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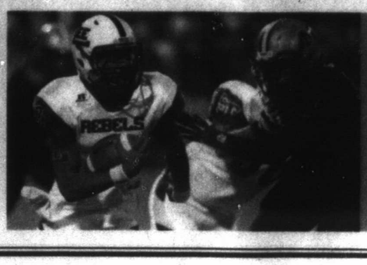

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# Some at UTPB at ease over campus carry law

**Editor's Note:** Check out more back-to-school coverage in Sunday's edition.


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ODESSA — Concealed handgun license holders are allowed to bring guns into some buildings at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. The so-called "campus carry" law went into effect at Texas public universities Aug. 1, but some UTPB faculty and students don't think it will make a difference on the campus.

UTPB President David Watts said he hadn't heard of incidents related to the law as of Wednesday. He said people should report instances of people openly carrying weapons on campus because visible weapons aren't protected under the new law.

"If you see somebody with a gun, call the police, just like last year," Watts said. "Otherwise, there should be no difference. There is no difference. A concealed handgun license holder can keep it concealed."

Gov. Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 11 in June 2015. Texas law has allowed people to carry concealed guns in public since 1995, but the new law lifts restrictions on public university campuses.

The law applies to those who are licensed to carry concealed weapons in Texas. State law requires license holders to meet federal gun ownership qualifications, receive training from a certified instructor and be older than 21 — unless they are active military or police officers.

James Eldridge, professor of kinesiology and president of the faculty senate, said the law will impact a fraction of students.

"I think it's going to have a negligible impact on this campus," Eldridge said. "There are going to be very few people that are going to be eligible to carry."

Tailyn Gillette, a UTPB freshman, said she expects people carrying guns under the new law to be responsible.

"I think the stuff that people go through to get a concealed license is sufficient," Gillette said.

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# Exceptional entrepreneur

*MRT file photo*

Midland's Susie Hitchcock-Hall, seen above, is one of five women set to be inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in October. The Governor's Commission for Women made the announcement Thursday.

## Hitchcock-Hall picked for Texas Women's Hall of Fame


**By Stewart Doreen**
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The Governor's Commission for Women on Thursday announced that Midland's Susie Hitchcock-Hall will be part of the next induction class into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

The businesswoman, who has turned Susie's South Forty Confections into a Midland institution, is one of five women slated for induction into the hall, which is located on the campus of Texas Woman's University in Denton. Other inductees are the late Emma Carter Browning, an aviation pioneer; Ginger Kerrick, division chief of the Flight Operations Directorate Integration Division at NASA's Johnson Space Center; and Renu Khator, chancellor of the University of Houston System and president of the University of Houston. The final member of the induction class is the late Selena Quintanilla, Grammy Award-winning Latin recording artist.

"I was totally blown away," Hitchcock-Hall said about the honor. "I couldn't believe it. I am so flattered. All I do is what I love; to be honored like this is incredible."

Hitchcock-Hall launched her business from her kitchen in 1991. It has since expanded both its production capacity and its unique collection of Texas-based candy recipes — like Pecan Toffee and Texas Trash — enjoyed across the state and country. Hitchcock-Hall said she ships to all 50 states and 35 countries. She can also claim that according to a Fed-Ex official, Susie's South Forty Confections is the "third largest parcel shipper in Texas during the holidays."

She has even set a Guinness World Record for the largest piece of toffee ever created — a Texas-shaped 2,940-pound batch of her original Texas Pecan Toffee.

"(The growth of the business) is way beyond what I would have imagined," said Hitchcock-Hall, who has earned a Master Confectioner Emeritus status with Retail Confectioners International. "I wanted it to be a business to be proud of

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# Former OPEC chief: Conditions right for production freeze

*Bloomberg*

OPEC is on course to strike an output freeze deal with fellow oil producers in Algiers next month because its biggest members are already pumping flat-out, the group's former president said.

While a similar initiative failed in April, an agreement can now be reached as Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq and non-member Russia are producing at, or close to, maximum capacity, Chakib Khelil said in a Bloomberg Television interview.

Khelil steered OPEC in 2008, the last time it implemented an output cut, which was announced in Algeria in December of that year. In a separate interview, former Qatari Energy Minister Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiyah was convinced there is a need for an accord.

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"All the conditions are set for an agreement," Khelil said from Washington. "Probably this is the time because most of the big countries like Russia, Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia are reaching their top production level. They have gained all the market share they could gain."

While oil prices have advanced since OPEC announced it would hold informal talks in the Algerian capital next month, analysts from UBS Group to Commerzbank doubt any freeze deal will be completed, and comments from Saudi Arabia and Nigeria have kept expectations low.

Talks collapsed in April as Saudi Arabia insisted Iran would have to limit its production, a condition the country rejected as it ramped up exports previously curbed by sanctions.

As producers are almost pumping at full-tilt, the impact of any accord to prevent further increases would essentially be "psychological," Khelil said. That would nonetheless have a benefit for the market, according to the Algerian, who was also the country's energy minister from 1999 to 2010. The global crude oversupply is already diminishing, and markets will probably reach "complete equilibrium" next year, Khelil said.

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New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, center, signs a bill that regulates ride-booking companies like Uber and Lyft during a ceremony March 9 in Albuquerque. Martinez said the bill ended confusion over whether those companies could legally operate in the state.

# Lyft resumes ride-booking service in New Mexico

By Susan Montoya Bryan
*Associated Press*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Gov. Susana Martinez is welcoming the ride-booking company Lyft back to New Mexico.

Regulatory uncertainty had forced the company to pull the plug on its New Mexico operations in 2015, but legislation requiring background checks among other things cleared the way for Lyft and other ride-booking companies, such as Uber, to offer services.

The governor on Thursday shook hands with Lyft drivers and the company's manager for new markets, saying New Mexico is sending a clear message that the ride-booking industry is welcome in the state.

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"Lyft provides New Mexicans with an easy way to hail safe rides home and keep drunken drivers off our roadways while embracing innovation and bringing our transportation services into the 21st century," Martinez said during a news conference.

Flanked by two cars outfitted with small pink moustaches, a signature of Lyft, Martinez also said the industry will help tourism by providing visitors another option for roaming the state.

Lyft and Uber use smartphone apps to connect their drivers with people seeking rides.

The legal status of the companies in the state had been in limbo since they began offering service in 2014.

The companies had argued that the state's Motor Carrier Act did not apply to them because they do not operate as commercial taxi businesses.

Rep. Monica Youngblood, R-Albuquerque, was among those leading the fight to get the legislation through the GOP-controlled House and the Democrat-led Senate.

Youngblood said the legislation regulates ride-booking services in a responsible way while encouraging entrepreneurism and economic development.

Martinez signed the bill into law earlier this year.

Lyft is currently operating in Albuquerque, but company officials will be evaluating opportunities to expand to other parts of the state.

Jaime Raczka, general manager of the company's new markets, said the signing of the legislation makes it much easier for Lyft to operate in New Mexico.

She said hundreds of drivers have already signed up in Albuquerque.

Lyft in the last month also has launched new operations in cities in Georgia, Michigan and Oregon, Raczka said.

# Texas prisons out 1,200 guards if forced to hit target cuts

By Paul J. Weber
*Associated Press*

AUSTIN — Texas' already understaffed prisons would need to cut 1,200 guards from the largest state correctional system in the U.S. if forced to fully implement budget cuts suggested by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, prison officials said Thursday.

Losing more than $200 million would also reduce health care for about 147,000 inmates statewide, cut money for their meals and eliminate hundreds of beds starting in 2018.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice said those are the consequences of slashing 4 percent of its budget — a target Abbott wants all agencies to consider amid sagging oil prices that signal a tighter Texas budget is looming. Identifying cuts are only a starting point for now, and while Texas prisons may ultimately not lose a dime, competition for funding will likely be fierce once the Legislature reconvenes in January.

Prison officials unveiled what a budget squeeze would look like at an Austin meeting that included a moment of silence for correctional officer Mari Johnson, who was killed by an inmate at a maximum security, all-male facility in July.

Texas prisons currently have thousands of guard vacancies, but criminal justice department Executive Director Bryan Collier said lock-ups would still operate safely even if forced to shed more positions.

"They're safely operated right now with 2,000 less," Collier said. "We always meet our priority positions."

State prisons are currently operating within about 2 percent of capacity, agency spokesman Jason Clark said. The prison population has dropped by about 9,000 inmates since 2011 amid new diversion efforts and sentencing reforms.

A slumping energy sector has Republican lawmakers warning that tough budget choices are on the horizon. Texas' comptroller last fall shaved $3 billion off revenue projections during the oil bust, and sales tax revenues are down compared to last year. State leaders maintain, however, that Texas will not be socked with massive budget shortfalls that have upended other energy-producing states.

But Abbott still ordered state agencies this summer to come forward with budget proposals that are 4 percent lighter for 2018-19. Exceptions were made for border security, mental health and Texas' troubled foster care system.

# 2 earthquake lawsuits against drilling companies dismissed

*Associated Press*

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma residents have agreed to dismiss two lawsuits claiming several drilling companies triggered earthquakes that damaged homes.

Brenda Lene and Jon Darryn Lene filed a lawsuit against multiple companies in February.

The couple alleged that wastewater disposal wells caused earthquakes that damaged their home.

Lisa Griggs and April Marler filed a lawsuit in January saying the companies' wastewater disposal is an ultra-hazardous activity that damaged their homes, lowered property values, created home repair expenses and contributed to lost peace of mind.

Attorney Scott Poynter represents the four residents, The Journal Record reports.

Poynter said court rules allow his clients to voluntarily dismiss and refile a lawsuit.

Poynter says he plans to refile the complaints in the near future, and that he's working with geoscientists to develop a stronger case to establish which companies should be held accountable and to what degree of fault they should have.

Poynter said he expects to file as many as three new cases in relation to damage sustained from three earthquake clusters.

"We're going to come back bigger, stronger and badder," he said. "My clients are looking forward to our day in court."

The two dismissed lawsuits are among at least five filed against drillers related to wastewater disposal and earthquakes in the last year.

# ARIZONA BRIEFS

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PHOENIX

## Teenager gets jail term in DUI crash that injured 3

A Phoenix teenager who was tried as an adult for a DUI-related crash that injured three people has been sentenced to eight months in jail.

Maricopa County prosecutors say 15-year-old Miguel Angel Maldonado also was sentenced Thursday to five years of supervised probation.

He was convicted on three counts of aggravated assault in connection with the July 2015 crash.

Authorities say Maldonado was 14 at the time and impaired by alcohol when took his aunt's car without permission and ran a red light at a west Phoenix intersection.

The resulting crash with an SUV left a 3-year-old girl, her mother and a man injured.

Police say a breath test showed Maldonado's blood-alcohol level at 0.109 percent.

That's well above the state's legal limit of 0.08 percent for drivers.

FLORENCE

## Man who fled Pinal County barricade arrested in Scottsdale

Pinal County authorities say a registered sex offender who fled from a Florence home after a nine-hour barricade situation earlier this week now is in custody.

County sheriff's officials say 49-year-old John Bowman was arrested Thursday in Scottsdale.

Bowman is facing charges of aggravated assault, weapons violations, vehicle theft and sex offender registration violations.

Mesa police asked Pinal County deputies to check the welfare of a woman who had texted her son that her boyfriend was threatening her Tuesday morning.

Deputies went to the Florence home and found a vehicle stolen in Gilbert in the driveway.

They say Bowman's girlfriend fled the home with two children and told deputies her boyfriend was inside with guns threatening her.

Deputies say Bowman somehow fled the home and later stole a vehicle.

TEMPE

## Police: 1 of twin toddlers pulled from Tempe hot tub dies

Authorities say one of the twin 2-year-olds pulled from a hot tub in Tempe last weekend has died.

Tempe police announced Thursday that the boy has died while his sister's condition is improving although she remains hospitalized.

The twins were pulled from an unfenced backyard hot tub Sunday and revived.

Police say the water in the small spa pool wasn't extremely hot and the children's injuries were related to submersion.

The mother of the twins called 911 and received instructions as she administered CPR.

Medical first responders transported the children to a pediatric intensive care unit at a Mesa hospital, where they both had been listed in critical conditions for days.

# Court throws out Laredo plastic bag ban

*Associated Press*

SAN ANTONIO — A state appeals court has thrown out Laredo's 15-month-old ban on store-provided plastic checkout bags.

The San Antonio-based 4th Court of Appeals says the ban is trumped by a state law that bars cities from restricting the sale or use, for solid waste management purposes, of a container or package. Under state law, the court says bags are containers.

The Laredo Merchants Association had challenged the ban.

A handful of Texas cities, including Austin, have similar bans, but the court's ruling affects only the 32 South Texas counties covered by the appeals court.

The ruling Wednesday could be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court.

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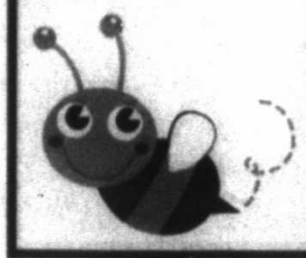

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# Swollen oil, gasoline inventories shrink

■ But crude inventories remain at 'historically high levels' even as production, demand increase

**By Jordan Blum**
*Houston Chronicle*

The nation's massive stockpiles of crude oil and gasoline fell last week, the first time both have declined since the end of June, the Energy Department said Wednesday.

Lately, oil industry analysts have worried that the glut of crude was merely being replaced by an overabundance of gasoline, as refiners cranked out supplies faster than U.S. drivers could pump.

But the Energy Department said crude inventories fell by 2.5 million barrels and gasoline stockpiles shrank by 2.7 million barrels. Both were bigger draws than analysts expected.

The news reversed earlier losses in commodity markets and sent oil prices higher for the fifth consecutive day. Crude closed at $46.79 a barrel, up 21 cents.

Still, the Energy Department cautioned that commercial crude oil stockpiles of 521 million barrels are sitting at "historically high levels for this time of year," while motor gasoline inventories of 232.7 million barrels remain "well above" average.

Production, meanwhile, is rising. Energy companies have added 80 rigs actively drilling for crude to the oil fields — mostly in West Texas — since the U.S. rig count bottomed out in late May, according to oilfield services company Baker Hughes. The Energy Department said domestic crude production rose by about 150,000 barrels a day last week.

But demand is also strong. U.S. consumption of all petroleum rose to 20.8 million barrels a day last week, up 1.4 percent from the same period a year ago, according to the Energy Department.

Americans burned through 9.8 million barrels of gasoline a day, up 1.7 percent from a year ago.

Oil prices have risen this week partly because of Saudi Arabia's signals that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries will discuss freezing production next month.

Iran, however, has largely bucked such notions, and Saudi Arabia has increased production.

## FREEZE

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Qatar's Al-Attiyah, speaking by phone, said the re-balancing is proceeding slowly and there is a need for global producers to act together and speed up the process. He said it's "really hard to say" whether anything will be agreed in Algiers.

"OPEC and other producers need to do something because for the market to rebalance on its own that will take a lot of time," Al-Attiyah said. "Even next year, we have to be cautious and not expect that the market will rebalance quickly."

Still, both former ministers agreed that a freeze, even if it's only symbolic, would revive the bullish mood among oil investors and traders.

"The freeze deal will not have a huge impact on fundamentals but it will help improve the market sentiments," Al-Attiyah said. "At the end, a step taken is better than doing nothing."

# Hemingway home gets back antlers taken by Hunter S. Thompson

**By Keith Ridler**
*Associated Press*

BOISE, Idaho — A young Hunter S. Thompson went to Idaho to write about Ernest Hemingway and decided to take a piece of his hero home with him — a set of trophy elk antlers.

More than half a century later, the gonzo journalist's wife returned the antlers to Hemingway's house in the mountain town of Ketchum.

"He was embarrassed that he took them," Anita Thompson told The Associated Press on Thursday, noting the deep respect her husband had for Hemingway's work. "He wished he hadn't taken them. He was young, it was 1964, and he got caught up in the moment.

"He talked about it several times, about taking a road trip and returning them," she said.

She gave back the antlers Aug. 5 to Ketchum Community Library, which helps catalog and preserve items in the residence where the author took his own life.

It's now owned by the Nature Conservancy.

In 1964, Hunter Thompson, then 27, came to Ketchum when he was still a conventional journalist.

He had not yet developed his signature style, dubbed gonzo journalism, that involved inserting himself, often outrageously, into his reporting and that propelled him into a larger-than-life figure.

Thompson was writing a story for the National Observer about why the globe-trotting Hemingway shot and killed himself at his home three years earlier at age 61.

Thompson attributed the suicide in part to rapid changes in the world that led to upheavals in places Hemingway loved most — Africa and Cuba.

Even Ketchum, which in the 1930s and 1940s attracted luminaries such as Gary Cooper, had fallen off the map of cafe society by the late 1950s, Thompson wrote.

In the story, later collected in his book "The Great Shark Hunt," he noted the problem of tourists taking chunks of earth from around Hemingway's grave as souvenirs.

Early in the piece, he wrote about the large elk antlers over Hemingway's front door but never mentioned taking them.

For decades, the antlers hung in a garage at Thompson's home near Aspen, Colorado.

"One of the stories that has often been told over the years is the story of Hunter S. Thompson taking the antlers," said the library's Jenny Emery Davidson, who helped accept the trophy. "These are two great literary figures who came together over the item of the antlers."

Davidson said historian Douglas Brinkley, who spoke at the library in May and was familiar with the antler story after interviewing the writer, contacted Anita Thompson.

She called the library on Aug. 1.

Davidson said the antlers have since been shipped to a Hemingway grandson in New York who wanted them.

It's not clear if the antlers came from an elk killed by the author, who was a noted big game hunter, or if they were a gift.

Sean Hemingway didn't respond to emails or phone messages seeking comment.

Like Ernest Hemingway, Thompson ended his own life by shooting himself, dying in 2005 at age 67 at his Colorado home.

His widow wants to turn the house where he lived and worked into a museum, planning to open it next year by invitation only.

Like Hemingway's home, it's much the same as it was when Thompson was alive.

"I couldn't open it with a clear conscious knowing there's a stolen pair of antlers," Anita Thompson said, noting the theft was unusual behavior, even by her husband's standards.

## WOMEN

From 1A

and the best candy you can buy."

Hitchcock-Hall's place in the community goes beyond the must-have candy that she makes. The list of nonprofits she has been associated with is lengthy, including serving as a chair for the United Way Capital Campaign, the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Midland Manufacturer's Association. She is currently chairman of the Permian Basin Community Center and is involved in a new project with the Midland Humane Coalition that when completed will result in a new facility in northeast Midland that could house as many as 400 adoptable pets. She calls it a wellness and treatment center for animals. The hope is it will keep as many animals as possible from being euthanized. As recently as fiscal year 2014-15, the city was killing 2,202 animals a year.

Pets, she said, are an important part of the quality of life in Midland.

"I love Midland," Hitchcock-Hall said. "Midland has been awfully good to me."

The candy queen and former dancing instructor will be part of the induction ceremony, slated for Oct. 21. Gov. Greg Abbott and first lady Cecilia Abbott will be in attendance to honor the five new inductees and celebrate their contributions to the state of Texas.

Currently, there are close to 150 women in the Texas Hall, including former first lady Barbara Bush, cosmetics giant Mary Kay Ash, former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Susan G. Komen Foundation founder Nancy Brinker. Hitchcock-Hall will join at least one other Midlander in the hall — Hall of Fame golfer Judy Rankin.

"I am honored to welcome these five extraordinary women into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame," Abbott said in a statement. "Whether in public service, the arts, business or education, these leaders have inspired generations of Texans to reach new heights, achieve new goals and elevate the Lone Star State. I would like to thank each of the honorees and their families for their enduring contributions to the state of Texas."

# Man sentenced to 693 years in prison for sexual assault of a child

*From staff reports*

A Midland man was sentenced Thursday to 693 years in prison for aggravated sexual assault of a child.

A jury found Kelly Alexander Lewis guilty Wednesday of seven counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, which occurred between Sept. 1, 2014 and Dec. 23, 2014, according to a press release from the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

The assaults were committed against a female family member under the age of 14 years old.

The jury, according to the report, assessed his punishment at 99 years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on each count to be served concurrently, with a fine of $10,000 on each count.

The range of punishment for this offense was five to 99 years of confinement, or life, in the penitentiary.

The case was tried by Assistant District Attorneys Rebecca Patterson, Whitney Griffith and Laura Nodolf.

## UTPB

From 1A

After the law was approved, the UT System chancellor asked institutions to create policies for implementing the law on their campuses. The law specified the policies could not "generally prohibit" license holders from carrying guns on campus.

Watts assembled a UTPB Campus Carry Committee, which reviewed the law and took input from the campus community.

The committee recommended rules about gun storage. According to the university's website, guns must be in a holster to prevent accidential discharge. Faculty with guns in their offices must lock the weapons with two methods, and students living in university housing must use a gun safe approved by campus police.

It also recommended exclusion zones, places on campus where people won't be allowed to carry weapons. According to the university's website, the zones include the STEM Academy, Early College High School spaces, Counseling Center, Child Care Center, ticketed sporting events, research labs with dangerous chemicals, shared bedrooms in university housing and the Student Testing and Accommodations Center.

The committee has worked to put up signs and create a section of the UTPB website to share information about rules and exclusion zones. It will also send an email with the information before classes start Aug. 24.

"Because we are following the law closely, I don't think we will see people with concealed-carry licenses reject the restrictions," said Teresa Sewell, chair of the committee and senior associate vice president for student services. "There are going to be people who don't think guns belong on campuses."

Eldridge said UTPB faculty members are divided about the law. Although the faculty senate did not vote on the issue, he said some members spoke against having concealed weapons in campus buildings.

"Some faculty were concerned about it being in their classes and offices," Eldridge said. "We have to find ways to support them and uphold the law and the Second Amendment."

He said the exclusion zones help to ease some worries. He also said some faculty members are paying attention to a lawsuit filed by professors at the University of Texas. They sued July 6 to overturn the law, claiming it was unconstitutional and dangerous, according to an Associated Press report.

UTPB students said they don't mind the law because it permits concealed guns, instead of allowing people to openly carry weapons in buildings.

"To me, it's not that big of a concern for (concealed carry)," said Vincent Urquidez, a UTPB junior. "I don't believe in open carry. I think it's pointless. I don't see why you have to show your gun."

Gillette said she would be uncomfortable seeing people openly carry guns on campus. But she said the concealed carry law makes her feel safe.

"If there was a school shooting, they would be able to prevent it better," she said. "Someone who had their gun with them could prevent a person from harming other students."

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# TODAY IN MIDLAND

### Things to do

■ Faith Temple Church Music Workshop will focus on keyboard, pro-audio, drum and percussion training. Thursday-Saturday at Kingdom Life Church, 1605 N. Terrell St. $20 per session. kingdomlifectx.com.

■ Faces of Freedom sporting clay tournament is a benefit for Freedom Service Dogs of America, which helps veterans with service dogs, 8 a.m. Friday at Windwalker Farms, 2551 County Road 2801, Stanton. Freedomservicedogs.org.

■ Peewee Camp includes crafts, swimming, Kids Zumba, trampolines, gymnastics and water safety for ages 3-10. All swimming abilities welcome. 9 a.m.-noon Friday at COM Aquatics, 3003 N. A. St. $50. comaquatics.com.

■ Pretend and Play for ages 3-6. 10 a.m. (every other Friday), Midland County Public Library Centennia branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ The Darren Welch Group, 5 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

■ Bingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

■ Friday Night Magic at Hastings, 7 p.m., 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. Free.

■ Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour.

■ Callahan Divide, 8 p.m., Proof, 7270 E. Highway 191, Odessa.

■ Banda Los Recoditos, Alfredo Olivas, 8 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $50. Haciendamidland.com.

■ Underground Hip-Hop Showcase with Stabilo, Is Lo Pro and Hooligan's Qwest. 8 p.m., Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5. facebook.com/kamiposi.

■ Movie Under the Stars: "Fandango," 8 p.m., Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Noelartmuseum.org.

■ Summer Mummers 2016: "Midland's Master Munchie Maker or... Are You Going to Eat That?" 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. summermummers.com.

■ Clay Shelburn, Evin Brady, 9 p.m., Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

■ Aaron Einhouse, 9 p.m., Firewater Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

■ DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

■ "Hotel Transylvania 2" Movie in the Park, beginning at dusk, Beal Park, 5200 W. Wall St.

■ A Little Night Music," a collaboration of Permian Playhouse and Permian Basin Opera, at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. $10. Permianplayhouse.com.

### New movies in Midland

■ At Tall City 14: "Ben Hur," "Hell or High Water," "Kubo and the Two Strings," "War Dogs."

■ At Cinergy Cinemas: "Ben Hur," "Kubo and the Two Strings," "War Dogs."

### Gas prices in Midland

**Cheapest gas:** $1.80 (Sam's Club, SH 191/Tradewinds)
**Cheapest gas (non-membership club):** Sunoco (Rankin Highway/I-20; Murphy USA, Rankin Highway/I-20; Standard, Rankin Highway/Montgomery)
**Most expensive:** $2.24 (Rankin Highway/ECR 135)
**Cheapest prices in West Texas:** Lubbock $1.79, San Angelo $1.79, Midland $1.80, Odessa $1.82, Abilene $1.83

**Midland-Odessa**

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| Thursday: | $1.963 | $1.975 |
| Last week: | $1.967 | $1.965 |
| Last month: | $2.073 | $2.029 |
| Last year: | $2.293 | $2.368 |

*Source: TexasGasPrices.com*

### Texas gas prices steady

COPPELL — Retail average gasoline prices in Texas are holding steady this week at $1.97 per gallon.

AAA Texas, in its weekly report Thursday, found El Paso and Fort Worth, averaging $2.03, have the most expensive fuel among major Texas cities. San Antonio has the cheapest, at $1.91.

The statewide average is 40 cents less than a year ago.

The national average this week for unleaded regular fuel also is unchanged, at $2.13.

The auto club says gasoline supplies nationally are likely to end August at their highest level ever. Combine with relatively low oil prices, that means pump prices are likely to remain cheap through the rest of the summer and into the fall.

*Source: Associated Press*

### Dog park maintenance

Hogan Dog Park will be closed for maintenance Monday and Tuesday.

The city Parks and Recreation is closing the park primarily to treat the area for fleas and ticks. The maintenance will include mowing and applying a granular treatment that must sit undisturbed for the two days.

The Waggin' Trail Dog Park at Beal Park will be open during this time.

### Lottery

**Pick 3 morning:** 7-6-0
**Pick 3 day:** 6-3-9
**Pick 3 evening:** 5-5-0
**Pick 3 night:** 3-3-7
**Daily 4 morning:** 4-9-7-1
**Daily 4 day:** 7-6-8-5
**Daily 4 evening:** 0-6-0-1
**Daily 4 night:** 9-6-9-9
**Cash Five:** 1-7-10-14-17
**Triple Chance:** 2-8-11-12-26-27-29-43-51-52
**Texas Two Step:** 18-24-26-30 BB: 29
**All or Nothing morning:** 1-2-3-5-6-7-11-12-13-15-19-20
**All or Nothing day:** 2-4-6-7-8-10-12-14-15-17-20-24
**All or Nothing evening:** 1-5-7-8-13-14-15-17-19-20-23-24
**All or Nothing night:** 2-4-5-7-8-11-12-16-18-20-21-24

*Hugh Keeton/WLOX-TV via AP*

Mikal Watts (black suit, center right) and his brother's lawyer Michael McCrum (brown suit, center left) discuss acquittals Thursday outside the Gulfport, Miss., federal courthouse in a case alleging Mikal and David Watts and others had falsified a list of clients to sue BP after the 2010 Gulf of Mexico spill. The Watts brothers and three others were acquitted on 66 charges, while two people who ran the Mississippi office seeking clients were convicted on all charges.

# Texas lawyer acquitted of BP oil spill fraud

**By Jeff Amy**
*Associated Press*

JACKSON, Miss. — A Texas lawyer accused of making up fake clients to sue BP after the 2010 Gulf of Mexico Oil spill said after his acquittal Thursday that the government's case against him "fell apart under its own weight of ridiculousness."

Attorney Mikal Watts of San Antonio and four others were acquitted Thursday by a federal jury in Gulfport, Mississippi, of 66 charges of mail fraud, wire fraud and identity theft. They had been accused by prosecutors of making up names or stealing personal information for a list of 40,000 people with claims against the energy giant following the massive spill.

Two people were convicted of the 66 charges — Gregory Warren of Lafayette, Louisiana, and Thi Houng "Kristy" Le of Grand Bay, Alabama.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Watts said he and those closest with him were not criminals but victims of a fraud perpetrated by the two convicted, whom he hired to sign up clients. Blaming them was part of his defense.

Earlier Thursday, Watts and the six other defendants sat in the courtroom as jurors plowed through the long list of charges, taking 15 minutes or more to render a complete verdict for each person.

"It was pretty stressful, 66 counts," Watts said.

Authorities said Watts and other investors had spent nearly $11 million to compile the massive list, but it was riddled with errors, including names of the dead, people who never gave permission for Watts to represent them and even a dog's name.

Prosecutors said Watts, his brother David Watts and law firm employee Wynter Lee saw on plenty of occasions that the list was full of problems, but pressed on toward the prospect of a big legal payday. The claimants were supposed to be paid from a $2.3 billion fund BP set aside to compensate fishermen.

Watts and others denied that they intended to commit fraud, a requirement for a conviction, saying they were relying on the legal process to shake out which plaintiffs had real claims and which didn't. Michael McCrum, who represented David Watts, said he believed jurors saw the government's case "just didn't make sense at its core."

Watts has been a prominent plaintiff's lawyer representing thousands of clients in other cases and raising millions of dollars for President Barack Obama and other Democrats.

Representing himself as he had throughout the trial, Watts on Wednesday had asked jurors in closing arguments to help repair his reputation by fully exonerating him.

"I think it helps a lot," Watts said.

U.S. Attorney Gregory Davis said in a statement that prosecutors respected the verdict, and declined further comment. Lawyers for Le and Warren couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

BP had initially sued Watts in 2013 after complaining about his client list, and the Secret Service and other federal agencies launched a multiyear investigation. Watts said he thought the Secret Service's investigation has been "reckless" and said the government was "bewitched" by BP's allegations, repeating many of them in its own indictment.

Watts said that after a week off, he expected to return to his law firm.

"I've spent the last nine months defending myself as opposed to the clients I've agreed to represent," he said.

Jurors also acquitted Eloy Guerra of Weslaco, a man whom prosecutors had said was the key link between Watts and Warren.

"It is not often that the federal government swings and misses," said Guerra's lawyer, Chip Lewis.

Thi Hoang "Abbie" Nguyen of Grand Bay, Alabama, also was acquitted. She worked part-time for her sister-in-law, Le, but denied she took part in any conspiracy.

Her lawyer, Ramiro "Remy" Orozco, said all the money that Watts spent preparing his defense helped other lawyers, but also noted the case is a "warning" to plaintiff's lawyers.

"Even though it's a victory ... I think the cost of Mr. Watts' defense is something that he'll never recover," Orozco said.

# Judge definitively blocks Florida abortion law

**By Gary Fineout**
*Associated Press*

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A federal judge on Thursday definitively blocked a Florida abortion law to prevent state funds from going to organizations that provide abortions — after the administration of Gov. Rick Scott made the unusual decision to drop further legal action.

U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle had placed a temporary hold on the challenged portions of the law hours before the law took effect last June.

The sweeping law also was designed to greatly increase inspection requirements for abortion clinics. Planned Parenthood challenged three parts of the law.

But instead of taking the case to trial and offering additional evidence or legal arguments, attorneys for the Scott administration agreed to forgo further legal action.

They filed a joint motion with the plaintiffs earlier this month agreeing to end the litigation. Hinkle held a brief hearing to discuss the move and issued his final ruling hours later.

