling after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

■ Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.

## Support groups, club meetings today

■ Survivors of sexual abuse: interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available. House of Hope. 570-5935.

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 6:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group, noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic. Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

■ Overeaters Anonymous, 7-8 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ National Active & Retired Federal Employees, 6 p.m., Jack E. Brown Dining Hall at Midland College. For information, call 634-7826.

■ PDAP meetings, 7-8 p.m.: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W Wall St., college group (18-26), 2503 W Ohio Ave., older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St. 687-1671

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-Jeff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m., Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-6955.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands, 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m., St. Stephen's ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

## Military Support Groups

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 7 p.m., 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games.

VFW Post 4149 Motorcycle Group 4, 7 p.m., 409 Veterans Airpark Lane, 684-9226.

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

## Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

## Honor those who served

■ There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

■ Show of Support (687-2167)

■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177)

Reel-Thanx (528-6633)

■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)

■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)

■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)

■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

## Swimming pools schedule

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center is closed.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, located at 1601 E. Indiana Ave., is open from noon to 7 p.m. today (family night will take place from 7-9 p.m.)

The cost of entry at city of Midland pools is $3 per person, with free admission for children under the age of 2.

For more information, please visit www.midlandtexas.gov/pools.

*Source: City of Midland*

## Lottery

**Pick 3 morning:** 0-9-9
**Pick 3 day:** 5-1-7
**Pick 3 evening:** 0-9-7
**Pick 3 night:** 1-8-5
**Daily 4 morning:** 7-6-5-9
**Daily 4 day:** 8-2-9-7
**Daily 4 evening:** 9-9-2-4
**Daily 4 night:** 0-3-3-6
**Cash Five:** 1-4-6-7-34
**Triple Chance:** 5-9-18-20-21-31-32-35-45-47
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**All or Nothing day:** 1-4-5-7-8-11-12-16-17-19-21-24
**All or Nothing evening:** 1-2-5-7-12-13-16-18-19-20-21-24
**All or Nothing night:** 1-5-8-12-15-16-17-18-21-22-23-24

*Erin Stone/Reporter-Telegram*

A view of the original big spring in Big Spring. Through a partnership between the city of Big Spring and Midland-based architecture firm KDC Associates, the site will be renovated by the end of the year. The spring was a large part of why West Texas cities are located where they are today.

# BIG SPRING

From 1A

Cook, who said he has become known throughout his company as "the history nerd." He has also employed the knowledge of naturalist, historian and former Sibley Nature Center executive director Burr Williams.

However, the project started with a Big Spring man, whose family has lived in the area for many generations. Aubrey Weaver had a friend who was visiting and wanted to photograph the spring.

Ashamed of how the city's namesake looked — neglected and strewn with litter — Weaver decided to do something about it. He brought a renovation proposal to the city. Officials were immediately receptive.

The project is important to Weaver not only because it is his home city's namesake, but because of what this renovated space could be for Big Spring residents as well as those throughout Texas: a spiritual and beautiful place.

On a recent hot day at the spring, as the mesquite and juniper buzzed with insects, Weaver leaned over the metal safety bar drilled into the rocky overlook, and looked with sadness at the trash floating in the water.

"Maybe with more polish, people will take more pride in this site and not drop their litter like that," he said.

This place was once a sanctuary for many — from Comanche warriors to desperate families hoping that the rumored California gold would give them a new life.

On this rocky outcrop where Weaver stood, more than a century ago a woman who was traveling westward with her family for the gold rush lay in the sun after swimming in the cool water and wrote in her diary, daydreaming about what her life would be like in California.

"Imagine 47 thirsty and almost famished men and women arriving to a splendid spring of pure, cool water about 12 o'clock of a real hot day, overshadowed with a cliff of rock and you may form some idea," another woman en route to California wrote in her diary. "Such was our fortune at the commencement of the great Sandy Desert, which from the scarcity of water thereafter, it did as though the God of nature had placed it there for the weary and thirsty traveler on the road to California."

Today, the spring no longer flows. By the late 1890s, the railway along with the development of the town of Big Spring, had caused the water table at the spring site to drop to a point where the spring became still.

As it stands now, there is only a rock coarsely chiseled with the words "Historic Spring" to denote the site's importance. When the restoration is complete, the spring will once again flow, or at least look like it does — water pumped from the nearby lake will provide the effect.

"Nobody really understands the significance of (the spring)," Cook said. "The city has somewhat had its back turned toward the spring for years and years. I was born and raised (in Midland) and I never visited it. It's really fascinating when you start understanding why things are the way they are. A lot of the area west of Fort Worth is what it is because of this body of water."

# Extreme heatwave grips Southwest

**By Beatriz Costa-Lima and Astrid Galvan**
*Associated Press*

PHOENIX — As the mercury soared, records were falling.

A severe heatwave ushered in the first day of summer Monday in the broiling Southwest, where extreme temperatures were blamed for at least five deaths over the weekend.

Towns along the Arizona-California border were getting the brunt of the extreme temperatures on Monday.

In Palm Springs, the thermometer hit 121 degrees in the early afternoon. The temperature in Phoenix elimbed past 111 degrees.

A cool off was expected in the coming days.

The National Weather Service reported 17 daily heat records were broken in Southern California on Sunday — because of a high pressure ridge over the Four Corners region of the Southwest.

"People are assuming that it's going to be a little bit cooler in the morning, and the temperatures are still extremely hot," National Weather Service meteorologist Bianca Hernandez said. "If you can avoid being outside in general on days like this, that's the best thing."

For many people who work outside, however, air conditioning isn't an

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*Courtesy photo*

A person stealing merchandise from Greenwood Country Store is caught on camera.

# Store deals with multiple break-ins

*From staff reports*

Tobacco has been the main reason that a person or persons has broken into the Greenwood Country Store in the last 2 1/2 months, including twice in the last week.

Patrick Bryce, husband of the store owner, told the Reporter-Telegram on Monday that the store has been damaged and has lost property and inventory, specifically all the tobacco someone can get their hands on.

It doesn't matter whether it is in the form of chewing tobacco, snuff or cigarettes, Bryce said.

"They have stolen a lot of it in the last week," Bryce said. "They are taking everything they can get."

The break-ins started in the last eight to 10 weeks, Bryce said, when someone first broke the door and days later broke a window to enter.

After bars were added to the windows, a large crow bar was used and a lock was destroyed.

The break-ins have created a lot of stress and cost for Bryce, whose wife, Patty Williams, recently has been in the hospital. He called her condition "urgent."

He said based on interactions with those who come into the Greenwood Country Store that people are angry and are taking the break-ins personally.

Bryce has put different videos on YouTube — a link to the videos can be found at mrt.com — and he said he is working to create a country store Facebook page that he can use to share pictures of those breaking into the store.

# City: Health officials notice wave of gastrointestinal infections

*From staff reports*

Health officials with the city of Midland have noticed a recent increase in infectious gastroenteritis cases and are working to determine whether there is a common source of infection, according to a press release from the city.

In recent days, several cases of contagious diarrheal disease have been reported in the Permian Basin to Midland Health & Senior Services, according to a press release. Gastrointestinal infections may produce one or more of the following symptoms: vomiting, diarrhea, nausea or abdominal pain. Symptoms usually occur one to three days after contact with the offending agent, and the illness lasts an average of four to seven days. City of Midland Health & Senior Services officials are interviewing patients to help identify any common source of infection. Interviews that have been conducted to this point have not indicated that the illness is stemming from any particular food establishment, according to the release.

The best defense against illness, according to the press release, is prevention by effective hand washing with plenty of soap and warm water, and washing all vegetables and fruits, including melons.

Gastroenteritis usually resolves on its own without specific treatment. Reasons to seek medical attention include more than 24 hours of vomiting or diarrhea, fever or abdominal pain and mild cramping. Effective handwashing to prevent spread of infection involves using towels instead of dryers when possible, and use of a towel to turn off the faucet.

Residents are also encouraged to carry hand sanitizer for use when adequate hand washing is not possible.

# Border Patrol's new chief comes from FBI

**By Brian Bennett**
*Tribune Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON — A senior FBI official was named chief of the long-troubled U.S. Border Patrol on Monday in an effort to curb abuses, investigate corruption and improve discipline within the 21,000-member force.

Mark Morgan, who heads the FBI training division, is the first outsider to lead the Border Patrol in its 92-year history.

He inherits a force under fire for ignoring or downplaying shootings of unarmed people and other abuses by agents, and of doing too little to stem corruption by drug cartels, smugglers and other criminals.

The Border Patrol is responsible for securing the nation's borders. Driven by concerns about national security, the number of agents and other personnel has grown dramatically in the last 15 years.

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# MPO

From 1A

2017. Walker said before the meeting that the planning organization will use the funds for another corridor or transit study.

The board suggested possibly using this money on the Northeast Midland Feasibility Study, which was jointly funded by the city and the Permian Basin MPO. The planning organization contributed $50,000 toward the study. Board members suggested, if granted, taking the extra funds from the state, putting that toward its share of the study and then withdrawing the same amount to be put into MPO general funds for projects down the line, such as the extension of Yukon Road in Odessa.

### SH 191 exit options

The city of Midland informed the MPO board Monday of options for updating the State Highway 191 corridor at Loop 250. Traffic engineer Mike Pacelli presented several options for new exits. Congestion is an issue for traffic traveling southbound on Loop 250 connecting to westbound SH 191 and traffic traveling eastbound on SH 191 connecting northbound on Loop 250.

The "box diamond" configuration, where there are traffic lights at the interchange's exits, combined with a short eastbound SH 191 exit, short southbound Loop 250 service road exit and development in the area have backed up traffic.

Pacelli presented options that included turning the Loop 250 service road exit onto SH 191 into its own lane, adding a bridge that bypasses the box diamond, flyover exits and a cloverleaf on the southeastern portion of the area.

### I-20 corridor study

MPO also on Monday released information on its Interstate 20 corridor study. The planning organization is seeking public comment to identify issues and needs from FM 866 west of Odessa to FM 1208 east of Midland, a more than 40-mile area.

The study will evaluate different types of roadway configurations after a detailed needs assessment, analysis of existing and future traffic data, stakeholder engagement and input from the public, according to a press release.

A brief interactive survey is available at surveymonkey.com/r/CBVNN2N, and a public meeting is planned for September.

More information is available at the Permian Basin MPO's website at http://bit.ly/2RJHzsV.

The Permian MPO is "a regional agency mandated under federal law to conduct a cooperative, continuous and comprehensive transportation planning process," according to its website. "The agency plans and commits funds for the construction of transportation improvements across multiple transportation modes."

*Like Trevor on Facebook and follow him on Twitter at @HowdyHawes.*

# Hillary Clinton's VP search moves into more intense phase

By Julie Pace and Lisa Lerer
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton's search for a running mate is moving into a more intense phase, according to several Democrats, as aides contact a pared-down pool of candidates to ask for reams of personal information and set up interviews with the presumptive Democratic nominee's vetting team.

Those on the shortlist include Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a favorite of progressives who has emerged as a blistering critic of presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump; Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, a well-liked lawmaker from an important general election battleground state; and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro of Texas, a rising star in the Democratic Party.

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Clinton's toughest primary rival, is not on the shortlist of vice presidential candidates, according to one Democrat.

A small group of Clinton campaign confidants has been sifting through publicly available information about more than two dozen possible contenders for more than a month. But with Democratic primary voting wrapping up last week, the list has been culled significantly and the campaign has begun contacting those under consideration.

Several Democrats described Clinton's vice presidential search process on the condition of anonymity, because they were not authorized by her campaign to publicly discuss it. Clinton campaign spokesman Brian Fallon would not comment.

## CHIEF

From 4A

Critics say that has led to a lack of accountability and an array of other problems, from excessive use of force to racial profiling.

In a statement, R. Gil Kerlikowske, commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Border Patrol's parent agency, praised Morgan's "strong law enforcement and leadership credentials."

Morgan's career has included stints as a Los Angeles Police Department officer, as a deputy sheriff in Platt County, Mo., and 20 years at the FBI.

He ran an FBI-led Hispanic gang task force in the Los Angeles field office that focused on MS-13 and 18th Street gangs. He also held senior FBI roles in Baghdad; New Haven, Conn.; and El Paso, Texas.

Most recently, Morgan headed training at the FBI's training center in Quantico, Va., and at FBI headquarters in Washington.

FBI Director James Comey said in a statement that Morgan brought "passion for justice and public service" to his work.

Morgan also led the internal affairs office at Customs and Border Protection in 2014, a post that put him at odds with the Border Patrol's insular culture.

Officials say he helped internal affairs overhaul how abuse cases are investigated, identified weaknesses in how agents were trained to use force, and pushed to get greater authority for internal affairs officers.

Morgan's appointment immediately took flak from the Border Patrol's powerful union, however. It complained that Kerlikowske had ignored viable candidates within the force.

"How can someone who has never made an immigration arrest in his career expect to lead an agency whose primary duty is to make immigration arrests?" asked Joshua Wilson, a spokesman for the union's local chapter in San Diego.

The union had urged Kerlikowske to choose Ronald D. Vitiello, a veteran of the Border Patrol who has served as acting chief. Vitiello improved new shift rotation schedules, Wilson said.

Some advocates of tougher immigration actions also criticized the selection of an FBI veteran over an internal candidate.

"It basically is saying that the existing border agents don't know what they are doing and need an outsider to come in from a totally separate branch of law enforcement and tell them how to do their jobs — it's offensive," said Rosemary Jenks, director of government relations for NumbersUSA, a Virginia-based advocacy group that lobbies to reduce immigration levels.

By almost any measure, the Border Patrol's problems are significant.

In March, for example, an independent task force said in a report that the system for disciplining abusive or corrupt Border Patrol agents is "deeply flawed."

A separate independent review of 67 uses of deadly force made public in 2014 found that some agents had deliberately stepped in front of cars to justify shooting at drivers and had fired weapons at people throwing rocks from the Mexican side of the border.

"It is not a secret that the Border Patrol has major accountability problems resulting from years of unchecked abuse," James Lyall, an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer in Tucson, Ariz., said in a telephone interview.

Morgan "needs to act promptly to implement modern law enforcement best practices that the Border Patrol has resisted for far too long," Lyall said.

## HEAT

From 4A

option. Here's a look at people whose jobs require that they endure the most extreme heat.

### Horseback riding

There's little shade along the horse trails in South Mountain Park and Reserve near Phoenix. Ponderosa Stables manager Kim Fitzgerald and her wranglers are well-seasoned when it comes to dealing with extreme heat.

Many of their customers, however, aren't.

"It's a dry heat and so people from out of state won't realize how bad it is because they don't sweat as much," Fitzgerald said.

When the temperature breaks 100 degrees, the horse rides come to a stop before noon. The animals get the afternoon off in the corral and they're given plenty of water.

### Getting water for elephants

Cassie Rogge Dodds at Reid Park Zoo in Tucson, Arizona, spends most of her days outdoors tending to a herd of six elephants. She says many of them are from South Africa and accustomed to extreme heat but still need to be protected.

Dodds called the elephants into a pool on Monday morning, when temperatures had already reached 100 degrees, feeding them apples and vegetables as they swam around.

"That's our biggest priority is keeping the elephants cool and making sure that we stay cool in the process," she said.

Dodds says she keeps plenty of water around and wears hats, glasses and protective sleeves. She tries to get the bulk of her work done early in the day.

"It's a little tricky dealing with the heat here in Tucson. When it's 115 degrees you have to do some planning."

### Washing Cars

Alfredo Chavez was hand-drying a black SUV in the full, baking sun at a car wash near downtown Los Angeles on Monday as the temperature crept past 100 degrees.

"The truth is, I don't like it but I have no choice," Chavez said in Spanish as a couple of his co-workers ate in nearby shade.

"It's very hard but we have no choice," Chavez said. "We have to work."

Chavez, who has worked at the car wash for seven years, said he tries to keep cool during heat waves by wearing a baseball cap. Other than that, "there's nothing more you can do."

### Street Vending

Eric Mayweather was on the streets of downtown Phoenix Monday to sell umbrella hats and cold drinks to other brave souls who were out and about.

Mayweather says the heat doesn't bother him as much this year, but that wasn't always the case.

"My first few years I almost died because it was hot," he said.

Mayweather says he survives the heat by staying hydrated. And he offered another tip for people out in the heat: Wear a hat.

"If possible get an umbrella hat from me."


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# GOP establishment needs to disown Trump

■ Two weeks into a general election campaign, one has to wonder, "where's the general election message?"

MICHAEL GERSON
*Washington Post Writers Group*

When it comes to the chaotic, flailing, floundering Trump campaign, many senior Republicans are in a state of panic. Will this become a state of revolt?

"If the next few weeks are anything like the last two," a senior GOP official told me, "anything could happen at the convention." Donald Trump's response to the Orlando attack — encouraging religious bigotry and implying that President Obama might be a secret jihadi — confirmed the worst Republican fear: that Trump will remain Trump.

With this recognition has come the realization that Trump has wasted the seven weeks since becoming the presumptive nominee-- a period in which Democrats were divided and vulnerable. How did he fill the vacant air? He raised the possibility that Ted Cruz's father might be implicated in the assassination of JFK; that Hillary Clinton might have been involved in the death of Vince Foster; that a federal judge, presiding over a case against Trump University, should be disqualified by his ethnicity; and that American soldiers in Iraq were living large off larceny.

By the end of this string of statements, one of Trump's strongest congressional proxies, Rep. Duncan Hunter, was reduced to arguing: "I think what he says and what he'll do are two different things." Republicans, in essence, should be reassured by their nominee's duplicity.

House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell have been willing to criticize Trump, but not to un-endorse him. Practically, this means that nothing — nothing — Trump says could forfeit their support. The presumptive nominee has already raised the prospect that his opponent is a murderer and that the president is a traitor. Not, evidently, sufficient provocations. Ryan and McConnell have decided that in order to remain leaders they must avoid providing leadership.

But what might change things in the GOP is the political disaster that now appears in the offing. Beneath Trump's historically low approval ratings — 29 percent in a recent Washington Post/ ABC News survey — is an even more disturbing development. After securing the nomination, Trump's support among Republicans rose, in many polls, to the mid-80s — not spectacularly good, but an indication that the GOP was rallying. In recent polls, Trump's Republican support has dropped to between 70 percent and 80 percent. Along this trend, a decisive Democratic victory might sweep away the House and Senate. If Republican politicians begin to see this dynamic in their own polling, many will suddenly rediscover their consciences and abandon Trump.

Trump's whole campaign now consists of a pathetic irony. He ran attacking the Republican "establishment" at every turn. Now, since he has neglected to construct his own national campaign, he is completely dependent on the "establishment" to provide his political ground game. First he vilifies the GOP, then complains that it lacks enthusiasm for his cause.

Republican convention delegates are sophisticated enough to see what is happening. The Trump campaign claims to be lean; in most of the country, including the battleground states, it is nonexistent. Trump offers his leadership as the solution to every problem, yet presides over a campaign orgapization that is a squabbling, paralyzed amateur hour. Delegates know that, even if Trump can boost his poll numbers, he cannot magically create a viable, national campaign structure.

If a revolt emerges, it will happen first in the GOP convention rules committee — which meets a week before the convention and is stacked with officials more loyal to the party than to Trump. The simplest move would be to require a supermajority to select a nominee — an approach taken by some Republican state conventions in order to avoid the choice of badly wounded candidates. The goal should be a truly open convention, which does not choose anyone Trump has already beaten.

Trump's response to his swift political decline has been to continue his primary campaign — accusing Jeb Bush of suddenly recovering the energy to plot against him. This comfortable attack makes sense, given that Trump has succeeded by appealing to a niche market that is impressed by his instinctive nativism and Kardashian-like celebrity. So far, the niche candidate has failed to make the transition to a national message. And given the adoration and enthusiasm of his crowds (one recently chanting: "Build a wall and kill them all!"), Trump has no emotional motivation to change direction.

A delegate revolt would be a messy spectacle, with little hope of succeeding unless Paul Ryan and Reince Priebus eventually break with Trump. But it is now the only option consistent with Republican interests and honor.

## GUEST VIEW

# Oil profits a frequent target, but they're hardly out of line

The Oklahoman, Oklahoma City

The Obama administration wants to raise taxes and fees on the oil and natural gas industry by more than $90 billion over the next decade. Similar tax-hiking proposals have been advocated even here in Oklahoma.

That such proposals are being touted in the midst of an oil bust is astounding. And, as a recent report by the American Petroleum Institute makes clear, energy companies already have relatively low profit margins while being among the nation's most heavily taxed industries.

"Energizing America: Facts for Addressing Energy Policy" highlights much information too often ignored by politicians. For one thing, oil and gas profits are hardly obscene.

From 2011 to 2015, API notes, earnings for the oil and natural gas industry have averaged about 4 cents for every dollar of sales. That's less than half the average of nearly 9 cents for all manufacturing.

But in 2015, the oil industry lost nearly 9 cents for every dollar of sales, while all manufacturing had earnings of almost 8 cents per dollar. And in the worst quarter of 2015, the average for the oil and gas industry plummeted to minus 21.9 cents on the dollar.

Put simply, there are no "excessive" profits in the business today, nor were previous profits out of line with other industries in the past.

What of taxes? From 2011 to 2015, API notes, income tax expenses (as a share of net income before income taxes) averaged 37 percent for the oil and gas industry. The average for other S&P Industrial companies (excluding oil and gas) was far lower — 25.8 percent.

Energy's higher tax burden is a function of logistical reality. The API report notes, "U.S.-based oil and gas companies must structure their operations and invest substantial capital where the resource is found rather than where the best tax regime is located." Other industries have greater flexibility to locate operations in areas with lower tax rates.

The effective tax rate for biotechnology companies from 2010 to 2015 was only 19 percent. For pharmaceuticals, the rate was 20.5 percent. For aerospace and defense, the average was 28.9 percent. Only the health care and retail industries had effective tax rates similar to those paid by oil and gas producers, and even those rates were slightly lower.

A comparison of industry earnings also highlights how oil and gas producers aren't getting rich based on fat profit margins. While the industry's average earnings from 2011 to 2015 were 3.9 cents in net income per dollar of sales, computers generated 25.3 cents on the dollar. Apparel makers earned about 8.9 cents per dollar of sales, which is more than twice what oil and gas producers made. Even the food industry, which historically has tight margins due to the challenges associated with selling a perishable product, had earnings of 4.8 cents per dollar.

Should the Oklahoma groups that advocate for higher energy taxes also call for raising taxes on computer sales, prescription drugs, and grocery stores and restaurants? The question answers itself: of course not. Similarly, aerospace and defense are big employers in Oklahoma. Yet you don't hear anyone calling for raising taxes on those companies (and rightfully so).

The API report makes clear that the call to increase taxes on oil producers isn't driven by any serious economic analysis, but instead by politically motivated malice.


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# Is America's greatness in the past?

■ Trump supporters can't pinpoint when greatness was at its peak

KEN HERMAN
*Austin American-Statesman*

Sometimes it's enlightening and encouraging to get out and talk with the folks at political events. Sometimes.

I've been fascinated by Donald Trump's hat. "Make America Great Again," it says. It's the "again" that fascinates me. Again as in when? That's what I asked folks wearing the hat as they waited to get into Trump's Thursday rally in Dallas.

Let's be clear here: I'm in the camp of those who believe America is and always has been great, downright exceptional. Perfect? We're still working toward that. But I'm curious about those who think greatness was something achieved only in our past, and when those folks think that past was.

Retiree Debra Goodwin of Dallas said America was great when she was growing up in the 1950s and 1960s.

"America was wonderful back then because we could play outside and we wouldn't have to worry about anybody picking us up off the street," she told me.

I asked her if America was great for all Americans during that period.

"Maybe not," she said. "Maybe not."

Also in line, wearing the hat, was Jose Rodriguez, 25, of Irving, who works at a burger joint. America was great, he told me "when we didn't back down and we didn't destroy our common sense in order just to make everybody complacent and happy."

Now, he said, too many people "use their heart to think, which can lead to very dangerous situations."

I asked him to pinpoint a year or range of years, during his lifetime or earlier, when American was great. He said there have been none in his lifetime, largely due to the "crony capitalism" he's counting on Trump to end.

"The peak of American greatness," he said, "was probably during World War II." He did acknowledge, however, the downside of racial segregation and "cultural problems." "But people weren't afraid to prosper," he said.

Retiree Charles Fortner, 65, of Bertram, another proud wearer of the "Make America Great Again" hat, said America was great in Alabama when he was growing up there. You could travel, and neighbors knew neighbors, he said.

"But now you don't even know your neighbors, and if you travel you can't trust nobody," Fortner told me.

What, I asked, can Trump do about that?

"Well, if he does what he says and gets rid of the illegal people coming into the United States that's causing so much crime causing everybody not to trust anybody so nobody feels safe ...," he said.

OK. Maybe. But I'm still having trouble with 1960s Alabama as the peak of American greatness.

Later Thursday, as protesters marched outside, I ran into Ruth Correa, a Dallas law student carrying a sign that said, "Without immigrants Trump would have no wives."

The point, she said, is "we're a land of immigrants." I asked her if there is a difference between foreigners who come here legally and foreigners who come here illegally.

"Legal immigration," she said, "is definitely the ideal way for it to be. But when you make the system so hard some people don't have the opportunity, don't have the literacy, don't have the know-how, don't have the money to go through all the red tape to come here legally. So when it comes down to providing a better life for your hungry children you might have to break some laws."

Interesting, especially from a law student.

Another thing that kind of confounded me was the "USA, USA" chant from folks holding a banner that said, "No borders. No nations. No deportations." Hmm.

The best ad lib I heard during the protest came from a cop after he'd been congratulated for his deft de-escalation of a heated argument between two anti-Trump protesters.

"I've been married twice," the cop said.

In San Antonio on Friday at the Texas Democratic Convention, state party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa told the Hispanic Caucus, "This is the most important election that we have ever had, because never in our lifetime have our people been under attack by Republicans and that (expletive) named Donald Trump."

On two days when I saw and spoke with folks who are sure Trump is the salvation and others equally sure he is our ticket to collective damnation, my favorite sign was a low-temperature one held in the hot sun at the anti-Trump protest in Dallas.

"Trump is probably bad," it said.

