



# Waco Tribune-Herald

## Bellmead leaders split on tax hike for firetrucks

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Bellmead elected leaders remain torn on whether to increase the property tax rate by two cents to issue debt to replace firetrucks that fire officials say are prone to failure. The city council on Tuesday got its first look at the budget for the fiscal year 2018-19 with the new certified appraised values included, and by a 4-2 vote officially proposed the two-cent tax hike.

and Gary Moore cast the dissenting votes against setting 31.9999 cents per \$100 valuation as the maximum property tax rate the city could adopt. The current rate is 29.9999 cents per \$100. The two cents would be dedicated to debt service for the firetrucks, City Manager Bo Thomas said. Youngblood first asked if the council's vote meant the city had approved a 2-cent tax hike. City staff reiterated that the amount is a proposed maximum rate and the council won't adopt the official rate until later this month. Youngblood said he opposed the vote

because it prevents council members from changing their minds later if they wanted to increase the tax rate further. Thomas said the council, like all other cities, must adopt a proposed maximum tax rate to initiate the process of required public hearings on the tax rate prior to the budget's adoption. The two public hearings on the tax rate will be at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14 and Aug. 20 at Bellmead City Hall, 3015



The Bellmead Fire Department is asking the city for funding to replace two aging firetrucks. Staff photo — Rod Aydelotte, file

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## No relief in sight



Staff photos — Rod Aydelotte

Local farmer and rancher Vince Neuhaus said this year's cotton crop is the worst he has seen in his 38 years in the area. Semi-retired, he leases most of his land to other growers and still raises cattle.

## Local drought conditions among worst on record

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McLennan County will soon enter the extreme drought phase, according to the state climatologist. With crops showing signs of the near-record dry weather, the area's farmers are already feeling the heat. One local farmer and rancher was forced to sell half his cattle herd because of tough conditions and a shortage of hay to fill the gap and said cotton crops are the worst he has seen in his 38 years working in the area. "It's going to get worse before it gets better," State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said. In the past 10 months, since Oct. 1, Waco has gotten 13.26

inches of rain, he said. In his 111 years of records, only 1925 and 1918 were drier. "For the period starting last fall, this is the third-driest on record for Waco — drier than just about everyone living has ever seen there," Nielsen-Gammon said. Three quarters of the state is experiencing drought conditions, and more than a quarter of the state is listed in the severe to exceptional drought phase, according to the National Drought Mitigation Center. McLennan County is in the severe drought stage, but with no rain in sight, the county will likely move up a notch on the drought monitor scale before the end of summer, Nielsen-Gammon said.

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Neuhaus said this year's drought conditions recently led him to take half his cattle herd to auction.

## Fuel, tariffs, raw materials drive prices up

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The price of a can of Coca-Cola? Likely going up. A package of Pampers? That too. Plane tickets? They also may be more expensive. These items and more may cost more in the coming months as people start feeling the effects of higher fuel prices and raw-material costs as well as a range of tariffs. Janette Hendricks said she has noticed higher prices on "just about everything" in the past three months or so. That's put a little pressure on the recently retired nurse in Washington. So she goes shopping less often, "makes things stretch," and she always shops for things on sale. She said she has also considered going back to work to have more cushion in the budget. "The economy is doing great, so why is everyone doing so poorly?" she asked. The consumer price index, the government's primary measure of inflation, rose 2.9 percent in June from a year earlier, the fastest increase in six years. Starbucks said in June that it had raised the price of

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## MCC board eyes lowering tax rate

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The McLennan Community College Board of Trustees approved a budget plan this week for the coming fiscal year that would lower the property tax rate by about a quarter-cent. The board Tuesday adopted a resolution to consider lowering the tax rate from 15.0346 cents per \$100 valuation to 14.7696 cents. The tax rate would support a balanced budget proposed at \$56.4 million, which is up \$1.54 million or 2.8 percent over last year's budget of \$54.9 million. Even with a lower tax rate, MCC officials expect to bring in extra \$1.7 million in tax revenue over last year's total of \$18.4 million, thanks to this year's 9 percent increase in property appraisal values. If the board adopts the proposed tax rate, the average homeowner in McLennan County will pay \$196.71 in MCC taxes, up from \$183.65 last year, MCC officials said. Stephen Benson, MCC vice president for

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## Dorie Lager part of fundraising push for Miller memorial

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A local brewery's Doris Miller-themed beer is the latest in an almost decade-long series of public and private efforts to fund a memorial to the Navy Cross recipient and Waco native. Bare Arms Brewing announced Dorie Lager last week and quickly ran out of its full run of cans depicting Miller. The beer joins sales for

commemorative coins, musical theater productions and gospel concerts that have benefited the project on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Public money from special-use taxing districts and individual donors have mostly kept it afloat. The Dorie Lager did not have a set sale price but was given in exchange for donations large and small that will go to the memorial.

"It was real positive feedback from the community," said Justin Veach, head of sales and marketing at Bare Arms. "Even people who didn't drink said, 'Hey, this is a really cool thing that you guys did. I almost wish I would come in and get one.' " Bare Arms officials said they have no immediate plans to produce more but are open to it. A statue of Miller was unveiled at the memorial site

last December, on the anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Miller's actions to help injured shipmates to safety and return fire at Japanese planes that day led to him becoming the first African-American awarded the Navy Cross. Work on the rest of the memorial, including a reflecting pool and a structure resembling the prow of a ship, is underway

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Bare Arms Brewing created Dorie Lager to benefit the Doris Miller Memorial project. Staff photo — Rod Aydelotte



BRIEFLY

DAR hosts free genealogy workshop

The Henry Downs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will have a free Genealogy/Lineage Research Workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the West Waco Library and Genealogy Center, 5301 Bosque Blvd., to assist women 18 or older who are interested in joining the group.

Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical women's volunteer service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Attendees at the workshop will hear a short presentation, then have the opportunity to work with experienced genealogists.

For more information, call Peggy Duty at 754-5119.

Homeschooling resources

Greater Waco Christian Home Educators will have a resource fair from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Crestview Church of Christ Community Center, 7129 Delhi Road in Woodway.

The free fair provides enrichment, instruction and educational support to all area homeschooling families.

For more information, call 644-9094.

Bohemian golf

The Greater Bohemian Open Golf Tournament benefiting the Heart of Texas Area of Special Olympics Texas will start at 8 a.m. Saturday at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course, 5200 Bagby Ave.

Pre-registration cost is \$65 per person or \$75 on the day of the tournament.

For more information, call the Heart of Texas office at 230-4824.

Dog wash benefit

The second Bubbles & Bandanas Dog Wash fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association will be 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Community Fellowship Church of the Nazarene, 2001 N. Valley Mills Drive.

The event will sell "Bark to End Alzheimer's" bandanas and 50/50 raffle tickets. Humane Society foster families will be on site with animals needing a home.

NAMI peer-to-peer

NAMI Waco will have an eight-session peer-to-peer course for adults living with mental health conditions from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday. There will be two sessions each of the following Saturdays.

The program is free and confidential and led by peers with mental health conditions themselves.

To register, call 717-9552 or email [Namiwaco@gmail.com](mailto:Namiwaco@gmail.com).

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Police name suspect in Dollar General robbery, add charges against another

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Police are searching for two suspects considered armed and dangerous after detectives re-evaluated incidents that followed a shoplifting call at a Dollar General last month, Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said.



Mays

Jared Jamal Mays, 23, was not arrested the day of the July 16 incident, but police identified him Wednesday as a suspect.

Javon Lamont Dontreal Arnett, 22, was initially arrested July 16. He has since been released on bond, and police have issued arrest warrants for him with additional charges.

Police said at the time Arnett fought with an officer as two other suspects fled from the parking lot of

a Dollar General on La Salle Avenue. Arnett was armed with a handgun and tossed it to one of the other suspects as they fled, police reported at the time. He was arrested on charges of aggravated robbery, possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.



Arnett

Olivia Nicole Ratliff, 20, was found in a wooded area and arrested that day on charges of aggravated robbery, evading arrest, possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

Police also seized an assault rifle with a drum magazine from the vehicle they were in, Swanton said.

In the last two weeks, detectives have re-evaluated the incident and have gotten warrants charging Arnett with first-degree felony aggravated assault of a public

servant with a deadly weapon, third-degree felony resisting arrest and unlawful possession of a firearm and Class A misdemeanor unlawful carry of a weapon.

They have also gotten warrants charging Mays with third-degree felony unlawful possession of a firearm, state jail felony evading arrest and possession of marijuana and Class A misdemeanor unlawful carry of a weapon and possession of a controlled substance.

Arnett and Mays are both considered armed and dangerous, Swanton said.

Anyone who knows where Arnett or Mays may be is asked to contact local law enforcement, call 911 or give an anonymous tip to Waco Crime Stoppers at 753-4357.

**WT** **ONLINE:** See this week's grand jury indictment list at [wacotrib.com](http://wacotrib.com)

Autopsy: Man in custody died of cocaine overdose

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A Robinson man's death while in police custody after an April 29 arrest was the result of a cocaine overdose, according to an autopsy report.

Police reported at the time of Jeffrey Scott Colburn's death that he had swallowed marijuana but did not report he had possessed or taken any other drugs.

Colburn, 47, was riding in a car that was stopped for a speeding violation at about 7:30 p.m. April 29, and an officer smelled marijuana and searched the vehicle, police said at the time. During the search, Colburn took a baggie of marijuana from his pocket and handed it to an officer, Robinson Police Chief Phillip Prasifka said. As the officer started to

arrest Colburn, he took another baggie from his pocket and swallowed it, Prasifka said. He told the officer it contained a "nugget" of marijuana, police reported.

Officers arrested Colburn and took him to a local hospital for medical treatment, but he refused care and was taken to McLennan County Jail at about 8:40 p.m., Prasifka said.

Colburn became unresponsive while in a holding cell, according to the autopsy report. He was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly after midnight. The medical examiner also found a plastic baggie in Colburn's stomach, according to the autopsy report.

He "died as a result of the toxic effects of cocaine," and the manner of death was an accident, according to the report.

Robinson police and jail administration opened independent reviews into Colburn's death.

Hewitt Police Department officials reviewed video and audio from Colburn's arrest and found no wrongdoing by Robinson officers, Prasifka said.

McLennan County Sheriff's Office Capt. Ricky Armstrong said jail staff check on inmates every 30 minutes while they are in holding cells. Administrators reviewed Colburn's confinement at the jail and forwarded reports July 13 to the McLennan County District Attorney's office and Texas Commission of Jail Standards for additional review, Armstrong said.

An investigator with the DA's office found no criminal wrongdoing by jail staff and closed the case July 18, he said.

WEATHER

Temperatures for August 2  
(Measured at Waco Regional Airport)

<b>NORMAL</b>	<b>RECORD</b>
High: 98°	High: 109° (2011)
Low: 75°	Low: 62° (1936)

**TODAY** <sup>2</sup>

Partly sunny and very warm

**High: 98° Low: 70°**

**TOMORROW** <sup>3</sup>

Mostly sunny and very warm

**High: 99° Low: 73°**

**SATURDAY** <sup>4</sup>

Mostly sunny and very warm

**High: 97° Low: 75°**

**SUNDAY** <sup>5</sup>

Partly sunny and very warm

**High: 99° Low: 75°**

**MONDAY** <sup>6</sup>

Very warm with sunshine

**High: 100° Low: 76°**

**TUESDAY** <sup>7</sup>

Partly sunny and hot

**High: 102° Low: 77°**

**WEDNESDAY** <sup>8</sup>





Mostly sunny and hot

**High: 100° Low: 75°**

Waco Almanac

Waco through 7 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	
High .....	98°
Low .....	64°
Normal high .....	98°
Normal low .....	75°
Record high .....	107° (2011)
Record low .....	58° (1936)
PRECIPITATION	
24 hrs to 7 p.m. yest. ....	0.00"
Month to date .....	0.00"
Year to date .....	9.04"
Normal month to date ....	0.05"
Normal year to date .....	20.16"

SUN			
	Today	Tomorrow	
Sunrise	6:46 a.m.	6:46 a.m.	
Sunset	8:24 p.m.	8:24 p.m.	
MOON			
	Today	Tomorrow	
Moonrise	none	12:02 a.m.	
Moonset	11:52 a.m.	12:49 p.m.	
Last	New	First	Full
			
Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 26

Lake Levels

	Normal	Actual
Whitney	533.00	528.13
Waco	462.00	459.01
Aquilla	537.50	535.33
Belton	594.00	589.60

Pollen Count

Grasses .....	Moderate
Trees .....	Absent
Weeds .....	Moderate
Molds .....	Low
Spores/grains per cubic meter	
<b>Source:</b> National Allergy Bureau	

Regional Forecast

City	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
	Hi Lo Pcp	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Abilene	94 63 0.00	94 72 pc	97 72 s
Albuquerque	92 66 0.02	93 69 t	91 68 t
Alpine	92 60 0.00	92 69 pc	92 67 pc
Amarillo	95 61 Trace	93 67 pc	96 68 pc
Austin	99 69 0.00	98 68 pc	99 68 s
Beaumont	94 70 0.00	92 70 pc	93 72 pc
Brownsville	97 79 0.00	96 75 s	95 77 pc
College Station	97 70 0.00	95 70 s	96 71 s
Corpus Christi	94 74 0.07	94 72 s	92 74 pc
Dallas	94 68 0.00	96 73 pc	98 74 s
Del Rio	99 72 0.00	101 75 pc	100 74 s
El Paso	99 74 0.00	100 76 t	97 76 t
Fort Smith	90 65 0.00	93 67 s	95 67 s
Houston	94 72 0.00	95 71 s	94 73 pc
Laredo	105 77 0.00	103 75 s	101 76 s
Lubbock	94 62 0.00	93 69 pc	96 72 s
Lufkin	93 67 0.00	93 66 s	93 69 s
Midland	94 69 0.00	95 74 pc	97 73 pc
Oklahoma City	87 62 0.00	92 68 pc	93 70 t
Roswell	97 68 0.00	95 71 pc	97 72 pc
San Angelo	98 62 0.00	98 72 pc	99 72 s
San Antonio	99 71 Trace	97 74 s	97 73 s
Shreveport	92 69 0.00	94 68 s	95 70 t
Texarkana	88 64 0.00	91 65 s	93 69 s
Tulsa	92 64 0.00	93 68 s	95 71 s
Wichita	87 62 0.00	94 69 s	96 73 s

National Forecast

City	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
	Hi Lo Pcp	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Anchorage	66 58 0.06	60 54 sh	67 57 c
Atlanta	76 71 1.14	78 68 t	81 67 t
Baltimore	89 72 0.34	85 72 t	83 71 t
Birmingham	76 70 1.02	82 70 t	84 71 t
Boise	100 71 0.00	98 62 s	89 57 s
Boston	84 68 0.00	90 75 pc	87 73 c
Buffalo	81 72 0.05	81 68 pc	83 67 pc
Cheyenne	81 52 0.30	87 63 s	81 59 t
Chicago	85 63 Trace	82 63 t	83 68 s
Cincinnati	81 66 0.00	83 66 t	87 68 pc
Cleveland	76 71 Trace	82 68 t	86 68 pc
Denver	85 60 0.04	91 65 s	88 62 pc
Des Moines	88 62 0.00	82 63 s	95 70 s
Detroit	81 66 2.52	86 67 pc	86 65 pc
Honolulu	89 78 0.04	88 78 pc	88 77 sh
Indianapolis	80 62 Trace	85 66 s	86 68 pc
Kansas City	88 60 0.00	90 68 s	94 70 s
Las Vegas	111 92 0.00	105 84 t	107 85 s
Little Rock	88 65 0.00	90 66 s	92 67 s
Los Angeles	90 71 0.00	88 68 s	87 66 pc
Miami	90 77 0.17	90 80 t	89 79 t
Milwaukee	85 65 0.13	74 62 t	77 66 s

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City	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
	Hi Lo Pcp	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Minneapolis	80 67 0.23	76 61 pc	88 71 s
Nashville	85 69 0.60	86 69 t	90 70 pc
New Orleans	90 75 0.05	90 73 t	89 73 pc
New York City	84 73 0.10	87 75 t	85 74 pc
Omaha	90 64 0.00	87 70 t	96 74 s
Orlando	92 76 0.84	90 75 t	90 76 t
Philadelphia	95 73 0.41	88 74 t	87 71 pc
Phoenix	111 91 0.00	109 87 pc	107 87 pc
Pittsburgh	78 65 0.13	77 65 t	80 65 sh
Portland, ME	79 64 0.26	88 71 pc	80 69 r
Portland, OR	85 61 0.00	77 60 pc	74 56 pc
Richmond	89 75 0.16	86 73 t	83 72 t
St. Louis	87 61 0.00	91 70 s	92 72 pc
Salt Lake City	97 75 0.00	93 71 pc	94 67 s
San Diego	86 74 0.00	81 71 s	80 69 pc
San Francisco	66 52 0.00	65 52 pc	69 54 pc
Seattle	75 60 0.00	71 58 pc	73 58 c
Tucson	106 81 0.00	101 78 t	99 76 pc
Wash., DC	89 74 0.26	87 74 t	83 73 t

**EXTREMES:** yesterday for the 48 contiguous states  
**Hottest:** ..... 115° in Needles, CA  
**Coldest:** ..... 31° in Gothic, CO

The risk of flooding downpours will extend from the Gulf coast to upstate New York and New England today. Most of the rain will avoid the immediate Atlantic coast. Storms are forecast for parts of the Midwest, Rockies and deserts. The rest of the West will be dry.

International

City	Yesterday	Today	City	Yesterday	Today	City	Yesterday	Today
	Hi Lo Pcp	Hi Lo W		Hi Lo Pcp	Hi Lo W		Hi Lo Pcp	Hi Lo W
Acapulco	89 78 0.11	88 77 t	Cairo	97 82 0.00	97 78 s	Madrid	100 65 0.00	102 72 s
Amsterdam	79 55 0.00	82 61 pc	Dublin	65 54 0.58	74 61 pc	Mexico City	77 56 0.13	75 55 t
Baghdad	108 77 0.00	107 82 s	Helsinki	86 64 0.00	85 65 s	Montreal	82 73 0.01	83 67 pc
Bangkok	91 81 0.00	89 80 sh	Hong Kong	92 82 0.04	92 82 t	Moscow	83 57 0.00	83 62 s
Beijing	99 81 0.00	97 78 s	Jerusalem	84 65 0.00	81 70 pc	Mumbai	86 82 0.07	87 81 sh
Berlin	89 77 0.15	89 67 t	Johannesburg	72 47 0.00	74 46 s	New Delhi	96 79 0.00	97 81 pc
Bogota	64 50 0.13	66 49 c	Kabul	103 62 0.00	95 63 s	Paris	86 64 0.00	90 67 s
Brussels	82 58 0.00	87 62 pc	Lisbon	91 63 0.00	101 76 s	Rio de Janeiro	75 68 0.30	74 67 r
Buenos Aires	52 28 0.00	55 42 s	London	80 56 0.00	86 64 pc	Rome	95 73 0.00	92 74 s

**Precipitation (Pcp), Weather(W):** s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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# Sites play whack-a-mole with fake accounts as midterms approach

By **MATT O'BRIEN** and **RYAN NAKASHIMA**  
Associated Press

Facebook is spending heavily to avoid a repeat of the Russian interference that played out on its service in 2016, bringing on thousands of human moderators and advanced artificial intelligence systems to weed out fake accounts and foreign propaganda campaigns.

But it may never get the upper hand. Its adversaries are wily, more adept at camouflaging themselves and apparently aren't always detectable by Facebook's much-vaunted AI. They employ better operational security, constantly test Facebook's countermeasures and then exploit whatever holes they find.

"They've got lots of very good, smart technical people, who are assessing the situation all the time and gaming the system," said Mike Posner, a former U.S. diplomat who directs New York University's Stern Center for Business and Human Rights.

With the U.S. midterm elections approaching and renewed scrutiny on Capitol Hill, Facebook revealed this week that it has uncovered and removed 32 apparently fake accounts and pages. The accounts appear designed to manipulate Americans' political opinions using tactics similar to those adopted ahead of the 2016 presidential election on social-media services, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Tumblr and Reddit.

This time, however, whoever is responsible is doing a better job hiding their tracks. They are buying ads with U.S. or Canadian dollars, not rubles, and using virtual private networks and other methods to look more like people logging in from U.S. locations. "Offensive organizations improve



Associated Press — **Richard Drew**

Facebook is spending heavily to avoid a repeat of the election interference that played out in 2016.

their techniques once they have been uncovered," Facebook Chief Security Officer Alex Stamos wrote in a blog post Tuesday. That also makes it harder to know who Facebook's current adversaries are.

"Because the 2016 operation was widely seen as a success, it means a number of other players are likely entering the field," said Thomas Rid, a professor of strategic studies at the Johns Hopkins University who is writing a book about 20th century disinformation efforts.

Much like during the Cold War — when Soviet agents once pretended to be the Ku Klux Klan to stoke racial division — the strategy remains to "strengthen the fringes, boosting the far right extremists and far left extremists at the same time," Rid said.

Facebook has not said who's responsible for the latest influence campaign. The fake accounts, however, resemble those created from 2014 through 2016 by the Internet Research Agency, a so-called troll farm based in St. Petersburg, Russia. In February, U.S. special counsel Robert Mueller indicted 13 people, all of them associated with

the IRA, for plotting to disrupt the 2016 election.

The Atlantic Council, a Washington-based think tank that works with Facebook to analyze disinformation around elections worldwide, analyzed eight of the 32 pages and accounts a day before Facebook shut them down. While researchers found the pages left "few clues to their identities" compared to Russian accounts Facebook shut down in April, they noticed that more posts avoided English text in favor of memes or other graphics.

Such text can yield telltale grammatical errors common to Russian speakers. Some cropped up in posts that used text, such as conjugation mistakes between singular and plural verb forms and the misuse of articles like "a" and "the."

The Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab found many of the accounts were similar to IRA pages in their approach, tactics, language and content — in particular, the targeting of specific demographics like feminists, blacks, Latin Americans, and anti-Trump activists.

