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The former president was hospitalized Sunday in Maine.
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CAVALIERS WIN GAME 7

LeBron James scored 35 points with 15 rebounds and nine assists on Sunday night to earn an eighth straight trip to the NBA Finals.

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Record heat will continue to blister Midland, region

By Stewart Doreen
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Memorial Day is supposed to be the unofficial first day of summer, but no one in Midland has to look at a calendar to know it is hot outside.

The National Weather Service continues to put the area under a heat advisory because of a spell of hot weather that could be one for the record books.

The area experienced temperatures of 105 and 106 degrees on Saturday and Sunday, respectively, which either tied a record or set a new one. The National Service, according to its seven-day forecast, is expecting a record-high temperature for Memorial Day and other record-high temperatures before the month ends.

The NWS is calling for high of 105 or higher during five of the next six days. In Midland, there is an expectation of hot

weather, but the high will be about 15 degrees above normal for this time of year. There is also little relief expected at night; the NWS is calling for lows in the lower to mid-70s, which is about 10 degrees higher than normal.

High temperatures of 102, 105 and 106 during the last three days and expected highs of 105, 104, 106 and 107 through the end of May also put the month on track to be the warmest May on record.

Barring an unexpected cooling trend, this month will be at least the second warmest May on record.

However, should this warm spell continue as expected, Midland could experience a longer trend that will rival 1994 and 2011 for the hottest periods in recorded history. In June and July of 1994, the NWS recorded nine consecutive days

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Reporter-Telegram file photo

In this photo, members of the U.S. Marine Corps honor guard carry a casket containing the body of U.S. Marine Pfc. Josue "Yoshi" Ibarra on June 28, 2011 into the Abundant Living Christian Center, after his arrival at the Midland International Airport.

Memorial Day

Ride to Remember

When: 9 a.m.
Where: Permian Basin/Veteran Memorial, 1900 Wright Drive
High Sky Wing 2018 Memorial Day
When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
High Sky Wing, 9012 Wright Drive

American Legion Post 19 tribute

When: 3 p.m.
Where: Resthaven Memorial Park (4616 N. Big Spring St.)

American Legion Post 19 Volunteer Appreciation Cookout

When: After the tribute
Where: 503 Veterans Avenue, Lemoore

'The hope that no one dies in vain'

Members of the American Legion Post 19 Family are either veterans or directly related to veterans, so we hold a special place in our hearts for the parents, siblings, spouses and friends of those who served. Especially on Memorial Day, we can't help but think of all the men and women who have gone to fight for this great nation and didn't make it home.

While we are celebrating the unofficial start of summer and encouraging each other to "have a good weekend," please remember the real reason for

the holiday: Memorial Day is the day Americans set aside to honor the over 645,000 brave men and women who lost their lives while defending our freedom. It is important that we all take time out from our "holiday weekend" to honor their sacrifices, to pray for their families, and to bow our heads in recognition of their service. We must never forget the many who have given their lives for our Country. Please take a moment today to remember them.

This Memorial Day, The American Legion Post 19 Family will stand to-

gether with other active veteran service organizations and our community to pay tribute to the fallen. We invite all Midland and surrounding area residents to join us at 3 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park (4616 N. Big Spring St.) for a formal wreath-laying ceremony in remembrance of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Everyone can participate and honor our fallen just by attending. After the ceremony, volunteers are needed to

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Saudis turn to Halliburton for fracturing gas wells

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Saudi Arabia will partner with Houston-based Halliburton as it hopes to unlock a natural gas revolution similar to the shale boom that began in the U.S. more than a decade ago.

State oil company Saudi Aramco signed a three-year contract Sunday with the North American hydraulic fracturing leader to handle the fracturing and completions of its unconventional gas wells. Saudi Arabia hopes to rely much more on its domestic gas to power the Kingdom's electric grid.

While Saudi Arabia is known as the world's largest oil exporter, it has vast supplies of gas as well, but much of it is difficult to recover from shale rock and tight sand. The goal is to use the unconventional drilling and fracturing technologies developed in the U.S., especially in Texas, to tap into those gas resources.

The effort also is part of Saudi Arabia's "Vision 2030" modernization plans to open Saudi's energy sector to foreign investors, including taking Aramco public eventually, while diversifying globally, especially along the Texas Gulf Coast. Saudi Arabia is increasingly investing in Texas petrochemical plants and refineries from Corpus Christi to Port Arthur.

The deal comes just a month after Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the heir to the Saudi throne, capped a three-week U.S. tour in Houston, where he underscored the Kingdom's long-standing energy ties to the region. Now, Halliburton is a bigger part of those overall plans.

"We believe Halliburton will work best with Saudi Aramco to help in our pursuit of unconventional gas to serve domestic needs, offset local crude burning, provide feedstock for chemical industry development, and spur regional economic development in line with Vision 2030, the Kingdom's national transformation program," said Mohammed Qahtani, Saudi Aramco's senior vice president of upstream.

The contract includes a guaranteed two years with the option for a one-year extension. The companies declined to dollar figures or additional details about the deal for now.

"We are excited to apply our broad knowledge, efficiency and experience in unconventional from Halliburton's leadership position in North America to Saudi Arabia," said

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Did you know?

Midland has an average wind speed of about 11 mph.
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The big number

10 percent of wildlife in Old National Forest is contained as of Sunday morning.
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Word of the Day

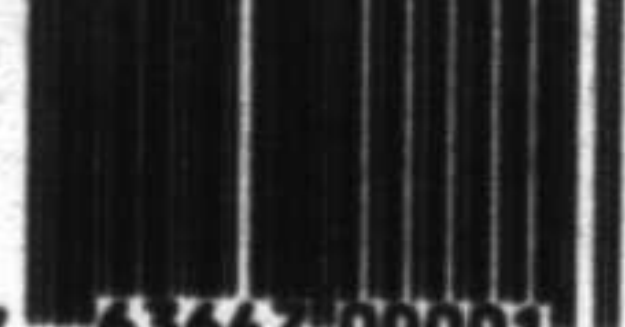
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Is Dallas-Fort Worth more windy than Chicago?

By Brendan Meyer
The Dallas Morning News

A Plano reader and self-proclaimed weather geek reached out to Curious Texas with a question about our climate.

She asked: Why is it so windy in the Dallas-Fort Worth area? As a recent transplant, I feel like this is the windiest place I've ever lived!

Her question is part of Curious Texas, an ongoing project from The Dallas Morning News that invites you to join in our reporting process. The idea is simple: You have questions, and our journalists are trained to track down answers.

Our Plano reader asked to remain anonymous, but she did offer some background info. She's a recent retiree from the not-so-windy state of Maryland and has lived in Dallas for two years.

"It has struck me often just how windy this place can be," she wrote via email. "The weather here is very hard to get a handle on."

Right you are, Plano reader. As the saying goes, if you don't like the weather in Texas, wait 15 minutes. But the wind? Well, that's a different story. Depending on the month, the wind can be relentless.

As for why I'm the journalist who's answering this question, let's just say I have wind credentials.

I was born and raised in Chicago, a.k.a. the Windy City (though some say the moniker refers to politicians' hot air). There, lakefront breezes froze my nostrils every winter. I moved to Dallas a year and a half ago from Casper, Wyo., which I called the "Windier City," where tumbleweeds zipped across the road faster than boulders in an Indiana Jones movie.

DFW is windy, too. Let's look at the stats, courtesy of the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. To establish an extreme wind benchmark,

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we're going to use Amarillo. Every year, it's one of the windiest cities in America. Its average annual wind speed is 12.8 mph.

DFW's average annual wind speed is 10.5 mph, measured at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Shockingly, that number is windier than Chicago's 9.9. As for Washington Dulles International Airport, the area where our reader came from, it's 6.9 mph, which means she's right: This is definitely the windiest place she's ever lived.

Now that we know DFW is indeed windy, the question still remains: Why?

FLAT AND UNOBSTRUCTED

It has to do with our flat landscape. The area is part of the Great Plains, one of the windiest segments of the country, stretching from North Dakota to a large portion of Texas.

Wind is air moving from high pressure to low pressure. And the Great Plains just so happens to be a hot spot for low pressure systems. They rapidly form in this region when cold fronts or storm systems move west to east over the Rocky Mountains.

"The plains are so open, so flat and unobstructed," said Ted Ryan, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. "That means air is going to rush into that whole region when low pressure systems form."

Think of the Great Plains as a giant bathtub with multiple drains plugged with rubber stoppers. It doesn't matter which stopper you pull, all of the water in the tub will rush toward that drain. It's the same way with wind. If a low pressure system forms in North Dakota or Kansas, it will be gusty in DFW.

"We forget about air a lot, but air is a fluid, just like an ocean," Ryan said. "We think of ocean currents, and air is the same way. It's also currents. We can't see them, so to speak, but we can feel them if there's wind."

Our Plano reader explained that she sometimes has trouble opening her car door when the wind is forcing it shut. She can certainly feel those strong currents, enough that she wrote to Curious Texas.

As for the timing of her question? Well, it wasn't a coincidence that it happened in April.

CONSTANT WIND

The windiest times of the year in DFW are winter and spring. The area's average annual wind speed is 11.5 mph from January to May; the highest month is April, which averages a blustery 12.2 mph.

In fact, the windiest day so far this year happened on April 12, when DFW averaged 24.4 mph, with a peak gust of 47.

The strongest winds in DFW's history are typically associated with storms. According to the National Weather Service, the highest wind gust on record for Dallas County is 115 mph at Addison Airport on June 12, 1996. The Garland Rowlett tornado winds on Dec. 26, 2015, were estimated to have reached 170 to 180 mph.