"We are grateful the court stepped in to stop Rick Scott in his tracks and protect access to health care," said Lillian Tamayo, CEO of Planned Parenthood of South, East and North Florida. "If this law had gone into effect, it would have made a bad situation even worse."

The move by the Scott administration greatly sped up resolution of the case.

The state could still appeal the ruling, but Jackie Schutz, a spokeswoman for Scott, would not say if the administration would do that.

She said instead the governor's office was reviewing Hinkle's decision although she added that "Scott is a pro-life governor who believes in the sanctity of life." Nonetheless, any appeal could be limited because the state cannot make any new arguments or offer additional evidence.

In the past, the Scott administration has waged lengthy legal fights over other laws supported by Scott.

Florida does not provide any money directly to Planned Parenthood, but the comprehensive abortion law signed by Scott earlier this year would have prevented any state or local funds from going to an organization if that organization also provides abortions.

Planned Parenthood officials estimated that provision would prevent its clinics from receiving about $500,000 to pay for health care screenings and a school dropout prevention program.

The Florida law also contains a provision for physicians similar to a Texas law struck down earlier this year by the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the Florida case, Planned Parenthood did not challenge these provisions and Hinkle's ruling does not address them.

Hinkle temporarily blocked the law back in June because he said the provision that affected Planned Parenthood is "based not on any objection to how the funds are being spent ... but solely because the recipients of the funds choose to provide abortions separate and apart from any public funding."

"The Supreme Court has repeatedly said that a government cannot prohibit indirectly — by withholding otherwise-available public funds — conduct that the government could not constitutionally prohibit directly," Hinkle wrote.

Legislators who passed the law earlier this year said they were doing so in order to protect women's health.

Attorneys for the state had argued that Hinkle should let the law stand because there was nothing in it that interferes with Planned Parenthood clinics from performing abortions or burdens "the right of women to undergo abortions."

# Evacuated residents in limbo as wildfire burns in California

**By Christopher Weber and Christine Armario**
*Associated Press*

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Twisted metal gates and rusted mailboxes remained where houses once stood. Flames had turned a lot full of cars — including some vintage models — into a junkyard of hollowed-out shells. Countless trees were scorched or gone.

Scenes of destruction were everywhere Thursday after a huge wildfire sped through mountains and high desert 60 miles east of Los Angeles so swiftly that it took seasoned firefighters off guard.

An aerial flyover revealed significant property loss, but crews were just beginning to comb through the rubble to document the devastation.

"Most of the areas where there was structural damage, they're still smoldering," U.S. Forest Service spokesman Jake Rodriguez said.

Many residents remained in limbo, unable to go home and wondering whether anything would be left when they can.

"I want it to be over, but more than anything I just want to know, 'Is my house still there?'" Lisa Gregory said as she sat in a lawn chair under a tree at an evacuation center.

The fire has blackened more than 49 square miles and was just 4 percent contained since erupting Tuesday in hot, gusty conditions and spreading with extraordinary speed. At its height, more than 34,000 homes and some 82,000 residents were under evacuation warnings.

On Thursday, the fire was no longer spreading as quickly as it had earlier in the week, but heavy flames still burned in thick vegetation on hillsides in Cajon Pass and sent thick smoke into the air.

People living near a corner of the area that didn't burn were cleared to return home.

Meanwhile, a new fire broke out in rural Santa Barbara County, quickly surging to about 200 acres and prompting the evacuation of a pair of campgrounds.

Another blaze near Lake Isabella in Kern and Tulare counties in the center of the state had burned more than two square miles.

During five years of drought, California's wildlands have seen a continuous streak of destructive and sometimes deadly fires. No deaths have been reported in the latest fire, but crews assessing property damage were using cadaver dogs during searches.

The dry vegetation is like firewood, said fire information officer Sean Collins.

Tony Avelar/AP Photo

Matt Grigsby, senior program engineer at Otto, takes his hands off the steering wheel of the self-driving, big-rig truck during a demonstration on the highway Thursday in San Francisco. Uber announced that it is acquiring self-driving startup Otto, which has developed technology allowing big rigs to drive themselves.

# Uber to offer rides in self-driving cars in Pittsburgh

**By Justin Pritchard and Tom Krisher**
*Associated Press*

SAN FRANCISCO — The option to hail a ride in a self-driving car, which was science fiction just a few years ago, will soon be available to Uber users in Pittsburgh, the first time the technology has been offered to the general public.

Within weeks, the company announced Thursday, customers will be able to opt into a test program and summon an autonomous Ford Fusion. But since the technology has not been perfected, the cars will come with human backup drivers to handle any unexpected situations.

Although other companies including Google are testing self-driving cars on public roads, none offers rides to regular people. As an enticement, the autonomous rides will be free, the company said.

Uber, which has a self-driving research lab in Pittsburgh, has no immediate plans to deploy autonomous cars in other cities. But in an interview with The Associated Press, CEO Travis Kalanick said development of the vehicles is paramount for the San Francisco company, which has grown exponentially after starting seven years ago.

"We've got to be laser-focused on getting this to market, because it's not a side project for us," he said. "This is everything. This is all the marbles for Uber."

Without drivers, the cost of hailing a ride will be cheaper than owning a car, changing the way we all get around, Kalanick has said.

By using human backup drivers, Uber is basically testing the technology and taking people along for the ride, said Bryant Walker Smith, a University of South Carolina professor who studies self-driving technology.

"Part of this is marketing in the sense that they're going to be doing continued research and development of these systems," he said.

Uber also announced that it was acquiring a startup called Otto that has focused on developing self-driving big rigs and is stocked with big talent in the still-small world of self-driving technology. Kalanick said the acquisition signals Uber's intent to get into the movement of goods and freight.

In another deal, the company announced a $300 million alliance with Volvo to supply vehicles and technology. The announcements may push it ahead of its prime competitor, Lyft, which earlier this year took a $500 million investment from General Motors.

Those arrangements are among of a flurry of deals between Silicon Valley tech companies, traditional automakers and ride-hailing companies as they vie for autonomous car leadership. Google has been testing self-driving cars on public roads since 2009 but has never offered large-scale rides to the public.

Uber's move to haul passengers with autonomous vehicles is not surprising, given the company's history of pushing into gray areas with little or no regulation, Walker Smith said.

Local laws in Pittsburgh may require a driver behind the wheel, but Pennsylvania has no laws governing autonomous cars and their role in ride-hailing, he said.

He predicted that drivers will often have to intervene in Pittsburgh, with its winding, hilly roads and vast number of bridges. Each winter the city gets about 30 inches of snow, which can cover lane lines and trick autonomous car sensors that use them to help guide the ride.

Use of the backup drivers is also an acknowledgement that current autonomous driving systems cannot handle the wide range of unpredictable circumstances on public roads.

## AP asks: Would you ride in a self-driving Uber?

**By Joe Mandak**
*Associated Press*

PITTSBURGH — Uber will soon make self-driving cars available to riders in Pittsburgh, in the first time such technology is being offered to the public.

The Associated Press queried people in the city: Would you be willing to ride in a self-driving car? The answers ranged from curiosity and interest to skepticism and concern for safety:

**Larisa Williams**, 46, of Howell, Michigan, has the Uber app on her phone and likes the idea of driverless cars. She is originally from Ukraine and has traveled in Europe where people more frequently use public transportation.

"It's basically like a student driver. You'd have a brake in the car, I would think. Some people have to volunteer to do this and I would be very willing to be one of them," said Williams, who was in town with her husband to drop off their daughter at Duquesne University.

**Darlene Albrecht**, 57, of Erie, was taking a smoke break outside a downtown hotel and said she likes Uber and would have no qualms about using a driverless vehicle.

"I would absolutely love to try that. I think it's a novel idea," she said.

**Anthony Fielder**, 35, of Carnegie, was waiting for a transit bus. He's never used Uber, but is open to the idea of trying driverless cars as long as there's backup.

"I'd be willing to try it as long as there's a real human there to hit the brakes, you know, if the thing goes belly-up," he said. "I mean, we can only rely on technology so much or it's gonna bite us. But, I mean, if there was a driver, you know, person there, (and a) free ride, I don't see why anybody wouldn't take it."

**Terry Keasler**, 59, of Baltimore, was in town for a conference and says he has real questions about driverless technology.

"I would want to know a little bit more about that technology. Are we there yet? I don't know," Keasler said. "If we are there, then I think that's a cool thing. I'm just not sure that we are there."

# T-Mobile phasing out data limits, but will you save money?

**By Tali Arbel**
*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — T-Mobile is phasing out data limits and pushing people toward unlimited data plans — which will mean higher prices for many new customers.

Although T-Mobile is cutting the price of the unlimited plan, those who haven't been using that much data might eventually pay more for unlimited data they don't need.

T-Mobile's announcement Thursday comes a day after AT&T said it would raise prices on some plans while giving customers more data. Verizon made a similar move last month.

The wireless industry has become increasingly competitive over the past few years given that most people already have smartphones. Carriers have had to reduce prices to lure customers from rivals and have tried to make up the revenue by selling larger data plans.

T-Mobile has also tried to make its plans more appealing by letting many customers stream video from dozens of services including Netflix, ESPN and HBO without eating up data. Making all its plans unlimited is an extension of that, given that video is one of the biggest drains on data.

Starting Sept. 6, T-Mobile will cut the price of its unlimited plan and start phasing out plans that have data limits. There's no date for when the older plans won't be available — a new customer could still get them after Sept. 6 — but the new unlimited plan will eventually be T-Mobile's "main offer," spokeswoman Bethany Frey said.

Existing customers can keep their plans for now.

Unlimited isn't really unlimited, though. Customers who use more than 26 gigabytes in a given month may have their speeds slowed if there is network congestion.

Those who already have an unlimited T-Mobile plan now could save with the new prices. For one person, the price is dropping to $70 from $95 a month for customers who don't mind DVD-level video quality. Those who want high-definition video pay an extra $25 a month, or the same as what they pay now.

Families who have plans with six or 10 gigabytes a month per person — T-Mobile's most popular plans now — could see their overall bills go up or down. With four people getting six gigabytes each, the price could rise $40, to $160; five people getting 10 gigabytes each would pay $10 less at $180. Individuals could pay $5 more or $10 less with the new option, depending on their current plan.

T-Mobile also currently has a 2 GB plan that costs $50 a month. The company suggested that customers who want to pay less than $70 for unlimited could switch to a prepaid service, in which monthly bills are paid ahead of time.

Following T-Mobile's announcement, Sprint also said that it would cut the price of its unlimited plan — to $60 a month for individuals, from $75. The second line is now $40 extra instead of $45.

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T-Mobile CEO John Legere films a video announcement on Wednesday in Bellevue, Wash. Legere goes all in on unlimited data.

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# TECH BRIEFS

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## Twitter suspends accounts over 'violent extremism'

Twitter said Thursday it has suspended 360,000 accounts since mid-2015 for violating its policies banning the promotion of terrorism and violent extremism.

The San Francisco-based company said in a blog post that it has also made progress in preventing users who were suspended from immediately returning to the platform using different accounts, which has been a problem in the past.

It said its rate of daily suspensions is up 80 percent since last year, though it did not provide specific numbers. The suspensions spike immediately following terrorist attacks, it said.

Twitter noted that there is no magic formula for identifying extremist accounts. Like other social media companies, it uses a variety of tools, including spam-fighting technology, automatic identification as well as reports from users, to help combat abuse.

The report on its efforts come after Twitter has been criticized for not doing enough to keep extremist groups like Islamic State from using the short-messaging service to crowdsource supporters and potential attackers.

Last week, a federal judge dismissed a lawsuit against Twitter that accused the company of supporting Islamic State by allowing it to sign up for and use Twitter accounts. The judge agreed with Twitter that the company cannot be held liable because federal law protects service providers that merely offer platforms for speech, without creating the speech itself. At the same time, Twitter stressed that it was working to combat violent extremism on its service.

## Eddie Bauer says retail store registers hit by malware

Eddie Bauer says its retail stores' point-of-sale systems were infected with malware earlier this year, possibly giving hackers access to customers' payment card information.

The Bellevue, Washington-based clothing retailer said Thursday it will offer free identity protection services for a year to all customers who shopped at Eddie Bauer stores between Jan. 2 and July 17.

Online sales through the company's website weren't affected by the malware.

Eddie Bauer says it operates more than 360 stores in North America. It says an investigation conducted by forensic experts found that the intrusion in its stores was part of an attack directed at restaurants, hotels and other retailers.

The retailer says it has already strengthened the security of its point-of-sale systems to prevent more intrusions.

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# OPINION



# US pays price of Obama's Mideast powerlessness

■ Russia flexes its muscle and the president does nothing, again and again

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER
*Washington Post Writers Group*

This week Russian bombers flew out of Iranian air bases to attack rebel positions in Syria. The State Department pretended not to be surprised. It should be. It should be alarmed. Iran's intensely nationalistic revolutionary regime had never permitted foreign forces to operate from its soil. Until now.

The reordering of the Middle East is proceeding apace. Where for 40 years the U.S.-Egypt alliance anchored the region, a Russia-Iran condominium is now dictating events. That's what you get after eight years of U.S. retrenchment and withdrawal. That's what results from the nuclear deal with Iran, the evacuation of Iraq and utter U.S. immobility on Syria. Consider:

■ *Iran*

The nuclear deal was supposed to begin a rapprochement between Washington and Tehran. Instead, it has solidified a strategic-military alliance between Moscow and Tehran. With the lifting of sanctions and the normalizing of Iran's international relations, Russia rushed in with major deals, including the shipment of S-300 ground-to-air missiles. Russian use of Iranian bases now marks a new level of cooperation and joint power projection.

■ *Iraq*

These bombing runs cross Iraqi airspace could not have happened before President Obama's withdrawal from Iraq. The resulting vacuum has not only created a corridor for Russian bombing, it has gradually allowed a hard-won post-Saddam Iraq to slip into Iran's orbit. According to a Baghdad-based U.S. military spokesman, there are 100,000 Shiite militia fighters operating inside Iraq, 80 percent of them Iranian-backed.

■ *Syria*

When Russia dramatically intervened last year, establishing air bases and launching a savage bombing campaign, Obama did nothing. Indeed, he smugly predicted that Vladimir Putin had entered a quagmire. Some quagmire. Bashar Assad's regime is not only saved. It encircled Aleppo and has seized the upper hand in the civil war. Meanwhile, our hapless secretary of state is running around trying to sue for peace, offering to share intelligence and legitimize Russian intervention if only Putin will promise to conquer gently.

Consider what Putin has achieved. Dealt a very weak hand — a rump Russian state, shorn of empire and saddled with a backward economy and a rusting military — he has restored Russia to great power status. Reduced to irrelevance in the 1990s, it is now a force to be reckoned with.

In Europe, Putin has unilaterally redrawn the map. His annexation of Crimea will not be reversed. The Europeans are eager to throw off the few sanctions they grudgingly imposed on Russia. And the rape of eastern Ukraine continues.

Ten thousand have already died and now Putin is threatening even more open warfare. Under the absurd pretext of Ukrainian terrorism in Crimea, Putin has threatened retaliation, massed troops in eight locations on the Ukrainian border, ordered Black Sea naval exercises, and moved advanced anti-aircraft batteries into Crimea, giving Moscow control over much of Ukrainian airspace.

And why shouldn't he? He's pushing on an open door. Obama still refuses to send Ukraine even defensive weapons. The administration's response to these provocations? Urging "both sides" to exercise restraint. Both sides, mind you.

And in a gratuitous flaunting of its newly expanded reach, Russia will be conducting joint naval exercises with China in the South China Sea, in obvious support of Beijing's territorial claims and illegal military bases.

Yet the president shows little concern. He is too smart not to understand geopolitics; he simply doesn't care. In part because his priorities are domestic. In part because he thinks we lack clean hands and thus the moral standing to continue to play international arbiter.

And in part because he's convinced that in the long run it doesn't matter. Fluctuations in great power relations are inherently ephemeral. For a man who sees a moral arc in the universe bending inexorably toward justice, calculations of raw realpolitik are 20th-century thinking — primitive, obsolete, the obsession of small minds.

Obama made all this perfectly clear in speeches at the U.N., in Cairo and here at home in his very first year in office. Two terms later, we see the result. Ukraine dismembered. Eastern Europe on edge. Syria a charnel house. Iran subsuming Iraq. Russia and Iran on the march across the entire northern Middle East.

At the heart of this disorder is a simple asymmetry. It is in worldview. The major revisionist powers — China, Russia and Iran — know what they want: power, territory, tribute. And they're going after it. Barack Obama takes Ecclesiastes' view that these are vanities, nothing but vanities.

In the kingdom of heaven, no doubt. Here on earth, however — Aleppo to Donetsk, Estonia to the Spratly Islands — it matters greatly.

## OPINION EXTRA

# Peak oil demand just might be drawing closer

The Obama administration formalized new fuel efficiency standards for heavy trucks on the same day that Ford announced plans for autonomous vehicles and an MIT study shows that most Americans could make do with electric cars.

These developments add urgency to the question of when demand will peak for oil and how the industry will deal with it.

The new federal rules for tractor-trailer rigs call for a 25 percent reduction in emissions, largely obtained by requiring more fuel-efficient motors, over the next 10 years. The rules, issued Tuesday, are expected to save the trucking industry $170 billion while reducing fuel consumption by 2 billion barrels.

The more fuel-efficient vehicles will cost about $12,000 more but will pay for themselves through fuel savings within two to four years, the Department of Transportation said.

Ford Motor Co. announced plans Tuesday to put self-driving vehicles without any controls on the road by 2021. The vehicles will initially be operated as taxis, but Ford plans to eventually sell them to the public. Shared self-driving vehicles could shave U.S. oil consumption by 15 percent when they become widely available, according to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

And those self-driving vehicles could end up powered by electricity, not liquid fuels, according to an MIT study also released Tuesday. Eighty-seven percent of the vehicles used today could be replaced with electric vehicles charged once a day. The total operating costs of electric vehicles are expected to become equal to gasoline cars in the early 2020s.

All of this adds urgency to the question of when will demand for oil peak and what will it mean for oil and gas companies that rely on growing demand. The most common prediction, not from the oil industry, is that oil demand will peak in 2030, long before we run out of supply.

That should worry energy investors, according to the consulting firm McKinsey and Co.

"During the past 35 years, internal combustion engines in passenger cars have become approximately 20 percent more efficient. The industry expects another 40 percent improvement in efficiency through 2035," a white paper from the firm said. "Accounting for all sectors of the economy, the energy intensity of global growth will fall by 50 percent through 2050."

Everyone, including oil companies, tout conservation and efficiency as necessary for the future. But a rapid shift will have important implications for companies that don't adapt.

**— Chris Tomlinson, Houston Chronicle**

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# Is Trump too friendly with Russia?

■ Campaign chief puts candidate in bad position with alleged relationship with Russia

RICH LOWRY
*King Features Syndicate*

So much for the old accusation that the Republican Party has a "Cold War mentality." Or if it still does, it has switched sides.

The 2016 presidential campaign continues to play out like a Christopher Buckley novel gone completely off the rails, perhaps most implausibly in Paul Manafort's role in the Russia-friendly Donald Trump campaign.

Let's consider the mind-bending reversals of the norms:

It is the outsider candidate who has a lobbyist at the heart of his campaign. And not the upstanding sort of lobbyist who merely persuades the Ways and Means Committee to bequeath tax loopholes on the likes of General Electric, but a truly sinister influence peddler who, by all accounts, made a mint working at the right hand of a small-time foreign thug and thief (Ukraine's Viktor Yanukovych) who was the handmaiden of a big-time foreign thug and thief (Russia's Vladimir Putin).

It is the candidate of the pro-Western party that traditionally champions strength abroad (i.e., the GOP) who is sending signals that he wants to abandon our commitments to NATO and doing all that he can to cozy up to a Russia that seeks to advance its interests at the cost of the interests — and the territorial integrity — of our allies.

It is the candidate of right-wing talk radio who has drawn a stirring defense from the left-wing magazine The Nation on grounds that he is the victim of "neo-McCarthyite" and "Kremlin-baiting" attacks.

It is the nationalist who is benefiting from the propaganda of the Russian media and whose prospects of winning the election may depend, in part, on an "October surprise" engineered by Russian intelligence or its associates.

If he were still with us, Henry Wallace, the Soviet-friendly New Dealer, might wonder what the hell is going on. We've come a long way from Mitt Romney calling Russia "our No. 1 geopolitical foe," baby.

Paul Manafort always seemed like the kind of fixer whose name might turn up on a secret black ledger for off-the-books cash payments in a room with safes stuffed with $100 bills in some Eastern European country — but we didn't know for sure until The New York Times reported this week that Manafort's name appeared on just such a ledger for Yanukovych's party in Ukraine.

According to the Times, the ledger has 22 entries for Manafort, totaling $12.7 million in payments from 2007 to 2012. Since the transparency of cash payments from corrupt, Kremlin-backed political parties doesn't quite meet the strictures established by the International Accounting Standards Board, there is no proof that Manafort actually received the money.

For his part, Manafort is outraged at the suggestion of anything untoward, just because an apparatchik from a political party whose business model was plundering Ukraine happened — perhaps in a fit of absent-mindedness? in a transcription error? — to write his name nearly two dozen times next to specific money amounts.

Manafort's lawyer denies that his client took cash payments, and, further, denies that he "might have countenanced corruption or been involved with people who took part in illegal activities." In his lawyer's version, Manafort served — and routinely played tennis with — a man whose name is synonymous with electoral fraud and political corruption, without ever suspecting that everything might not be on the up and up.

Given his reputation, other presidential campaigns might be hesitant to hold meetings with Paul Manafort, let alone put him in charge. From Trump's perspective, though, Manafort's Russian-friendly views and connections are a feature rather than a bug. Trump's softness on Putin surely reflects his admiration for strongmen; his longtime instinct to kowtow to powerful politicians who might be able to help his business; his distaste for allies who allegedly are ripping us off; and his appreciation for Putin's perceived flattery of him.

The latest Trump campaign shakeup may diminish Manafort's role, and eventually lead to his ouster. But don't worry — chances are that he will luck into a shady payday somewhere else soon enough.

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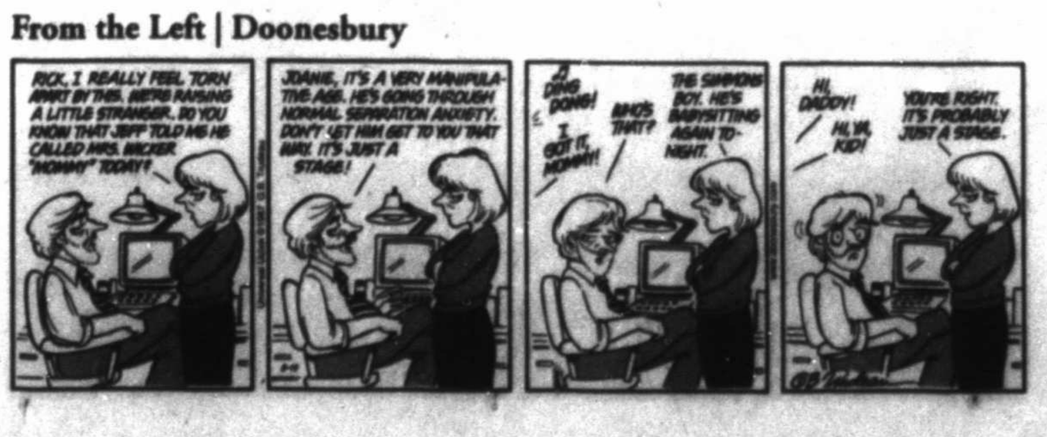



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Gerald Herbert/AP Photo

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump smiles while autographing a hat as he speaks to retired and active law enforcement personnel at a Fraternal Order of Police lodge during a campaign stop Thursday in Statesville, N.C.

# Trump makes first battleground state ad buys

**By Steve Peoples and Julie Bykowicz**
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — A new brain trust in place, Donald Trump on Thursday moved to invest nearly $5 million in battleground state advertising as the Republican presidential contender took modest steps to address daunting challenges in the states that will make or break his White House ambitions.

The New York businessman's campaign reserved television ad space over the coming 10 days in Florida, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania, according to Kantar Media's political ad tracker. While Democrat Hillary Clinton has spent more than $75 million on advertising in 10 states since locking up her party's nomination, Trump's new investment marks his first of the general election season.

Election Day is 81 days away, with early voting in the first states set to begin in five weeks.

The step into swing-state advertising, which came after Trump's second staffing shake-up in as many months, did little to alleviate the concerns of Republican officials frustrated with Trump's refusal to adopt the tools of modern-day political campaigns.

"We may have reached the point of no return for Donald Trump," said Republican strategist Alex Conant, a senior aide to Florida Sen. Marco Rubio's presidential campaign.

Earlier in the week, the Republican nominee tapped a combative conservative media executive, Stephen Bannon, to serve as CEO of his presidential bid. Republican pollster Kellyanne Conway filled the campaign manager position left vacant since Trump fired his former campaign chief almost two months ago.

Conway insisted Thursday that the new team would help re-focus the nominee, without sacrificing the authenticity that fueled his successful primary campaign.

"We're going to sharpen the message," Conway told CNN. "We're going to make sure Donald Trump is comfortable about being in his own skin — that he doesn't lose that authenticity that you simply can't buy and a pollster can't give you. Voters know if you're comfortable in your own skin."

Rarely do presidential campaigns wait to advertise, or undergo such leadership tumult, at such a late stage of the general election.

Yet, Trump has struggled badly in recent weeks to offer voters a consistent message, overshadowing formal policy speeches with a steady stream of self-created controversies, including a public feud with an American Muslim family whose son was killed while serving in the U.S. military in Iraq.

He now trails Clinton in preference polls of most key battleground states. And his party leaders, even at the Republican National Committee, have already conceded they may divert resources away from the presidential contest in favor of vulnerable Senate and House candidates if things don't improve.

Trump's advertising plans highlight his shrinking path to the presidency.

Although Trump claims his popularity with white, working-class voters could translate to victories in states such as Wisconsin, Michigan, Maine or Connecticut, there's little evidence to back that up. His first major ad buys shows him focused on more conventional battlegrounds.

Trump is spending at least $1.4 million in Florida, $1 million in Pennsylvania, about $831,000 in North Carolina and $746,000 in Ohio, according to Kantar Media. His biggest single-market investment comes in the Philadelphia area.

## AP EXPLAINS: Why Trump can't shut down the internet

**By Bree Fowler**
*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Donald Trump is repeating calls for the U.S. and its allies to cut off internet access to the Islamic State group and other extremist organizations.

Problem is, there isn't a way to do it.

Trump first made the demand during a debate in December. He said the government should work with "brilliant people" in Silicon Valley to keep violent extremists offline, even if that means shutting down parts of the internet.

But that's not possible from a technical standpoint. The U.S. can't turn off the internet in other parts of the world. And even if could, such a move would likely hurt more than potential attackers, and it would hinder the government's ability to keep tabs on them.

Here's a look at Trump's idea and why it won't work:

### What Trump said (this time)

In Monday's speech, in which Trump also blamed Hillary Clinton and President Barack Obama for the rise of the Islamic State and instability in the Middle East, Trump pledged to pursue military operations to "crush and destroy ISIS." He added that internet attacks and financial warfare will be essential in dismantling Islamic terrorism.

"We cannot allow the internet to be used as a recruiting tool, and for other purposes, by our enemy," Trump said. "We must shut down their access to this form of communication, and we must do so immediately."

The actions wouldn't be limited to the Islamic State. Trump also singled out Al Qaeda, Hamas and Hezbollah as necessary targets.

### First obstacle: The internet itself

For one thing, the U.S. doesn't control the internet. No one does.

Because the internet is a global web of networks that are all owned by different governments, companies or individuals, no single entity has the ability to turn it off in parts of the world that it doesn't control. The only recourse is to destroy the electric grid and other infrastructure in that region — but that's extreme, and it still might not work with the availability of power generators and such.

Even within the U.S., ferreting out extremist groups and kicking them off the internet isn't realistic, given how rapidly the internet grows and changes.

And people have a long history of finding their way around internet restrictions, whether it's democracy activists in China or Iran, or tweens looking to circumvent their school's firewall.

### The problem with social media

Groups such as the Islamic State have mastered social media for recruiting and spreading their message.

Both Twitter and Facebook say they don't tolerate posts that promote violence and will remove such posts when reported by users. Accounts linked to such activity are shut down.

Twitter said Thursday that it's suspended 235,000 accounts for the promotion of terrorism over the past six months.

But there's nothing stopping banned users from opening new accounts under different names, turning such efforts into the equivalent of "Whac-A-Mole."

So far, internet companies have resisted pre-emptively blocking posts, partly because that would require judgment calls about what constitutes terrorism — a definition that differs around the world.

### That pesky First Amendment

Civil libertarians say any attempt to filter out the online activities of extremist groups would inevitably infringe on the free-speech rights of Americans, because it's impossible to block out that speech without blocking legitimate speech, too.

While First Amendment protections don't extend to people in other countries, the law enforcement and intelligence communities have mixed feelings about shutting down terrorist chatter online. They say such chatter can help them monitor terrorist activities and prevent a future attack.

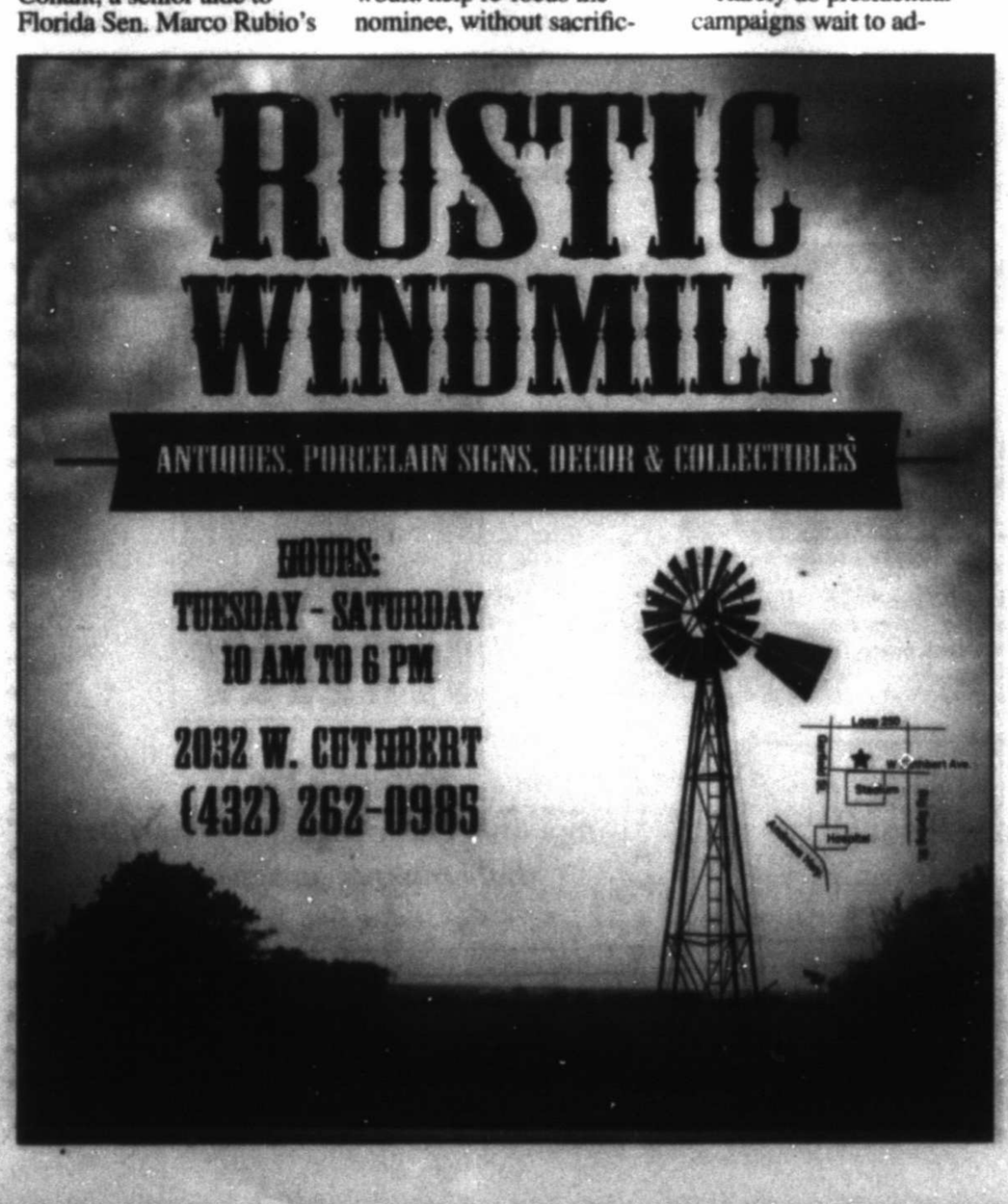
### The rise of cyberwarfare

Trump said Monday that cyberwarfare is one of his key strategies for destroying extremists, but it's not an entirely novel concept.