Experts warn that Facebook's AI tools aren't a panacea. The tools can help human moderators identify posts that warrant a closer look, but they can't do the job themselves.

"A couple thousand moderators are all going to have slightly different criteria that they spot," said Joanna Bryson, a computer scientist at the University of Bath. "It's not quite as easy to sneak by as it is with a single algorithm."

Miles Brundage, a research fellow at Oxford University's Future of Humanity Institute, says any Facebook AI is in for a "cat and mouse game of evasion and detection" with adversaries who can try different techniques until they find something that works.

# Flores, Gallego set for senate runoff after 8-way race

By **PATRICK SVITEK**  
The Texas Tribune

Republican Pete Flores and Democrat Pete Gallego are headed to a runoff in the special election to replace convicted former state Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio.

With all precincts reporting Tuesday night, Flores led Gallego by 5 percentage points, 34 percent to 29 percent, according to unofficial returns. At 24 percent, state Rep. Roland Gutierrez of San Antonio came in third in the eight-way race, and he conceded in a statement. The five other candidates were in single digits, including Uresti's brother, outgoing state Rep. Tomas Uresti of San Antonio.

The first-place finish by Flores, who unsuccessfully challenged Carlos Uresti in 2016, is a boon to Republicans in the Democratic-leaning district. In the home stretch of the race, Flores benefited from a raft of endorsements from Texas' top elected officials, including Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, and U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz.

Their heft will continue to be tested in a district considered friendly to Democrats, if not solidly in their column. After taking congratulatory calls from Abbott and Patrick, Flores issued a statement insisting a second-round victory was within reach.

"I know we can win this runoff," Flores said. "We will win this runoff. The real work begins tomorrow."

Rallying supporters in San Antonio, Gallego promised his campaign would not get outworked in the yet-to-be-scheduled overtime round. "I know, in the final analysis, we win," he said.

## Special election

The special election was triggered in June, when Carlos Uresti resigned after being found guilty of 11 felonies, including securities fraud and money laundering, tied to his work with a now-defunct oil field services company. He was sentenced to 12 years in prison days after he stepped down.

Much of the action in the race centered on Gutierrez and Gallego, a former congressman and longtime state House member from West Texas. Gutierrez went after Gallego over questions about whether he lives in the district, among other things, while Gallego highlighted Gutierrez's history of tax problems.

Flores, a former Texas game warden, was the best-known of three Republicans on the ballot Tuesday. He received 40 percent of the vote against Carlos Uresti two years ago in SD-19, which encompasses a 17-county area that starts on San Antonio's east side and sprawls hundreds of miles west.

## RUSSIA PROBE

# Do tweets cross legal line for obstruction of justice?

By **MARK SHERMAN** and **JESSICA GRESKO**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's tweet on Wednesday calling for Attorney General Jeff Sessions to end the Russia investigation raises difficult questions about whether Trump's frequent use of Twitter might be used to build a case of obstruction of justice against him.

The latest round of presidential tweets bashing special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation fueled criticism that Trump is illegally interfering with the investigation. Just as quickly, the White House defended the tweets as expressing Trump's opinion.

Amid a series of morning tweets, Trump wrote, "This is a terrible situation and Attorney General Jeff Sessions should stop this Rigged Witch Hunt right now, before it continues to stain our country any further. Bob Mueller is totally conflicted, and his 17 Angry Democrats that are doing his dirty work are a disgrace to USA!"

Mueller already is interested in some of Trump's

tweets to the extent they raise obstruction of justice concerns.

In obstruction cases, prosecutors have to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a particular act got in the way of an investigation and that the person who did it intended to obstruct.

The difficulty in trying to use Trump's tweet to prove obstruction is that he may have posted it for several reasons, including to rally support among his political base, said Jennifer Rodgers, a former federal prosecutor in New York who now lectures at Columbia Law School. In addition, Sessions recused himself from the Russia investigation, and Trump certainly knows that, having previously complained about it publicly, Rodgers said.

"If there are other credible reasons for doing something, you've kind of lost the beyond a reasonable doubt," Rodgers said.

But statements like the one Trump made Wednesday could help round out an obstruction case that might be focused on an earlier act, like the firing of FBI Director James Comey, she said. Rodgers was among sev-

eral lawyers who said there is no reason a tweet could not be considered evidence — taking issue with comments from Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani that scoffed at the idea of "obstruction by tweet."

"I don't know why Rudy seemed to think that obstruction by tweet is a crazy notion," Rodgers said. Postings from Facebook and other social media are used in criminal cases, Rodgers said. "There are no separate rules of evidence for obstruction cases," she said.

Former Justice Department official Neal Katyal said the medium is unimportant. "A tweet is like anything else. It's a statement. Of course it can be considered evidence of obstruction, depending on what is said. The form (spoken, written, tweeted) is irrelevant, it's the substance that matters," Katyal wrote. Trump critics said they read the tweet as pointed interference in the Mueller investigation.

Richard Painter, who served as an ethics lawyer for President George W. Bush, said in a telephone interview Wednesday that he would read the tweet as

instructing Sessions to put himself back in charge of the Russia probe. "He's instructing his attorney general, via Twitter perhaps, to stop the Russia investigation," said Painter, a Democratic candidate for Senate in Minnesota.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump's tweets are simply the president "fighting back."

She disputed the notion that Trump was directing Sessions to take action.

"It's not an order," Sanders said. "It's the president's opinion."

Giuliani, speaking in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, called the obstruction of justice issue "nonsense."

Trump could bring the investigation to a halt if he wants to, Giuliani said. "If he wanted to obstruct it, he'd obstruct it, just end it. Then you'd all battle whether he has the legal right to do that, which I think he does. But he's not going to do that. He's made it clear he wants it to run its course," he said.

On the other hand, Trump has a right to express his opinion, and he uses Twitter to do so, Giuliani said.

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For reservations, or to learn more, call Kathy Northrup at (254)836-5170 by 5:00pm, Thursday, August 9th.

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**Lindloff, Mike**

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**Oliver, Lary**  
**Payne, Bob**  
**Pliscott, Laura**  
**Salinas Jr., Louis**  
**Williams, Stephen L.**



### Bob Payne

Feb. 3, 1935 - Aug. 1, 2018

Bobby Leon Payne passed away peacefully at home on August 1, 2018. Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 4, at Wilkison-Hatch-Bailey Funeral Home, 6101 Bosque Blvd, Waco, Texas 76710 with RFC Chaplain Mike Griffith officiating. Visitation will from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, at the funeral home.

Bob was born, February 3, 1935, in Houston, to Leon Alta and Minnie Esta Payne. The oldest of three sons, he attended school in Houston until 1949 when the family moved to Athens, Texas, where he graduated from high school. He attended Henderson Junior College and East Texas State University, where he graduated in 1957 with a BA in Business.

In 1958, Bob followed in his father's footsteps and began his career with JCPenney Company in Houston, later transferring to stores in Baytown, Port Arthur and Laredo. In 1968 he was promoted to store manager in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he served for four years. Desiring to be back in Texas, he accepted a transfer as store manager to downtown Waco in 1972. He managed that store until its relocation to Richland Mall, where he remained until his retirement in 1997.

Bob won many awards during his 38-year career with JCPenney. He was proudest of winning the President's Cup and the Chairman's Award while in Waco. Not one to remain idle for long, he purchased Brazos Feed & Supply where he and his son, Gary, worked together until his second retirement in 2013. Bob loved meeting and greeting customers and always had a joke to share with them.

Other interests include serving on the Board of Directors of the Heart of Texas Fair, President of the Heart of Texas Bird Dog Club and Founding Member, President and Race Director of the Heart of Texas Drag Boat Club. He took great pride in his involvement in establishing drag boat racing at Brazos Park East in Waco and his induction into the Southern Drag Boat Association (SDBA) Hall of Fame for his exemplary service and leadership in the sport.

Bob also loved being outdoors. He cherished memories of hunting and fishing trips with his family and friends, particularly those that included his father, his son, his grandson, Cole, and his brothers, Billy and Bucky. He loved his Oak Hill Ranch and spent countless hours on his tractor or working cattle and riding horses.

In 1979 he married the love of his life, Sharon Patterson. For the next 33 years, Bob and Sharon traveled to boat races, field trials, Hawaii, Alaska and the Cayman Islands. Sharon brought love into his life, and he said that she was one of the best things that ever happened to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Mike Bearden; and son-in-law, Carl Haddock.

Survivors include his son, Gary and wife, Camille, of Lorena; daughter, Sheri Haddock of Springtown; and daughter, Teri Bearden of Lorena. Surviving grandchildren are Cole and Morgan Payne of Lubbock, Ashley Pierpoint and husband, Brandon, of Lubbock, Andrew Haddock and wife, Miranda, of Springtown and Stacy Walton and husband, Erik, of Hewitt. Surviving great-grandchildren are Peyton Pierpoint, Addalee, Meyer and Astyn Haddock, and Brady and Callen Walton,. He is also survived by his brothers, Billy and wife, Grace, of Navasota, and Bucky and wife, Roxie, of The Woodlands, and their families.

Bob was an inspiration to all who knew him during his 16-year battle with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He was truly a fighter in every way and was quick to give others fighting the battle with cancer hope and encouragement, as well as a joke along the way to bring a smile to their face. He will forever be missed by those who loved him as his memory will forever live on in their hearts.

The family would like to thank all of the doctors, nurses and medical staff who cared for him through his battle with cancer. Those include Dr. Lucas Wong, his nurse, Karri, Dr. Charles Stern, Scott & White Hospice nurses Sandra, Linda and Connie, and to Home Instead Staff Sue, Linda and Cheryl for their compassionate care.

Special thanks to Ann Harris and Sharon Payne for their care during his illness.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to one of the following: TEAM RFC - Racers For Christ Drag Boat Ministries, [www.TeamRFC.org](http://www.TeamRFC.org), - click on the "Donate button, scroll down and choose the box for "Drag Boat Ministry Director: Mike Griffith" or to Scott & White Hospice, 2911 Herring Ave, Suite 310, Waco Texas 76708.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory in our "Tribute Wall" at [www.WHBfamily.com](http://www.WHBfamily.com).  
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### Louis Salinas, Jr.

Jan. 16, 1950 - July 27, 2018

Louis Salinas passed away, Friday, July 27, 2018, after a short bout with cancer. He was 68 years old and a long time employee of La Fiesta. A memorial service will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, at Grace Gardens Funeral Home. A visitation with the family will be 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 2, with a Rosary following at 8:00 p.m.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Castillo; mother, Aurora Salinas; father, Louis Salinas, Sr; and sister-in-law, Nellie Salinas.

Left behind are his daughters, Anita Guthrie and husband, Richard, Missy Forson and husband, David; son, Kevin Davis and wife, Christine; siblings, Louise and Joe Mendez, Gilbert Salinas, Josephine and Aurelio Garcia, Johnny and Suzie Salinas, and Daniel Salinas; grandchildren, Alex Merritt and husband, Kevin, Lexi Forson, Alli Forson, Gabby Davis, Jeremy Moore and wife, Lindsey; great-grandchildren, Harper Merritt, Aizley Jo Stinson, and Daphney Moore; and many nieces and nephews.



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### Dr. Glenda Nelson

June 10, 1939 - July 30, 2018

July 30, 2018, Dr. Glenda R. Langford Nelson took her final journey, this time to heaven. An outgoing and generous woman, Glenda touched the lives of hundreds of children in her 36 years as an educator. Glenda was an effervescent lover of life. A voracious reader, she lived out her years traveling like one of the characters in her favorite romance novels.

Glenda was born in Carthage, Texas, June 10, 1939, to Allen Langford and Josephine Capps. As a youth, she worked on her family's farm. She was a shy and studious young woman who was valedictorian of Carthage High School, Class of 1957. She went on to East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, completing her Bachelor of Arts in 1960. Her bashful exterior hid a rebel heart. After graduating college, she picked up a Naval hitchhiker at the encouragement of her sister. Within a year, Glenda agreed to marry him on June 4, 1961.

Glenda went on to teach school in California where she and Addison W. Nelson made their family: Lori Gay Nelson Longenbaugh, Lisa Alene Nelson, and Addison "Duke" Nelson. Upon moving back to Texas, Glenda became the first member of her family to complete her Master of Arts degree, which she earned from Baylor University, and later a Ph.D. from University of Texas. As a teacher she was committed to her students' educational experience. She was nominated for Texas Women in Excellence in Education and earned multiple mentions in Who's Who in American Education. Waco's Channel 10 television station selected her for their Golden Apple Award in 1997. Glenda taught GED and ESL classes at night for 16 years and was awarded the Part-Time GED Teacher of the Year for the State of Texas in 1991. In 1992, she was named the District XII Teacher of the Year.

She retired from teaching in 1996, after teaching her granddaughter's kindergarten class. Over the years she endowed more than 95 scholarships, mostly to students who were in her kindergarten classes.

In her retirement, she became a storyteller spinning yarns of her life on the farm as a child, her mishaps as a parent, and experiences as a teacher. She was loved around the world, from New Zealand to Switzerland and beyond. She has touched countless lives, always with the belief that we can be better each day. In 2010, ETBU crowned her "Coming Home" Queen and in 2017 she was recognized by the Carthage ISD Distinguished Alumni Association and was awarded the Key to the City of Carthage.

She was dedicated to her community. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the Red-Hatters Club, Board of Directors for Ft. Parker State Park, member of the Child Welfare Board of Limestone County, Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce, a benefactor of the Moffit Memorial Library and Gibbs Memorial Library and she was and a member of Texas Retired Teachers Association. She left a lipstick imprint on the hearts of all the children she reached.

Glenda loved country music, specifically Patsy Cline and Tex Ritter, and was a benefactor of the Country Music Hall of Fame in Carthage, Texas.

Glenda is survived by her children and their spouses; her five beautiful grandchildren, Lacey and Dalton Longenbaugh and Angelo, Anton and Jane Nelson. She is also survived by her sisters, Mary Nan Armstrong and husband, Ross, Helen Marie Stewart and husband, John, Sherry Diane Whitehead and husband, Brad, Brenda Sheisser and Joyce Hicks; sister-in-law, Florence Nelson; brothers, Bruce Langford and wife, Peggy, and Charles Langford; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and family all over the world.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2000, and by her brother, Lindal Wayne Langford, in 2017.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, August 2, at Groesbeck Funeral Home. A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m., Friday, August 3, at First Baptist Church, Groesbeck, along with a graveside service at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 4, at Antioch Cemetery in Carthage.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please donate to the Backpack Ministry.  
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### Laura Pliscott

Nov. 3, 1932 - Aug. 1, 2018

Laura Evelyn Pliscott, age 85, passed away, Wednesday, August 1, 2018. Funeral services are pending.



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### Janie Clark Cooper

Oct. 23, 1949 - July 29, 2018

Janie Clark Cooper passed away, Sunday, July 29, 2018, at age 68. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 4, 2018, at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 301 W. Sanford St., Arlington, TX.

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### Dr. Stephen L. Williams

June 30, 1948 - July 31, 2018

Dr. Stephen L. Williams, 70, died Tuesday, July 31, 2018 in Waco.

Visitation will be held 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 2, at Lake Shore Funeral Home, 5201 Steinbeck Bend Drive, in Waco. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 3, 2018, at Oakwood Cemetery, 2124 South 5th Street, in Waco with Rev. Curtis Holland officiating.

Steve was born, June 30, 1948, in Midland to Angela and Jacob L. Williams III. He was an Eagle Scout and graduated from Midland High School, received bachelor's and master's degrees in Biology and a master's degree in Museum Science from Texas Tech University. He earned his doctorate in Conservation from the University of Goteborg in Goteborg, Sweden.

In the summer of 1971, he married Kathleen Dobbs. They had two children, Sarah and Jason.

Steve began his career with The Museum at Texas Tech University as a collection manager and later moved to Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh, PA. In 1990, he returned to The Museum at Texas Tech and taught Museum Science. In 1995, he moved to The Strecker Museum, later known as The Mayborn Museum Complex, at Baylor University and taught Museum Studies. He published many research papers over the course of his career. Upon retirement in 2007, he continued to work with students when needed.

Since his retirement, Steve has enjoyed traveling with his family, hunting, fishing, playing with and going on dam walks with his dog and grandkids.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 47 years; daughter, Sarah and husband, Allen Kaiser; son, Jason L. Williams and wife, Angel; grandchildren, Will, Ben, Maddie and Jon Kaiser and Julianne, Anson, Josephine and Jacqueline Williams; sisters, Kathy Buckberry and her two sons and family, and Anne and her husband, Jim Busby and their two daughters; brother, Jacob L. Williams IV; uncle, Ignatius G. Peters and his family; aunt, Sue Peters Brady and her family; and many relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dup15q Alliance: <https://www.dup15q.org/donate>.

Thoughts and memories may be shared at [www.LakeShoreFH.com](http://www.LakeShoreFH.com).

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# Fed keeps key rate unchanged, signals future hikes

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve on Wednesday left its benchmark interest rate unchanged while signaling further gradual rate hikes in the months ahead as long as the economy stays healthy.

The Fed’s widely expected decision kept the central bank’s key short-term rate at 1.75 percent to 2 percent — the level hit in June when it boosted the rate for a second time this year.

The Fed projected in June four rate hikes this year, up from three in 2017. Private economists expect the next hike to occur at the September meeting with a fourth rate hike expected in December.

The Fed’s statement was upbeat on the economy,

pointing to a strengthening labor market, economic activity growing at “a strong rate,” and inflation that’s reached the central bank’s target of 2 percent annual gains.

Analysts saw all the comments about economic strength as a clear signal that the Fed remains on track to raise rates two more times this year.

“All signs still point to a September rate hike,” said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com. He said consumers should continue to pay down their home equity, credit card and other loans with variable rates that will rise further as the Fed keeps hiking rates.

There was no mention in the statement of what many economists see as one of the biggest risks at the

moment: rising tariffs on billions of dollars of U.S. exports and imports that have been imposed as a result of President Donald Trump’s new get-tough approach on trade.

The Fed statement also made no reference to criticism Trump has lodged recently against the Fed’s continued rate hikes.

The Fed’s decision was approved on a unanimous 8-0 vote. The action was not surprising, given that this meeting followed a June session where the Fed took a number of steps including raising rates by another quarter-point and changing its projection for hikes this year from three to four.

The March and June rate hikes followed three hikes in 2017 and one each in 2015 and 2016. The Fed’s key policy rate is still at a

relatively low level. But it’s up from the record low near zero where it remained for seven years as the central bank worked to use ultra-low interest rates to lift the economy out of the Great Recession.

The string of quarter-point rate hikes is intended to prevent the economy from overheating and pushing inflation from climbing too high. But higher rates make borrowing costlier for consumers and businesses and can weigh down stock prices. Trump has made clear he has little patience for the Fed’s efforts to restrain the economy to control inflation.

“Tightening now hurts all that we have done,” Trump tweeted last month, a day after he said in a television interview that he was “not happy” with the

Fed’s rate increases.

Over the past quarter-century, presidents have maintained silence in public about Fed actions, believing that lodging complaints would be counterproductive. That’s because it could produce even faster rate hikes if the central bank feels the need to convince financial markets that it will not yield to political pressure and allow inflation to rise to worrisome levels.

At the moment, economic growth is strong, rising at an annual rate of 4.1 percent in the April-June quarter, the best showing in nearly four years. Unemployment is at a low 4 percent, and some analysts believe it will fall further when the government releases the July figures on Friday.

### WALL STREET

NEW YORK — Apple surged to its biggest gain in a year and a half Wednesday and drew closer to \$1 trillion in value after it reported stronger iPhone sales and rising prices. But losses for energy and industrial companies left major stock indexes lower.

The S&P 500 index slid 2.93 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,813.36. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 81.37 points, or 0.3 percent, to 25,333.82.

The Nasdaq composite added 35.50 points, or 0.5 percent, to 7,707.29, but the Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks lost 1.54 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,669.26.

The S&P 500 index rose 3.6 percent in July in spite of the trade war between the U.S. and China. The markets got a lift from strong company earnings as well as efforts by the U.S. and European Union to resolve trade differences.

Industrial companies changed course again and took sharp losses.

Bond prices sank. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 3 percent from 2.96.

Benchmark U.S. crude dropped 2 percent to \$67.66 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 2.5 percent to \$72.39 per barrel in London.

The price of gold gave up 0.5 percent to \$1,227.60 an ounce. The dollar fell to 111.56 yen from 111.83 yen.

— AP

# US proposes raising tariffs to 25 percent on \$200 billion in Chinese imports

By PAUL WISEMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is proposing raising planned taxes on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports to 25 percent from 10 percent, turning up the pressure on Beijing in a trade war between the world’s two big-

gest economies.

The United States has already imposed 25 percent tariffs on \$34 billion in Chinese imports and is readying 25 percent tariffs on another \$16 billion worth to punish China for allegedly using predatory tactics to obtain U.S. technology. China has retaliated in kind.

Last month, the U.S. proposed

10 percent tariffs on another \$200 billion in Chinese products — from parachutes to sardines — in response to China’s retaliation. But President Donald Trump now wants U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to consider more than doubling those tariffs to 25 percent. A hearing on the levies is scheduled for Aug. 20-23.

Trump has threatened to escalate the conflict even more by taxing virtually all of the \$500 billion worth of goods China ships annually to the United States.


Trump’s tariffs have drawn criticism at home in the United States for driving up costs for consumers and companies that rely on Chinese imports.

# Lives Lived

**Mike Lindloff**  
May 25, 1957 - July 28, 2018

Stephen Mike Lindloff, a life-long resident of Waco, died on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at the age of 61, after a brief but aggressive battle with cancer.


A Celebration of Life Service will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, August 4, at Lake Shore Funeral Home Chapel, at 5201 Steinbeck



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**Lary Oliver**  
Feb. 8, 1950 - July 29, 2018

Lary Earl Oliver, 68, of Bruceville, Texas, passed away, Sunday, July 29, 2018, from injuries sustained in a car accident a week earlier. Memorial service will be 11 a.m., Saturday, August 4, 2018 at Grace Gardens Funeral Home. Visitation with his family will be an hour prior starting at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Diabetes Research foundation of your choice, St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, Humane Society, or charity of choice is suggested.