For those who don't like the constant wind tussling your hair, you're in luck. The summer and fall months are the least windy periods in DFW, with an average of 9.3 mph from July to October. That means when it's 110 degrees outside and the oppressive heat is forcing you to stay inside, there's little wind in sight.

So embrace the wind while you can, DFW. You might miss it soon.

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Obituaries



Gloria Marin Rodriguez

Gloria Marin Rodriguez from Midland, TX was called Home on May 24, 2018.

She was born in Lorraine, TX on August 8, 1950 to Jose and Maximina Marin. She attended Monahan High School and later married Samuel H. Rodriguez. She attended the LVN program at Midland College and worked for Midland Independent School District until her retirement. She was deeply devoted to her husband and family. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren play softball and perform on stage. She was a longtime member at Primera Iglesia Bautista where she taught GA's and was active in Vacation Bible School. She was a big Chicago Cubs fan and lived out one of her dreams by seeing them play in Wrigley Field.

Gloria is survived by her children, Abel Rodriguez and Paula Rodriguez; her grandchildren, Samantha Zoller and Jacob Zoller; her son-in-law, Charles Zoller; four sisters, Pauline Enriquez, Lydia Natividad of Menard, TX, Eva Rubio, and Maria Hernandez; three brothers, Daniel Marin of Las Vegas, NV, Elias Marin of Odessa, TX, and Joel Marin; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, grandson Aiden, her brothers Vicente Marin of Monahan, TX; Moises Marin of Odessa, TX; Chavelo Marin of Ft. Worth, TX; David Marin of Midland, TX; and Obed Marin of Monahan, TX; and her sister Esther Orozco of Monahan, TX.

Services will include a viewing and Memorial Service on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 7 pm at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home. Funeral will be Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 10 am at Primera Iglesia Bautista under the direction of Rev. Manuel De La Rosa and Elias Marin. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home. Family message or condolences can be emailed to pipkin@hgs-online.net

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SILSBEE Officers kill gunman in traffic stop

Texas Rangers are investigating the fatal shooting of a 51-year-old man in Southeast Texas after authorities say he threatened officers with a handgun.

Authorities say police from Silsbee and Hardin County sheriff's deputies pulled over the man Saturday for a traffic stop and he emerged from his truck carrying a handgun.

Sheriff Mark Davis tells Beaumont television station KFDH that when the gunman threatened the officers, they fired.

Authorities say he was pulled over in response to a call about a man threatening harm to his family and law enforcement. None of the officers was hurt.

The victim is identified only as a man from Fred, just north of Silsbee.

Silsbee is about 20 miles north of Beaumont and 100 miles northeast of Houston.

GRAND PRAIRIE Police: Woman falsely claims stolen car had child inside

Police say a North Texas woman falsely reported that her car had been stolen with her 10-month-old baby inside so officers would more quickly hunt

down her missing vehicle.

Grand Prairie police say an Amber Alert was issued after Margarita Levrie contacted authorities about the theft. Officers later determined her car had been stolen but that no child was inside. Police say Levrie doesn't have a 10-month-old child.

She was jailed and charged with making a false police report. The Amber Alert on Saturday was cancelled.

Police believe Levrie made up the story in the hope that authorities would more quickly track her missing car. Her car hasn't been recovered.

Police Chief Steve Dye says he won't tolerate erroneous spending of money and resources or diverting resources from people who really need them.

Grand Prairie between Dallas and Fort Worth.

ARKANSAS Texas man charged in Arkansas slaying of Wisconsin man

CONWAY — A Fort Worth man is awaiting extradition to Arkansas where he faces a capital murder charge for a slaying at a Central Arkansas hotel earlier this month.

Arkansas authorities say 22-year-old Andrew Morstain is the third person charged in the May 8 shooting death of a White-water, Wisconsin, man,

Leonel Panduro, at a Days Inn motel in Conway.

The Border Patrol says Morstain was arrested last week in Laredo along the Texas-Mexico border.

Also charged in Panduro's killing are 24-year-old Zachary Keese, who faces a count of conspiracy to commit murder, and his 50-year-old mother, Sherri Keese, of Maumelle.

Zachary Keese was arrested May 20 at a border crossing in Eagle Pass about 125 miles northwest of Laredo.

Sherri Keese is charged with hindering apprehension.

HUNTSVILLE 'Texas 7' gang member gets August execution date

A death row inmate who was part of the notorious "Texas 7" gang of escaped prisoners has received an execution date for late this summer.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials say they've received documents setting 45-year-old Joseph Garcia for lethal injection Aug. 30.

Garcia was serving 50 years for a Bexar County murder when he and six others broke out of a South Texas prison in December 2000 and then committed numerous robberies, including the Christmas Eve holdup of a sporting goods

store in the Dallas suburb of Irving where a police officer, 29-year-old Aubrey Hawkins, was killed.

The fugitives were captured in Colorado after a six-week national manhunt. One killed himself there.

Garcia is one of three of the gang on death row. Three others have been executed.

NEW MEXICO Visitors travel to church to witness weeping statue

HOBBS — A Virgin Mary statue at a Hispanic Catholic church in southeastern New Mexico is drawing visitors from around the region because believers say it appears tears are flowing from the statue's face.

The Hobbs News-Sun reports visitors of the bronze statue located inside the auxiliary building of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church said Tuesday the statue wept, like it did for several hours last Sunday.

Judy Ronquillo, who was in the building Tuesday when it took place, says the statue began crying as the group inside the church finished a Rosary.

Laura Cisneros, who was with her family at the Sunday Mass when the statue began crying, was also present Tuesday. She

says it was "amazing."

Ronquillo says Tuesday's visitors came from throughout southeastern New Mexico and West Texas, as far as San Antonio and El Paso.

NEW MEXICO Wildfire in Gila National Forest grows in size

RESERVE — Officials from Gila National Forest say a wildfire has grown nearly 3,000 acres in size.

Incident management authorities say some of the fire's growth on Saturday was because of burnout operations aimed at keeping it from spreading. Crews were able to conduct burnout operations and proactively scout out the area when high winds held off until later in the day.

The blaze was 10 percent contained as of Sunday morning. Fire conditions are still extreme, with high temperatures and low humidity.

The fire started Tuesday, and the cause is still under investigation. More than 500 firefighters and other personnel are assigned to the fire, which is located northeast of Eagle Peak Lookout.

The area around the fire is closed, and the Continental Divide Trail has been rerouted.

Hill Country has best peach harvest in years

By Lynn Brezozky
San Antonio Express-News

It was a long, cold winter — at least in Texas terms — and that's good news for this year's Hill Country peach harvest. Unlike last year, the orchards got the "chill hours" necessary to nudge buds out of dormancy so they can blossom into Texas' prized summer tree fruit.

The spring came and went without the type of lingering, late freeze that wiped out the region's crop five years ago. What's more, the relatively dry weather meant natural sugars weren't diluted by rain, making this year's fruit exceptionally flavorful.

"We're really happy with the crop, it's really nice, really tasty," said grower Russ Studebaker. "Everybody's got plenty of peaches."

Hill Country peaches are prized thanks to the region's soils, said to be rich with mineral deposits from when the picturesque region was blanketed by an ancient sea.

Along with an exploding winery business and Fredericksburg's famed cluster of German restaurants and brew pubs, peaches and peach products (including ice cream, jams and pies) as well as berries and other fruits are a major driver of tourism. The Stonehill Peach Jamboree, this year June 15th-16th, features arts and crafts, a parade and a competition for the best peach-based baked goods, preserves and salsas.

'Solo' sputters in takeoff with \$83.3M at box office

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the largest disturbance yet in Disney's otherwise lucrative reign over "Star Wars," the Han Solo spinoff "Solo: A Star Wars Story" opened well below expectations with a franchise-low \$83.3 million in ticket sales over the three-day weekend in North American theaters.

Disney estimated Sunday that "Solo" will gross \$101 million over the four-day Memorial Day weekend, a figure below even the opening weekends of the much-derided "Star Wars" prequels. Last week, forecasts ran as high as \$150 million for the four-day haul of "Solo."

Overseas ticket sales were even worse. "Solo," starring Alden Ehrenreich in the role made iconic by Harrison Ford, grossed \$65 million internationally in its opening weekend, including a paltry \$10.1 million in China.

"Of course we would have hoped for this to be a bit bigger," said Dave Hollis, Disney's distribution chief. "We're encouraged by the response that people have had to the film. It got a good CinemaScore (A-minus). The exits are very encouraging."

"Solo" came in with a Millennium Falcon's worth of baggage following the mid-production firing of directors Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, who were replaced by Ron Howard. With the rejiggered production, the budget soared well past \$250 million.

But the cause of the spinoff's disappointing performance may have had as much to do with "Star Wars" fatigue ("The Last Jedi" exited theaters just last month) and the stiffer competition of a summer holiday weekend. While no major

releases dared to open against "Solo," Fox's "Deadpool 2" moved its release date up a week ahead of "Solo."

The gambit may have hurt both releases. After debuting with \$125 million last weekend, the R-rated Ryan Reynolds sequel dropped 66 percent to second place with \$42.7 million and an estimated \$53.5 million four-day haul.

"Solo" notched the biggest Memorial Day weekend opening in several years, but it also came on the heels of a pair of a summer-sized blockbusters — "Deadpool 2" and Disney's own "Avengers Infinity War" — making for an unusually crowded May. "Infinity War" added \$16.5 million in its fifth weekend to bring its domestic total to \$621.7 million and its global sales to \$1.9 billion — both among the highest of all time.

"It is a business that is built on momentum but also one where people probably are only able to get to theaters a certain number of weeks in a row," said Hollis.