In theory, hackers for the U.S. or its allies could mount an internet attack to shut down a terrorist group's recruiting or communications operations, or they could just hack in to surveil the group.

While they may not admit it, most countries that have spies now have state-sponsored hackers, too. Many of them see cyberwarfare as a cheaper and safer alternative to traditional military action, sanctioned or otherwise.

China is widely thought to be behind last year's hack of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. And some experts believe Russia is behind the recent breach targeting the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and other Democratic Party entities.



# UN says it needs to do 'much more' for Haiti cholera victims

By Edith M. Lederer
*Associated Press*

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations says it needs to do "much more" to address its own involvement in the introduction of cholera to Haiti and the suffering of those affected, estimated at more than 770,000 people.

Researchers say there is ample evidence that cholera was introduced to Haiti's biggest river in October 2010 by inadequately treated sewage from a U.N. peacekeeping base. The United Nations has never accepted responsibility, and has answered lawsuits on behalf of victims in U.S. courts by claiming diplomatic immunity.

U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq's statement referring to the U.N.'s "own involvement," which was sent to The Associated Press on Thursday, came a step closer to an admission of at least some responsibility and was welcomed by lawyers for the victims.

"This is a major victory for the thousands of Haitians who have been marching for justice, writing to the U.N. and bringing the U.N. to court," said Mario Joseph, a Haitian human rights attorney whose law firm is leading a high-profile claim on behalf of 5,000 cholera victims who blame the U.N. for introducing the disease.

"It is high time for the U.N. to make this right and prove to the world that "human rights for all" means for Haitians too," he said.

Haq said in the statement that the United Nations has been considering a series of options, and "a significantly new set of U.N. actions" will be presented publicly within the next two months.

He told reporters later that a U.N.-appointed panel already looked into the U.N.'s involvement. It found that a local contractor failed to properly sanitize the waste at the U.N. base.

"We've been trying to see exactly what we can do about our own particular role as this has been going on" and how "to bring this outbreak to a close," he said.

Haq wouldn't say whether reparations were under consideration.

His statement on U.N. involvement was first reported by the New York Times.

Five U.N. human rights experts criticized the United Nations in a letter to top U.N. officials late last year for its "effective denial of the fundamental right of the victims of cholera to justice."

At least one lawsuit was dismissed because of the U.N.'s diplomatic immunity claim. But a U.S. federal appeals panel in New York is weighing whether the lawsuit that Haitian lawyer Joseph is involved in can proceed, or if the United Nations is entitled to immunity.

Haq reiterated Thursday that the U.N.'s legal position in claiming diplomatic immunity "has not changed."

According to government figures, cholera has sickened more than 770,000 people, or about 7 percent of Haiti's population, and killed more than 9,200. As of March, it was killing an average of 37 people a month.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere and only 24 percent of Haitians have access to a toilet. Sewage is rarely treated and safe water remains inaccessible to many.

At a dusty crossroads on the outskirts of Haiti's capital, local residents gathered Thursday at a trash-clogged stream to wash clothes and bathe.

"So now they are going to find a way to clean the disease from the country? It's been here for years and it seems like it is here to stay," said laborer Jhony Nordlius as he pushed a wheelbarrow past a fetid canal where children were splashing and collecting garbage.

Maxcilus Vale, who ekes out a living shining shoes by the trash-clogged waterway, was more hopeful.

"Maybe now we'll get more sanitation and water treatment to help make cholera go away. I hope so because it has harmed many people," said Vale, as he washed his socks in a roadside pool of stagnant water.

Researchers said cholera was first detected in the central Artibonite Valley and cited evidence that it was introduced to Haiti's biggest river from a U.N. base where Nepalese troops were deployed as part of a peacekeeping operation which has been in the country since 2004. Cholera is endemic in Nepal.

In December 2012, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced a $2.27 billion initiative to help eradicate cholera in Haiti and the neighboring Dominican Republic, which share the island of Hispaniola, but the ambitious 10-year plan is underfunded. According to a report last November, only $307 million has been received.

Haq said the announcement of U.N. plans for new action to address cholera was made in response to a draft report by the U.N. special investigator on extreme poverty and human rights.

Ahead of its release, likely in late September, he said "we wanted to take this opportunity to welcome this vital report."

Haq said its findings and recommendations "will be a valuable contribution to the U.N. as we work towards a significantly new set of U.N. actions."

*Aleppo Media Center via AP*

In this frame grab taken from video provided by the Syrian anti-government activist group Aleppo Media Center (AMC), a child sits in an ambulance after being pulled out of a building hit by an airstrike Wednesday in Aleppo, Syria. Syrian opposition activists reported an airstrikes on the al-Qaterji neighborhood in Aleppo late Wednesday.

# Image of Aleppo boy shocks world; Russia offers cease-fires

By Philip Issa
*Associated Press*

BEIRUT — The Russian military said Thursday it was ready to back a U.N. call for weekly cease-fires for Syria's contested city of Aleppo, as haunting footage of a young boy's rescue from the aftermath of an airstrike shook global media.

The image of the stunned and weary-looking boy, sitting in an ambulance caked with dust and with blood on his face, captured the horror that has beset the war-torn northern city as photographs of the child were widely shared on social media.

An hour after his rescue, the badly damaged building the boy was in completely collapsed.

A doctor in Aleppo identified the child as 5-year-old Omran Daqneesh. He was brought to the hospital, known as "M10," on Wednesday night, following an airstrike by Russian or government warplanes on the rebel-held neighborhood of Qaterji, said Dr. Osama Abu al-Ezz. The boy suffered head wounds but no brain injury, and was later discharged.

Rescue workers and journalists arrived shortly after the strike and described pulling victims from the rubble.

"We were passing them from one balcony to the other," said photojournalist Mahmoud Raslan, who took the dramatic photo. He said he had passed along three lifeless bodies when someone handed him the wounded boy. Raslan gave the child to a rescue worker, who rushed him to the ambulance.

Eight people died in the strike, including five children, according to a doctor who gave only his first name, Abo Mohammadian. Many doctors working in Aleppo's opposition areas do not give their full names for fear of reprisals against their relatives in government areas.

A nurse who treated Omran said "he was in a daze."

"It was as if he was asleep. Not unconscious, but traumatized — lost," said Mahmoud Abu Rajab.

Medical workers feared internal injuries, but an X-ray and an ultrasound revealed his wounds were superficial. Abu Rajab stitched up the child and wrapped his forehead and left eye in a bandage.

Omran's three siblings, ages 1, 6, and 11, and his mother and father were also rescued from the building. None sustained major injuries.

"We sent the younger children immediately to the ambulance, but the 11-year-old girl waited for her mother to be rescued," said Raslan, adding that the woman's ankle was pinned beneath the rubble.

In the video posted late Wednesday by the Aleppo Media Center, a man was seen carrying Omran away from the chaotic nighttime scene and into an ambulance. Looking dazed, the boy ran his hands over his blood-covered face, then wiped them on the orange ambulance chair.

The powerful imagery reverberated across social media, drawing to mind the anguished global response to the photos of Aylan Kurdi, the drowned Syrian boy whose body was found on a beach in Turkey and came to represent the horrific toll of Syria's civil war.

The fighting has frustrated the U.N.'s efforts to fulfill its humanitarian mandate, and the world body's special envoy to Syria cut short a meeting Thursday of the ad hoc committee — chaired by Russia and the United States — tasked with deescalating the violence so that relief can reach beleaguered civilians.

The U.N. envoy, Staffan de Mistura, said there was "no sense" in holding the meeting in light of the obstacles to delivering aid. The U.N. is hoping to secure a weekly 48-hour pause to the fighting in Aleppo.

Later Thursday, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman, Maj.-Gen. Igor Konashenkov said Russia would back the initiative on condition the aid convoys travel to both rebel-controlled and government-held parts of the city. He said Russia was ready to support deliveries starting next week.

In Washington, State Department spokesman John Kirby said that while the U.S. would welcome any "genuine effort to stop the bombing, even if it is just for 48 hours, that's not the long term answer."

"It is important for Russia to work with us ... to try to come to an agreement on the technicalities of these proposals, which if ... fully implemented in good faith, could allow the cessation of hostilities to be expanded across the country," Kirby said.

Scenes like the airstrike Wednesday night that wounded Omran are commonplace in Aleppo, where 233 civilians were killed in indiscriminate exchanges of fire between rebels and government forces in the first two weeks of August alone, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group.

"It's taxing, emotionally," said Abu Rajad, the nurse. "Sometimes, you have to cry. Once, there were three children — both their parents had died — and they were just standing in front of us."

Doctors in Aleppo use code names for hospitals, which they say have been systematically targeted by government airstrikes. "We are afraid security forces will infiltrate our medical network and target ambulances as they transfer patients from one hospital to another," Abu al-Ezz said.

Activists living in opposition areas rely on informants in government-controlled Latakia province to warn residents of impending airstrikes. On Wednesday evening, an informant relayed word of a warplane taking off from the Russian air base at Hmeimim.

"We expected the plane to arrive in Aleppo airspace in two minutes, and sure enough it did," Raslan said. "It struck twice."

No one was injured in the first strike, he said. The second one turned little Omran's life upside down.

Meanwhile, government warplanes bombed Kurdish-controlled positions in Syria's northeast, a move that could augur a new twist to the country's multi-layered war.

Redur Khalil, a spokesman for the main Kurdish fighting force, said the bombs struck residential areas and positions belonging to the Kurdish police force in the city of Hassakeh.

The attack caused multiple casualties and sent residents fleeing from the city, said Khalil adding that government forces would be held accountable for these "brutal, blatant attacks against our people."

The two sides have clashed before but it was the first reported aerial bombardment of Kurdish positions in the city by government forces.

Elsewhere, the Russian military said it launched another round of aerial attacks from Iran, striking Islamic State targets in Syria's eastern province of Deir el-Zour for a third straight day.

The raid struck five ammunition and fuel facilities, six command facilities and "destroyed a large number of militants, artillery and armor," the Russian Defense Ministry said.

# Mexico human rights commission finds arbitrary executions

By Lulu Orozco and Christopher Sherman
*Associated Press*

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's federal police arbitrarily executed 22 people on a ranch in the western state of Michoacan last year, the country's human rights commission said Thursday.

National Human Rights Commission President Luis Raul Gonzalez Perez said there were also two cases of torture and two more deaths caused by excessive force.

One police officer was killed in the confrontation on May 22, 2015. The government said the dead were drug cartel suspects who were hiding out on a ranch in Tanhuato near the border with Jalisco state.

The commission also threw doubt on the government's explanation of what led to the clash in the first place.

*Moises Castillo/AP Photo*

National Human Rights Commission President Luis Raul Gonzalez Perez Speaks during the presentation of a report about human rights abuses by Mexico's federal police Thursday in Mexico City. Gonzalez said that Mexico's federal police arbitrarily executed 22 people May 22 at a ranch in the western state of Michoacan.

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## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

**Midland College's Pervis Evans will serve as deacon at the 42nd Annual Spiritual Explosion at the Faith Temple Church** at 7:30 p.m. The convention concludes Saturday.

### SATURDAY

Learn more about programming and instruments at the **final day of church music workshops** by Kingdom Life Church. Classes include training on keyboards, percussion, the technology behind praise and worship music and more. The classes are $20 and starts at 8:55 a.m. at Faith Temple Church.

**Back to School Fun Fest** is one final summer blast at the Scharbauer Sports Complex before classes start. Inflatables, obstacle course, a dunking booth, splash zone and more will be part of the festivities. A portion of the ticket sales will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

See more calendar items on **Page 6B**.

### ONLINE

Photo gallery of the new Community Garden at Midland Memorial Hospital which opened last Saturday at the hospital's west campus.

### IN NEED

**VOLUNTEER READERS** The Recording Library of West Texas needs volunteer readers to help with morning shifts. Call 432-682-2731.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** Midland Volunteer Connections offers an online list of opportunities at midlandvolunteerconnections.com for current needs by area nonprofits.

**FOSTER GRANDPARENTS** needed. Low-income seniors can earn a modest stipend while mentoring at-risk children. Visit seniorlinkmidland.org or call 432-689-6693.

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# Carl Medearis works to bring better understanding to Islamic culture

**By Rich Lopez**
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Both "Islam" and "Muslim" are hot-button terms in the country right now and have been since 9/11. And with the shootings in Orlando, Florida, in June and San Bernadino, California, last year that has been tied to radical Islam, the issue can be a toxic one. But Carl Medearis is working to change all that.

The speaker comes to First Presbyterian Church on Monday with his session "Encountering Islam/Shattering Stereotypes" to bring a bit of enlightenment to the culture and how to embrace Muslims with an open mind and Christian heart.

**Want to go?**

"Encountering Islam/Shattering Stereotypes" lunch event, 11:30 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Lynn Hall, 800 W. Texas Ave. RSVP rerikson@fpcmid.org. Donations accepted. Medearis will also preach at the 8:15 and 11 a.m. services Sunday. fpcmid.org.

Before his appearance, he spoke from his Colorado home about the session, his following of Jesus and how humor is a big help to his work.

**MRT:** You're in Colorado, but you actually live in Dubai?

**Medearis:** Yes, we have a mountain home here and a home in Dubai. My daughter works in Beirut. So we've lived our lives in the Middle East for a long time and I know many Muslims personally.

**MRT:** Could you talk about the session you are bringing to Midland?

**Medearis:** The challenge with stereotyping is that it's handy. There can be truth to some of those which adds to the challenge. But really, 99 percent of them are just like the rest of us — they want a better job, an education, good marriage, good kids. It's just that 1 percent that makes the news.

And so people assume all Muslims are like that. We don't know the nice ones. On the same point, stereotypes are always based on lack of knowledge and paint with a broad brush on a whole group of "those people," "those gays," "those liberals," "those conservatives," "those fill-in-the-blank." People have a lack of knowing actual people in those groups.

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# Dallas bishop eager to take on new role in the Vatican

**By Sarah Mervosh and Claire Ballor**
*The Dallas Morning News*

DALLAS — Dallas Bishop Kevin Farrell has been called by Pope Francis to oversee a new Vatican department focused on the lives of ordinary Catholics around the world.

The appointment, effective Sept. 1, will make Farrell the highest-ranking American clergyman serving in the Vatican, the Diocese of Dallas said Wednesday.

Farrell has been bishop of Dallas since 2007. His successor, to be chosen by the pontiff, will become the spiritual leader to more than 1 million Catholics in Dallas and the surrounding area.

Francis chose Farrell to lead the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life, a newly created office that combines the responsibilities of two existing pontifical councils. It will be part of the Roman Curia, an administrative body that advises and helps the pope carry out the church's affairs worldwide.

AP file photo

Dallas Catholic Bishop Kevin Farrell speaks to reporters Oct. 20, 2014, outside the Diocese of Dallas Catholic Conference and Formation Center, in Dallas. Pope Francis on Wednesday named Farrell to head the new Vatican office for families and laity as part of his aim to bring a more pastoral bent to the Vatican's bureaucracy.

In his new role, Farrell, 68, will focus on the needs of laypeople, those everyday Catholics who are not part of the clergy.

When the pope called in May to ask if he would accept the position, Farrell

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## REV. BOB BARNDT

*Midland Lutheran Church*

# *American ideals will make the world better place*

About a month ago, in response to one more tragedy, the Reporter-Telegram responded with an "Our View," titled "After more shootings, church can help restore nation's sanity." According to the editorial, "Our nation has lost its way ... lost our collective soul ... forgotten what is holy ... no longer trust in a higher power." The prescription? Finding our way back to church. Although I agree with the diagnosis, I don't go along with the remedy.

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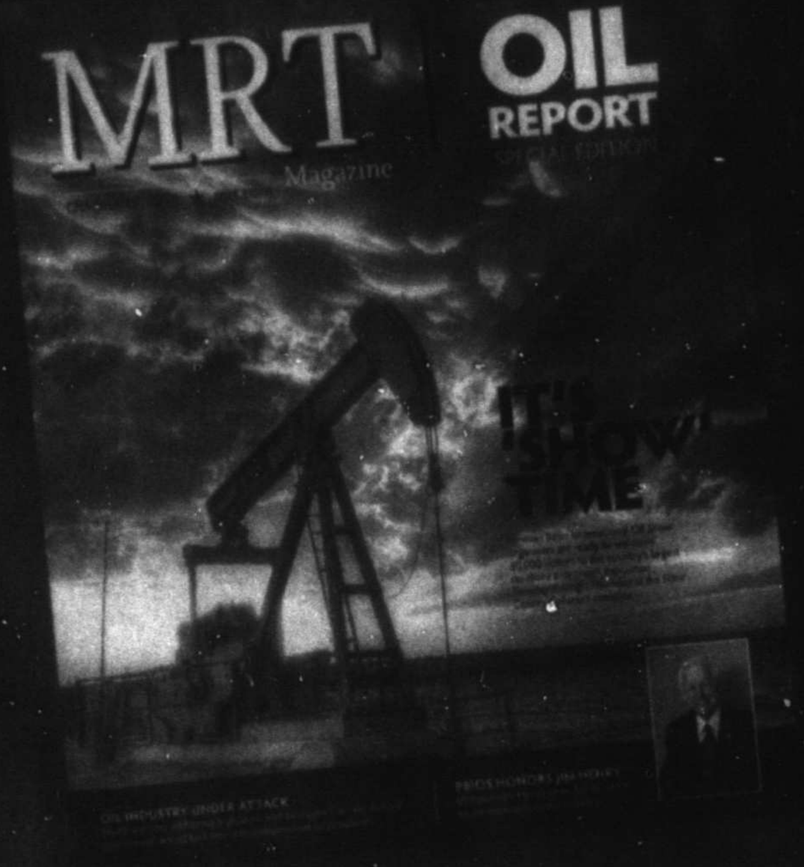


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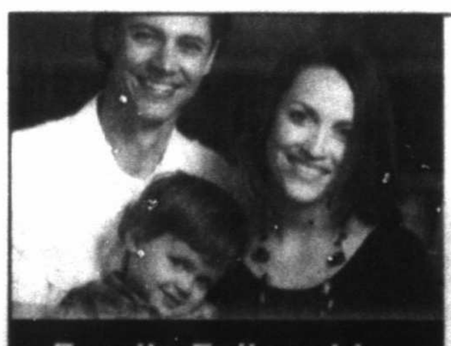

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Italian chef Massimo Bottura poses for a photo at his gourmet soup kitchen RefettoRio Gastromotiva in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday. With so many questions swirling about the huge price tag on stadiums for South America's first Olympics, Bottura wanted to make his own statement about the games' sustainability. "This is a cultural project, not a charity," said Bottura, whose Modena-based Osteria Francescana recently earned the top award from the World's 50 Best Restaurants. "We want to rebuild the dignity of the people."

# Renowned chef feeds Rio's homeless with excess Olympic food

**By Joshua Goodman**
*Associated Press*

RIO DE JANEIRO — Twelve hours ago, Fagner Dos Santos ate his last meal: two hardened bread buns and coffee. For much of the past decade, the 33-year-old has been battling drug addiction while living on the streets of Rio. When he eats at all, it's usually at a grungy soup kitchen or after picking through the trash.

Now, he and about 70 other homeless men are feasting on a three-course meal courtesy of one of the world's top chefs. On the menu: Ossobuco with buttery baroa potatoes topped off with a gelato dessert.

"Who would've thought food made for the cream of society would be served to a group of homeless men?" dos Santos said, gazing at the open, art-filled dining room and waiters in prim orange aprons that for a short while transported him away from his tough life.

The gastronomic destination is the brainchild of Italian master chef Massimo Bottura. Using leftover ingredients from Olympic caterers and other local partners, Bottura created a gourmet soup kitchen, RefettoRio Gastromotiva , that for a week now has been serving up meals to Rio's homeless population. The name is a play on the Latin word reficere, meaning "to restore," and a nod to the communal dining rooms known as refectories that are a mainstay of monasteries.

With questions swirling over the $12 billion price tag of South America's first Olympics, Bottura wanted to make a statement about the games' sustainability by taking on one symbol of Olympic waste: the more than 230 tons of food supplied daily to prepare 60,000 meals for athletes, coach and staff.

"This is a cultural project, not a charity," said Bottura, who runs the Michelin three-star Osteria Francescana in Modena. "We want to rebuild the dignity of the people."

Bottura said he was inspired by Pope Francis' advocacy for the poor and modeled his project on a similar one he organized last year in an abandoned theater during the Milan world's fair. His aim is to educate people about food waste in order to help feed the 800 million in the world who are hungry.

It's a message that resonates in Rio.

Over the past year, as Brazil plunged into its deepest recession in decades, the city's homeless population has struggled. In June, facing a financial calamity, Rio's state government had to close or cutback service at 16 meal centers. The splurge on the Olympics has only heightened a sense of abandonment among the homeless, with many reporting being repeatedly removed by police from the city's recently cleaned-up Lapa district, where Bottura's restaurant is located.

In contrast to the government-run centers, where meals are served on prison-like food trays with throw-away cups, the Refettorio is an epicurean's delight, complete with designer wood tables, oversized photos of the staff by French artist JR and a long mural of the Last Supper dripping in chocolate by Vik Muniz, one of Brazil's top-selling artists.

At night the space, built of corrugated plastic on a run-down lot donated by the city, looks like a lit-up box.

For the Olympics launch, Bottura assembled a tour de force of local and international celebrity chefs. Once the games are over, the project will morph into a lunchtime restaurant, proceeds of which will fund evening meals for the homeless.

Beneficiaries are selected by groups like one that runs a shelter for transvestites who work as prostitutes on Lapa's libertine streets. Working the kitchen are graduates of local partner Gastromotiva, a nonprofit cooking school that has turned hundreds of Brazilians from the country's neglected favelas into cooks.

For many of the diners at RefettoRio, the food is unlike anything they've tasted before. But it's the royal treatment they relish most.

"Just sitting here, treated with respect on an equal footing, makes me think I have a chance," said Valdimir Faria, an educated man who found himself alone on Rio's streets, in a downward alcoholic spiral, after his marriage and life in a city hours away fell apart.

As dinner service got underway Sunday, a disheveled man identifying himself only as Nilson removed a few radish slices from his eggplant panzanella salad and deposited them in a plastic bucket holding a squeegee kit.

"I thought it was paper," he laughed, while trading a boisterous "grazie, grazie" with Bottura.

Sunday's meal was prepared by chef Rafael Costa e Silva, who normally dishes up fixed-price meals for $150 a head at his swank Lasai bistro in Rio. While he makes a living catering to the rich, he said he'll never forget the experience of serving the poor.

As dinner wound down, Costa e Silva emerged from the kitchen to thank his guests. It was Father's Day in Brazil, and so for many of the men gathered who talked about life's wrong turns and their estrangement from family, emotions ran high.

"What you've enjoyed is a simple meal but one made with lots of love and care," Costa e Silva said before the dining hall broke into applause. He wiped a tear from his cheek and continued.

"We wanted you to feel spoiled — for at least one night."

# Obituaries

## Jacquelyn "Jackie" Mulligan Haynes

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Mulligan Haynes, a beloved and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, died on Saturday, August 13, 2016.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of almost 50 years, Dr. Stewart Haynes, Jr.

Jackie will be remembered most for her faith in Christ and many acts of kindness toward others.

She is survived by her two daughters, Colleen McLane and her husband Mark, and Sondra Appel and her husband, Patrick; five grandchildren, Megan Plucker and her husband Andrew, Shannon Laning and her husband Zack, Michael McLane, John Appel, and Mark Appel; two great-granddaughters, Hartley Laning and Clara Plucker; her sister-in-law, Harriot Haynes Massey; and by several nieces and nephews.

When Jackie married, she was a fashion coordinator at Foley's. She taught school for 10 years and was a realtor for 20. She received two degrees, a Bachelor of Science and a Master's of Education. She was a member of Bethel Church, Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Community Bible Study, Gideon's Auxiliary, Auxiliary to the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, and a Junior League of Houston patron.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Bethel Church, 825 Bering Drive, Houston, Texas 77057.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bethel Church, Community Bible Study, or a charity of your choice.

## Lucille Price Baker

Lucille Price Baker, of Midland, Texas, passed into the arms of our loving Lord on August 12, 2016. She was 92. She passed away peacefully at her home in Midland with both of her daughters at her side.

She is preceded in death by her husband, CWO 3 Kenneth Baker, and four sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda Segal-DuTeau and Jacqueline McMillan, both currently residents of Midland; three grandchildren, Dean Segal, Kenneth Segal, both of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Jennifer Drummond of Midland; five great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Sunset Funeral Home on Hondo Pass in El Paso, Texas on Sunday, August 21, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Graveside services will be held at Fort Bliss National Cemetery on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the care, support, and comfort of our Mom and of the family from Hospice of Midland during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Hospice of Midland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland, Texas and Sunset Funeral Home of El Paso, Texas. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com* or *www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net* .

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## Robert Roland Riek

Robert "Bob" Riek passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2016. He was born on February 25, 1925 in Abilene, Texas to Jessie Lou Peel Riek and Robert Wesley Riek.

After graduation from Lubbock High School in 1943 at age 17, he enlisted in the United States Army. He served in the 517th Parachute Combat Team " Battlin' Buzzards " of the 82nd Airborne where he saw service and combat in Italy, Southern France, the Ardennes "Bulge" and Germany. Before his 20th birthday, he was a decorated combat veteran receiving the Bronze Star and other decorations and the rank of Sergeant.

After his service, he returned to Lubbock, Texas and worked as a fireman dispatcher and married Dolores Johnson. He received a degree in accounting from Texas Tech University. Bob and Dolores had four children while living in Lubbock, Texas and he later moved his family to Midland, Texas where he began a lifelong career in oil and gas management.

Bob was a longtime member of and active in the First Baptist Church in Midland, a student of the Bible and a man of God.

He was an excellent golfer and served as a member and President of Ranchland Hills Country Club and was a member of Midland Country Club. He loved the mountains of New Mexico and Colorado, fishing, traveling to Las Vegas and engaging his family in everything from bowling to card games. He followed Texas Tech and its sports.

Bob was an example of a successful, self-made, self-supporting person who worked his way through life and shared his faith, love of family, a wonderful sense of humor, smile, politics, and what he had with others.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, George Clifton Riek; sisters, Ina Mae Armstrong, Josephine Ballew and Melba Bowden; his wife, Dolores; and grandsons, Trent Brown, Christopher and Daniel Riek. He is survived by his sister Irene Farr and second wife Ruth Anne of Midland, Texas. He is also survived by; his children, Carol Riek Brown and husband Robert of New Braunfels, Texas; Linda Riek Miller and husband Bill of Lubbock, Texas, Mike Riek and his wife Natalia of Denton, Texas, and Les Riek of Midland, Texas; as well as grandchildren, Les Brown, Jenny Burrow, Emily Shipley, Jared Miller, Kristen Haynes, Sarah Corder, Hannah Riek, and Vlad Riek; and nine great grandchildren.

Services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Midland, Texas on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

The family wishes to thank the Luman Lusk Facility of Big Spring and Compass Hospice of Big Spring and their staff for their care and support of Bob.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to Compass Hospice of Big Spring at 602 South Main, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or the Alzheimer's Association of America (alz.org).

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com.*

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# Death Notices

## Joan Stocks Nobles

A celebration of life for Joan Stocks Nobles, age 89, of Brownwood, Texas, will be held Saturday, August 20, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. at First Methodist Church of San Angelo; private interment at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Blaylock Funeral Home of Brownwood.

Joan passed away Friday, June 17, 2016, at Redstone Assisted Living Center in Brownwood, TX. Joan lived an extraordinary life and left an impressive legacy.

# Lawyer's prayerful posts draw judicial warning

*Associated Press*

DALLAS — A Texas defense attorney is being told to refrain from revealing details about ongoing trials in his prayerful posts on social media.

Attorney Mark Griffith asks online for God's providence and says he prays before and during a trial. He often invokes his clients as part of his prayer.

Judges in separate cases in Ellis County, south of Dallas, have warned him about postings that reveal details of court proceedings.

One post on the Facebook page for Waxahachie-based Griffith & Associates says, "I see God, directing me in my fights for justice. I see God in everything, including my clients. They are scorned, chastised, maligned and cast aside. These are the people Jesus sought out and helped."

Another post reads, "The jury simply needs to see the heart of my client, because that is where the grace of God resides."

In response to the posts, one of the judges has approved a motion by District Attorney Patrick Wilson that attorneys "refrain from making extrajudicial statements related to evidence of this trial, including electronic media."

But Griffith argues court restrictions could amount to an infringement of his constitutional rights.

"All I'm posting on social media is that I'm an attorney who prays before trial and prays during trial," he said, according to a transcript from a court hearing last week. "Now, to restrict me from doing that, I believe the state is asking the court to sanction a violation of my First Amendment right, freedom of speech and also freedom of religion."

Griffith did not return a call Wednesday seeking additional comment. He ultimately agreed to an order to refrain from "providing real-time assessments or evaluations."

Wilson also declined to comment to The Associated Press, but said in a court filing that Griffith's postings jeopardized proceedings.

# French president visits pope after Islamic attacks

*Associated Press*

VATICAN CITY — French President Francois Hollande visited Pope Francis on Wednesday to thank him for his words of comfort after a spate of Islamic extremist attacks in recent months left more than 200 dead, including an elderly French priest.

Hollande arrived at the Vatican for the 40-minute private audience after visiting the French church in Rome's historic center. He told reporters that he wanted to thank Francis for his solidarity after the July 14 Nice attack and the subsequent slaying of the priest in his church.

When Hollande spoke with Francis last month, "he told me in confidence that he was standing like a brother by the side of the French people," the French president said. "All the words that have been said — I'm also thinking of the leaders of the French church— have been very important because they helped remind the French people of their unity ... and also of the solidarity of the whole world toward France."

Hollande had called Francis to express his solidarity after Islamic extremists attacked a Normandy church during Mass and slit the throat of the priest, the Rev. Jacques Hamel. Hollande pledged to protect French churches and said that "When a priest is attacked, it is all of France that has been hurt."

The Vatican condemned the attack as "absurd" and "barbaric" though Francis subsequently declined to label Islam as a whole as "terrorist."

L'Osservatore Romano/Pool Photo via AP

Pope Francis and French President Francois Hollande, left, exchange gifts on the occasion of their private audience at the Vatican on Wednesday. Hollande is visiting Pope Francis for a special audience after a spate of Islamic extremist attacks over recent months left more than 200 dead, including an elderly French priest.

