

# 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

TODAY'S GUIDE TO THE OBSCURE, THE POSSIBLY RELEVANT & THINGS IN BETWEEN

## 1 Publications across the nation are breaking with their own, long-held traditions in deciding on who to endorse for president or whether they should endorse anyone at all.

For the first time in its 34-year existence, USA Today has taken a stance on the presidential race.

The paper's editorial board has never before endorsed a candidate, reports FiveThirtyEight.com, and it still hasn't. But Thursday it did break tradition by denouncing Trump.

"From the day he declared his candidacy 15 months ago through this week's first presidential debate, Trump has demonstrated repeatedly that he lacks the temperament, knowledge, steadiness and honesty that America needs from its presidents," USA Today's editorial says.

The editorial also says Trump has "betrayed fundamental commitments made by all presidents since the end of World War II."

The publication further says Trump is erratic, ill-equipped to be commander in chief, traffics in prejudice, has a checkered business career and speaks recklessly, among other things.

While the editorial encourages people to not vote for Trump, it does not encourage voters to vote for Hillary Clinton.

Whomever you vote for, USA Today says, "Stay true to your convictions."

"By all means vote, just not for Donald Trump."

## 2 Speaking of which, 70 percent of Americans believe this election has brought out the worst in people, according to a poll conducted by Monmouth University.

How bad is it? Seven percent of those surveyed said they'd ended a friendship over the presidential election.

Apparently this election is something you and your significant other may not want to talk about. The divorce rate is high enough already.

The poll also found that "dissatisfaction" rather than "anger" is the word that better characterizes voters' feelings about the federal government, says Monmouth University.

The poll was conducted by telephone Sept. 22-25 with 802 registered voters in the U.S.

## 3 A Florida woman is suing a local sheriff's deputy who zapped her with a stun gun, and now he's making amends. He's hoping a cake decorated with the words "Sorry I

Tased you" might convince her to drop the suit.

We don't think it will work, either.

Stephanie Byron of Pensacola claims Deputy Michael Wohlers showed up at her work in June 2015 and shot her in the chest with a stun gun after the two had argued over a glass of sweet tea, reports Fox News.

Byron is charging Wohlers with using excessive force, violating her civil rights, committing battery and causing her all manner of hardships, including physical injuries, monetary loss, medical expenses, humiliation and mental anguish, Fox reports.

We hope it was exceptionally good sweet tea.

## 4 One 12-year-old boy from the Denver area is unusually confident that Donald Trump will win the election.

Weston Imer is the co-chair of the Donald Trump campaign in Jefferson County, according to a video by The Guardian.

When asked if he thought he was a little young to be in such a role, he said, "I know what I'm doing. I've been in politics since I was very young. The people from the Trump campaign, they trust me."

Imer explained why he supports Trump — and there is really only one reason.



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Donald Trump has a dedicated supporter in Denver. He's 12 and wants to be president himself.

"If we don't elect him, we are going to have Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is a criminal, in the presidential office," said Imer. "And if that happens, this country will not be here in the next four or possibly eight years, if she gets re-elected."

Imer has a long political future ahead, since he says he wants to run for president in 2040, the first year he is eligible to run. So that's another reason not to vote for Hillary, based on Imer's prediction.

## 5 A Cambridge University study found complaints against police in the U.K. and the U.S. fell 93 percent over a 12-month period after departments installed body cameras.



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Smile! This woman, protesting in the face of an El Cajon police officer, ought to realize he's wearing a body camera. And that's a good thing.

BBC News says almost 2,000 officers in the U.K. and the U.S. were monitored for the project.

The researchers found there were only 113 complaints made against officers during the year trial period, compared with 1,539 in the 12 months before, BBC News reports.

Dr. Barak Ariel, who is based at the Cambridge Institute of Criminology, said, "I cannot think of any (other) single intervention in the history of policing that dramatically changed the way that officers behave, the way that suspects behave, and the way they interact with each other."

Ariel said the results indicated both parties were adjusting their behavior.

"Once (the public) are aware they are being recorded, once they know that everything they do is caught on tape, they will undoubtedly change their behavior because they don't want to get into trouble."

Presumably the cameras affect police behavior as well.

## 6 About one of every nine voters this fall is expected to be Latino, according to the Center for Public Integrity, which says that's why Hillary Clinton has reached out to Latino voters with TV ads.

Since January, the Clinton campaign has sponsored more than 2,500 Spanish language TV ads, according to a CPI analysis of data provided by ad tracking firm Kantar Media, which monitors ads on broadcast television and national — but not local — cable.

This must be a good strategy since President Barack Obama aired more than 13,200 TV ads in Spanish during his 2012 re-election bid, while his rival, Mitt Romney, aired about 3,700, according to CPI. And we know how that turned out.

Meanwhile, Donald Trump has aired zero Spanish television advertisements.

## 7 Poor Michael Savage!

Yanked off the air for being too rough on poor Hillary

Clinton! His freedom of speech was violated! Right?

Many were outraged when the radio personality said he'd been "sabotaged" because he'd talked about Hillary Clinton's health on the air.

Except it didn't happen that way. According to Snopes, Savage's radio show was temporarily pre-empted by one station so it could air on-scene coverage of Monday's presidential debate.

The rumor circulated after Savage tweeted, "I'VE BEEN SABOTAGED ON AIR. TO DESTROY SUPPORT FOR TRUMP. MORE LATER."