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**Harold William Adams**  
October 17, 1927 - July 30, 2018

Harold W. Adams, of Chalk Bluff, passed away, Monday, July 30, 2018, in Waco. Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m., Saturday, August 4, at Lake Shore Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Moore Cemetery in Chalk Bluff. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

He was born, October 17, 1927, in Midland, to James and Mattie (Adcock-Belcher) Adams. Harold served in the Marine Corps during World War II, and took part in the Flying Sergeants Program. He loved to fly and picked up his civilian pilots license in 1947.

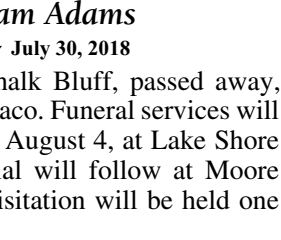
After the war, he worked as a stone mason and was a member of the bricklayers union. In May 1949, Harold married Billie Jean VanWinkle in Hamilton. He worked in construction before taking a job with Ware Communications, and later Wales Industries.

Always one to seek new challenges, he took a job with the McLennan County Sheriff’s Department, under Sheriff Jack Harwell, tasked with setting up the radio communications repair shop. His role expanded to maintenance of the department’s entire fleet of vehicles. He also assisted the department as a pilot flying officials and transporting prisoners.


Harold was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Altus Kight; and two brothers, S.R. Adams and J.C. Adams.

He is survived by his wife, Billie Adams, of Waco; daughter, Charlotte Jean Beard and husband, Charles, of Waxahachie; grandson, William Crist, of Richwood; great-granddaughter, Heidi Crist, of Richwood. He is also survived by his sister, Hazel Sears of Colorado.

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**Christy Farley**  
Sept. 28, 1973 - July 28, 2018

Christy Farley, 44, of Axtell won her race as her loving savior greeted her at the finish line, Saturday July 28, 2018. Graveside services will be 10 a.m., Saturday August 4, 2018, at Axtell Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2018 at Bellmead Funeral Home.

Christy was born to Jimmy and Alice Morgan on September 6, 1973. She was raised in Harlan County, Kentucky where she enjoyed sports. In the summer of 1993 she met her sweetheart, Frank Farley. The two married in Waco, Texas on October 28, 1995. Christy’s passion in life was her family. Christy and Frank welcomed two sons, Bradley and Carson and one daughter, Addison. She loved attending their sporting events and school activities. Even as she grew sick she cheered them on from her hospital bed.

Christy was a lover- a lover of people, her God, her husband, her family and her friends. Anyone who knew her knew that.

Christy is survived by her husband, Frank Farley; sons, Bradley and Carson Farley; daughter, Addison Farley; father, Jimmy Morgan; mother-in-law and friend, Glanda Farley all of Axtell; and grandmother, Betty Jo Morgan of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Alice Morgan and grandparents, Estel and Rinda Brock.



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**Rosa Fuentes**  
Oct. 28, 1921 - July 29, 2018


Surrounded by her family, Rosa Costillo Fuentes went to be with the Lord at home, Sunday, July 29, 2018. She follows in death her late husband of 72 years, Porfirio Fuentes, Sr., the love of her life. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 2, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Benjamin Magnaye as Officiant. Burial will follow at Rosemound Cemetery. Rosary will begin at 7:00 p.m., with visitation to follow, Wednesday, August 1, at Wilkerson-Hatch-Bailey Funeral Home.

Rosa and her husband owned their own business for over 40-plus years. She worked at Piccadilly, serving tea and coffee. Rosa loved to cook and enjoyed her family.


She is survived by her three children; son, Porfirio C. Fuentes, Jr., and wife, Gloria; and daughters, Rosie Trevino and husband, Elojio, and Jeanette Castillo and husband, Hector. She has four grandchildren, Michelle Fuentes, Porfirio Felix Fuentes III and wife, Terri, Crystal Monrial, and John Monrial, Jr.; four great-grandchildren, Christopher Hines, Andrianna Hines, Michael Jarmon, Katilyn Salter, and Houston Lares; and three great-great-grandchildren, Dallas Jarmon, Finley Rose Arp, Avery Mican Hines, and two on the way.

Pallbearers will be Felix Fuentes III, John Gilbert Monrial, Jr., Christopher Michael Hines, Gregory Daniel Arp, Danny Salinas, and Albert “Berto” Lares. Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Anthony Jarmon and George Salinas, Jr.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory in our “Tribute Wall” at [www.WHBfamily.com](http://www.WHBfamily.com).




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**Louise Abner**  
Sept. 22, 1923 - July 31, 2018

Louise Abner, 94, of Robinson, passed away, Tuesday, July 31, 2018, surrounded by her family. Graveside services will be 10 a.m., Friday, August 3, at Waco Memorial Park, 6623 S. I35, with Pastor Robert Kobler officiating.



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**Robert Hering**  
June 12, 1923 - July 31, 2018

Robert F. “Bob” Hering, a long time McGregor farmer, passed away, Tuesday night, July 31, 2018, at the age of 95. Graveside service and interment will be 10:00 a.m., Friday August 3, 2018, at McGregor Cemetery, with Pat Richardson officiating. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, August 2, 2018, at Grace Gardens Funeral Home, 8220 Woodway Dr. Waco.


Mr. Hering was born June 12, 1923, in Lockney, Texas, the son of the late Albert William and Laura Allen (Hall) Hering. As a very small child the family moved to McGregor where he was a 1940 graduate of McGregor High School. Bob was honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps at the end of World War II. He furthered his education at Texas Tech and Baylor University. Growing up, Bob was reared and baptized Methodist. On May 16, 1948, he married the former Billie Jeannine Parson in Robinson, Texas. After fifty-eight years of marriage, she preceded him in death July 30, 2006. Around the time of his marriage to Jeannine he became a member of the Church of Christ and was very active as a deacon and elder of Sixth and Adams Church of Christ in McGregor.

Mr. Hering enjoyed farming and anything that pertained to agriculture and building model trucks. Years ago, he was instrumental in forming Texas Farm Bureau in the Central Texas for area farmers and held one of the lowest membership numbers. The McGregor Chamber of Commerce presented him with the Farmer of the Year Award several years ago.


Also preceding him in death were his brother, Bill Hering and a granddaughter, Sarah Hering.

Survivors include a son, Boyd Hering and wife, Debbie; daughter, Elaine White and husband, Joe; brother, Lee Hering; two grandchildren, Angela Wilson and Zeb Hering and wife, Jenny; two great-grandchildren, Kinleigh Hering, Zeke Hering and numerous nieces and nephews.

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# Kavanaugh's on the record

Democrats' paper chase is really a paper tiger

When George H.W. Bush nominated David Souter to become a Supreme Court justice, the New Hampshire judge had been on the federal bench for a total of three months. Souter was confirmed by a vote of 90-9 with the support of 46 Democrats.

When Donald Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh in July, he had been on the D.C. Federal Court of Appeals approaching 13 years. And yet Democrats are demanding that there be no vote at all till they can access millions of documents from the Bush White House during Kavanaugh's time as White House staff secretary.

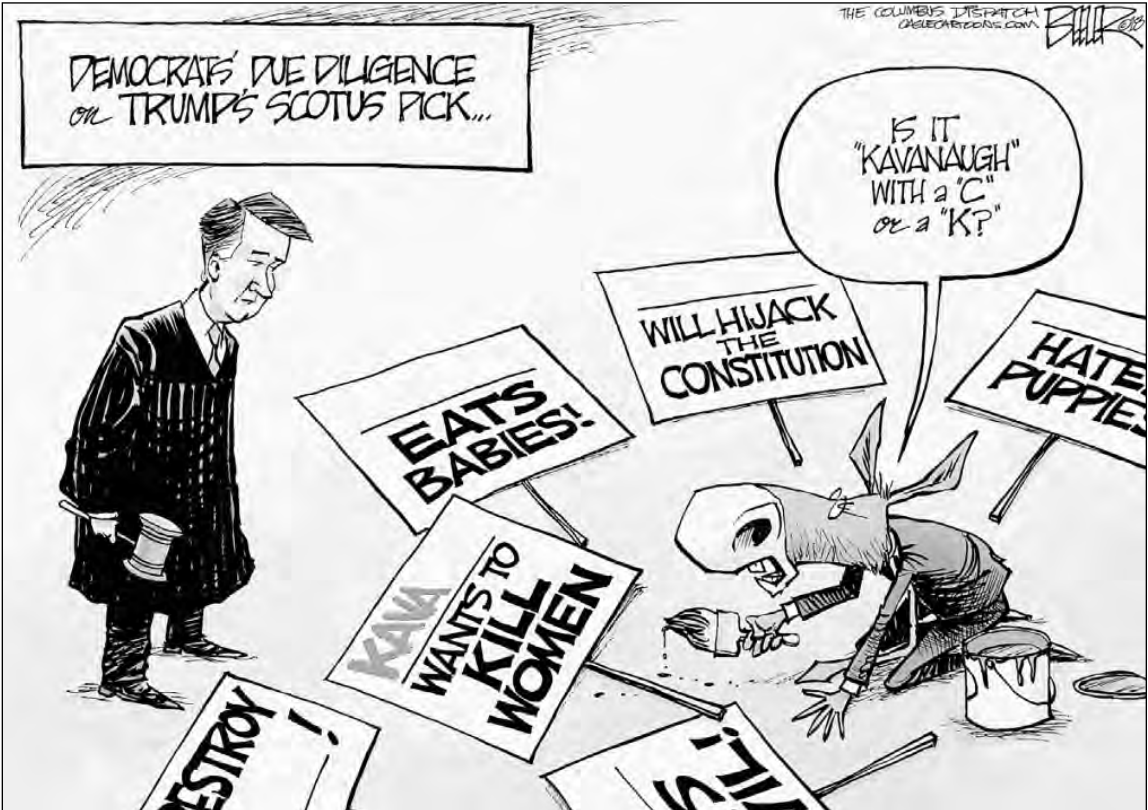
David Souter had virtually no record as a federal judge for

senators to evaluate (he'd spent most of his career overseeing state courts in New Hampshire). Kavanaugh, on the other hand, has written more dissents alone than the total number of cases Souter handled in his

entire federal career. And yet in Kavanaugh's case, Democrats insist they don't know enough about him to make an informed decision.

"It's ridiculous," says Hans von Spakovsky, senior legal fellow at the Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at the Heritage Foundation. "Democrats know more about Judge Kavanaugh and his judicial approach than the vast majority of judges they've sent to the Supreme Court."

As evidence, Spakovsky notes that, prior to Kavanaugh, 26 D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals judges were elevated to the Supreme Court. Kavanaugh has served on that court longer than 70 percent of them. "He's written more than 300 opinions, he's had 11 of his dissents later adopted by the Supreme Court. He literally laid out his judicial philosophy in a speech here at the Heritage Foundation last fall. There is no 'secret' Brett Kavanaugh,"



Spakovsky says.

But does that mean that the Democrats' only motive is partisanship? Is it really out of line for them to ask to see a nominee's work product from his pre-judicial days?

No, says Adam J. White, research fellow at the Hoover Institute and professor at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School.

"It's not uncommon for the opposition party to request, or even demand, records from the nominee's work in the executive branch. Republicans wanted to see files from Elena Kagan's time in the Obama administration and Democrats sought documents from John Roberts' Reagan White House days."

But, White says, not all requests are equal: "The difference is that Kavanaugh was the White House staff secretary, which means nearly all the paperwork that crossed his desk involved his minimal input. Democrats and Republicans should reach a deal to disclose the White House files that contain more than just *de minimis* input by Kavanaugh."

Spakovsky argues that all the additional documents are irrelevant — other than as a source for a fishing expedition to find something controversial that crossed Kavanaugh's desk and derail his

nomination. They're irrelevant because Kavanaugh's judicial philosophy is both clear and clearly established in his record without them.

And, Spakovsky adds, conservatives should be happy about that.

"Think about Justice Kennedy," Spakovsky says. "Some conservatives like to bash him, but the fact is he was very good (from a conservative standpoint) on many issues: The First Amendment, the Second Amendment — he even voted against Obamacare, remember?"

"But when it came to social issues like abortion and same-sex marriage, Kennedy had a form of judicial schizophrenia. It wasn't just that he voted for liberal outcomes. He actually changed the way he approached the law and the cases. For many on the right, the complaint about Kennedy wasn't that he stopped being conservative. It's that he wasn't being *consistent*."

Spakovsky predicts Kavanaugh won't have the same problem. "Even when he has outcomes I don't like, he follows a consistent legal approach," Spakovsky says.

And this may be the heart of the Democrats' opposition. During the Supreme Court term that just ended, there were 19 cases decided by 5-4 votes. Justice Kennedy was one of the

five in every single case.

Replacing him with a justice who more closely hews to a conservative view of jurisprudence, one that doesn't change even when the issue before the court is politically polarized or culturally divisive, may mean more of those 5-4 votes will deny Democrats the political outcomes they want.

Spakovsky points out that Kavanaugh's appointment to the Court of Appeals was held up for three years by Democratic opposition. There were two full hearings on his appointment, in 2004 and in 2006. His opponents had repeated opportunities to demand these same documents from his White House days and deny him a vote if they truly believed the records were vital.

"They had three years to look into Kavanaugh — immediately after he left the White House — and they didn't bother with these staff secretary documents," Spakovsky says. "The problem isn't that they don't know his record. They do. It's the outstanding record of a brilliant judge in the mainstream of American judicial philosophy. There is no legitimate reason to vote against him."

"That's why they're still looking."

**Michael Graham is political editor of NH Journal. He wrote this for InsideSources.com.**

## Hear 'collusion,' translate 'conspiracy'

Like some legal zombie that can't be killed, the argument that "collusion is not a crime" is back and walks among us. And it's still nonsense.

There were reports last week that former Trump attorney Michael Cohen would testify, contrary to repeated White House denials, that President Trump knew of and approved the infamous Trump Tower meeting in June 2016, when Donald Trump Jr., Jared Kushner and other campaign officials met with Russians offering

damaging information about Hillary Clinton.

Faced with this new evidence of what sure looks remarkably like colluding with the Russians, the president's defense has returned to

the claim that any such collusion, even if it happened, would not be a crime. On "Fox and Friends," Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani recently said: "I have been sitting here looking in the federal code trying to find collusion as a crime. Collusion is not a crime." The president himself picked up on the theme, tweeting: "Collusion is not a crime, but that doesn't matter because there was No Collusion (except by Crooked Hillary and the Democrats)!"

It's unclear how the term "collusion" became so embedded in the public narrative about the Russian attacks on our election. But what is clear is that the unfortunate prevalence of the term has given the president's legal team another tool with which to sow confusion and mistrust about Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. After all, if collusion is not a crime, why is Mueller spending all this time and money investigating it? It must be a witch hunt!

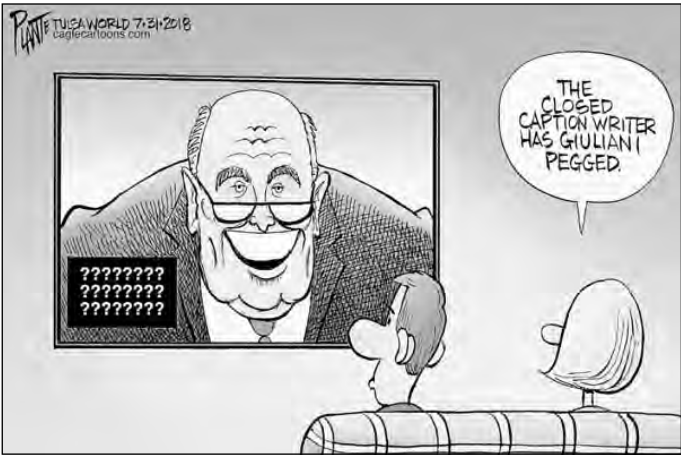
It's true there is no crime called "collusion." It's also irrelevant. What matters in criminal law is the facts, not the precise terms used to describe what happened. Saying the president is off the hook because there is no crime called "collusion" is akin to claiming the president could shoot someone on Fifth Avenue and

escape prosecution because the criminal statutes prohibit "homicide," not "shooting."

Collusion is generally defined as a secret agreement to work together towards some illicit end. As I pointed out more than a year ago when this argument first surfaced, in criminal law this describes a potential conspiracy. A criminal conspiracy exists when two or more people form an agreement to pursue an unlawful goal and at least one of them takes some action in furtherance of that agreement. The federal conspiracy statute, 18 U.S.C. 371, prohibits conspiracies to defraud the United States and conspiracies to commit an offense against the United States. Both charges are potentially relevant here — and Mueller has already deployed both.

Conspiracy to defraud the United States includes an agreement to impair, obstruct or defeat the lawful functions of the federal government. This could include, for example, an agreement with the Russians to interfere with the Federal Election Commission's administration of federal election laws. Indeed, this type of conspiracy was the lead charge in February's indictment of 13 Russian individuals and three Russian companies for interfering with the election largely through social media. That indictment charges the defendants "intentionally conspired to defraud the United States by impairing, obstructing and defeating the lawful functions" of the FEC, the State Department and the Justice Department by making illegal campaign contributions, obtaining visas under false pretenses and failing to register as foreign agents.

Conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States is defined as a conspiracy to commit any federal crime. The lead charge in the indictment of 12



Russian intelligence officers last month was conspiracy to violate the federal laws against computer hacking. Such a charge would also apply to any agreement with the Russians to violate federal campaign finance laws by, for example, making illegal foreign contributions to the Trump campaign in the form of stolen Democratic emails.

With any conspiracy charge, the crime is the agreement itself. Prosecutors do not have to prove that the conspiracy succeeded or that any victim was actually harmed. They would not have to show the Russian efforts were successful or that the outcome of the election was changed. You can also conspire to help someone else commit a crime that you could not commit yourself; for example, Americans could conspire to help Russians violate the law against foreign campaign contributions even though, as American citizens, they are not covered by that law.

Working with Russians to influence our election through the use of stolen emails or other methods would be prosecutable under any number of theories. The argument that "collusion is not a crime" is nothing but a meaningless distraction. It's time to bury it once and for all.

**Randall D. Eliason teaches white-collar criminal law at George Washington University Law School.**

## LETTERS

### Mysteries of the VA

Yep, ol' George Reamy got it right in his Sunday column regarding the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other mysteries. There really is no figuring the VA.

VA notified me it was time for an unpleasant, invasive procedure to be performed and booked the consult many weeks out. This ordeal was scheduled for the Temple VA medical center. Hmm, last time I underwent this torture, it was done by a clinic in Waco by a doctor approved by the VA. The Waco clinic was nearly 50 miles closer.

I requested and was granted permission to have the procedure in Waco. It was done within a week.

Fast forward a year and I get a letter from the VA denying charges for the procedure. Called the Waco clinic and found I had a zero balance; the charges had been paid by the VA for close to a year. Contacted a patient rep at Doris Miller VA and this denial was investigated. Result? The right hand of the VA does not know what the left hand is doing!

**Dan Dayton, West**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The VA Mission Act signed by President Trump in June supposedly will streamline the process, allowing veterans to more promptly and readily secure subsidized medical care beyond the VA health-care network. Lauumakers have been arguing about how to pay for the program.*

### Passing of a giant

Waco and Texas have lost another giant in the passing of Murray Watson Jr., longtime state legislator, lawyer and champion of higher education. Dubbed by some "Mr. TSTC," Murray was a quiet man, but his actions spoke reams of what an outstanding person he was. Through his efforts, thousands of Texas children were able to receive a technical or college education.

Where will the next leaders come from? Few people of Murray's caliber are in sight. Murray was a friend and mentor to so many of us. He had a vision of not just Waco but Texas in providing an educated workforce for our state and nation. Thank you, Murray, for all your help and advice over the years. You made me a better man!

**Sam Cryan, Waco**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Elton Stuckly Jr., TSTC executive vice chancellor and chief strategic relations officer, notes that Watson's name is on TSTC's student recreation center, which neatly factored into his wife, Greta, being honored with the nearby Culinary Arts building being named for her. "Murray and I walked out of the old (TSTC) system's building and we were about a million dollars short to build the new Culinary Arts Center," Stuckly said. "I said, 'Mr. Watson, I want you to think about something. Your name is on that (the recreation center) building. Wouldn't it be nice for it (the new building) to be called the Greta W. Watson Culinary Arts Center? If you give us a million dollars, you could look at each other forever.' It wasn't a couple of weeks later that he called and said he was going to do it."*

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Associated Press — Tsvangirayi Mukwazhi

Opposition party supporters in Harare, Zimbabwe, react Wednesday after police fired tear gas. Hundreds of angry opposition supporters outside Zimbabwe’s electoral commission were met by riot police.

# Deadly riots rock Zimbabwe’s capital as results delayed

By **CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA**  
and **FARAI MUTSAKA**  
Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Soldiers and police fired live rounds, water cannons and tear gas at furious protesters who threw rocks and burned vehicles Wednesday in Zimbabwe’s capital, dashing the optimism of an election that the country hoped would set it on a new course after decades of Robert Mugabe’s rule. At least three people were reported killed.

Violence swept through central Harare after an official announcement that the ruling ZANU-PF party had won most of the seats in Parliament, an outcome that enraged opposition supporters who believe they have been cheated of victory.

The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission’s decision to delay announcing the results of the presidential race at least until Thursday — three days after the vote — seemed certain to bring more opposition anger if President Emmerson Mnangagwa is declared the winner. Alternatively, many Zimbabweans wonder whether the ruling establishment, including the military, would accept a win for the main opposition leader, Nelson Chamisa.

Monday’s upbeat spectacle of millions of Zimbabweans voting peacefully was eclipsed 48 hours later by scenes of tanks and other military vehicles speeding through debris-strewn streets and soldiers beating protesters who had blocked main roads and set bonfires. Some journalists also were attacked.

Gunfire was heard downtown throughout the afternoon, including near the ruling party headquarters where protesters had gathered. Police fired tear gas and grabbed more canisters from an officer carrying them in a crate.

Three people were killed, state broadcaster ZBC said. Associated Press journalists saw two bodies and another person who had been shot in the leg. There were pools and trails of blood on the streets.