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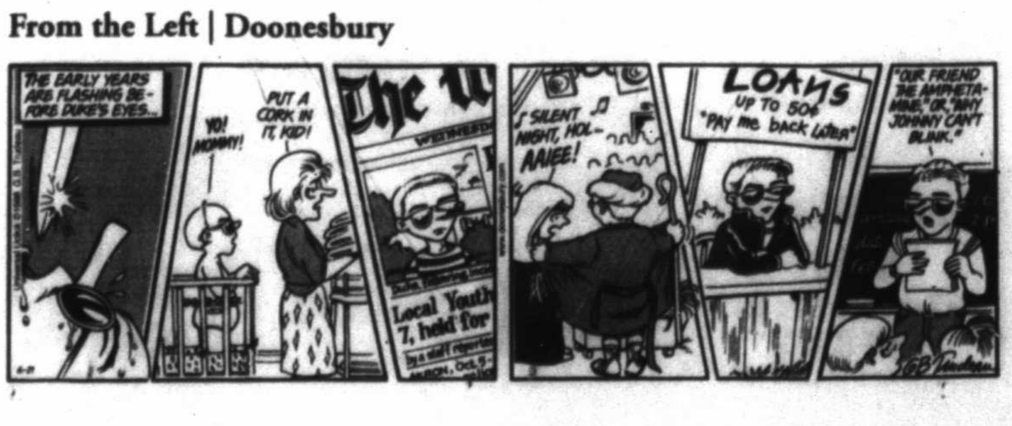


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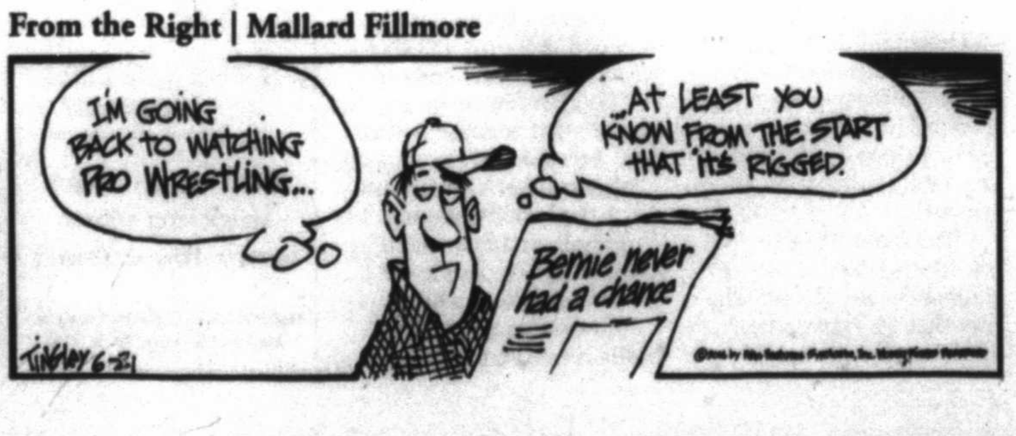

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Jim Phillips poses for a picture in front of the building in which he owns and rents out one of the units, April 19 in Washington. Phillips owns three properties, two of which he rents at a monthly positive cash flow of $300 to $400 relative to his ownership expenses.

# 10 years after housing peaked, US is more of a renter nation

**By Josh Boak**
*Associated Press*

MOUNT PLEASANT, South Carolina — It's a troublesome story playing out across America in the 10 years since the housing bubble peaked and then burst in a ruinous crash: As real estate has climbed back, homeowners are thriving while renters are struggling.

For many longtime owners, times are good. They're enjoying the benefits of growing equity and reduced mortgage payments from ultra-low rates.

But for America's growing class of renters, surging costs, stagnant pay and rising home values have made it next to impossible to save enough to buy.

The possible consequences are bleak for a nation already grappling with economic inequality: Whatever wealth most Americans possess mainly comes from home equity.

An enlarged renter class means fewer Americans can build that same wealth and financial security.

Nearly two-thirds of adults still own homes. And some who rent do so by choice.

Yet ownership has become a more distant dream for the many Americans who still regard it as a route to prosperity and pride.

The problem has become especially severe in areas that offer the best job prospects as well as those that have been battered by foreclosures.

"It doesn't paint a pretty picture," said Svenja Gudell, chief economist at Zillow, the online real estate database company. "You're really blocking out a group of buyers from owning a home. They're truly living paycheck to paycheck, and that does not put them into a good position to buy."

Joe Fabie and his wife face just such a bind. They moved to Mount Pleasant, just over the bridge from historic Charleston, South Carolina after law school in Pittsburgh.

The suburb's pastel-hued harbor vistas, tin-roofed houses and Spanish moss-adorned live oaks were enchanting.

But the rising rent on their one-bedroom apartment — more than for their three-bedroom rental in Pittsburgh — made it impossible to save enough to buy a home.

With their rent going up again, the couple moved to a cheaper suburb in hopes of repaying their student debt and saving for a starter home.

"The best school district is Mount Pleasant, and we would like to be there," said Fabie, 27. "But if you're lucky you can get some beat-up homes for around $300,000."

An exclusive analysis by The Associated Press of census data covering over 300 communities found that two major forces are driving a wedge between the fortunes of renters and homeowners:

■ Historically low mortgage rates have enabled homeowners to refinance and shrink their monthly payments, thereby reducing a major household cost.

The median annual mortgage expense for a U.S. homeowner has dropped by $1,492 since 2006.

■ A combination of foreclosures and new college graduates crowding into the strongest job markets has raised demand for rentals.

Renters accounted for all the 8 million-plus net households the United States added in the past decade. Home ownership has dipped to 63.5 percent, near a 48-year low.

That demand has driven up rents, which in turn have prevented or delayed people from buying first homes.

The government says if you spend more than 30 percent of your pretax pay on housing, you are "cost-burdened."

The total number of renters in that category has jumped more than 30 percent in the past decade, to 21.2 million.

Half of all renters are now considered cost-burdened, compared with just 24 percent in 1960.

These trends are reflected in how and where Americans live. Suburban cul-de-sacs built for owners are now tilting toward rentals, especially in such areas as Orlando, Las Vegas and Tampa, where the bubble and crash were especially intense.

After the bust, investors bought distressed houses in these communities at sharp discounts and rented them out.

Many of the new tenants belong to Generation X households — ages 35 to 51 — that began renting after the crash, according to the Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies.

Rents have also jumped in areas that absorbed many young college-educated job hunters. These workers have increasingly clustered in areas, including Boston, San Diego and Washington, with abundant jobs but high housing costs.

The result is delayed home ownership for a population group that historically had the means to buy.

The AP analysis also found a contrasting belt of stability across the Midwest where the housing boom and meltdown had little effect on homeownership.

Rates of ownership remained relatively stable, for example, in Minneapolis, St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri, where starter homes are comparatively affordable.

But the transformations have been vast in other areas, particularly in smaller suburbs where much of the country lives.

Both before and during the

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# For minorities, pain is severe decade after housing peaked

**By Josh Boak**
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — When the U.S. housing bubble peaked a decade ago, soon to burst with far-reaching consequences, the pain was particularly severe for black and Hispanic Americans.

A disproportionate number of minorities succumbed to subprime mortgages and foreclosures and lost their homes. Their collective loss of home equity and shift toward rental housing could widen America's racial and ethnic divides well into the future, according to researchers and housing advocates.

The drop in home ownership has grown so severe that it could impede wealth creation for generations of minority families, said Antoine Thompson, executive director of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, the nation's oldest minority trade association.

"We lost a lot of wealth," Thompson said. "We are reaching epidemic and crisis levels in black America."

The decline dovetails with a broader shift toward renting in the aftermath of the housing bust. An analysis by The Associated Press has found that rising rental costs and stagnant pay are making it harder to save to buy a home. Longtime homeowners, by contrast, have enjoyed rising home equity and lighter mortgage bills resulting from lower mortgage rates.

The problem is most pronounced among minorities who already had lower ownership rates before the bubble. Actions such as "redlining" — which for decades denied loans to minorities — excluded black neighborhoods from government-backed mortgages. This made it harder for minorities to buy even as the U.S. economy surged after World War II and overall home ownership rates climbed.

Many minority homeowners who bought or refinanced during the bubble eventually became trapped by predatory mortgages, some requiring no money down and monthly payments that eventually ballooned.

Just 41.5 percent of black households own their homes, down from nearly 50 percent in late 2004, according to the Census Bureau. The share of Hispanic homeowners dropped to 45.3 percent from roughly 50 percent. Both drops were sharper than the decline in white home ownership — to 72.1 percent from roughly 75 percent.

The Urban Institute forecast last year that Hispanic home ownership will rise slightly through 2030 but that black homeownership will tumble to 40 percent by 2030 if U.S. economic growth is about average and 38 percent if growth is slow.

A series of sudden emergency expenses cost Carmen and Ricardo Ramirez their one-bedroom condominium in Washington Heights, a neighborhood near Manhattan's northern tip.

The couple had bought their home in 2005 for $299,000 with an adjustable-rate mortgage that was popular during the bubble and destructive during the bust once the interest and principal payments were adjusted higher.

Life seemed manageable until 2010, when the recession forced them to close their steakhouse restaurant. Then Ricardo suffered a traumatic brain injury during a fall in 2011, and Carmen suffered a back and leg injury in 2012. Her parents later died, and the funeral costs caused the couple to miss mortgage payments, triggering fees for late payments that led to foreclosure.

"Have you ever heard the saying, when it rains, it pours?" said Carmen, 61. "Well, it was one after the other with us."

Bankruptcy failed to save the condo, which their board refused to let them sell at a loss.

Now, the couple is out of their home and in an assisted living facility after receiving relocation help from the Center for New York City Neighborhoods, which promotes affordable homeownership.

"We got nothing back — except a tax bill," Carmen said.

Without home equity, it has become disproportionately hard for minorities to borrow to start a business, send their children to college or finance a

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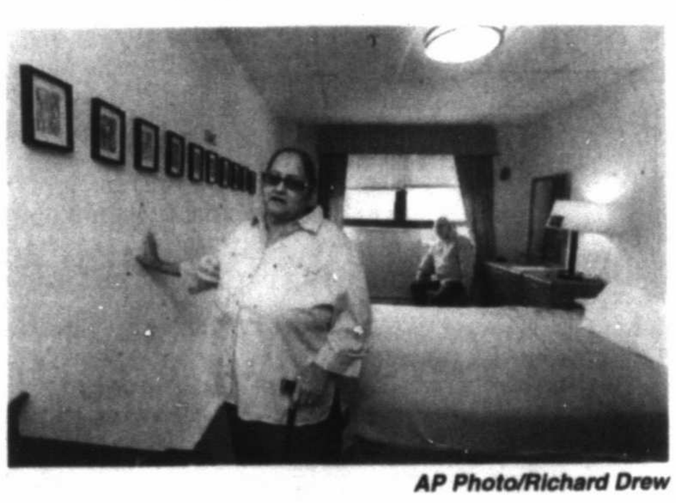

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Carmen Ramirez, and her husband, Ricardo Ramirez, are photographed in their room at the Bronxwood Home for the Aged, on Friday in the Bronx borough of New York. A series of emergency expenses were enough to cost Carmen and Ricardo Ramirez their one-bedroom condominium in Washington Heights, a neighborhood close to the northern tip of Manhattan. Now, a couple entering their golden years is out of their home and in an assisted-living facility.

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# Trump fires his campaign manager in dramatic shake-up

By Jill Colvin and Steve Peoples
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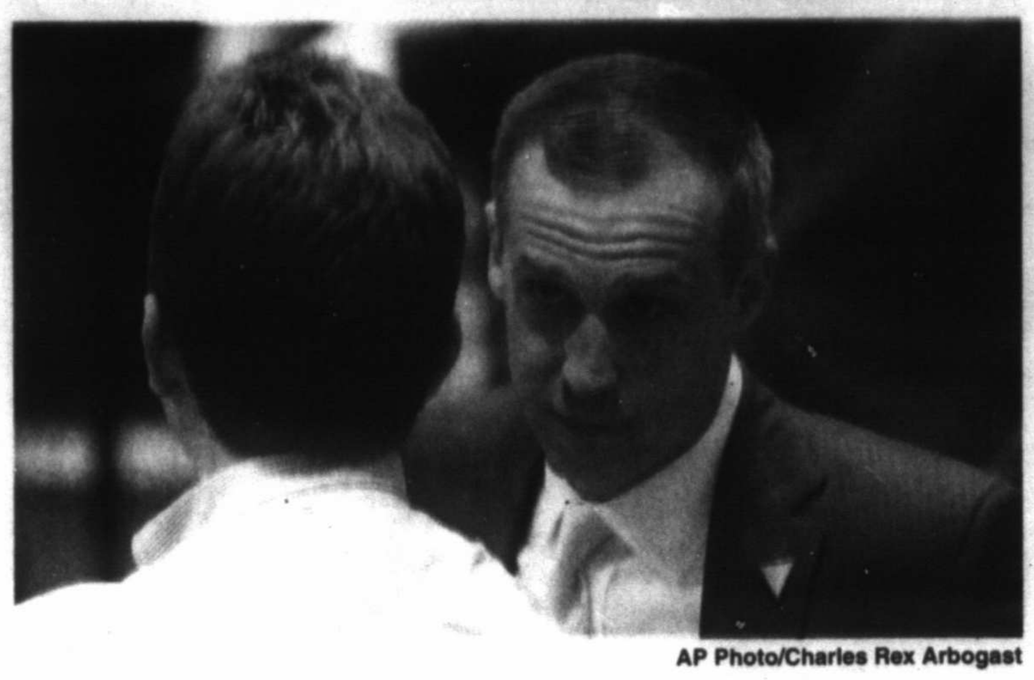

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Donald Trump's campaign manager Corey Lewandowski talks to a member of the media at Nathan Hale High School on April 3 in West Allis, Wis. Lewandowski is leaving the campaign, following a tumultuous stretch marked by missteps and infighting.

NEW YORK — Donald Trump abruptly fired campaign manager Corey Lewandowski on Monday in a dramatic shake-up designed to calm panicked Republican leaders and end an internal power struggle plaguing the billionaire businessman's unconventional White House bid.

In dismissing his longtime campaign chief — just a month before the party's national convention, Trump signaled, at least for a day, a departure from the seat-of-the-pants style that has fueled his unlikely rise in Republican politics. Perhaps more than anyone else in Trump's inner circle, the ousted aide has preached a simple mantra: "Let Trump be Trump."

"I have no regrets," Lewandowski told CNN, just hours after he was escorted out of Trump's Manhattan campaign headquarters. Still, the former conservative activist seemed to acknowledge the limitations of his approach, which has sparked widespread concern among the GOP's top donors, operatives, elected officials, and even some of Trump's family members.

"The campaign needs to continue to grow to be successful," he said.

Trump, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, did not address the move publicly on Monday. Spokeswoman Hope Hicks described the departure merely as a "parting of ways."

A person close to Trump said Lewandowski was forced out largely because of the campaign's worsening relationship with the Republican National Committee, donors and GOP officials, who have increasingly criticized the candidate in recent weeks. That person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss internal deliberations.

While Trump dismissed his critics publicly, he has been privately concerned that so many party leaders — House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell among them — have been reluctant to support him, the person said. Trump at least partially blamed Lewandowski.

People close to Trump, including adult children Ivanka, Eric and Donald Jr., also had long-simmering concerns about Lewandowski, who had limited experience on the national scale before becoming Trump's campaign leader. Some of them were among those urging the billionaire businessman to change tactics for the general election.

"Firing your campaign manager in June is never a good thing," said veteran Republican operative Kevin Madden. "The campaign will have to show dramatic changes immediately on everything from fundraising and organizing to candidate performance and discipline in order to demonstrate there's been a course correction. Otherwise it's just cosmetics."

Lewandowski's chief internal rival, campaign chairman Paul Manafort, largely inherits the campaign reins. The political veteran has long advocated a more scripted approach backed by a larger and more professional campaign apparatus, although Trump has shown little willingness to embrace a wholesale change in his approach.

Lewandowski, speaking to The Associated Press, noted that Manafort actually has been in charge of major campaign functions, including media strategy and Washington outreach, for months.

"Paul Manafort has been in operational control of the campaign since April 7. That's a fact," Lewandowski said.

Lewandowski has long been a controversial figure in Trump's campaign, but he benefited from his proximity to the presumptive Republican nominee. Often mistaken for a member of the candidate's security team, he traveled with Trump on his private plane to nearly every campaign stop.

His aggressive approach produced internal enemies.

Just minutes after his departure was announced, Trump adviser Michael Caputo tweeted, "Ding dong the witch is dead!" and included a link to the song from the film, "The Wizard of Oz."

## RENTING

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housing boom, farmland around the country was bought cheaply and developed into houses, schools and shopping plazas — a build-out that ignited homeownership. Now, in a twist, many of those cul-de-sacs are occupied by renters living in homes whose former owners lost them to foreclosure.

To see just how drastically the foreclosure crisis transformed certain neighborhoods from the domain of owners into blocks of rental properties, consider the Orlando suburbs.

The shift has been vivid over the past five years in the Piedmont Park neighborhood of Apopka, a former agricultural hub now crowded with housing developments.

Where one in 10 homes was once a rental, now more than a third are. Many are owned by Wall Street investment firms that bought them out of foreclosure at deep discounts.

Erika Pringley, a 42-year-old police dispatcher, rented with her husband a three-bedroom ranch house this year.

Through a string of subsidiaries, the house is owned by Blackstone, the world's largest real estate private equity group.

Previously, the house had been owned for eight years by Damian and Eva Elizondo, who lost it to foreclosure in 2013. The Elizondos owed nearly $258,000 on the home; the investment firm bought it for roughly $100,000.

At that price, the equivalent of the monthly mortgage would be under $500.

Pringley's rent: $1,310 a month.

Pringley, who works for the Florida Highway Patrol, hopes to buy a home — if she can emerge from debt.

"I'm kind of tired of paying for somebody else's property," she said. "At my age, I want to own something that's my own, have something that's my own."

Making that leap to ownership is becoming harder for typical Americans.

The average first-time buyer makes $84,559, much more than the average household income of $75,037 — the widest such gap in over 15 years, according to an analysis by the online housing marketplace BuildZoom.

The residue of the housing bubble also remains achingly visible in Las Vegas, where the gamble of no-money-down, interest-only mortgages ignited a rush of construction in 2006 that led to mass foreclosures.

Vegas recovered slowly. Tourists returned to the casinos.

Population growth picked up as retirees flocked to the Nevada desert. Ikea opened its first Las Vegas outlet, not far from where 8,000 apartment units are planned for construction.

Still, thousands of houses are stuck in the foreclosure pipeline, controlled by banks, and could flood the market should prices recover enough.

Nearly half of Las Vegas now rents, compared with less than 40 percent a decade ago.

This closes one of the paths to accruing wealth. On average, homeowners have a net housing wealth of $150,506, according to figures soon to be released by the Urban Institute's Housing Finance Center.

That average climbs to $229,296 for those who own their homes free and clear, making the house an asset that provides a crucial financial cushion.

Elsewhere, rising prosperity is the reason why renters are stuck.

Just as the economy tanked nearly a decade ago, millennials began flooding the job market after college and graduate school.

The most educated tended to cluster in cities where jobs were still plentiful, such as Boston, San Francisco, and San Diego.

They now pay historically high rents — a result of too few apartments to meet demand and too few renters with enough savings to buy.

Over the past decade, the number of under-35 college graduates in Washington rocketed up more than 50 percent to nearly 100,000. Bistros, boutiques and posh gyms opened along the once-downtrodden 14th Street corridor. Builders erected condos and rehabbed old buildings into apartments.

All this has created a paradox in Washington: Incomes are rising — normally fuel for home buying — even as homeownership is declining.

Average household income in the district has climbed an inflation-adjusted 8.7 percent since 2006 to $104,615, according to the Census Bureau. Yet ownership has dipped to 41.6 percent, from 45.8 percent.

Ultra-low mortgage rates have enabled Jim Phillips, 51, to capitalize on the influx, buying condos and renting them at a profit.

"With more and more younger people moving into the city, it's creating an opportunity for me," Phillips said. "So far, I have two condos. My goal is to buy, basically, one a year."

The opportunities are there for people who have money — or those who are already homeowners.

Americans have refinanced $9.4 trillion of mortgage debt after the bubble burst, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

New mortgages at under 4 percent interest have freed up thousands of dollars annually for households in several metro areas, according to Census figures.

Alpana Patel and her husband landed a house in San Marcos, California, about 35 miles from San Diego, in 2007.

To buy their $845,000 home, they took out an interest-only mortgage with an adjustable rate starting 6.7 percent.

Including property taxes and insurance, their monthly costs totaled about $6,000.

The couple kept paying the mortgage through the housing bust before refinancing in 2013.

Their new mortgage charged just 3.75 percent, which shrank their monthly payment by $2,000 and allowed them to build equity.

"We're actually able to pay down our mortgage, because initially we were just paying interest only," said Patel, a 42-year-old real estate agent.

The couple eventually decided to rent out that house at a price that covers nearly all their mortgage costs and to buy a second, larger home where they could live.

"Now, we're able to own two homes because we hung in there," Patel said.

What the housing recovery presented was a rare opportunity to capitalize on mortgage rates that had never dipped so low in anyone's lifetime.

But even while millions of renters struggle to save enough to buy, many such homeowners have never had it so good.

"They're basically taking advantage of the changing economics of home ownership in ways that renters can't," said Andrew Jakabovics, senior director of policy and research at the affordable housing nonprofit Enterprise Community Partners.

## PAIN

From 7A

retirement.

"In the Boston area, nearly 80 percent of whites own homes and enjoy a median net worth of $256,500. By contrast, just one-third of African Americans own a home, and their median net worth is a mere $700, according to a report last year by the Boston Federal Reserve.

In Los Angeles, Mexican Americans have a median net worth of $5,000, and only 45 percent of them own homes, according to a similar analysis by the San Francisco Federal Reserve. Contrast that with the $355,000 median net worth for whites living around Los Angeles, 68 percent of whom own homes.

Even as homeownership rates were rising during the bubble, there were signs that homeowners who had refinanced with adjustable-rate mortgages were being pushed out.

Starting in the 1990s, these mortgages, with balloon payments or other onerous terms, were pushing black homeowners back into rentals, according to research by a pair of sociologists, the University of Buffalo professor Gregory Sharp and Cornell University professor Matthew Hall. It marked a striking reversal from the gains made after the 1968 Fair Housing Act, which barred discrimination based on race, religion or sex.

Sharp and Hall's 2014 paper found that blacks were 50 percent more likely than whites to lose their homes and become renters. This trend had begun as minorities either bought or refinanced with the sub-prime mortgages that lenders had marketed to them. The two sociologists adjusted their data for income, debt loads and life events. They found that race was the leading explanation for why people lost homes they owned and turned back to rentals.

"It's a clear story of persistent and growing racial stratification in the housing market, a shift from exclusion to exploitation," Sharp said. "That's not just income. That's race. That is going into segregated neighborhoods and sort of preying on people."


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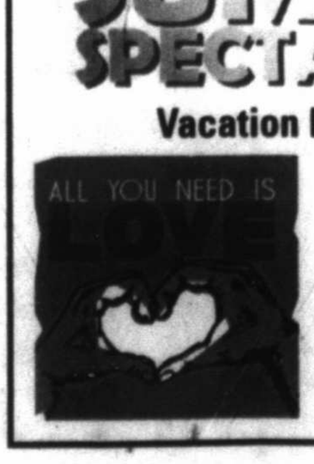

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# CAMP TIME

Girls dance with "Frozen" characters June 9 at the Fairy Tale Princess Dance Camp at Dee-Ann Studio of Dance. Princess Dance Camp, for girls 3 through 6, included lessons in tap, ballet and tumbling. The four-day camp was June 6-9 and concluded with a performance for family and friends and a tea party.

## SUGAR, SPICE & EVERYTHING NICE

*Fairy Tale Princess Dance Camp | Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Dani Lindgren, owner of Dee-Ann's Studio of Dance, leads as girls show off some of their ballet poses.

MRT file photo

Students at Midland Community Theater Camp perform skits July 13, 2014 they have been working on during theater camp.

# Theater camps, from the casual to the competitive

By Karen Schwartz
*Associated Press*

Two decades before Dan Futterman, Bennett Miller and Philip Seymour Hoffman joined up for "Capote," they collaborated on a different project — a summer theater program.

Back then, they were just high school students looking to spend their break the way thousands of teenagers still do: having fun while indulging their passion for acting.

The options for summer theater camps today are as numerous as Shakespeare's soliloquies.

Some programs require auditions, others don't. Some focus exclusively on theater, others incorporate a more traditional camp experience. Some concentrate on putting on large Broadway-style musicals, others on teaching the craft. Some are held in the city, some in the woods.

"It runs the gamut from kids who have a general interest to kids who can be ... almost competitive, portfolio-building," said Lois Deckelbaum, a summer camp adviser with Tips On Trips and Camps.

Julia Duffy, a 17-year-old senior in Fort Collins, Colorado, has attended two very different camps, one on the campus of a bucolic boarding school in New England, the other at New York University in Manhattan. Both required an audition, which she liked because she wanted a rigorous program. "I wanted to learn, and I wanted to train," she said.

First, she attended a five-week program for 13- to 17-year-olds at Walnut Hill School for the Arts in Natick, Massachusetts. She studied acting, singing and dancing, and helped put on a play and some musicals.

"That was a great experience," she said. "They take you into Boston on the weekends. It was a lot of fun."

Then last summer, she attended an 18-day program at the Steinhardt School at NYU, taking master classes, going to workshops and taking private voice lessons. The participants, who must be at least 16 years old, can live on or off campus. Duffy lived in a dorm and said she quickly got used to being in the city.

At the other end of the spectrum are programs like the High School Improv Camp offered by Fox Mountain Adventures in the mountains outside San Diego. Campers take part in daily improvisational workshops taught by performers from the National Comedy Theater. They also swim, play color wars and sing campfire songs.

Director Michael Baum said he includes those traditional activities because they involve leadership, teamwork and communication.

"They are not only a ton of fun but also go hand-in-hand in developing skills that enhance improv," he said.

Tips for those interested in theater camp:

■ Plan ahead. Some programs fill up quickly: Stagedoor Manor, for instance, a three-week, non-audition camp for ages 8-17 in the Catskill Mountains of New York, was full by January.

■ Consider your child's personality and interests. Does he need to be center stage? Does she prefer technical theater?

■ Don't despair if you haven't studied theater and an audition is required. "It is incumbent on summer programs like Perry-Mansfield to identify those young people who may not have had that training, but who have all that potential to succeed," said Nancy Engelken, executive director of the 103-year-old Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts School and Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

■ If the camp is on a college campus, find out if it's run by the school or by an outside group. Ask about oversight and what activities are available when campers aren't in class, Deckelbaum advised.

The New York Summer School for the Arts program that Futterman attended in 1984 as a 17-year-old was held in Saratoga Springs on a campus where students lived in co-ed dorms without much supervision and lots of time for experimentation, he said.

"It was a sort of free-for-all," he recalled.

The program, which today advertises a zero-tolerance policy for misbehavior, was run by the now-defunct Circle Repertory Company. It was there that Futterman and Miller, classmates at Mamaroneck High School in suburban New York City, met Hoffman, who lived upstate near Rochester.