The Vatican provided no information about the content of Wednesday's audience, but Hollande said he would speak with Francis about refugees, the situation in the Middle East and the plight of Christians who have been targeted in particular by Islamic extremists in Iraq and Syria.

He presented Francis with a piece of Sevres porcelain with the French seal on it, the Vatican said. Francis gave Hollande a bronze sculpture symbolizing the passage from war to peace, as well as his recent teaching documents on the environment and families.

It's the second time the two have met privately; Hollande had a state visit on Jan. 24, 2014.

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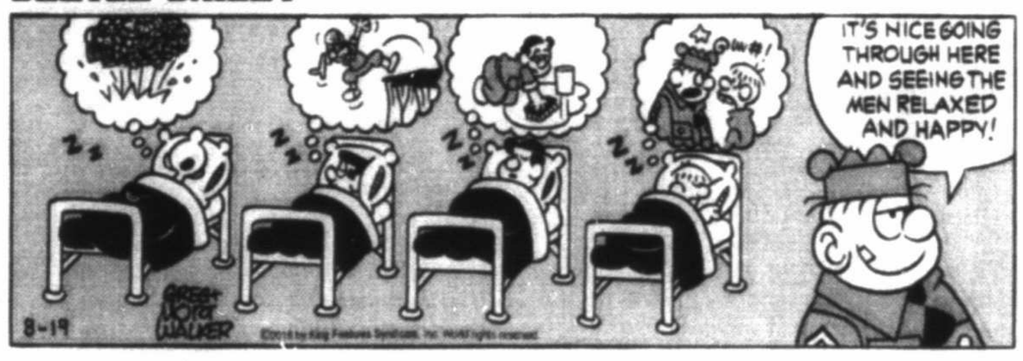


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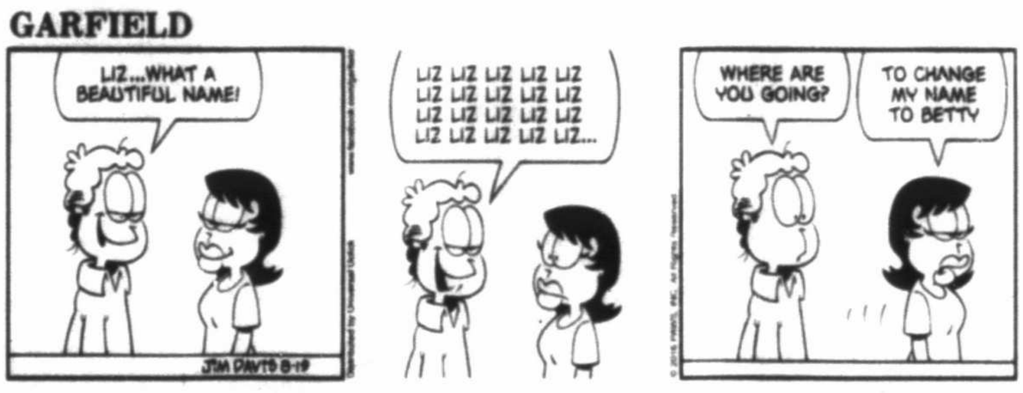


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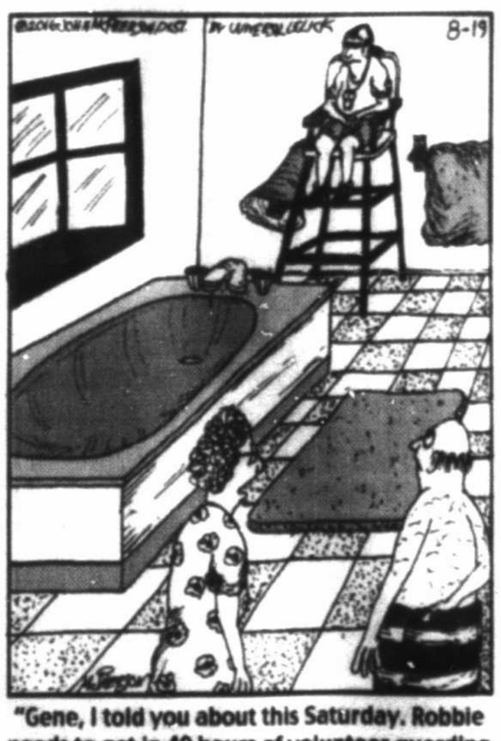


"Gene, I told you about this Saturday. Robbie needs to get in 40 hours of volunteer guarding before he can get his lifeguard certification."

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"I don't have to be famous if I don't want to be, do I?"

# Pageant participation serves as inspiration for others

ALYSSA ADAIR

*"I started competing in pageants not to win but to inspire and encourage others. Because of these pageants, little girls look up to me and total strangers come up and share their life stories with me. I may be in a beautiful dress and have a crown, but I crave to hear their stories and even share them to inspire others because their stories inspired me.*

Everyone has goals and dreams, but sometimes the roads we intend to take do not always turn out as planned. Thirteen years ago my plans changed. I was 10 years old, and I ran in track, danced ballet, tap and jazz; nothing stood in my way.

July 1, 2003, was my first day ever at church camp. That morning I was sitting beneath some trees with my small group discussing the Bible study from the night before when my counselor screamed telling us to run. As I ran I tripped and everything turned pitch black. A tree branch had fallen and crushed my skull. I was airlifted to the hospital where the surgeon shaved my hair, cut me open from one ear to the other, picked bone and tree debris out of my brain and puzzle-pieced my skull back together. My parents were told that I wouldn't make it to day two, and when I survived, the surgeon was disgusted that God would allow a child to live in my condition: a vegetable for the rest of my life.

But God had other plans. Since then, I have had to relearn how to move every muscle in my body. All of the way from my eyes to my tongue, not to mention my arms and legs.

Three years ago I was in my second year of college when all of my friends from high school were getting married and having kids. I called my mom crying, frustrated that I was "still single and had never even had a boyfriend." Mom let me have my moment; then she pointed out to me how much I have overcome and where I should be. By the time we got off the phone my focus was back to being thankful for what I have.

That same week, I received a flyer in the mail to compete in the Miss Texas USA 2013 Pageant. For years I had wanted to get my story out there and share what God had done in my life, but I didn't know where to start. Having this flyer, I thought to myself, "what better way is there to inspire others through my story than by entering in this pageant?"

It was a great idea, but I wasn't sure if I would qualify, so I checked the qualifications. The top two qualifications were "you can't be married or have kids." Hot dang — I was in. Next thing I did was call my mom to tell her what I was considering and ask what was her biggest concern is with me entering this pageant. She answered, "What if you fall?" I laughed, and told her, "Mom, normal girls fall in pageants all the time." She paused, thinking about it. Then I said, but guess what? At least if I fall, I can get back up.

Oh, man, she got so excited and told me, "Girl, let's go!" She and I both knew that there was a time when I was paralyzed and if I fell I couldn't get back up. But now I could.

I worked out daily that summer to improve my crooked gait hoping to look as normal as possible while I walked the runway. I competed that September in the Miss Texas USA pageant and received the award of Miss Congeniality of the state of Texas. Since then, I have competed in the Miss Texas International and Miss U.S. National pageants. Each pageant has made me stronger, improved my gait and balance and has given me so many opportunities to inspire others. I currently hold the title of Miss Texas USA Earth 2016, and I will compete for the title of Miss USA Earth 2016 Sept. 2-4 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

I started competing in pageants not to win but to inspire and encourage others. Because of these pageants, little girls look up to me and total strangers come up and share their life stories with me. I may be in a beautiful dress and have a crown, but I crave to hear their stories and even share them to inspire others because their stories inspired me.

I am now an inspirational speaker and look forward to inspiring the world through what God has done in my life.

## ISLAM

From 1B

**MRT:** While there certainly are Muslims in the community, a Muslim community here is almost microscopic. If meeting someone of Islamic faith is difficult, how then are stereotypes defeated?

**Medearis:** That's a really good and fair point. That can be pretty simple if you go back to grandma's advice of "if you can't say anything nice, then say nothing at all."

**MRT:** That seems a little too easy.

**Medearis:** Yeah, but it's a start to stopping that toxicity. If you don't know any Muslims, don't talk about people you don't know. The thing is, it's hard to do for some. I tell people to try to walk a quarter of a mile in their shoes and wonder what it feels like to be Muslim in Texas. And I hope just a little bit of that message gets through. It can be hard to talk to a majority about a minority.

**MRT:** You identify as a follower of Jesus over a Christian. Can you explain that?

**Medearis:** I grew up in a Christian home, and my dad was a pastor. I went to Beirut as a missionary in 1992, but I realized I didn't know Jesus very well. I felt like I had sold my soul for this version of Christianity that mixed up my perspective of who Jesus is.

So I try to follow Jesus and his ways. He tells us exactly what to do, and I think the clearest of his teachings is love everyone — even your enemies, which isn't easy.

**MRT:** But all Muslims aren't enemies.

**Medearis:** Exactly, but some see them as such no matter what.

**MRT:** Are people receptive to your work?

**Medearis:** Not all are. People think I come with a "let's hug a Muslim" message. The good thing is, you can't argue Jesus' points, but people have still walked out. The results are up to the people listening.

**MRT:** How do you battle made-up minds?

**Medearis:** I don't. And sometimes I am tough on people, but I'll tell jokes or turn it back to me. Humor really can get a message across, and I'm a nice person. I just try to aim for accessibility on both sides.

But basically we have to love God and love each other. We have to move on from thinking that being Christian is a form of patriotism. Jesus is bigger than that.

## BISHOP

From 1B

said, he was "extremely humbled" and "grateful for the holy father's confidence in me." But, he added, "I meet this news with mixed emotions."

"Dallas has been my home for the past 10 years, and it will always be my home," the bishop said Wednesday morning from the diocesan offices on Oak Lawn Avenue.

"I guess I had psychologically decided this is where I was going to retire, so it quickly became home for me."

Arriving after 24 years in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., he said, he found Dallas to be immediately welcoming.

"The people are so friendly in Dallas. Coming from D.C., I really noticed that," he said. "And some of the most generous people I have met in the United States live in Dallas. I'm going to miss that."

While saying goodbye will be difficult, Farrell said, he looks forward to the challenges of his new assignment.

He said he'll spend the next few weeks wrapping up loose ends and making plans to ensure that various projects he's initiated here will carry on in his absence.

A diocesan spokeswoman said a new bishop could be chosen as soon as October. Auxiliary Bishop Greg Kelly will lead the diocese in the interim.

Farrell's new job will reunite him with his brother Brian, who is also a bishop and the secretary of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

Pope Francis' reorganization of the Roman Curia stems from his expressed desire to make the Catholic Church more inclusive and its administrative framework more efficient.

The pope wrote that he created the new department to help the Curia "adapt to the needs of the universal Church."

In Dallas, Farrell has sought to unite Anglo and Latino Catholics in faith and bridge cultural and economic differences between the two groups. He delivered his first homily as bishop partly in English, partly in Spanish. (He is also fluent in Italian.)

Aside from good Mexican food, he said, one of the things he'll miss most about Dallas will be his ministry to immigrants and other Latinos.

"I love dealing with the Mexican people and the immigrants," he said. "I will truly miss that kind of contact."

He said he's tried to strengthen bonds between Anglo and Latino Christians, and that he hopes such efforts continue once he's gone.

"We should not be building walls, we should be building bridges," Farrell said. "And I think there should be more dialogue. We don't all have to agree with each other, but we have to talk to each other."

The bishop hasn't been shy about taking a stand on societal issues. He's condemned domestic violence and opposed the open carrying of firearms. He called on lawyers to help thousands of migrant children who entered the United States without authorization, fleeing political violence in Central America. And in 2014, he invited the family of a Dallas Ebola victim to stay at a church-owned cabin as they waited in quarantine to see if they had contracted the deadly disease.

"We help people because we're Catholic, not because they're Catholic," he said at the time.

For a Catholic cleric of his generation, he's unusually comfortable with social media, maintaining his blog and a Twitter account with more than 10,000 followers.

Under his leadership, the Diocese of Dallas saw an increase in vocations to the priesthood, and the successful completion of a landmark, $130 million fundraising campaign.

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**Dallas Catholic Bishop Kevin Farrell**

"We're exceptionally proud, but we're also exceptionally sad to be losing him," said diocesan spokeswoman Annette Gonzales Taylor.

"He's just be an outstanding leader and, from my point of view, a wonderful boss. He's going to be sorely missed."

Dave Woodyard, president of Catholic Charities of Dallas, called it a "distinct honor" to have worked with Farrell.

"He is a humble servant," Woodyard said, "and a strong advocate for the thousands of people who need hope and help in life," from new immigrants to children in poverty.

Born in Dublin — he still speaks with a light brogue — Farrell has a bachelor's degree from the University of Salamanca in Spain and a master's degree in philosophy from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He also holds a master's in business administration from the University of Notre Dame.

He was ordained to the priesthood in Rome in 1978 and served as a chaplain to the University of Monterrey in Mexico.

Five years after his ordination, he was assigned to the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., where he served in a number of roles, including as an auxiliary bishop.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Washington's archbishop, on Wednesday praised Farrell for his "demonstrated pastoral skills and his recognized administrative abilities."

With the heightened emphasis that Pope Francis has placed on the role of the laity in the Catholic Church, "the leadership that Bishop Farrell brings will be a blessing for all of us," the cardinal said.

Pope Benedict XVI chose Farrell as the seventh bishop of Dallas in 2007. He succeeded Bishop Charles V. Grahmann, who announced his retirement upon turning 75.

The Diocese of Dallas encompasses nine counties, more than 80 parishes and chapels, 26 elementary schools, three diocesan high schools, six other private Catholic schools, two seminaries and a university — the University of Dallas, where Farrell serves as chancellor.

Thomas Keefe, UD's president, said the bishop's reassignment to Rome "is bittersweet news for me personally" and for the university as a whole.

"We will miss his ardent dedication to our institution and our mission," Keefe said.

"Not only has Bishop Farrell provided me with invaluable counsel, loyalty and friendship, but his unwavering support has been an integral part of the university's transformation into one of the country's elite Catholic universities. For this, we are eternally grateful."

Farrell asked for prayers as he begins "this next unexpected chapter of my priesthood."

"May God continue to bless the Diocese of Dallas," he said.

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## BRANDT

From 1B

I guess, as a pastor, I'm a bit more cynical about church than the writer is. To me, it seems anything but stable. There are hundreds of congregations here in Midland, and very few of us have anything to do with any other. We're good at pointing fingers and making accusations, but that hardly seems a good foundation upon which to build a stable country.

More importantly, though, church — from the very beginning — was never meant to be a stabilizing influence. Faith has always been about change: God stirring things up, making the world different and new. Church is not about maintaining; it's about changing.

Also, it's impossible to cherry pick faith. Granted, that's how it's done nowadays: choosing what we like and passing up what we don't. But it doesn't work that way. If you want stability, you accept the reason for that stability: feeding the hungry, giving the thirsty something to drink and the homeless somewhere to live, making room for the immigrant and the refugee, caring for the lowest and the least and, most of all, treating enemies like friends. The reason the church exists is pretty simple: to care for others just like God cares for us. And that goes far beyond the usual campaign promises and good intentions we're used to hearing.

Truth is, in America, if we want a stable country, we don't need the church to get it. We need, instead, a willingness — as Americans, not just as Christians — to build stable communities, and we need to honestly identify where we fall short, openly discussing what needs to be done and then having the courage and the commitment to do it. There's more to nation-building than simply insuring domestic tranquility and providing for the common defense. There's establishing justice and promoting the general welfare. No, America doesn't need to become more like the church or the mosque or the synagogue or the temple to restore our sanity. We simply need to become more like America.

## CALENDAR

### Today

**Faces of Freedom sporting clay tournament** is a benefit for Freedom Service Dogs of America which helps veterans with service dogs which were one shelter animals. 8 a.m. at Windwalker Farms, 2551 County Road 2801, Stanton. Freedomservicedogs.org.

**Faith Temple Church Music Workshop** will focus on keyboard, pro-audio, drum and percussion training. Through Saturday at Kingdom Life Church, 1605 N. Terrell St. $20 per session. kingdomlifectx.com.

**42nd Annual Spiritual Explosion** will feature nightly services with guest pastors. 7:30 p.m. through Saturday at Faith Temple COGIC, 1605 N. Terrell Road: ftc-midland.org.

### Saturday

**Midland Downtown Farmers Market.** At Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

**Yoga classes are offered weekly.** 9 a.m. Universalist Unitarian Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Free. uumidland.org.

**"The Gates of Paradise"** looks at the crucifixion of Jesus Christ through the eyes of those watching. 3 p.m. at Ragtown Gospel Theater, 870 Ragtown Road, Post. $22. ragtowngospeltheater.com.

### Sunday

**Healing Hope Revival with Dan Bohl,** 6 p.m. at The Gathering Church, 3303 W. Illinois Ave.

### Monday

**Grief Support six-week session,** 6:30-8 p.m. at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

**Belly Dancing Class,** 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

### Wednesday

**Caregiver Support group,** noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

**Come to the Quiet,** 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Chapel. Coffee and conversation in commons to follow. fpcmid.org.

### Thursday

**Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group** with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

*To include your event on this calendar, please email Rich Lopez at rlopez@mrt.com.*

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## Lee ready for action against Amarillo High

By Will Korn
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As the 2016 season draws closer, there has been quite a bit of excitement surrounding the Lee football program.

The Rebel players instantly and completely bought in to head coach Clint Hartman's "All in" mantra and Hartman said the last nearly two weeks of practice have been fantastic.

Hartman

But after nine intensive days of preparation at home, Lee is ready to test itself and measure its off-season progress against another opponent. The Rebels will do just that when they face Amarillo High in a scrimmage at 10 a.m. today at Lubbock Estacado.

The morning will begin with a controlled scrimmage, as the two teams will alternate fielding their first and second string units.

The second part of the scrimmage will feature simulated game play with a running clock for two, 12-minute quarters.

Today's scrimmage will be the final game-like tune up for the Rebels before they host El Paso Coronado at 7:30 p.m. next Friday to kick off the season.

Hartman said he expects to get a real sense of where his team is at following its matchup against the Sandies. He added that everyone is anxious to get onto the field and compete against another opponent.

"I think (with) a football team, you learn a lot in the first scrimmage and in the first two weeks there is a whole lot of growth," Hartman said. "This is a little different than the spring game for us. That's

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## MHS looks to improve itself in scrimmage

By Christopher Hadorn
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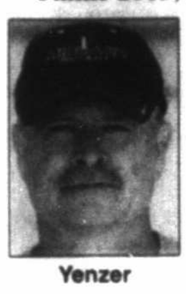
Two-a-day football practices have taken on a new light this summer for the Midland High coaching staff.

Unlike 2015, the Bulldogs coaches don't have to stress about a quarterback competition or finding four new bodies to play on the offensive line.



Yenzer

With a majority of starters back on both sides of the ball, MHS coaches have been able to focus more on improving the product on the field.

The Bulldogs will see where they stand when they face El Paso El Dorado in a scrimmage at 10 a.m. today at Eagle Stadium in Van Horn.

The first part of the matchup will consist of a controlled scrimmage totaling 96 plays between first and second teams, while the second portion will be two timed 12-minute quarters that will closer simulate game conditions.

It will be MHS' final rehearsal before it hosts El Paso Franklin in Thursday's 7 p.m. season opener at Grande Communications Stadium.

"Our goal up to this point has been to accelerate everything, get things clicking quicker and we feel like we've done that so we'll continue that theme in the scrimmage," Midland High head coach Craig Yenzer said.

"We still have some conditioning things that we need to take care of," Yenzer added. "We still have some execution things that we need to take care of. We'll see exactly how we will feel after the scrimmage. But for the most part, I've been

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# FOR LOVE OF BASEBALL

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RockHounds starting pitcher Heath Fillmyer pitches against Tulsa on Wednesday at Security Bank Ballpark

## Midland's Fillmyer relishing the 'Game of Failure'

By Oscar LeRoy
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Heath Fillmyer seems to like to challenge himself as an athlete.

The 22-year-old right-handed pitcher for the Midland RockHounds enjoyed playing multiple sports in high school, loved playing baseball because it wasn't easy and made the decision to switch from playing shortstop to full-time pitcher after his first year in junior college.

It seems that those decisions have worked out for him as he finds himself playing at the Double-A level two years after being drafted in the fifth round out of NJCAA Division II Mercer Community College by the Oakland A's in 2014.

After six starts with the Texas League South Division-leading RockHounds, Fillymer is 1-0 with a 2.79 ERA 24 strikeouts and just five walks.

"It's been exciting," said Fillmyer of his rise though the A's farm system. "It's been a lot of work, and it's not easy, and every one of these guys will tell you it's not easy. But it's a new experience, and that's why there are so many levels to get to the big leagues. The guys go through a lot to mature as a baseball player. It's not like football where you can just get drafted and become a starter.

"I think I've been doing a good job of trusting my teammates behind me," added the 19-ranked A's prospect, according the MLBpipeline.com. "The catchers have called great games and they've blocked a lot of balls. When you're ahead in the count, you're not scared to spike anything and they'll block it for you. I've just been keeping it simple and letting guys get themselves out."

Even with a rare blip on Wednesday — three runs on seven hits with two walks and two strikeouts in a 5-3 loss to Tulsa — RockHounds pitching coach John Wasdin said Fillmyer has been

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## Desire trumps talent for US men's basketball team

TIM DAHLBERG
*Associated Press*

RIO DE JANEIRO —

So much is expected of them, mainly because there is so much talent.

For a while during these Olympics, though, it seemed like the U.S. men's basketball team was stuck in some kind of Olympic time warp, complete with a maritime theme.

Maybe there's something about staying on boats that brings out the worst in U.S. basketball.

Or maybe this team just needed a good kick in the rear to finally get going.

Two wins from the gold medal most everyone assumed was a lock going into the games, there is still work to be done. Spain awaits on Friday, and there's a possible rematch with Australia for the gold medal final.

But there's now a bit of swagger back in the step, a few more smiles on the faces of players. Some even seemed a bit giddy after the team found a groove of sorts-in a blowout win Wednesday over Argentina in the quarterfinals.

Turns out playing hard isn't that hard after all.

"For us it's about effort," Paul George said. "We've got talent. We have to match it with effort."

Without it, these guys could lose — Friday, or Sunday.

And though they say they realize that, for reasons no one seems quite able to explain, that effort was lacking in three previous games, all of which the U.S. barely won. Some went so far as to suggest that the laid back approach of this team mirrored the lifestyle aboard the luxury cruise ship the players are staying on, much like the team in the disastrous 2004 games in Athens that lost three games and went home with the bronze.

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## Brazilian police say Lochte, US swimmers were not robbed

By Mauricio Savarase, Peter Prengaman and Luis Andres Henao
*Associated Press*

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazilian police said Thursday that swimmer Ryan Lochte and U.S. teammates were not robbed after a night of partying, and that the intoxicated athletes instead vandalized a gas station bathroom and were questioned by armed guards before they paid for the damage and left.

Lochte

The robbery that was or wasn't has become the biggest spectacle outside of the Olympic venues in Rio, and given American Olympians a black eye in Brazil after an otherwise remarkable run at the Summer Games. The ordeal was also a blow to Brazilians who for months endured scrutiny about whether a city that has long had problems with violence would be able to keep athletes and tourists safe.

"No robbery was committed against these athletes. They were not victims of the crimes they claimed," Civil Police Chief Fernando Veloso said during an afternoon news conference.

But the police account raised questions about whether it's possible Lochte and the swimmers believed they were victims of a robbery. Lochte's attorney has maintained that one took place and insisted the swimmer had nothing to gain by making the story up. He, as well as Lochte's father and agent, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

The swimmers could potentially face punishment — probation, suspension, a fine or expulsion — under USA Swimming's code of conduct, which prohibits dishonesty or fraud. It was not immediately clear if the organization planned to act. It was also not clear if the swimmers would face criminal charges.

Lochte initially said that he and teammates Jack Conger, Gunnar Bentz and Jimmy Feigen were held at gunpoint and robbed after a night of partying on the final night of Olympic swimming. Police said earlier this week that they couldn't find evidence to substantiate the claim, and a judge ordered the swimmers' passports held as the investigation continued. Lochte had already returned to the U.S. but the others stayed, and Conger and Bentz were pulled off a plane at the Rio airport.

While some details in the official account of the story changed on Thursday — police first said no guns were involved, then backtracked and said two guards pointed weapons in their direction — security video confirmed that the athletes vandalized parts of the gas station, leading to an encounter with station employees.

The closed-circuit video shows one of the swimmers pulling a sign off of a wall and dropping it onto the ground. A gas station worker arrives, and other workers go to inspect the damage. Veloso said the swimmers broke a door, a soap dispenser and a mirror.

The swimmers eventually talk with security guards, who persuade them to walk to another section of the station. Their cab leaves.

As they talk, two of the swimmers put their hands up and all four sit down on a curb. After several minutes, they stand up and appear to exchange something — perhaps cash, as police said — with one of the men.

A police official speaking on condition

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# 'HOUNDSWATCH

THURSDAY'S SCORE
Tulsa 8, Midland 6

TODAY'S GAME
Springfield at Midland, 7 p.m.

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2ND HALF RECORDS
Midland 34-19
Tulsa 26-27

| Thursday | Today | Saturday | Sunday | Tuesday |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tulsa 8, Midland 6 | Springfield at Midland, 7 p.m. | Springfield at Midland, 7 p.m. | Springfield at Midland, 2 p.m. | Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m. |

# DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

## ON THE AIR

**ON TV**
**BOXING**
Fred Kassi vs. Jarrell Miller, 9 p.m., SHO
Ivan Delgado vs. Alejandro Ochoa, 9 p.m., ESTRELLA
**GOLF**
US Amateurs, Quarterfinals, 2 p.m., FS1
PGA: Wyndham Championships, 2nd Rd, 3 p.m., GOLF
**LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES**
Tokyo, Japan vs. Vancouver, British Colombia, 1 p.m., ESPN
Chula Vista, Calif. vs. Johnston, Iowa, 3 p.m., ESPN
Seoul, South Korea vs. Willemstad, Curacao, 5 p.m., ESPN
San Antonio vs. Bowling Green, Ky., 7 p.m., ESPN
**MLB**
Texas at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m., FSSW
Houston at Baltimore, 6 p.m., ROOT
Boston at Detroit, 6 p.m., MLB
NY Yankees at LA Angels, 9 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
**MEN'S SOCCER**
Ligue 1: Olympique Lyonnais vs. Stade Malherbe Caen, 1:40 p.m., beIN
La Liga: Malaga CF vs. Osasuna, 1:40 p.m., beIN2
DfB Pokal: Carl Zeiss Juna vs. Bavern Munich, 1:45 p.m., ESPNDEP
PL: Manchester United FC vs. Southampton FC, 2 p.m., USA
La Liga: Deportivo de la Coruna vs. SD Eibar, 3:40 p.m., beIN2
Ascenso MX: Venados vs Dorados, 8:30 p.m., GolTV
Liga MX: CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz vs. Deportivo Toluca FC, 8:50 p.m., AZTECA
MLS: San Jose Earthquakes vs. Houston Dynamo, 10 p.m., UniMas, UDN
**MIXED MARTIAL ARTS**
Resurrection Fighting Alliance 42, 9 p.m., AXS
**MOTORSPORTS**
Sprint Cup: Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Final Practice, Noon, USA
Sprint Cup: Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Qualifying, 4:30 p.m., USA
XFINITY: Food City 300, 6:30 p.m., USA
**NFL**
Miami at Dallas, 7 p.m., KPEJ
**OLYMPICS**
Women's Golf: 3rd Rd, 5:30 a.m., GOLF
Track & Field: Men's 50k Walk, 6 a.m., NBCSN
Men's Badminton, 8 a.m., USA
Equestrian: Individual Jumping Finals, Rd 1, 9 a.m., NBC
Canoe/Kayak: Sprint Semifinals, 9 a.m., NBC
Synchronized Swimming: Team Finals, 9 a.m., NBC
Women's Water Polo: Hungary vs. Russia, 9:20 a.m., USA
Synchronized Swimming, Athletics, 9:30 a.m., TELE
Men's Wrestling: Freestyle Qualifying, 10 a.m., NBCSN
Taekwondo: Qualifying, 10 a.m., NBCSN
Rhythmic Gymnastics: Qualifying, 10 a.m., NBCSN
Women's Badminton, 10 a.m., MSNBC
Women's Field Hockey: Germany vs. New Zealand, 10:30 a.m., USA
Men's Badminton, 10:30 a.m., USA
Women's Soccer: Canada vs. Brazil, 11 a.m., MSNBC, OSOC
Men's Volleyball: Italy vs. USA, 11:10 a.m., NBC
Cycling: BMX Finals, 1 p.m., NBC
Women's Modern Pentathlon, 1 p.m., MSNBC
Men's Handball: France vs. Germany, 1 p.m., MSNBC
Men's Basketball: Spain vs. USA, 1:15 p.m., NBCSN, TELE, OBBALL
Women's Water Polo: USA vs. Italy, 1:30 p.m., NBC
Equestrian: Individual Jumping Finals, Round 2, 2:45 p.m., NBC
Rhythmic Gymnastics: Qualifying, 2:45 p.m., NBC
Women's Field Hockey: Netherlands vs. Great Britain, 3 p.m., MSNBC
Women's Soccer: Sweden vs. Germany, 3:30 p.m., NBCSN, TELE, NBCU, OSOC
Men's Wrestling: Freestyle Finals, 4 p.m., CNBC
Men's Basketball: Australia vs. Serbia, 5 p.m., CNBC, NBCU, OBBALL
Men's Handball: Poland vs. Denmark, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
Track & Field: Women's Pole Vault, Men's Hammer, Women's 5000m, Men's 4x100m Relay, Women's 4x100m Relay, 7 p.m., NBC
Men's Diving: Platform Qualifying, 7 p.m., NBC
Men's Volleyball: Russia vs. Brazil, 8 p.m., NBCSN
Women's Modern Pentathlon, 8 p.m., NBCSN
Women's Boxing: Semifinals, 8 p.m., NBCSN
Taekwondo: Finals, 8 p.m., NBCSN
Canoe/Kayak: Sprint Semifinals, 10:35 p.m., NBC
**TENNIS**
ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, Quarterfinals, 10 a.m., TENNIS
ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, Quarterfinals, Noon, ESPN2, TENNIS
ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, Doubles Quarterfinals, 2 p.m., TENNIS
ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, Quarterfinals, 6 p.m., ESPN2
**WOMEN'S SOCCER**
NCAA: West Virginia at Penn State, 6:30 p.m., BTN
NCAA: Seattle U at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN
NCAA: BYU at Washington State, 9 p.m., P12, P12 Mtn, P12 WA

**ON RADIO**
**MLB**
Houston at Baltimore, 6 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring
Texas at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m., KBST 1400 AM (Big Spring)
**NFL**
Miami at Dallas, 7 p.m., KQRX 95.1 FM, KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KTXC 104.7 FM (Esp)
**TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL**
Springfield at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

## WHAT'S ON DECK

**High school**

**FOOTBALL**
Lee vs. Amarillo High scrimmage, 10 a.m., Lubbock Estacado
Midland High vs. El Paso El Dorado scrimmage, 10 a.m., Van Horn
**TENNIS**
Lubbock High at Midland High, 10 a.m.
Lee at Kerrville/FDBG Tournament
**VOLLEYBALL**
Lee at Granbury Classic, TBA
Midland High at Northwest ISD Tournament
Greenwood, Midland Christian at San Angelo Tournament

## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**
**American League**
BOSTON RED SOX — Reinstated 1B Hanley Ramirez from the bereavement list. Optioned INF Marco Hernandez to Pawtucket (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated RHP Danny Salazar from the 15-day DL.
**National League**
NEW YORK METS — Activated OF Justin Ruggiano from the 15-day DL. Otioned RHP Gabriel Ynoa to Las Vegas (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed RHP Matt Cain on the 15-day DL. Activated RHP Cory Gearrin from the 15-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled RHP A.J. Cole from Syracuse (IL). Optioned OF Brian Goodwin to Syracuse.
**American Association**
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released RHP John Kovalik. Signed OF Colin Willis.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Released RHP Chris Trebit.
LAREDO LEMURS — Released LHP Matt Bywater.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed LHP Cody Wheeler.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released RHP Jon Link.
**Atlantic League**
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Reinstated RHP Chris McCoy to the active list. Placed RHP John Brownell on the inactive list.
**FOOTBALL**
**National Football League**
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed OT Willie Smith. Waived/injured FB Devon Johnson.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Activated LB Brennan Scarlett from the activation-football injury list.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Activated CB Xavien Howard from the PUP list.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Waived CB Matt Smalley.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived/injured T Kevin Bowen.
**Canadian Football League**
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Released WR Andrew Johnson.
**HOCKEY**
**National Hockey League**
NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with D John Gilmour.
**American Hockey League**
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Agreed to terms with F Josh Holmstrom on a one-year contract.
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Signed F Louis-Marc Aubry and D Conor Allen to one-year contracts.
**ECHL**
ELMIRA JACKALS — Signed F Daultan Leveille.
READING ROYALS — Agreed to terms with D Miles Liberati and D Miles Liberati.
**MOTOR SPORTS**
**NASCAR**
HENDRICK MOTORSPORTS — Signed William Bryon to a multiyear driver agreement and will drive for JR Motorsports in the Xfinity series next season.
**COLLEGE**
GEORGETOWN — Announced junior basketball F Paul White will transfer.
HOFSTRA — Named Laura Cummings men's and women's assistant cross country coach.
MINNESOTA — Named Keith Jordan acting linebackers coach.
MISSISSIPPI — Announced RB Jordan Wilkins has been ruled ineligible for the upcoming regular season because he has not met NCAA standards for progress toward a degree.
NEW JERSEY CITY — Named Brendan Guzman men's assistant soccer coach.
SHENANDOAH — Named Maddie Tughon women's assistant lacrosse coach.
TENNESSEE — Announced the retirement of athletic director Dave Hart, effective next summer.
TEXAS-RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Named Sonia Hahn women's tennis coach.
THIEL — Named Devante Sims cornerback coach.

# HIGHSCHOOLVOLLEYBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

**MHS DROPS 2 OF 3 IN NORTHWEST TOURNEY**

JUSTIN — The Midland High volleyball team dropped two of its three matches to open play in the Northwest ISD Tournament on Thursday.

Waxahachie defeated MHS 25-17, 25-11 before Plano bested the Lady Bulldogs 25-14, 25-21. MHS rebounded and slipped past Liberty 25-20, 19-25, 27-25 to round out the day's slate.

Ferrell Harper and Hayley Branco each recorded 17 kills to pace the Lady Bulldogs (10-5). Lindsey Brenner totaled a team-high 38 assists to go along with 10 digs, while Merrick Beach posted 10 kills and a team-best six blocks.

MHS resumes play in the Northwest ISD Tournament today.

WAXAHACHIE DEF. MHS 25-17, 25-11
PLANO DEF. MHS 25-14, 25-21
MHS DEF. LIBERTY 25-20, 19-25, 27-25
**MHS statistics**
Kills — Ferrell Harper 17, Hayley Branco 17, Gentry Foreman 12, Kathryn Hard 11, Merrick Beach 10, Sarah Nelson 4, Makaylee Carter 1
Assists — Lindsey Brenner 38, Carter 30, Foreman 1
Digs — Reagan Squire 40, Harper 21, Reagan Fincher 13, Brenner 10, Brighton Butler 8, Foreman 5, Carter 4, Branco 3, Beach 3, Hard 3, Nelson 2
Blocks — Beach 6, Foreman 4, Nelson 4, Branco 2, Harper 1
Aces — Harper 3, Foreman 3, Squire 2, Brenner 1, Fincher 1
Record: MHS 10-5
Next: MHS at Northwest Tournament, TBA, today

**LEE LOSES 2 OF 3 IN GRANBURY**

GRANBURY — The Lee volleyball team opened its play in the Granbury Tournament on Thursday by winning one of its three matches.

The Lady Rebels opened the day with a 25-22, 25-20 victory against Birdville. Peaster then defeated Lee, 25-21, 25-15 before Euless Trinity topped the Lady Rebels 25-12, 20-25, 25-21.

Emily Hillman and Quinci Strambler each posted 14 kills to lead Lee (5-8) in the three matches. Haylee Pruitt and Taylor Hopkins each contributed 30 assists, while Blake Gibson, Brady Richardson and Strambler all totaled five blocks.

Lee resumes play in the Granbury Tournament today.

LEE DEF. BIRDVILLE 25-22, 25-20
PEASTER DEF. LEE 25-21, 25-15
EULESS TRINITY DEF. LEE 25-12, 20-25, 25-21
**Lee statistics** Kills — Emily Hillman 14, Quinci Strambler 14, Blake Gibson 12, Madison Petrich 8, Taylor Hopkins 7, Brady Richardson 6, Elizabeth Kuhn 1, Kelsey Olson 1, Shelby Olivas 1 Assists — Haylee Pruitt 30, Hopkins 30, Richardson 3, Petrich 1 Digs — Olson 28, Hillman 13, Hopkins 10, Strambler 8, Pruitt 6, Kuhn 5, Olivas 4, Petrich 2, Gibson 1, Richardson 1 Blocks — Gibson 5, Richardson 5, Strambler 5, Petrich 4, Hopkins 1, Hillman 1 Aces — Hillman 2, Kuhn 1, Pruitt 1, Olson 1, Petrich 1
Record: Lee 5-8
Next: Lee at Granbury Tournament, TBA, today

# Depth at RB has Saints confident

By Joshua Koch
*Associated Press*

HOUSTON — The running back position for the New Orleans Saints appears loaded.

With veterans Mark Ingram, C.J. Spiller and Tim Hightower anchoring the effort and rookie Daniel Lasco proving himself in camp, the Saints have options behind quarterback Drew Brews.

"I think we have a special group of guys, a real talented room," Ingram said. "We push each other to be better and from the first guy to last guy everybody can go somewhere and play in this league and be a contributor in this league. A lot of competition but it's good competition brings out the best in everybody."

Ingram has dealt with injuries his entire career, playing the full schedule just once in 2012, and watching his production dip at times. Two years ago, he rushed for 964 yards and nine touchdowns and added 29 receptions for 145 yards. It's a level he would like to see again.

"That's what I want to be known for is a guy who can go in there and do everything," Ingram said. "Whether it's running the ball, lining up in the slot, lining up wide, running routes from the backfield, picking up pass protection, that's something I pride myself on."

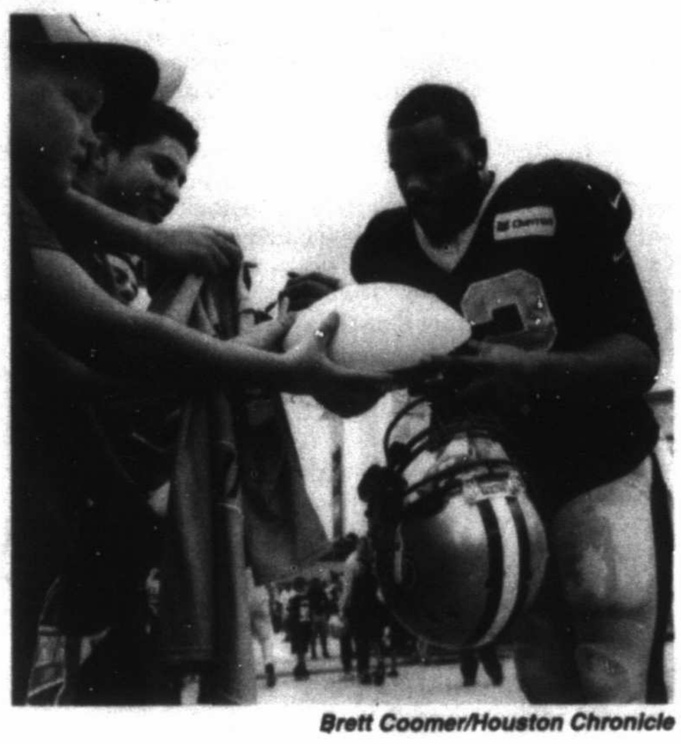
A position for the Saints that has been depleted by injuries in training camp has been the cornerbacks.

Keenan Lewis continues to be held out of practice, Devin Breaux limped off the field after a play and then was carted off in the middle of Thursday's practice. Getting reps for the young guys like P.J. Williams, Brian Dixon and De'Vante Harris is helpful to their progress, Saints coach Sean Payton said.

"We're having a chance to train and develop these guys against some pretty good receivers," he said. "I think the opportunity to see a different look and another team just like last week is a positive one."

For the Texans, quarterback Brock Osweiler and the entire offensive unit got a chance for a second straight week to practice against another team. Houston hosts the Saints in a preseason game on Saturday night.

"The best part is the constant, unscouted looks you're seeing," Osweiler said. "So it really tests your knowledge of your offensive system."



*Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle*

New Orleans Saints running back Mark Ingram (22) signs autographs following a joint training camp practice between the Houston Texans and Saints at Houston Methodist Training Center on Thursday in Houston.

## NFL PRESEASON GLANCE

**Standings**

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| East | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miami | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 27 | 10 |
| N.Y. Jets | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 17 | 13 |
| New England | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 57 | 44 |
| Buffalo | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 18 | 19 |
| **South** | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Tennessee | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 27 | 10 |
| Houston | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 24 | 13 |
| Indianapolis | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 19 | 18 |
| Jacksonville | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 13 | 17 |
| **North** | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Baltimore | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 22 | 19 |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 46 | 31 |
| Pittsburgh | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 17 | 47 |
| Cleveland | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 24 | 41 |
| **West** | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Denver | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 22 | 0 |
| Oakland | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 43 | 30 |
| San Diego | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 10 | 27 |
| Kansas City | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 16 | 17 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| East | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 34 | 9 |
| N.Y. Giants | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 10 | 27 |
| Washington | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 17 | 23 |
| Dallas | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 24 | 28 |
| **South** | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Atlanta | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 47 | 30 |
| Tampa Bay | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 9 | 17 |
| New Orleans | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 22 | 34 |
| Carolina | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 19 | 22 |
| **North** | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Minnesota | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 17 | 16 |
| Green Bay | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 37 | 23 |
| Detroit | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 44 | 47 |
| Chicago | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 22 | 45 |
| **West** | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Los Angeles | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 28 | 24 |
| Seattle | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 17 | 16 |
| San Francisco | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 13 | 24 |
| Arizona | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 | 10 | 31 |

**Scores and schedule**

**Thursday's Scores**
Philadelphia 17, Pittsburgh 0
Cincinnati 30, Detroit 14
Atlanta 24, Cleveland 13
New England 23, Chicago 22
Green Bay 20, Oakland 12
Minnesota at Seattle, late
**Today's Games**
N.Y. Jets at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 8 p.m.

## LEE

From 1C

really a practice and this (the scrimmage) is still a practice, but it's a practice against somebody else and so you want to compete.

"The kids want to play somebody else. They're tired of hitting someone in maroon. They're all in right now and it's real fun."

Senior receivers Payton Tranum and Taye Britt both played in the team's scrimmage against the Sandies last season.

Both are expected to be key contributors to the Rebels' offense in 2016 and they are ready to use today's scrimmage to help springboard the program into the new season.

"The attitude, the swagger is there," Tranum said. "(We're) just ready to get on the field and compete, compete at a high level. The senior guys are looking to lead this team through the scrimmage and then into the season."

Added Britt, who led all Rebel receivers with 342 yards and two scores on 20 receptions in 2015: "I'm looking forward to every moment that I'm about to have with all the guys I was with last year.

"But this year, it's just a new era and a new beginning that we're about to start. (It's a) new foundation that we're about to lay down for this year."

*Follow Will on Twitter: @Will_MRT*

## MHS

From 1C

pleased up to this point."

Even though Midland High has enjoyed mostly continuity on both offense and defense, the Bulldogs will start at least four new faces on defense and possibly two new guards on the offensive line.

Here is a breakdown of who has emerged in those position battles during summer practices:

**Defensive tackle** — The Bulldogs believe that Keoni Garcia, Stetson Abney, Anthony Reeves and Billy Tagle provide ample depth in a potential four-man rotation.

Garcia and Abney both shined in the spring and have carried that momentum into the summer. Reeves is a transfer from Victoria West that also brings versatility as an offensive lineman. Tagle, a converted linebacker, earns praise for his grit and his hard hitting despite his lack of ideal size.

**Linebacker** — Jordan Taylor has surfaced as a first-string linebacker in the spot vacated by the graduation of 2015 Reporter-Telegram Defensive Player of the Year Jack Youngblood.

In 2015, Taylor played linebacker on MHS junior varsity team, but was called up to make his varsity debut in a defensive end capacity against District 3-6A co-champion Odessa Permian.

**Cornerback** — Jacoby Thornton brings 6-foot-plus height, size, and a bump-and-run, physical brand of play to the Bulldogs' open corner spot.

Cordovan Mathews and Jesse Armendariz are vying for nickel and dime corner roles. McLane Manix, used primarily at wide receiver, may be used at corner too.

**Offensive guards** — Juniors Brandon Nanez and Juan Vasquez are making strong cases to start at the guard positions on the offensive line.

Nanez is an athletic, weight room warrior at right guard. Vasquez pushes 300 pounds at left guard and is lauded for his intelligence.

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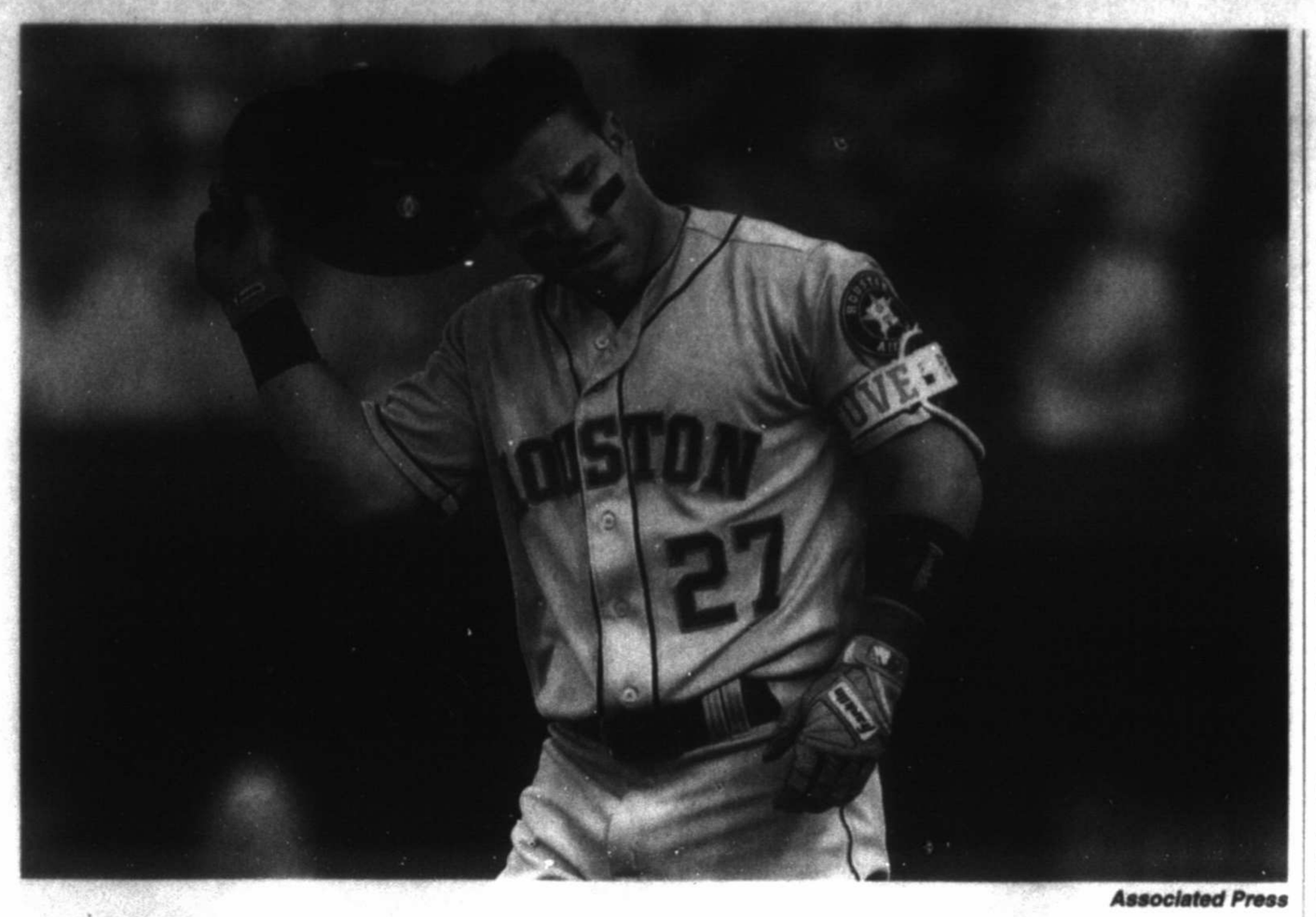

Associated Press

The Houston Astros' Jose Altuve removes his batting helmet after striking out against the Baltimore Orioles in the first inning of a baseball game, Thursday in Baltimore.

# Orioles hit 6 HRs in 13-5 rout of Astros

**By David Ginsburg**
*Associated Press*

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles waited a long time to put on a power-display like this one, and they relished every hit.

J.J. Hardy and Chris Davis each hit two of Baltimore's six home runs, Hyun Soo Kim had a career-high four hits and the Orioles beat rookie Joe Musgrove and the skidding Houston Astros 13-5 on Thursday night.

Mark Trumbo and Manny Machado also homered to help the Orioles improve to 40-19 at home and climb into a second-place tie with Boston in the AL East. The 13 runs matched a season high, set June 1 against Boston.

The Orioles had scored three runs or fewer in 20 of 32 games since the All-Star break, so this amounted to a slugfest of major proportions.

"I think there was a lot of frustration there," manager Buck Showalter said. "I don't know if frustration is the right word, but (they wanted to) get back to what we're capable of doing."

Trumbo set the tone in the first inning with his major league-leading 35th home run, a three-run shot to left against Musgrove, who looked every bit like a 23-year-old rookie making his third major league start.

And, for a change, the Orioles took full advantage.

"Seems like a while now, we weren't getting many mistakes," Showalter said. "And when we were, we weren't as consistent with making them pay as we were tonight."

# MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

## American League

**TIGERS 4**
**RED SOX 3**

DETROIT — Second baseman Ian Kinsler caught a line drive by Mookie Betts for the final out with runners on second and third, and Detroit snapped Boston's six-game winning streak.

Andrew Romine drew a bases-loaded walk to cap a three-run Detroit rally in the eighth.

Boston threatened in the ninth against Francisco Rodriguez. Kinsler was well positioned and needed to move only slightly to his right to make the play on Betts' liner.

Rodriguez got his 34th save in 37 chances.

**ROYALS 8**
**TWINS 1**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Alex Gordon hit a grand slam, Dillon Gee pitched seven strong innings and Kansas City beat Minnesota.

The defending champion Royals have won five straight and eight of nine to move above .500 for the first time since July 22. Starting pitchers have a 1.61 ERA in the five-game winning streak, allowing 23 hits and six earned runs in 33 2-3 innings, while striking out 27 and walking seven.

Gordon extended his hitting streak to a season-best nine games. He has homered in three straight.

**INDIANS 5**
**WHITE SOX 4**

CLEVELAND — Cleveland manager Terry Francona put up a pinch-hitter in the middle of an at-bat and the strategy paid off when Tyler Naquin lofted a game-ending sacrifice fly in the ninth inning that lifted the Indians past Chicago.

The AL Central-leading Indians scored a single run in each of the last five innings to overtake Chicago. Cleveland improved to 6-2 on an 11-game homestand.

## National League

**REDS 5**
**MARLINS 4**

CINCINNATI — Ramon Cabrera hit a three-run homer. Dan Straily continued his second-half surge and Cincinnati beat Miami for its eighth victory in 10 series since the All-Star break.

Billy Hamilton used aggressive baserunning to produce another run, and Eugenio Suarez added an RBI double to give Cincinnati three straight wins over Miami after losing the series opener.

Straily (9-6) improved to 5-0 with a 2.68 ERA over his last six starts. He opened with five shutout innings before giving up Marcell Ozuna's two-run homer in the sixth. Raisel Iglesias pitched the ninth for his second career save in two opportunities.

**CUBS 9**
**BREWERS 6**

CHICAGO — Kris Bryant homered twice, doubled and drove in five runs while going 5 for 5 and the Chicago Cubs overcame Jake Arrieta's career-high seven walks to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 9-6 on Thursday for a four-game sweep.

Bryant tied Colorado's Nolan Arenado for the NL lead with 30 home runs. The Cubs won for the 18th time in 21 games and improved the best record in the majors to 77-43.

Chicago led 5-0 when Arrieta (15-5) allowed a pair of two-out walks in the fourth. Kirk Nieuwenhuis followed with a three-run homer. Hernan Perez hit a solo homer in the sixth off Arrieta.

**PHILLIES 5**
**DODGERS 4**

PHILADELPHIA — Maikel Franco hit a go-ahead two-run home run in the seventh inning and Philadelphia held off Los Angeles.

Ryan Howard also homered to help the Phillies avoid a three-game series sweep.

Michael Mariot (1-0) pitched a scoreless seventh inning in relief of Jerad Eickhoff to earn the victory. Freddy Galvis led off the bottom of the seventh with a single and Franco followed with his 22nd homer, to deep center off Grant Dayton (0-1) to give the Phillies a 5-4 lead.

# MLB GLANCE

## Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toronto | 69 | 52 | .570 | — |
| Baltimore | 67 | 55 | .558 | 1½ |
| Boston | 67 | 53 | .558 | 1½ |
| New York | 61 | 59 | .508 | 7½ |
| Tampa Bay | 50 | 69 | .420 | 18 |
| **Central Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Cleveland | 69 | 50 | .580 | — |
| Detroit | 64 | 57 | .529 | 6 |
| Kansas City | 61 | 60 | .504 | 9 |
| Chicago | 57 | 63 | .475 | 12½ |
| Minnesota | 49 | 72 | .405 | 21 |
| **West Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Texas | 72 | 50 | .590 | — |
| Seattle | 64 | 55 | .538 | 6½ |
| Houston | 61 | 60 | .504 | 10½ |
| Oakland | 52 | 69 | .430 | 19½ |
| Los Angeles | 50 | 70 | .417 | 21 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 70 | 49 | .588 | — |
| Miami | 62 | 59 | .512 | 9 |
| New York | 60 | 60 | .500 | 10½ |
| Philadelphia | 57 | 65 | .467 | 14½ |
| Atlanta | 44 | 76 | .367 | 26½ |
| **Central Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Chicago | 77 | 43 | .642 | — |
| St. Louis | 64 | 56 | .533 | 13 |
| Pittsburgh | 62 | 56 | .525 | 14 |
| Milwaukee | 52 | 68 | .433 | 25 |
| Cincinnati | 51 | 69 | .425 | 26 |
| **West Division** | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Los Angeles | 67 | 53 | .558 | — |
| San Francisco | 66 | 54 | .550 | 1 |
| Colorado | 58 | 63 | .479 | 9½ |
| Arizona | 50 | 70 | .417 | 17 |
| San Diego | 50 | 70 | .417 | 17 |

## Scores & schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE

**Thursday's Scores**

Detroit 4, Boston 3
Baltimore 13, Houston 5
Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Kansas City 8, Minnesota 1
Seattle at L.A. Angels, late

**Today's Games**

Houston (McHugh 7-10) at Baltimore (Miley 7-10), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 16-3) at Detroit (Fulmer 10-3), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (Hamels 12-4) at Tampa Bay (Andriese 6-4), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Liriano 6-12) at Cleveland (Bauer 9-5), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Graveman 8-8) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 5-14), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Berrios 2-3) at Kansas City (Volquez 9-10), 7:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 9-4) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 8-10), 9:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Peralta 5-8) at Seattle (LeBlanc 2-0), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

**Thursday's Scores**

Chicago Cubs 9, Milwaukee 6
Philadelphia 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
Cincinnati 5, Miami 4
Washington at Atlanta, late
Arizona at San Diego, late
N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, late

**Today's Games**

Miami (Koehler 9-6) at Pittsburgh (Cole 7-8), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 9-7) at Philadelphia (Morgan 1-7), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Norris 6-9) at Cincinnati (Adleman 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Roark 13-6) at Atlanta (Teheran 3-9), 6:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 11-7) at Colorado (Anderson 4-4), 7:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Peralta 5-8) at Seattle (LeBlanc 2-0), 9:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Matz 9-8) at San Francisco (Cueto 13-3), 9:15 p.m.
Arizona (Greinke 11-4) at San Diego (Cosart 0-1), 9:40 p.m.

## Texas Boxes

**ORIOLES 13, ASTROS 5**

| Houston | ab | r | h | bi | Baltimore | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Springer rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | A.Jones cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| T.Hmond rf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Reimold ph-cf | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Bregman 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Kim lf | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Altuve 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | M.Machado 3b | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| T.Kemp 2b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C.Davis 1b | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Correa ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C.Joseph c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ma.Grad lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Trumbo rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Gattis dh | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | P.Alvrz dh | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| A.Reed 1b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | Wieters c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrnick cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Pearce 1b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J.Castro c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Schoop 2b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| J.Hardy ss | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| Fiherty ss | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| **Totals** | **34** | **5** | **7** | **5** | **Totals** | **40** | **13** | **18** | **13** |

**Houston** .010 101200— 5
**Baltimore** .320 20501x—13

E—M.Machado (8). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Houston 5, Baltimore 5. 2B—Altuve (34), M.Machado (35), J.Hardy (19). 3B—Kim (1). HR—Bregman (2), A. Reed (3), M.Machado (27), C.Davis 2 (27), Trumbo (35), J.Hardy 2 (7). SF—A.Jones (7).

| Houston | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Musgrove L,1-1 | 5 1-3 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| Hoyt | 2-3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Gregerson | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| White | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Baltimore** | | | | | | |
| Gausman W,4-10 | 6 2-3 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| Givens | 1 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Hart | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

T—2:40. A—20,288 (45,971).

## Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
**TIGERS 4, RED SOX 3**

Boston .000 100 020 —3 9 0
Detroit .010 000 03x —4 10 0

Buchholz, Ross Jr. (7), Tazawa (8), Ziegler (8) and Holaday; Boyd, A.Wilson (7), J.Wilson (8), Rodriguez (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—J.Wilson (4-4). L—Tazawa 2-2. Sv—Rodriguez (34). HRs—Boston: Leon (7).

**INDIANS 5, WHITE SOX 4**

Chicago .300 000 100 —4 6 1
Cleveland .000 011 111 —5 12 0

Rodon, Beck (7), N.Jones (7), Je.Turner (9) and Narvaez; Navarro, Salazar, Crockett (2), Cavanaugh (3), Otero (7), Miller (8) and R.Perez. W—Miller 7-1. L—Je.Turner 1-2.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**
**CUBS 9, BREWERS 6**

Milwaukee .000 302 010 —6 5 0
Chicago .203 201 01x —9 14 0

Davies, Scahill (5), Boyer (6), Torres (7), Knebel (8) and Maldonado; Arrieta, Patton (6), Grimm (8), Chapman (9) and Contreras. W—Arrieta 15-5. L—Davies 9-6. Sv—Chapman (27). HRs—Milwaukee: Perez (11), Nieuwenhuis (11). Chicago: Bryant 2 (30).

**REDS 5, MARLINS 4**

Miami .000 002 200 —4 8 2
Cincinnati .032 000 00x —5 8 2

Fernandez, Ellington (5), McGowan (7), Barraclough (8) and Mathis; Straily, Diaz (7), Wood (7), Iglesias (9) and R.Cabrera. W—Straily 9-6. L—Fernandez 12-7. Sv—Iglesias (2). HRs—Miami: Ozuna (22). Cincinnati: Cabrera (1).

# 'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

**DRILLERS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 6**
**At Security Bank Ballpark**

**TOP HITTERS:** Alex Verdugo was 3-for-4 with an RBI and run scored to lead Tulsa. ... Driller teammates Tim Locastro and Edwin Rios each had two hits, and Willie Calhoun had a three-run home run. ... Midland's Franklin Barreto was 2-for-4 with two doubles, while teammate James Harris was 2-for-4 with a double with two doubles and two runs.

**TOP PITCHER:** Tulsa ace Chase De Jong had another strong start as he allowed one run on five hits with one walk and four strikeouts for his 13th win of the season.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Tulsa took advantage of Midland starter Ben Bracewell's struggles and took a 3-0 lead on three-run home run to right by Willie Calhoun in the top of the first. ... Midland answered in the bottom of the first when Brett Vertigan tripled and scored on a Barreto single. ... Tulsa added two more runs in the second and one more in the third for a 6-1 advantage to chase Bracewell. ... Tulsa extended the lead to 8-1 with two runs in the seventh. ... After Midland cut it to 8-2 with a run in the eighth, it rallied for four runs in the ninth, highlighted by a two-run double by Harris.

**NOTES:** With the win, Tulsa swept the three-game series. ... Midland CF Brett Vertigan made an outstanding catch to end the top of the ninth, as he made a running catch, hit the wall, but held on for the out. ... Thursday was the first of "What if?" nights at Security Bank Ballpark as the RockHounds transformed into the Millionaires. ... Midland welcomes Springfield for the first game of a three-game series at 7 p.m. today.

**TODAY'S PROBABLES:**

Springfield – RHP Corey Baker (3-6, 4.91 ERA); Midland – Daniel Gossett (4-5, 2.67)

**DRILLERS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 6**

| Tulsa | ab | r | h | bi | Midland | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Locastro ss | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Vertigan cf | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Verdugo cf | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | Barreto ss | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Garlick dh | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Taylor c | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Calhoun 2b | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | Marincov rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tirsvich pr-2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sportman rf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bellinger rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Benne 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Rios 3b | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | Kirkland 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Scavuzzo lf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Munoz 3b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Zarraga c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Harris lf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Anderson 1b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| **Totals** | **34** | **8** | **10** | **8** | **Totals** | **36** | **6** | **11** | **4** |

**Tulsa** .321 000 200 —8
**Midland** .100 000 014 —6

E—Rios (2,7), Harris (1). DP—Tulsa 1, Midland 1. LOB—Tulsa 7, Midland 6. 2B—Rios (6), Verdugo 2, 2B). Zarraga (4), Harris 1. 3B—Vertigan (1). HR—Calhoun (26). SF—Garlick. SB—Barreto (27), CS—Bellinger 2, Zarraga (1), Munoz (7).

| Tulsa | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| De Jong W, 13-4 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 4 |
| Griggs | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Sborz | [illegible] | 4 | 4 | 3 | 0 | [illegible] |
| Malm S, 1 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| **Midland** | | | | | | |
| Bracewell | [illegible] | [illegible] | 6 | 4 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Walter | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Hall | [illegible] | 2 | 2 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Thorne | 1 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Donnegan | 1 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | [illegible] | [illegible] |

WP—Bracewell, Hall. HBP—by Bracewell (Scavuzzo), by De Jong, Sportman.

T—2:50. A—4,016.