The riots surged up to the fence of the Rainbow Towers Hotel & and Conference Centre, where the electoral commission has been announcing results and many international election observers are staying. Inside the main gate, a water cannon mounted on a police vehicle blasted protesters who hurled rocks that bounced off its armored plating.

“They are trying to protest so they can get fair results,” said Elisha Pfigu, a 31-year-old street vendor who warily watched soldiers at an intersection.

Pfigu said he was optimistic on election day for the country’s first vote without Mugabe, who ruled for nearly four decades, on the ballot.

“Now it’s different. It’s totally different,” he said. “People were happy on Monday. Now they are not happy. We are not going to rest.”

Authorities invoked Zimbabwe’s Public Order and Security Act, which allows police to ban public meetings or gatherings. The police can also ask the military for help in cases of public disturbances. Under Mugabe, the law was used routinely to ban anti-government meetings and demonstrations since its enactment in 2002.

United Nations deputy spokesman Farhan Haq appealed to Zimbabwe “to exercise restraint and reject any form of violence while awaiting resolution of the disputes and announcement of the election results.”

International monitors gave their first assessments of the election, saying it was conducted in a relatively free environment and was a big improvement over past votes marred by violence and irregularities, although they noted significant problems.

European Union observers said “a truly level playing field was not achieved” in the election, pointing out the “misuse of state resources, instances of coercion and intimidation, partisan behavior by traditional leaders and overt bias in state media.”

The opposition alleged irregularities, saying results were not posted outside one-fifth of polling stations as required by law. MDC leader Chamisa has said outright that his own count shows he won the election, drawing government accusations of inciting violence.

While the electoral commission legally has five days from the end of the election to announce results, Western observer groups urged the release of the presidential results as soon as possible. The EU mission questioned why presidential votes were counted first but were being announced last.

Many Zimbabweans looked to the vote as a launching pad for a return to the kind of international acceptance and relative prosperity that the country enjoyed in the first part of the rule of Mugabe, who took office after independence from white minority rule in 1980.

But the violence in Harare seemed to put those aspirations on hold. It was the first time the military was back in the streets since Mugabe’s ouster — at that time, they were welcomed by residents as liberators. On Wednesday, they came to enforce a crackdown.

# US Army using drug waivers, bonuses to boost recruitment

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under the gun to increase the size of the force, the Army is issuing more waivers for past drug use or bad conduct by recruits, and pouring an extra \$200 million into bonuses this year to attract and retain soldiers.

According to data obtained by the AP, nearly one-third of all the waivers granted by the Army in the first six months of this fiscal year were for conduct and drug problems, mainly involving marijuana use. That number is significantly higher than the other three military services, and represents a steady increase over the past three years.

At the same time, the Army increased bonuses by more than 30 percent this year, with enlistment money going to recruits for high-tech jobs such as satellite communications and cryptologists. Recruits in those jobs can get up to an additional \$30,000 for a five-year enlistment.

The enlistment bonuses grew by \$115 million this year over last year, while money to entice soldiers already in the service to stay grew almost \$100 million, according to the Army.

Army leaders said there has been no move to reduce enlistment standards in order to meet recruitment goals. They said there are more waivers in part because of the increased competition for recruits as they try to add another 8,000 soldiers to the force this year.

Waivers have long been used to enlist young people who might otherwise be unqualified for military service due to a wide array of medical, conduct or other reasons. Historically, the bulk of the waivers approved by all four military services involve a broad range of medical issues.

The Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force provided their waiver data upon re-

quest in April, but Army officials refused to do so. Ultimately the Defense Department provided totals for all the services.

The data shows that the Army has increasingly brought in recruits that need conduct or drug waivers. In 2016, nearly 19 percent of the waivers were for drug use and conduct. In 2017 that grew to almost 25 percent, and for the first half of 2018 it exceeded 30 percent.

Those totals far exceed the other three services. According to the Pentagon data, the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force did not approve any waivers for drug use in the last three years. And their use of conduct waivers is significantly less than the Army — hovering between 2-13 percent of all the waivers they approve, depending on the service.

Army officials defend the conduct waivers, saying that while a small number may be for major crimes, most involve recruits who faced misdemeanor charges or were ultimately were found guilty of lesser charges or never convicted at all. A waiver is required, for example, even if the recruit was a juvenile and the charge was dismissed after restitution, community service or other conditions were met.

Recruits who get waivers are then required to pass all other military standards for their job.

The Army’s annual recruiting mission is 76,500 this year, an increase of 8,000, said Maj. Gen. Joe Calloway, director of military personnel management. The overall size of the Army, now about 992,000, is being increased to more than 1.03 million by late next year.

“It is an exceedingly competitive environment,” said Calloway, adding that the Army will not lower standards to meet the goal. “We will miss a number before we will do that.” He said the Army has met about

90 percent of its recruitment goal so far this year.

The Marine Corps has faced the same battle for recruits.

“It is definitely more challenging now than it has been in the last five years. As unemployment approaches 5 percent, we are in direct competition with the private sector for the same talent,” said Marine Maj. Gen. Paul Kennedy, who until recently headed Marine recruiting command.

The Marines, however, have maintained about the same level of waivers for bad conduct since 2016, which has been roughly 8 percent of approved waivers. And the Marine Corps, the smallest military service, has also cut back on enlistment bonuses — from about \$8.2 million in 2017 to \$8 million this year.

The Navy slightly increased its waivers for bad conduct over the past three years, but it still equals less than 13 percent of the total. Meanwhile, the Navy also is tripling the amount of enlistment bonuses this year, to about \$100 million. The largest incentives are for sailors going to jobs in the nuclear or cryptology fields or for SEALs and other special operations forces.

Just 7 percent of the Air Force waivers have been for bad conduct this year, also a small increase. And the Air Force has cut back on enlistment bonuses, from about \$19 million to almost \$14 million. Instead, bonuses are given more to encourage airmen to stay in the service. Retention bonuses increased a bit this year to \$280 million.

Medical hurdles make up the majority of enlistment waivers across the military. They range from issues as routine as asthma, eyesight, or skin problems to more complex health conditions, such as previous sports injuries that may have healed, but still must be evaluated.

## Court strikes down ‘sanctuary cities’ action

SAN FRANCISCO — A divided U.S. appeals court on Wednesday struck down a key part of President Donald Trump’s contentious effort to crack down on cities and states that limit cooperation with immigration officials, saying an executive order threatening to cut funding for “sanctuary cities” was unconstitutional.

In a 2-1 decision, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with a lower court that the order exceeded the president’s authority. Congress alone controls spending under the U.S. Constitution, and presidents do not have the power to withhold

funding it approves to pursue policy goals, the majority said.

The court, however, also said the lower-court judge went too far when he blocked enforcement of Trump’s order nationwide after a lawsuit by two California counties — San Francisco and Santa Clara. It said there wasn’t enough evidence to support a nationwide ban, limited the injunction to California and sent the case back to the lower court.

Trump signed the executive order in January 2017 — part of a push to go after cities and states that don’t work with U.S. immigration authorities.

The administration said the order applied to a relatively small pot of money that already required compliance with immigration law. — AP

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# DROUGHT

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County AgriLife Extension agent Shane McLellan said every farm in the area is hurting this season. Corn and sorghum yields were half what they are in a normal year, and cattle ranchers are struggling with water and hay shortages, McLellan said.

The National Weather Service has recorded 9.04 inches of rain at the Waco Regional Airport since Jan. 1, the second-lowest total for the first seven months of any year on record, weather service meteorologist Bianca Villanueva said. Waco's normal from January through July is 20.11 inches.

But even 2018's meager total, and the 0.67 inches since June 1, show a rosier picture than reality, McLellan said. Many of the rain showers this year have brought less than a third of an inch at a time.

"That doesn't do anything," he said. "When you're in a dry period like this you need two to three inches at a time, a slow soaking rain, to build up any kind of soil moisture."

Local cattle rancher Vince Neuhaus had to make a tough decision Wednesday. He sold half of his herd at auction in order to make it through the harsh summer, which has drawn comparisons to another tough summer in 2011.

"In 2011, we sold some of the older cows then too, but we didn't sell as many because we had a lot more hay," Neuhaus said. "That is

what's extra bad this year."

The shortage of hay and green grass led him to cull the herd, he said.

Neuhaus, 75, grew up on a farm in South Texas and has farmed most of his life. He retired three years ago and now leases his 750 acres to another farmer who grows corn and cotton.

Walking down the rows of parched cotton plants Wednesday, Neuhaus said this summer's yield is likely to be the worst he has ever seen.

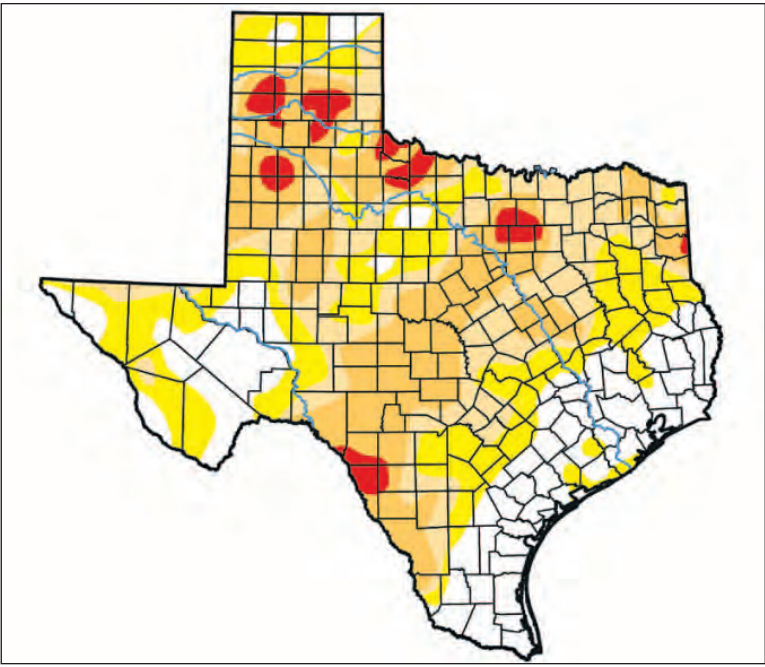
"In the 38 years I've been involved in farming in this area, this is the worst," he said. "This is the worst crop, worse than 2011."

The cotton plants on his land are blooming early and showing stunted growth, he said. The plants should be thigh-height this time of year but are barely hitting his shins.

"This is so weird, looking out here and seeing that cotton plant," he said looking out the window of his Ford truck as he drove along a field. "We should have green lush plants growing out there and it's just, uh, that's one thing about farming. It's fun to grow a crop, but when you have a year like this it just makes you feel sick."

Neuhaus and McLellan said bad crops and harsh conditions are a reality for farmers.

"Farmers are an optimistic bunch just because they deal with what Mother Nature gives them," McLellan said. "... There's always something challenging production, in America in general, not just here. Farmers are used to



U.S. Drought Monitor image

A U.S. Drought Monitor map for Texas shows most of McLennan County in a "severe drought" and the rest in "moderate drought," while pockets of the state are in "extreme drought."

dealing with these bad times. It's just hard when you have a 2011. It's been just a lot of dry, a lot of average years mixed in there with several bad years."

Lately, McLellan has received a lot of perplexing calls from concerned residents.

"Everybody seems to want to do something besides water," he said. "They want to put out iron, or fertilize, do different things for their lawns with this drought. You can't replace rain. I mean it's kind

of strange some of this stuff people are questioning when all they can do is water."

Trees have shown leaf loss as they compartmentalize to survive the season, McLellan said.

"A lot of trees are just trying to survive," he said. "Water. That's all you can do."

Nielsen-Gammon said there are signs El Nino conditions will bring wetter weather by October, but like everything weather related, there is no guarantee.

# BELLMEAD

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Bellmead Drive.

Moore said he would like the city of 10,500 residents to hold a town hall meeting to hear whether residents want the city to purchase two firetrucks for the department, whose chief has repeatedly stressed the need for the vehicles. City leaders are looking at holding such a meeting Aug. 9, though nothing had been set as of Wednesday.

The city council has been discussing the tax hike and need for firetrucks for almost two months. A few residents during that time have attended the council meetings offering support of the fire-truck purchase. Fire Chief Billy Hlavenka has told the council the firetrucks are falling apart and have mechanical problems that have caused the trucks to stall in intersections.

City staff has said the trucks could cost up to \$2 million, and there is no way to fund them without issuing debt through a certificate of obligation.

## Bellmead tax rates

Property taxes year-by-year, in cents per \$100 of value:

2017	—	29.9999
2016	—	30.3761
2015	—	31.8608 (as adopted; rolled back by voters to 30.3761)
2014	—	29.8608
2013	—	29.8608
2012	—	29.8608
2011	—	27.4498
2010	—	26.5560
2009	—	24.6965
2008	—	25.3304
2007	—	26.7528

Source: McLennan County Appraisal District

The council, however, has regularly resisted tax increases over the last decade and voted to lower the tax rate last year, despite having by far the lowest rate of any town in McLennan County large enough to offer basic city services such as a police department.

In 10 years, the tax rate has increased roughly three cents. In 2007, Bellmead's tax rate was 26.7528 cents per \$100 of property value.

The city council was warned by its financial advisor that not issuing the debt would cast a "black eye on the city" after a July 10 decision initiated, but didn't finalize, the debt process.

With a growing tax base, a penny on the tax rate now generates roughly \$45,000, Thomas said.

"When I first came here a 1-cent tax increase, or one penny of tax, generated between \$35,000 and \$37,000," Thomas said.

The tax rate adjustment won't affect what is already included in the proposed fiscal year 2018-19 budget, since the added revenue would only go toward the debt portion of the budget, Thomas said.

The proposed budget would generate \$1.46 million in tax revenue. The certified tax roll the McLennan County Appraisal District released showed taxable property value in Bellmead at \$456.54 million, an 8 percent increase over last year's figures, Thomas said. The average home in Bellmead is appraised at roughly \$79,000, Thomas said.

The fiscal year 2018-19 proposed budget includes almost \$5.62 million in both revenues and expenditures, and is up 6 percent, or

\$339,000, over last year's budget, with about \$112,000 of that total going toward capital projects.

A \$40 million appraisal error altered some calculations for Bellmead early in the budgeting process.

Thomas said preliminary figures from the McLennan County Appraisal District indicated that Bellmead's taxing jurisdiction included a property valued at \$40 million — the new Sherwin Williams distribution center on Aviation Parkway.

"That \$40 million error happened to be a business situated close to the city of Bellmead and not in the city of Bellmead," Thomas said. "It happened to generate about \$120,000 worth of revenue."

The mistake was caught just a few days after preliminary numbers were released, Assistant Chief Appraiser Joe Bobbitt said.

The McLennan County Appraisal District reviews about 122,000 properties across the county and is required by state law to send a preliminary total to taxing entities before May 1, Bobbitt said.

"It's very preliminary," he said. "We prefer not to do it but we have to."

Rising fuel costs are prompting airlines to cull unprofitable flights and consider boosting ticket prices. Spot prices for jet fuel are up about 50 percent from a year ago.

The National Association of Home Builders estimates that the tariffs the Trump administration placed on Canadian softwood lumber — along with other factors — have increased the cost of constructing a house by \$7,000. Higher lumber prices may cause a slowdown in home construction, which would also mean a possible slowdown in job growth. Both building permits and ground breakings slowed in June, according to the Commerce Department.

# PRICES

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a regular drip coffee, and McDonald's said it raised prices when it reported its latest sales figures.

"I cut back on a lot of things," said Ada Caro of New York, sitting outside a Target in lower Manhattan. "I just buy the necessities."

Procter & Gamble, one of the biggest makers of consumer products, said Tuesday that Pampers prices will increase by an average of 4 percent in North America, while Bounty, Charmin and Puffs brands could see 5 percent increases.

Gas prices have already surged more than 24 percent in the past year. Rent and other housing costs were up 3.4 percent in June compared to a year earlier, and auto insurance has jumped more than 7 percent.

Hendricks said she and her husband also drive far less as they've noticed gas prices on the rise. Halla Byer, 28, has also seen the cost of filling up her car go up. The recently unemployed Portland, Oregon, resident feels optimistic about opportunities in the city, but joked of higher prices "making broke people more broke."

The Federal Reserve, which tries to keep inflation at or slightly

above 2 percent, has been raising interest rates to make sure price pressures don't get out of hand.

Some of the higher prices also come as companies react to the Trump administration's tariffs on steel, aluminum, lumber from Canada, and on \$34 billion of imports from China. Beijing has imposed new duties on U.S. exports as well.

Overall, the aluminum and steel tariffs could cost the U.S. beverage industry nearly \$348 million, according to The Beer Institute. Coca Cola has announced plans to raise prices, citing the cost of raw materials and packaging, though the impact on retailers and consumers is hard to gauge.

# BEER

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but short of the funding needed for completion.

The beer-based fundraiser was financed by Waco City Councilman Jim Holmes, who is doing his own adventurous fundraising for the memorial. Late last week, Holmes and his two adult sons started a trip down the Mississippi River from St. Paul, Minnesota, to New Orleans on Sea-Doo personal watercraft, in another fundraising effort. They took some Dorie Lager on the trip, too, to hand out as gifts and to enjoy themselves.

The trek has raised almost \$10,000, Holmes said Wednesday.

"I don't think the fund-

raising ends when we get to New Orleans," Holmes said. "It's mainly about keeping it in the community conversation and trying to get to the last bit and getting this thing finished."

Holmes briefly postponed the trek Tuesday to attend a special city council meeting, where the council unanimously approved the purchase of about 500 acres near Axtell for potential use as a landfill. He said he flew out of St. Louis at 10 a.m. to make the 6 p.m. meeting and took a 5:20 a.m. flight out of Waco early Wednesday to rejoin his sons.

Axtell residents came out in force to oppose the move. Holmes said the council needs feedback from everyone affected throughout the process.

"It's not an easy deci-

sion," he said. "I just want the Axtell citizens to know that it's not taken lightly. It's weighing heavy on all of us to make the right decision. ... I just hate missing council meetings. It's something people elect me to do, and I want to be there."

Back on the Mississippi, the trip comes at the right time of year for the Dorie Lager Holmes brought with him, Veach said. The beer is purposefully light and meant to be drunk outside in the summertime.

"It's a very light mouth feel, crisp, refreshing lager bite to it," Veach said. "It sits at 3.2 percent, so you can have that entire can there, and it's not really going to affect you."

Last month, the council approved almost \$300,000 in public money for the memorial from the downtown



Staff photo — Rod Aydelotte

Bare Arms Brewing marketing director Justin Veach (from left), assistant brewer Andy Soukup and head brewer Keith Collier discuss Dorie Lager.

Public Improvement District and the Tax Increment Financing Zone board,

bringing public contributions to the project to about \$2 million.

# MCC

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finance, said the proposed fiscal year 2018-19 budget includes a 2 percent raise for the 220 full-time and 180 part-time faculty members, for a total increase of \$400,000. The board also is proposing market adjustment raises for the school's 400 staff members that will cost about \$1 million, Benson said.

No capital improvement projects are budgeted for the coming year, but the board is planning a \$6 million renovation of the Business and Technology Building for the following fiscal year, Benson said. The building has not been updated since it was built in 1968, he said.

The proposed budget also includes the same tuition revenue as the years before, so the school's 9,000 students can expect no increases in tuition or fees in the coming year.

K. Paul Holt, MCC board chairman, said trustees are pleased that they were able to reduce the tax rate and are gratified that the graduation rate continues to improve because of a greater emphasis on getting students to complete associate degrees more quickly.

"The student success rate, led by our faculty, has been tremendous," Holt said. "We are embarking on a new strategic plan to enhance those student success measures."

He said enrollment also is increasing to the point that officials are considering moving spring graduation from the Waco Convention Center to Baylor University's Ferrell Center.

"That is a great issue with which we have to deal," Holt said.

MCC will hold public hearings on the proposed budget at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 15 and Aug. 20 at the Northwood House at 1609 College Drive on the McLennan Community Campus. The board is set to adopt the budget and tax rate on Aug. 28.

"Through the leadership of the board of trustees, the college continues in a strong fiscally conservative position as we focus on helping students be successful for their families and our community," MCC President Johnette McKown said in a statement Wednesday.

"From many scholarship opportunities on campus and affordable education offered in high schools through dual credit, our students are more and more graduating debt free and staying in our area. Our focus on helping students perform at the highest level possible enables us to make a difference."



McKown



## Texas Lottery Results

**WEDNESDAY'S DRAWINGS**  
Cash 5: 16-25-27-30-31  
Lotto: 7-12-15-35-42-49  
Powerball: 5-22-32-38-58  
Bonus: 26

**TUESDAY'S CASH 5**  
Winning numbers: 8-9-10-17-25  
Match 5: 0 (\$0)  
Match 4: 63 (\$303)  
Match 3: 1,652 (\$8)  
Match 2: 16,016 (\$2)

**TUESDAY'S MEGA MILLIONS**  
Numbers: 12-15-35-64-69  
Bonus: 9  
Match 5 plus Bonus: roll  
Match 5: 0 (\$1 million)  
Match 4 plus Bonus: 0 (\$10,000)  
Match 4: 19 (\$500)  
Match 3 plus Bonus: 47 (\$200)  
Match 2 plus Bonus: 969 (\$10)  
Match 3: 926 (\$10)  
Match 1 plus Bonus: 7,857 (\$4)  
Match Bonus: 20,289 (\$2)  
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**BAYLOR SOCCER**

# Bears hoping to build on Elite Eight run

By **JOHN WERNER**  
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The Baylor soccer program enjoyed its most postseason success in school history when it won the Big 12 tournament and made its dizzying dash to the Elite Eight. Paul Jobson wants his returning players to always be proud of last year's accomplishments. But he also wants them to remember the hard work and team bonding it took to reach such lofty heights. "I think when you have the success that we had last year, you have to be intentional about reminding

your team about the struggle we went through to get there, that it wasn't easy, that we didn't just show up at the Elite Eight," Jobson said. "There were a lot of things we had to go through and we had to do to achieve that. And there's no guarantee that if we did all that again that we'd end up there again." It's difficult for this year's team to suppress its excitement for the upcoming season. They know the potential for another memorable postseason run is clearly there as they opened practice Wednesday. Ten starters return from last year's 15-6-3 team, including

three of the top four scorers: Lauren Piercy, Julie James and Sarah King. Additionally, Jackie Crowther, Raegan Padgett, Camryn Wendlandt and Ally Henderson are gifted players who can contribute offensively and defensively. Hannah Parrish, Jennifer Wandt and Maggie Burton provide Baylor with enviable depth at goalkeeper. "We're the best we've ever been in the goal and we're the deepest we've ever been in the goal," Jobson said. "What people maybe don't remember is we've got quality backups too. Last year we had



Staff photo — **Rod Aydelotte**

Baylor returns three of its top four goal scorers from 2017, including Lauren Piercy.