They didn't put on any shows, but they studied theater, dance and improvisation.

"It was the first time I was introduced to using personal memories and feelings as substitutions for a character's," said Futterman, an Oscar-nominated actor and screenwriter.

Although fewer theater programs exist for young children, there are some. Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan has programs for kids as young as third grade.

For children interested in theater but not ready for overnight camp, Perry-Mansfield offers a weeklong day camp for kids ages 8 to 10 that is an introduction to the performing arts. For older students, it offers two-, four- and six-week overnight programs that include the option of English horseback riding as an elective. Dustin Hoffman is an alumnus.

But don't expect to see Futterman's two daughters in any of these programs. They attend a general arts camp in Maine.

"They don't have a particular interest in theater camp," he said.

# Visiting day at camp can be hard on parents and kids

By Beth J. Harpaz
*Associated Press*

Sometime this summer, a few weeks after sleep-away camp starts and a few weeks before it ends, campers' parents will come for a visit.

Will the day be:

■ a fun-filled family reunion where kids get to show why they love camp so much, or

■ a stressful few hours that leaves campers homesick and parents sad?

You hope for (a) but sometimes you get (b).

Here are some tips to make the day a good one.

### The day camps love to hate

"No more visiting day? Sign me up!" joked Sandy Rubenstein, co-owner of Camp Wingate Kirkland on Cape Cod in Massachusetts.

"It's hard for the camper and for the family, and sometimes it's unpredictable who it affects more," explained Sandy's husband, Will. "There are veteran overnight campers who've been here two, three, four even five years. They can be sailing along just fine and then on visiting day, they hit the reset button emotionally."

"Visiting day is beneficial to the parents, not necessarily the campers," said Matt Stoltz, director of Island Lake Camp in Pleasantville, New York. "While they look forward to showing their parents all that they have learned, they are apprehensive about their parents leaving."

Aside from the day's emotions, logistics can be challenging too. A few years ago, Amy Selling posted photos and video clips on her blog, http://www.luluandlattes.com , showing crowds of parents on visiting day behind yellow "CAUTION" tape — the type used by police for crowd control — before racing in to find their kids.

"While I completely understand the feeling and the determination of wanting to see your kid," Selling wrote, "this just goes beyond any level."

### Put the focus on the child

Back in the 1960s and '70s, before helicopter parenting, before online photos, there was no visiting day at the camp Melanie Kwestel attended. "We loved the break," recalled Kwestel, of Fair Lawn, New Jersey. "We didn't want to see our parents. ... I think my parents were happy not to come to camp, as well."

At the camp she sent her kids to, though, visiting day was part of every summer. Her advice? "While we really miss our kids, visiting day is about their needs and not ours."

To start visiting day on the right foot, Jennifer Topiel of Chappaqua, New York, plans a meeting spot in advance with her daughter, Sydney, 10, who's heading to her third camp summer. And she lets Sydney be the tour guide: "We trek around camp to see her in action at all of her favorite activities."

That's exactly what Island Lake Camp recommends. "Let your child do the talking and tell you all about their experience," Stoltz said. "Let them introduce you to their counselors and their activities."

### Avoid talking about home

If your camper asks how things are at home, "don't bite" and don't let visiting siblings "needle the camper about missing out. As soon as you can, turn the conversation back to your camper," advised Matthew Smith, director at Longacre Camp, a leadership camp for teens in Newport, Pennsylvania.

Alternatively, don't say "you are missing the child so much that you wish camp was already over and that he was home," said Dr. Carole Lieberman, a Beverly Hills, California, psychiatrist and former camp counselor who also attended sleep-away camp and sent her daughter to one.

And don't "push negatives," Rubenstein added. "Some parents are like, 'What's wrong? What's not going well?' They push until the kid says something."

### Saying goodbye

Visiting day is a great way for parents to "experience a piece of the magic that camp offers," said Elijah Geller, associate director of Camp Manitou in Ontario, Canada. But it's also stressful, reigniting for some kids "the anxiety of separating from home."

To help your child transition back to the camp community when the day is over, "say goodbye quickly, make sure your child's counselor is there and ready to restart the fun of camp, and tell your child you know they will have a great end to camp," said Adam Weinstein, executive director of Berkshire Hills Eisenberg Camp in Massachusetts.

Camps will turn any lingering sadness around by having counselors "swoop in" as soon as parents leave to immerse campers back into upbeat, engaging activities.

One thing you won't find at campfires on visiting weekends: "No strumming the guitar with 'I miss my mama and my dog just died' songs," said Dottie Reed, who works for Camp Pemigewasset in Wentworth, New Hampshire.

### If visiting day is so hard, why do it?

"Doing away with it would make life easier on us, and on the boys and parents for whom it is a trial," said Reed. On the other hand, "learning how to cope with life's inevitable sadnesses is a powerful outcome of the camp experience, and what better place to practice these crucial skills than when surrounded by a community that is ready to (offer) support?"

## Obituaries

## Death Notices

### Vaudine Green

Vaudine Green, 78, passed away June 18, 2016.

Vaudine is survived by her two sons, Keith and Kevin; one daughter, Theresa Tramel; and one brother Randy Elliott.

A memorial service has been set for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at West Kentucky Baptist Church in Midland with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

### Virginia Stuessy

Virginia Stuessy, 62, of Marathon, passed away on June 15, 2016. There are no services scheduled at this time. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

# Nature camps aim to draw kids outdoors

By Katherine Roth
*Associated Press*

In this age of screens and busy schedules, nature day camps are in demand, and many offer a more diverse array of experiences than parents probably realize.

"Offering children direct contact with nature — getting their feet wet and hands muddy — should be at the top of the list of vital camp experiences," says Richard Louv, author of "Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder" (Algonquin Books, 2008). His writings are cited by many nature camp directors as inspiring their work.

Nature-oriented day camps are held in county parks, private preserves, botanical gardens and other green places across the country.

"There's a real movement toward helping more kids connect with nature," says Sarah Milligan-Toffler, executive director of the Children in Nature Network, a Minneapolis-based non-profit group for which Louv is chairman emeritus.

Nature camps generally combine immersion in natural outdoor settings with art and science education, says Michael Goldman, education manager at the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey in Maitlin, Florida. It is one of dozens of Audubon centers across the country that together offer nature camps to over 6,000 kids each summer. In addition to camps for younger kids, three Audubon centers offer residential camps for teens and adults.

"Just being in nature, smelling the earth, feeling the textures of natural things, is something kids don't get many chances to do anymore, and it's so important for development," he says.

"So many children can easily name a hundred brands for commercial goods, but they can't name a hundred plants in their backyard. In a sense then, they are aliens in their own homes. Even their teachers often don't know an oak from a maple tree. So where are they going to learn all that if they don't go to nature camp?"

While most camps are geared toward elementary and middle-school-age children, some nature centers and botanic gardens now offer day camps for kids as young as 4, says Patricia Hulse, director of the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, part of the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx.

Despite the garden's expanded number of day camps, registration generally fills up within about a month of opening. Experiences include climbing trees and wading into ponds.

**TODAY: Sunny** High: 95 Low: 72

**WEDNESDAY: Sunny** High: 99 Low: 73

**THURSDAY: Sunny** High: 98 Low: 72

**FRIDAY: Sunny** High: 96 Low: 74

**SATURDAY: Mostly sunny** High: 96 Low: 74

**SUNDAY: Mostly sunny** High: 94 Low: 72

## Local forecast

Highs over the next week are expected to be in the mid- to upper 90s, according to the National Weather Service. There isn't any rain in the forecast.

The record high for June 20 is 109 set in 1951. The record low is 52 set in 1973. On June 20 of last year, the high was 91 and the low was 68.

## Weather brief

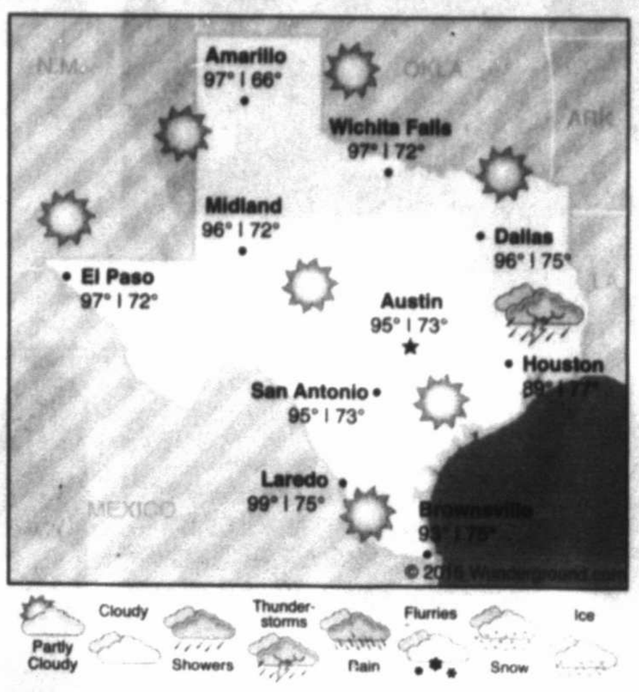
MEXICO CITY

### Tropical Storm Danielle forms off Mexico's eastern coast

Tropical Storm Danielle formed off eastern Mexico on Monday and began drenching the country's Gulf coast region with heavy rains.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Danielle's maximum sustained winds increased to near 45 mph, with some slight strengthening expected before the storm was forecast to make landfall later in the day.

A tropical storm warning was in effect for a stretch of the Gulf coast state of Veracruz, from Laguna Verde to Rio Panuco.

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| Year total | 6.43 in. | Normal low | 68 |
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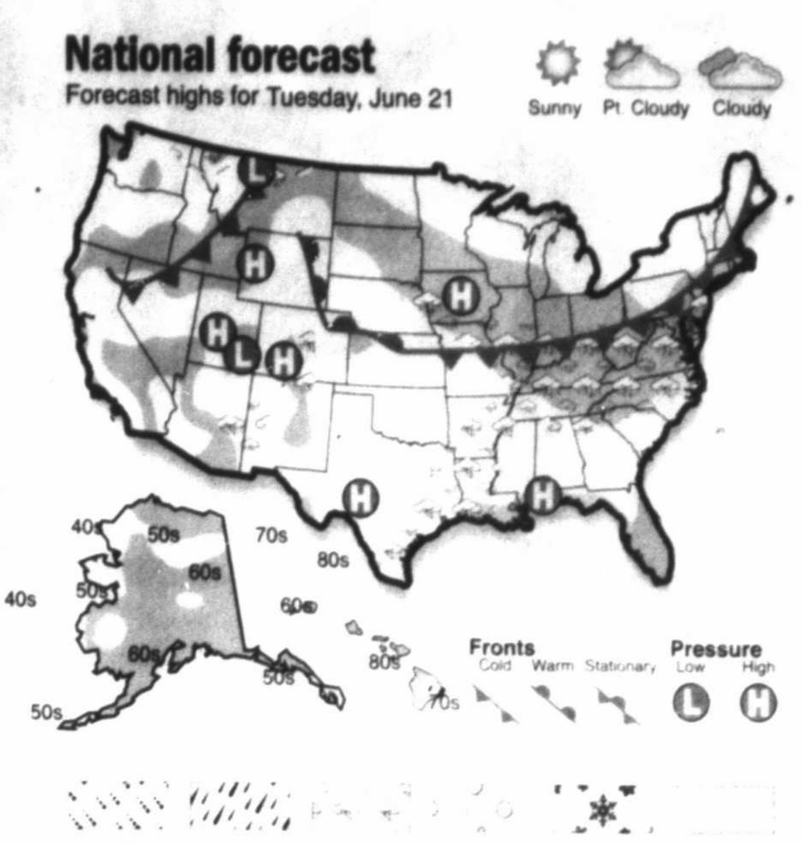


## *Wife's man of her dreams is angered by men in her books*

## DEAR ABBY

*Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.*

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm happily married to the man of my dreams. We met after I had gone through a particularly difficult breakup, and I often credit him with "saving" me. We've been together 15 years and have two beautiful children.

While we both have professional careers, I also write romance novels as a hobby and side business. With every book authors write, a tiny part of their lives sneaks into their characters, storyline, etc. When my husband reads my novels — as he does often — he becomes sullen, withdrawn and angry. He can't seem to understand that 99 percent of what I've written is fiction. He's convinced that everything I write is somehow linked to an old boyfriend or actual events.

This is causing hurt feelings and resentment from both of us. Should I give up writing, or should he learn to deal with it? — HAPPILY EVER AFTER

**DEAR HAPPILY EVER AFTER:** It's a fact that talented writers have active fantasy lives. Authors who come to mind would be Mary Shelley, who created "Frankenstein," Anne Rice and her vampires, E.L. James, who shared her S and M fantasies with the world — and countless male authors including John le Carre, Daniel Defoe and William Shakespeare. (Obviously, Ian Fleming did not do everything that his character, James Bond, did.)

Ideally, your husband — the man of your dreams — should be able to tell you if something bothers him without sulking. And if he trusts you, he should be able to accept that what you are writing is fiction. If that's not the case, rather than your giving up writing, your husband should quit reading your books.

**DEAR ABBY:** My son chose his cousin, "Tim," as best man for his wedding. Tim gave a speech about how my son was like a little brother to him and mentioned some of the pranks he would play on my son. It was extremely funny, but the reality is that the pranks were quite cruel.

My nephew got very drunk at the wedding, and while my son was dancing with his new bride, a final prank was pulled. Tim approached my son from behind and gave him a huge "wedgie," which tore my son's expensive wedding pants apart. My son was very angry. His new bride appeared shocked, and it was a terrible ending to an otherwise beautiful wedding.

My sister promised me that Tim would "make it right." It's now four weeks later, and I have learned that my son immediately apologized to his cousin for his reaction (which was understandable). Tim did not apologize and has not accepted any accountability. I thought perhaps his wedding gift would cover the cost of the pants, but my son says it was less than the cost of the thank-you gift my son and his wife gave my nephew.

My sister and her son are frugal, and she now says that her son needs to save his money. Any suggestions other than Judge Judy? — WEDDING WEDGIE

**DEAR W.W.:** Only this: In the interest of family harmony, step back and stay out of it. Your nephew appears to have poor judgment, but how your son and his bride choose to handle what happened is their problem, not yours.

## JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

*The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, June 21, 2016:

This year you will use physical activity to lower your stress levels and keep your mood more upbeat. Others will see you as someone who is always on the move. You will accomplish a lot. If you are single, you could encounter someone quite fun, witty and enjoyable sometime before fall. Whether this person is The One or a long-term friend ultimately will be your decision. If you are attached, your sweetie might be offended by your constant need to get up and go. Try to get him or her to join you in a mutually enjoyable activity or hobby. CAPRICORN often challenges you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Allow your innate creativity and optimism to emerge. Changes that have come forward might no longer be valid, and you will need to make yet another adjustment. You could be hesitant to pursue this course of action, but you will, out of necessity. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Optimism is the name of the game. Be willing to back off in order to gain a deeper perspective. Imagine what it is like to be someone else. Consider a trip where you might gain a lot of knowledge and cultural understanding. Tonight: Be surrounded by great music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You could be in the position of negotiating an important agreement, yet might have difficulty understanding what someone wants. This person seems to be distracted, jumping from topic to topic. Be less indulgent; the results will be better. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Your conversation with this person will brighten your mood. Ask yourself what you really understand about others before making any judgments. Listen to where they are coming from. Tonight: Go with a loved one's suggestion or choice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Others generally see you as someone who is flamboyant, but right below the surface lies a pragmatic attitude. Let this trait emerge, and you will be able to move forward with a project or complete what you are doing quickly and efficiently. Tonight: Off to the gym!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Only you can complete a project in the exact way you want. Having expectations otherwise might not be realistic; no one can visualize what you are seeing, no matter how well you can describe the desired results. Take the lead here. Tonight: Give up being tame for now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You seem to be very distracted by a recent idea or dream you have had. Focusing on mundane details might be close to impossible. It could take a mini-revolution, an upset boss or an intense situation to ground you. Tonight: If you want, share your thoughts with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ How you see a personal situation could change after having a conversation with someone who has a way of opening your mind to even better ideas. Be grateful for this person. Share your thoughts and feelings, and accept his or her feedback. Tonight: Take action now!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your concern over a financial matter could force you to make a decision that you have been resisting. Consider your alternatives; one of which might be to find someone who has some expertise in this matter. A surprise facilitates your day. Tonight: Be aware of a loved one's needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You might decide to take off for the rest of the day. In your need for change, you could stop at a travel agency or check out a new housing project. Don't be surprised by others' reactions when you explain what you did. Tonight: Seriously consider a change of pace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Understand what you expect from someone in a certain situation. Try to be more realistic, at least about this person, and you are less likely to feel upset. Though initially this might be hard to do, it ultimately is likely to make you a happier person. Tonight: Take some personal time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Zero in on your priorities, and you will be delighted by what you get done. You might convince a dear friend to make an adjustment that will make both of you much more content. Recognize how much trust you are receiving from others. Tonight: Where the fun is.

BORN TODAY

Duke of Cambridge Prince William (1982), philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre (1905), actor Chris Pratt (1979)

## GOREN BRIDGE

*With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch*

### The sun rises

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 9
♡ A Q J
♢ K Q 8 7 5 3
♣ 8 7

WEST
♠ K 7 5 4 3
♡ 9 6 5 3
♢ 10
♣ J 5 2

EAST
♠ J 8 6 2
♡ 8 7 2
♢ J 4
♣ K Q 10 9

SOUTH
♠ Q 10
♡ K 10 4
♢ A 9 6 2
♣ A 6 4 3

The bidding:

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1NT* | Pass | 3♣** | Dbl |
| 3 | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 4♣*** | Pass | 6 | All pass |

*13-15
**Diamonds
***Cue bid for diamonds

Opening lead: Two of ♣

Today's deal is from a match between teams from Bulgaria and China. South was a member of the Chinese team known to us only by his surname, Sun.

Sun was no doubt concerned about his flimsy spade stopper when he ran from three no-trump. North would have bid the same way without the ace of spades. North, on the other hand, had stifled some mild slam ambitions when he bid three no-trump and could no longer control himself when Sun cue bid four clubs.

The opening club lead went to the queen and ace. With nothing much else to do, Sun cashed all six of his diamond tricks and two top hearts, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ A 9
♡ Q
♢ Void
♣ 8

WEST
♠ K 7
♡ Void
♢ Void
♣ 7 2

EAST
♠ J 6
♡ Void
♢ Void
♣ K 9

SOUTH
♠ Q 10
♡ K
♢ Void
♣ 6

On the last heart, West had to keep a guard for the king of spades, so he shed a low club. East had to keep a guard for the jack of spades, else declarer could pin it by leading the queen, so he also shed a club. Sun exited with a club to East's king and completed his fine work by inserting his 10 on the forced spade return. Making six. Well played.

## DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Think tank nuggets
6 Party freebies
10 Hurricane response org.
14 Confusion
15 Shakespearean villain
16 Ink color, to Shakespeare
17 Flower symbolizing freshness
18 Turkish money
19 Barnes & Noble reader
20 Sandwich initials
21 "Let's say we're even"
24 Some corporate jets
26 Internet hookups?
27 "Oh my goodness!"
29 Like much barley soup
31 Marriott competitor
32 Tuneful
34 Line on a restaurant receipt
37 Slice of pie
39 Car starter: Abbr.
40 Bitcoin, e.g.
42 UFO crew, supposedly
43 "Golly!"
46 Like some garage floors
47 Raise aloft
48 "How do you like them __?!"
50 Baltimore athlete
53 What undercover cops may wear
54 It's all in your mind
57 Fido's foot
60 Proactiv+ target
61 Eins, zwei, __
62 Suspected perp's story
64 Downpour that can hurt
65 Has a snack
66 Rolled to hold fries, as paper
67 Does impressions of
68 Bug repellent ingredient
69 Rapidity

**DOWN**

1 Website with movie trivia
2 Use a rotary phone
3 Off-ramps
4 Vienna's land: Abbr.
5 Surveillance device
6 Window shelves
7 Cry miserably
8 Prefix with culture
9 Chin growths
10 Green Monster ballpark
11 WWII German torpedo craft
12 Bullwinkle, for one
13 Egyptian crosses
22 __ rug: small carpet
23 Magazine revenue source
25 Actor Dane of "Grey's Anatomy"
27 Lowdown
28 Exude
29 Intolerant sort
30 Years on end
33 Tractor trailers
34 Sudden downturns, and a literal hint to this puzzle's circles
35 Dot on the blue part of a map
36 Sci. class
38 Deadly African virus
41 Handle it as well as one can
44 Produced, as crops
45 Reagan's first secretary of state
47 Monopoly buys
49 Lead the flock
50 City name famously used by Peyton Manning when calling signals
51 Summarize
52 Navel type
53 Slacks measure
55 "Dies __": hymn
56 Ration (out)
58 Provide a fake
62-Across for, e.g.
59 Like EEE shoes
63 Mauna __

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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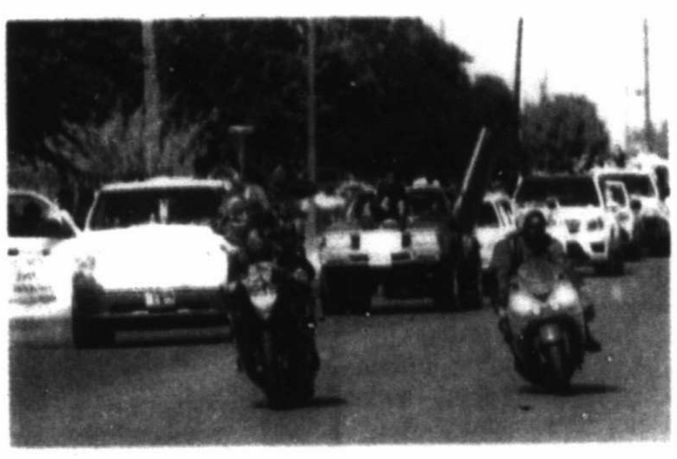
# CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

**PHOTOS BY JAMES DURBIN | REPORTER-TELEGRAM**

Midland's annual Juneteenth parade was held Saturday at Washington Park. The 44th annual celebration marked 151years since slavery ended in Texas. The parade was followed by a health fair, musical entertainment — including R&B duo Adam and Kizzie from Oklahoma City and Such and Such Band from Houston — and a zumba class. The event, sponsored by the Tall City Lions Club, continued Sunday at Washington Park with a tent revival, Father's Day lunch and praise and worship.



# SPORTS

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# Freshman DH Baker leads Horned Frogs

**By Carlos Mendez**
*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*

OMAHA, Neb. — With his polish at the plate, Luken Baker makes the image of another hitter pop into TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle's mind.

"The closest I've been around it personally would be Matt Carpenter," Schlossnagle said. "Very similar in terms of their approach."

Carpenter had a feel for the strike zone that Schlossnagle recognizes in Baker, the freshman designated hitter whose three-run home run in the ninth inning Sunday helped send the Horned Frogs to a 5-3 victory against Texas Tech in their College World Series opener.

"I've said many times, you're in the dugout and — stupid me, as the head coach — it's a 2-0 count and you see a fastball that you think, 'How did he not swing at that?' Schlossnagle said. "And then you go back, look at the video, and it wasn't a good pitch to hit in a 2-0 count. So his concept of the strike zone is advanced beyond his years. And that's a scary hitter."

Freshman DH Luken Baker leads the Horned Frogs in average (.380), slugging (.570), on-base percentage (.486), runs (57), hits (90) and runs batted in (60). He is second in home runs with 10.

Carpenter was a scary hitter, too. He hit .333 with 23 doubles, six triples and 11 home runs as a senior in 2009, walking 51 times with a .470 on-base percentage and a .662 slugging percentage in 58 games.

Now consider Baker's freshman year.

He's hitting .380 with 15 doubles, no triples, 10 home runs, 44 walks, a .486 on-base percentage and slugging .570 in 64 games.

"I've been around some pretty special freshmen in 26 years — coached two USA national teams," Schlossnagle said. "I've seen it before. But it's only like five or six guys. Those guys are all playing in the big leagues. The combination of work ethic, humility and confidence on a baseball field — all the great ones have that. I'm not telling you he doesn't have his warts, because nobody's perfect. But he's special."

Baker's run of power began May 15 with a home run in the finale of a series at Baylor. Since then, he's hit seven home runs and TCU has gone

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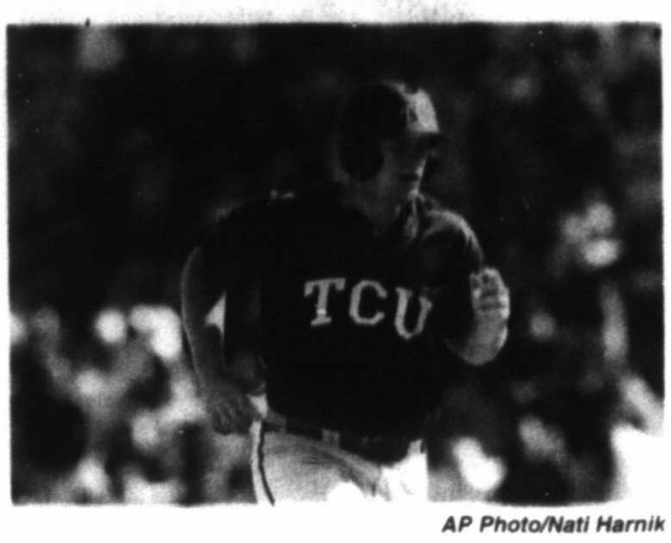

AP Photo/Nati Harnik

TCU's Luken Baker runs the bases after hitting a three-run home run against Texas Tech during the ninth inning of an NCAA men's College World Series baseball game in Omaha, Neb., on Sunday. TCU won 5-3.

# Champs have arrived!

AP Photo/John Minchillo

Confetti is sprayed over the crowd as the Cleveland Cavaliers arrive at the airport, after winning Game 7 of the NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors the previous night, Monday in Cleveland. Cleveland won 93-89.

# Off the plane but still sky-high, LeBron brings title home

**By Tom Withers**
*Associated Press*

CLEVELAND — LeBron James stepped off the plane and into a blizzard of red-and-gold confetti before hoisting the Larry O'Brien trophy. It gleamed in the bright summer sun, a symbol of hope and history.

As promised, James brought home a championship, the one on hold the past 52 years.

"This is for you, Cleveland," James shouted into a microphone.

The superstar, born and raised in nearby Akron, powered the Cavaliers to a never-seen-before comeback in the NBA Finals, bringing them back from a 3-1 deficit to stun the Golden State Warriors.