But there were also questions beyond the effect the calendar had on "Solo." While reviews were generally positive (71 percent "fresh" on Rotten Tomatoes), there was little about "Solo" that made the movie a must-see event.

Fans were skeptical of Ehrenreich and uncertain about the dismissal of Lord and Miller (the popular filmmaking duo behind "21 Jump Street" and "The Lego Movie"). Unlike any "Star Wars" release before, "Solo" was deemed — gap — skipable.

As it arrived in theaters, Disney might have been wishing it had instead made a Lando Calrissian spinoff with the red-hot Donald Glover, the star of TV's "Atlanta." In the days ahead of release, Lucasfilm President Kathleen Kennedy said a Lando movie is a possibility.

While the original "Star Wars" films helped define the summer moviegoing experience, Disney released their previous three "Star Wars" films in December. What most hurt "Solo" was the "fatigue factor" of a May "Star Wars" film following a December one, said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore.

"It's the compressed timeframe between the two 'Star Wars' films and the highly competitive nature of this marketplace. It is summer, after all," said Dergarabedian. "The good news is that the next film isn't until December 2019. That's plenty of breathing space. I think part of the allure of the 'Star Wars' brand in the past has been the long wait."

That time might also be valuable for Lucasfilm and Disney to find a way to counter the diminishing returns of its multi-billion-dollar franchise. To help propel "Solo" internationally, Disney brought the film to Cannes Film Festival, flooding the French film festival's red carpet with Storm Troopers.

"The Last Jedi" also flopped in China (it was pulled from theaters after a week), and Rian Johnson's movie — even though it grossed \$1.3 billion worldwide — showed relatively weak legs at the box office, while proving divisive among "Star Wars" die-hards.

The magic around a "Star Wars" film may be fading. To right the ship on Episode 9, Lucasfilm has turned to an old friend: "The Force Awakens" director J.J. Abrams. He, too, is replacing a fired director after Colin Trevorrow departed last fall.

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2. of, relating to, or being an oracle

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Today is Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday
observed on the last Monday of May, honoring
the men and women who died while serving in
the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2018 occurs on
Monday, May 28. Originally known as Decoration
Day, it originated in the years following the
Civil War and became an official federal holiday
in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial
Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding
family gatherings and participating in parades.
Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer
season.

Source: History.com

Memorial Day weather
history in Midland

Hottest temperature: 102 (May 30, 1994;
May 28, 2001)
Coolest low: 46 (May 30, 1947)
Most rain: 2.02 inches (May 25, 1992)
Source: National Weather Service

Travis Elementary meeting

Midland ISD is holding a community meeting
to discuss opportunities and ideas to improve
the quality of education at Travis Elementary.
The meeting is set for 6-7 p.m. Tuesday at
the Travis Elementary cafeteria. The district is
seeking feedback and collecting information
from Travis Elementary parents and community
members.

Source: MISD

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule
allows residents and businesses in the city
of Midland to water twice per week. Even-
numbered addresses may water outdoors on
Saturdays and Wednesdays. Odd-numbered
addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and
Tuesdays. Any violation may result in a fine up
to \$500. The watering-outdoor-surfaces ban is
still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

Today in History

Today is Monday, May 28, the 148th day
of 2018. There are 217 days left in the year. This is
the Memorial Day observance.

Today's highlight:
On May 28, 1918, American troops fought
their first major battle during World War I as they
launched an offensive against the German-held
French village of Cantigny; the Americans suc-
ceeded in capturing the village.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

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Sunday's temperatures

High.....106R
Low.....73
Normal high.....90
Normal low.....63

May 27's records

Record high: 106, set in
2011
Low: 45, set in 1947

Precipitation

Saturday.....0.00 in.
Sunday.....0.00 in.
Month total.....0.68 of an in.
Year total.....0.84 of an in.
Normal total
(year to date).....3.96 in.

Winds

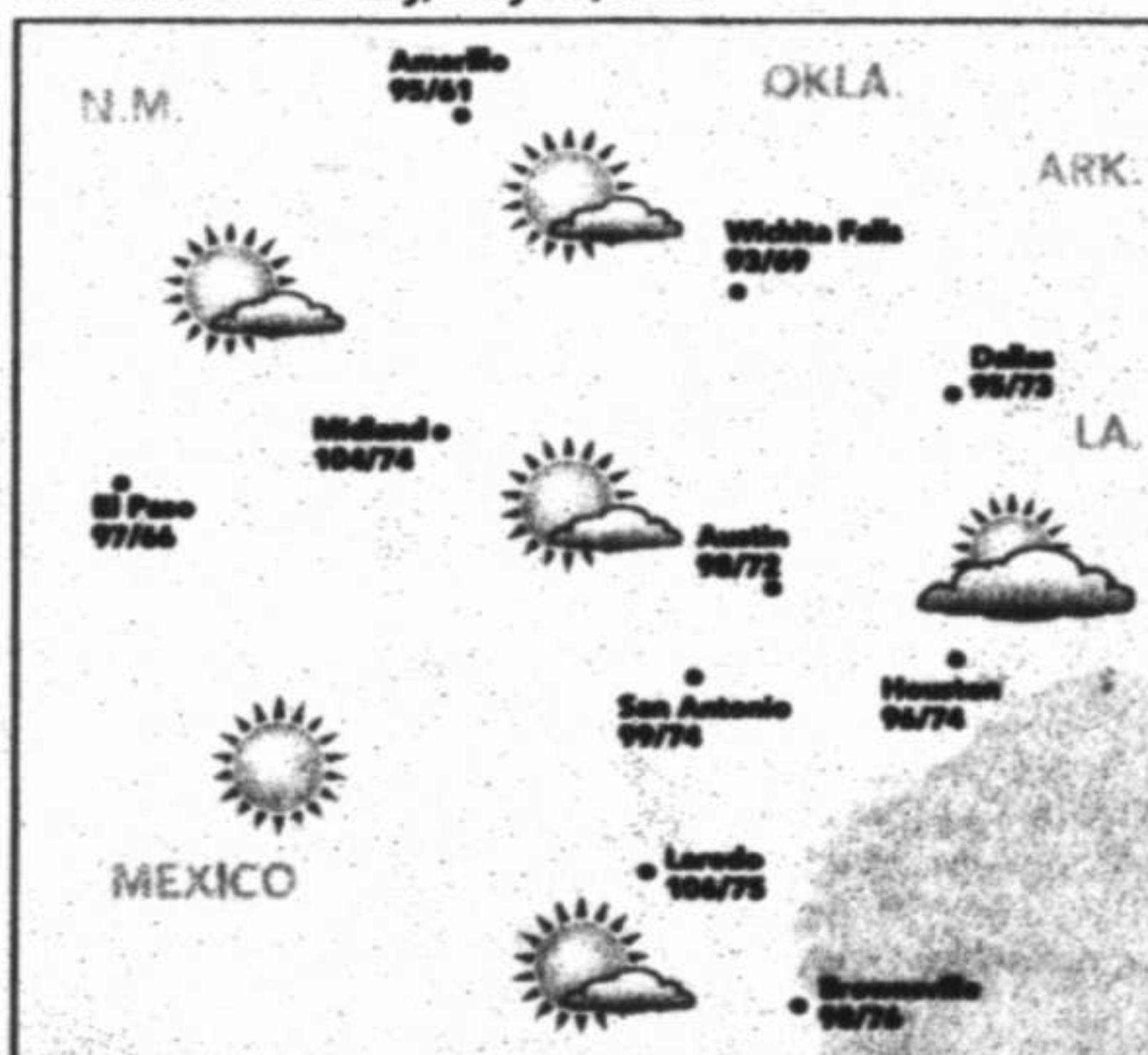
Average speed: 13.9 mph
Highest sustained wind
speed: 26 mph
Highest gust speed: 33
mph

Today's forecast

High: 105
Low: 73
Conditions: Sunny during
the day/clear at night
Winds: 15-20 mph (gusts
up to 25 mph) during the
day/10-15 mph at night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise.....6:45 a.m.
Sunset.....8:48 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, May 28, 2018



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

Note: Bigar's Stars is based
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degrees for convenience. For best
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A baby born today has a
Sun in Gemini and a Moon in
Scorpio if born before 7:25 p.m.
Afterward, the Moon will be in
Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for
Monday, May 28, 2018:

This year you open up new doors,
though at first you might be
confused as to whether you
want to walk through them.
You'll discover that better
options lie ahead, especially when
relating to business partners.

If you are single, you attract
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are likely to enter an important
relationship, but how it evolves
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attached, the two of you add
more strength and power to
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the acceptance of differences.
SAGITTARIUS always chal-
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ARIES (March 21-April
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HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN



Courtesy photos

Left photo: Manor Park held an Honor Our Veterans Ceremony on Friday. The event included a flag folding ceremony. The Midland College Daycare also participated in the presentation of roses, giving a rose to each veteran. Alan Hale, CEO of Manor Park, addressed the crowd. Right photo: The Midland Sheriff's Office Honor Guard presented the flag to resident Millicent Haynes. She served in the Women's Army Corp (1943-46). Millicent has a zest for life and will be 104 years old in December.

Boston's Memorial Day flag garden idea spreads across the US

By Mark Pratt
Associated Press

BOSTON — The solemn display of tens of thousands of U.S. flags that first appeared on Boston Common for Memorial Day a decade ago, honoring service members who have died defending the nation, is slowly becoming a national movement.

The flag gardens, as they are known, can be seen this weekend in Texas, Louisiana, Ohio and New York, all started by local residents inspired by the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund tribute established in 2010.

"We are extraordinarily proud that what we intended to do for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been brought to a scale that we never fully anticipated," said Tom Crohan, president of the nonprofit's

board of directors.