Fans instantly began expressing their anger on social media. One Twitter user wrote, "Michael Savage who has more viewers than all media alt left, is fired because he mentions Hillary Clinton's health. 1st amendments dead, rise up"

Westwood One explained on Twitter that Savage's program was pre-empted by one station in favor of debate coverage and had immediately returned to the air on that station the following day, Snopes reports.

Savage's explanation was so much more dramatic, though. No word on whether the issue destroyed support for Trump.

## 8 To show its appreciation for the local oil industry, Reading Cinemas Valley Plaza is extending "Family Sunday" throughout this entire weekend — the opening weekend of the film "Deepwater Horizon."

Through Sunday night, moviegoers can watch any movie and purchase a family popcorn tub for \$4 with unlimited, free same-day refills, along with free Nestle's candy. Hot dogs will be \$1.

Of course this weekend's main movie at Reading is "Deepwater Horizon," which stars Mark Wahlberg, John Malkovich and Kate Hudson, as well as Golden Globe winner Gina Rodriguez and Golden Globe nominee Kurt Russell.

The film is based on the true events that occurred on an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010.

## 9 The conflict between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump over racial and gender issues in Monday's debate reflects a deep divide in voter attitudes: views on the influence of men, women and racial groups in society are closely related to vote preferences.

According to ABC News, 20 percent of Trump voters say that



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Fifty percent of Hillary Clinton voters say that men have too much influence in the country these days.

men have too much influence in the country these days, compared to 50 percent of Clinton supporters who say the same.

The survey, produced for ABC by Langer Research Associates, also finds that about half of Americans think women, men and whites have about the right amount of influence in society these days, while fewer — three in 10 — say the same about racial and ethnic minorities.

## 10 You break it, you buy it. That's the lesson one French man is about to learn.

An unidentified man smashed at least a dozen Apple products in an Apple store in Dijon, France, this week — and the wreckage's estimated worth tops \$13,000, reports Fox News.



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Apple recently infuriated a French customer to the point where he went on a rampage.

YouTube videos show the man calmly walking around the store while slamming a pétanque metal ball — used in the French lawn bowling game — into phones and computers.

"Apple is a company that violated European consumers' rights. They refused to reimburse me, I told them: 'Give me my money back'. They said no. So you know what's happening? This is happening!" the man said in the video.

Well, now he's for sure not getting his reimbursement. It's time to pay up.

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In this file photo, Ammar Hammody takes a young bird to a small pond of water near Lake Ming where he found it. The small bird is still too young to fly back to the tree from which he fell.

## Kern lifts no contact advisory for Lake Ming

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The Kern County Public Health Services Department has lifted its no contact advisory for the water at Lake Ming.

The advisory was issued Aug. 9 due to the presence of potentially harmful levels of bacteria found in

the water. Multiple water sample test results taken over the past month have been within the acceptable range, Public Health said Friday.

Although the advisory has been lifted, the agency said in a news release, a county ordinance prohibits swimming in the lake.

Public Health asked that residents help keep local waterways clean by throwing trash away in appropriate receptacles. Litter thrown on the ground can end up in the Kern River and lakes and potentially contaminate the water, it warned.

## SEXUAL ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

# Second lawsuit filed against Juvenile Hall corrections officer

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Attorneys filed a lawsuit Friday against a Juvenile Hall corrections officer accused of sexually abusing a girl at the facility.

It marks the second time a lawsuit has been filed against George Anderson on behalf of a teen allegedly abused at Juvenile Hall, attorneys at Chain Cohn Stiles and the Law Office of Thomas C. Seabaugh said in a news release.

It's also the third case the same attorneys have filed against a corrections officer at the facility.

"The fact that we have three girls over the course of six months, who have come forward to report sexual abuse by corrections officers, points to systemic problems at Juvenile Hall, and not just a few bad apples," Chain Cohn Stiles attorney Neil Gehlawat said in the release.

The Kern County Probation Department, which oversees Juvenile Hall, released a statement Friday saying Anderson, hired in 1999, was placed on administrative leave in February 2015 after the department became aware of the allegations against him.

An internal investigation is ongoing.

"The department has a strict no-tolerance policy regarding any sort of inappropriate behavior between employees and youth housed in our facilities," the state-

ment reads.

According to the latest lawsuit, Anderson viewed the plaintiff while she showered and used the toilet, suggested she leave her boyfriend for him and eventually propositioned her for sex.

The plaintiff reported Anderson's alleged actions to her parents and a counselor, prompting an investigation.

The lawsuit alleges the abuse occurred after the plaintiff arrived at Juvenile Hall on Jan. 19, 2015. She spoke with a counselor about Anderson on Feb. 6, 2015.

The victim alleges Anderson violated her rights under the U.S. Constitution and California law.

In addition to seeking damages, she alleges she was failed by the "deficient oversight, training, and practices at Kern's juvenile hall, which provided the perpetrator with opportunities that he was able to exploit," the release said.

Another teen at the facility, in a second lawsuit previously filed against Anderson, alleges the officer committed sex acts with her.

And Chain Cohn Stiles attorneys have also filed a lawsuit against Juvenile Hall corrections officer Cesar Navejar, accusing him of sexually assaulting a teen girl at the facility.

Navejar is on administrative leave.

Gehlawat said the two previously filed lawsuits are scheduled for trial in the summer of 2017.