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Associated Press — **Jay LaPrete**, file

Urban Meyer's future with Ohio State is in jeopardy after the school placed him on administrative leave.

**NCAA FOOTBALL**

# OSU's Meyer put on leave

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**  
Associated Press

Ohio State has placed coach Urban Meyer on paid administrative leave while it investigates claims that his wife knew about allegations of domestic violence against an assistant coach years before he was fired last week. Courtney Smith gave an interview to Stadium and provided text messages to former ESPN reporter Brett McMurphy between her and Shelley Meyer in 2015 and with the wives of other Buckeyes coaches. Courtney Smith also provided threatening texts she said came from her ex-husband, former assistant Zach Smith. "Shelley said she was going to have to tell Urban," Courtney Smith told Stadium. "I said: 'That's fine, you should tell Urban.'" Zach Smith was fired last week after an Ohio court granted a domestic violence protective order to Courtney Smith. Hours after Courtney Smith's interview was posted online Wednesday, Ohio State said it was conducting an investigation into the allegations and Meyer was being placed on leave. Offensive coordinator Ryan Day will serve as acting head coach for the Buckeyes, expected to be one of the top teams in the nation again this season. Meyer said he and athletic director Gene Smith agree that being on leave during the inquiry was best for the investigation. "This allows the team to conduct training camp with minimal distraction. I eagerly look forward to the resolution of this matter," Meyer said. Meyer is heading into his seventh season at Ohio State, where he is 73-8 with a national title in 2014 and two Big Ten Conference championships. Shelley Meyer is a registered nurse and is employed as an instructor at Ohio State. Both Meyers and his

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**SOUTHWEST REGION LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL**

# From H-Town to Waco Town



Staff photo — **Rod Aydelotte**

Justin Michaelis (24), whose parents grew up in Waco and whose grandparents live in town, and members of the Texas East team march across the Waco Suspension Bridge on Wednesday while participating in opening ceremonies for the Southwest Region Little League Baseball Championships.

# Houston Little League team has local connection

By **BRICE CHERRY**  
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When Houston's Post Oak Little League claimed a 2-0 victory over Port Neches-Groves in last weekend's Texas East State Little League Baseball Championship, leftfielder Justin Michaelis didn't think, "Cool, we're going to the regional championships!" Well, he did think that. But not right away. His first thought was more like, "Sweet, we're going to Waco!" No, he didn't want to visit Magnolia that badly. But Waco is kind of a home away from home for Michaelis. "It's very fun. It's my mom's and dad's hometown," said 11-year-old Justin, who will turn 12 later this month. Indeed, both of Justin's parents grew up in Waco. His mother Shannon is the

**SOUTHWEST REGION LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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daughter of Kathy and Steve "Snuffy" Smith, who worked for many years as the director of sports and special events at the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce. His father Derek is the son of longtime Wacoans Tom and Mary Beth Michaelis, and Derek was a multi-sport letterwinner at Midway who won Tri-

bune-Herald Super Centex Athlete of the Year honors in 1996-97. As Derek stood at the foot of the Waco Suspension Bridge on Wednesday evening to watch the Post Oak team participate in the Southwest Region's opening ceremonies, he admitted to being tickled at Justin's summer to remember. "It's the best. It's way better than doing it yourself, in a lot of ways," Derek said. "For sure, you can't help (but live vicariously). I played sports before, and it's just fun to watch your kids accomplish something. "It's why we stuck with Little League rather than going to the tournament ball thing. Which we've done that, too. But I played Little League, and the all-

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# Beltre still with Rangers, but maybe not for long

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
Associated Press

Adrian Beltre was back in Texas, still with the Rangers on Wednesday after a road trip that ended on the same day as the non-waiver trade deadline. That doesn't necessarily mean that baseball's active career hits leader will finish this season, the last on his contract and maybe the last of his Hall of Fame-caliber career, with the last-place Rangers. The possibility remains that, in the right situation, Beltre could get dealt to a contending team in August for a shot at finally winning a World Series title.

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Associated Press — **Rick Scuteri**

Texas third baseman Adrian Beltre is baseball's active leader in career hits with 3,127.

# Cowboys anticipate more sacks from pass rushers

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**  
Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — DeMarcus Lawrence enjoys needling pass-rushing understudy Taco Charlton, who spent plenty of time in the offseason working out with the man who tied for second in sacks in the NFL last year for the Dallas Cowboys. "He's aggravating," Lawrence said, trying not to show that he was joking. "I go places in Dallas thinking I'm by myself and two seconds later, I see Taco walk in. Why is he always following me?" Maybe it's because Lawrence is coming off his best season at 14½ sacks while Charlton is trying to deliver on first-round expectations in his second year. Add Randy Gregory working to get his career back on track after a year away from the NFL on a substance-abuse suspension, and these recent high draft picks by the Cowboys, all defensive ends, offer an interesting trio of story lines going into 2018. "Encore?" said Lawrence, who tied



Associated Press — **Gus Ruelas**

Dallas defensive end Taco Charlton wants to start delivering on first-round expectations. Jacksonville's Calais Campbell for second, 2½ sacks behind Arizona's Chandler Jones. "You've just got to stay tuned.

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# SPORTS SCOREBOARD

## TRANSACTIONS

### WEDNESDAY'S SPORTS TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

**MLB** — Suspended Baltimore Orioles RHP Ruben Garcia 50-games without pay after testing positive for Amphetamine. Pittsburgh Pirates RHP Edinson Polonia 72-games without pay after testing positive for Stanozolol and Washington Nationals OF Jonathan Peyer 76-games without pay after testing positive for Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone all in violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

#### American League

**BALTIMORE ORIOLES** — Recalled LHP Donnie Hart from Norfolk (IL). **CLEVELAND INDIANS** — Optioned OF Greg Allen to Columbus (IL). Activated OF Leonsy Martin. **HOUSTON ASTROS** — Recalled OF Jake Marisnick from Fresno (PCL). Optioned OF Kyle Tucker to Fresno.

**NEW YORK YANKEES** — Activated RHP Lance Lynn. Signed RHPs Osiel Rodriguez and Jose Chambluco and SS Alexander Vargas to minor league contracts.

#### National League

**CHICAGO CUBS** — Activated RHP Brandon Kintzler. Optioned LHP Randy Rosario to Iowa (PCL). **WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Designated RHP Shawn Kelley for assignment. Recalled RHP Jimmy Cordero from Syracuse (IL).

#### American Assignment

**CLEBURNE RAILROADERS** — Traded INF Chase Simpson to Wichita for OF Hunter Clanin and a player to be named.

**LINCOLN SALTDOGS** — Signed OF Alex Gunn.

#### Can-Am League

**OTTAWA CHAMPIONS** — Signed OF Brian Portelli. **QUEBEC CAPITALES** — Signed RHP Mike Hepple and RHP Brian Loconsole.

#### FOOTBALL

**National Football League** — Activated DE Randy Gregory from the NFL list.

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** — Announced the retirement of OL Jake Mewhort. **MINNESOTA VIKINGS** — Promoted Don Becker to executive vice president of real estate development and strategic projects; George Paton to vice president of player personnel/assistant general manager; Eric Sugarman to vice president of sports medicine/head athletic trainer; Bob Hagan to vice president of football and media communications; Jeff Anderson to vice president of strategic and corporate communications; Theresa Baugus to MVC coach and manager; Luke Newton to manager of football information systems; John Dvorak to senior account executive; Michael Huiras to senior producer, live programming; Taylor Sievert to senior graphic designer; Nick Maurer to director, corporate partnerships; Stuart Morrow to senior account executive; Sam Newton to football communications manager; Craig Peters to senior editor; Kendall Peters to manager, sales and engagement analytics; Zach Roysie to social media strategist; Genette Seise to manager, engagement and sales analytics; Jordan Struck to studio operations manager; and Nate Vaughn to senior producer, original content. Announced pro scout Jeff Robinson has transitioned to youth football development manager.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** — Signed FB Henry Poggi. Released WR Jordan Matthews. **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS** — Activated WRs Brandon Tate and Michael Floyd and TE Michael Hoomanawanui. Added G Don Barclay. **WASHINGTON REDSKINS** — Signed LB Dadi Nicolas. Waived OL Alex Balicucci.

#### Canadian Football League

**CFL** — Suspended Ottawa WR Seth Coate two games after testing positive for a banned substance, SARM LGD-4033 metabolite, under the drug policy of the league and the CFL Players' Association. Fined Hamilton WR Jalen Saunders an undisclosed amount for an unnecessary hit to the head area of an opponent who was on the ground.

#### HOCKEY

#### NHL

**NEW JERSEY DEVILS** — Agreed to terms with Binghamton (AHL) coach Mark Denmyeh.

#### OLYMPIC SPORTS

#### U.S. Anti-Doping Agency

**USADA** — Announced U.S. cyclist Bruce Mazur received a four-year sanction for an anti-doping rule violation.

#### SOCCER

#### Major League Soccer

**MINNESOTA UNITED** — Acquired an international roster spot from Colorado for the 2018 season for \$50,000 in General Allocation Money.

#### COLLEGE

**BROWN** — Promoted Matthew Culp to athletic trainer. **COLLEGE of CHARLESTON** — Named Ryan McEvoy athletic communications assistant. **DOANE** — Named Malcolm Pearson defensive backs coach and John Reeves offensive line coach. **FURMAN** — Named Dru Duke tight ends coach. **GEORGIA SOUTHERN** — Named Nate Kopunek and Stephen Walsmley men's assistant soccer coaches. Robert Flott goalkeepers coach, Emil Laursen student assistant coach and Kiera McCormack director of men's soccer operations. **ST. NORBERT** — Named Mike Wallerich interim baseball coach. **PRESBYTERIAN** — Named Jenna Handshoe women's lacrosse coach. **WAYNE STATE (MICH.)** — Named Chris Calley wide receivers coach. **YALE** — Named Lashay Banks women's assistant basketball coach.

## AUTO RACING

### NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP SCHEDULE AND STANDINGS

Feb. 11 — x-Advance Auto Parts Clash, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Brad Keselowski)   
Feb. 15 — x-Can-Am Duel 1, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Ryan Blaney)   
Feb. 15 — x-Can-Am Duel 2, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Chase Elliott)   
Feb. 18 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Austin Dillon)   
Feb. 25 — Folds of Honor KuatTrip 500, Hampton, Ga. (Kevin Harvick)   
March 4 — Penzoil 400, Las Vegas (Kevin Harvick)   
March 11 — TicketGuardian 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Kevin Harvick)   
March 18 — Auto Club 400, Fontana, Calif. (Martin Truex Jr.)   
March 26 — STP 500, Martinsville, Va. (Clint Bowyer)   
April 8 — O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Kyle Busch)   
April 15 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kyle Busch)   
April 21 — Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va. (Kyle Busch)   
April 29 — GEICO 500, Talladega, Ala. (Joey Logano)   
May 6 — AAA 400 Drive for Autism, Dover, Del. (Kevin Harvick)   
May 12 — KO Masterpiece 400, Kansas City, Kan. (Kevin Harvick)   
May 19 — x-NASCAR All-Star Open, Concord, N.C. (AJ Allmendinger)   
May 19 — x-NASCAR All-Star Race, Concord, N.C. (Kevin Harvick)   
May 27 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Kyle Busch)   
June 3 — Pocono 400, Lond Pond, Pa. (Martin Truex Jr.)   
June 10 — FireKeepers Casino 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Clint Bowyer)   
June 24 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Martin Truex Jr.)   
July 1 — Overton's 400, Joliet, Ill. (Kyle Busch)   
July 7 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Erik Jones)   
July 14 — Quaker State 400, Sparta, Ky. (Martin Truex Jr.)   
July 22 — Foxwoods Resort Casino 301, Loudon, N.H. (Kevin Harvick)   
July 29 — Gander Outdoors 400, Long Pond, Pa. (Kyle Busch)   
Aug. 5 — Go Bowling at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.   
Aug. 12 — Consumers Energy 400, Brooklyn, Mich.   
Aug. 18 — Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.   
Sept. 2 — Bojangles' Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.   
Sept. 9 — Big Machine Brickyard 400, Indianapolis   
Sept. 16 — South Pointe 400, Las Vegas   
Sept. 22 — Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va.   
Sept. 30 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.   
Oct. 7 — Cup Series Race at Dover, Dover, Del.   
Oct. 14 — 1000Bulbs.com 500, Talladega, Ala.   
Oct. 21 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.   
Oct. 28 — First Data 500, Martinsville, Va.   
Nov. 4 — AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth   
Nov. 11 — Can-Am 500, Avondale, Ariz.   
Nov. 18 — Ford EcoBoost 400, Homestead, Fla.   
x-non-points race

## PRO BASEBALL

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	75	34	.688	—
New York	68	38	.642	5½
Tampa Bay	55	53	.509	19½
Toronto	48	59	.449	26
Baltimore	33	75	.306	41½
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	59	48	.551	—
Minnesota	49	58	.458	10
Detroit	47	62	.431	13
Chicago	37	69	.349	21½
Kansas City	33	73	.311	25½
West	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	69	41	.627	—
Seattle	63	45	.583	5
Oakland	64	46	.582	5
Los Angeles	54	55	.495	14½
Texas	46	63	.422	22½

#### Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Baltimore 3   
Detroit 2, Cincinnati 1   
Tampa Bay 10, L.A. Angels 6   
Philadelphia 3, Boston 1   
Cleveland 6, Minnesota 2   
Kansas City x, Chicago White Sox 2   
Arizona 6, Texas 0

Oakland 6, Toronto 2   
Houston 5, Seattle 2   
**Wednesday's Games**   
Baltimore 7, N.Y. Yankees 5   
Cleveland 2, Minnesota 0   
Detroit 7, Cincinnati 4   
Oakland 8, Toronto 3   
Houston 8, Seattle 3   
Tampa Bay 7, L.A. Angels 2   
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.   
**Thursday's Games**   
L.A. Angels (Heaney 6-6) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 12:10 p.m.   
Kansas City (Keller 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 4-9), 1:10 p.m.   
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 6-4) at Boston (Johnson 1-3), 6:10 p.m.   
Baltimore (Cashner 3-9) at Texas (Gallardo 5-1), 7:05 p.m.   
Toronto (TBD) at Seattle (Hernandez 8-9), 9:10 p.m.   
**Friday's Games**   
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.   
L.A. Angels at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.   
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 6:10 p.m.   
Baltimore at Texas, 7:05 p.m.   
Kansas City at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.   
Detroit at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.   
Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.   
Toronto at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	59	48	.551	—
Atlanta	57	47	.548	½
Washington	54	53	.505	5
Miami	46	63	.422	14
New York	44	61	.419	14
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	62	45	.579	—
Milwaukee	63	47	.573	½
Pittsburgh	56	53	.514	7
St. Louis	54	53	.505	8
Cincinnati	48	60	.444	14½
West	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	60	49	.550	—
Colorado	58	48	.547	½
Los Angeles	59	49	.546	½
San Francisco	55	54	.505	5
San Diego	42	68	.382	18½

#### Tuesday's Games

San Francisco 3, San Diego 2, 10 innings   
Washington 25, N.Y. Mets 4   
Pittsburgh 5, Chicago Cubs 4   
Detroit 2, Cincinnati 1   
Philadelphia 3, Boston 1   
Atlanta 11, Miami 6   
Colorado 6, St. Louis 3   
Arizona 6, Texas 0   
Milwaukee 1, L.A. Dodgers 0   
**Wednesday's Games**   
Miami at Atlanta, p.p.d.   
Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 3   
Detroit 7, Cincinnati 4   
Chicago Cubs 9, Pittsburgh 2   
Colorado at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.   
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.   
**Thursday's Games**   
Colorado (Senzatella 4-3) at St. Louis (Mikolas 11-3), 12:15 p.m.   
Cincinnati (Mahle 7-8) at Washington (Scherzer 14-5), 6:05 p.m.   
Miami (Richards 3-5) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 6-9), 6:05 p.m.   
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 7-7) at N.Y. Mets (Vargas 2-6), 6:10 p.m.   
San Diego (Elinic 1-3) at Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 3-4), 7:05 p.m.   
Milwaukee (Chacin 10-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 4-5), 8 p.m.   
San Francisco (Bumgarner 3-4) at Arizona (Greinke 12-5), 8:40 p.m.

#### Friday's Games

San Diego at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m.   
Cincinnati at Washington, 6:05 p.m.   
Miami at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.   
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.   
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.   
Colorado at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.   
San Francisco at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.   
Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

#### ASTROS 8, MARINERS 3

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
T.Kemp lf	5	0	1	0	D.Gordon 2b	4	0	0	0
Bregman ss	5	1	1	0	Segura ss	4	0	0	0
Mays dh	5	0	3	0	Cruz dh	4	1	1	1
Gurriel 1b	5	1	1	0	Haniger rf	4	0	1	0
Reddick rf	4	1	1	0	Maybin cf	2	1	1	0
Stassi c	4	1	2	3	Zunino c	4	1	1	0
M.Gnzal 2b	5	2	2	2	Heredia lf	4	0	2	0
J.Davis 3b	5	1	2	0	An.Rmne 1b	4	0	1	1
Mrsnick cf	4	1	2	2	Vincej 3b	4	0	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>

ASTROS 8, MARINERS 3									
	Houston					Seattle			
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
T.Kemp lf	5	0	1	0	D.Grdon 2b	4	0	0	0
Bregman ss	5	1	1	0	Segura ss	4	0	0	0
Gattis dh	5	0	3	0	Cruz dh	4	1	1	1
Gurriel 1b	5	1	1	0	Haniger rf	4	0	1	0
Reddick rf	4	1	1	1	Maybin cf	2	1	1	0
Stassi c	4	1	2	3	Zunino c	4	1	1	0
M.Gonzal 2b	5	2	2	2	Heredia lf	4	0	2	0
J.Davis 3b	5	1	2	0	An.Rhime 1b	4	0	1	1
Marisnick cf	4	1	1	2	Vincej 3b	4	0	2	1
Totals	42	8	15	8	Totals	34	3	9	3

WP—Harris.   
Umpires—Home, Gabe Morales; First, Tony Rando; Second, Lance Barrett; Third, Bill Welke.   
T—3:02. A—34,575 (49,943).

#### RAYS 7, ANGELS 2

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Fletcher 2b	4	0	0	0	Krmaier cf	3	0	0	0
K.Olson rf	2	1	1	0	M.Duffy 3b	5	1	2	1
Trout dh	3	0	0	0	Baunders 1b	3	1	1	2
Upton lf	4	1	1	0	Pham lf	3	1	0	0
Pujols 1b	4	0	1	0	M.Perez c	3	0	1	0
Simmons ss	3	0	2	1	Cron ph	1	0	0	0
Viubena 3b	3	0	0	0	Sucre c	1	0	0	0
J.Marte ph	1	0	0	0	Wendte 2b	3	1	1	0
Yng Jr. cf	4	0	0	0	Choi dh	3	0	0	0
F.Arcia c	3	0	1	0	Adames ss	4	2	2	2
Briceno ph	3	0	0	0	M.Smith rf	3	1	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>

	Los Angeles					Tampa Bay			
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Fitcher 2b	4	0	0	0	Krmaier cf	3	0	0	0
K.C.Zhoun rf	2	1	1	1	M.Duffy 3b	5	1	2	1
Trout dh	3	1	0	0	Bauers 1b	3	1	1	2
Upton lf	4	1	1	0	Pham lf	3	1	0	0
Pujols 1b	4	0	1	0	Perez c	3	0	1	0
Simmons ss	3	0	2	1	Cron ph	1	0	0	0
Valbuena 3b	3	0	0	0	Sucre c	1	0	0	0
J.Marte ph	1	0	0	0	Wendle 2b	3	1	1	0
Yng Jr.c	4	0	0	0	Choi dh	3	0	0	0
F.Arcia c	3	0	1	0	Adames ss	4	2	2	2
Briceno ph	1	0	0	0	M.Smith rf	3	1	2	1
Totals	32	2	6	2	Totals	32	7	9	7

HBP—by Tropeano (Pham), by Alvarez (Choi).   
Umpires—Home, Bill Miller; First, Alan Porter; Second, Nick Mahrley; Third, Todd Tichenor.   
T—3:01. A—9,132 (42,735).

#### ATHLETICS 8, BLUE JAYS 3

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Grichuk cf	5	0	2	1	Martini lf	2	0	1	0
T.Hrmd rf	4	0	0	0	M.Chymn 3b	5	0	1	0
Smook 1b	5	0	1	0	PScotty rf	5	0	0	0
Morales dh	5	0	1	0	KDavis dh	3	1	1	0
Solarite 2b	3	1	2	0	M.Olson 1b	4	1	2	0
R.Mrtin c	3	1	2	2	Canha cf	3	1	1	0
A.Diaz ss	4	1	0	0	Semien ss	4	2	2	0
Drury 3b	3	0	0	0	Lucroy c	4	2	3	4
Sweeney lf	2	0	0	0	Barreto 2b	4	1	3	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>

ATHLETICS 8, BLUE JAYS 3									
Toronto					Oakland				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Grichuk cf	5	0	2	1	Martini lf	2	0	0	0
T.J.Hrnf rd	4	0	0	0	M.Chppm 3b	5	0	1	0
Smook 1b	5	0	1	0	Pscotty fr	5	0	0	0
Morales dh	5	0	1	0	K.Davis dh	3	1	1	0
Solarte 2b	3	1	2	0	M.Olson 1b	4	1	2	0
R.Mrtin c	3	1	2	2	Canha cf	3	1	1	0
A.Diaz ss	4	1	0	0	Semien ss	4	2	2	0
Aruty 3b	3	0	0	0	Lucroy c	4	2	3	4
Sweeney lf	2	0	0	0	Barreto 2b	4	1	3	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>

**Wednesday's Games**   
Dallas at Indiana, 6 p.m.   
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.   
**Friday's Games**   
Las Vegas at Washington, 6 p.m.   
Chicago at Atlanta, 6 p.m.   
Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m.