The concept has even spread to Canada, where thousands of Canadian flags are planted in Toronto on Remembrance Day in November, when Canada honors its military members who have died in the line of duty.

The Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund was founded in 2009 to support to the families of active duty service members killed since 9/11.

The first sea of fluttering stars and stripes included 20,000 flags, one for every Massachusetts resident who gave their life in war since World War I. This year, more than 37,000 flags honoring those who have died dating to the Revolutionary War have been planted.

What makes the stirring display so special is that it's so unexpected. Most people who see it are just walking across the

Common for another reason, Crohan said.

"It's almost impossible to walk past that site without stopping," Crohan said.

That's what happened with Chuck Schneider, executive pastor of Sagemont Church in Houston. Schneider and his wife were on vacation in Boston three years ago and on the way to Fenway Park for a Red Sox game when they saw the flag garden.

"I was so moved that I immediately thought 'I'd like to do the same thing in Texas,'" he said.

With the help of hundreds of volunteers from the church's congregation, 38,000 flags are planted on church grounds, each one representing a Texan who died in service dating to the Battle of the Alamo in 1836.

Janet Broussard, a member of the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, was inspired by pictures of Boston's tribute. For five years now, the organization has planted

11,000 flags on Statehouse grounds in Baton Rouge.

Karen Carmen, community services director for the city of Beachwood near Cleveland, saw an article about the Boston display in her local newspaper. Since 2012, the city has been planting a 30-foot-by-60-foot U.S. flag on city property and decorating it with hundreds of smaller flags.

Like Crohan, they say they get the greatest satisfaction from visitors' reactions.

"The thing that I love is when you see families solemnly and slowly walk by, probably thinking of a special loved one," Carmen said.

Broussard's favorite moment was the time a little girl of about 4 whose father had died in Iraq visited the Baton Rouge flag garden. "She asked 'Which one is my Daddy's?' That just made it all worthwhile," Broussard said.

George H.W. Bush hospitalized

Associated Press

BIDDEFORD, Maine — Former President George H.W. Bush was hospitalized Sunday in Maine after he experienced low blood pressure and fatigue, a spokesman said.

Just after 2 p.m., Jim McGrath, a spokesman for the 93-year-old Bush, said he was awake, alert and not in any discomfort. He said Bush would spend at least a few days in the hospital for observation.

Bush was taken to Southern Maine Health Care in Biddeford. A spokeswoman said Sunday all information would be released by the Bush family.

Bush arrived in Maine for the summer May 20. Coming about a month after the death of his wife, Barbara, of 73 years, the family said the 41st president was eager to return to the family compound on Walker's Point. He has visited every summer since childhood, the only exception being the years of his World War II



Associated Press File Photo

In this file photo taken on April 21, former US President George H.W. Bush exits the funeral of his wife First Lady Barbara Bush, followed by his daughter-in-law former First Lady Laura Bush and former President George W. Bush at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston.

Bush, 93, the 41st President of the United States was hospitalized at Southern Maine Health Care on May 27.

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On Saturday, Bush attended a pancake breakfast at an American Legion post in Kennebunkport. He had been scheduled to attend a Memorial Day parade in the town Monday.

Bush, who has a form of Parkinson's disease and a history of pneumonia and other infections, was hospi-

talized in Houston on April 22, the day after his wife's funeral, for an infection. He remained hospitalized for 13 days.

Bush uses a wheelchair and an electric scooter for mobility. He has been hospitalized several times in recent years for respiratory problems.

Book tells story of 8 US WWI heroes' link to Unknown Soldier

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A new book published in time for Memorial Day tells the story of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier through the experiences of those eight World War I heroes chosen to bring him home.

Military historian Patrick K. O'Donnell's "The Unknowns" details the experiences of those eight Americans as they fought in France.

Two years after the war ended in November 1918,

Britain and France established unknown soldier tombs. The U.S. followed a year later, with eight of the war's most highly decorated American servicemen selected to accompany the remains home.

Among them was Marine Gunner Sgt. Ernest Janson, a New York City native who received the Medal of Honor for his heroics.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was dedicated at Arlington National cemetery on Nov. 11, 1921.

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Halliburton Chief Executive Jeff Miller, who traveled to Saudi Arabia for a signing ceremony. "This is a great opportunity to provide a

tailored application of Halliburton technology, logistics management and operational excellence to maximize Saudi Aramco's asset value and deliver optimal recovery."

HEAT

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of 105 degrees. In June of 2011, the NWS recorded six straight days of 105 degrees or higher.

During a heat advisory, the National Weather Service recommends that residents:

- reduce outdoor activity,
- drink plenty of water,
- take frequent breaks when outdoors and
- reschedule strenuous activities for the morning or evening hours.

In addition to the near-oppressive heat, there isn't any rain in the NWS' forecast for at least the next seven days. That means 2018 will continue to be one of the driest starts of any year in Midland's recorded history. So far, 0.84 of an inch of rain has fallen at Midland International. Normal rainfall through the end of May is just more than 4 inches.

The almanac reports the actual first day of summer is June 21.

HOPE

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help pick up the American flags we placed on every military grave at both Resthaven and Fairview Cemeteries, then we will return to Post 19 at 501 Veterans Airpark Lane for our Volunteer Appreciation Cookout. All ages are welcome.

Another way to appropriately honor those who died in the service of our country is to wear the Red Poppy, which was adopted in 1920 as our official National Symbol of Remembrance. This tradition was inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields" written by Lt. Col. John McCrae after he lost a friend during World War I. Red crepe paper poppies, made by disabled veterans, will be distributed by the American Legion Auxiliary at the Memorial Day Service,

and at Post 19 until the end of May. The red poppy has become an internationally recognized symbol of the lives sacrificed in war and the hope that none died in vain. The Poppy Program is the auxiliary's oldest fundraiser and 100 percent of your donations go directly to help veterans and their families.

To learn more about the Post 19 Family's mission, volunteer, donate or see how you can become a member, please stop by American Legion Post 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane in Midland any time. To us, every day is Memorial Day.

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The winners (by a nose) in top US sniffer-dogs competition

By Wayne Parry
Associated Press

GALLOWAY, N.J. — One of America's best law enforcement officers at sniffing out hidden explosives is 8 years old, already going gray and loves nothing more than chewing vigorously on a white cotton towel to unwind.

Hemi, a chocolate Labrador assigned to the campus police force at New Jersey's Stockton University near Atlantic City, won a nationwide competition last week for police dogs trained to sniff out explosives.

Another New Jersey dog took top honors for dogs trained to find hidden drugs. Luna, a 5-year-old Belgian Malinois assigned to the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, bested all comers in sniffing out drugs.

The United States Police Canine Association held the Detector Dog competition, which featured more than 100 dogs from across the country. Police dogs from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Iowa, North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri, Maryland, Virginia, Florida, Tennessee and Washington, D.C. competed, as did dogs from the FBI and CIA. There even was a dog from Mexico's Fiscalia General, the national prosecutor's office.

Sgt. Tracy Stuart, Hemi's handler at Stockton, which hosted this year's competition, said it's considered the Super Bowl for sniffer dogs. And Hemi was quick as a flash in sniffing out hidden traces of explosives.

"He crushed it," she said. "It makes a momma proud!"

The dogs are trained from a young age by exposing them to the scent of whatever it is they will search for, which might be various narcotics, explosives, or even dead bodies. The one cadaver dog that competed was literally in a class by himself.

Many dogs are trained



Wayne Parry/Associated Press

In this May 23, photo, Sgt. Tracy Stuart, of the Stockton University Police Department in New Jersey, plays with her police dog, Hemi, won a national competition among explosive-sniffing dogs, in Galloway, N.J.

to sit still directly in front of what they've found until their handler arrives. That's what Hemi did during a demonstration Stuart conducted for reporters after the dog had competed.

He sniffed several metal cans, arranged in a circle, for traces of explosives. Only a few had any; others held substances designed to throw him off the scent. Hemi, who will turn 9 on June 22, quickly sniffed and scorned several cans until plopping down in front of one that had explosive residue inside. Stuart took out his favorite towel and let him chew on it and fling it around as a reward.

He had a real-life moment during the New Year's holiday when a police agency was after someone it suspected had weapons hidden in a commercial storage unit. Stuart was dubious Hemi would succeed; the unit was nearly airtight, and if even the smallest particles of explosives can't emerge from the container and get into the air, "then the dog has no chance."

But he sniffed around, "and all of a sudden he snapped back and sat," she said, indicating that he detected explosives. Police obtained a search warrant and found "lots of drugs and

a couple of weapons, hidden way in the back, under a lot of junk," Stuart said.

Luna has sniffed out numerous drug stashes in his northern New Jersey neighborhood, and once even helped police catch a peeping Tom who had fled from officers, according to his handler, Cpl. Tony Testino.

His reward? A ball to chew on and chase.

The dogs and their handlers quickly bond, said Sgt. Louis Kaelin, of the Camden County Corrections Department in New Jersey, whose dog Jax sniffs out contraband in jail cells.

"You're with the dog every day," he said. "You talk to the dog. He's your partner and your best friend. He protects me, and I protect him."

It can cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 or more to properly train a police dog, depending on what he or she is assigned to do, Stuart said. And then there's the unique give-and-take that handlers develop with their dogs.

"It's being able to read your dog, to talk to him and know what he's doing and thinking," she said. When Hemi won the competition, Stuart knew just what to give him.

"He got a nice, big beef patty," she said.