On Monday, more than 10,000 fans gathered at Hopkins International Airport welcomed James and his teammates, who made a pit stop in Las Vegas for late-night partying before completing this unlikeliest June journey.

The Cavs not only defied the odds to make history, but they ended Cleveland's pro sports title drought stretching to 1964, when the Browns won an NFL title.

It's been a surreal ride for Clevelanders and shortly after showing fans the trophy from afar, James, the four-time league MVP, paraded it around the perimeter of the parking lot so fans behind the chain-linked fences could see they weren't dreaming.

"I kept waking up during the night and saying, 'Did we really win'?" said Diana Beetler of Oberlin, Ohio. "I couldn't believe it. I've never had a championship since I was born. We've been waiting years and years for this."

She watched Sunday night's game at home with family.

"I cried," said Beetler's 18-year-old daughter, Zoe. "Everybody cried."

It seems the entire city choked up after James

AP Photo/John Minchillo

NBA champion Cleveland Cavaliers Lebron James, center, holds up the NBA championship trophy alongside teammates Kyrie Irving, left, Kevin Love, rear right, J.R. Smith, right, and Tristan Thompson, front, as they arrive at the airport Monday in Cleveland.

capped his MVP series with a sensational Game 7, a triple-double performance that will long be remembered for his chase-down block of Warriors forward Andre Iguodala in the final minutes — a rejection that seemed to erase so many bad memories in Cleveland.

James' emotional reaction following the game seemed to strike a chord with everyone. He broke down crying several times, overwhelmed by the magnitude of what he had accomplished and what he knew it meant to Northeast

Please see **LEBRON**/4C

# Area players receive all-state honors

*From staff reports*

Four area baseball players received all-state honors by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association.

Leading the honorees was Midland High rising senior shortstop Jaxon Hallmark, who was a first team Class 6A selection. Hallmark hit .384 with three home runs and a team-high 47 RBI.

Hallmark

Joining him on the Class 6A list was teammate and rising senior third baseman Sam Bertelson, who was a third team pick. Bertelson hit .376 with one home run and 28 RBI.

Bertelson

Also making it to the Class 6A third team was Odessa High catcher Carl Pequeno.

In Class 4A, Greenwood's Dawson Merryman, a junior-to-be, was named as a third team pitcher.

# US: Facing Argentina, Messi in Copa semis not overwhelming

**By Ronald Blum**
*Associated Press*

HOUSTON — American players maintained over and over that playing Argentina and Lionel Messi in a Copa America semifinal on Tuesday night was a big deal, yet not mind-boggling.

Argentina is a two-time World Cup champion and Messi is the only five-time FIFA Player of the Year. While no longer a soccer neophyte, the United States knows it remains a distance from the top tier.

"There's a bunch of very good players on their team. We have a few good players, as well," U.S. captain Michael Bradley said Monday. "Sure, on paper they're the team that everybody thinks is going to win. No problem. But ultimately when that whistle blows it's still 90 minutes of competition."

After winning its group, the U.S. beat Ecuador 2-1 to reach a semifinal outside its region for the first time since 2009, when it upset Spain 2-0 in the Confederations Cup semis before wasting a two-goal lead in the final and losing to Brazil 3-2.

Please see **MESSI**/4C

# 'HOUNDSWATCH

**MONDAY'S SCORE**
Frisco 3, Midland 2

**TODAY'S GAME**
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.

**INTERNET**
www.milb.com

**RECORDS**
Midland 33-37
Frisco 38-31

| Sunday | Monday | Today | Wednesday | Thursday |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Midland 5, Frisco 4 | Frisco 3, Midland 2 | Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m. | Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m. | San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m. |

# DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

## ON THE AIR

**College Baseball**
Texas Tech vs. Florida, 4 p.m., ESPN2
TCU vs. Coastal Carolina, 8 p.m., ESPN

**Cricket**
England vs. Sri Lanka, 1st ODI, 8 a.m., OWSPN

**Major League Baseball**
Cincinnati at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
LA Angels at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT
St. Louis at Chic. Cubs 7 p.m., MLB

**Men's Soccer**
EURO 2016: Northern Ireland vs. Germany, 11 a.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
EURO 2016: Ukraine vs. Poland, 11 a.m., ESPN2
EURO 2016: Croatia vs. Spain, 2 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
EURO 2016: Czech Republic vs. Turkey, 2 p.m., ESPN2
Copa America Semifinal: USA vs. Argentina, 8 p.m., FS1, UNIV, UDN

**Olympic Trials**
Men's Platform and Women's Springboard Semifinals, 6 p.m., NBCSN

**Softball**
NPF: Akron at Dallas, 7 p.m., CBSSN

**Tennis**
WTA: Aegon International Eastbourne, 5 a.m., TENNIS

**WNBA**
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 2:30 p.m., NBAtv
Phoenix at Dallas, 7 p.m., ESPN2

**RADIO**

**Major League Baseball**
Cincinnati at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690AM (Lamesa)

**Texas League Baseball**
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**
**American League**

BOSTON RED SOX — Assigned OF Rusney Castillo outright to Pawtucket (IL). Sent OF Brock Holt to Pawtucket for a rehab assignment.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with OF Bryan Saucedo and RHP Evan Bell on minor league contracts.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with INF Abraham Toro-Hernandez, RHP Chad Donato, INF Ryne Birk, RHP Kevin Hill and RHP Ian Hardman (36th) on minor league contracts.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with SSs Tyler Straub and Nicky Lopez, 1B Chris DeVito, OFs Kort Peterson, Logan Gray and Vance Vizcaino, C Yordany Salva, LHP Vance Tatum, and RHPs Michael Silva, Walker Sheller, David McKay, Alex Massey, Anthony Kidston, Travis Eckert, Justin Camp and Geoffrey Bramblett on minor league contracts.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with 1B Brad Anderson, 2B Richard Fecteau, SS Keith Grieshaber, RHPs Sean Issac, Johnny Morell and Chris Rodriguez, OFs John Schuknecht, Tyler Bates, Derek Jenkins and Cameron Williams, and LHPs J.D. Nielsen and Cory Geisler.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Traded SS Chris Taylor to the L.A. Dodgers for RHP Zach Lee. Assigned RHP Steve Johnson outright to Tacoma (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with LHPs Neal Cotts and Kyle Roberts on minor league contracts.

**National League**

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned 1B Brandon Drury to Reno (PCL). Placed OF David Peralta on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Recalled OF Socrates Brito from Reno. Reinstated RHP Shelby Miller from the 15-day DL.
CHICAGO CUBS — Placed OF Dexter Fowler on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 19. Recalled RHP Carl Edwards Jr. from Iowa (PCL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned RHP Scott Oberg to Albuquerque (PCL). Recalled RHP Jordan Lyles from Albuquerque.
MIAMI MARLINS — Sent RHP Nefi Ogando to Jupiter (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Returned RHP Zack Jones to Minnesota.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Claimed RHP Phil Klein off waivers from Texas and optioned him to Lehigh Valley (IL). Sent RHP Dalier Hinojosa to Clearwater (FSL) for a rehab assignment. Signed OF Mickey Moniak to a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with LHP Ogle Braeden, INF Tyler Leffler and LHP Jess Jordan on minor league contracts.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with 3B Sheldon Neuse, 2B Jacob Noll, 1B Conner Simonetti, Cs Tres Barrera, Joseph Harris and CJ Picerni, LHPs Jesus Luzardo, Ben Braymer, Jake Barnett, Jeremy McDonald and Jonathan Reid, OFs Daniel Johnson and Jack Sundberg, SSs Carter Kieboom, Paul Panaccione and Branden Boggetto, RHPs A.J. Bogucki, Kyle Simonds, Phillip Morse, Jacob Howell, Sterling Sharp, Michael Rishwain and Joseph Baltrip on minor league contracts.

**American Association**

JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed INF Bobby Webb.
LAREDO LEMURS — Released OF Devin Harris.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Released RHP Tanner Kiest.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released RHP Alex Crawford.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed LHP James Walsh.

**Frontier League**

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Sold the contract of RHP Max Duval to Arizona (NL).
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed INF-OF Christian Sanisteban. Released RHP Jesse Montalto, OF Brian Portelli and 1B Brandon Thomasson.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Released C Eddie Sorondo.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed 1B Kyle Wood.

**FOOTBALL**
**National Football League**

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed RB Kendall Gaskins to a two-year contract.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Named Jordan Babineaux and Jackie Montgomery digital media hosts.

**HOCKEY**
**National Hockey League**

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Traded G Frederik Andersen to Toronto for the 30th pick in this year's draft and a 2017 second-round draft pick.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Traded the rights to F Jimmy Vesey to Buffalo for a 2016 third-round draft pick.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Traded the rights to D Keith Yandle to Florida for a 2016 sixth-round draft pick. The Rangers will also receive a 2017 fourth-round pick if Yandle signs with Florida.
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Traded F Maxim Letunov and a 2017 sixth-round draft pick to Arizona for 2016 fourth-round and 2017 third-round draft picks.

**American Hockey League**

MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Signed D Teddy Doherty to a one-year contract.

**SOCCER**
**Major League Soccer**

COLUMBUS CREW — Signed M Dilly Duka after acquiring right of first refusal from Montreal in exchange for general allocation money, targeted allocation money and a 2017 second-round draft pick.

**North American Soccer League**

JACKSONVILLE ARMADA — Signed F Alexander Andersson and M Nicklas Maripuu.

**COLLEGE**

IOWA STATE — Announced junior men's basketball F Ray Kasongo is transferring from Tennessee.
RADFORD — Named Ross Jolly women's assistant basketball coach.

## PRO RODEO LEADERS

**Through June 19**

**All-around**
1. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $54,856
2. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $46,690
3. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $44,722
4. Clayton Hass, Terrell, Texas $41,321
5. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $38,183
6. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas $36,591
7. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $36,390
8. Shay Carroll, Prineville, Ore. $33,681
9. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $33,249
10. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $24,562

**Bareback Riding**
1. Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba $69,511
2. Jake Brown, Hillsboro, Texas $68,164
3. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $64,326
4. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. $59,870
5. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $51,378
6. R.C. Landingham, Hat Creek, Calif. $47,119
7. Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La. $41,873
8. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta $34,749
9. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $32,702
10. Mason Clements, Santaquin, Utah $31,370

**Steer Wrestling**
1. Jason Thomas, Benton, Ark. $45,898
2. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $44,930
3. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $40,664
4. Matt Reeves, Cross Plains, Texas $38,870
5. Clayton Hass, Terrell, Texas $34,997
6. Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D. $33,728
7. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $33,002
8. Clayton Moore, Pouce Coupe, British Columbia $28,159
9. Sterling Lambert, Fallon, Nev. $24,229
10. Jace Melvin, Fort Pierre, S.D. $22,701

**Team Roping (header)**
1. Kolton Schmidt, Barrhead, Alberta $43,156
2. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla. $40,894
3. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $38,766
4. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $35,830
5. Zac Small, Welch, Okla. $33,592
6. Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz. $32,794
7. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, Texas $30,645
8. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M. $28,943
9. Spencer Mitchell, Williams, Calif. $26,946
10. Justin Davis, Madisonville, Texas $25,927

**Team Roping (heeler)**
1. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $42,183
2. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $38,834
3. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $34,322
4. Wesley Thorp, Stephenville, Texas $32,937
5. Quinn Kesler, Holden, Utah $32,763
6. Shay Carroll, Prineville, Ore. $29,677
7. Tyler McKnight, Wells, Texas $29,290
8. Jeremy Buhler, Abbotsford, British Columbia $28,160
9. Justin Davis, Cottonwood, Calif. $25,359
10. Billie Jack Saebens, Nowata, Okla. $25,093

**Saddle Bronc Riding**
1. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas $69,766
2. CoBurn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah $66,599
3. Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah $60,233
4. Allen Boore, Axtell, Utah $55,252
5. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $44,651
6. Jake Watson, Hudsons Hope, British Columbia $44,246
7. Tyrel Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba $34,450
8. Layton Green, Meeting Creek, Alberta $31,719
9. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta $30,112
10. Chuck Schmidt, Keldron, S.D. $27,910

**Tie-down Roping**
1. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $48,429
2. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $47,070
3. Marcos Costa, Childress, Texas $42,315
4. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $38,997
5. Riley Pruitt, Gering, Neb. $36,038
6. Reese Riemer, Stinnett, Texas $34,253
7. Adam Gray, Seymour, Texas $30,889
8. Cade Swor, Winnie, Texas $28,793
9. Michael Otero, Lowndesboro, Ala. $27,564
10. Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas $26,783
11. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $26,428
12. Jerrad Hofstetter, Shallow Water, Texas $24,973
13. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $23,395
14. Kyle Lucas, Carstairs, Alberta $21,006
15. Stetson Vest, Childress, Texas $20,557
16. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $19,897
17. Cody McCartney, Ottawa Lake, Mich. $19,252
18. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas $18,568
19. Tyson Durfey, Weatherford, Texas $18,553
20. Braxton Laughlin, Westlake, La. $18,338

**Steer Roping**
1. J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, Texas $45,558
2. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $36,435
3. Jason Evans, Glen Rose, Texas $27,823
4. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, Texas $27,429
5. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas $26,963
6. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $26,778
7. Marty Jones, Hobbs, N.M. $25,951
8. Shay Good, Midland, Texas $24,208
9. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $21,342
10. Chris Glover, Keenesburg, Colo. $21,246
11. Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas $21,155
12. Guy Allen, Santa Anna, Texas $20,626
13. Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo. $20,260
14. Lawson Plemons, Axtell, Texas $18,160
15. J.P. Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. $16,288
16. Dan Fisher, Andrews, Texas $15,554
17. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas $13,952
18. Thomas Smith, Barnsdall, Okla. $12,819
19. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M. $11,182
20. Tony Reina, Wharton, Texas $10,670

**Bull Riding**
1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $62,295
2. Jeff Askey, Athens, Texas $59,767
3. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla. $46,855
4. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $46,099
5. Scottie Knapp, Albuquerque, N.M. $45,675
6. Dalan Duncan, Ballard, Utah $43,504
7. Cody Rostockyj, Lorena, Texas $41,238
8. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $38,710
9. Roscoe Jarboe, New Plymouth, Idaho $37,222
10. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash. $35,901
11. Dustin Bowen, Waller, Texas $35,710
12. Garrett Tribble, Bristow, Okla. $34,459
13. Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo. $34,137
14. Bobby Welsh, Gillette, Wyo. $32,385
15. Riker Carter, Stone, Idaho $30,487
16. Rorey Maier, Timber Lake, S.D. $29,462
17. Bayle Worden, Charleston, Texas $28,751
18. Jordan Spears, Redding, Calif. $28,545
19. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont. $28,128
20. Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $27,503

**Barrel Racing**
1. Mary Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla. $87,832
2. Ivy Conrado, Hudson, Colo. $68,812
3. Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, Texas $61,828
4. Jackie Ganter, Abilene, Texas $47,097
5. Cassidy Kruse, Gillette, Wyo. $46,455
6. Mary Walker, Ennis, Texas $45,547
7. Kimmie Wall, Roosevelt, Utah $43,094
8. Carley Richardson, Pampa, Texas $38,922
9. Rachel Dice, Byron, Calif. $37,430
10. Sarah Rose McDonald, Brunswick, Ga. $37,016

# COM's Gilliland qualifies for 2nd final at Olympic Trials

*From staff reports*

INDIANAPOLIS — City of Midland Aquatics diver Tarrin Gilliland qualified for her second finals after moving into seventh place after the semifinals of the women's 10-meter platform at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials on Monday at the Indiana University Natatorium.

Gilliland advanced with a total of 576.40 points.

Gilliland

At just 13 years old, Gilliland is the youngest among the 12 finalists. The finals for the event is Saturday night.

Gilliland has also qualified for Wednesday's finals of the synchronized women's 10-meter springboard with partner Krysta Palmer, of the Nevada Diving Club. They are currently in fourth place. Midland High grad and Purdue University's Anna James and her partner Katrina Young are in third place going into Wednesday's competition.

One team in each synchronized event will be selected to the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team.

# Gauchos' 5-3 victory brings rare early exit for Miami at CWS

**By Eric Olson**
*Associated Press*

OMAHA, Neb. — Pinch hitter Ryan Cumberland's two-run single broke a tie and Noah Davis and Kyle Nelson combined to hold down No. 3 national seed Miami's offense in UC Santa Barbara's 5-3 victory in a College World Series elimination game Monday.

The Gauchos (43-19-1) kept their first CWS appearance going and will play Wednesday against the loser of Monday night's game between Oklahoma State and Arizona.

The Hurricanes (50-14) went 0-2 for only the second time in their 25 CWS appearances. Their other two-and-out was in 1979.

Santa Barbara struck for four runs after a 1-hour, 2-minute rain delay in the sixth inning.

Cumberland made it 3-1 with his one-out single down the first-base line, and the Gauchos used back-to-back squeeze plays for two more runs.

Miami opened the scoring on Zack Collins' 16th homer of the season in the first inning off Davis (7-4), and the Gauchos' JJ Muno singled in the tying run in the bottom half off Danny Garcia (9-5).

The offenses went quiet until after the rain in the sixth inning.

Garcia went back to the mound after the rain delay and got a flyout before Muno doubled into the right-field corner. Frankie Bartow relieved and walked Dempsey Grover, and Cumberland, pinch hitting for Kyle Plantier, followed with his tie-breaking smash down the first-base line.

Billy Fredrick and Ryan Clark, the Nos. 8 and 9 batters, laid down bunts with runners on third to make it a four-run game.

Miami tried to come back against Nelson, stringing together four straight hits in the eighth, with Randy Batista and Collins singling in runs. Davis got out of it when he froze Ruiz with a slider to strand runners on first and third.

Jacob Heyward's hard liner off third baseman Ryan Clark's glove gave Miami hope with one out in the ninth, but Christopher Barr's comebacker to Nelson started a game-ending double play.

Nelson earned his 10th save.

## COLLEGE WORLD SERIES GLANCE

**At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha**
**Omaha, Neb.**
**Double Elimination**
**x-if necessary**

**Saturday, June 18**
Oklahoma State 1, UC Santa Barbara 0
Arizona 5, Miami 1

**Sunday, June 19**
TCU 5, Texas Tech 3
Coastal Carolina 2, Florida 1

**Monday, June 20**
UC Santa Barbara 5, Miami 3, Miami eliminated
Game 6 — Oklahoma State (42-20) vs. Arizona (45-21), late

**Tuesday, June 21**
Game 7 — Texas Tech (46-19) vs. Florida (52-15), 4 p.m.
Game 8 — TCU (48-16) vs. Coastal Carolina (50-16), 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 22**
Game 9 — UC Santa Barbara (43-19-1) vs. Game 6 loser, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, June 23**
Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m.

**Friday, June 24**
Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.
Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, June 25**
x-Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, TBA
x-Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, TBA
**If only one game is necessary, it will be played at night**

**Championship Series**
**(Best-of-3)**
Monday, June 27: Pairings TBA, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, June 28: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 29: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.

# Lawsuit: Baylor fostered 'hunting ground' for sexual assault

**By Jim Vertuno**
*Associated Press*

AUSTIN — A federal lawsuit filed Monday against Baylor University accuses the nation's largest Baptist school of creating a "hunting ground for sexual predators."

The lawsuit, brought by a former Baylor student, is the third in recent months to claim the school was indifferent to or ignored claims of sexual assault and didn't enforce federal general discrimination protections. Baylor demoted former president and chancellor Ken Starr after an outside law firm found the school had mishandled assault allegations for years.

The latest case, brought by a woman identified only as Jane Doe, says she was drugged and abducted from an off-campus residence known as "The Rugby House" in February 2015. The lawsuit does not name her assailant but said he is not a member of Baylor's rugby club team.

The woman did not file a police report because she was too embarrassed, and it was her mother who called Baylor officials, according to the alleged victim's attorney, Paula Elliott.

The lawsuit said Baylor officials indicated there were reports of as many as five previously reported assaults at the same residence. According to the lawsuit, Baylor officials initially attempted to help identify the attacker, and told her there were two more reported victims with similar experiences at the house.

But school investigators stopped all correspondence with the woman after five weeks and did not schedule an administrative hearing in her case. The woman dropped out of Baylor in summer 2015 and moved home out of state, Elliott said.

The school's own investigation, parts of which were released last month, demonstrated that Baylor ignored rape claims at the cost of safety to its students for years, the lawsuit said, adding that, "Baylor and the Baylor regents had created a hunting ground for sexual predators to freely prey upon innocent, unsuspecting female students, with no concern of reprisal or consequences."

Much of Baylor's investigation focused on allegations surrounding the football team.

Head coach Art Briles was fired May 26 after the investigation found football coaches and staff had improper contact with complainants, and interfered or impeded school and potentially criminal investigations.

Attorneys for the woman who filed Monday's lawsuit say her case demonstrates the problem went far beyond athletics, and that no one had been warned about previous reports at the house where she was attacked.

Baylor is already attempting to settle a lawsuit filed in March by former student Jasmin Hernandez, who was raped by former football player Tevin Elliott, who was later sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Hernandez' lawsuit claims Baylor knew Tevin Elliott had a history of assaults, failed to protect her and others who were attacked, and ignored her pleas when she sought help.

## BAKER

From 1C

15-2.

It's hard to take a guy who has no strike-zone discipline and teach him strike-zone discipline, and he has that as good as anybody that I've ever coached.

TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle, on Luken Baker

Schlossnagle said in May that while he loved Baker's patience, but he was encouraging him to be more aggressive in certain situations.

To be Carpenter-like.

"Matt didn't hit double-digit homers until his last year or two, and he didn't hit hardly any home runs in the big leagues until last year," Schlossnagle said. "That's a learned skill. You can learn and be more aggressive. But it's hard to take a guy who has no strike-zone discipline and teach him strike-zone discipline, and he has that as good as anybody that I've ever coached."

For College World Series analyst Joey Cora, an image of another hitter came to mind.

"I was talking to Cora about it in the ESPN meeting," Schlossnagle said.

"He said, 'Man you sound like you're describing Miguel Cabrera.' But he's not there yet. At our level, it's very similar."


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# 'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

**ROUGHRIDERS 3**
**ROCKHOUNDS 2**
**at Security Bank Ballpark**

**TOP HITTERS:** J.P. Sportman led Midland by going 3-for-4 with two doubles and both RBI. ... Ryan Cordell was 2-for-4 for Frisco.

**TOP PITCHERS:** Victor Payano got the win for Frisco after allowing two runs on eight hits with two walks and seven strikeouts over 6 1/3 innings. ... Jose Valdespina earned his second save of the season after pitching 2 2/3 perfect innings with one strikeout. ... Midland starter and Texas League All-Star Corey Walter allowed just two hits, walked one and struck out one in five shutout innings.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Midland had a 2-0 lead after five innings thanks to a Sportman's RBI double in the third and RBI single in the fifth. ... Frisco rallied to tie the game at 2 in the sixth thanks to a two-run homer by Andy Ibanez. ... The RoughRiders then scored the go-ahead run in the seventh behind an RBI double by Alberto Triunfel.

**NOTES:** Monday's game marked the end of the first half of Texas League play. ... Frisco won despite being out-hit 8-5. ... The two teams meet in the third game of a four-game series at 6:30 p.m. today.

**TODAY'S PROBABLES:** Midland — RHP James Naile (0-1, 6.00 ERA). Frisco — Reed Garrett (2-1. 4.74)

**TL standings**

**First Half**

| North Division | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Springfield (Cardinals) | 40 | 29 | .580 | — |
| Tulsa (Dodgers) | 37 | 31 | .544 | 2½ |
| Arkansas (Angels) | 31 | 38 | .449 | 9 |
| Northwest Arkansas (Royals) | 29 | 40 | .420 | 11 |

| South Division | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Corpus Christi (Astros) | 46 | 23 | .667 | — |
| Frisco (Rangers) | 37 | 31 | .544 | 8½ |
| Midland (Athletics) | 33 | 36 | .478 | 13 |
| San Antonio (Padres) | 22 | 47 | .319 | 24 |

**Monday's Scores**
Frisco 3, Midland 2
Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, late
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, late
Springfield at Tulsa, late

**Tuesday's Games**
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

**ROUGHRIDERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 2**

| Frisco | ab | r | h | bi | Midland | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beck rf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Vertigan cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Ibanez 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | Sportman lf | 4 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Cordell cf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Marincov rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Guzman 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Chapman 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Jackson dh | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Kirkland 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Burg 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rodriguez dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deglan c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Barreto ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Garia lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Munoz 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Triunfel ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Paz c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 31 | 3 | 5 | 3 | Totals | 32 | 2 | 8 | 2 |

Frisco ........ 000 002 100 —3
Midland ........ 001 010 000 —2

E — Garia (1). DP — Frisco 1, Midland 1. LOB — Frisco 5, Midland 6. 2B — Triunfel (9), Sportman 2 (12), Chapman (10). HR — Ibanez (2). S — Vertigan. CS — Sportman (5).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Frisco** | | | | | | |
| Payano W, 5-4 | 6.1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Valdespina S, 2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Midland** | | | | | | |
| Walter | 5.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Hall L, 0-2 | 2.0 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | |
| Cochran-Gill | 2.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

WP — Walter
T — 2:24. A — 2,735.

# Fister throws 7 strong, Astros hit 3 homers in 10-7 win

*Associated Press*

HOUSTON — Doug Fister threw seven solid innings and Jose Altuve, Jason Castro and Carlos Correa each hit home runs to help the Houston Astros beat the Los Angeles Angels 10-7 on Monday night.

Fister (8-3) gave up two runs on four hits and struck out five in earning his seventh straight win.

The Astros have won Fister's last 10 starts, and in those games, Fister has gone at least 5 2/3 innings and allowed three runs or fewer.

Altuve hit a monstrous 431-foot solo homer to center in the fourth to give the Astros a 7-0 lead. Castro led off the seventh with a solo home run.

Correa launched a two-run shot in the sixth and finished with three RBIs.

Gregorio Petit hit his first career grand slam in the ninth off Tony Sipp to cut the lead to three, but Pat Neshek got the final two outs for his first save. It was the Angels' first grand slam of the season.

Colby Rasmus and Carlos Gomez each had three hits, including consecutive RBI singles in the first.

Houston has won five of its last six games.

It took advantage of starter Jhoulys Chacin's wildness in the first and third to score three runs in each inning.

After Correa walked to lead off the third, he scored on Kole Calhoun's error. Luis Valbuena had an RBI double and Evan Gattis had an RBI single to chase Chacin.

Albert Pujols and C.J. Cron had back-to-back RBI doubles in the sixth. Johnny Giavotella had a solo home run in the eighth.

# Rangers win 7th in a row, 4-3 over Orioles in makeup game

**By Stephen Hawkins**
*Associated Press*

ARLINGTON — Shin-Soo Choo hit a go-ahead two-run single, Ian Desmond homered halfway up the hill in center field and the Rangers beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-3 on Monday night in a makeup game matching the American League's top two teams.