## TL standings

Second Half
North Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Northwest Arkansas (Royals) | 37 | 35 | .509 | — |
| Tulsa (Rodgers) | 35 | 37 | .491 | 1 |
| Springfield (Cardinals) | 35 | 37 | .491 | 1½ |
| Arkansas (Angels) | 35 | 37 | .491 | 1½ |

South Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Midland (Athletics) | 34 | 19 | .642 | — |
| San Antonio (Padres) | 38 | 25 | .526 | 6 |
| Corpus Christi (Astros) | 36 | 27 | .491 | 8 |
| Frisco (Rangers) | 30 | 33 | .377 | 14 |

**Thursday's Scores**
Tulsa 8, Midland 6
Corpus Christi 4, Northwest Arkansas 0
Springfield 6, Frisco 2
San Antonio 3, Arkansas 0

**Today's Games**
Springfield at Midland, 7:00 p.m.
Tulsa at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.
San Antonio at Northwest Arkansas, 7:15 p.m.

# FILLMYER

From 1C

outstanding since the pitcher's call-up from Advanced-A Stockton in late July.

"He's been pounding the strike zone, using all of his pitches and forcing contact. That's what we preach throughout the Oakland A's system," Wasdin said. "(A's preach) three pitches or less and making guys hit the ball and make the defense do the work. When you have the mentality of three pitches or less, it's hard to walk somebody."

If Fillmyer continues his development, he will continue to rise within an organization that has done a good job of developing pitchers over the years.

Maybe Fillmyer knew exactly what he was doing when he made the position switch after his freshmen year at Mercer Community College, located just 10 minutes from his hometown Roebling, New Jersey.

Fillmyer said he pitched seven innings as a closer his freshman year and was drafted by the Colorado Rockies in the 28th round. But he knew that if he wanted to be drafted higher, he would have to convert to being a full-time pitcher his sophomore year.

"I still ended up hitting that year, which was pretty cool," said of his switch. "I kind of miss it a little bit, fielding and stuff like that, but I feel like I made the right decision.

"I always enjoyed pitching, every part of baseball I have always enjoyed," Fillmyer said. "It wasn't easy, at first, it was a learning experience and it showed. I got hit around a little bit and it really taught me how to pitch, but it really helped me."

Fillmyer knows that there are going to be plenty of ups and downs in the game and said the best way to get over the rough spots is to simply forget about them.

He also knows that if this game was easy, it wouldn't have the same appeal.

"It's hard. I think that's why all of us are obsessed with it," he said. "You can have a good game and have bad results and sometimes you can get away with a lot of stuff and have one of your best games. You can always have something to work on, you can always get better, no matter how old you are. There are guys in the major leagues that are still working on things. It's non-stop learning for everything."

### The Fillmyer File

**Favorite pitcher growing up:** Curt Schilling, because he was a big Phillies fan.

**When not playing baseball:** Likes listening to music. "I like just about everything," he said. "I like music that has good stories behind it."

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# LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES GLANCE

**At South Williamsport, Pa.**

UNITED STATES

GREAT LAKES: Bowling Green, Ky. MID-ATLANTIC: Endwell, N.Y. MIDWEST: Johnston, Iowa. NEW ENGLAND: Warwick, R.I. NORTH-WEST: Bend, Ore. SOUTHEAST: Goodlettsville, Tenn. SOUTHWEST: San Antonio. WEST: Chula Vista, Calif.

INTERNATIONAL

ASIA-PACIFIC: Seoul, South Korea. AUSTRALIA: Sydney. CANADA: Vancouver, B.C. CARIBBEAN: Willemstad, Curacao. EUROPE-AFRICA: Emilia, Italy. JAPAN: Tokyo. LATIN AMERICAN: Aguadulce, Panama. MEXICO: Nuevo Leo

**Double Elimination**

**Thursday, Aug. 18**

Aguadulce, Panama vs. Nuevo Leo, Mexico, 2 p.m.
Endwell, N.Y. vs. Warwick, R.I., 3 p.m.
Sydney vs. Emilia, Italy, 5 p.m.
Goodlettsville, Tenn. vs. Bend, Ore., 7 p.m.

**Today**

Game 5: Vancouver, B.C., vs. Tokyo, 1 p.m.
Game 6: Chula Vista, Calif. vs. Johnston, Iowa, 3 p.m.
Game 7: Willemstad, Curacao, vs. Seoul, South Korea, 5 p.m.
Game 8: Bowling Green, Ky. vs. San Antonio, 7 p.m.

# TEXAS FISHING REPORT

**WEST**

ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 84 degrees; 3.41 feet low. Black bass are fair early on topwaters, later switching to Texas rigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair at night under lights. Catfish are fair on juglines.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 85-89 degrees; 1.64 feet low. No reports on black bass. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are good on worms and stinkbait.

COLORADO CITY: 21.81 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 84-88 degrees; 1.2 feet low. Black bass are fair on Zara Spooks early, later switching to Texas rigs and medium diving crankbaits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 85-90 degrees; 1.6 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Yellow Magics, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: 84-88 degrees; 0.77 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, medium running shad pattern crankbaits and watermelon seed jigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 84-88 degrees; 11.67 feet low. Black bass are fair on topwaters early, later switching to drop shot rigs, jigs, Texas rigs and chatterbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Gitz) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 86-90 degrees; 35.52 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Zara Spooks early, later switching to Texas rigs, spoonbill crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 84-90 degrees; 0.82 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, DT 10s, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on split shot weighted live minnows. White bass are fair to good on Road Runner Tails. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

SPENCE: 55.42 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 1.2 feet low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 83-89 degrees; 22.89 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 84-89 degrees; 18.78 feet low. No report available.

**SOUTH**

AMISTAD: Water murky; 88-92 degrees; 24.52 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters, crankbaits, soft plastics, and jigs in hydrilla. Striped bass are fair on jerkbaits and topwaters. White bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on chicken gut, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes in 15-40 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

**CENTRAL**

BASTROP: Water murky; 86-90 degrees. Black bass are good on chartreuse Spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water murky; 84-88 degrees; 1.30 feet high. Black bass are good on purple soft plastic worms early. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on chrome slabs with bucktails. Crappie are fair on chrome slabs with bucktails. Channel and blue catfish are good on snails on rod & reel at night. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 85-89 degrees; 0.85 feet low. Black bass to 9 pounds are excellent on topwaters, shad colored crankbaits, and watermelon, green pumpkin, and black/blue soft plastics in bushes in 8-12 feet. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on Lil' Fishies and trolling crankbaits in 12-16 feet, and on minnows and jigs under lights at night. Crappie are good on minnows and on shad or white tube jigs. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish to 5 pounds are good on juglines baited with cut perch or shad. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch, 2nd goldfish.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 83-87 degrees; 0.50 feet low. Black bass are fair on white Erratic jigs, watermelon Skip-N-Pop topwaters, and weightless Texas rigged blue flake Whacky Sticks in 10-20 feet early. Striped bass are fair on jigs and Rat-L-Traps early, and drifting live bait. White bass are fair on live bait and jigging Tiny Traps over rock piles. Crappie are good on minnows and Gulp's crappie jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

CANYON LAKE: Water murky; 83-87 degrees; 0.23 feet high. Black bass are fair on tequila sunrise flukes, watermelon Whacky Sticks, and white/chartreuse crankbaits off points in 9-10 feet early. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Smallmouth bass are good on dark soft plastics and tube jigs on main lake points. Crappie are fair on blue tube jigs and minnows around submerged brush piles. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

COLEMAN: Water murky; 84-88 degrees; 1.09 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon spinnerbaits and Carolina rigged soft plastics. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel catfish are fair on stinkbait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are fair on chartreuse Carolina rigged soft plastics and small spinnerbaits. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut shad.

GRANBURY: Water murky; 86-92 degrees; 0.42 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Catfish are fair on stinkbait and live bait.

GRANGER: Water murky; 87-91 degrees; 0.23 feet high. Black bass are fair on chartreuse Rat-L-Traps and green pumpkin soft plastics. White bass are fair on slab spoons over humps near the dam. Crappie are good on minnows around standing timber. Blue catfish are good on shad near the dam. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water stained; 85-89 degrees; 0.77 feet low. Black bass are fair on perch colored topwaters, watermelon Whacky Sticks, and Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps in 5-15 feet early. Striped bass are good on white striper jigs and live bait. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water murky; 86-90 degrees; 0.28 feet low. Black bass are good on chartreuse Rat-L-Traps. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and white tube jigs early. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 85-89 degrees; 0.69 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon spinnerbaits and some topwaters. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad. Yellow catfish are fair on live bait.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 87-91 degrees; 5.91 feet high. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastic worms with chartreuse tails. Hybrid striper are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water murky; 85-90 degrees; 3.13 feet low. Black bass are fair on topwaters, watermelon soft plastic worms with chartreuse tails, and white grubs. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and white tube jigs over brush piles. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and fresh cut perch. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water murky; 85-90 degrees; 2.87 feet low. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on bloodbait and shrimp.

# Ashton Eaton ties Olympic record, but it's Bolt's show again

**By Gerald Imray**
*Associated Press*

RIO DE JANEIRO — Ashton Eaton retained his title as the best all-around athlete in the world by tying the decathlon Olympic record and, within minutes, had stepped back for track and field's ultimate superstar to take center stage again.

What more could the now two-time Olympic champion Eaton do on Thursday night to get just a sliver of the limelight that shines so brightly wherever Usain Bolt goes.

Not much.

Eaton made it back-to-back Olympic and world titles in the decathlon, an event the 28-year-old American has ruled since he rebounded from silver at the worlds in 2011 to claim the next four major gold medals available. From throwing, to jumping, to running, Eaton can do it all.

But then Bolt — the Jamaican who just deals in speed — roared around the bend at the Olympic Stadium to win the 200 meters in 19.78 seconds, completing act two of his three-part quest for gold and history in Rio.

The 4x100-meter relay final is all that's left now between Bolt and an historic triple of three gold medals at three straight Olympics. Concentrating on not messing that up for Bolt, a Jamaica team led by Asafa Powell got into the final, but only finished second in their heat behind Japan.

"There was some pressure to make it to the finals," Powell said, clearly relieved he didn't have to deliver any bad news to his friend, who was busy preparing for the 200 final.

The American men's 4x100 team qualified fastest for the relay final with a season's-best 37.65.

Wednesday delivered an "awesome hour" for the American team on the track. By Thursday night, that had evolved into a pretty great 24 hours.

Alongside Eaton's triumph, Ryan Crouser led an American one-two in the shot put, also setting an Olympic record of 22.52 meters to beat world champion Joe Kovacs. Tomas Walsh of New Zealand won bronze.

Dalilah Muhammad kept the U.S. total ticking with gold in the women's 400-meter hurdles and Ashley Spencer added a bronze, with another American 1-2 in that race only just thwarted by Denmark's Sara Slott Petersen. Earlier, Kerron Clement won his first individual gold at the Olympics in the men's 400 hurdles.

"We are making history out here," Muhammad said of the U.S. team's gold rush.

With three days of competition to come, the United States was up to 24 medals in track and field, including eight gold.

For a few short moments on Day 7 the track and field competition, the U.S. women's 4x100 relay team was a little like Bolt: They were the only ones everyone was looking at.

Tianna Bartoletta nestled into the starting blocks in lane 2 for the U.S. team's re-run — on their own and against the clock only — after they fumbled the baton in their original qualifier, but got another chance following a protest.

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United States' Diana Taurasi celebrates a score against France during a women's semifinal round basketball game at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro on Thursday.

# US beats France 86-67, advances to women's basketball final

**By Doug Feinberg**
*Associated Press*

RIO DE JANEIRO — It's rare to see the U.S. women's basketball team struggle during the Olympics. Then again, they've had Sue Bird running the show for over a decade.

With the starting point guard sidelined with a knee injury, the Americans were out of sorts for a half before finally getting it together to pull away from France in an 86-67 win in the semifinals Thursday night. Now they're back in the Olympic final once again, one victory away from a sixth consecutive gold medal.

U.S. coach Geno Auriemma made it a point, however, after the game to stress that unforeseen developments like Bird's injury makes it a little bit harder than just who the U.S. will beat next and "when's the gold medal ceremony."

"It's not like that," Auriemma said, "and our players really found out today that without Sue it's certainly not going to be like that. There's a big difference in our team the way we played today and the way we played the other six games."

Bird's status for Saturday's final versus Spain is unclear.

The US and Spain played in the preliminary round and the U.S. won that one by 40. The Americans also beat Spain in the 2014 world championship by 13.

Taurasi scored 18 points and Maya Moore added 15 against France in what was the closest game of the Olympics for the Americans. It was a rematch of the 2012 London Games gold medal contest. The U.S. won that one by 36 points, but had a much harder time in this one without Bird.

The point guard sprained her right knee capsule in the quarterfinals and has been listed as day-to-day. She had started every game for the U.S. the past three Olympics and been a calming influence on offense for the Americans. Brid said she plans to practice today.

"I'm not going to be stupid about this," Bird said. "It's your body, you have to listen to it, you don't want to put yourself in danger, but if I can play I'm definitely playing."

The U.S. had cruised through its first six games, winning by nearly 42 points a game and scoring at a record pace. Without Bird, the Americans looked discombobulated at times on offense against France. The team that was averaging 105 points and 30 assists was held to just 40 points in the opening 20 minutes and just four assists.

Dressed in a blue sweatsuit, Bird was anxious on the bench. It was the first time in 31 Olympic contests she wasn't on the court.

The U.S. held a slim 40-36 at the break, the closest any team had been to the Americans at the half since Australia led them in the semifinals of the 2012 Olympics.

But the Americans (7-0) started playing a better on both ends of the court in the decisive third quarter. As the starters were about to take the court for the start of the second half, Bird huddled them up could be seen offering words of encouragement and instructions.

The team seemed to get the message, going on a 14-5 run to start the period, including two 3-pointers by Taurasi that gave the Americans some breathing room. Those shots gave Taurasi a record 28 3-pointers in the Olympics — the most ever in the tournament.

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It might just be, though, that this team was badly missing some leaders.

Still is, since Kobe Bryant is retired and LeBron James is resting comfortably back in the states. Gold medals in Beijing and London testify to the fact no one dared not to play hard with those two in charge.

Bryant had once been plotting to be here, before finally deciding that his retirement should be permanent. James decided to sit this one out, understandable after leading Cleveland to an emotionally draining NBA title.

"Every time I watch 'em I wish I was out there," James said in an interview Thursday with ESPN. "I did not retire from Team USA. I just did not play this summer."

The hope was that Kevin Durant or Carmelo Anthony — the only players with previous Olympic experience on the roster — would fill their roles and blowouts of China and Venezuela to open the Olympics made it look like this was a team growing comfortable with each other.

Then came a game where Australia banged the Americans around only to fall short in the final minutes. That was followed by 3-point wins over both Serbia and France.

Even coach Mike Krzyzewski couldn't seem to get through to this team before something suddenly clicked against Argentina.

Fear of embarrassment may have been a motivating factor. No one wanted to be known as the first U.S. men's basketball team to fail to win a medal of any type in the Olympics, though it certainly seemed a possibility.

"Guys took it personally coming into the game," Durant said.

What that means going into Friday's game against Spain is a little hard to figure out. Oddsmakers make the Americans a 13-point favorite, but it's a game they could lose if they don't bring consistent defensive pressure on the perimeter, something they just seemed to figure out how to do against Argentina.

## LOCHTE

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of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing said two guards pointed guns at the swimmers. Veloso said the guards did not use excessive force and would have been justified in drawing their guns because the athletes "were conducting themselves in a violent way."

A station employee called police, and the guards and employees tried to get the swimmers and the taxi driver to stay until authorities arrived, some even offering to help as an interpreter, Veloso said. But he said the athletes wanted to leave, so paid 100 Brazilian reals (about US $33) and $20 in U.S. currency and left.

Conger and Bentz told authorities after they were taken off the plane that the story of the robbery had been fabricated, said the police official who told the AP about the guns pointed at the swimmers.

Bentz and Conger gave testimony late Thursday. Upon leaving a police station in the upscale neighborhood of Leblon, they walked through a crowd of dozens of journalists and onlookers without stopping or answering questions. A few people in the crowd shouted at them, calling them "liars" and "shameful."

It was not immediately clear if Feigen, who spoke to police on Sunday, was going to provide give another statement.

Police said the swimmers were unable to provide key details in early interviews, saying they had been intoxicated. The police official said officers grew suspicious when security video showed the swimmers returning to the athletes village and saw them wearing watches, which would have likely been taken in a robbery.

"We got pulled over, in the taxi, and these guys came out with a badge, a police badge, no lights, no nothing just a police badge and they pulled us over," Lochte told NBC's "Today" the morning after the incident. "They pulled out their guns, they told the other swimmers to get down on the ground — they got down on the ground. I refused, I was like we didn't do anything wrong, so — I'm not getting down on the ground.

"And then the guy pulled out his gun, he cocked it, put it to my forehead and he said, 'Get down,' and I put my hands up, I was like 'whatever.' He took our money, he took my wallet — he left my cellphone, he left my credentials."

But Lochte backed off some of those claims as the week went on, saying the taxi wasn't pulled over by men but rather the athletes were robbed after stopping at a gas station. Lochte also said a man pointed a gun toward him, but didn't put the gun to his head.

Authorities said that after the incident, the swimmers did not call police; officers began investigating after they saw news coverage with Lochte's mother speaking about the incident.

Lochte told USA Today that the swimmers didn't initially tell U.S. Olympic officials about the incident because "we were afraid we'd get in trouble."

The debacle prompted both wild speculation and social media mockery, which quickly turned to scorn after the official account went public. (hash) LochteGate was trending on Twitter, with users sharing video footage and posting comments about white privilege and rude Americans.

David Fleischer, a political scientist at the University of Brasilia, said the incident touched a nerve in Brazil because of the country's history of urban violence and cases of people impersonating police and committing crimes.

"The story did have some sense of validity but it didn't bear out and it made them look bad worldwide," he said.

While he's medaled often in the Olympic pool, Lochte's accomplishments have long been overshadowed by teammate Michael Phelps — the most decorated Olympian in history. Lochte won a gold in Rio in a relay race alongside Phelps. He is a 12-time Olympic medalist.

## OLYMPICS MEDAL COUNT

Through 24 of 25 medal events, Thursday, Aug. 18
241 of 306 total medal events

| Nation | G | S | B | Tot |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| USA | 35 | 33 | 32 | 100 |
| Britain | 22 | 21 | 13 | 56 |
| China | 20 | 16 | 22 | 58 |
| Germany | 13 | 8 | 11 | 32 |
| Russia | 12 | 15 | 17 | 44 |
| Japan | 12 | 6 | 18 | 36 |
| France | 8 | 12 | 14 | 34 |
| Italy | 8 | 9 | 6 | 23 |
| Netherlands | 8 | 4 | 4 | 16 |
| Australia | 7 | 10 | 10 | 27 |
| South Korea | 7 | 3 | 8 | 18 |
| Hungary | 7 | 3 | 4 | 14 |
| Spain | 5 | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| Croatia | 5 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| Jamaica | 5 | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| New Zealand | 4 | 8 | 3 | 15 |
| Brazil | 4 | 5 | 5 | 14 |
| Kenya | 4 | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Canada | 4 | 3 | 11 | 18 |
| Kazakhstan | 3 | 5 | 7 | 15 |
| Cuba | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 |
| Argentina | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Ukraine | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| North Korea | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| Poland | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| Belgium | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Thailand | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Colombia | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Uzbekistan | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Greece | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Switzerland | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Iran | 2 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Denmark | 1 | 6 | 6 | 13 |
| South Africa | 1 | 6 | 2 | 9 |
| Sweden | 1 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| Belarus | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| Armenia | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Serbia | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Slovenia | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Indonesia | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| CR | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| Ethiopia | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Georgia | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Romania | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Bahrain | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Slovakia | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Vietnam | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Taiwan | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Independent | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Bahamas | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fiji | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Jordan | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kosovo | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Puerto Rico | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Singapore | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Azerbaijan | 0 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Turkey | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Malaysia | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Ireland | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Lithuania | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Mongolia | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Algeria | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Grenada | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Philippines | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Qatar | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Venezuela | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Egypt | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Norway | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Israel | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Tunisia | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Austria | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Bulgaria | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| DR | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Estonia | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Finland | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| India | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
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| | Q | S | R | C | W | 6 PM | 6:30 | 7 PM | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 | 11 PM | 11:30 |
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| KMID ABC | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | Jeopardy! | Wheel of Fortune | Shark Tank | | What Would You Do? | | 20/20 | | Local 2 News/ 10 | (:35) Final Score | (:05) J. Kimmel Hugh Grant, Nikki Glaser | |
| KOSA CBS | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | CBS 7 News | Ent. Tonight | NCIS: LA "Where There's Smoke" | | Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Haunaele" | | Blue Bloods "Hold Outs" | | CBS 7 News | (:35) Stephen Colbert | (:35) J.Corden | |
| KWWT CW | 5 | 14 | | 5 | 14 | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H "Edwina" | A. Griffith | A. Griffith | Happy Days | Gilligan's Island | Hogan's Heroes | Hogan's Heroes | Carol Burnett | P. Mason "The Case of the Fiery Fingers" | Twilight Zone | |
| KPEJ FOX | 8 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 3 | Modern Family | Big Bang Theory | MasterChef "The Weakest Links/ Sweet Surprise" | | | | Fox 24 News | TMZ | 2 Broke Girls | Modern Family | Two and a Half | Met Your Mother |
| KMLM IND | 11 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | Restore Zion | All About Us | Update News | Sondra Baras | Light of the Southwest "Part 1" | | Light of the Southwest "Part 2" | | Update News | Shepherd's Heart | | Called Out |
| KWES NBC | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | News-West 9 | Olympic Zone | Rio 2016 Summer Olympics Athletics (M, W) Gold Medal Final, Diving (M) Platform Qualifying (L) | | | | | | NewsWest 9 at 10 | (:35) Rio 2016 Canoe Sprint Semifinal | | (:35) Rio 2016 |
| KPBT PBS | 13 | 13 | | 13 | 8 | PBS NewsHour | | Wash. Week (N) | Charlie Rose (N) | Perform. "La Fille du Regiment" An orphan promises to marry a member of the military regiment that adopted her. | | | | Yellowst-one: Land | World News | | Tavis Smiley |
| KUPB UNI | 4 | 4 | | 4 | 16 | La rosa de Guadalupe | | Un camino hacia el destino | | Tres veces Ana | | | | Noticias Tejas | Noticiero noctu. | Contacto Deportivo | |
| KOSA MNT | 16 | 16 | | 16 | | Fam.Feud | Fam. Feud | Bones | | Bones | | Mike&M. | Mike&M. | Anger M. | Anger M. | Tosh.0 | Access H. |
| FLIX | 340 | 575 | | 165 | | (5:00) The Usual ... | | ★★★ Chasing Amy Ben Affleck. | | | | Shriek If You Know What I ... | | ★★ See No Evil Glen Jacobs. | | | |
| HBO | 300 | 550 | 14 | 14 | | Movie | (:25) Dracula Untold | | | The Night Of | | The Night Of | | ★★ American Pie Chris Klein. | | Wednes | |
| HBO2 | 302 | 551 | 15 | 101 | 23 | (5:45) ★★ National Treasure Nicolas Cage. | | | | Straight Outta Compton O'Shea Jackson Jr. | | | | ★★ Vacation Ed Helms. | | | |
| HBO5 | 304 | 552 | 16 | 102 | | (5:45) ★★ We Are Marshall | | | | ★★★ Trainwreck Amy Schumer. | | | | (:15) Amy Schumer | | (:15) ★★ Ted 2 | |
| MAX | 380 | 557 | 17 | 120 | 24 | Movie | (:50) The Longest Ride ('15, Rom) | | | Britt Robertson. | | Insurgent ('15, Sci-Fi) Shailene Woodley. | | | | ★★ Self/ Less | |
| MAX2 | 382 | 559 | 18 | 122 | | (4:00) ★★ Run All Night Liam Neeson. | | | | Outcast | | (:55) The Drop Tom Hardy. | | (:45) Victor Frankenstein | | | |
| PLEX | | | 96 | | | (5:15) Moonstruck | | ★★ Love Story Ali McGraw. | | (:45) ★★ Falling In Love Robert De Niro. | | | | (:35) ★★ Multiplicity | | | |
| SHOW | 320 | 565 | 19 | 140 | 25 | (4:15) ★★★ Zodiac | | The Gift ('15, Thril) Jason Bateman. | | | | Boxing Shobox: The New Generation | | | | | |
| TMC | 336 | 573 | 22 | 155 | 26 | (:05) ★★ Alfie ('04, Com) Jude Law. | | | | ★★★ Up in the Air George Clooney. | | | | Spring Breakers | | | Movie |
| A&E | 27 | 58 | 28 | 35 | 47 | The First 48 "The Good Son/ Jacked Up" | | 60 Days In "Meet the Participants" | | 60 Days in: Time Out (N) | | The First 48 "1000 Cuts/ Draw" | | (:05) The First 48 | | (:05) 60 Days "Meet the Participants" | |
| AMC | 40 | 74 | 23 | 42 | 51 | (5:30) The Breakfast Club | | | (:45) ★★★ The Breakfast Club ('85, Dra) Judd Nelson. | | | | | ★★★ Fast Times at Ridgemont High | | | |
| BET | 58 | - | | 40 | | (:20) House of Payne | | ★★ Waist Deep ('06, Act) Meagan Good, Tyrese Gibson. | | | | | | (:05) Martin | | (:05) Wendy Williams | |
| BRAVO | 65 | 76 | | 41 | | ★★★ Dirty Dancing Patrick Swayze. | | | | Real Melbourne (N) | | ★★★ Dirty Dancing Patrick Swayze. | | | | ★ The Holiday | |
| CNBC | 46 | 52 | | 39 | 72 | (5:00) Rio 2016 | | The Profit | | The Profit | | Boss "Retro Fitness" | | Undercover Boss | | Undercover Boss | |
| CNN | 43 | 50 | 51 | 30 | 56 | OutFront | | A. Cooper 360 | | The Eighties "Raised on Television" | | | | The Seventies | | The Sixties | |
| DISC | 50 | 60 | 31 | 24 | 42 | Alaskan Bush People | | Alaskan Bush People | | The Book of Ami (N) | | The Book of Matt (N) | | Alaskan Bush People | | Bush "Bush Heart" | |
| DISNEY | 56 | 64 | 36 | 25 | 36 | Movie | Elena | StuckMid | Girl M. | Bizaard. | Underc. | StarEvil | StarEvil | LEGOFree | Bizaard. | Girl M | Friends |
| ESPN | 32 | 35 | 48 | 31 | 30 | (5:00) Baseball | | Baseball Little League World Series (L) | | | | Baseball Tonight (L) | | SportsCenter | | SportsCenter | |
| ESPN2 | 34 | 36 | 49 | 32 | 31 | Tennis Western & Southern Open Site: Lindner Family Tennis Center -- Mason, Ohio (L) | | | | | | | | 30 for 30 "No Mas" | | | 30 for 30 |
| 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 | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners, Drive-Ins (N) | | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners, Drive-Ins | |
| FREEFORM | 53 | 63 | 34 | 42 | 33 | (5:15) ★★★ Jumanji | | | (:45) ★★★★ Matilda ('96, Fam) Mara Wilson. | | | | | The 700 Club | | Wizards | Wizards |
| FSSW | 37 | 38 | 50 | 45 | 29 | MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Tampa Bay Rays Site: Tropicana Field -- St. Petersburg, Fla. (L) | | | | | | Rangers Live (L) | Rangers Insider | Game 365 | Red Bull Air "Rovinj" Race flies to Rovinj, Croatia. | | Red Bull Air |
| FX | 31 | 56 | 59 | 64 | 69 | (5:00) ★★ Pompeii | | ★★★★ Star Trek: Into Darkness ('13, Sci-Fi) Zachary Quinto, Chris Pine. | | | | | | | | ★ Star Trek: Into Darkness | |
| HALLMARK | 54 | 71 | 58 | | 34 | Last Man | Last Man | Home I. | Home I | Middle | Middle | Middle | Middle | G. Girls | G. Girls | G. Girls | G. Girls |
| HGTV | 63 | 69 | 26 | 48 | 44 | Renovation | | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | | H.Hunt | House | H.Hunt | House | Love It or List It | |
| HISTORY | 71 | 59 | 29 | 50 | 43 | Ancient Aliens | | Ancient Aliens | | Ancient Aliens (N) | | (:05) Ancient Aliens | | (:05) Ancient Aliens | | (:05) Ancient Aliens | |
| LIFETIME | 28 | 30 | 25 | 28 | 48 | The Rap Game "We Don't Take No L's" | | Bring It! | | Bring It! "Hoop Dreams Drama" (N) | | The Rap Game "Run Back to Wifey" (N) | | (:05) The Rap Game "Run Back to Wifey" | | Bring It! | |
| MSNBC | 47 | 53 | | 49 | 73 | Hardball | | All in With C. Hayes | | Rachel Maddow | | Hardball | | All in With C. Hayes | | Rachel Maddow | |
| NBCSN | 38 | 43 | | | | Rio'16 | Rio 2016 Handball (M) Semifinal (L) | | | Rio 2016 Summer Olympics | | | | | | Sports (N) | Sports (N) |
| NICK | 55 | - | 39 | 34 | 37 | Crashlet | Thunder | Nicky | Nicky | F.House | F.House | F.House | F.House | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends |
| SPIKE | 30 | - | 55 | 53 | 58 | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Jail | Jail |
| SYFY | 66 | 82 | 41 | 57 | 67 | (5:30) ★★ Pitch Black ('00, Thril) Vin Diesel. | | | | Killjoys (N) | | Dark Matter (N) | | Killjoys | | Dark Matter | |
| TBS | 25 | 33 | 44 | 66 | 41 | Sein. "The Pilot" | Seinf. "The Pilot" 2/2 | 2 Broke Girls | 2 Broke Girls | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | ★★ The House Bunny (2008, Comedy) Colin Hanks, Emma Stone, Anna Faris. | | | |
| TCM | 41 | 75 | 24 | 63 | 66 | (5:00) Gold Digge... | | ★★★★ 42nd Street | | | | (:45) ★★★ Go Into Your Dance Al Jolson. | | ★★★ Dames Joan Blondell. | | | |
| TELE | 20 | - | 10 | 20 | | Caso cerrado | | Silvana Sin Lana | | Sin Senos Si Hay Par | | Señora acero | | Al rojo | Titulares | Juegos Olimpicos | |
| TLC | 51 | 61 | 32 | 38 | 52 | Wives With Knives "Can't Let Go" | | Killer Women "Army of Lovers" (N) | | | | To Be Announced | | Killer Women "Army of Lovers" | | | |
| TNT | 24 | 34 | 40 | 26 | 50 | Bones "The Skull in the Sculpture" | | ★★★ Olympus Has Fallen (2013, Action) Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler. | | | | (:15) ★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets A historian must prove his great-grandfather wasn't involved in the Lincoln assassination. | | | | | |
| TVLAND | 49 | - | 35 | 54 | 35 | Griffith | A. Griffith | Griffith | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Queens | Queens | Queens | Queens |
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# Rafa Cabrera Bello, Kevin Na share Wyndham Championship lead

*Associated Press*

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Rested after the Rio Olympics, Rafa Cabrera Bello shot a 7-under 63 on Thursday in the Wyndham Championship for a share of the first-round lead with Kevin Na.

Cabrera Bello eagled the par-5 fifth and closed the bogey-free round with a birdie on Sedgefield's par-4 ninth. On Sunday, the 32-year-old Spaniard tied for fifth in Rio.

"Last week was a big adrenaline week," Cabrera Bello said. "It was the first time I was really not playing for myself, just playing for my country and obviously it's a huge honor, but also big responsibility. I wanted to do good and I was pleased with my result. ... Coming into this week, I felt the game was good, just needed a bit of rest."