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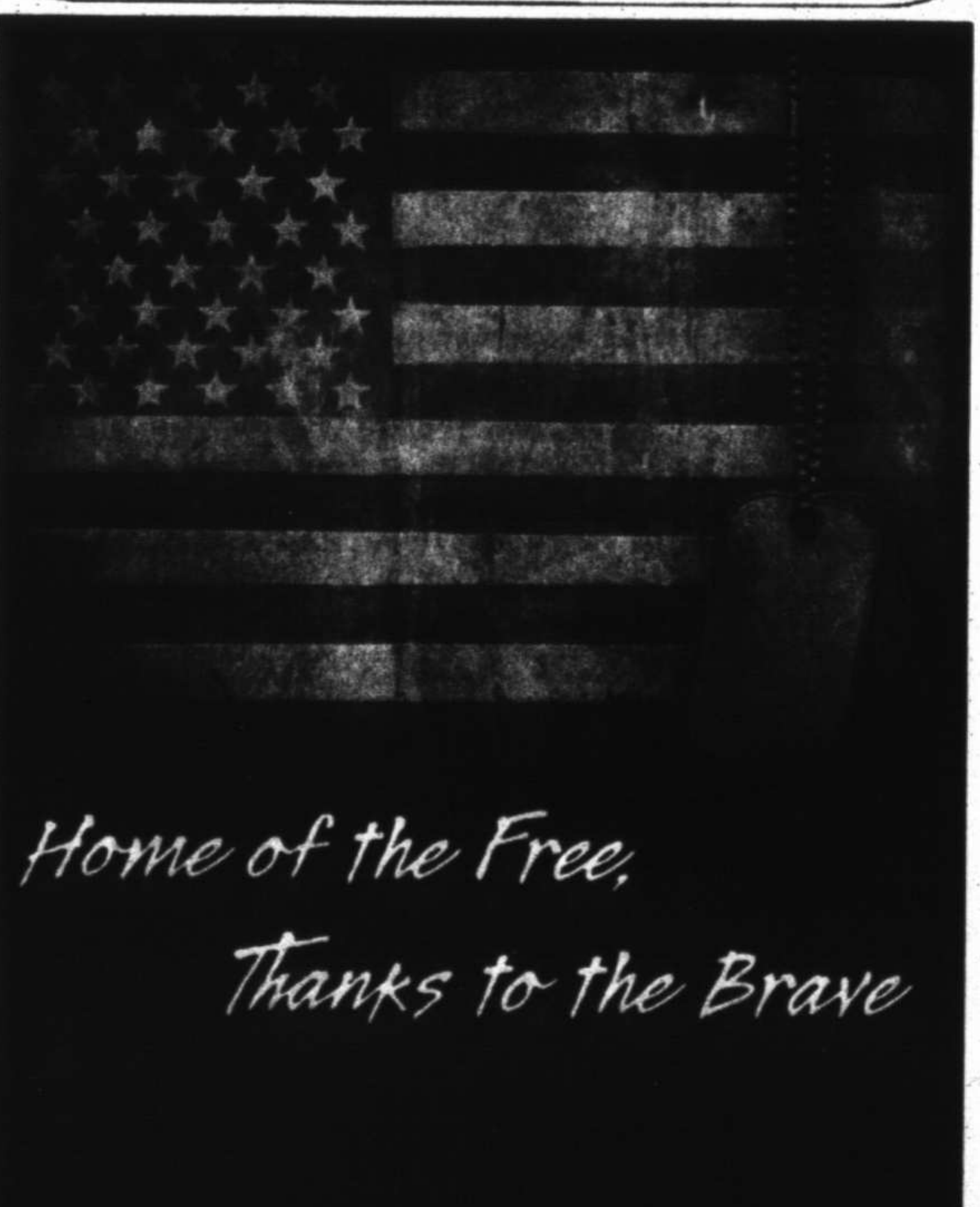
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It was easy for Putin to mess with your brain

■ The Russian model was basically Trump's: Listen to what people are worried about, then throw fire at it

Facebook ads purchased by Russia during the 2016 campaign, and released by Congress earlier this month, reveal a clear intent to create havoc in the U.S. — and should make Americans both wary and embarrassed. They also sent a clear message to Americans: Compliments of Russian President Vladimir Putin: You mess with me, I'll mess with you.

We've allowed ourselves to be vulnerable to such an exploitation of social media by failing to control our easily manipulated passions and by our own gullibility. And Donald Trump's constant slamming of the legitimate media and his base's eagerness to embrace the message have surely served Putin and his operatives well.

Getting inside America's head wasn't so much genius as it was easy. The Russian model was basically Trump's: Listen to what people are worried about, then throw fire at it.

If immigration boiled your blood, you might have seen a Facebook ad featuring a "No Invaders Allowed" sign. Or, if racism wasn't far from your heart, you might have seen a flag-draped coffin with the

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words, "Another gruesome attack on police by a [Black Lives Matter] movement activist." If you believed that a Hillary Clinton victory would lead to a godless society, you might have seen an ad depicting Jesus arm-wrestling Satan: "If I win Clinton Wins! Jesus: Not if I can help it!"

Without leaving his chair, Putin could penetrate American psyches, reinforce biases and excite tempers in sufficient numbers to create a zeitgeist — or, preferably, a mob. He doubtless savored the taste of such power.

While true that Putin strenuously dislikes Clinton, it's not clear whether he cared about Trump one way or the other. A Russian conspiracy? Sure, but it looks increasingly likely that, except for some amateur-hour attempts by Trump's people to get dirt on Clinton, the conspiracy was mostly among Russians.

And it seems apparent in retrospect that when hackers broke into Clinton campaign and Democratic National Committee email accounts and subsequently

dripped their contents, Putin was letting Clinton know what he could do. That if she were to be elected, she'd best take him into account.

Meanwhile, the Sturm und Drang of Americans against Russia has a reflexive feel to it.

"Hating Russia is like riding a bicycle," laughs Nina Khrushcheva, great-granddaughter of former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and international affairs professor at the New School in New York. She has argued since Trump's election that Russia was trying to reveal America's weakness, as well as demonstrate how easily Putin could exert his power without having to leverage anything.

Like his American counterpart, Putin isn't really that complicated. A little experience with psychoanalysis helps some, but history helps a lot.

Don't stop me if you've heard this before, but a story told to me by President George W. Bush bears repeating. Putin had invited Bush to Russia following his own visit to Crawford, Texas, where the two spun around the ranch in W's truck. I have a photo of the two seated side-by-side, grinning like school boys skipping school.

Putin had noticed the Bush family's Scottish Terrier and wanted to show the American president his own dog. As Bush recounted, a gigantic beast (a Labrador) came galloping toward him and began circling him. After a few laps, Putin smiled

and said, "Bigger, tougher, stronger, faster, meaner than Barney."

Bush understood this moment and let it guide him in his dealings with the Russian president. He grasped that Putin hungered for respect, that he desired to be recognized as a power equal to, if not greater than, Bush. Though Bush granted Putin respect-with-distrust, his successor did not.

President Obama's dismissiveness toward Putin, combined with Clinton's condemnation of Russian elections as secretary of state, likely gave Putin the impetus to fight back in his own way.

From Khrushcheva's perspective, Putin doesn't think he's done anything wrong. As for everyday Russians, they find this all rather amusing. Khrushcheva notes that her former countrymen either love or hate America, with little light in between. Overwhelmingly, however, they fail to see the why Americans persistently bask in their storied exceptionalism.

Many countries have seen us lie and interfere with their affairs. They've seen us invade nations and install military bases. Our ebullient pride in the supremacy of our goodness can be viewed by others as boastful hubris. At the end of the day, everybody wants respect, none more, apparently, than dictators and unduly elected presidents like Putin.

Warily, we observe that they'll do most anything to get it.

GUEST VIEW

Memorial Day reality: Names of fallen heroes continue to grow

Editor's Note: The following editorial first ran in the El Paso Times in 2012. We have edited and updated the editorial for use in today's edition.

These are Memorial Days of special note as America continues to add names to the list of fallen soldiers.

Since the unofficial starts, in different U.S. cities, of memorializing soldiers killed in battle, we have seen periods when the honorees come from the past. A father from World War II or Korea. Perhaps a son or daughter during the last stages of the war in Vietnam. To even the middle-agers in our society, that was a long time ago.

But for nearly two decades, many honorees are coming from right now as we continue our military engagements in the Middle East.

We observe this day, a federal holiday, on the last Monday in May, and it's not to be confused with another important day on our calendars, Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

Today, we take time to contemplate the inner strength of our American men and women who have not only volunteered to protect our country in a time of war, but who have been killed while doing so.

On Nov. 11 we honor all veterans of the U.S. armed forces, of which there are tens of thousands in this area.

But today, we note soldier fallen heroes from the El Paso and Southern New Mexico areas, and across the 50 states. They were our high-school classmates in some instances. The neighbor boy or girl from down the street. We knew them when they were still in grade school.

Now they'll never make it to college, learn a profession or raise a family.

We note the soldier heroes deployed from Fort Bliss and National Guard units who have died in combat in both Iraq and Afghanistan since our country was attacked by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001.

Many of us know at least one person who gave his or her life in a battle on behalf of our country.

Since these are times of ongoing battle, let's take some extra time to contemplate how difficult it can be to defend a country's freedom, and how those who gave their lives in that endeavor are truly heroes.

So let's not let "holiday" take precedence over this day for heroes. We'll enjoy backyard cookouts on this day off from work for many of us. That's fine.

But on the same note, as we relax and enjoy family and friends, let's make it a point to take moments or several minutes to understand why there's a Memorial Day, and how it came about.

Memorial Day facts

■ Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day.

■ In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., as the birthplace of Memorial Day. But several cities and towns claim to be the birthplace. It's likely there are separate beginnings.

■ Most say Memorial Day began at the end of the Civil War, but there is evidence women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the war's end.