Texas extended its season-best winning streak to seven games, the last four being one-run decisions. Since the makeup of an April 17 rainout counted as a series, the AL West-leading Rangers stretched their club record to 10 consecutive series wins — the longest in the American League since Tampa Bay's 10 in a row three years ago.

Desmond's 11th homer was a solo shot in the third, an inning before Bobby Wilson ended a 10-pitch at-bat with a sacrifice fly and Choo followed by lining a single to right off Kevin Gausman (0-5) for a 4-3 lead.

Every Baltimore starter had at least one hit, and the Orioles had runners on base in every inning. They only scored in the second, when J.J. Hardy had an RBI double before Adam Jones and Joey Rickard drove in runs with two-out hits.

Baltimore loaded the bases with no outs in the third before Hardy struck out and Nolan Reimold grounded into an inning-ending double play. That was the MLB-best 92nd double play turned by the Rangers this season, and they added another in the seventh.

Rangers starter Derek Holland allowed 11 of the 23 batters he faced to reach base, giving up nine hits and two walks in 4 1-3 innings. The left-hander struck out four.

Shawn Tolleson (2-2) worked 1 2-3 scoreless innings in relief of Holland. It was the second win in three games for Tolleson, the closer before four blown saves by mid-May. Tony Barnette threw two scoreless innings before Sam Dyson worked the ninth for his 14th save in 15 chances, including 12 straight since being taking over as the closer May 18.

The Rangers have the American League's best record at 46-25, their best ever through 71 games. Baltimore is 40-29, a half-game ahead of Boston in the AL East.

AP Photo/LM Otero

Texas Rangers Shin-Soo Choo watches his RBI single fly into the outfield during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles in Arlington on Monday.

### Quick trip

This was the Orioles' first one-game trip between home games since 1967, when they had to travel about 40 miles to play the Washington Senators, the team that in 1972 became the Rangers playing in Texas — nearly 1,400 miles from Baltimore.

### No manny

Two-time All-Star 3B Manny Machado remained in Baltimore for what was the second game of his four-game MLB suspension for charging the mound against Kansas City on June 7.

### Trainer's room

**Orioles:** RHP Brad Brach wasn't going to pitch after appearing in two straight and three of the last four games, so he was left home. He threw 33 pitches in two innings Sunday.

**Rangers**: RHP A.J. Griffin, who has made three rehab starts while on the DL with right shoulder stiffness, will throw a bullpen session Tuesday. If all goes well, he could be in line to return to the Rangers' rotation on Friday night.

### Up next

**Orioles:** RHP Tyler Wilson (3-5) will face RHP Luis Perdomo (2-2) when Baltimore returns home for the first of two interleague games against the San Diego Padres.

**Rangers:** RHP Colby Lewis (6-0), who in his last start took a perfect game into the eighth inning and a no-hitter into the ninth, tries to become only the fourth Rangers pitcher from a season-opening rotation to win his first seven decisions.

# 2016 LITTLE LEAGUE DISTRICT 3 TOURNAMENTS

**Dates and times subject to change**
**9-10 Year Old Division**
**at Floyd Gwin Park, West County Road and Park Avenue, Odessa**

**Saturday, June 18**
Game 1: Mid City 15, Sherwood 0
Game 2: Northern-2 15, Tower 6
Game 3: Big Spring 3, Jim Parker1
**Winner's bracket second round**
Game 4: Northern-1 19, North Ector 3
**Sunday, June 19**
Game 5: Mid City 20, Andrews 3
Game 6: Floyd Gwin 9, Northern-2 4
Game 7: Big Spring 24, Eastern 19
**Loser's bracket first round**
Game 8: North Ector 9, Tower 6
**Monday, June 20**
Game 9: Jim Parker 10, Andrews 9
Game 10: Sherwood vs. Eastern, Field 2, late
**Winners bracket quarterfinals**
Game 13: Northern-1 10, vs. Mid City 8
Game 14: Floyd Gwin vs. Big Spring, Field 1, late
**Tuesday, June 21**
**Winner's bracket second round**
Game 11: North Ector vs. Jim Parker, Field 2, 8 p.m.
Game 12: Northern-2 vs. Game 10 winner, Field 2, 6 p.m.
**Winners bracket semifinal**
Game 17: Northern-1 vs. Game 14 winner, Field 1, 7 p.m.
**Wednesday, June 22**
**Loser's bracket third round**
Game 16: Game 14 loser vs. Game 11 winner, Field 1, 6 p.m.
Game 15: Game 12 winner vs. Mid City, Field 1, 8 p.m.
**Thursday, June 23**
**Loser's bracket semifinal**
Game 18: Game 15 winner vs. Game 16 winner, Field 1, 7 p.m.
**Friday, June 24**
**Loser's bracket final**
Game 19: Game 17 loser vs. Game 18 winner, Field 1, 7 p.m.
**Saturday, June 25**
**Championship**
Game 20: Game 17 winner vs. Game 19 winner, Field 1, 7 p.m.
**Sunday, June 26**
**If necessary game**
Game 21: Game 20 winner vs. Game 20 loser, Field 1, 7 p.m.

**10-11 year olds**
**at Butler Park, 4001 Bluebird Lane**
**Saturday, June 18**
Game 1: Floyd Gwin 6, Sherwood 3
Game 2: Mid City 12, Eastern 2
Game 3: Northern 18, North Ector 2
Game 4: Big Spring 11, Tower 7
**Sunday, June 19**
**Winner's bracket quarterfinal**
Game 5: Floyd Gwin 11, Mid City 10
Game 6: Northern 12, Big Spring 5
**Loser's bracket**
Game 7: Eastern 11, Sherwood 7
Game 8: North Ector 7, Tower 6
**Monday, June 20**
**Winner's bracket semifinal**
Game 11: Northern 13, Floyd Gwin 0
**Loser's bracket second round**
Game 9: Big Spring vs. Eastern, Field 4, late
Game 10: Mid City 10, North Ector 9
**Tuesday, June 21**
**Loser's bracket final**
Game 12: Game 9 winner vs. Mid City, Field 1, 7 p.m.
**Wednesday, June 22**
Game 13: Floyd Gwin vs. Game 12 winner, Field 1, 7 p.m.
**Thursday, June 23**
**Championship**
Game 14: Northern vs. Game 13 winner, Field 1, 7 p.m.
**Friday, June 24**
**If necessary**
Game 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 14 loser, Field 1, 7 p.m.

**11-12 Year Old Division**
**at Roy Anderson Sports Complex, 1700 W. Interstate 20, Big Spring**
**Saturday, June 18**
Game 1: Northern 12, Mid City 2
Game 2: Big Spring 8, Eastern 4
Game 3: Floyd Gwin 12, Sherwood 0
Game 4: Tower 11, Andrews 1
**Sunday, June 19**
Game 5: Northern 12, Jim Parker 7
**Loser's bracket**
Game 6: Mid City 20, Eastern 12
**Monday, June 20**
**Winner's bracket quarterfinal**
Game 9: Big Spring vs. Floyd Gwin, late
Game 10: Tower 9, Northern 5
**Loser's bracket second round**
Game 8: Mid City vs. Sherwood, late
Game 7: Jim Parker vs. Andrews, late
**Tuesday, June 21**
**Winner's bracket semifinal**
Game 13: Game 9 winner vs. Tower, 7 p.m.
**Loser's bracket third round**
Game 12: Northern vs. Game 8 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 loser, 8 p.m.
**Wednesday, June 22**
**Loser's bracket semifinal**
Game 14: Game 12 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 7 p.m.
**Thursday, June 23**
**Loser's bracket final**
Game 15: Game 13 loser vs. Game 14 winner, 7 p.m.
**Friday, June 24**
**Championship**
Game 16: Game 13 winner vs. Game 15 winner, 7 p.m.
**Saturday, June 25**
**If necessary game**
Game 17: Game 16 winner vs. Game 16 loser, 7 p.m.

# MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

## American League

**WHITE SOX 3**
**RED SOX 1**

BOSTON — Jose Abreu doubled home two runs off Boston closer Craig Kimbrel with two outs in the top of the 10th inning after Chicago escaped a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the ninth, lifting the White Sox to a 3-1 win over the Red Sox on Monday night.

Chicago snapped a three-game losing streak and won for just the eighth time in 26 games. Boston has lost five of eight.

Zach Duke (2-0) wriggled out of the ninth to get the win. David Robertson worked the 10th for his 17th save.

Red Sox knuckleballer Steven Wright pitched nine innings, giving up only an unearned run and five hits. He struck out six and walked three while lowering his AL-best ERA to 2.01.

Abreu doubled to right-center off Kimbrel (0-3) after Avisail Garcia walked and J.B. Shuck singled.

**INDIANS 7**
**RAYS 4**

CLEVELAND — Francisco Lindor and Juan Uribe homered in the eighth inning and the Cleveland Indians beat the Tampa Bay Rays 7-4 on Monday night.

Lindor hit the first pitch from Erasmo Ramirez (7-5) into the lower deck in right field for his eighth homer of the season, breaking a 4-all tie. Uribe homered in his third straight game, a two-run shot off Ramirez.

Carlos Santana also homered for the AL Central-leading Indians, who have won four straight.

Evan Longoria's two-run homer in the first and a solo home run by Brad Miller in the sixth helped Tampa Bay build a 4-2 lead, but the Rays dropped their fifth in a row.

Bryan Shaw (1-3) struck out the side in the eighth, and Cody Allen pitched the ninth for his 14th save.

## National League

**DIAMONDBACKS 3**
**PHILLIES 1**

PHILADELPHIA — Shelby Miller threw 6 2-3 sharp innings, Jake Lamb hit a two-run homer and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the reeling Philadelphia Phillies 3-1 Monday afternoon to complete a four-game sweep.

Miller (2-6) allowed one run and five hits, striking out five in his first start since May 24. He had been on the disabled list with a sprained right index finger.

The Phillies went 0-6 on their first winless homestand of six or more games since Sept. 21-27, 1964, when they went 0-7 at Connie Mack Stadium before losing three more games in a historic collapse from first place.

Jeremy Hellickson (4-6) allowed three runs and four hits before recording an out.

Jean Segura led off with a double and scored on Phil Gosselin's single. Lamb hit a towering shot off the scoreboard in right for his 14th homer and a 3-0 lead.

The Phillies got their only run in the second when Tyler Goeddel's double scored Andres Blanco after he started the inning with a double.

**PIRATES 1**
**GIANTS 0**

PITTSBURGH — Jeff Locke followed consecutive horrible starts with 6 2/3 scoreless innings, Erik Kratz hit his first home run since 2014 and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat San Francisco 1-0 on Monday night, ending the Giants' eight-game winning streak.

Locke (6-5) allowed five hits, no walks and struck out three, helping the Pirates to just their second win in 12 games. He had allowed 18 runs and 20 hits over 8 2/3 innings during his previous two outings.

Kratz's solo shot with two outs in fifth was his first since a two-homer game for the Kansas City Royals on Aug. 18, 2014 against the Minnesota Twins.

Madison Bumgarner (8-3) was the tough-luck loser, allowing one run in eight innings while having his seven-game winning streak snapped.

**ROCKIES 5**
**MARLINS 3**

MIAMI — Mark Reynolds hit two home runs to help power the Colorado Rockies to a 5-3 victory over the Miami Marlins in a record-setting home run contest Monday night.

Trevor Story, Nick Hundley, and Charlie Blackmon also homered for the Rockies, who salvaged the final game of a four-game series with Miami.

Marcell Ozuna hit two home runs and Giancarlo Stanton had one for the Marlins.

The eight solo home runs accounted for all of the runs scored in the game, setting the Major League record. The previous mark was five.

The eight home runs were also the most ever in a game at Marlins Park since it opened in 2012. Five of the game's first 13 batters hit home runs.

**CARDINALS 3**
**CUBS 2**

CHICAGO — Brandon Moss and Jhonny Peralta homered against John Lackey, and the St. Louis Cardinals stopped a five-game slide by holding off the Chicago Cubs for a 3-2 victory on Monday night.

Aledmys Diaz added an RBI single and Jaime Garcia (5-6) pitched into the seventh inning as the Cardinals got back on track following their first winless homestand of at least two series since 1983. It was their first trip to Wrigley Field since they were eliminated by the Cubs in the NL Division Series last year.

Seung Hwan Oh got four outs and Trevor Rosenthal worked a shaky ninth for his 13th save in 15 chances. Catcher Yadier Molina made a great play to throw out rookie Albert Almora Jr. trying to take third on a ball in the dirt, and Jason Heyward popped out with runners on the corners to end the game.

# MLB GLANCE

## Standings

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baltimore | 40 | 29 | .580 | — |
| Boston | 39 | 30 | .565 | 1 |
| Toronto | 39 | 33 | .542 | 2½ |
| New York | 34 | 35 | .493 | 6 |
| Tampa Bay | 31 | 37 | .456 | 8½ |
| **Central Division** | **W** | **L** | **Pct** | **GB** |
| Cleveland | 39 | 30 | .565 | — |
| Kansas City | 38 | 31 | .551 | 1 |
| Detroit | 34 | 35 | .493 | 5 |
| Chicago | 34 | 36 | .486 | 5½ |
| Minnesota | 21 | 48 | .304 | 18 |
| **West Division** | **W** | **L** | **Pct** | **GB** |
| Texas | 46 | 25 | .648 | — |
| Seattle | 36 | 33 | .522 | 9 |
| Houston | 35 | 36 | .493 | 11 |
| Los Angeles | 31 | 39 | .443 | 14½ |
| Oakland | 28 | 41 | .406 | 17 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 43 | 27 | .614 | — |
| Miami | 37 | 33 | .529 | 6 |
| New York | 36 | 32 | .529 | 6 |
| Philadelphia | 30 | 41 | .423 | 13½ |
| Atlanta | 23 | 46 | .333 | 19½ |
| **Central Division** | **W** | **L** | **Pct** | **GB** |
| Chicago | 47 | 21 | .691 | — |
| St. Louis | 36 | 33 | .522 | 11½ |
| Pittsburgh | 34 | 36 | .486 | 14 |
| Milwaukee | 31 | 39 | .443 | 17 |
| Cincinnati | 27 | 43 | .386 | 21 |
| **West Division** | **W** | **L** | **Pct** | **GB** |
| San Francisco | 44 | 27 | .620 | — |
| Los Angeles | 38 | 33 | .535 | 6 |
| Colorado | 33 | 36 | .478 | 10 |
| Arizona | 33 | 39 | .458 | 11½ |
| San Diego | 29 | 42 | .408 | 15 |

## Scores & schedule

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**Monday's Scores**
Chicago White Sox 3, Boston 1, 10 innings
Cleveland 7, Tampa Bay 4
Seattle at Detroit, late
Texas 4, Baltimore 3
Houston 10, L.A. Angels 7

**Today's Games**
Colorado (Bettis 5-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 5-4), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Perdomo 2-2) at Baltimore (Wilson 3-5), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Corbin 3-6) at Toronto (Estrada 5-2), 6:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 11-2) at Boston (Buchholz 3-6), 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 5-5) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 7-2), 6:10 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 1-2) at Detroit (Verlander 7-5), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Snell 0-1) at Cleveland (Kluber 6-7), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 0-0) at Texas (Lewis 6-0), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Santiago 4-4) at Houston (McHugh 5-5), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 5-6) at Minnesota (Duffey 2-6), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 5-6) at Oakland (Gray 3-6), 9:05 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**Monday's Scores**
Arizona 3, Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 1, San Francisco 0
Colorado 5, Miami 3
St. Louis 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, late

**Today's Games**
Colorado (Bettis 5-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 5-4), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Perdomo 2-2) at Baltimore (Wilson 3-5), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Cueto 10-1) at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Corbin 3-6) at Toronto (Estrada 5-2), 6:07 p.m.
Atlanta (Norris 2-7) at Miami (Fernandez 9-3), 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 5-5) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 7-2), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 0-0) at Texas (Lewis 6-0), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 5-4) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 5-6) at Minnesota (Duffey 2-6), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 5-6) at Oakland (Gray 3-6), 9:05 p.m.
Washington (Roark 6-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Kazmir 5-3), 9:10 p.m.

## Texas Boxes

**RANGERS 4, ORIOLES 3**

| Baltimore | ab | r | h | bi | Texas | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A.Jones cf | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Choo rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Rickard rf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | Desmond cf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Kim ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Mazara lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| C.Davis 1b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Beltre 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trumbo dh | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Fielder dh | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wieters c | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Odor 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Schoop 2b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | Andrus ss | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| J.Hardy ss | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | Mreland 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Reimold lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | B.Wlson c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Janish 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| Totals | 39 | 3 | 15 | 3 | Totals | 31 | 4 | 9 | 4 |

Baltimore ........ 030 000 000—3
Texas ........ 001 300 00x—4

DP—Baltimore 1, Texas 2. LOB—Baltimore 12, Texas 6. 2B—Rickard (9), J.Hardy (9). HR—Desmond (11). SB—Andrus (10). CS—Reimold (2). SF—B.Wilson (2).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Baltimore** | | | | | | |
| Gausman L,0-5 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Bundy | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| **Texas** | | | | | | |
| Holland | 4 1-3 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Tolleson W,2-2 | 1 2-3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Barnette | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Dyson S,14-15 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Gausman pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
HBP—by Gausman (Beltre), by Barnette (Davis). WP—Gausman 2.
T—3:04. A—35,366 (48,114).

**ASTROS 10, ANGELS 7**

| Los Angeles | ab | r | h | bi | Houston | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Y.Escbr 3b | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Sprnger rf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Calhoun rf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | T.Kemp lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gvtella 2b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Ma.Gnzl 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Trout cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Altuve 2b | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| J.Marte lf | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Correa ss | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Pujols dh | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Worth ph-ss | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cron 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Col.Rsm lf-rf | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Nava lf-rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | C.Gomez cf | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| A.Smmns ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Mrsnick cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S.Rbnsn cf | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Vlbuena 3b | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| C.Perez c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Gattis dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| G.Petit 2b-ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | J.Cstro c | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 36 | 7 | 9 | 7 | Totals | 36 | 10 | 15 | 9 |

Los Angeles ........ 000 002 014—7
Houston ........ 303 102 10x—10

E—Sipp (1), Correa (6), Calhoun 2 (4). DP—Los Angeles 3, Houston 2. LOB—Los Angeles 4, Houston 9. 2B—Pujols (7), Cron (12), Correa (10), Valbuena (12). HR—Giavotella (6), G.Petit (2), Altuve (11), Correa (10), J.Castro (6).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Los Angeles** | | | | | | |
| Chacin L,2-3 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| Morin | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Alvarez | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Achter | 3 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| **Houston** | | | | | | |
| Fister W,8-3 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Feliz | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sipp | 1-3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Neshek S,1-1 | 2-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Chacin pitched to 5 batters in the 3rd.
HBP—by Chacin (Gonzalez), by Fister (Trout). WP—Chacin, Fister.
T—3:13. A—22,553 (42,060).

## Linescores

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**INDIANS 7, RAYS 4**
Tampa Bay ........ 200 011 000 —4 5 0
Cleveland ........ 000 111 13x —7 11 2

Smyly, E.Ramirez (8), Sturdevant (8) and Casali; Tomlin, B.Shaw (8), Allen (9) and Gomes. W—B.Shaw 1-3. L—E.Ramirez 7-5. Sv—Allen (14). HRs—Tampa Bay, Longoria (18), Miller (9). Cleveland, Uribe (5), Santana (15), Lindor (8).

**WHITE SOX 3, RED SOX 1**
Chicago ........ 010 000 000 2 —3 7 1
Boston ........ 000 000 100 0 —1 5 2

Mi.Gonzalez, N.Jones (7), Putnam (9), Duke (9), Robertson (10) and Avila. Wright, Kimbrel (10), Ross Jr. (10) and Vazquez. W—Duke 2-0. L—Kimbrel 0-3. Sv—Robertson (17).

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**DIAMONDBACKS 3, PHILLIES 1**
Arizona ........ 300 000 000 —3 7 1
Philadelphia ........ 010 000 000 —1 6 0

S.Miller, Clippard (7), Hudson (8), Ziegler (9) and Castillo; Hellickson, Neris (8) and Rupp. W—S.Miller 2-6. L—Hellickson 4-6. Sv—Ziegler (15). HRs—Arizona, Lamb (14).

**PIRATES 1, GIANTS 0**
San Francisco ........ 000 000 000 —0 6 0
Pittsburgh ........ 000 010 00x —1 5 0

Bumgarner and Posey; Locke, N.Feliz (7), Watson (8), Melancon (9) and Kratz. W—Locke 6-5. L—Bumgarner 8-3. Sv—Melancon (20). HRs—Pittsburgh, Kratz (1).

**ROCKIES 5, MARLINS 3**
Colorado ........ 030 001 001 —5 12 1
Miami ........ 200 100 000 —3 7 0

De La Rosa, Qualls (7), Logan (7), M.Castro (7), Motte (8), Estevez (9) and Hundley; Clemens, Ellington (6), Dunn (7), McGowan (8), Wittgren (9) and Realmuto. W—De La Rosa 4-4. L—Ellington 1-1. Sv—Estevez (4). HRs—Colorado, Hundley (3), Blackmon (8), Reynolds 2 (6), Story (18). Miami, Ozuna 2 (15), Stanton (13).

**CARDINALS 3, CUBS 2**
St. Louis ........ 021 000 000 —3 8 0
Chicago ........ 002 000 000 —2 9 0

J.Garcia, Oh (7), Rosenthal (9) and Molina; Lackey, Cahill (7), Wood (8), Grimm (9), Richard (9) and Contreras. W—J.Garcia 5-6. L—Lackey 7-3. Sv—Rosenthal (13). HRs—St. Louis, Peralta (2), Moss (16).

# MC baseball, volleyball athletes sign with 4-year schools

*From staff reports*

Midland College recently had two of its baseball players sign with the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Catcher Tony Beam and pitcher Zach Murphy have both inked with the Conference USA program.

Beam, who is from Hutto, hit .409 with 22 home runs and 63 RBI as a sophomore. Murphy, a right-hander, from Wichita Falls, was 9-3 with a 4.52 ERA and also pitched a seven-inning no-hitter against Western Texas College, a 1-0 victory on April 3.

Also signing from the baseball team recently were right-handed pitchers Raymond Salazar (Amarillo) and Jesse Borden (Dartmouth, Nova Scotia) with Incarnate Word in San Antonio; while left-handed pitcher Ryan Minnix (Midlothian) signed with Tabor College in Kansas.

Midland College athletics also announced that three volleyball players also signed with four-year schools.

Defensive specialist Natasha Rodriguez (Pecos) signed with St. Gregory University in Oklahoma; middle blocker Shelby Bartley (Canyon) signed with the University of the Southwest in Hobbs, New Mexico, and outside hitter Krystal Lopez (El Paso) inked with Howard Payne University.

# LeBron ends the debate, no one can deny his greatness now

**By Tim Reynolds**
*Associated Press*

The drought is over for Cleveland, and the debate is over as well.

Best player in basketball?

His name is LeBron James.

This is why he went back to Cleveland, to deliver a title, to end the city's epic championship drought and finally give Northeast Ohio what it craved for nearly 52 years.

It's done. And now he's free. Anything that happens from here is icing atop a three-tiered championship cake for James.

There's absolutely nothing left for James to prove. The only thing he hadn't done on a basketball court was make Cleveland, a city whose sports teams were cursed for so long, a winner. December 27, 1964 was the day Jim Brown last made them one. That is, until June 19, 2016. James was an NBA champion before from his time in Miami, an Olympic champion, an MVP, a Finals MVP ... he had checked every box but one, and now that one is filled as well.

Stephen Curry is the two-time reigning MVP and rightly so, best player on the best regular-season team in league history. Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant will likely be the hottest free agent on the market this summer, coveted by everyone. Kobe Bryant was the highest-paid player in the NBA this season and this year was a celebration of his 20 years of greatness.

But they're all part of LeBron's world.

James is the freight train, the most unstoppable force in the game, and he shows no signs of slowing down after 13 years in the league. He's 31. He rarely if ever misses games. He's been in seven of the last 10 NBA Finals, including each of the last six. He's nowhere near his decline, which has to delight even those Cleveland fans who burned his jerseys in 2010. And while winning cures all, he can be a free agent this summer, which should scare some people as well.

"I'm true to the game," James said, "and I know what I bring to the table."

It bears noting that some of what's on that table now wasn't there six years ago, though.

It's fair to say, this celebration would not be happening without July 8, 2010, the day James headed to Miami.

James needed a change and craved a title. He got all that and more. He learned how to lead, he learned the value of structure, he learned from Dwyane Wade and Erik Spoelstra and Pat Riley and Micky Arison, took little bits from each of them, added it all to his already-ridiculous game and made himself better.

James never went to college. But like many college kids, he went away for four years and then returned home with hopes of making his city better.

The result: Cleveland is a city of champions.

"I knew what I learned in the last couple years that I was gone," James said, "and I knew if I had to — when I came back, I knew I had the right ingredients and the right blueprint to help this franchise get back to a place that we've never been. That's what it was all about."

He'll never win over everyone. He'll never win the argument about who is better, him or Michael Jordan or anyone else who merits mention among the league's greats.

He doesn't care, either. He'll leave those conversations for others to have. But he put an end to the discussion of who is the best right now.

"There's no denying what he was able to accomplish this series," a very classy Curry said after Game 7. "He played pretty great basketball."

James is the quintessential American success story. He bucked overwhelming after odds by rising above his impoverished upbringing in Akron, Ohio. He's a global icon who's earned roughly $175 million in NBA salary, probably that much if not a great deal more from his Nike sponsorship deal alone, has a blossoming entertainment studio and is easily one of the most recognizable faces on the planet.

He's on pace to be a billionaire someday like his good pal Warren Buffett, who James can chat up basically any time he wants.

And now he can do whatever he wants for as long as he wants to play this game. He owes no one anything anymore. Stay in Cleveland, return to Miami, go anywhere else in the NBA; it's all up to him now.

For the first time in 13 years, LeBron James is free of burden.

With that weight lifted, it's scary to think his best might be yet to come.

## LeBron

From 1C

Ohio.

"It was unbelievable," said Indians manager Terry Francona, who helped the Boston Red Sox end their 86-year World Series dryspell.

"I almost enjoy that part of it as much. Watching the genuine emotion come out. So often, when guys are talking, it's saying the right thing. I get it. I'm supposed to do it, too. It's just part of the job. But to see the genuine emotion come out was pretty cool."

Many of the fans who arrived at the vast I-X Center adjacent to the airport on Monday morning were going on little or no sleep following Sunday night's riveting victory. The crowd was entertained by music and dancers before cheering replays of the final, frenetic minutes of Game 7 as if they were living them for the first time.