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**New York** **050** **010** **000** **013** **—** **5**   
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PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME PREVIEW

Urlacher met lofty standards set by former Bears’ tacklers

By JOSH DUBOW  
Associated Press

The bar was set high for Brian Urlacher when he joined the Chicago Bears as a first-round middle linebacker back in 2000.

Few teams are as closely identified with one position as the Bears are at middle linebacker with players like Bill George, Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary personifying the Monsters of the Midway on the way to Hall of Fame careers.

Urlacher lived up to that lofty standard and will join that talented trio in Canton when he is inducted into the hall on Saturday.

“It wasn’t even on my mind when I played,” Urlacher said after getting voted into the hall on his first try in February. “I didn’t think this would ever be a possibility. So many things have to go right. You have to stay healthy, you have to play well, you’ve got to win some games, do some things. This is the summit of playing football right here.”

Urlacher did not make himself available for interviews leading up to inductions.

Urlacher was a different type of middle linebacker than his predecessors in Chicago, the perfect piece in the NFL of the 2000s with the speed and coverage skills that allowed him to play safety in college. That helped him match up against running backs and tight ends and roam sideline to sideline.

He also had the ability to drop deep into coverage, making him the perfect middle linebacker on coach Lovie Smith’s Tampa 2 defense that Urlacher helped make so stout in Chicago on the way to a Super Bowl appearance following the 2006 season.

“I’ve had an opportunity to be around so many great linebackers, but some of them are just made for the position,” Smith said. “Derrick Brooks is made to be a Will linebacker, an outside guy in our system. Brian Urlacher, you can’t draw it up any better. Everybody knew that he looked the part and he played the part.”

Smith knew about Urlacher’s physical talents when he arrived as the new coach in Chicago in 2004 after Urlacher had made the Pro Bowl in each of his first four seasons, and was a two-time All-Pro. An early team meeting taught him about Urlacher’s mentality when he told the defense he expected the unit to lead the league in turnovers. Urlacher stayed after and set the tone for those dominant Bears defenses.

“He said: ‘Coach, let me get this right. In order for us to lead the league we have to wait for the offense to turn the ball over?’” Smith recalled. “That was the first time I’d looked at it that way. Brian called it a takeaway on the defensive side of the ball. The offense turns the ball over. Defensively, your job is to take the ball away every time. No one bought into us taking the ball away as much as Brian did.”



Associated Press — Marcio Jose Sanchez, file

Chicago’s Brian Urlacher won NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 2005.

No defense took the ball away more than the Bears in the nine seasons Smith and Urlacher were together, with 292 takeaways. No linebacker other than fellow 2018 Hall of Fame inductee Ray Lewis took the ball away more than Urlacher during his 13-year career: 22 interceptions and 16 fumble recoveries.

Urlacher also had 41½ sacks and finished his career as the Bears’ all-time leading tackler. He won awards as the top defensive rookie in 2000, Defensive Player of the Year in 2005, earned five All-Pro selections, eight Pro Bowl bids and helped the Bears win four division titles.

“Brian was the best,” said Packers quarterback and longtime NFC North rival Aaron Rodgers. “He was probably one of the smartest players I ever played against. Just a great feel for the scheme, the game, reading his keys. Just incredibly instinctual player. Great hands. Average elusiveness, I can say that, because I tackled him one time. But one of the best to ever do it at that position in an era where some of the louder guys maybe got the attention — expecting the middle linebacker to be a loud yeller or rah-rah guy. Brian went about it in a very classy way. Played the game the right way and was an incredible player.”

Urlacher was not always destined for greatness. He was lightly recruited out of high school and ended up at New Mexico after Texas Tech didn’t offer him a scholarship.

But he thrived with the Lobos and made himself a first-round pick.

“I’ve had some great freshmen, but from the minute he arrived, every coach stood up and took notice,” former New Mexico coach Dennis Franchione said. “I remember sometime in the first 10 days of two-a-days, six of the nine assistant coaches came in — although independently, I didn’t think they talked about it — they said, ‘Coach, when are you going to play Urlacher.’ And I said, ‘I’m not sure yet.’ They said, ‘I’ll take him at my position.’ I think that was everybody except the quarterback coach, the line coach and the receivers coach. That’s how versatile he was. ...

“He was a heat-seeking missile from the time he arrived on campus. Not only that, he was a really coachable, bright young man. Made other people better. You can just go on and on about him.”

Decades-long wait ends for Packer legend Kramer

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
Associated Press

Jerry Kramer has basked in the attention on his key block on the winning play in the Ice Bowl for more than half a century.

He sure was uneasy, though, when Vince Lombardi told Bart Starr to run “31 Wedge” from a yard out, the Green Bay Packers’ dynasty dangling by a thread with 16 seconds remaining on that 1967 New Year’s Eve afternoon so frozen in time.

It was a play Kramer himself had suggested, almost sheepishly, to Lombardi after finding a flaw in Dallas’ short-yardage defense during film study 72 hours earlier.

He noticed that while Bob Lilly was so close to the ground “you couldn’t move him with a D-9 CAT” bulldozer, fellow Cowboys defensive tackle Jethro Pugh stood too high in his stance, making him vulnerable.

“Coach,” Kramer blurted out, “we can wedge Pugh if we have to.”

Come again?

“We can wedge Pugh if we have to.”

“Run that back,” barked Lombardi.

“So, we run the film back about four different times and he watched Pugh and he said: ‘That’s right. Put in a wedge on Pugh,’” Kramer recalled recently as he prepared for his long-awaited Pro Football Hall of Fame induction on Saturday.

Like the star pupil earning brownie points with his teacher, Kramer was proud of his suggestion. But when the Packers were trailing 17-14 with 16 seconds and no timeouts left, he found himself wishing he’d kept his mouth shut.

Starr called his last timeout after half-back Donnie Anderson’s second straight slip, trotted over to the sideline and suggested to Lombardi that he run a sneak because of the poor traction.

“Then run it and let’s get the hell out of here,” Lombardi replied.

Starr called out the play in the huddle.

“31 Wedge.”

Kramer’s heart sank.

It’s one thing to suggest a play. It’s another for it to get called in a do-or-die situation with an NFL championship on the line.

“You really wish they’d call something else maybe,” Kramer recalled. “Maybe we’d rather run a sweep. Or maybe we ought to run over there.”

Lilly kicked the ice away from the goal line. Pugh pondered calling a timeout to have someone from the Cowboys sideline bring out a shovel.

“The other guys were slipping and sliding because it was icy,” Kramer recalled.

Not him.

“There was an area almost like a golf divot where my left foot went, it was about an inch deep, three-quarters of an inch deep,” Kramer said. “And my left foot just snuggled down into that divot and gave me like a starting block.”

Pugh thought Kramer false-started.

Years later, Kramer would admit he moved a split-second before Ken Bowman’s snap, taking some of the heat off Pugh, who died in 2015, and was long blamed by Cow-



Associated Press — Charlie Litchfield, file

Jerry Kramer called his road to Canton “a fascinating journey.”

boys fans for the loss in the Ice Bowl.

Kramer hit Pugh first and Bowman spun him around as Starr knifed into the end zone behind them, followed by fullback Chuck Mercein holding his hands high, not to signal touchdown but to show the officials he hadn’t aided his quarterback into the end zone.

CBS had a monitor in the Packers’ locker room afterward and showed Kramer’s block in slow motion, sparking whooping and hollering from his teammates and praise from his coach.

“That’s a fine block,” Lombardi said.

The Cowboys flew home in silence while the Packers prepared for their second Super Bowl, a 33-14 rout of the Raiders in Lombardi’s final game as their head coach.

Pugh would go on to win two Super Bowls with the Cowboys.

Kramer played another season and in 1969 was the only guard voted to the NFL’s 50th Anniversary Team, something he expected would be a prelude to a hasty call from the Hall of Fame.

That invitation finally came this year, making him the 14th member of Lombardi’s Packers to make it into the hall.

At first he was bitter over his repeated snubs, but he grew to accept that he might not ever make it into Canton.

“I’d been through the emotional package that Terrell is going through,” Kramer said of fellow 2018 inductee Terrell Owens, who is skipping Saturday’s ceremonies in Canton, Ohio, miffed that he wasn’t a first-ballot Hall of Famer.

Kramer can relate.

“I went through a period where I didn’t want to hear about the Hall of Fame,” Kramer said. “I wanted nothing to do with it. I literally drove by the Hall of Fame three or four times and I wouldn’t go in because I was not invited in.”

Kramer said he eventually found peace by counting his blessings, which included five titles in his 11 seasons as the anchor of Green Bay’s line.

“It just occurred to me that if I was going to be angry over one honor that I didn’t get and trash 100 honors that I did get, that would be stupid,” Kramer said.

At 82, he finally has pro football’s highest honor.

“There was such a range of emotions as deep as you can go into the Earth, and then cloud high,” Kramer said. “So, it’s been a fascinating journey.”

Woods gets 1 last crack at Firestone

By DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — This is one farewell party Tiger Woods didn’t want to miss.

Firestone will host the world’s best players for the last time at the Bridgestone Invitational, and it wouldn’t be the same without Woods. He has won it eight times, a PGA Tour record for most victories on the same golf course. Woods didn’t finish out of the top 5 in his first 11 appearances on the venerable South Course, seven of them victories. It also was the last of his 79 victories on the PGA Tour in 2013, right before back problems started to surface.

One problem.

Having played only four tournaments in 29 months because of four back surgeries, Woods returned in December at No. 1,199 in the world. He started his PGA Tour season in January at No. 647. His only hope was to move into the top 50 in the world after the British Open, or to win a tournament.

His tie for sixth in the British Open moved him to No. 50 on the button.

“I was just hoping to one, play the tour long enough to be able to get an opportunity,” Woods said Wednesday, his first time at Firestone in four years. “But I also had to play well to do it. ... And within a year to get down to 50 I think is a pretty good accomplishment. But it also got me into this event.”

Bridgestone decided not to renew as title sponsor of the World Golf Championship, said to be an annual price tag of about \$15 million. The company next year sponsors the Senior Players Championship at Firestone, while the WGC event moves to Memphis, Tennessee.

“This event has been very special to me over the years, and it’s sad to see it leave Firestone,” Woods said. “We certainly understand it. But for



Associated Press — Phil Long, file

Tiger Woods has won the Bridgestone Invitational eight times in his career.

me, I’ve always had such great memories of this golf course.”

Where to start?

Was it the first victory in 1999 when he beat Phil Mickelson by one shot? The next year was even better when Woods raced to finish in the dark, made one last birdie to finish at 21-under par and won by 11 shots. He won in playoffs that lasted four holes against Stewart Cink (in 2006) and seven holes against Jim Furyk (in 2001). He won by eight shots in 2007 against Rory Sabbatini, who had said earlier in the year that Woods looked “beatable as ever.”

“There isn’t just one,” Woods said. “I’ve done it so many different ways.”

Ticket sales spiked when it was disclosed after the British Open that Woods reached No. 50 and would be back at Firestone. He became the face of this tournament over the last two decades, even through some rough patches when he was coping with scars on and off the golf course.

It would be a fitting conclusion at Firestone for Woods to walk off with yet another trophy, except it’s not that simple. He has yet to win this year, and while Woods used to own the short fields in these World Golf Championships with 18 titles, the competition is stiffer than ever.

Dustin Johnson affirmed his position at No. 1 in the world by winning the Canadian Open last week for his third PGA Tour title of the year. He won at Firestone two years ago and, like Woods, calls it one of his favorite stops of the year because it is big, tree-lined and doesn’t have many frills.

Rory McIlroy is coming off a runner-up finish in the British Open. He won at Firestone in 2014, sandwiched between victories in the British Open and PGA Championship. McIlroy has eight consecutive rounds in the 60s.

“I really think it is horses for courses. There are just courses that fit your eye better than some others,” McIlroy said. “Tiger has proved that with here, with Bay Hill, with Torrey Pines, with ... well, actually, anywhere.”

Woods hasn’t been back to Firestone since 2014, when he hurt his back early in the final round. He hasn’t been eligible since then.

He raised expectations, certainly among his fans, with his strong showing at Carnoustie, where Woods had the lead for a couple of holes on Sunday, only to fall back with a double bogey. He wound up three shots behind, with the only consolation being a spot at Firestone.

“He’s going to play well this week,” Justin Thomas said. “This place is like Augusta for him. He could probably take two, three weeks off and he’s going to get it around here fine because he knows how to. He’s won here as many times as I’ve won everywhere in my career. I grew up watching him win a lot of tournaments here, hitting the shots in the dark. ... So he’s going to be very, very comfortable here.”

Astros get back in swing with 4 HRs

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Marwin Gonzalez hit two of Houston’s four home runs, and the Houston Astros knocked Seattle Mariners from the lead for the second wild card in the American League, 8-3.

After a five-game losing streak, the Astros rebounded to win the final two games of the series. Houston has a five-game cushion over Seattle in the AL West and dropped the Mariners into a tie with surging Oakland for the second AL wild-card spot. Seattle led the A’s by 11 games in the middle of June, but has seen the entire lead disappear over the past six weeks.

Gonzalez hit a solo home run off Wade LeBlanc (6-2) with two outs in the second inning and added a two-run shot in the fourth. Jake Marisnick, recalled from the minors before the game, added a two-run shot off LeBlanc and Max Stassi greeted reliever Nick Vincent with a three-run homer in the fifth.

Dallas Keuchel (9-9) improved to 6-1 in his past nine starts, throwing seven innings.

Nationals 5, Mets 3

WASHINGTON — Tommy Milone worked seven strong innings to get his first win in more than a year, Anthony Rendon homered and Washington beat New York to move back above .500.

The Nationals followed their 25-4 blowout of the Mets on Tuesday night by

jumping on Noah Syndergaard (6-2) early. Bryce Harper singled in the first inning to drive in Trea Turner, who had stolen second. In the third, Rendon got hold of a hanging curveball for his 16th homer this season, scoring Turner.

Rendon has six RBIs in two games since returning after the birth of his first child.

Filling in for the injured Stephen Strasburg, Milone (1-0) mixed his pitches effectively and faced little stress in the second start of his second stint with Washington. Kelvin Herrera got the save after allowing Wilmer Flores’s ninth-inning homer. Jose Reyes homered from both sides of the plate for the Mets, his 11th career multi-homer game and his first since Sept. 8.

Indians 2, Twins 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Carlos Carrasco struck out 10 in 7.1 innings, winning his fourth straight start since returning from the disabled list to carry Cleveland past Minnesota.

Brad Hand got the last five outs for his 26th save of the season and second for Cleveland. The Indians stretched their lead over the Twins in the AL Central to 10 games.

Carrasco (13-5), who missed three weeks with a bruised elbow before his reinstatement July 6, has 63 strikeouts in his last eight starts.

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**By HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Syndicated Columnist

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Creation takes time; destruction can happen in an instant. You may think long and hard about how to take your life to the next level. Reality will quickly shoot down some (not all!) of those ideas, but don't let that stop you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Happiness and simplicity will be linked up today. The minute you feel things are involving too many elements or too complicated, busy, messy, fast or expensive... stop. Start over.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It's not just that one solution doesn't work for everyone; it's that one solution doesn't even work for anyone all of the time. Each moment and circumstance is different. Stay sensitive and awake and you'll do great.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Disillusionment is the thing that happens when you find out that what you thought was real involves a manipulation of perception. Knowing that tricks abound is a necessary step in understanding the nature of reality.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The habit of trying to get things in order to be happy is an ad-

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 2).** You've made a discovery, and you'll keep expanding in knowledge and skill with it. This is social in nature, having to do with transmuting the abundant love lavished on you this year into an effective, creative and powerful force for good in the world. Your way of organizing life and work is totally brilliant. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 46, 23, 1 and 28.

diction, and it should be broken. You really don't need anything else. The expansion of your spirit is the happiness, also the work, also the prize.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** After careful consideration and planning, the best plan may be no plan. It's one of those rare days when all you need is your openness and a belief that the best will happen.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're a wonderful self-editor. You know that it brings you luck, love, relationships and more. Unfortunately, those who don't self-edit are prone to say too much, confuse people, and make them afraid to approach the next time.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You hate to overpay for a thing that will disappear in a moment. To forgo perishables in favor of a

lasting memento will be your action -- also a metaphor for other choices you'll make in the near future.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Two people will try to tell or sell you the exact same thing, and you'll much prefer one to the other. Why? It boils down to style. Tone is a part of this. Go where the resonance is, and don't look back.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** People want you to go one way or another, so they psychically lean on you, trying to get you to sway in that direction. Be strong. Go where you want to go. Don't be guilted. Tell others to stay in their lane.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your life could be much like yesterday, or it could be something very different. The choice is yours. A new start won't require a big effort, merely a mental shift that happens once you claim this as "day one."

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** When people want something, but they're not saying it, you can feel that. It will seem to have an actual weight. Encourage others to unburden themselves from the weight. Make it OK for them to speak up and say what they want.

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# COWBOYS

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We're going to put on a big show this year."

Gregory was activated from the non-football injury list Wednesday following a yearlong suspension over multiple violations of the league's substance-abuse policy.

Coach Jason Garrett says the club did it to allow Gregory to be more active in morning walkthroughs at training camp in California. The Cowboys aren't in any hurry to have him participate in a full padded practice.

"He's been away from football for a long time," Garrett said. "He did a good job of keeping himself in shape. But again, we don't want to compromise him early on here and put him a couple of weeks behind where he should be, so we're going to progress deliberately here."

As for Lawrence and Charlton, it's full-speed ahead. Here's an overview of all three players a week into camp:

## LAWRENCE'S MOTIVATION

The Cowboys put the franchise tag on Lawrence at the end of his four-year rookie deal, and there weren't any contract discussions of substance before the deadline to sign a long-term deal expired.

Lawrence, who gets \$17.1 million guaranteed this



Associated Press — Gus Ruelas

Dallas Cowboys defensive back Kavon Frazier, left, and Randy Gregory run a drill as they rehab during training camp in Oxnard, Calif.

season, was the first pass rusher drafted by the Cowboys after they released franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware in 2014. Dallas traded up to early in the second round to get him.

He didn't get his first sack until his second season and had just nine through three years before a quick start in 2017 led to his breakthrough. Now the 26-year-old is playing for a big payday.

"As a kid, they tell you the sky's the limit. They ly-in' to you," Lawrence said. "You set your own limits. That's why I said, 'Secure the bag,' because I'm going out there each and every day and showing my son and showing my family I set my own limits."

## CHARLTON'S MODEL

The former Michigan player is actually three sacks ahead of Lawrence's pace. Charlton had three as

a rookie after the Cowboys took him late in the first round. If nothing else, he knows patience is part of the formula.

The 23-year-old Charlton's debut in the NFL was Lawrence's first season without an injury or season-opening suspension, which Lawrence served in 2016.

"I talk trash, like, he didn't do nothing," Charlton said. "That's kind of how we wing it, 'Ah, you didn't do nothing. Ah, you did this, I'm going to go faster.' It pushes us to go to that next level. Him doing what he did last year pushed me to try to do that same thing."

Charlton seems much more at ease, speaking freely and frequently with reporters during camp.

"The comfortability level is probably the biggest thing," he said. "There's not so much where I'm



Associated Press — Gus Ruelas

Dallas Cowboys defensive end Demarcus Lawrence (90) reacts during training camp in Oxnard, Calif. Lawrence had the second-best sack total in the NFL last year.

wide-eyed seeing what's going on. I roll out here like I belong and I can do whatever I need to do to progress."

## GREGORY'S LONG, WINDING ROAD

The former Nebraska standout has been suspended for 30 of the past 32 regular-season games for multiple violations of the substance-abuse policy.

Gregory was considered a first-round talent when he slid to near the end of the second round of the 2015 draft over off-field con-

cerns that included a positive test for marijuana at the combine.

While he was cleared to return by Commissioner Roger Goodell not long before training camp, Gregory hasn't spoken to reporters. Garrett hesitated to indicate when Gregory might practice for the first time.

"You have brothers falling the wrong way, do you give up on them? No," Lawrence said. "We say togetherness, we say family for a reason. Randy's my brother. We stuck by him for this

long time and it's time for him to ball now."

Defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli, also the defensive line coach, said it's a first for him to have a player back after not seeing him for a year and a half.

"Each night we have a chance in our meetings, we visit," Marinelli said. "He knows the progression that he's got to go through. He's not going to walk out there and it's going to happen. As talented as he is, it doesn't work that way. And he knows that."

# SOCCER

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the injury bug in the goal earlier in the season and we had to rely on quite a few people to fill the role and we learned there's a lot there."

Baylor's confidence couldn't be much higher after last year's success. The Bears reached the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2012 and made the most of it.

"Having the experiences of last season and knowing how much work it takes and how at times how tiring it is and how much of a reward it is, it's nice to be able to look back at that," King said. "But we don't want to harp on it too much. We want to direct our season and create our own 2018 team."

Replacing All-American Aline De Lima will be difficult after she led the Bears with 22 points last season, including a team-high seven goals and eight assists. Baylor will also miss versatile defender Precious Akanyirige.

"You can't replace Aline," James said. "However, I do think as a whole we really do have a great group coming back and we have some freshmen

coming in who are dynamic. I think we can create a lot as a group this year."

Jobson expects all five freshmen and two transfers to contribute this year. The freshmen include former Waco High forward Kayley Ables, Flower Mound defender Elena Reyna, Flower Mound Marcus midfielders Taylor Moon and Maddie Algya, and Highland Park (Ill.) defender Giuliana Cunningham.

The two transfers are junior defender Danielle Hayden from Kentucky and sophomore defender Sarah Norman from Texas Tech.