■ New York was the first state to officially recognize the holiday in 1873. By 1890, it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South did not recognize it until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

Traditions

■ People gather and put flowers on graves of fallen soldiers and renew contacts with others; often there is a dinner at the site.

■ Some cities still have Memorial Day parades.

■ It's tradition to wear red poppies and fly our flag. For some, there is the tradition of a reading of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

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Reports exaggerate rift among Dems

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To peruse the coverage of the Democratic primaries of 2018, you'd think there was a battle royale within the Democratic Party: insurgent vs. establishment, Bernie vs. Hillary, progressive vs. moderate, grass roots vs. party bosses.

There's been mention of a "battle between progressives and moderates" (the Guardian), a Democratic "identity crisis" (The Washington Post), a "full-blown Democratic war" (CNN), a "civil war" (Fox News) and a "fight for the future of the Democratic Party" (BuzzFeed).

But if a civil war has been declared, somebody forgot to tell Democratic voters. They are stubbornly refusing to view 2018 through the progressive/moderate, insurgent/establishment lens.

In the Georgia Democratic gubernatorial primary Tuesday night, the winning candidate was a progressive darling who also had a lot of establishment support. In Kentucky on Tuesday night, a former Marine fighter pilot defeated an establishment favorite in a congressional primary.

But in Texas, a House candidate backed by the Sanders-inspired "Our Revolution" and trashed by the establishment Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) went down by a lopsided two-to-one margin.

In Nebraska a week earlier, a progressive congressional candidate upset a centrist in a House primary. But in Pennsylvania that same night, two congressional candidates backed by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., lost to candidates with establishment ties.

Those trying to plot these races on the progressive/centrist axis or the insurgent/establishment axis will have trouble discerning a pattern. That's because those are false choices this year. Those distinctions are not driving voters in 2018.

Overriding all other considerations this year in Democratic voters' minds (and candidates' messages) is stopping President Trump and his congressional enablers. Related to that is the other major influence of this primary season: a huge rise in support for female candidates among men and women alike, likely driven by Trump's misogyny, the #MeToo movement and Hillary Clinton's loss in 2016.

In Texas on Tuesday, the Democratic primary runoff in the 7th Congressional District, in suburban Houston, was supposed to be a Democratic donnybrook, according to the media narrative. The DCCC — aka the establishment — took the unusual step of criticizing candidate Laura Moser because party leaders thought she couldn't win in November. In response, Our Revolution — aka the insurgents — jumped into the race and attempted to portray her opponent, Lizzie Pannill Fletcher, as a tool of the establishment.

But when all the ballots were counted, it was no contest. Fletcher got 67 percent to Moser's 33 per-

cent. Those who followed the media narrative of the campaign will conclude that this was a major victory for the establishment, and for moderates.

They would be dead wrong.

I didn't write about the race, because my wife is Fletcher's pollster. But one piece of Fletcher's polling, printed here with the campaign's permission, shows how phony the establishment vs. insurgent narrative was: Likely Democratic voters in the district had a highly positive view of the insurgent Sanders: 74 percent favorable, 15 percent unfavorable. But guess what?

Their view of the establishment doyenne Hillary Clinton was virtually identical: 72 percent favorable, 17 percent unfavorable.

If this was supposed to be a Democratic civil war, Democratic voters were non-combatants.

Certainly, there are policy differences among Democrats, and those will come out whenever they are again in a position to govern rather than resist. But Democrats are more ideologically homogenous than they have been historically. The southern conservatives are long gone, and there is no equivalent to the "New Democrats" of the Bill Clinton era. The party has been pulled to a populist consensus by Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, and pushed there by the Trump photocopy, which has showered riches on the wealthy and the corporate.

Some within the party are fomenting division with litmus tests, such as Tom Steyer's effort to get Democrats to commit to impeaching Trump. But while 71 percent of Democrats want impeachment, according to last month's Quinnipiac Poll, there's little evidence that voters are punishing candidates who don't commit to what would be a futile gesture without a Democratic supermajority in the Senate.

The left-vs.-center and insurgency-vs.-establishment constructs don't fit this year. Politico reported this last week that Our Revolution is in "disarray," with "no ability to tip a major Democratic election." Yet two months ago, after only two primaries, Politico reported that "the Bernie wing" had already won "the battle for supremacy" in the party.

Contradictory? Not really. Populists and progressives are the Democratic establishment now. No insurgency needed. The Democratic donnybrook is a phony war.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Budget battle brews as Trump threatens another shutdown

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has warned Congress that he will never sign another foot-tall, \$1 trillion-plus government-wide spending bill like the one he did in March. His message to lawmakers in both parties: Get your act together before the next budget lands on my desk.

After a brief government shutdown earlier this year, Democrats and Republicans now agree on the need for budgeting day-to-day operations of government by the old-fashioned way. That means weeks of open debate and amendments that empower rank-and-file lawmakers, rather than concentrating power in the hands of a few leaders meeting in secret.

But Capitol Hill's dysfunction is so pervasive that even the most optimistic predictions are for only a handful of the 12 annual spending bills to make it into law by Oct. 1, the start of the new budget year. The rest may get bundled together into a single, massive measure yet again.

The worst-case scenario? A government shutdown just a month before Election Day, Nov. 6, as Republicans and Democrats fight for control of the House and possibly the Senate. Trump is agitating for

more money for his long-promised border wall with Mexico. So far, he has been frustrated by limited success on that front.

"We need the wall. We're going to have it all. And again, that wall has started. We got \$1.6 billion. We come up again (in) September," Trump said in a campaign-style event in Michigan last month. "If we don't get border security, we'll have no choice. We'll close down the country because we need border security."

At stake is the funding for daily operations of government agencies. A budget deal this year reversed spending cuts that affected military readiness and put a crimp on domestic agencies. A \$1.3 trillion spending bill swept through Congress in March, though Trump entertained last-minute second thoughts about the measure and promised he would not sign a repeat.

The demise of the annual appropriations process took root after Republicans took over the House in 2011 and is part of a broader breakdown on Capitol Hill. The yearly bills need bipartisan support to advance, which has grated on tea party lawmakers. GOP leaders such as House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and his predecessor as speaker, Ohio Republican John Boehner, have preferred to focus on other priorities.

Ryan did throw his weight behind a two-year budget agreement this year that

set an overall spending limit of \$1.3 trillion for both 2018 and 2019, citing a need to boost the Pentagon.

That, in theory, makes it easier to get the appropriations process back on track. But in the GOP-controlled House, where Democratic votes are generally needed to pass the bills, Democrats are complaining that Republicans have shortchanged domestic agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Environmental Protection Agency.

That's not the case in the Senate, where Richard Shelby, the new chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Alabama Republican is determined to get the system working again. Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York is on board, as is Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., himself a decades-long veteran of that powerful committee.

"We want this to work," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who criticized the GOP-controlled House for continuing to pack legislation with "poison pills."

Obstacles remain, however. For starters, floor debates could lead to votes on contentious issues such as immigration, the border wall, gun control and others that some lawmakers might hope to avoid.

Democrats are wary of Republicans trying to jam through the Pentagon spending

bill before dealing with some agencies. And Trump could blow up the whole effort at any time.

Trump is prone to threatening government shutdowns on Twitter or when he riffs in public, and then backing off when bills are delivered to him.

In the House, a familiar problem awaits. Many conservative Republicans won't vote for some bills because they think they spend too much money. That means Democratic votes are a must. But many Democrats are upset over unrelated policy add-ons pushed by the GOP, and they won't vote for the spending bills unless those provisions are removed, which usually doesn't happen until end-stage talks.

At the same time, House GOP leaders are distracted by disputes over immigration, and they haven't made the appropriations bills a priority.

An effort led by House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., to cut or "re-scind" \$15 billion in unspent money has run into greater opposition than anticipated. Meantime, Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, is unpopular with some House conservatives, who cite his votes against a recent farm bill and against last year's tax cut measure, and that may hamper his effectiveness.

Pipeline complicates Heitkamp's hopes of 2nd term

By James MacPherson
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STANDING ROCK SIOUX RESERVATION, N.D. — Standing Rock Sioux tribal member Mario Hunte-Beaubrun went door to door on North Dakota's largest American Indian reservations in 2012 turning out the tribal vote to help put Democrat Heidi Heitkamp in the U.S. Senate. Six years later, with Heitkamp fighting hard to win a second term, Hunte-Beaubrun is staying on the sidelines.

She is among Indian voters who say they've lost their zeal for Heitkamp over her perceived non-stance on the Dakota Access pipeline, which brought thousands of American Indians and others to the state in 2016 and 2017 to protest its construction under the Missouri River, just outside Standing Rock.