Cleveland's furry mascot, Moondog, body surfed on the massive crowd, which continued to grow up until the moment the Cavs' 757 jet pulled in about 12:40 p.m., welcomed under two criss-crossing water cannons and deafening cheers.

Cavs coach Tyronn Lue, who took over the team in late January, and several other players paused at the top gangway to film and absorb the wild scene below as fans let loose and sang Queen's "We Are The Champions."

Following star guard Kyrie Irving and a shirtless J.R. Smith, James was the last player to come through the plane's door. When he lifted the trophy, Cleveland erupted as it did a few hours earlier after the 93-89 victory.

The party will continue all week — and maybe beyond — with a downtown parade planned for Wednesday, a celebration few thought they would ever witness.

Former Cavaliers guard Austin Carr attempted to convey a feeling he shared with so many Clevelanders.

"To finally win a championship, coming out on top, there's no feeling like this in the world," said Carr, the team's first draft pick and now a broadcast analyst. "I've cried so much, I can't stop. I've been walking on air."

Moments later, Carr, known as Mr. Cavalier, couldn't contain himself during a TV interview and sobbed.

"This," he said, "means everything."

AP Photo/Eric Gay

U.S. men's soccer coach Jurgen Klinsmann talks to reporters during a Copa America Centenario news conference Monday in Houston. The United States is scheduled to face Argentina in a Tuesday semifinal.

# Doping summit to tackle further measures ahead of Rio Games

**By Stephen Wilson**
*Associated Press*

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**John Coates,** IOC vice president John Coates

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — With a ban on Russia's track and field athletes already in place, Olympic leaders are looking at further anti-doping measures ahead of the Rio de Janeiro Games.

The status of other sports in Russia, as well as other countries and sports with poor doping records, could come under scrutiny at an Olympic summit in Lausanne on Tuesday.

The sports leaders are also expected to discuss guidelines for the process, approved by the IAAF, which would allow a small group of Russian athletes who live and undergo rigorous drug-testing outside the country to apply to compete as "neutral" athletes in Rio without any Russian flag.

The meeting comes four days after track and field's world governing body upheld the ban, first imposed in November, on Russia's track and field team for a "systematic and deeply-rooted culture of doping."

The International Olympic Committee said Saturday it "fully respects" the decision and acknowledged that the IAAF has control over the eligibility of track and field athletes for the games.

The statement appeared to rule out any chance of the IOC intervening to overturn or water down the decision or somehow give the Russians another route into the games.

The IOC went even further, saying it would undertake "further far-reaching measures in order to ensure a level playing field for all the athletes" competing in Rio. It said the meeting would discuss the situation of countries that are not in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Agency's global rules.

In addition to Russia, Kenya — home to many of the world's top distance runners — and Spain are currently deemed non-compliant by WADA. Kenya has been hit by dozens of positive drug cases in recent years and has struggled to set up a credible anti-doping system.

The doping crisis extends beyond Russia's track and field athletes and beyond Russia itself. WADA President Craig Reedie said Monday that the agency has started investigating allegations of doping by the Russian and Chinese swimming teams.

The entire sport of weightlifting, which has a long history of doping, remains under the microscope. The sport has accounted for 20 of the 55 positive findings recorded so far in the IOC's retesting of samples from the 2008 and 2012 Olympics.

Russian athletes — including 16 from track and field — have provided 22 of the positive samples from the Beijing and London retests.

Still looming heavily over the Russians is an ongoing WADA investigation into allegations made by Moscow's former drug lab chief, Grigory Rodchenkov, that he was involved in a state-backed conspiracy to dope Russian athletes ahead of the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics and swap tainted samples for clean ones during the games.

Richard McLaren, the Canadian lawyer heading the independent probe, said Friday that his preliminary findings backed allegations that the Russian Sports Ministry was involved in manipulating test results before, during and after the IAAF world championships in Moscow in 2013.

McLaren's final report is due by July 15. If it uncovers further widespread, state-backed cheating in Russia, WADA could push for further action against Russia. The possibility of Russia's entire team being excluded from the Rio Games has been called the "nuclear option" by former WADA president Dick Pound.

In its ruling Friday, the IAAF did offer the chance to Russians who have been living abroad and subjected to a verifiable drug-testing regime to apply to compete as independent athletes. However, IAAF officials said only a handful of athletes fall into that category and stressed that no Russians would compete under their national flag at the games.

Still, the IOC must decide the details of how those athletes would be represented, including whether they would compete under the Olympic flag or some other symbol.

"I think this meeting will be dealing with the specifics of individual justice," IOC vice president John Coates told The Associated Press on Monday. "The meeting will discuss some guidelines as to how people might apply for individual justice."

Also unclear is the terms of participation by Russian whistleblower Yulia Stepanova. The 800-meter runner, who served a two-year ban for blood doping before helping expose cheating in Russia, was given IAAF dispensation to apply to compete as an independent athlete for her "extraordinary contribution to the fight against doping."

It's unlikely the IOC would allow an admitted doper to compete under the Olympic flag, so another solution would have to be found.

The IAAF's ban on the Russian athletes could be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, based on the argument that it's unfair to collectively punish the whole team for the violations of some athletes.

The IAAF task force which examined Russia's status made clear that the entire drug-testing system in the country's track and field program had been tainted by cheating, including with help of the sports ministry. There is no way to prove that any athletes are clean, it said.

"In short this is the price that has to be paid for the failure of the Russian authorities to fix the problem before now, and the Russian authorities alone are to blame for that," said the panel, headed by Norwegian anti-doping expert Rune Andersen.

Among those attending Tuesday's meeting will be IAAF President Sebastian Coe and Russian Olympic Committee chief Alexander Zhukov, who has expressed hope that the Russians could still find a way back in.

Also invited are the four IOC vice presidents, U.S. Olympic Committee chair Larry Probst and representatives of international federations and national Olympic bodies.

## Messi

From 1C

It's not the World Cup, but reaching the final of this expanded 100th anniversary Copa America would be a major achievement for a U.S. team questioned by its growing fan base after it failed to win last year's CONCACAF Gold Cup.

"We want to take the game to them, as well. We want to keep a high line. We want to go eye to eye," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said. "In order to grow, you need to go through some pain and you need to try things out. You need to risk. And when you risk things, here and there you get a lesson."

While the U.S. is now alongside Mexico as a power in North and Central America and the Caribbean, qualifying for seven straight World Cups, it is 12-43-15 in games against former World Cup champions, including 3-18-1 competitive matches. It is in the Copa America semifinals for the first time since 1995.

"We were nobody in the world. We started in the '90s and we had to inch our way up," retired defender Marcelo Balboa said. "Back then, we changed our game plan to play against teams. Now they stick to their game plans, but they're aware of the two or three threats that can do some damage."

And there's no bigger threat than Messi, who has four Champions League and eight La Liga titles with Barcelona but who has not won any championships with Argentina's senior team, which is seeking its first major trophy since 1993.

Messi, who turns 29 on Friday, is nicknamed "La Pulga" for his speed and unmatched dribbling ability. He wanders from midfield to the front line, drifts from the left flank to the right and often cuts from the right to the center. He has not scored in three previous matches against the U.S.

"You say you want to get pressure on Messi and not let him have time on the ball. How do you do that?" U.S. defender Matt Besler said. "Even when guys step up to him and are right on him, he finds a way to wiggle out of something, and then he's able to get his head up and play in some of those balls that he's played in this tournament. And so it's a huge challenge, probably the biggest challenge for us as a defensive unit."

Klinsmann will be forced to make changes because of suspensions to midfielders Jermaine Jones and Alejandro Bedoya, and forward Bobby Wood. Kyle Beckerman appears likely to replace Jones, with Graham Zusi, Chris Wondolowski, Darlington Nagbe and 17-year-old Christian Pulisic the top candidates for the other two slots. Right back DeAndre Yedlin returns from his one-game suspension.

"Make it your moment," Klinsmann recalled telling his players. "It's about confidence, about hunger, about the willingness to suffer."

A sellout crowd of 70,000-plus is expected at NRG Stadium. Argentina will have just two days' rest after beating Venezuela 4-1, while the U.S. will have four.

"Playing in Houston, there will be a lot of Mexicans, and maybe Mexicans will make us feel more local," Argentina coach Gerardo Martino said through a translator.

The winner advances to Sunday's final in New Jersey against Chile or Colombia, who play Wednesday in Chicago.

"You don't look at how you're viewed or who you're playing against," said U.S. forward Clint Dempsey, whose three goals are one behind Messi and Chile's Eduardo Vargas, the tournament's co-leaders. "Hopefully we can keep dreaming and keep going forward."

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| BROADCAST | KMID ABC | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | Jeopardy! | Wheel of Fortune | The Middle | Black-ish | Uncle Buck (N) | Uncle Buck (N) | To Tell the Truth "Mike Tyson" (N) | | Local 2 News/ 10 | (:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live | (:35) News Nightline |
| | KOSA CBS | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | CBS 7 News | Ent. Tonight | NCIS "Viral" | | NCIS:NO "Insane in the Membrane" | | Person of Interest "Return O" (P) (N) | | CBS 7 News | (:35) Stephen Colbert | (:35) J.Corden |
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| | KPEJ FOX | 8 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 3 | Modern Family | Big Bang Theory | Hotel Hell "Lakeview Hotel" (N) | | Coupled "Chain Reaction" (N) | | Fox 24 News | TMZ | 2 Broke Girls | Modern Family | Two and a Half | Met Your Mother |
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| | KWES NBC | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | News-West 9 | NewsWest 9 Now | America's Got Talent "Auditions" Variety acts of all types audition to win $1 million. (N) | | | | Maya and Marty (N) | | NewsWe-st 9 at 10 | (:35) The Tonight Show | (:35) Seth Meyers |
| | KPBT PBS | 13 | 13 | | 13 | 8 | PBS NewsHour | | Genealogy Roadshow "Providence" (N) | | Greeks "Cavemen to Kings" (P) (N) | | Frontline "Being Mortal" | | Point Taken (N) | Charlie Rose (N) | Tavis Smiley (N) |
| | KUPB UNI | 4 | 4 | | 4 | 16 | Sueño de amor | | Fútbol Central | Fútbol Copa America Centenario Semifinal W25 vs. W27 (L) | | | | | Noticias Tejas | Noticiero noctu | Contacto Deportivo | |
| | KOSA MNT | 16 | 16 | | 16 | | Fam.Feud | Fam. Feud | Dead "Consumed" | | Dead "Crossed" | | Mike&M. | Mike&M. | Anger M. | Anger M. | Tosh.0 | Access H |
| PREMIUM | FLIX | 340 | 575 | | 165 | | (4:55) Dr. T & the... | | ★★ Lost in Translation | | | | (:45) ★★ A Mighty Heart Angelina Jolie. | | (:35) ★★★ Open Your Eyes | | | |
| | HBO | 300 | 550 | 14 | 14 | | (:55) The Intern ('15, Com) Robert De Niro. | | Game of Thrones | | | | Real Sports (N) | | Fight | (:50) ★★ Everest | | |
| | HBO2 | 302 | 551 | 15 | 101 | 23 | (4:15) The Insider | | ★★ Ted 2 ('15, Com) Seth MacFarlane. | | | | LastWeek | Bill Maher | | The Godfather Epic ('16, Dra) | | |
| | HBOS | 304 | 552 | 16 | 102 | | (5:45) ★★★ All the Way Bryan Cranston. | | | | ★★★ American Gangster Denzel Washington. | | | | | (:40) Freehold Ellen Page. | | |
| | MAX | 380 | 557 | 17 | 120 | 24 | (5:05) Batman Ret... | | (:15) ★★★★ John Wick Keanu Reeves. | | | | Sinister 2 Shannyn Sossamon. | | | (:40) Brokeback Mountain | | |
| | MAX2 | 382 | 558 | 18 | 122 | | Movie | | ★★ Shutter Joshua Jackson. | | | | ★★ Hitman Dougray Scott. | | (:35) ★★★ Ghost Town | | (:20) One Misse | |
| | PLEX | | | 96 | | | | | ★★★ Alfie ('66, Dra) Michael Caine. | | | | ★★★ Funny Face | | (:45) ★★★ The President's Analyst | | | Movie |
| | SHOW | 320 | 565 | 19 | 140 | 25 | (4:35) Hidalgo | | (:55) ★★ 3:10 to Yuma Russell Crowe. | | | | Penny Dreadful | | Penny Dreadful | | Sleeping With ... | |
| | TMC | 336 | 573 | 22 | 155 | 26 | (5:20) The Warrior... | | ★ Bloodwork Travis Van Winkle. | | (:40) Unknown Caller David Chisum. | | | | | Girl House Ali Corbin. | | |
| CABLE | A&E | 27 | 58 | 28 | 35 | 47 | (5:00) Walking Tall | | ★★★ Saving Private Ryan (1998, War) Matt Damon, Edward Burns, Tom Hanks. A group of soldiers are ordered to find and rescue a paratrooper from the frontlines. | | | | | | | | ★★★ Saving Private Ryan | |
| | AMC | 40 | 74 | 23 | 42 | 51 | (5:00) Mr. Deeds | | ★★ Happy Gilmore Adam Sandler. | | | | Feed the Beast (N) | | Feed the Beast | | ★★ Mr. Deeds | |
| | BET | 58 | · | | 40 | | TBA | TBA | Life of "Ciara" (N) | | Inside the Label (N) | | Inside the Label | | The BET Life "Ciara" | | Wendy Williams | |
| | BRAVO | 65 | 76 | | 41 | | Below "Entrée-Vous" | | Real Housewives | | Below Deck (N) | | Below "Charter King" | | Watch (N) | Southern Charm | | Tour Grp |
| | CNBC | 46 | 52 | | 39 | 72 | West Texas Investors | | Shark Tank | | Shark Tank | | West Texas (N) | | Shark Tank | | Shark Tank | |
| | CNN | 43 | 50 | 51 | 30 | 56 | OutFront | | A. Cooper 360 | | CNN Special Report | | CNN Tonight | | CNN Tonight | | CNN Special Report | |
| | DISC | 50 | 60 | 31 | 24 | 42 | Deadliest Catch | | Deadliest Catch (N) | | Deadliest Catch (N) | | Dark Woods (N) | | (:05) Deadliest Catch | | (:05) Dark Woods | |
| | DISNEY | 56 | 64 | 36 | 25 | 36 | (5:05) An America... | | Underc. | Liv/Mad | StuckMid | Girl M. | Walk | StuckMid | Underc. | Girl M. | The Luck of the ... | |
| | ESPN | 32 | 35 | 48 | 31 | 30 | NBA Mock Special (L) | | Baseball Tonight (L) | | NCAA Baseball Division I Tournament Site: TD Ameritrade Park (L) | | | | | | SportsCenter | |
| | ESPN2 | 34 | 36 | 49 | 32 | 31 | (4:00) NCAA Baseball | | WNBA Basketball Phoenix vs Dallas (L) | | | | 30Shorts | J & J (N) | SportsCenter | | ESPN FC | J & J (N) |
| | FNC | 45 | 48 | 53 | 23 | 55 | On the Record | | The O'Reilly Factor | | The Kelly File | | Hannity | | The O'Reilly Factor | | The Kelly File | |
| | FOOD | 64 | 70 | 27 | 68 | 54 | Chopped | | Chopped Junior (N) | | Chopped | | Chopped (N) | | Chopped | | Chopped | |
| | FREEFORM | 53 | 63 | 34 | 42 | 33 | Pretty Little Liars | | Pretty Little Liars (N) | | Guilt "Pilot" | | Guilt | | The 700 Club | | So Raven | So Raven |
| | FSSW | 37 | 38 | 50 | 45 | 29 | (5:30) UIL Champ. | Pre-game (L) | MLB Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park Arlington, Texas (L) | | | | | | Rangers Live (L) | Insider (N) | | WPT Poker Five Diamond Classic |
| | FX | 31 | 56 | 59 | 64 | 69 | (3:00) The Wolf of... | | ★★ 2012 (2009, Action) Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton, John Cusack. | | | | | | | Runner Runner | | |
| | HALLMARK | 54 | 71 | 58 | | 34 | Last Man | Last Man | Last Man | Last Man | Middle | Middle | Middle | Middle | G. Girls | G. Girls | G. Girls | G. Girls |
| | HGTV | 63 | 69 | 26 | 48 | 44 | Fixer Upper | | Fixer Upper | | Fixer Upper | | H.Hunt | House | Fixer Upper | | Fixer Upper | |
| | HISTORY | 71 | 59 | 29 | 50 | 43 | Counting | CountCars | Counting | Counting | Top Gear (N) | | (:05) Count. | (:35) Count. | Hunters | Hunters | (:05) Count. | (:35) Count. |
| | LIFETIME | 28 | 30 | 25 | 28 | 48 | Celeb Wife "Jenna von Oy/ Jill Zarin" | | Celeb Wife "Robin Leach/ Eric Roberts" | | Celebrity Wife Swap | | Celebrity Wife Swap | | Celeb Wife "Flavor Flav/ Dee Snider" | | Celeb Wife "Robin Leach/ Eric Roberts" | |
| | MSNBC | 47 | 53 | | 49 | 73 | Hardball | | All in With C. Hayes | | Rachel Maddow | | The Last Word | | All in With C. Hayes | | Rachel Maddow | |
| | NBCSN | 38 | 43 | | | | Diving Olympic Trials (L) | | | | | | | | Diving Olympic Trials Semifinal | | | |
| | NICK | 55 | · | 39 | 34 | 37 | Thunder | Thunder | Nicky | School | F.House | F.House | F.House | F.House | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends |
| | SPIKE | 30 | · | 55 | 53 | 58 | (4:00) National Tr... | | ★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets ('07, Adv) Nicolas Cage. | | | | | | ★★★ Sherlock Holmes | | | |
| | SYFY | 66 | 82 | 41 | 57 | 67 | Tremors 5: Bloodlines Michael Gross. | | | | | | The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch & the Wardro... | | | | Mega Shark vs. | |
| | TBS | 25 | 33 | 44 | 66 | 41 | Seinfeld | Family Guy | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Wrecked (N) | Big Bang Theory | Conan Jeff Goldblum Jonathan Tucker | | Wrecked | Conan |
| | TCM | 41 | 75 | 24 | 63 | 66 | (5:00) The French ... | | ★★ Song of the Islands | | | | ★ You Were Never Lovelier | | (:15) ★★★★ Lifeboat Tallulah Bankhead | | | |
| | TELE | 20 | · | 10 | 20 | | Caso cerrado | | Eva, La Traillera | | La esclava blanca | | El señor de los cielos | | Al rojo | Titulares | La esclava blanca | |
| | TLC | 51 | 61 | 32 | 38 | 52 | Little People, Big World | | L.P. "Marriage Do's and Don'ts" (N) | | Little People "Little People, Big Goals" (N) | | My Giant Life "Tall Freak" (N) | | Little People "Little People, Big Goals" | | My Giant Life "Tall Freak" | |
| | TNT | 24 | 34 | 40 | 26 | 50 | ★★★ Olympus Has Fallen (2013, Action) Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler. | | | | Animal King "Stay Close, Stick Together" | | Animal King "Stay Close, Stick Together" | | Rizzoli & Isles "Post Mortem" | | Law & Order "Political Animal" | |
| | TVLAND | 49 | · | 35 | 54 | 35 | Griffith | (:35) Griffith | (:10) Ray | (:50) Ray | (:25) Loves Ray | | G. Lopez | G. Lopez | Queens | Queens | Queens | Queens |
| | USA | 26 | 55 | 42 | 27 | 49 | (5:00) ★★ Fast & Furious Vin Diesel. | | ★★★ Fast Five ('11, Act) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel. The crew find themselves on the wrong side of the law as they try to get out of Brazil. | | | | | | ★★ The Fast and the Furious ('01, Act) Michelle Rodriguez, Paul Walker, Vin Diesel. | | | |
| | WGN | 19 | 85 | | | | ★★★★ The Pursuit of Happyness A man struggles to survive and care for his son while pursuing his dreams. | | | | Met Your Mother | Met Your Mother | Met Your Mother | Met Your Mother | Met Your Mother | Met Your Mother | Met Your Mother | Met Your Mother |

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# Major hurdle: Breaks finally fall Dustin Johnson's way

**By Doug Ferguson**
*Associated Press*

OAKMONT, Pa. — Dustin Johnson already has shown he can take a punch. He also can take a joke.

Four months ago, he was playing the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in his regular pairing with Jordan Spieth, good friends and complete opposites.

Johnson had nothing but bad luck in the majors. Spieth already had the Masters and a U.S. Open that he won last year when Johnson three-putted from 12 feet on the final hole at Chambers Bay.

At Pebble, on the par-3 fifth hole, Spieth hit a tee shot that hopped the wrong way into a bunker.

"Man, when am I ever going to catch a break," he said with a slight grin and a sideways look.

Johnson picked up on it quickly.

"Bro," he said with a smile, "don't even go there."

Finally, the breaks fell Johnson's way Sunday in the U.S. Open at Oakmont, the toughest test in golf on the toughest championship course in the land.

They had to eventually.

Johnson now has won in each of the nine years he has been on the PGA Tour, the longest active streak. He has too much talent, too much power. Eventually someone else would make the mistakes and a major would happen to him.

Sure, the three players who tried to chase him on the back nine — Shane Lowry, Scott Piercy and Sergio Garcia — each made at least two bogeys over the last four holes. The debate Sunday night was whether the biggest mistake belonged to USGA officials.

Johnson's ball moved as he stepped in for a short par putt on the fifth hole of the final round. He called over his playing partner, Lee Westwood, and the rules officials and it was deemed Johnson didn't cause it to move. There was no penalty and Johnson tapped in for par.

Less than an hour later, a USGA staff member who saw it on video thought it was worth another look. The USGA felt it had no choice but to approach Johnson on the 12th tee to ask him what could have caused the ball to move, and then told him to keep in mind that he might get one shot at the end of his round.

Try playing the final hour of a U.S. Open not knowing if you're one shot ahead, tied or one shot behind.

Johnson couldn't help but wonder — "maybe a little bit, for sure" — if he was jinxed.

He was kept out of a playoff in the 2010 PGA Championship because of a two-shot penalty on the last hole when he grounded his club in sand without realizing it was a bunker at Whistling Straits. He was chasing down Darren Clarke a year later in the British Open when he sliced a 2-iron out of bounds and finished second.

Chambers Bay stung the most. It's still a mystery why his 5-iron into the 18th green didn't roll down the slope to 3 feet instead of leaving him a 12-foot putt on a green as slick as a pane of glass.

"Just one more thing to add to the list, right?" Johnson said.

Instead of wondering what would go wrong, America's most powerful golfer took matters into his own hands.

His decision would suggest the Johnson of old, a guy who didn't keep his wits about him down the stretch. He chose not to look at a leaderboard the rest of the way. It was just him against the golf course, whether it was the first round or the fourth, whether he was leading or trailing.

Smart move.

"I tried my best not to look at the leaderboard because no matter where I stood, I was playing the golf course," he said. "And I was playing each shot how I was going to play it no matter if I was one back or one head. This golf course, that's what it demands of you. So that's what I was trying to do. Just play my game and not worry about what anyone else is doing."

Johnson hit all the right shots, even when he didn't need them.

Staked to a three-shot lead — or maybe it was two, no one was sure — he smashed driver down the fairway and a 6-iron to a back pin to 5 feet away.

"Even on the 18th green, after I hit it in there close, I had to ask my brother, 'Where do we stand?' I'm pretty sure I was ahead, but I had no idea," he said.

He made the putt, and his long wait was over.

Ultimately, this U.S. Open won't be remembered for no one knowing the score. The lasting image is Johnson scooping up his 18-month-old son, cradling the silver trophy. Among the first to greet him as he left the green was Jack Nicklaus, after whom the winner's gold medal is named.

Nicklaus won the first of his 18 majors at Oakmont in the 1962 U.S. Open.

Oakmont has the strongest list of U.S. Open champions, but for five of them — Nicklaus included — Oakmont was their first.

"It's definitely a good start," Johnson said.

The silver trophy was at his side. The smile was wider than ever. Finally, the breaks went his way.