The four-time European Tour winner is trying to stay in position for a Ryder Cup spot, with more ranking points available in North Carolina than the European event in the Czech Republic. The shorter travel also played a role in his decision to play the tournament.

"There was a chance of me not making it through the money list and making it through the world ranking points list, that's what I wanted to focus on," Cabrera Bello said. "I'm pretty sure this week has a stronger world ranking than the one in Europe and I also felt that it was going to be easier to travel south to north than from Rio to Czech Republic, jet lag-wise."

Na had seven birdies in his bogey-free round in the PGA Tour's final regular-season event. The American tied for eighth last week in the John Deere Classic. He won his lone tour title in 2011 in Las Vegas.

"Hit it well," Na said. "Made a lot of putts. That putter has not been all that hot this year and it was nice to see a lot of putts go in. It's usually over the years been my strong part of game but I felt like I really found something."

Luke Donald, Brandt Snedeker, Derek Fathauer, New Zealand Olympian Danny Lee and Peter Malnati shot 65. Donald made a hole-in-one on the 16th.

"Had a perfect number, downhill a little bit, 159 (yards) and it was playing straight downwind and good 9-iron for me and looked good all the way," Donald said. "Hit a foot short and went in the hole. Bonus when it goes in, obviously, and nice to win a holiday for life. Apparently that's what I got for it."

Snedeker, the 2007 winner at Forest Oaks, bogeyed the final hole. He's fighting for a spot on the U.S. Ryder Cup team.

"I want to be on that team. I love playing Ryder Cups," Snedeker said. "I'm going to use that as motivation to go out there and work hard and grind my tail off the next three days."

Jim Furyk had a 66 in his first round since shooting the first 58 in PGA Tour history two weeks ago in the final round of the Travelers Championship.

"Right now, a touch frustrating," Furyk said. "If I went back, I think I hit a bunch of greens. I might have hit every green. Two three-putts were the two bogeys. The greens are just really difficult. They're very quick. There's a ton of slope in them."

## WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

Thursday
At Sedgefield CC
Greensboro, N.C.
Purse: $5.4 million
Yardage: 7,127; Par: 70 (35-35)
First Round

| | |
|---|---|
| Rafa Cabrera Bello | 32-31—63 |
| Kevin Na | 32-31—63 |
| Derek Fathauer | 32-33—65 |
| Danny Lee | 31-34—65 |
| Luke Donald | 34-31—65 |
| Peter Malnati | 34-31—65 |
| Brandt Snedeker | 32-33—65 |
| Shawn Stefani | 33-33—66 |
| Patrick Reed | 34-32—66 |
| Hideki Matsuyama | 33-33—66 |
| Jim Furyk | 32-34—66 |
| Johnson Wagner | 31-35—66 |
| Andres Gonzales | 34-32—66 |
| Dicky Pride | 33-33—66 |
| Greg Chalmers | 31-35—66 |
| Troy Merritt | 35-31—66 |
| Bill Haas | 32-34—66 |
| Billy Horschel | 33-33—66 |
| Brett Stegmaier | 32-34—66 |
| Sam Saunders | 32-34—66 |
| Andrew Landry | 32-34—66 |
| Greg Owen | 33-34—67 |
| Luke List | 35-32—67 |
| Scott Langley | 33-34—67 |
| Robert Garrigus | 32-35—67 |
| Rickie Fowler | 33-34—67 |
| Sung Kang | 35-32—67 |
| Scott Piercy | 34-33—67 |
| Luke Guthrie | 33-34—67 |
| Lee McCoy | 33-34—67 |
| Kelly Kraft | 34-33—67 |
| Martin Laird | 33-34—67 |
| Brendon de Jonge | 33-34—67 |
| Jerry Kelly | 35-32—67 |
| Bud Cauley | 33-34—67 |
| Robert Streb | 35-32—67 |
| Brian Stuard | 34-33—67 |
| Russell Henley | 35-32—67 |
| Patton Kizzire | 35-32—67 |
| Wayne Barber | 33-34—67 |
| Scott Brown | 35-33—68 |
| Steve Wheatcroft | 33-35—68 |
| Tom Gillis | 33-35—68 |
| Darron Stiles | 31-37—68 |
| Graeme McDowell | 36-32—68 |
| J.B. Holmes | 36-32—68 |
| Chris Kirk | 34-34—68 |
| Chesson Hadley | 35-33—68 |
| Michael Thompson | 32-36—68 |
| Spencer Levin | 33-35—68 |
| Lucas Lee | 32-36—68 |
| Tyrrell Hatton | 36-32—68 |
| Ryan Moore | 34-34—68 |
| Si Woo Kim | 34-34—68 |
| Bryce Molder | 33-35—68 |
| Steve Marino | 36-33—69 |
| Thomas Aiken | 34-34—68 |
| Tim Herron | 35-34—69 |
| Kyle Stanley | 35-34—69 |
| Adam Hadwin | 33-36—69 |
| Sean O'Hair | 32-37—69 |
| Brian Harman | 34-35—69 |
| Mark Wilson | 36-34—69 |
| Tim Wilkinson | 35-35—69 |
| Lucas Glover | 34-35—69 |
| Rod Pampling | 36-33—69 |
| Chad Campbell | 33-36—69 |
| Brice Garnett | 36-33—69 |
| Alex Prugh | 33-36—69 |
| Michael Kim | 35-34—69 |
| Freddie Jacobson | 34-35—69 |
| Jonas Blixt | 34-35—69 |
| Carlos Ortiz | 35-34—69 |
| Chris Stroud | 32-37—69 |
| Jarrod Lyle | 34-36—70 |
| Kevin Kisner | 36-34—70 |
| Stewart Cink | 35-35—70 |
| Scott Piercy | 36-34—70 |
| Keegan Bradley | 35-35—70 |
| Webb Simpson | 33-37—70 |
| Chez Reavie | 36-34—70 |
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| Morgan Hoffmann | 33-37—70 |
| Miguel Angel Carballo | 36-34—70 |
| Adam Hadwin | 37-33—70 |
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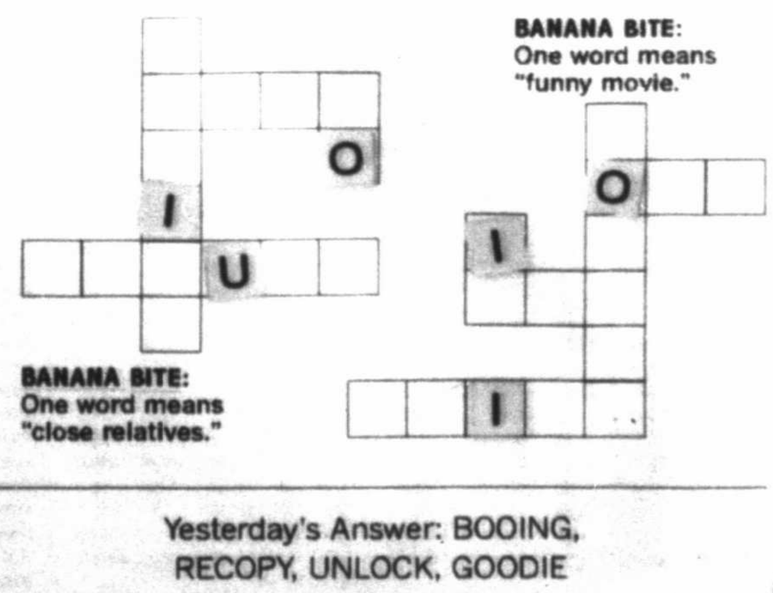


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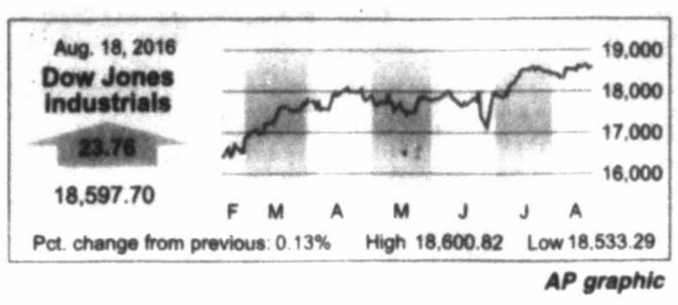


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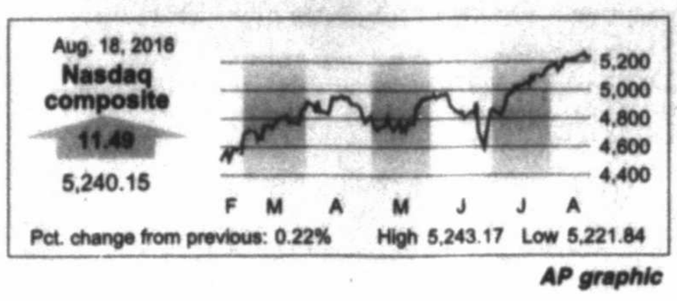


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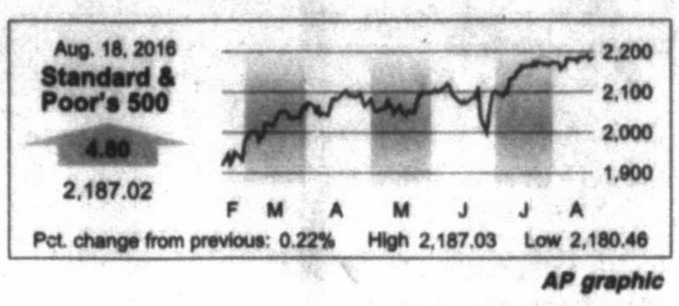


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## OIL PRICES

**FUTURES**

Thursday: $48.22
Previous: $46.79

**POSTED**

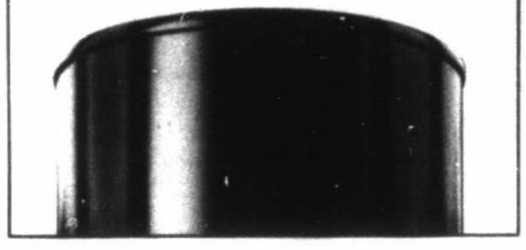
Thursday: $44.75
Previous: $43.25

**WEST TEXAS SOUR**

Thursday: $1.05
Previous: $39.55

**NATURAL GAS**

Thursday: $2.674
Previous: $2.619



### NYSE

**Most Active ($1 or more)**

| Name | Vol (00) | Last | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| ChesEng | 792990 | 8.20 | +.52 |
| ValeantPh | 634082 | 29.19 | -.81 |
| BkofAm | 602973 | 15.16 | +.01 |
| US OilFd | 563790 | 11.30 | +.31 |
| iShEMkts | 508901 | 37.81 | +.35 |

**Gainers ($2 or more)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| StonwEng rs | 12.35 | +2.73 | +28.4 |
| AcomInt rs | 7.78 | +.97 | +14.3 |
| NamTai | 7.35 | +.90 | +14.0 |
| ChesEn pfD | 38.72 | +4.51 | +13.2 |
| ComstkRs rs | 6.52 | +.76 | +13.2 |

**Losers ($2 or more)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| GeoGrp | 19.51 | -12.78 | -39.6 |
| CorrectnCp | 17.57 | -9.65 | -35.5 |
| JonesEngy | 2.77 | -.81 | -22.6 |
| 58.com | 46.03 | -7.67 | -14.3 |
| BrigStrat | 19.01 | -2.94 | -13.4 |

**Diary**

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 2,122 |
| Declined | 876 |
| Unchanged | 102 |
| Total issues | 3,100 |
| New Highs | 174 |
| New Lows | 9 |
| Volume | 3,204,810,464 |

### AMEX

**Most Active ($1 or more)**

| Name | Vol (00) | Last | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| NewConcEn | 44216 | 4.19 | +.42 |
| NwGold g | 43022 | 5.77 | +.09 |
| BarcGlSOil | 40805 | 6.08 | +.20 |
| B2gold g | 37076 | 3.39 | +.06 |
| SynergyRs | 34287 | 7.06 | +.07 |

**Gainers ($2 or more)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| AmShrd | 2.90 | +.54 | +22.9 |
| NewConcEn | 4.19 | +.42 | +11.1 |
| Electrmed | 4.44 | +.30 | +7.3 |
| Air Ind s | 4.40 | +.27 | +6.5 |
| RingEngy | 10.52 | +.60 | +6.0 |

**Losers ($2 or more)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| Innsuites | 2.17 | -.18 | -7.7 |
| CKX Lands | 10.65 | -.85 | -7.4 |
| Ptenex | 8.89 | -.66 | -6.9 |
| NovaBay rs | 3.57 | -.14 | -3.8 |
| RxVrmzWk | 13.50 | -.49 | -3.5 |

**Diary**

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 226 |
| Declined | 133 |
| Unchanged | 27 |
| Total issues | 386 |
| New Highs | 9 |
| New Lows | 1 |
| Volume | 96,010,720 |

### NASDAQ

**Most Active ($1 or more)**

| Name | Vol (00) | Last | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| HuntBncsh | 693441 | 9.51 | -.15 |
| SiriusXM | 519549 | 4.19 | -.05 |
| Cisco | 410715 | 30.48 | .24 |
| Apple Inc | 192119 | 109.08 | -.14 |
| SunEdSem | 190262 | 11.51 | +3.23 |

**Gainers ($2 or more)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| SunEdSem | 11.51 | +3.23 | +39.0 |
| GWG Hldgs | 10.10 | +2.19 | +27.7 |
| Sophiris | 5.88 | +1.23 | +27.6 |
| CdnSolar | 14.35 | +2.14 | +17.5 |
| NetApp | 33.88 | +5.03 | +17.4 |

**Losers ($2 or more)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| AuriaMed | 2.15 | -3.20 | -59.8 |
| JunprPhm | 5.75 | -1.37 | -19.2 |
| PortolaPh | 20.12 | -3.57 | -15.1 |
| BonsoElec | 2.23 | -.38 | -14.6 |
| KellySB | 17.23 | -2.84 | -14.2 |

**Diary**

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 1,918 |
| Declined | 874 |
| Unchanged | 193 |
| Total issues | 2,985 |
| New Highs | 111 |
| New Lows | 31 |
| Volume | 1,554,535,330 |

# Feds, law professors say judge wrong to block fracturing rules

*Associated Press*

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A federal judge in Wyoming was wrong to block rules for hydraulic fracturing on federal land, a group of law professors and lawyers for the federal government said in new court documents.

U.S. District Judge Scott Skavdahl of Casper ruled in June that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management lacks the authority to regulate fracturing — a technique of injecting materials underground to increase energy production.

The agency released rules last year that could require energy companies to disclose the materials they inject to free up the surrounding oil and gas. The BLM said it was acting in response to public concern that fracturing could cause contamination of groundwater.

The Obama administration filed a brief last week with the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver arguing the BLM has the power to regulate fracturing. John Powell, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Wyoming, declined to comment on the case Thursday.

In the ruling, Skavdahl pointed to an article by Florida State University law professor Hannah Wiseman, saying it supported his conclusion that Congress removed fracking from federal regulation in 2005.

Wiseman and 35 other law professors from around the country filed a brief with the appeals court Wednesday saying they disagree with the judge's ruling and claiming it "fundamentally misinterprets the article."

Wiseman said it should be a slam-dunk for the BLM to get the ruling overturned.

"The agency clearly has the authority — indeed, a duty — to regulate hydraulic fracturing under several of its enabling statutes," she said in a statement.

Skavdahl's decision came in response to legal challenges to the federal rules from Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, Utah and the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Utah. A number of environmental groups also joined the case to argue in favor of the rules.

Wyoming Attorney General Peter Michael said Thursday that he has not yet reviewed the new filings. The state and others must file their responses in mid-September.

"Obviously, we're always confident when we've won below," Michael said of the lower-court ruling.

John Robitaille, vice president of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming, said oil and gas producers are already regulated by the state and that the BLM rules amounted to unnecessary and duplicative oversight.

Some 90 percent of new oil and gas wells use hydraulic fracturing techniques to improve production, said Robitaille, whose group supported the state's legal challenge.

"The use of hydraulic fracturing ... has really opened up a lot of opportunity for our business," he said Thursday. "And it's something that we expect to continue well into the future."

# Gawker.com dies next week, killed by an unhappy subject

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Gawker.com, the brash New York website that broke new ground with its gossipy, no-holds-barred coverage of media, culture and politics, is shutting down after 14 years, brought low by an unhappy, but deep-pocketed, subject.

The news — appropriately enough, broken by Gawker itself — follows the sale of the site's parent company to Univision. Founder Nick Denton reportedly told staffers Thursday afternoon that Gawker.com will come to an end next week. Twitter immediately went berserk in an unholy mélange of shock, sadness and Schadenfreude.

Univision, the Spanish-language broadcaster, is buying the parent company, Gawker Media, for $135 million; the sale follows Gawker's loss in a major invasion-of-privacy case brought by the former pro wrestler Hulk Hogan. Gawker had published a video of Hogan having sex with a friend's wife.

A Florida court awarded Hogan, whose lawsuit was secretly backed by an aggrieved Silicon Valley billionaire, $140 million in damages. Gawker Media went into bankruptcy protection after the verdict, and a judge has to approve the sale at a hearing Thursday.

Other Gawker Media blogs may live on. The company currently publishes seven sites in addition to Gawker.com, including the feminist-focused Jezebel, the tech site Gizmodo and the sports site Deadspin. Univision wants those properties to help build a more youthful audience than that commanded by broadcast TV.

But Gawker's real enemy, it turns out, wasn't Hogan so much as Peter Thiel, a PayPal founder and early investor in Facebook, who a Gawker site had outed as gay in 2007. Thiel's vendetta against Gawker raised concerns about wealthy people covertly working to undermine media companies they didn't like.

## Stocks edge higher

U.S. stocks again ticked higher Thursday as the continuing rebound in oil prices gave energy companies a lift. The gains were modest, however, as investors have been avoiding big moves. The dollar weakened further, and compared to the yen it's at its lowest in almost three years.

Stocks wobbled in the early part of the day, but energy companies were a standout as the price of U.S. oil reached its highest level since the beginning of July. The weakening dollar aided exporters including technology and chemical companies. The market turned higher in the afternoon.

Ryan Detrick, senior market strategist for LPL Financial, said the U.S. market tends to be calm in August and trading volume is usually low. Lower trading volume means surprising events can cause big swings for stocks, but so far, it's made this month the opposite of January and early February, when stocks tumbled and the markets were rattled.

The Dow Jones industrial average picked up 23.76 points, or 0.1 percent, to 18,597.70. The Standard & Poor's 500 added 4.80 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,187.02. The Nasdaq composite rose 11.49 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,240.15.

## Metal prices rise

Gold added $8.40 to $1,357.20 an ounce. Silver gained 9 cents to $19.74 an ounce and copper picked up 2 cents to $2.17 a pound.

## MIDLAND STOCKS

**Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies**

**Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)**
Closing Price $62.71 Down 4.54

**Concho Resources (CXO)**
Closing Price $135.44 Up 2.65

**Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)**
Closing Price $7.51 Up 0.01

**Diamondback Energy (FANG)**
Closing Price $98.55 Up 3.25

**Legacy Reserves (LGCY)**
Closing Price $1.68 Up 0.08

**Mexco Energy (MXC)**
Closing Price $4.40 Up 0.21

**Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)**
Closing Price $25.40 Up 0.43

**RSP Permian (RSPP)**
Closing Price $40.06 Up 0.98

**Ring Energy (REI)**
Closing Price $10.52 Up 0.60

**Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)**
Closing Price $16.68 Up 0.57

## HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

| Name | Div | PE | Last | Chg | YTD %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AT&T Inc | 1.92 | 16 | 41.40 | -.46 | +20.3 |
| **Abraxas** | ... | ... | 1.45 | +.06 | +36.5 |
| **AdaDvsEq** | 92e | ... | 13.24 | +.08 | +3.2 |
| AMD | | | 7.04 | +.36 | +145.3 |
| Alibaba | | 34 | 97.00 | | +19.4 |
| AlonUSA | .60 | | 7.39 | +.01 | -50.2 |
| Ambev | 19e | | 6.15 | -.10 | +37.9 |
| **Amgen** | 4.00 | 17 | 174.75 | +.44 | +7.7 |
| **Anadarko** | .20 | ... | 55.94 | +1.56 | +15.2 |
| **Apache** | 1.00 | ... | 53.60 | +1.97 | +20.5 |
| Apple Inc | 2.28 | 13 | 109.08 | -.14 | +3.6 |
| **ApldMatl** | .40 | 15 | 27.68 | +.39 | +48.3 |
| ArcelorMit | | | 6.55 | +.21 | +103.7 |
| Archrock | .38 | | 11.92 | +.30 | +58.5 |
| **ATMOS** | 1.68 | 23 | 76.01 | +1.18 | +20.6 |
| AutoData | 2.12 | 27 | 89.83 | +.50 | +6.0 |
| **BP PLC** | 2.40e | ... | 34.65 | +.45 | +10.8 |
| BabsCCInv | 1.20 | ... | 19.22 | -.17 | +11.4 |
| BakrHu | .68 | | 52.05 | +1.33 | +12.8 |
| BkofAm | .30f | 12 | 15.16 | +.01 | -9.9 |
| B iPVxST rs | | | 35.99 | -.59 | |
| BasicEnSv | | | .69 | -.00 | -74.3 |
| **BerkHa A** | ... | | 15223200.00 | -689.98 | +12.8 |
| **BkHillleCp** | 1.68 | 20 | 59.10 | +.99 | +27.5 |
| **BrMySq** | 1.52 | 41 | 58.68 | +.38 | -14.7 |
| **BrownFA** | 1.36f | 33 | 106.57 | +.37 | -3.2 |
| **BrownFB** | 1.36f | 30 | 99.65 | -.08 | +.4 |
| CVS Health | 1.70f | 19 | 97.18 | -.37 | -.6 |
| CdnSolar | ... | 6 | 14.35 | +2.14 | -50.4 |
| Caterpillar | 3.08 | 23 | 83.38 | -1.03 | +22.7 |
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| Zynga | ... | ... | 2.66 | ... | -.7 |

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| 52-Week High | 52-Week Low | Name | Last | Chg | Net %Chg | YTD % Chg | 52-wk % Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18,868.44 | 15,370.33 | Dow Jones Industrials | 18,597.70 | +23.76 | +.13 | +6.73 | +9.46 |
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| 1,243.82 | 943.09 | Russell 2000 | 1,236.85 | +9.17 | +.75 | +8.89 | +5.49 |

**TODAY:** Partly sunny — High: 92 Low: 71

**SATURDAY:** Partly sunny — High: 89 Low: 68

**SUNDAY:** Partly sunny — High: 84 Low: 68

**MONDAY:** Mostly cloudy — High: 82 Low: 69

**TUESDAY:** Mostly cloudy — High: 87 Low: 71

**WEDNESDAY:** Partly sunny — High: 90 Low: 71

## Local forecast

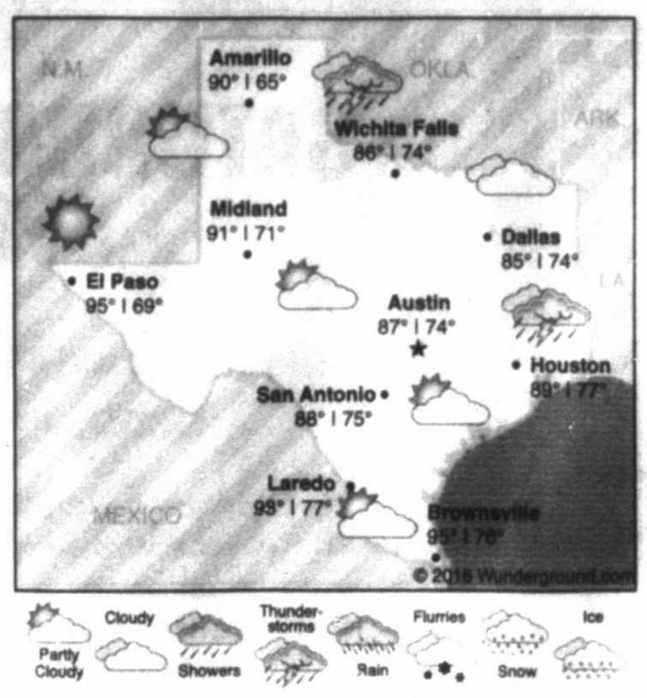
There is a 20 percent to 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms through Sunday, according to the National Weather Service.

The record high for Aug. 18 is 104 set in 1994. The record low is 56 set in 1967. On Aug. 18 of last year, the high was 99 and the low was 73.

## Weather brief

Active weather impacted the north central portion of the country Thursday, while a warm weather pattern lingered over the West Coast.

A low pressure area moved eastward over central Canada. A cold frontal boundary associated with this system stretched southwestward across the northern Plains and the upper Intermountain West. This frontal system collided with warm and humid air, which initiated strong to severe thunderstorms over the north central section of the country. Valley City, N.D., reported a midday total of 1.28 inches of rain. Monsoonal thunderstorms also affected the central and southern Rockies, as well as parts of the Desert Southwest.

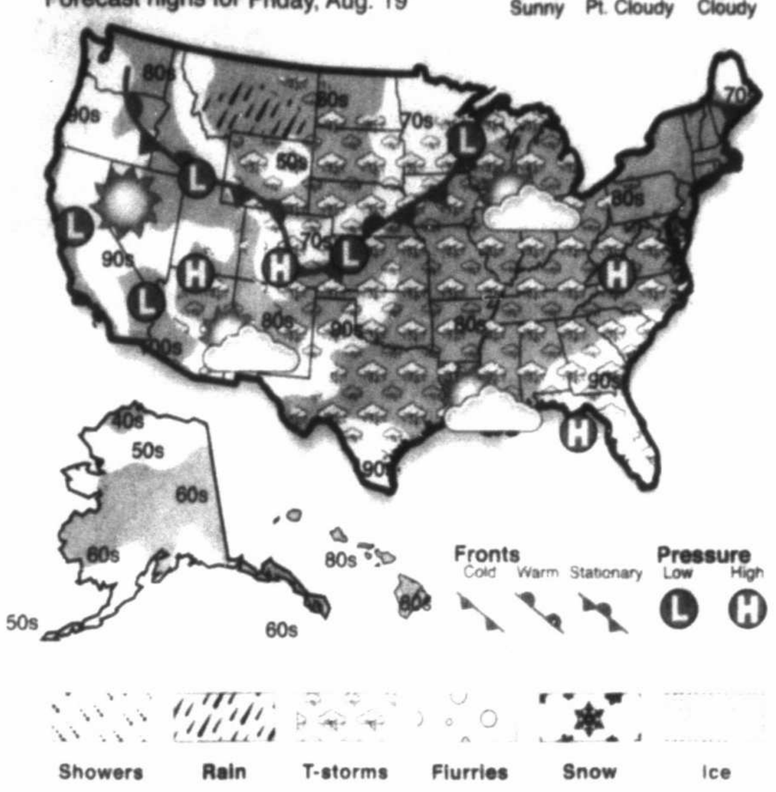



| Precipitation | |
|---|---|
| Wednesday | 0.00 in. |
| Thursday | 0.00 in. |
| Month total | 2.62 in. |
| Year total | 9.76 in. |
| Normal total (year to date) | 8.88 in. |

| Thursday's temperatures | |
|---|---|
| High | 88 |
| Low | 72 |
| Normal high | 94 |
| Normal low | 69 |
| Sunrise | 7:16 a.m. |
| Sunset | 8:28 p.m. |

## National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, Aug. 19




# *Man can't muster the energy to join digital dating world*

## 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 am 32 years old and divorced my wife two years ago. Although I tried dating for a bit, it was a brave new world of online apps and profiles. It wasn't for me, and I became discouraged.

A year has gone by, and female friends are telling me I need to get back out and date. I find the whole endeavor depressing and prefer to spend my time elsewhere and single. They say my decision to stay single is emotionally driven and I "deserve love."

My argument against dating is that I wasn't a good husband and I have no interest in devoting the time or energy to date in the scary and confusing world of the web. Can you settle this dispute so that we can stop the back-and-forth arguments? — DIVORCED AND DATELESS

**DEAR DIVORCED AND DATELESS:** I agree that opening yourself up to strangers can be scary. If you are not interested in meeting women on the internet, I won't force you, even though that's how many — although not all — relationships start these days.

Because that's not your cup of tea, there are other ways to meet nice women, among them getting out and participating in activities you enjoy or volunteering for a cause you believe in. Of course, that necessitates being open to having a relationship with someone and believing you deserve one. From the tone of your letter, I'm not sure you're there yet. Not having been a good husband the first time is no excuse if you have learned from your mistakes.

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend and I have been dating for two years. He is in grad school. I failed out of community college. My lack of education stresses me out emotionally. I love him very much, and I see a future with him. But the idea of an architect and a community college dropout makes my heart ache. He deserves someone more on his intellectual level. He is originally from another state and this is one of the reasons why I haven't met his family.

I have thought about trying to get a degree to become a certified nursing assistant, but again there would be a gap in our professional levels. I'm afraid that when he does introduce me to his family they will convince him he's better off without me. Part of me believes it's true.

Please give me advice about what to do. I don't want to lose him, but at the same time, I want him to be happy. — UNEQUAL IN WISCONSIN

**DEAR UNEQUAL:** I can't help but wonder if you have ever spoken with someone who does career counseling. Some universities and community colleges have extension divisions that offer it. Part of the counseling involves aptitude testing, which could help you determine what you would be good at.

Being a nursing assistant is a respectable career that involves responsibility and people skills. If you feel drawn to it, then that's what you should pursue, and you should not feel embarrassed or have a need to apologize for it.

## GOREN BRIDGE

*With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch*

### Where's the entry?

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 8 6
♥ K J 10
♦ 9 5 2
♣ K J 6

WEST
♠ 3
♥ A 3 2
♦ A Q 10 6
♣ 10 9 8 4 3

EAST
♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ 9 6
♦ K 8 4 3
♣ Q 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 2
♥ Q 8 7 5 4
♦ J 7
♣ A 7

The bidding:

| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1♣ | Pass | 1 | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 2 * | Pass |
| 2 | Pass | 4 | All pass |

*New Minor Forcing

Opening lead: Three of ♣

North's decision to rebid one notrump, rather than one spade, led to a heart contract rather than a spade contract. This would not have been everyone's choice, but the 4-1 split in spades would have caused serious problems in a spade contract also.

South won the opening spade lead in his hand with the ace and led a low heart toward the dummy. West ducked the first heart, but won the second and paused to consider his next play. In order to defeat the contract, East had to have an entry so that he could give West a spade ruff. Where was that entry? West decided that leading from his ace-queen of diamonds might be throwing a trick out the window for no reason, so he shifted to the 10 of clubs. This was not a success. Declarer won, drew the last outstanding trump, and claimed 10 tricks — four spades, four hearts, and two clubs.

We understand West's reason for not playing diamonds, but he lost sight of the big picture — bridge is a partnership game! A player doesn't need to make every decision on his own. West should have led his ace of diamonds and looked to his partner for a signal. An encouraging card from East and West can continue with a diamond to East's king and then enjoy his spade ruff. A discouraging diamond and West can shift to clubs hoping to find East with the ace. A little cooperation is all that was needed to take this contract down.