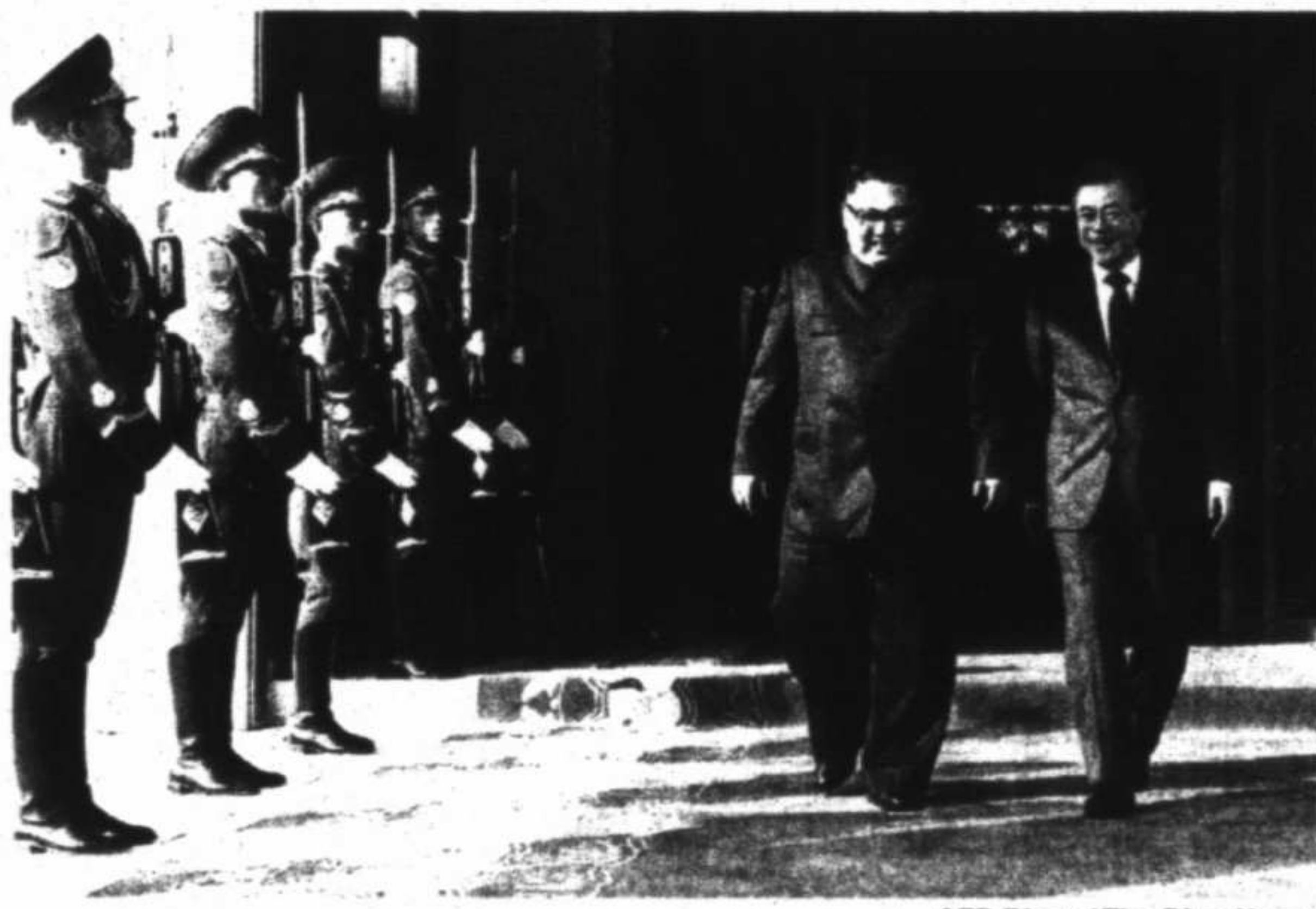
"It was really a kick in the stomach," Hunte-Beaubrun said. "We rallied so hard for her, but when her hand was forced she basically sold out to big oil."

Democrats' hopes to capture the Senate depend heavily on Heitkamp, who has trod a careful path on energy and other issues to win office and remain popular in a deeply conservative state. But she faces a stern test from the state's lone U.S. House member, Republican Kevin Cramer, in a race seen as a top pickup chance for Republicans.

Heitkamp's first victory came by fewer than 3,000 votes, and American Indians, who tend to vote Democratic, were a source of strength. Three counties with majority Indian populations — Sioux, Rolette and Benson — backed Heitkamp by a more than 4,000-vote margin over then-U.S. Rep. Rick Berg. In Sioux County, home to the Standing Rock reservation, Heitkamp took 83 percent of the vote.

Once in the Senate, Heitkamp earned respect from American Indians for her knowledge of issues important to them, such as domestic violence in Indian Country and the relationship between tribal governments and the federal government. The first bill she introduced established a commission to study the challenges facing Native American children, an issue she had pursued since the 1990s when she was North Dakota's attorney general.

Then came the Dakota Access pipeline, a \$3.8 billion project by Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners to move oil from North Dakota's rich Bakken fields to a shipping point in Illinois. The pipeline offered oil companies a cheaper way to get their product to market, was seen as safer than rail shipping and had the support of most state leaders.



AFP Photo/The Blue House

This handout taken on Saturday and released by South Korea's presidential Blue House on Sunday shows South Korea's President Moon Jae-in, right, and North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un, second from right, walking together after the summit at the north side of the truce village of Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) dividing the two Koreas.

US delegation holds talks with North Korean officials in DMZ

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Associated Press

An American delegation met with North Korean officials in the Demilitarized Zone on Sunday as planning seemed to move ahead for the on-off-perhaps-on-again summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

South Korea's president, Moon Jae-in, meanwhile, gave details about his surprise meeting Saturday with Kim in the Panmunjom truce village, saying Kim had committed to sitting down with Trump and to a "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

Mike Pompeo U.S. Secretary of State tapped veteran American diplomat Sung Kim to handle pre-summit negotiations. On a separate but complementary track is the CIA team Pompeo set up last year when he headed the spy agency. And on a third track is a White House logistical group sent to Singapore on Sunday to prepare in case the summit takes place. It was led by Joe Hagin, White House deputy chief of staff for operations.

Kim, the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, also served as ambassador to South Korea and was part of the U.S. negotiating team that last held substantive denuclearization talks with North Korea during the George W. Bush administration in 2005.

The developments, after last week's whirlwind of uncertainty, appeared to flesh out Trump's assertion that the June 12 summit in Singapore that he canceled Thursday could take place as first scheduled. Trump told reporters Saturday that there was "a lot of goodwill," that the original plan was still being considered and that "that hasn't changed."

"We continue to prepare for a meeting," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in Washington as she confirmed that an American delegation was "in ongoing talks with North Korean officials" in Panmunjom in the DMZ, which separates the two Koreas.

The Korean leaders' second summit in a month saw bear hugs and broad smiles. But their quickly arranged meeting Saturday appeared to highlight a sense of urgency on both sides of the world's most heavily armed border.

The talks, which Moon said Kim Jong

Un requested, capped a whirlwind 24 hours of diplomatic back and forth. They allowed Moon to push for a U.S.-North Korean summit that he sees as the best way to ease animosity that had some fearing a war last year.

Kim may see a meeting with Trump as necessary to easing pressure from crushing sanctions and to winning security assurances in a region surrounded by enemies.

Moon told reporters that Kim "again made clear his commitment to a complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." Moon added that Kim said he's willing to cooperate to end confrontation and work toward peace for the sake of the successful summit with Trump.

Moon said he told Kim that Trump has a "firm resolve" to end hostile relations with North Korea and initiate economic cooperation if Kim implements "complete denuclearization."

"What Kim is unclear about is that he has concerns about whether his country can surely trust the United States over its promise to end hostile relations (with North Korea) and provide a security guarantee if they do denuclearization," Moon said.

"During the South Korea-U.S. summit, President Trump said the U.S. is willing to clearly put an end to hostile relations (between the U.S. and North Korea) and help (the North) achieve economic prosperity if North Korea conducts denuclearization," he said.

Kim, in a dispatch issued by the North's state-run news service earlier Sunday, "expressed his fixed will on the historic (North Korea)-U.S. summit talks." During Saturday's inter-Korean summit, the Korean leaders agreed to "positively cooperate with each other as ever to improve (North Korea)-U.S. relations and establish (a) mechanism for permanent and durable peace."

They agreed to have their top officials meet again June 1. Moon said military generals and Red Cross officials from the Koreas will also meet separately to discuss how to ease military tensions and resume reunions of families separated by the 1950-53 Korean War.

Saturday's Korean summit came hours after South Korea expressed relief over revived talks for a Trump-Kim meeting.

Despite repeated references to "denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" by the North, it remains unclear whether Kim will ever agree to fully abandon his nuclear arsenal.

Man held in Venezuela for 2 years is home

By Joshua Goodman
and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Joshua Holt, a Utah man who traveled to Venezuela in 2016 to marry a woman he met online but soon found himself jailed and later branded the CIA's top spy in Latin America, has been welcomed home by his family and President Donald Trump.

Holt, 26, says he was "overwhelmed with gratitude."

He and his wife, Tamara Caleno, arrived Saturday evening at Washington Dulles International Airport for a tearful reunion with his parents, Laurie and Jason Holt. A few hours later, Trump welcomed them to the White House.

"Those two years, they were a very, very, very difficult two years," said an emotional Joshua Holt, sitting next to Trump in the Oval Office. "Not really the great vacation that I was looking for. ... I'm just so grateful for what you guys have done."

To Holt, Trump said: "You've gone through a lot. More than most people could endure."

Laurie Holt thanked Trump and the lawmakers for her son's safe return, adding: "I also want to say thank you to President Maduro for releasing Josh and letting him come home."

His release came one day after Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., held a surprise meeting in Caracas with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, who the Trump administration says runs a "dictatorship" and just won re-election in a "sham" vote.

Trump, in a tweet, described Holt as a "hostage." The U.S. contended Joshua Holt was held on trumped-up charges.

Months of secret, back-channel talks between an aide to Corker, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and close allies of Maduro preceded their return. Yet Holt's release had seemed unlikely even a week

ago. Joining Trump in the Oval Office were Corker, Utah Sens. Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee, and Utah Rep. Mia Love, all Republicans. The lawmakers thanked Trump for his support.

The White House learned from Corker on Friday of Holt's impending release, according to a U.S. official who has closely followed Holt's plight and spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the private talks.

Holt and his wife were reunited at the Caracas airport with her daughter from a previous relationship, and all three boarded a chartered flight to Washington. "We are on our way home," Corker tweeted.