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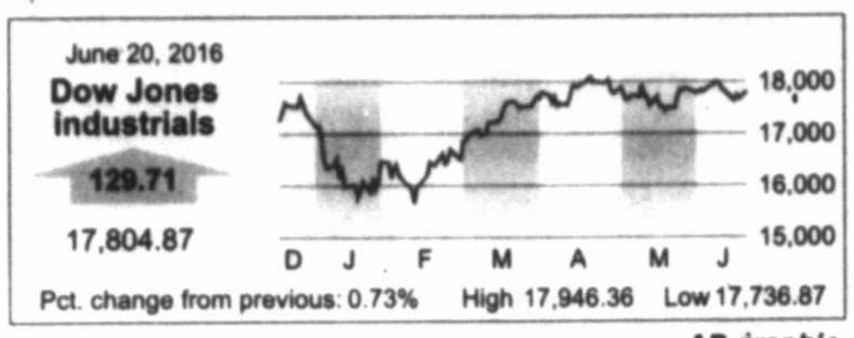

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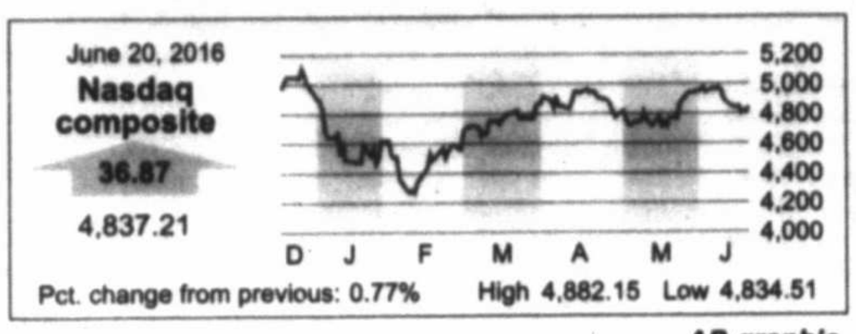

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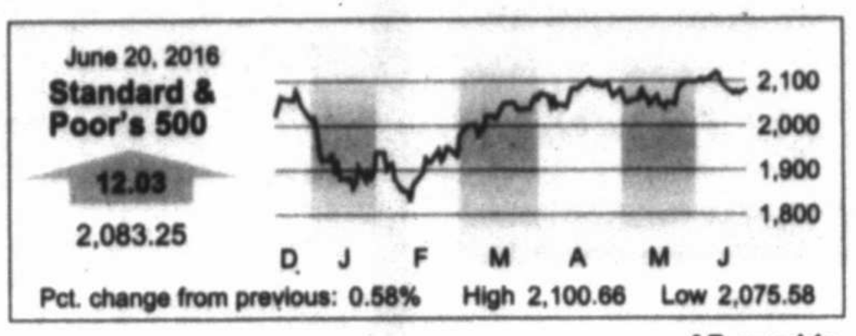

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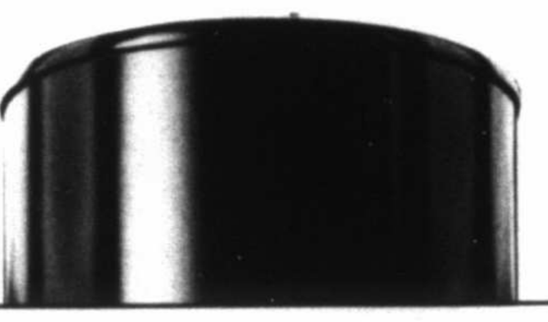

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| S&P500ETF | 741555 | 207.85 | +1.33 |
| iShEMkts | 697090 | 33.86 | +.59 |
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|---|---|---|---|
| TurnPtBr n | 9.39 | +2.05 | +27.9 |
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| StoneEng rs | 6.77 | +1.28 | +23.3 |
| CalifRes rs | 15.28 | +2.11 | +16.0 |
| MesaRoyl | 10.13 | +1.13 | +12.6 |

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| PUVixST rs | 11.95 | -1.97 | -14.2 |
| CSVInvNG | 8.32 | -.82 | -9.0 |
| DrDevMBr | 29.09 | -2.36 | -7.5 |
| KranShFtse | 20.64 | -1.66 | -7.4 |
| B iPVixST | 14.46 | -1.12 | -7.2 |

**DIARY**

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|---|---|
| Advanced | 2,371 |
| Declined | 716 |
| Unchanged | 71 |
| Total issues | 3,158 |
| New Highs | 181 |
| New Lows | 8 |
| Volume | 3,393,805,159 |

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| Globalstar | 142370 | 1.34 | +.14 |
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| MGT Cap | 64358 | 3.35 | -.10 |
| VirnetX | 44551 | 4.20 | -1.57 |
| NwGold g | 41586 | 4.22 | +.11 |

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| NTN Buzz rs | 9.98 | +5.09 | +104.1 |
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| MilestnSci | 2.64 | +.24 | +10.2 |
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| VirnetX | 4.20 | -1.57 | -27.2 |
| RxVimxWk | 22.60 | -2.66 | -10.5 |
| Tofutti | 2.22 | -.25 | -10.1 |
| OncoCyte n | 4.60 | -.39 | -7.8 |
| Innsuites | 2.36 | -.16 | -6.3 |

**DIARY**

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|---|---|
| Advanced | 233 |
| Declined | 135 |
| Unchanged | 21 |
| Total issues | 389 |
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| New Lows | ... |
| Volume | 116,230,184 |

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| SiriusXM | 398864 | 3.98 | +.06 |
| Microsoft | 346950 | 50.07 | -.06 |
| Apple Inc | 331279 | 95.10 | -.23 |
| JD.com | 281237 | 21.06 | +.93 |

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| MYOS | 2.13 | +.45 | +26.8 |
| AccVIXdn rs | 4.42 | +.82 | +22.8 |
| Tantech n | 4.10 | +.71 | +20.9 |
| FateThera | 2.00 | +.32 | +19.0 |

**LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| ChromaDx n | 2.84 | -2.14 | -43.0 |
| Globelm h | 2.28 | -1.02 | -30.9 |
| AccVIXup rs | 3.07 | -.90 | -22.7 |
| ReataPh n | 17.76 | -4.24 | -19.3 |
| BiostrPh rs | 4.79 | -.98 | -17.0 |

**DIARY**

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|---|---|
| Advanced | 2,073 |
| Declined | 753 |
| Unchanged | 140 |
| Total issues | 2,966 |
| New Highs | 74 |
| New Lows | 39 |
| Volume | 1,735,236,060 |

# Human traders strike back at stock market's robot dominance

**By John Detrixhe**
*Bloomberg*

Machines may be taking over the world, but in at least one corner of the markets, humans are beating back the robots.

Sales traders like Citigroup's Samantha Huggins are in demand because they are proving more adept than computer programs at trading big chunks of stock, dubbed "block trades." While finding a buyer or seller and completing a transaction by phone is more expensive up front, Huggins says her 18 years spent navigating the markets gives her an edge in avoiding the pitfalls of letting some software slice the trade into tiny tranches over hours or an entire day.

So far, their niche is resurging amid an onslaught of technological evolution. In the U.S., sales-trader execution of single stocks rose to about 51 percent — the first increase since 2011, according to Greenwich Associates. In Europe, the number is 55 percent. And their ranks are swelling. Banks have been ramping up hiring of high touch sales traders in the past six to eight months, says recruitment firm Armstrong International. That's especially notable when banks in the U.S. and across Europe have slashed tens of thousands of jobs in the past few years alone.

The bespoke service isn't for everyone. At banks like Citigroup, the biggest clients are the ones pining for the human touch. That's because they're only getting bigger and thus hold ever larger positions. For example, assets under management at global investment firms have been rising since the depths of the crisis, and gained 8 percent to a record $74 trillion in 2014, according to data from Boston Consulting Group.

Handling a mammoth trade presents hazards. Algorithmic trading programs try to avoid detection by drizzling out trades little by little, but traders have become adept at sniffing out those patterns and will drive prices the other way. Another risk is that news could break, whipsawing the value of the stock before the transaction is completed. Those risks are why big investors would prefer to avoid expensive mistakes and are willing to pay higher fees to make a trade in one big swoop.

So-called "high touch" sales traders like Huggins specialize in those transactions, and they're expected to know all about their customers, including what's in their portfolios, how they like to transact and what kind of news is important to them.

Top-tier brokers also know where to find counterparties. Global concerns such as Brexit have spooked portfolio managers into withdrawing from the market at levels not seen in more than 14 years. An algorithm can't find them, but an astute trader might be able to.

"A sales trader can do some very creative things," said Rob Boardman, chief executive officer for Europe of Investment Technology Group Inc., an electronic broker and dark-pool operator. The firm employs sales traders and also develops buying and selling algorithms — dubbed "algos." "An algo is not going to make a phone call to the top five holders of a stock. It's not going to call the CIO of a large institutional investor and say, 'Do you fancy getting out of this?'"

Small-batch, lightning-fast trading isn't necessarily attractive to big institutional firms, says Simon Steward, head of European equity trading for Los Angeles-based Capital Group Cos., which oversees about $1.4 trillion. It uses humans for more than two-thirds of its European stock trades.

Another concern is the boom in passive funds, which traders say dry up trade opportunities. Some index funds primarily transact in closing auctions, which can make it more difficult to trade during the rest of the day.

About 20 percent of the day's volume happens at the close in Europe, compared with 14 percent in 2009, according to data compiled by Citigroup.

"There's a place for algos, but it's not the only solution," said Nick Wills, Citigroup's Europe, Middle East and Africa head of equity platform sales. "We're most interested in where this equilibrium goes."

Deutsche Asset Management, which oversees $842 billion, takes pride in its electronic operation, but says about 65 percent of the firm's trades by value still go through humans.

The firm traded more big block trades in 2014 than in the combined prior five years, said Mike Bellaro, Deutsche Asset's head of equity trading. Block trading grew by another $15 billion last year and the company had its best trading execution ever, he said.

For customers, the commissions from a robot trader can be lower, and some estimates put it at as little as 3 basis points. A sales trader may charge commissions of 7 basis points or more.

For a $250 million order, that could be a difference in commission fees of $100,000.

Another way some dealers have tried to boost profitability is by moving away from customers who don't trade as much, Greenwich Associates says.

While big clients can access premium services like research, top-performing sales traders and corporate introductions, smaller firms may be left with automated, self-service options or lower-tier dealers.

"The world is different if you're a massive asset manager that pays the street a lot of money — you will get very high quality sales trading coverage," said ITG's Boardman. "For a mid-size asset manager with $40 billion who pays the street 10 times less, whether you can really command as much quality sales-trading coverage isn't quite so clear."

## Stocks rise

U.S. stocks rose sharply on Monday as investors grew more hopeful that Britain will remain in the European Union, letting go of fears that have pulled stocks down in the last two weeks.

Asian stocks traded higher and indexes in Europe soared as the latest opinion polls and betting markets suggest it's more likely Britain will stay in the EU than leave it. Britons vote on the matter on Thursday.

The British pound rose sharply and investors dumped ultra-safe assets like U.S. government bonds, gold and utility stocks, sending those prices lower.

Jim McDonald, chief investment strategist at Northern Trust, said Britain's status within the EU won't affect U.S. businesses very much, although it would hurt European banks.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 129.71 points, or 0.7 percent, to 17,804.87. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.03 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,083.25. The Nasdaq composite gained 36.88 points, or 0.8 percent, to 4,837.21. U.S. stocks were on pace for much larger gains earlier in the day. At one time the Dow was up 271 points.

## Metal prices varied

Gold slipped $2.70 to $1,292.10 an ounce. Silver rose 10 cents to $17.51 an ounce. Copper added 4 cents to $2.09 a pound..

## MIDLAND STOCKS

**Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies**

**Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)**
Closing Price $26.68 Up 1.98

**Concho Resources (CXO)**
Closing Price $122.48 Up 1.64

**Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)**
Closing Price $7.46 Up 0.40

**Diamondback Energy (FANG)**
Closing Price $89.01 Up 1.50

**Legacy Reserves (LGCY)**
Closing Price $2.14 Down 0.01

**Mexco Energy (MXC)**
Closing Price $2.70 Down 0.09

**Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)**
Closing Price $23.80 Down 0.03

**RSP Permian (RSPP)**
Closing Price $34.56 Up 0.05

**Ring Energy (REI)**
Closing Price $9.72 Up 0.30

**Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)**
Closing Price $19.07 Down 0.39

## HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

| Name | Div | PE | Last | Chg | YTD %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AT&T Inc | 1.92 | 17 | 40.78 | +.05 | +18.5 |
| **Abraxas** | ... | ... | **1.16** | **+.02** | **+9.4** |
| **AdaDvsEq** | **.92e** | ... | **12.61** | **+.08** | **-1.7** |
| AMD | ... | ... | 5.10 | -.16 | +77.7 |
| Alcoa | .12 | 26 | 9.76 | +.18 | -1.1 |
| AlonUSA | .60 | ... | 6.35 | -.04 | -57.2 |
| **Amgen** | **4.00** | **16** | **150.65** | **+1.03** | **-7.2** |
| **Anadarko** | **.20** | ... | **54.85** | **-.01** | **+12.9** |
| **Apache** | **1.00** | ... | **55.32** | **+1.45** | **+24.4** |
| Apple Inc | 2.28f | 11 | 95.10 | -.23 | -9.7 |
| **ApldMatl** | **.40** | **22** | **23.63** | **+.20** | **+26.6** |
| Archrock | .38m | ... | 8.58 | +.26 | +14.1 |
| **ATMOS** | **1.68** | **23** | **76.18** | **+.20** | **+20.8** |
| AutoData | 2.12 | 27 | 89.04 | +1.43 | +5.1 |
| **BP PLC** | **2.40a** | ... | **33.42** | **+.67** | **+6.9** |
| BabsCCInv | 1.20 | ... | 17.10 | -.03 | -.9 |
| BakrHu | .68 | ... | 45.87 | -.94 | -.6 |
| BkofAm | .20 | 10 | 13.54 | +.14 | -19.5 |
| B iPVixST | ... | ... | 14.46 | -1.12 | -28.1 |
| BarrickG | .08 | 56 | 19.76 | -.35 | +167.8 |
| BasicEnSv | ... | ... | 1.86 | -.07 | -30.6 |
| **BerkHa A** | ... | **15** | **212630.00** | **+1430.00** | **+7.5** |
| **BlkHillsCp** | **1.68f** | **38** | **62.34** | **+.14** | **+34.3** |
| **BrMySq** | **1.52** | **50** | **70.96** | **+.29** | **+3.2** |
| **BrownFA** | **1.36f** | **33** | **105.01** | **+1.35** | **-4.6** |
| **BrownFB** | **1.36f** | **29** | **97.85** | **+1.18** | **-1.4** |
| CVS Health | 1.70f | 19 | 93.23 | -1.61 | -4.6 |
| Caterpillar | 3.08 | 19 | 76.43 | +.50 | +12.5 |
| Celestic g | ... | 10 | 10.39 | -.01 | -5.8 |
| CntryLink | 2.16 | 14 | 27.57 | +.11 | +9.6 |
| ChesEng | ... | ... | 4.66 | +.15 | +3.6 |
| **Chevron** | **4.28** | ... | **102.61** | **+1.04** | **+14.1** |
| Chicos | .32 | 45 | 11.17 | +.07 | +4.7 |
| Cimarex | .32 | ... | 116.41 | +1.39 | +30.2 |
| Cisco | 1.04 | 14 | 28.80 | -.15 | +6.9 |
| Citigroup | .20 | 11 | 42.80 | +.32 | -17.3 |
| **ClayEng** | ... | ... | **26.68** | **+1.98** | **-9.8** |
| **CocaCola** | **1.40f** | **26** | **44.98** | **+.19** | **+4.7** |
| **ColgPalm** | **1.56** | **26** | **71.64** | **+.20** | **+7.5** |
| **ConAgra** | **1.00** | **27** | **47.08** | **+.21** | **+11.7** |
| **ConchoRes** | ... | ... | **122.45** | **+1.64** | **+31.9** |
| **ConocoPhil** | **1.00** | ... | **44.69** | **+.54** | **-4.3** |
| CrackerB | 4.60f | 23 | 167.01 | ... | +31.7 |
| CSVelIVST | ... | ... | 28.49 | +1.86 | +10.4 |

| Name | Div | PE | Last | Chg | YTD %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CSVixSh rs | ... | ... | 2.67 | -.43 | -57.3 |
| **CrosTim** | **1.16e** | **11** | **17.13** | **+.14** | **+31.7** |
| CypSemi | .44 | 20 | 10.18 | -.44 | +3.8 |
| DCP Mid | 3.12 | 26 | 33.88 | +.65 | +37.3 |
| DTE | 2.92 | 21 | 93.91 | -.47 | +17.1 |
| Dataram h | ... | ... | .82 | -.10 | +23.9 |
| **DevonE** | **.24** | ... | **37.32** | **+1.34** | **+16.6** |
| DirDGlBr rs | ... | ... | 10.27 | +.20 | ... |
| **Disney** | **1.42f** | **18** | **99.57** | **+.57** | **-5.2** |
| **DowChm** | **1.84** | **17** | **53.07** | **+.14** | **+3.1** |
| eBay s | ... | 17 | 24.57 | +.78 | -10.6 |
| **EOG Rescs** | **.67** | ... | **83.19** | **+2.30** | **+17.5** |
| **EmpDist** | **1.04** | **25** | **33.75** | **-.05** | **+20.2** |
| Energen | .08 | ... | 48.42 | +1.23 | +18.1 |
| EgyTrEq s | 1.14f | 11 | 12.20 | -.79 | -11.2 |
| EngyTsfr | 4.22 | ... | 38.28 | -.28 | +13.5 |
| **EnPro** | **.84** | ... | **48.36** | **+.50** | **+10.3** |
| EntProdPt | 1.56f | 22 | 28.07 | +.35 | +9.7 |
| Ericsson | .46e | ... | 7.83 | +.16 | -18.5 |
| **ExxonMbl** | **3.00f** | **29** | **91.12** | **+.40** | **+16.9** |
| Facebook | ... | 53 | 113.37 | +.35 | +8.3 |
| FordM | .60a | 6 | 13.42 | +.16 | -4.8 |
| FrptMcM | ... | ... | 11.55 | +.41 | +70.6 |
| FrontierCm | .42 | 86 | 5.17 | +.06 | +10.7 |
| **GATX** | **1.60** | **8** | **46.10** | **+.67** | **+8.3** |
| **GabMultT** | **.94e** | ... | **7.05** | **+.05** | **-6.0** |
| Gap | .92 | 10 | 20.72 | +.59 | -15.3 |
| **GAInv** | **1.15e** | ... | **30.99** | **+.27** | **-3.0** |
| **GenElec** | **.92** | **39** | **30.83** | **+.23** | **-1.0** |
| Globalstar | ... | 45 | 1.34 | +.14 | -6.9 |
| **GtPlainEn** | **1.05** | **21** | **29.60** | **-.13** | **+8.4** |
| HalconRs rs | ... | ... | .47 | -.01 | -62.9 |
| **Hallibrtn** | **.72** | **58** | **43.79** | **-.32** | **+28.6** |
| Hertz | ... | 18 | 11.08 | +.55 | -22.1 |
| HP Ent n | .22 | 34 | 19.38 | +.44 | +27.5 |
| Hilton | .28 | 17 | 23.16 | +.69 | +8.2 |
| ICICI Bk | .16e | ... | 7.14 | -.05 | -8.8 |
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| iShJapan | .13e | ... | 11.69 | +.26 | -3.5 |
| iShChinaLC | .76e | ... | 33.39 | +.58 | -5.4 |
| iShEMkts | .84e | ... | 33.86 | +.59 | +5.2 |
| iS Eafe | 1.70e | ... | 57.86 | +1.40 | -1.5 |
| iShiBxHYB | 5.09 | ... | 83.62 | +.49 | +3.8 |
| iShR2K | 1.73e | ... | 115.30 | +1.24 | +2.4 |

| Name | Div | PE | Last | Chg | YTD %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Intel** | **1.04** | **14** | **32.17** | **+.41** | **-6.8** |
| InterDig | .80 | 18 | 58.27 | +.17 | +18.8 |
| iSh UK | .70e | ... | 16.23 | +.63 | +.6 |
| ItauUnibH | .45e | ... | 8.64 | +.23 | +32.9 |
| JD.com | ... | ... | 21.06 | +.93 | -34.7 |
| **JohnJn** | **3.20f** | **19** | **116.54** | **+1.06** | **+13.5** |
| **KimbClk** | **3.68** | **37** | **132.88** | **+.48** | **+4.4** |
| KindMorg | .50 | 29 | 18.10 | +.06 | +21.3 |
| Kinross g | ... | ... | 4.88 | -.10 | +168.1 |
| LegacyRes | .60m | ... | 2.14 | -.01 | +22.3 |
| LendingClb | ... | 56 | 5.00 | +.13 | -54.8 |
| **Lubys** | ... | ... | **4.78** | **+.12** | **+6.9** |
| MarathnO | .20 | ... | 14.48 | +1.32 | +15.0 |
| McDnlds | 3.56f | 24 | 123.42 | +1.15 | +4.5 |
| Merck | 1.84 | 21 | 56.14 | +.25 | +6.3 |
| **MeritMed** | ... | **37** | **19.24** | **+.31** | **+3.5** |
| MexcoEn | ... | ... | 2.70 | -.09 | -16.5 |
| MicronT | ... | 13 | 12.32 | +.12 | -13.0 |
| Microsoft | 1.44 | 35 | 50.07 | -.06 | -9.8 |
| MorgStan | .60 | 11 | 25.90 | +.59 | -18.6 |
| Nabors | .24 | ... | 10.36 | -.06 | +21.7 |
| **NatGrid** | **3.35e** | ... | **71.88** | **+1.75** | **+3.4** |
| NOilVarco | 1.84 | 19 | 35.16 | -.02 | +5.0 |
| Neovasc g | ... | ... | .85 | +.08 | -81.2 |
| **NvPMI** | **.78a** | ... | **14.82** | **-.05** | **+8.5** |
| **NuvPI** | **.82a** | ... | **15.08** | **+.01** | **+7.0** |
| **NSTFI3** | **.55a** | ... | **15.46** | **-.09** | **+6.3** |
| **NTXQI** | **.65** | ... | **15.57** | **-.03** | **+7.9** |
| **OcciPet** | **3.00** | **57** | **76.10** | **+1.15** | **+12.6** |
| Oracle | .60 | 19 | 39.73 | +.05 | +9.2 |
| **ParTech** | ... | **48** | **4.81** | **+.04** | **-28.5** |
| **ParkDrl** | ... | ... | **2.42** | **+.06** | **+33.0** |
| **PattUTI** | **.08m** | ... | **20.59** | **-.38** | **+36.5** |
| **PennaRE** | **.84** | ... | **21.02** | **-.02** | **-3.9** |
| Prmian | .31e | 21 | 7.32 | ... | +44.7 |
| PetrbrsA | ... | ... | 5.36 | +.20 | +57.6 |
| Petrobras | ... | ... | 6.90 | +.28 | +60.5 |
| **Pfizer** | **1.20** | **18** | **34.50** | **+.28** | **+6.9** |
| PioNtrl | .08 | 73 | 153.95 | -.48 | +22.8 |
| **PlainsAAP** | **2.80** | **20** | **27.52** | **+.77** | **+19.1** |
| PwShs QQQ | 1.52e | ... | 107.16 | +.67 | -4.2 |
| **Praxair** | **3.00** | **22** | **112.62** | **+.52** | **+10.0** |
| **PrmEgy** | ... | ... | **59.16** | **-3.84** | **+11.6** |
| PUVixST rs | ... | ... | 11.95 | -1.97 | -57.9 |

| Name | Div | PE | Last | Chg | YTD %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ProctGam** | **2.68f** | **27** | **83.04** | **-.09** | **+4.6** |
| ProUShSP | ... | ... | 18.22 | -.23 | -8.6 |
| RangeRs | .08 | ... | 45.23 | +.93 | +83.8 |
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| RiteAid | ... | ... | 7.74 | -.04 | -1.3 |
| Rowan | .40 | 24 | 18.13 | +.10 | +7.0 |
| RoyDShllA | 3.76 | 80 | 52.62 | +.96 | +14.9 |
| SpdrDJIA | 3.98e | ... | 177.80 | +1.28 | +2.2 |
| S&P500ETF | 4.13e | ... | 207.85 | +1.33 | +2.0 |
| SpdrOGEx | .73e | ... | 35.66 | +.64 | +18.0 |
| SabnR | 2.10e | 13 | 34.43 | +.13 | +31.1 |
| **SanderFm** | **.88a** | **13** | **81.70** | **+.40** | **+5.4** |
| Schlmbrg | 2.00 | 29 | 77.59 | +.09 | +11.2 |
| SiriusXM | ... | 36 | 3.98 | +.06 | -2.2 |
| Smucker | 2.68 | 21 | 145.16 | +.44 | +17.7 |
| SwstnEngy | ... | ... | 13.91 | +.82 | +95.6 |
| Sprint | ... | ... | 3.86 | +.15 | +6.6 |
| SPDR Fncl | .46e | ... | 22.74 | +.13 | -4.6 |
| SP Util | 1.55e | ... | 50.36 | -.19 | +16.4 |
| SunocoLog | 1.92f | 36 | 27.14 | -.08 | +5.6 |
| Symantec | .30m | 5 | 20.47 | +.50 | +21.1 |
| Synchrony | ... | 9 | 25.55 | -.22 | -16.0 |
| **TelefEsp** | **1.03e** | ... | **9.88** | **+.20** | **-10.7** |
| Tesoro | 2.00 | 5 | 75.01 | +2.51 | -28.8 |
| 3M Co | 4.44 | 22 | 171.23 | +2.29 | +13.7 |
| **Torchmark** | **.56** | **14** | **60.72** | **+.63** | **+6.5** |

| Name | Div | PE | Last | Chg | YTD %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Towerstm h | ... | ... | .15 | -.04 | -59.7 |
| Transocn | ... | 22 | 11.18 | -.13 | -9.7 |
| **TriContl** | **.82e** | ... | **20.28** | **+.12** | **+1.3** |
| Twitter | ... | ... | 16.34 | +.24 | -29.4 |
| **TylerTech** | ... | **62** | **153.88** | **+3.35** | **-11.7** |
| **UBSI** | **1.32** | **19** | **37.46** | **+.60** | **+1.3** |
| US OilFd | ... | ... | 11.91 | +.25 | +8.3 |
| Vale SA | .29e | ... | 4.62 | +.16 | +40.4 |
| ValeantPh | ... | ... | 22.52 | +.48 | -77.8 |
| ValeroE | 2.40 | 7 | 51.68 | -.03 | -26.9 |
| VanEGold | .12e | ... | 25.64 | -.15 | +86.9 |
| VangEmg | 1.10e | ... | 34.32 | +.49 | +4.9 |
| VangFTSE | 1.10e | ... | 35.95 | +.82 | -2.1 |
| VerizonCm | 2.26 | 12 | 53.76 | -.02 | +16.3 |
| **VulcanM** | **.80** | **51** | **115.22** | **+1.23** | **+21.3** |
| WEC Engy | 1.98f | 22 | 62.94 | -.36 | +22.7 |
| WalgBoots | 1.44 | 25 | 82.93 | +.28 | -2.6 |
| Weathfintl | ... | ... | 6.07 | +.10 | -27.7 |
| WellsFargo | 1.52f | 11 | 46.93 | +.33 | -13.7 |
| WstnRefin | 1.52f | 6 | 19.06 | +.27 | -46.4 |
| WhitingPet | ... | ... | 12.04 | +.30 | +27.5 |
| WmsCos | 2.56 | ... | 22.32 | -.21 | -13.2 |
| **XcelEngy** | **1.36** | **20** | **42.75** | **-.10** | **+19.0** |
| **Xerox** | **.31** | **20** | **9.79** | **+.02** | **-7.9** |
| Yamana g | .02m | ... | 4.83 | ... | +159.7 |
| Zynga | ... | ... | 2.57 | +.11 | -4.1 |

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| 52-Week High | 52-Week Low | Name | Last | Chg | Net %Chg | YTD % Chg | 52-wk % Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18,188.81 | 15,370.33 | Dow Jones Industrials | 17,804.87 | +129.71 | +.73 | +2.18 | -1.74 |
| 8,530.82 | 6,403.31 | Dow Jones Transportation | 7,672.62 | +82.78 | +1.09 | +2.18 | -9.53 |
| 686.75 | 539.96 | Dow Jones Utilities | 682.52 | -4.06 | -.59 | +18.12 | +19.97 |
| 11,170.82 | 8,937.99 | NYSE Composite | 10,450.03 | +102.09 | +.99 | +3.02 | -6.11 |
| 5,231.94 | 4,209.76 | Nasdaq Composite | 4,837.21 | +36.87 | +.77 | -3.40 | -6.15 |
| 2,132.82 | 1,810.10 | S&P 500 | 2,083.25 | +12.03 | +.58 | +1.92 | -1.87 |
| 1,551.28 | 1,215.14 | S&P Midcap | 1,494.98 | +15.03 | +1.02 | +6.89 | -3.42 |
| 22,537.15 | 18,462.43 | Wilshire 5000 | 21,522.42 | +91.28 | +.43 | +1.67 | -4.23 |
| 1,296.00 | 943.09 | Russell 2000 | 1,157.70 | +13.01 | +1.14 | +1.92 | -10.42 |