"There are five freshmen and two girls who transferred in during the spring and I think all seven are going to make an impact," Jobson said. "That's incredible to say but the talent we're getting now, the recruits we're getting, and the interest we're getting is not just because of the success we had last year but from the last couple of years."

Preseason training will be intense since Baylor plays an exhibition game against Sam Houston State on Aug. 10 at Betty Lou Mays Field before opening the regular season at home against Abilene Christian on Aug. 16. Both games

start at 7 p.m.

"One thing I love about our sport is that we do get to kick things off for Baylor athletics," Jobson said. "The thing I don't like about our sport is that we have to turn around pretty quick. It is a quick turnaround, knowing we have no interaction athletically with our players for about 3½ months. Hopefully, they've done all the things they need to do over 3½ months that they're supposed to do. We found out today that a great number of them really did and were really committed over the summer."

Though there is much work to be done before the first exhibition game, the Baylor players are anxious to see what this year's team looks like out of the gate. They just hope they can finish as strong as last year.

"It is demanding for sure," King said. "We're in two a days right now, but it is nice to be able to look on the horizon and know we have games coming up to look forward to. It's really nice as a senior to have freshmen coming in and really work. I think they know a little bit of what it takes and they don't expect to have anything handed to them, but I think they're excited to get to work this season."



Staff photo — Rod Aydelotte

Baylor's Julie James (right) and the Lady Bears aim to build off last year's program-best run to the Elite Eight.

# LITTLE

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star thing is just special. Because there's something to shoot for. It's not just show up for the weekend, play your tournament, go do it again the next weekend. This is actually a real goal."

It's also a chance to write a new chapter of his-

tory for Post Oak, which has never reached this stage of the Little League postseason. Post Oak won state titles at the 11-year-old level in 2008 and 2013, but never at the Little League level, which encompasses 11 and 12-year-olds.

Mostly, because Post Oak always found itself matched up against Pearland, a perennial youth baseball power that made

World Series appearances three straight years from 2013-15.

"Last year we lost in sectionals to Pearland, and I feel like that was because of injuries," said Justin, who starts in left field for Post Oak. "So we promised to beat them and make it here, and now we want to go to the Little League World Series."

Post Oak finally vanquished Pearland at this

year's sectional tournament, and went on to claim the state title in Tyler. Fun fact there — Shannon Michaelis' mom's side of the family lives in Tyler, so it's just been one familiar stop after another for the Michaelis clan.

"We for sure knew the road," said Derek, who played six years of minor league baseball before wrapping up his playing days after the 2005 season.

"We knew we would have family both ways."

All that family will be whooping and hollering from the stands starting Thursday, when Post Oak, representing Texas East, faces Arkansas at 9 p.m. Naturally, they wouldn't mind extending their summer baseball watching all the way to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

"(Justin) is ecstatic. He's ready get going," Derek said.

Other Thursday first-round games of the double-elimination event feature Louisiana vs. Brownsville (Texas West) at 11 a.m., Oklahoma vs. New Mexico at 2 p.m., and Colorado vs. Mississippi at 6 p.m.

The tournament continues daily until the championship game, which is scheduled for 1 p.m. Aug. 8.

# BELTRE

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"More or less knowing where I'm going to be for the next — who knows," Beltre said after the non-waiver deadline passed Tuesday when the Rangers were in Arizona. "I cannot sit here and say 100 percent I'm going to finish the season here, which I'd be happy to do. But you never know what comes up."

Beltre, 39 and in his 21st big league season, has been to the World Series only once. That was in 2011, his first season in Texas.

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels was in constant contact with the Beltre in the weeks leading up to the non-waiver deadline, letting the veteran third baseman know when other teams inquired about him. Beltre, who could veto any trade, also gave the GM some feedback on the teams that made sense to him and why.

"If he was going to go somewhere, it was going to be somewhere he could win, but also somewhere he could play and contribute," Daniels said. "He didn't

want to be a cheerleader. He was very clear about that. He also was very clear that he didn't want to go somewhere that would lead us to not getting a good deal."

Beltre, who described the last couple of weeks as "a lot of thinking" and "wait and see," said nothing got close enough for him to have to make a decision. He said there weren't many teams willing to meet his requirements.

"I didn't want to be a bench player, and it didn't work out," Beltre said, not identifying any potential teams.

The Rangers, who swept three games at defending World Series champion Houston before splitting two interleague games in Arizona, had a day off Wednesday before starting a seven-game homestand. They play four games against Baltimore, the opponent when Beltre got his 3,000th career hit last year, and three against Seattle, one of his former teams.

Beltre, a four-time All-Star and five-time Gold Glove Award winner, is a .287 career hitter with 3,127 hits and 467 homers. His average this season is the same, .287, with five homers and 33 RBIs in 75

games that include 21 starts as the designated hitter.

Like pretty much all Texas players, Beltre will be put through trade waivers this month. If Beltre is claimed by another team, the Rangers would have two days to work out a deal or pull back the waiver claim. If he clears waivers, a deal could be made with any club.

Daniels said he would keep an open communication with Beltre like he has throughout the process. Beltre has indicated that if he plays another season, he'd like to finish his career with the Rangers. When Daniels was asked if he expected Beltre to play again next year, he said he didn't know.

"I don't know that he knows," the GM said. "What he's told us is very similar to what he said publicly, which is he's going to digest everything, go home and be with his family, see how his body feels in the winter.

"I don't know if that's November, December, January," Daniels said. "I don't know what exactly the timeline is, and I don't think it's really fair of us to ask him right now."

# MEYER

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wife could be in violation of Title IX policy on reporting allegations of domestic violence against university employees.

Zach Smith was charged in May with misdemeanor criminal trespass. At the time of the charge, Zach Smith's attorney said Courtney Smith had accused him of driving to her apartment after she told him they would meet elsewhere so he could drop off their son. Zach Smith pleaded not guilty last month. A hearing has been scheduled for Friday.

Zach Smith was also accused of aggravated battery on his then-pregnant wife in 2009 while he was a graduate assistant on Meyer's staff at Florida. The charge was dropped because of insufficient evidence. Urban Meyer brought Smith, the

grandson of late Buckeyes coach Earle Bruce, to Ohio State in 2012.

Two police reports filed in 2015 in Ohio's Powell County, after the Smiths separated in June of that year, accused Zach Smith of abuse. Charges were never filed.

At Big Ten media days, Meyer said he knew of the incident in 2009 and that he and Shelley Meyer addressed it with the Smiths. He was also asked about the 2015 incident alleged by Courtney Smith.

"I can't say it didn't happen because I wasn't there," he replied. "I was never told about anything and nothing ever came to light. I've never had a conversation about it. I know nothing about it. First I heard about that was last night. No, and I asked some people back at the office to call and say what happened and they came back and said they know nothing about it."

The Smiths divorced in 2016.



# Kelly's Throwdown offers support for abused

By CARL HOOVER  
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The tattoo on Kristen Kelly's right wrist says Believe, with a B that looks like a treble clef, a L that's an eighth-note and a star dotting the I. The image came to her months before a milestone in the Lorena native's country music career — her first recording and music publishing contract signed in 2011 — and helps her through times when it's tempting to give up hope. "It's easy to get down on yourself," she said in a recent phone interview from Nashville. "It's a reminder to keep believing."

That personal perseverance

also helped Kelly get through years of sexual abuse from a stepfather when she was a teen, so it's no surprise that Kelly's Believe logo will be a frequent sight at her Hometown Throwdown at Papa Joe's Texas Saloon this Saturday, seen on event T-shirts with the tagline "We can end the violence."

The Throwdown aims to raise funds for the Advocacy Center For Crime Victims and Children and survivors of sexual abuse and violence. The open-air event will feature roughly 10 hours of music from nine local and Nashville acts plus an auction. It's also meant to call attention to the subject of sexual violence.

Nearly two decades after she

## Kristen Kelly's Hometown Throwdown

**When, where:** 2 p.m. to mid-night Saturday at Papa Joe's Texas Saloon, 1505 N. Frontage Road, Lorena. Doors open at 1 p.m.  
**Admission:** \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, available online at kristenkellymusic.com.

reported her stepfather had molested her over a four-year period, Kelly is talking publicly about her experience. Last month, she shared what she'd been through in an interview with KXXV-TV's Ann Harder and is presently

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Nashville country singer-songwriter and Lorena native Kristen Kelly speaks out against sexual and domestic violence with her inaugural Hometown Throwdown Saturday at Papa Joe's Texas Saloon.

Kristen Kelly photo

# AUGUST AT THE Hippodrome

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# Local YouTuber organizes new Dream Con

By CARL HOOVER  
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Waco native and YouTube personality Johnathan Newton felt that for all his love of gaming, comics and cosplaying, as a person of color he didn't quite fit in when he'd attend a comics or gaming convention.

So, true to the name of his YouTube group RDCWorld1 — short for Real Dreamers Change The World — he decided to create a convention where he'd feel comfortable, one held in his former hometown, no less, and financed in part by fans like him.

The result is Dream Con 2018, a convention for fans of anime, comic books, gaming and cosplay (costume play), running Aug. 10 to 12 at the Waco Convention Center.

"We want to give people opportunities who would not have an opportunity to show at other cons. We don't want to follow what a lot of cons do," said Newton, 24.

Newton and the other talents behind the RDCWorld1 channel have put together a three-day event that features other YouTube personalities, game tournaments that include a Fortnite tourney with a \$1,000 prize; dodgeball; Nerf War competition; artists and authors; anime voice talents; and cosplay.

Newton, a Waco High School and University of North Texas grad now living in Houston, and a group of like-minded gamers/anime buffs started putting skits and video commentary of their pop culture interests online on Instagram. Their following increased until RDCWorld1 decided to create a YouTube channel in 2012. A viral video or two fueled the channel's rising popularity and now, in the space of some five years, RDCWorld1 now boasts more than 1.9 million subscribers who check in regularly for comedy and commentary.

That sizable following led Newton and his team to consider staging their own convention and planning for Dream Con began in earnest in December.

The event will feature the RDCWorld1 group and a big-screen preview of their latest video skit; YouTube personalities Berleezy, Young Don the Sauce God, DaQuan Wiltshire, CalebCity, Tutweezy and King Vader; anime voice actors Alejandro Saab ("Dragon Ball Legends" and "My Hero Academia"); cosplayer Fiona Nova; artist Malachi Wright and "Black Sands" publisher, president and author Manuel Godoy.

### Dream Con 2018

**When, where:** Aug. 10-12 at the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave.

**Tickets:** Weekend pass, \$40 for adults, \$25 for military personnel, \$20 for children 6-12; single-day pass, \$20 for adults, \$10 for military personnel and children, available online at [www.dreamconvention.com](http://www.dreamconvention.com).



Newton



Johnathan Newton photo

YouTube celebrity Berleezy (Berlin Edmond) brings his million-follower humor and personality to Dream Con 2018.

# No summer slump

## Downtown stage accentuates live performances

By CARL HOOVER  
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August heat usually means an entertainment slowdown in Waco, but at the Waco Hippodrome, August translates into a heating up of its concert stage.

In contrast with past months when a handful of stage concerts and performances seasoned the Hippodrome's regular movie offerings, the downtown venue has 12 events booked for August's 31 days. Take out Sundays and Mondays, days on which performances traditionally aren't booked, and the average bumps up to almost an event for every two days.

On the books for August are concerts by Texas Americana singer-songwriters Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis, iconic Branson, Missouri entertainer Shoji Tabuchi, the "High On Honky Tonk Tour" with country performers Sunny Sweeney and Ward Davis, Canadian country singer-songwriter Corb Lund, Nashville bluegrass/country duo Dailey & Vincent, and country veterans John Anderson and the Bellamy Brothers.

Throw in stand-up comic William Lee "Cowboy Bill" Martin and that's a lot of country or country-flavored entertainment. Providing a dash of variety, however, are a Motown

## Waco Hippodrome stage events for August

- Aug. 2 — Dailey & Vincent
- Aug. 4 — "Burlesque" shadowcast
- Aug. 10 — John Anderson
- Aug. 11 — Motown Breakdown
- Aug. 14 — Sunny Sweeney and Ward Davis with Tennessee Jet
- Aug. 17 — Shoji Tabuchi
- Aug. 18 — William Lee "Cowboy Bill" Martin
- Aug. 23 — Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis
- Aug. 25 — Ultimate Elvis Tribute with Al Joslin
- Aug. 29 — Corb Lund
- Aug. 30 — Bellamy Brothers
- Aug. 31 — "For The Love Of Sinatra," Dave Halston and His Little Big Band

Breakdown show by performer Michael Hix, Al Joslin's popular Ultimate Elvis Tribute and a nod to Frank Sinatra and his songs by Dave Halston and His Little Big Band. There's also a blend of stage and film in this Saturday's shadowcast of the 2010 film "Burlesque" starring Cher and Christina Aguilera, with film action mirrored in person by Waco Civic Theatre actors.

"We want to have as many shows

out there as the public wants," explained Hippodrome co-owner and event specialist Casey Turner, who books many of the shows on the Hippodrome's stage. "And there's a growing clientele for things other than country music."

The bump in live entertainment at the historic Waco theater follows last month's opening of the Hippodrome's new three screening rooms and that's no coincidence, Turner said. Most of the theater's regular film showings are moving to the newer screens, freeing up the Hippodrome's main auditorium with its performance stage.

The Waco theater is working with several promoters to increase those live performance bookings. The local live music heard at the Hippodrome's former street-side patio area also is returning, this time on Saturday nights at the third-floor open-air patio The Hightop.

Is there a Waco audience for a performance-heavy August? Turner thinks so. The approach of a new school year in a matter of weeks has some thinking of squeezing in some live entertainment in their last window of free time, she said, and there's been advance interest in some upcoming shows.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1610, during his fourth Western Hemisphere voyage, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into what is now known as Hudson Bay.

In 1776, members of the Second Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1909, the original Lincoln “wheat” penny first went into circulation, replacing the “Indian Head” cent.

In 1939, President Roosevelt signed the Hatch Act, which prohibited civil service employees from taking part in political campaigns.

In 1974, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up. (He served four months.)

In 1980, 85 people were killed when a bomb exploded at the train station in Bologna, Italy.

In 1985, 137 people were killed when Delta Air Lines Flight 191, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate.

In 2000, Republicans awarded Texas Gov. George W. Bush their presidential nomination.

TUNE IN TONIGHT

NFL returns with Hall of Fame Game

By KEVIN MCDONOUGH  
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The NFL returns to prime time. The Chicago Bears and Baltimore Ravens meet in the Hall of Fame Game (7 p.m., NBC) in Canton, Ohio, ushering in the preseason.

Having come of age with television, the audience for the NFL has declined along with practically every other broadcast. At the same time, it has retained enough of a fanbase to consistently rank among the most-watched programming, attracting tens of millions to big games and more than 100 million viewers to the Super Bowl.

Like everything else, the fall in NFL viewership is best explained by the shrinking number of cable subscribers, the growing number of viewing choices and the changing composition of TV audiences. But some have seen fit to explain its decline in terms of divisive politics.

Football has long been politicized. During the tumultuous Vietnam era, coaches Tom Landry and Vince Lombardi became heroes to a conservative demographic dubbed the “Silent Majority.”

In the other camp, many saw football as the perfect metaphor for a country defined by militarism. In October 1975, comedian George Carlin riffed on the politics of American sports when he hosted the first episode of “Saturday Night Live.”

Carlin saw football as a sport played in stadiums to martial music, encouraging players to march down-



Associated Press — Nam Huh

Chicago Bears offensive line Rashaad Coward (left) works with offensive line Brandon Greene during training camp in July. The Bears face the Baltimore Ravens at 7 p.m. on NBC.

field and invade their opponent’s territory. In contrast, he impishly described baseball as a game played in a park where the ultimate goal was coming “home.”

Carlin’s observations notwithstanding, the NFL has a much bigger audience than Major League Baseball. While the NFL will probably survive the current controversies surrounding the national anthem, its long-term prognosis remains in

doubt. A growing number of parents discourage their children from playing a sport increasingly identified with brain injuries. Every year brings news of high schools that simply abandon the sport because they cannot field a team. Will people still watch football a generation from now?

Will people still watch “television”?

Other football-related choices include Canadian Football League action between the Toronto Argonauts and Ottawa Redblacks (6 p.m., ESPN2) as well as the 13th season opener of “Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders: Making the Team” (9 p.m., CMT, TV-PG).

■ It’s taken seven episodes for Sam and Eddie to wake up in bed together on “Take Two” (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG). But they can’t remember how they got there! Amnesia!

■ “Bachelorette Weekend” (10 p.m., CMT) follows a company that caters to brides-to-be and their rowdy friends by giving them a weekend to remember in Nashville.

■ “Shahs of Sunset” (8 p.m., Bravo, TV-14) enters its seventh season.

■ The final four face each other on the season finale of “The Four: Battle for Stardom” (7 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

■ Chaos consumes the Crescent City on the season finale of “Marvel’s Cloak and Dagger” (7 p.m., Freeform, TV-14).

■ Two homicides complicate the business on “Snowfall” (9 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

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Long-distance lover has eyes for another

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**DEAR ANNIE®**  
By Annie Lane

six weeks at his home. One of his female “friends” called several times a day, constantly interrupting our intimacy. He called her affectionate names and took the calls privately. She insisted on being included in all of our plans, controlling and domineering our time together and insisting on driving us to bars and restaurants. He ignored my objections to this constant intrusion.

When she drove us to one bar, she announced, “If anyone gets mad tonight, you’re walking home.” Obviously, she had hopes of upsetting me. While we were at the bar, my boyfriend totally ignored me. He turned his back to me and sat knee-to-knee with this woman. They held hands and lovingly gazed into each other’s

eyes, cooing affectionately about what they had “been through together.” I sat there, humiliated and hurting, saying nothing.

The next day, I told him how disrespected and hurt this made me feel. He brushed it off and offered no apology to me. I told him that I did not want to see this woman anymore; however, she invited herself to breakfast with us and showed up at his door, and we had to ride with her again. (When I objected, he told me that if we ever broke up, it would be my fault because I can’t get along with his friends. Also, when I asked him whether he and this woman have sex, he defended her and didn’t answer my question). At breakfast, again they sat there ignoring me and staring lovingly at each other, and he said to her, “It’s been a long time since you’ve been in my hot tub.” I sat there like a fool, fighting back the tears, trying to maintain a shred of dignity.

Even though he insisted

that I visit him, bought my plane ticket and says he loves me, he obviously couldn’t care less about my feelings. I was 2,000 miles from home, in a huge, unfamiliar city, with no one to call and nowhere to go. Please tell me what I should have done in that situation. — Totally Disrespected

Dear Totally Disrespected: You should have gotten on an earlier flight home and mailed this cad an invoice for the re-booking fee. Really, “cad” doesn’t even begin to cover it. He flew you across the country to visit him — only so you’d have a front-row seat for his dalliances with another woman. Something is definitely up between them. And they both seem to relish the drama, almost as if it’s some kind of sick game to them. You deserve to be with someone who treats you with respect. There are plenty of fish in the sea. Toss this eel back, and cast your line anew.

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Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Shred cheese
- 6 Hatchet handle
- 10 Kublai —
- 14 Red Sea republic
- 15 Earthenware jar
- 16 Naturalness
- 17 Austronesian language
- 18 New Mexico town
- 19 Subpoena
- 20 New shoots
- 22 Memo tablets
- 24 Neaten the lawn
- 26 Think up
- 27 Kitchen herb
- 31 Nectar gatherers
- 32 Luxury car
- 33 Toolbar items
- 36 Witty remark
- 39 Game channel
- 40 Sorted socks
- 41 First-magnitude star
- 42 Sault — Marie
- 44 Ninny
- 44 Languished
- 45 Tatum’s dad
- 47 Expands
- 49 Menacingly savage
- 51 Worthless coin
- 52 Coffee break
- 54 Cousins’ dads

- 59 Long, long time
- 60 Winged god
- 62 Forest clearing
- 63 Checkbook no.
- 64 Frosty coating
- 65 Wolfed down
- 66 Hula accompaniment
- 67 Fall mo.
- 68 Go shopping

DOWN

- 1 Workout sites
- 2 Pick pears
- 3 Love, to
- 4 Garr of “Mr. Mom”
- 5 Puzzling occurrences
- 6 Sweltering
- 7 Greenspan or Turing
- 8 Rain hard
- 9 Flavor sensor (2 wds.)
- 10 Topknot doll
- 11 Persecution
- 12 All kidding —
- 13 Tennis court dividers
- 21 Mama’s boy
- 23 Poetic twilights
- 25 John Lennon tune
- 27 Bravos at a bullfight

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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- 50 Uncanny
- 52 Suitor
- 53 Frisk about
- 55 Give a hand
- 56 Delayed
- 57 Shangri-La
- 58 Button on a cellphone
- 61 Ready

Keep kitchen fat out of sewer system

**DEAR HELOISE:** Many of the foods we eat and enjoy are laden with fat or grease. To help prevent a clogged drain, I put chicken grease, fats, oils, butter, etc., in a plastic bag (used bread wrappers are excellent!), tie a tight knot in it and place it in my trash can. — John J., chemical engineer in Irvine, California

John, city water-treatment plants advise this as well. Keeping grease out of the sewer system will help protect it.

Other items to keep out of the sewer system? So-called flushable wipes, cigarette butts and cat litter, among other things. Log on to your city’s website for more information, or dial 311. — Heloise

**DEAR HELOISE:** I had several hand soaps that I didn’t like. I poured all of them into an empty laundry soap bottle and labeled it “Mixed Soaps.” I’ll use it to wash rugs or other items.

Also, shampoos that I can’t use on my hair I use to wash out hairbrushes and combs; I fill the sink with hot water and let them soak. — Barb in Humble, Texas

**DEAR HELOISE:** The cooking time on many microwavable items is based on the wattage of the microwave.

However, nowhere on my oven is this printed. How can I determine the wattage? — Nancy P., New-



**HINTS FROM HELOISE**

port, New Hampshire

Hi, Nancy! The wattage of your microwave should be found in your owners manual, or sometimes it is printed on the back of the unit. It typically is not found inside the door, which can be frustrating.