## 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 Friday, Aug. 19, 2016:

This year you could get angry, but you won't stay like that for long. Your vision and ability to transform what isn't working emerge as strong traits, especially in your daily life. Regular doctor check-ups need to be a high priority. If you are single, be as open as possible in order to allow someone in. Someone special is likely to enter your life later in your birthday year. If you are attached, you and your significant other share many of life's ups and downs, which brings you closer together. Your communication style often clarifies issues and prevents arguments. PISCES loves to be around you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might have gotten up on the wrong side of the bed. Whether you had an angry dream or a hostile moment early on, your mood could change dramatically. Others will make an adjustment once they are aware of what is happening. Tonight: Keep plans hush-hush.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Zero in on a meeting and the potential evolvement of a long-term commitment. Though you have a serious agenda, others might not. You could be disappointed by an obvious lack of interest. At the last minute, you'll gain people's attention. Seize the moment. Tonight: Celebrate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll take the lead in a community commitment or a professional project. Others find you to be inspiring, and often take a leap of faith to follow you. Your sense of humor emerges toward the end of the day. Give people time to express their convictions. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your creativity sometimes stems from adversity. You often feel pressured, but this tension results in many ideas. Your willingness to search for unusual solutions opens your mind as well as others'. Tap into your resourcefulness. Tonight: Be kind when dealing with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ One-on-one relating is your forte, and today is no different. Instead of rushing through your day, take your time and indulge each person you encounter. This exercise might take an extra hour, but the goodwill you foster is worth much more. Tonight: With a favorite person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Defer to others, and understand your limits. Your playfulness and how you carry yourself is likely to intrigue a friend or loved one. This person might wonder if there is something up your sleeve. Relish and embrace the attention. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Get to the bottom of a problem without letting others know your role. Follow through on manifesting a long-term goal. Whether it's being healthier or learning a new language, know that you can do it. Decide the time is now, and stop making excuses. Tonight: Exercise, then decide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could be in a situation that forces your hand and makes it clear that certain habits you have developed can be distracting. Be willing to employ more self-discipline. Laughter marks your mood in any case. You welcome the weekend with a smile. Tonight: And the party begins.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You are more grounded than you have been in a while. Just the same, you might not be up for wildness or a weekend celebration. You could opt for a quiet few days at home. Touch base with a loved one and explain where you are coming from. Tonight: Invite a pal or two over.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Conversations might be a bit overwhelming, as people seem to assume that you know everything about the subject at hand. You will want to call a halt to this type of conversation and encourage others to chime in. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Chat the night away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You could be more possessive than usual. A friendship seems to be dissolving right in front of you, despite your efforts to keep it together. Take some time to help someone in your life feel more secure, and you will be glad you did. Tonight: Treat a loved one to TGIF.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You are all smiles, and you don't need to explain why. Your fatigue will dissolve as the weekend progresses. A conversation with a boss or higher-up is likely to flow naturally. Face a transformation in the work arena with care but not caution. Tonight: Go with the moment.

BORN TODAY

Screenwriter Gene Roddenberry (1921), former U.S. President Bill Clinton (1946), fashion designer Coco Chanel (1883)

## DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 "Anaconda" rapper Nicki
6 Sizable chunk
10 "Yuck!"
13 Carne follower in Mexican fare
14 Roll at the airport
15 Former Vietnamese emperor Bao
16 Reason kept to oneself
19 Barack Obama, astrologically
20 Old Venetian magistrate
21 Boy in the first family
22 Wig out
25 Country singer Clark
28 Cold weather word
29 Thorny thicket
34 1953 automobile innovation
35 Catch something
38 Put away
39 Some caviar
42 Johnny Olson catchphrase
43 West Indian sorcery
47 Young partner
48 Burn rap
53 Low-cost home loan org.
54 Lug
55 Letters left of center?
58 Leisurely lakeside activity, and a clue for the circled letters
62 "If __ again I meet him beard to beard ..." Shak.
63 "Yuck!"
64 Whiz
65 Carefree syllable
66 Fun
67 Sarcophagus holder

**DOWN**

1 Stake-driving hammer
2 Part of a chain
3 Defense acronym
4 Thirst quencher
5 Rattle
6 Bend
7 Slow passage
8 Guitar players slangily
9 Dust jacket info
10 Safe to put away
11 Encourage to score, as a base runner
12 Brandishes
17 First name in despotism
18 Zap
22 Set up
23 NYC commuter line
24 Ordinal ending
25 TV sched uncertainty
26 Aunt with a "Cope Book"
27 Divide
30 El __
31 Maroon 5 singer Levine
32 Counter square
33 Lake of Lombardy
35 Auto company founder Citroën
36 Golf bag item
37 Not the best of times
40 Universal donor's type, briefly
41 Uvula doc
42 "Evita" role
43 Counterbalance
44 Loan officer, e.g.
45 Twain's New York resting place
46 "Make it snappy!"
49 Country about 12 times longer than its widest point
50 Underwear brand
51 Zero
52 Literary monogram
55 Green attitude?
56 Sound often not allowed?
57 "It __ Right" 1956 Platters hit
59 Lunchbox staple familiarly
60 Cinephile's TV choice
61 Tool sometimes used for steering

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | M | P | | | L | A | T | T | E | | D | O | T | S |
| R | C | A | | C | O | L | O | R | S | | O | H | O | K |
| U | R | N | | A | N | E | M | I | C | | W | I | R | Y |
| B | I | G | W | I | G | S | | | O | F | N | O | T | E |
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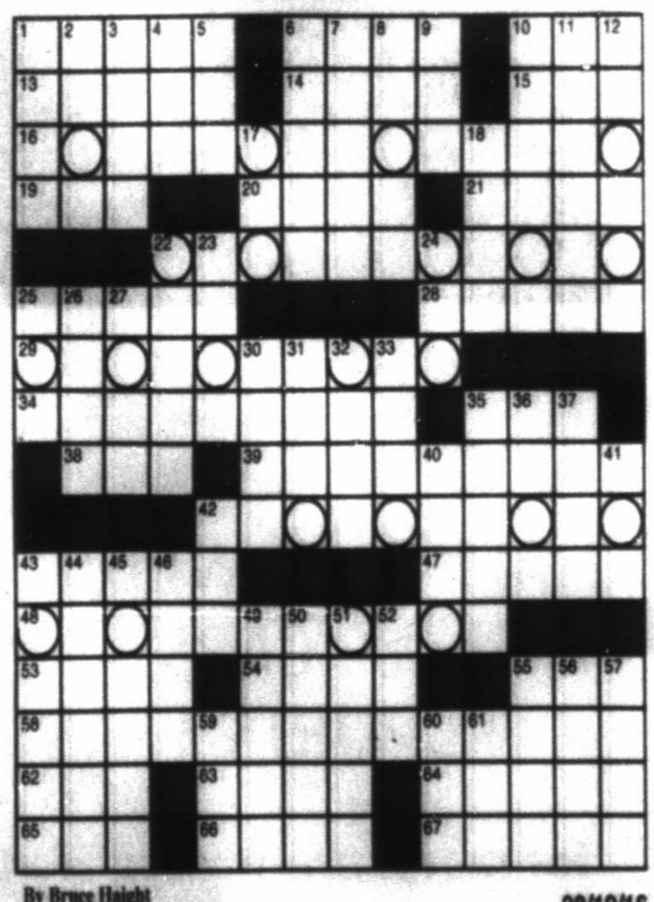

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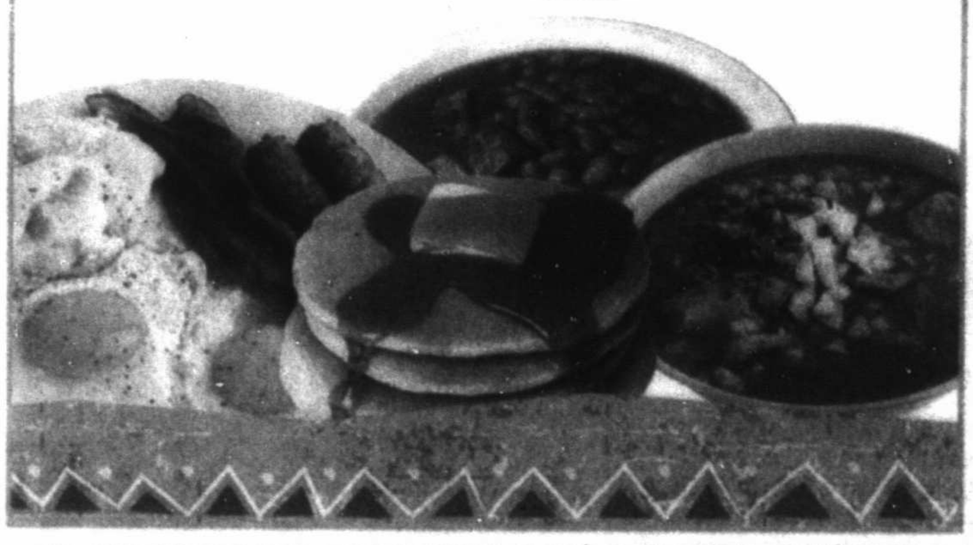

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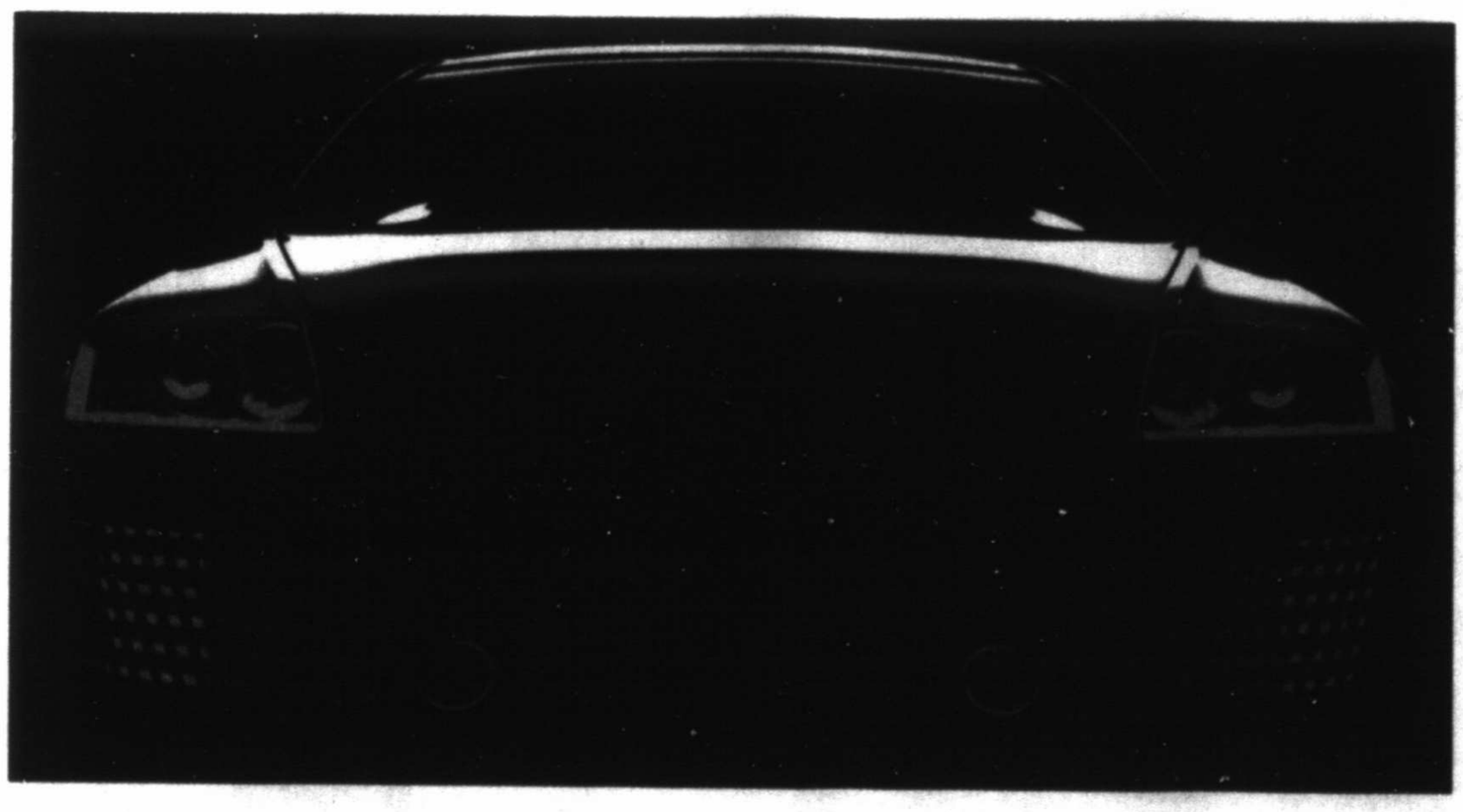

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### Available Positions

**Hogan Park Nursing and Rehabilitation**
**3203 Sage Street**
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Hogan Park Nursing and Rehabilitation located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:

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### Leasing Agent

**Leasing Agent needed part time. Apply at Villa Chateau Apt., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd., Midland TX. 79701. No phone calls please.**

## OTHER JOBS

### Maintenance Position

**Full time Maintence employee needed. Physical/Drug Screen & background check done. No phone calls please. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apt., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd., Midland TX. 79701.**

### Multiple Positions Available

Midland County has the following positions available:
*** Community Supervision Officer- CSCD * Youth Services Clerk - Library * SO - Maintenance Helper * PT Warrant Services Bailiff/Investigator * Equipment Operator 1 - Road & Bridge * Purchasing Coordinator * Detention Officers - Juvenile Detention**
Please see our website:
www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/hr/pages/employment.aspx for more details and applications. To be considered you must send a completed application with job reference numbers to the address indicated on the application.

### Party Chief

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### Concrete Sales Rep needed in the Lubbock area

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### Asphalt Supervisor & Employees

**Danny's Asphalt Paving seeking full time asphalt supervisor, experienced asphalt employees .Must have experience a valid DL and must be able to pass background check please apply in person @ 12820 hwy 191 Midland 79707**

## SKILLED LABOR

### Diesel Mechanic

Local company seeks diesel mechanic with in frame experience, knowledge of cummins and CAT motors. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, 79706.

### Field Mechanics

**Basin Engine** & Pump
Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Must be experienced working on centrifugal & positive displacement pumps. Furnish your own tools. Uniforms provided. Benefits package includes vacation, health insurance and retirement match savings. Salary depends on experience. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email toTodd@basinengine.com. Applications can be filled out at 1914 S. County Rd. 1083, Midland, TX 79706.

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### CDL Drivers

**Local trucking company Now hiring Class A** CDL Drivers, **clean driving record** is required. **Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, Midland, Texas 79706**

### CDL Truck Driver

LPZ Enterprises is hiring responsible drivers for belly dump trailers. Two years experience is required. Your pay depends on your experience. Only serious drivers need to apply. For more information we are located at 4500 W. Illinois Suite 305, Midland, TX. 79703.

### Field Custodian Supervisor

**Texas Department of Public Safety** Midland, Texas
**Apply at: www.txdps.state.tx.us**

### FT Class A CDL Drivers needed

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### Position

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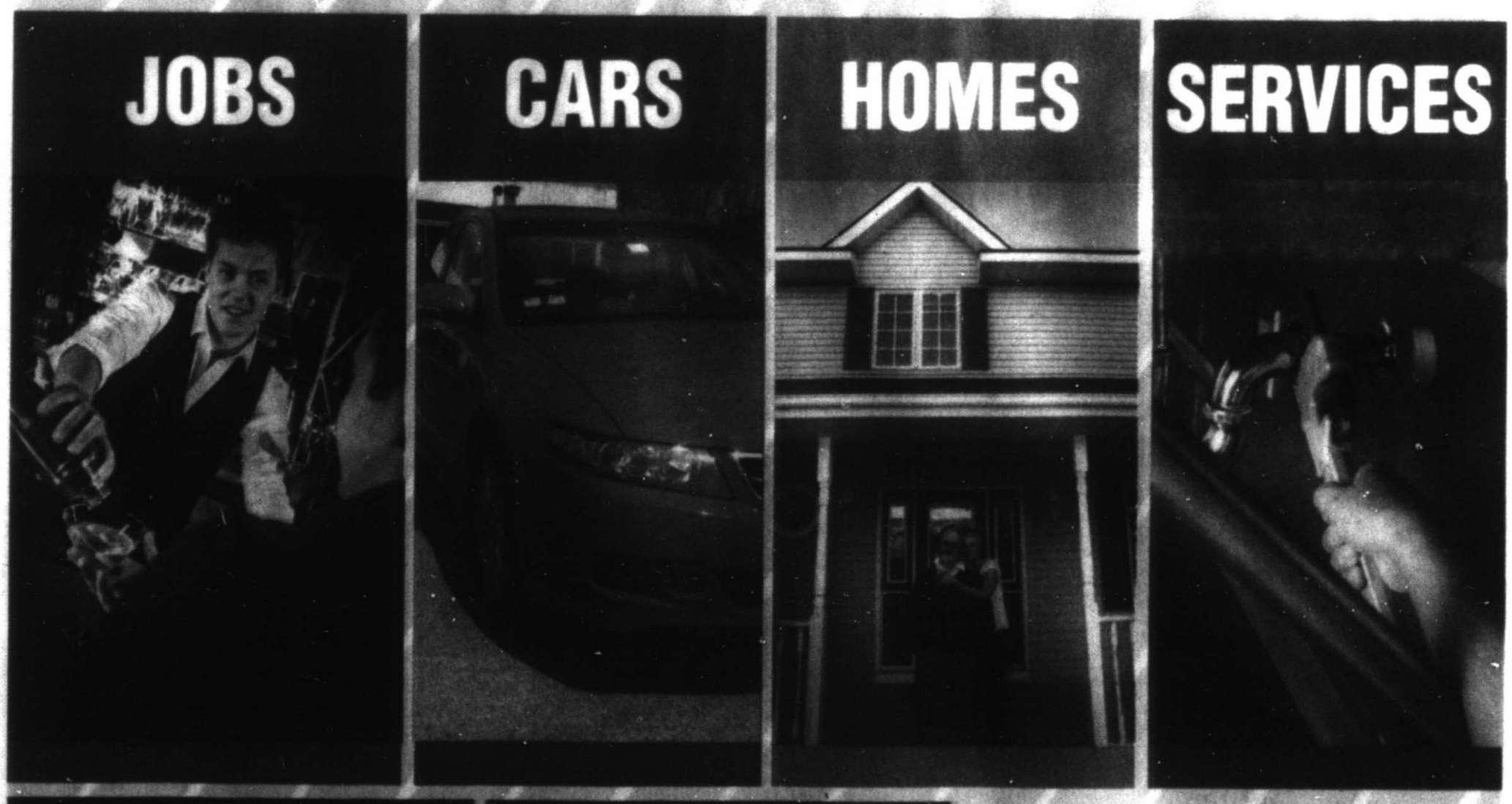

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C015-Reagan Hignojos (Christmas Tree, Movies)
N005-Ramon Mendoza (Power Washer & Tool Box)
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P018-Patricia DeBerry (Golf Clubs & Fishing Poles)
R012-Norma S. Hughes (Toy Cars & Misc.)
S018-Taryn Curtis (Table, Chairs & Tool Box)
T001-Sonya M Alexander (Dresser & Couches)
Z12-Mary Lujan (Kids Bikes & Misc.)

## Legal & Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Proposal for architectural services will be received at Community Development Institute Head Start ("CDI HS") Serving Midland, Texas on August 31, 2016 before 2:00 pm (Central time) at the Head Start offices located at 2811 La Force Boulevard, Midland, Texas

Project Title: Renovation of the Old YMCA building. Renovations will consist of Creating Head Start Classrooms, offices and commercial kitchen. Architect will design Classroom layouts, electrical improvements, and plumbing outlets in the facility.

Issuing Agency: Community Development Institute Head Start Serving Midland, Texas. Location: 2811 La Force Boulevard, Midland, Texas 79711. Phone: 432-262-0624

Request for Proposal ("RFP")] documents may be obtained from John Allard at jallard@cditeam.org or by calling 270-3087-1014, beginning 7-15-2016.

All proposals must be 10 pages or less, any proposal exceeding that amount will not be considered. All interested architects can receive a copy of the rating scale and criteria that will be used to select an architect for the Easter Seal project by contacting Mr. John Allard.

CDI HS Serving Midland, Texas reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all proposals. Community Development Institute is an equal opportunity employer.

## Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT:

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the Exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface comminglе production from oil and gas leases: Gridiron S001MS, S001WA, S002MS, S002WA, S001WB, S002LS, S003LS, S017LS, and S018WB (RRC Lease #45236), and Line Drive A 1LS (RRC Lease #46870). All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Midland County, Texas. This application is for common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty or working interest owners or offset operators who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

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BLACK AND white mutt. One white foot. Found at Ward and Lanham. 432-349-4821.

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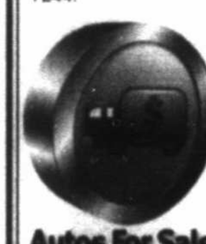

## Autos For Sale or Lease

## Passenger Cars

2007 HONDA CIVIC SI - 2 dr, blue, 74K miles, 6 speed mt, posi trac, air con., XM radio, moon roof. Everything works, in great shape. $8,500. Call 432-770-6319.

BMW 2008 650I 28,500 miles, new Michelin run flat tires, $26,500. 432-559-3149

CHEVROLET 2009 Van nice, clean AC works great van run great. Recent tune up, new fuel pump. Must See. Asking $3,500. 432-349-0041

HYUNDAI 2006 Azera Limited. V6, loaded, low mileage, $6,500 OBO.Call 432-288-2939

MUSTANG EcoBoost, 2015, blue. Premium package. Moderate hail damage. 2,700 miles. Like new. $22,000 OBO. Text 432-288-2150.

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## Passenger Cars

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FORD F-150 Limited 2013, White, red leather interior, fully loaded, brand new engine. $23,000. Call 432-631-1051.

GMC 1994 pickup, one owner, white. $3,250.00. See at 1501 W. Illinois. Call Bill Jackson 432-557-3366

## Vans & Minivans

GMC 2014 Savana Van (Conversion/full size) 3/4 ton, V-8, Braun Lift for wheelchair. 15,000 miles, TV, leather $40,000. Please call 432-631-4687

## 4WD & SUV

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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**SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 12:00PM**

Lots of great items in the home, including...2008 GMC Acadia (60,000 miles), Costume jewelry, Wedgwood, crystal, cut glass, sterling silver, 2 mink coats, silver plate, vintage sheet music, china, lamps, 45 records, Royal Doulton, leather reclining sofa, wing back chairs, coffee/sofa tables, student desk, dining table/china cabinet, buffet, vintage rockers/wicker love seat, fridge/ washer/ dryer, pie safe, king bed/night stands/chest of drawers/ dresser & mirror, full bed, patio furniture, and the usual household misc.

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**ESTATE SALE**
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This beautiful home has some wonderful items , including...Miss Cayce's Christmas items, cross collection, pottery, stained glass, lamps, Bernhardt king 4 poster bed, Massaoud sofa & chair 1/2, side chairs, bar stools, tv stand, much miscellaneous.

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## Yard & Garage Sales

### 79701

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
SAT AUG 20 9 to 3
1700 STOREY
Home goods, furniture, clothes, kitchenware, bedding, books, and all those hard-to-find knick-knacks you love!

## Yard & Garage Sales

### 79701

2506 STOREY (back patio) Saturday 8am-3pm Refrigerators, Harley Davidson clothes & knick knacks.

3007 LOCKHEED Drive Friday & Saturday 8am-2pm 5 Generations moving sale. Something for everyone! Major down sizing. No early birds please

## Yard & Garage Sales

### 79701

902 HARVARD. Saturday 8am-12pm Multi-family garage sale. Some furniture, washer machine & dryer, decorative items, & clothing.

### 79703

3404 W MICHIGAN Thursday Friday & Saturday 8am-noon. Yard sale. Lots of stuff, priced to sale!

## Yard & Garage Sales

### 79701

**700 S. Fairgrounds.**
**JW Powerline is moving. It all must go!! Saturday 8am? Desk, welders, tools, equipment etc.**

## Yard & Garage Sales

### 79703

**MEGA MOVING SALE**
**701 Austin Street - Midland**
**Friday, August 19th from 7am-7**
**Saturday, August 20th from 7am- 1pm**

Tons of furniture including leather sofa/recliner/ chaise set, entertainment center, bedroom furniture, office furniture, flat screen TV's, holiday decorations, rugs, kitchen items, pet items, electronics, treadmill, tools, patio furniture, scrubs, clothing, and much more!!

**NO PRE-SALES!**

## Yard & Garage Sales

### 79705

513 CHARISMATIC Dr. in Solomon Estates. Saturday, August 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Patio Furniture, toys, games, books, kids riding toys, home decor, clothing (kids size 2-10, women size 4-6 small and medium, men size large), and tons of shoes!

### 79703

201 N EISENHOWER. One day only. Friday 8/19!! 7 am - ? Downsizing, everything must go! Furniture, clothes, Christmas items, kitchen items and lots of miscellaneous items. Everything priced to sell!

3401 STOREY Ave. Friday & Saturday 8am-2pm. Lots of boys size slim clothing, ladies plus sizes, household odds and ends.

### 79705

2606 CAMARIE Saturday 8am-7 5 family garage sale. Kids & lots of baby items, womens & mens clothes all ages. Something for everyone.

LARGE GARAGE SALE. Lawn mower, tools, baby misc. furniture, and much more! 2211 Northrup. Sat & Sun 8am-5pm. No early birds!

## Yard & Garage Sales

### 79705

1804 WARD. (corner of Ward & Sinclair) Saturday 8am-12pm. Glass dining & chairs, weed eater, edger, cat tree, CB radios, & lots of miscellaneous

#1 AMHURST COURT 2 FAMILY YARD SALE SATURDAY 7AM-? LOTS OF TOOLS, CLOTHING AND TONS OF MISCELLANEOUS.

### 79706

805 ECR 123 (Ridge Heights) Friday 7am-? Sofa bed, 2 roll up desks, love seat, file cabinets, 55" Projection TV, kitchen items, clothing, comforters.

901 ECR 140 (Off South Rankin Hwy) MOVING SALE!!! Friday 8am - 4pm, Sat 8am - 4pm. 3 family garage sale. Tons of clothes, toys and books. Miscellaneous household items, decorations and some furniture.

### 79707

3503 CLAREMONT Dr. Saturday Aug 20th, 7am to 10 am only! Garage/Remodel Sale! Electric stove, over the stove microwave, built in dishwasher, dining room table with matching China cabinet, decorative items, clothing and misc.

4316 ROADRUNNER Trail Saturday 8am-2pm. Huge Multi family moving sale! Rain or shine! Something for everyone.

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155 SOUTH EAST LOOP 338 Saturday & Sunday 8am-3pm. Furniture, bedroom suite, washers, dryers, tables & chairs.

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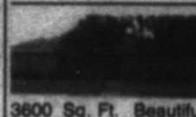

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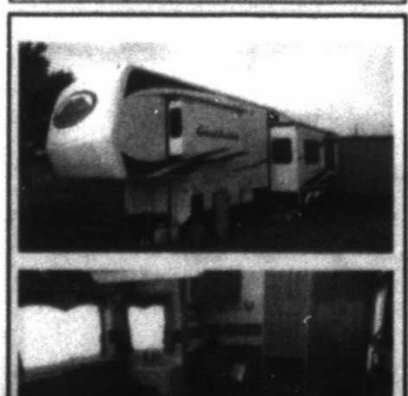

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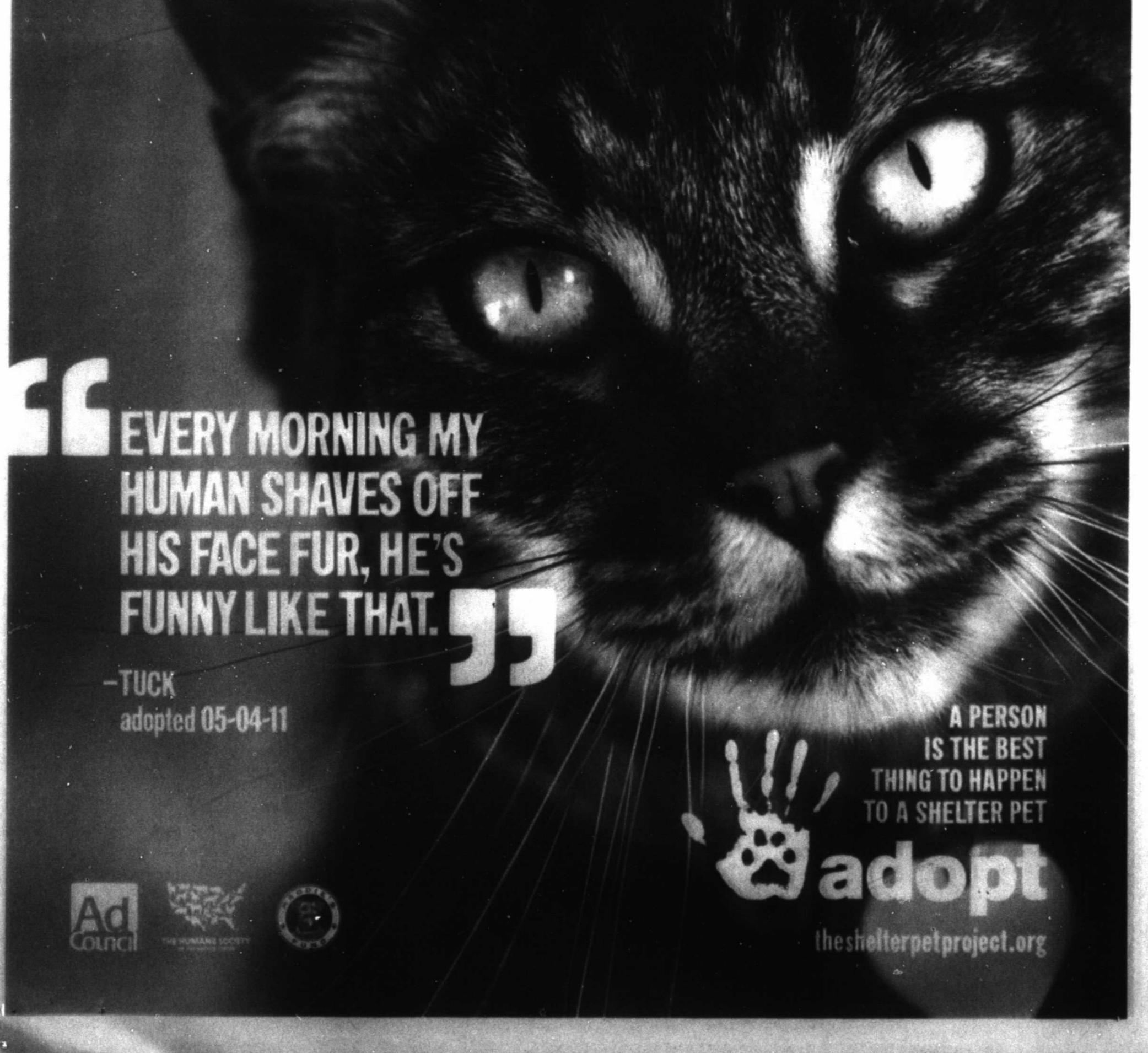

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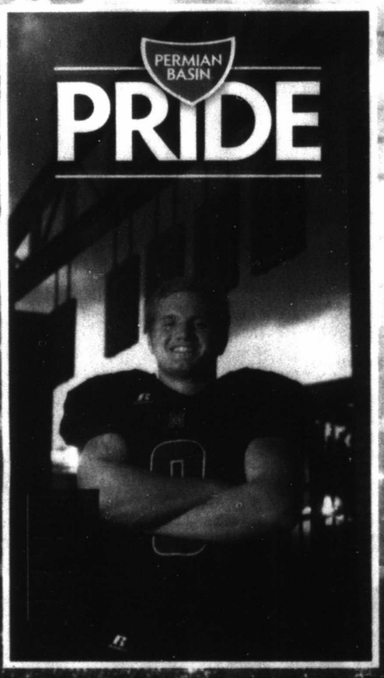

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