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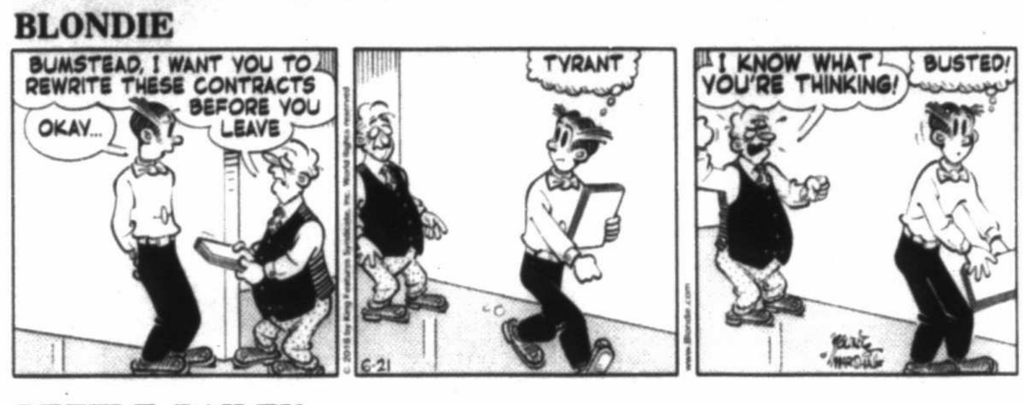


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## CLASSIC PEANUTS

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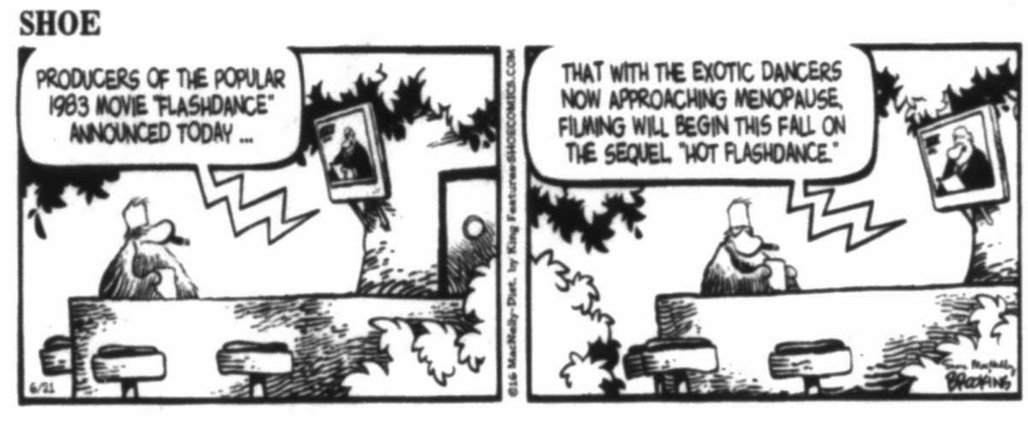


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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

## WIZARD OF ID

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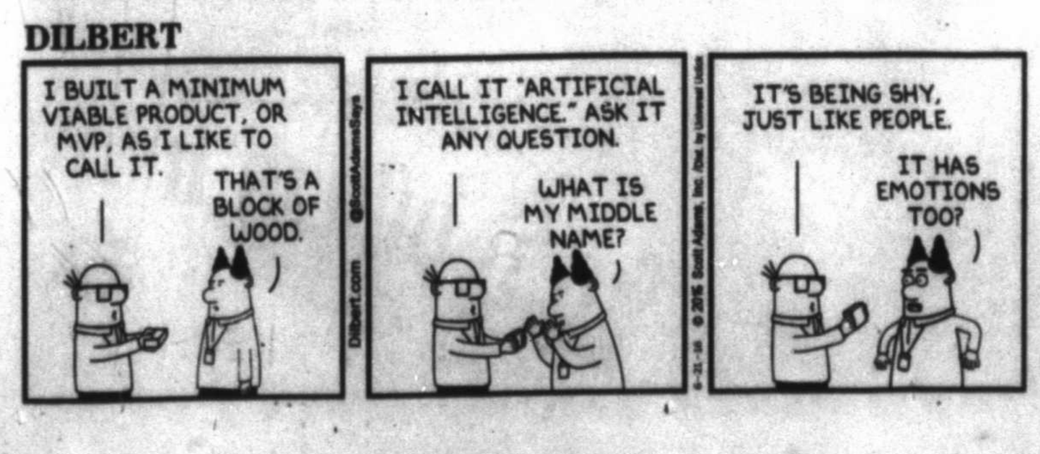


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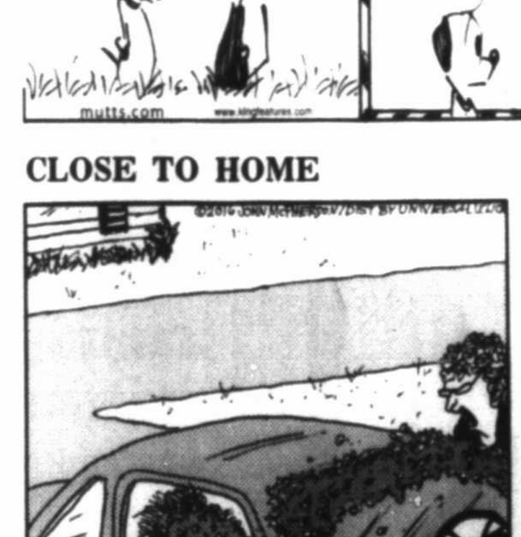
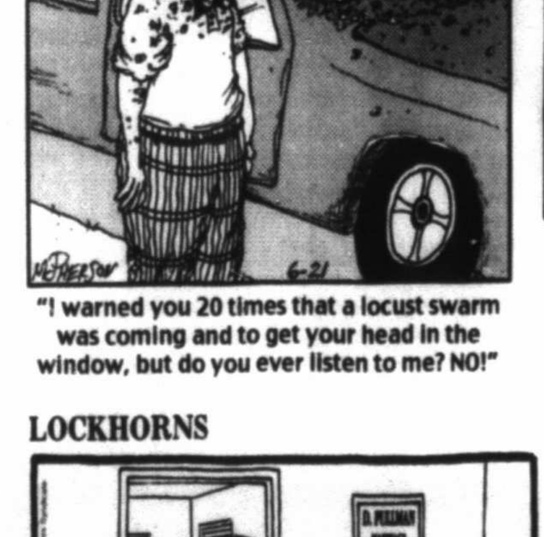


"I warned you 20 times that a locust swarm was coming and to get your head in the window, but do you ever listen to me? NO!"

## DENNIS THE MENACE

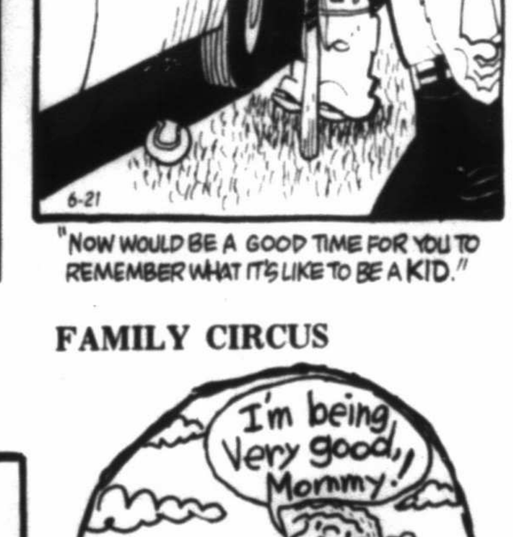
"NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FOR YOU TO REMEMBER WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A KID."

## LOCKHORNS



"THEY WERE MADE FOR EACH OTHER... SHE'S A HEADACHE AND HE'S A PILL."

## FAMILY CIRCUS

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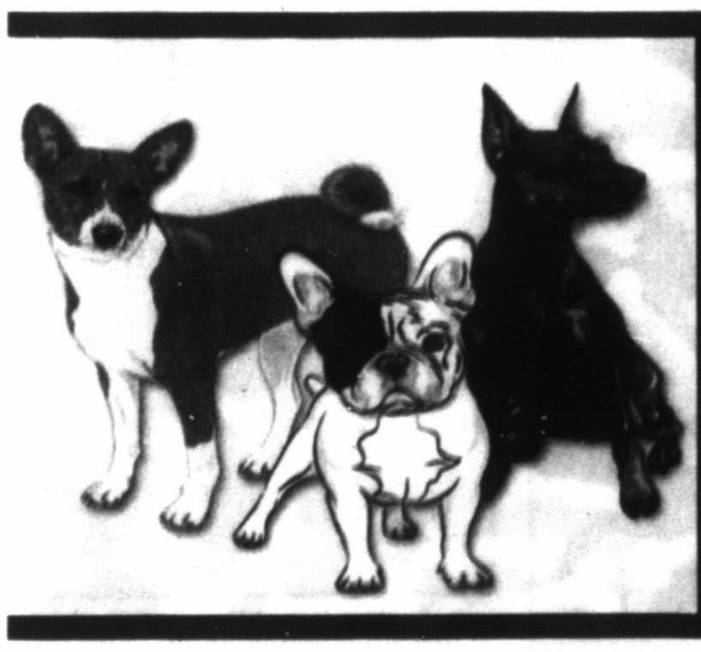

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Edward James Pittinger, Jr., Deceased, were issued on June 14, 2016, in Cause No. P18699, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Karen Pittinger.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Karen Pittinger**
**6008 Homestead Blvd.**
**Midland, Texas 79707**

**DATED** the 14th day of June, 2016.

Austin L. Ramsey
Attorney for Karen Pittinger
State Bar No. 24073484
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, Texas 79701
Telephone: (432) 683-3351
Facsimile: (432) 683-2587
E-mail: aramsey@lcalawfirm.com

## Legal & Public Notices

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JAMES ALFORD SIMMONS, Deceased, were issued on May 31, 2016, in Cause No. P-18715, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Linda Simmon Odom, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 500 W. Illinois, Suite 300, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79701.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 16th day of June, 2016.

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By: Robert H. Dawson
State Bar No. 05606000

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## Legal & Public Notices

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Notice is hereby given that original Testamentary for the Estate of Carolyn Kirwan, Deceased, were issued on June 14, 2016, in Cause No. P-18,708, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to John Kirwan, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 2405 Shell Avenue, Midland, Texas 79705.

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TOYOTA TACOMA, 2001,TRD 4x4 Crew Cab 4 Door, Auto, 170K miles, no accidents, clear title. $3200 Please call at 347-746-8632.

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## Legal & Public Notices

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT**

CHEVRON U. S. A., INC., 6301 DEAUVILLE BLVD., MIDLAND, TEXAS 79706, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to injection fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, in the following:

**Mabee Field, Mabee Unit Lease (04010)**
**Well No. 455W (Sec 30) 21 miles SE from Andrews in Andrews County**
**Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 4389to 4720 feet.**

**Well No. 362W (Sec 31) 21 miles SE from Andrews in Andrews County**
**Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 4413to 4769 feet.**

**Well No. 486W (Sec 18) 23 miles NW from Stanton in Martin County**
**Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 4389to 5200 feet**

**LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.**

**Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 - Telephone (512) 463-6792.**

## Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to Chapter 59 Texas Property Code. SecurCare Self Storage, LTD. will hold a Public Sale of Property to satisfy landlords lien on Thursday the 7th day of July, 2016 at 2:00 PM. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Property must be removed within 72 hours and space broom swept. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw property from a sale. Bidding takes place on Lockerfox.com. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage 0215 - Midland, 1010 North Loop 250 West, Midland, TX, 79703 Midland County.
Lamb, Kim 00047 - golf clubs, bed frame, lamps, end tables, Hinojos, Alessia 00049 - baby bed, clothes, misc boxes,baby items; Pike, Jason 00075 car seat, shelf, toolbox, dresser, dryer, tv, lounger, chair; Hendricks, Heather 00132 - couch, bike, table, chairs, mattresses, rocker, shoes, clothes, mirror, misc items; Rodriguez, Madison 00204 - Mattresses, fan, tv, clothes, microwave, misc items; Gutierrez, Felipe A. 00226 - stroller, mattresses, toys, clothes, toddler bed frame, misc items.

## Legal & Public Notices

**NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**
**CURRY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

FIDEL BUSTILLOS,

Plaintiff,

vs. No. D-905-CV-2016-00009
Judge David P. Reeb

CORNELIO ORTIZ, RUAN LOGISTICS CORPORATION and DAIMLER TRUST

Defendants.

**CORRECTED SUMMONS**

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

TO: CORNELIO ORTIZ may be served by any authorized officer or agent at 5501 La Jolla CV, Midland, Texas, 79707-9721 and/or wherever he may be found.

GREETINGS:
You are hereby directed to serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint within thirty (30) days after service of this summons, and file the same, all as provided by law.
You are notified that, unless you serve and file a responsive pleading or motion, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Attorney or attorneys for plaintiff(s):
Daniela Labinoti, Law Firm of Daniela Labinoti, PC
501 N. Kansas, Suite 102, El Paso, Texas, 79901

WITNESS the Honorable DAVID P. REEB, District Judge of the Ninth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Curry County, this 25th day of January, 2016.

SHELBY BURGER, Clerk

By /s/ Matilda Montoya, Deputy

Note: This summons does not require you to see, telephone or write to the District Judge of the Court at this time.
It does require you or your attorney to file your legal defense to this case in writing with the Clerk of the District Court within 30 days after the summons is legally served on you. If you do not do this, the party suing may get a Court Judgment by default against you.

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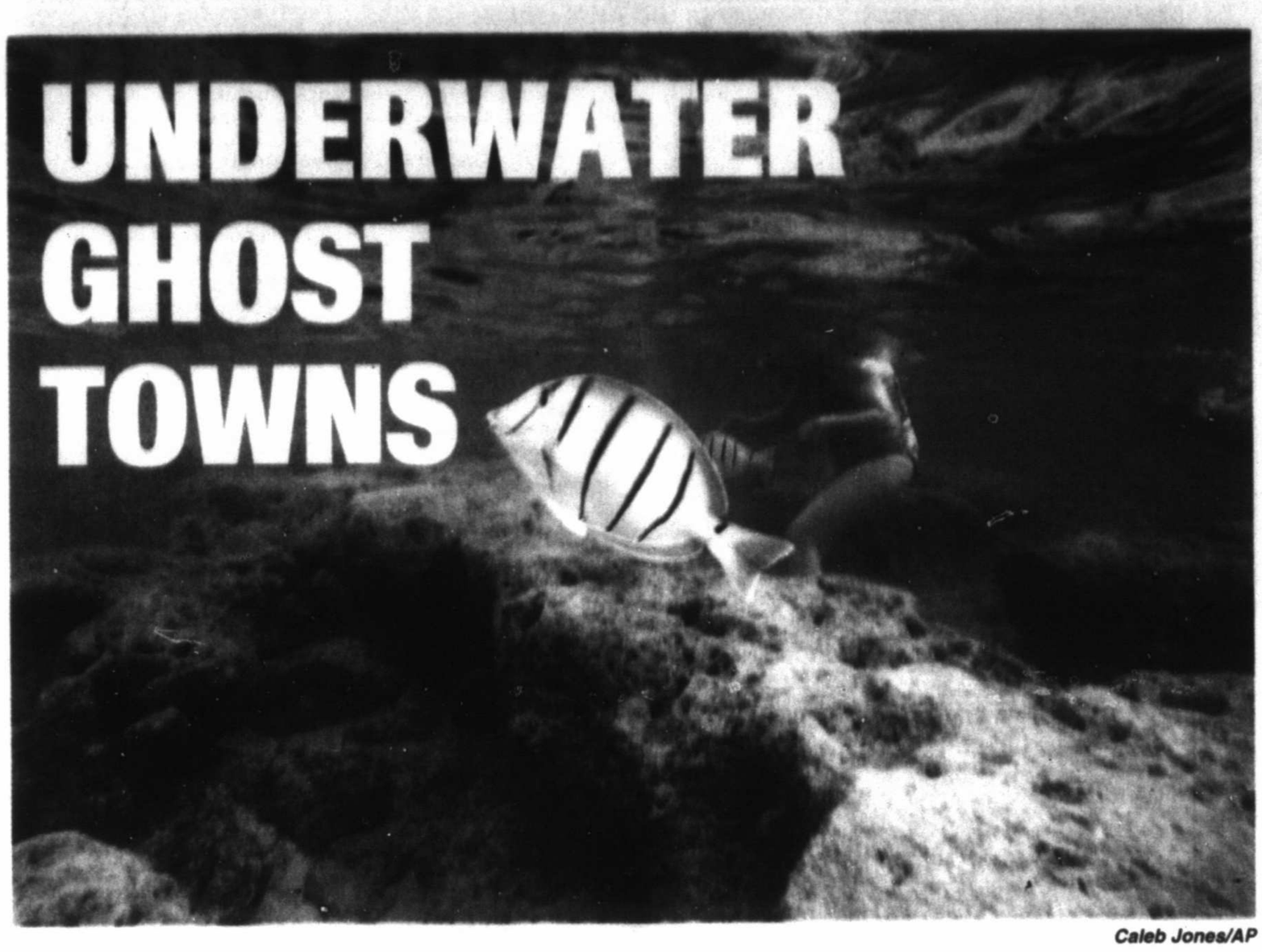


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Oahu's Hanauma Bay is shown May 6 near Honolulu. Much of the inner reef at Hanauma Bay is dead after decades of tourist interaction, but the outer reef is still relatively healthy. More than 2,000 international reef scientists, policymakers and stakeholders gathered in Hawaii starting Monday to discuss the latest coral science and what can be done to stop widespread death of the world's reefs.

## Coral bleaching event to last through 2016

**By Caleb Jones**
*Associated Press*

HONOLULU — After the most powerful El Nino on record heated the world's oceans to never-before-seen levels, huge swaths of once vibrant coral reefs that were teeming with life are now stark white ghost towns disintegrating into the sea.

And the world's top marine scientists are still struggling in the face of global warming and decades of devastating reef destruction to find the political and financial wherewithal to tackle the loss of these globally important ecosystems.

The International Coral Reef Symposium convened Monday to try to create a more unified conservation plan for coral reefs.

Federal officials said Monday the global coral bleaching event that began in 2014 with a super-charged El Nino is ongoing and is now the longest-lasting and largest such event ever recorded.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration officials said that the event is expected to continue for its third year, lasting at least until the end of 2016.

While forecasters predict a change from warm El Nino to cooling La Nina conditions this year, the impacts of the warmer waters over the past two years is still taking its toll on the world's coral reefs.

NOAA officials said Palau and other Pacific islands in Micronesia face the biggest threats. Those islands are dependent on their reefs for both sustenance and the economic value of tourism.

"What we have to do is to really translate the urgency," said Ruth Gates, president of the International Society for Reef Studies and director of the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology.

Gates, who helped organize the conference in Honolulu for more than 2,000 international reef scientists, policymakers and others, said the scientific community needs to make it clear how "intimately reef health is intertwined with human health."

She said researchers have to find a way to implement large scale solutions with the help of governments.

Consecutive years of coral bleaching have led to some of the most widespread mortality of reefs on record, leaving scientists in a race to save them. While bleached coral often recovers, multiple years weakens the organisms and increases the risk of death.

Researchers have achieved some success with projects such as creating coral nurseries and growing forms of "super coral" that can withstand harsher conditions. But much of that science is being done on a very small scale with limited funding.

Bob Richmond, director of the University of Hawaii's Kewalo Marine Laboratory, said the problems are very clear: "overfishing of reef herbivores and top predators, land-based sources of pollution and sedimentation, and the continued and growing impacts of climate change."

While reefs are major contributors to many coastal tourist economies, saving the world's coral isn't just about having pretty places for vacationers to explore. Reefs are integral to the overall ecosystem and are an essential component of everyday human existence.

Reefs not only provide habitat for most ocean fish consumed by humans, but they also shelter land from storm surges and rising sea levels. Coral has even been found to have medicinal properties.

In one project to help save reefs, researchers at the University of Hawaii's Institute of Marine Biology have been taking samples from corals that have shown tolerance for harsher conditions in Oahu's Kaneohe Bay and breeding them with other strong strains in slightly warmer than normal conditions to create a super coral.

The idea is to make the corals more resilient by training them to adapt to tougher conditions before transplanting them into the ocean.

Another program run by the state of Hawaii has created seed banks and a fast-growing coral nursery for expediting coral restoration projects.

Most of Hawaii's species of coral are unlike other corals around the world in that they grow very slowly, which makes reef rebuilding in the state difficult. So officials came up with a plan to grow large chunks of coral in a fraction of the time it would normally take.

Coral reefs have almost always been studied up close, by scientists in the water looking at small portions of reefs.

But NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory is taking a wider view, from about 23,000 feet above. NASA and other scientists recently launched a three-year campaign to gather new data on coral reefs worldwide. They are using specially designed imaging instruments attached to aircraft.

"The idea is to get a new perspective on coral reefs from above, to study them at a larger scale than we have been able to before, and then relate reef condition to the environment," said Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences' Eric Hochberg, principal investigator for the project.

If the scientific community and the world's governments can't come together to address coral's decline, one of earth's most critical habitats could soon be gone, leaving humans to deal with the unforeseen consequences.

"What happens if we don't take care of our reefs?" asked Gates. "It's dire."

## University of Kansas drafts plan to deal with tree insect

*Associated Press*

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The University of Kansas has tentative plans to try and save some notable ash trees on its campus from the invasive beetle known as the emerald ash borer.

According to a draft of the University of Kansas' ash tree management plan, about 20 trees that are in significant locations on campus would be injected with insecticide to prevent ash borer infestation.

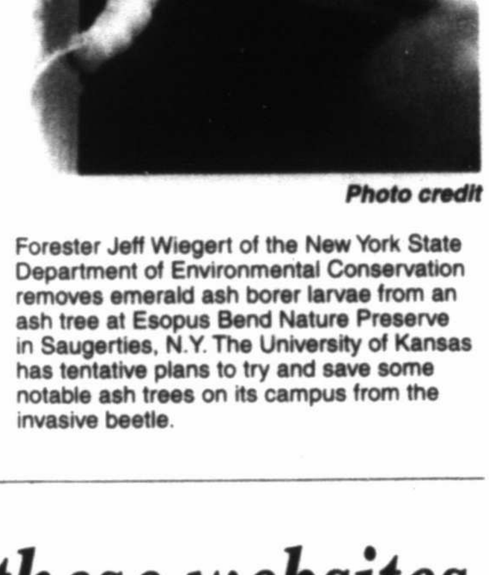
The Lawrence Journal-World reported that trees left untreated would be monitored for signs of infestation. Diseased or distressed trees would be removed. The plan also calls for replacing ash trees with other species over five years.

The University of Kansas Facilities Services would carry out the management plan.

The ash borer feeds on tree tissue beneath the bark, destroying the ability to move water and nutrients to branches. Scientists believe the ash borer was accidentally introduced into North America in the 1990s, most likely in wooden shipping crates from Russia, China, Japan or Korea.

Jeff Severin, director of the University of Kansas' Center for Sustainability, coordinates the campus tree advisory board.

"Our trees provide a shaded walk on an otherwise sunny hilltop campus," Severin said. "We have a significant number of ash trees, and some clustered in very prominent places. But the loss provides us an opportunity to replant, building greater plant diversity and resistance to disease and drought, and to continue providing the landscape and campus experience Jayhawks have treasured for decades."



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Forester Jeff Wiegert of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation removes emerald ash borer larvae from an ash tree at Esopus Bend Nature Preserve in Saugerties, N.Y. The University of Kansas has tentative plans to try and save some notable ash trees on its campus from the invasive beetle.

## *Plan your summer adventures with help from these websites*

**Dear PropellerHeads:** I was driving down the road yesterday and my phone, without any prompting, showed the message "5 minutes to Starbucks" on my screen. How did it know where I was going?

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Google Now (google.com/now) is its answer to Apple's Siri digital assistant for the iPhone, and Microsoft's Cortana. It anticipates the information you need based on context — time of day, your location, and other cues — and provides it without being asked. The latest version of Apple's Siri software added similar "proactive" features, but in many ways Google Now is still ahead of the curve.

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When it works, it's amazingly helpful.

For example, you can just glance down at your phone during a meeting and it will tell you that, based on current traffic, you need to leave now to make your flight on time.

When it doesn't work, it's an inconvenience, but mostly a minor one. For example, it popped up on my wife's phone this weekend to tell her that construction work was delaying traffic on our way to the zoo, which would have been helpful five minutes earlier…before we got stuck in said traffic.

But how did Google know I was going to the zoo or that you were headed to Starbucks? Through the magic of "contextual awareness," which is fancy tech-person speak for "it's stalking you." I had looked up the zoo's hours (using Google) about an hour before getting my notification.

You had probably done something similar, or you visit Starbucks on a particular schedule, or you made a turn that told Google you were probably going to Starbucks because there isn't much else you do down that particular road. That's the scary part — the software combined data from your search history with data from your phone's GPS and guessed what you were doing next.

Remember all those "App Permissions" screens you tapped through without reading? And those Google settings you usually ignore? You've given them permission to use your data (and combine it across multiple services), which makes some people nervous (but which you can turn off at any time).

The first time I noticed Google Now, I looked down at my phone during a layover and it told me my next flight had been delayed. I was a little bit shocked, since I had not explicitly given Google any information about my travel plans. But it was also awfully convenient, even if it does creep me out that its software read my email unexpectedly. (My reservation confirmation went to my Gmail account.)

Besides flights, it can automatically pull up directions to your hotel or favorite lunch spot. By monitoring your email, it can tell you when Amazon shipped your packages. If you've looked up sports scores at work during the day, it can give you updates on your phone later that night.

Because it knows where you are (via your phone's GPS), it can tell you about events and attractions nearby (like festivals and museums). And once it figures out where you're going (again, based on GPS and search history) it can give you an ETA and directions, including traffic updates. It's only a matter of time before it takes over the actual driving too (Google is working on self-driving cars, after all.)

In addition to Android, you can install Google Now on iOS devices, your desktop computer, and your Android watch (we all have those now, right)? If it was already installed and you don't want it, see bit.ly/1QGv3Z2 for instructions on turning it off.

If you're particularly boring and never go anywhere, it can suggest articles or blog posts based on your reading habits.

As far as we know, it has never suggested that anyone read the PropellerHeads online, but I'm sure a high-level engineer at Google has that at the top of her bug list and is working feverishly on it, as soon as she gets back from Starbucks.

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