What is a watt? A watt is, basically, a unit of power.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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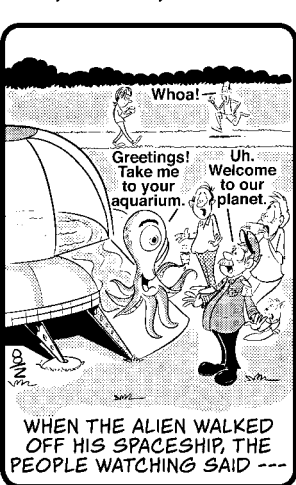
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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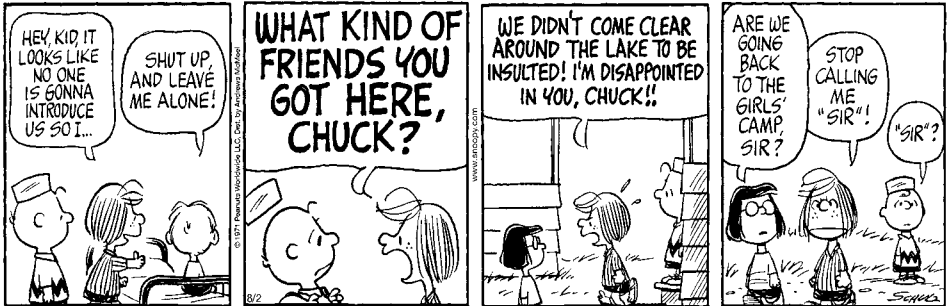
Yesterday’s Jumbles: MAUVE TABOO BANISH PLACID  
Answer: When the pirate with the peg leg was told to walk the plank, he was — OUT ON A LIMB

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek





Classic Peanuts



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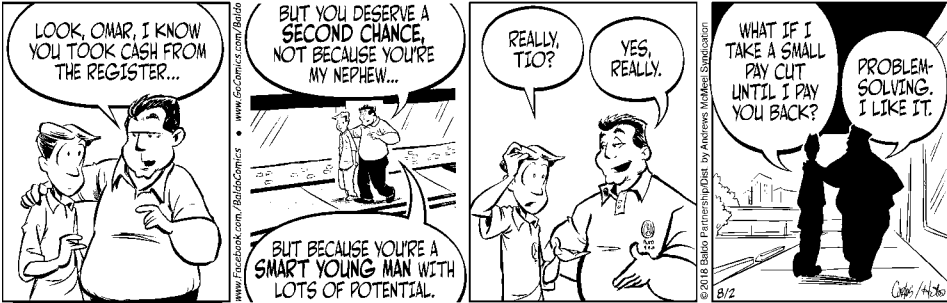
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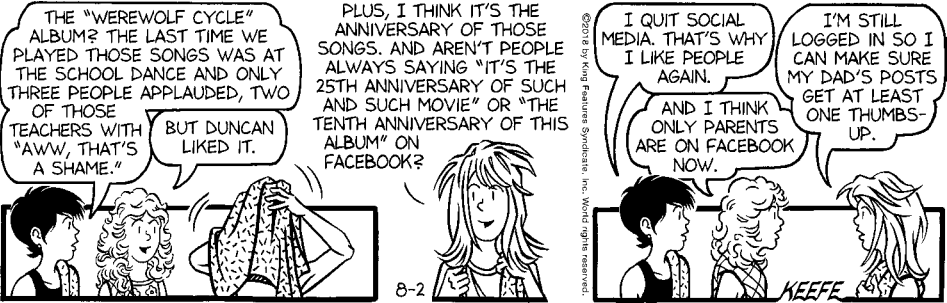
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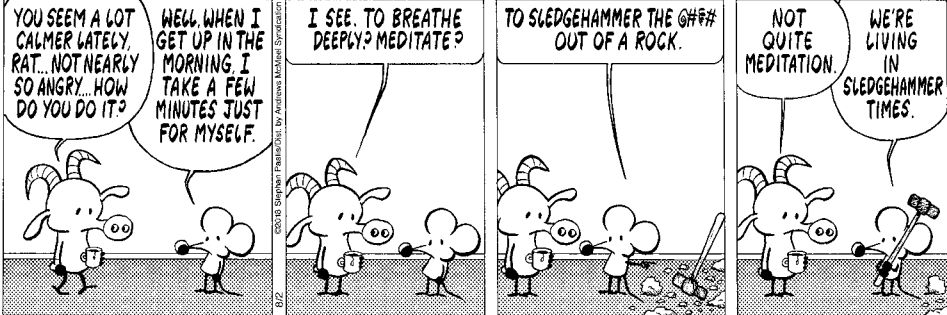
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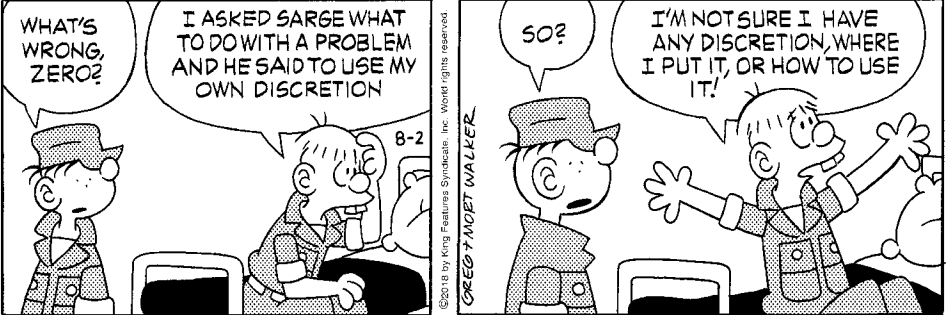
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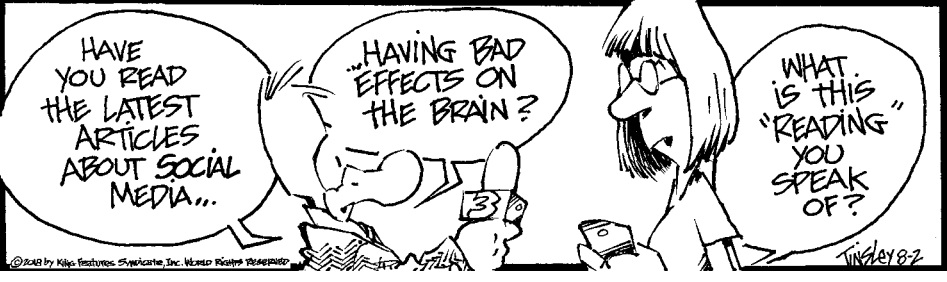
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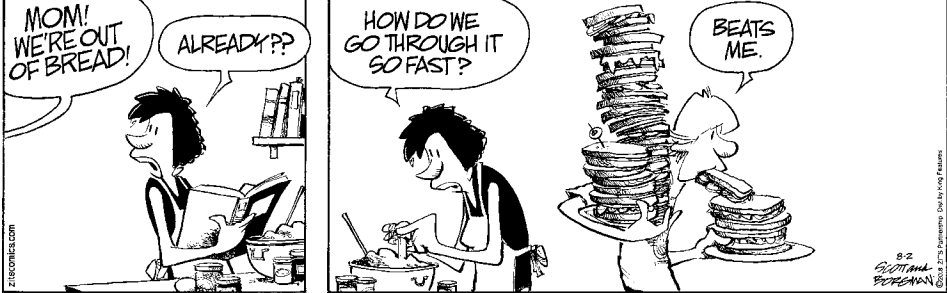
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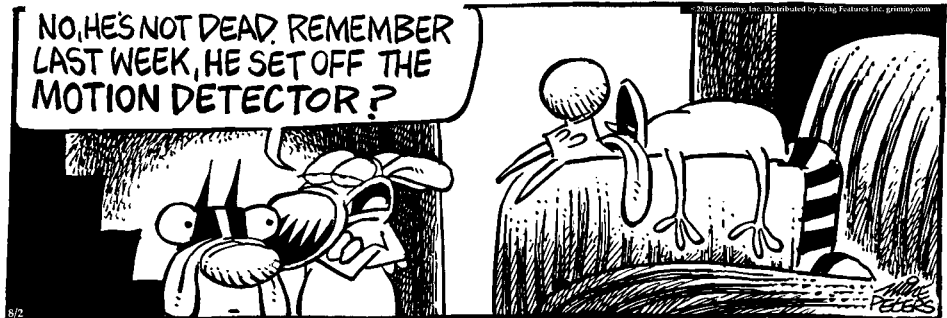
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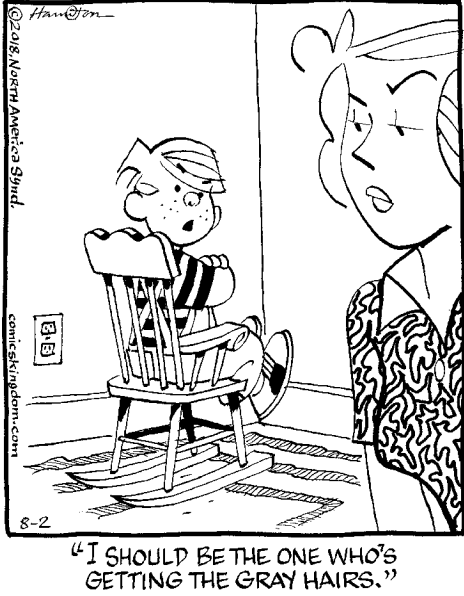
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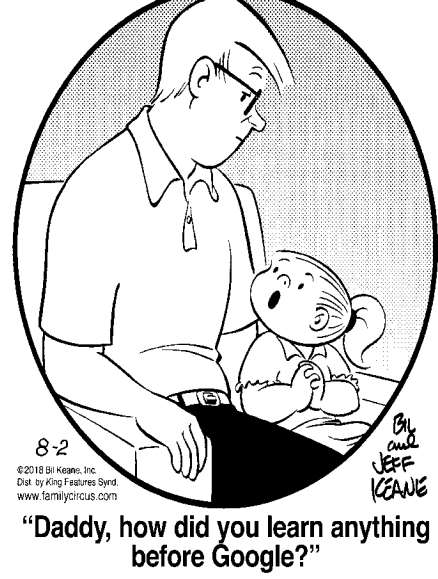
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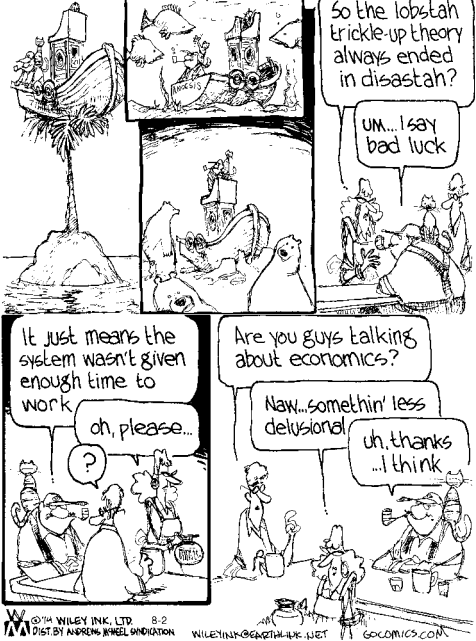
Real Life



Family Circus



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BRIDGE BY PHILLIP ALDER

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♠ A K 5				♠ 8 6 3			
♥ A K J 10 6 5				♥ 9 4			
♦ 8 3				♦ J 10 6 4			
♣ 7 2				♣ Q 9 8 5			
South							
♠ Q J 10 9 4 2							
♥ 7 2							
♦ A K Q							
♣ A K							
Dealer: South							
Vulnerable: East-West							
South	West	North	East				
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass				
3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass				
Opening lead: ♥ A							

P.T. Barnum, he of circus fame, said, "Without promotion, something terrible happens ... nothing!"

That can apply not only in entertainment and business, but also at the bridge table. This week, we have looked at the technique of trump promotion, both how the defenders can generate an extra trump trick and how declarer can try to stop them. This deal is my favorite on the subject. What happens in three spades after West leads the heart ace?

South might have opened two clubs because he has nine

winners in his own hand: four spades, three diamonds and two clubs. These days, the bidding is allowed to stop at three of a major or four of a minor if the responder has absolutely nothing to contribute to the cause.

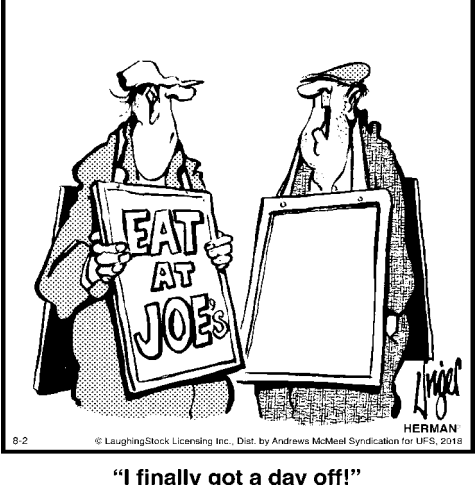
Then, on the second round of the auction, South was sorely tempted to jump to four spades, hoping partner could provide one winner. In this case, there was good news: partner did not have a trick. But there was also bad news: Three spades was too high!

West opened with the heart ace: three, nine (playing high-

low with a doubleton), two. West cashed the heart king: eight, four, seven. Then, when West continued with a third heart, East ruffed with the spade six. South overruffed with the spade nine, then led a sneaky spade 10, but West was not to be deflected from his path. He won with the king and played a fourth heart, which East ruffed with the spade eight. After declarer overruffed with the jack, he had the spade Q-4-2 left, and West had the A-5 hovering over him. The spade five had been promoted as a winner.

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★ **SPOTLIGHT:** Additional noteworthy entertainment events this week.

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE AREA • WACOTRIB.COM/CALENDAR

#### CONCERTS

★ **Dailey & Vincent**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave.; \$55-\$30, available online at [www.showclix.com](http://www.showclix.com).

■ **Stars Over Texas Jamboree, Gospel Edition with Bridgett Huffhines, Lew Smith, Tommy Ryan, LaDonna Nelson, LaNelle Galant and Classic Voice**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, 2801 W. Waco Drive; \$14, \$12 for senior adults and students, free for those 12 and younger.

■ **Kristen Kelly Hometown Throwdown**, 2 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Papa Joe's Texas Saloon, 1505 N. Frontage Road, Lorena; \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, with proceeds benefiting the Advocacy Center and survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

★ **"Kennyfest,"** Kenny Frazier birthday party, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Cultivate 7twelve, 712 Austin Ave.

#### UPCOMING

■ **John Anderson**, 7 p.m. Aug. 10, Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave.; \$60-\$25, available online at [www.showclix.com](http://www.showclix.com).

■ **Motown Breakdown**, 7 p.m. Aug. 11, Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave.; \$30-\$20, available online at [www.showclix.com](http://www.showclix.com).

■ **Brian Brown 50th birthday with Monte Montgomery and Union Revival**, 5 p.m. Aug. 12, The Backyard, 511 S. Eighth St.

■ **Sunny Sweeney and Ward Davis with Tennessee Jet**, 7 p.m. Aug. 14, Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave.; \$100-\$20 main floor, \$17 and \$14 balcony, available at [showclix.com](http://showclix.com).

■ **Shoji Tabuchi**, 7 p.m. Aug. 17, Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave.; \$64-\$25, available at [showclix.com](http://showclix.com).

■ **Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis**, 7 p.m. Aug. 23, Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave.; \$32-\$17, available online at [www.showclix.com](http://www.showclix.com).



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The duo Dailey & Vincent (Jamie Dailey, left, and Darrin Vincent) plus a sizable backing band bring their popular mix of bluegrass, traditional country and gospel music to the Waco Hippodrome on Thursday night.

■ **Margarita and Salsa Festival with Gary Allan, Aaron Watson and John Baumann**, Aug. 25, Extraco Events Center, 4601 Bosque Blvd.; \$31 in advance, \$36 day of show, \$200 VIP.

■ **Ultimate Elvis Tribute with Al Joslin**, 7 p.m. Aug. 25, Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave.; \$35-\$25, available online at [showclix.com](http://showclix.com).

■ **Corb Lund**, 7 p.m. Aug. 29, Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave.; \$20 and \$14, available at [showclix.com](http://showclix.com).

■ **The Bellamy Brothers**, 7 p.m. Aug. 30, Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave.; \$60-\$25, available online at [www.showclix.com](http://www.showclix.com).

■ **Dave Halston and His Little Big Band**, "For The Love Of Sinatra," 7 p.m. Aug. 31, Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave.

■ **Ronnie Milsap**, 7 p.m. Sept. 13, Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave.

■ **John Mark McMillan**, 8 p.m. Sept. 14, Common Grounds, 1123 S. Eighth St.; \$22 in advance, \$25 day of show, \$42 VIP.

■ **Satisfaction: A Rolling Stones Tribute**, 7 p.m. Sept. 15, Waco Hip-

podrome, 724 Austin Ave.; \$35-\$25.

■ **John P. Kee and New Life**, "Change The World Tour," 7 p.m. Oct. 26, Grand Lodge of Texas, 715 Columbus Ave.; \$20, VIP \$40.

#### LOCAL BANDS

■ **Guitarist Pat McKee and bassist Tram Kelly** (jazz), 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Diamondback's, 217 Mary Ave.

■ **Bobby Dean and Timeless Country**, Boot Scootin' Dance Club, 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Sul Ross Senior Center, 1414 Jefferson Ave.; \$5.

■ **Chuck Jennings Organ Quintet** (jazz/funk), 7 p.m. Friday, Cultivate 7twelve, 712 Austin Ave.

■ **Out Of The Blue with Danny Strickland**, 7-10 p.m. Friday, American Legion Post 121, 722 Leroy Parkway, Elm Mott; \$5.

■ **Hourglass**, 8:30 p.m. Friday, The Backyard, 511 S. Eighth St.; \$5.

■ **Bobby Dean and Timeless Country**, 9 p.m. Saturday, Bucksnot Saloon, 275 Live Oak Street, Marlin.

■ **Out Of The Blue with Danny Strickland**, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Sefcik Hall, 800 Seaton Road, Seaton; \$7.

## EVENTS

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"Tickets for Shoji (Tabuchi) are going like crazy. Bellamy Brothers and John Anderson are selling. There's a huge Elvis following, too. We have to do Elvis once a year at least," she said. Past concerts by high-profile performers such as Kris Kristofferson, who played the Hippodrome in October, are reminding some that the Hippodrome is a place for more than movies. "People were goo-goo eyed at the Kristofferson show. They couldn't believe he was playing in Waco," Turner said.

More's on the way this fall. Veteran country acts Ronnie Milsap, John Conlee and Johnny Bush have Hippodrome gigs booked and the event specialist added some major acts are in the works. There also have been nibbles from national theatrical tours looking for a Waco venue and Turner said those are possible, too, for the right price point. She suggested fans can



Veteran country duo the Bellamy Brothers return to Waco for an August 30 show at the Waco Hippodrome, 724 Austin Ave.

keep posted on acts that get booked on the Hippodrome's website, its Facebook page and through a weekly email newsletter, media platforms that also offer a way for people to suggest entertainers and acts the Hippodrome should look into.

Waco Hippodrome fans with such recommendations often make them not solely from a personal interest, but with an eye of possible strong ticket

**"We want to have as many shows out there as the public wants."**

**Casey Turner**  
Hippodrome co-owner

sales that would help the Waco theater, she noted. "I think Waco really cares for the Hippodrome," she said.

## KELLY

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working on a book that touches that subject. "I've been praying for many years how to give help . . . This is the start," she said. "If more people would talk about it, maybe there'd be less occurrences."

In a 2001 trial, a McLennan County jury found her stepfather guilty of eight counts of sexual assault and three counts of indecency with a child, and he was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment on each count. Kelly, a minor at the time, wasn't named in the court proceedings so many of her friends and acquaintances didn't know about it. She still shies away from naming him in public out of consideration for a stepbrother who lives in the area with his family.

Kelly found help initially through counseling from the Advocacy Center and writing poetry, some of which found its way into her songwriting. A lifelong interest in music and singing led to her

involvement in the band Big Dave & the Freaks, then McLennan Community College's commercial music program where she sharpened skills for a music career.

After fronting the band Modern Day Drifters, Kelly ended up in Nashville as a solo singer-songwriter. She teamed with well-known songwriter Paul Overstreet on her 2013 single "Ex-Old Man," a Top 30 country hit for her, and has toured with such country performers as Brad Paisley and Rascal Flatts. Her most recent recording is her 2015 EP "Fire" and she will follow Saturday's Hometown Throwdown with upcoming shows in Michigan, New York and Florida.

#### Event lineup

The Throwdown will feature the Waco-area Sundae Drivers, Butch Giddens & Texas Style and Towne Adams, and Fort Worth's Neal Drennan & Home Brew. Joining them from Nashville are Kelly and her husband Jimmy Stanley, Kelly's sister and fellow singer-songwriter

Kimberly Kelly, Cody and Kristin Walker and Trent Willmon ("Beer Man," "Back When I Knew It All").

Papa Joe's will sell beer and setups with food trucks on-site. Those attending can bring lawn chairs, cameras and umbrellas, but not coolers. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the gate and free for those 12 years and younger.

Kelly hopes her Throwdown raises funds for the Advocacy Center and other survivors support — fans can make donations on her website and through a GoFundMe project — but says the message is as important as the music.

"Not everyone is brave enough to speak up and see justice done," she said. "if I could talk to my 12-year-old self, I'd tell her that everything's going to be OK. Deep down, I always knew that."

## Huge sculptures made from ocean's plastic trash

NEW ORLEANS — Huge sculptures of sea life are dotted about New Orleans' aquarium and zoo, all of them made from plastic trash that washed ashore. There's a great white shark made partly of bottle caps and beach toys and a jellyfish made mostly of cut-up water bottles.

The artwork, part of a project called Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea, is the creation of Angela Haseltine Pozzi, who started making the pieces after seeing plastic heaped by the waves onto Oregon's southern coast. Pozzi's aim is art that is "beautiful, and

a little horrifying." — **Associated Press**



Associated Press — **Janet McConaughy**

A giant jellyfish sculpture on display at the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas in New Orleans.

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