When he departed the Caracas airport earlier, Holt told The Associated Press that the ordeal had left him "exhausted."

Venezuela's communications minister, Jorge Rodriguez, said their release was a goodwill gesture that followed months of dialogue between the Maduro government and U.S. lawmakers.

"We're praying that this type of gesture ... will allow us to strengthen what we've always sought: dialogue, harmony, respect for our independence and respect for our sovereignty," he said.

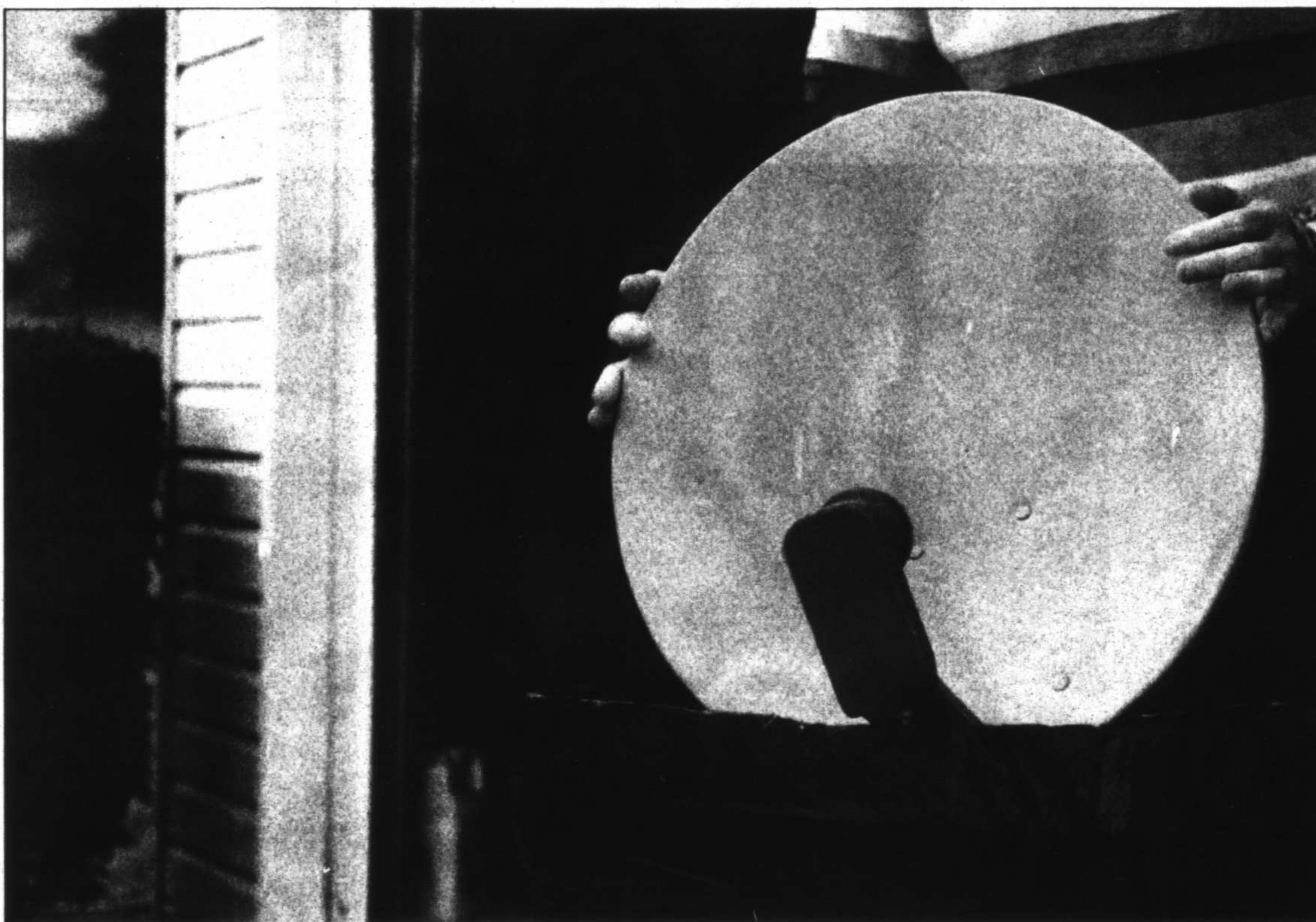
Holt set out for the South American country in June 2016 to marry a woman he met online while looking for Spanish-speaking Mormons who could help him improve his Spanish. He had planned to spend several months in Caracas that summer with his new wife and her two daughters, to secure their visas so they could move with him to the U.S.

Instead, the couple was arrested that June 30 at her family's apartment in a government housing complex on the outskirts of Caracas. Authorities accused him of stockpiling an assault rifle and grenades and suggested that his case was linked to other unspecified U.S. attempts to undermine Maduro's rule amid deep economic and political turbulence.

1 Corinthians 15:58

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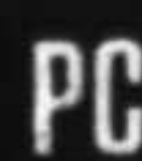
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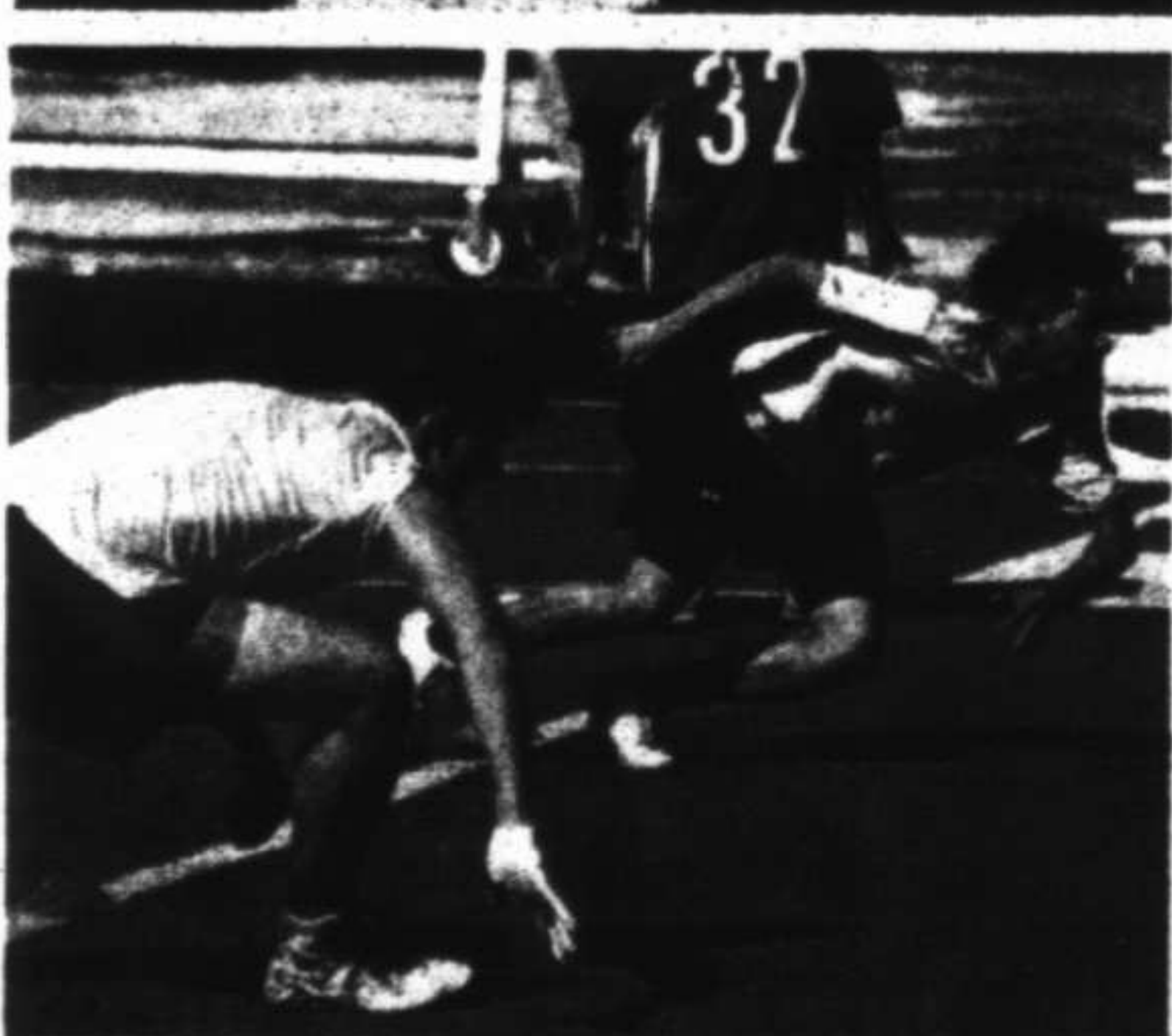
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Facebook to reveal who's behind political ads

By Tony Romm
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Facebook and Twitter forged ahead Thursday with new efforts to disclose more information about the political advertisements that appear on their sites, part of a broad campaign to help users better understand why they see the content they do and who's behind it.

For both tech companies, the stakes are high ahead of the 2018 midterm election, two years after Russian agents spread propaganda — through ads and other posts — on social media sites in a bid to create social and political unrest in the United States during the 2016 presidential race.

Starting Thursday on Facebook, political ads include a marker at the top indicating who has paid for it. Clicking on the label will bring users to a new repository of all political ads that have run on the site, along with information about the people who saw it, like their age and location. The new rules cover ads about political candidates as well as hot-button policy

issues, like gun control, immigration and terrorism, and apply to both Facebook as well as its photo-sharing app, Instagram.

For example, Facebook data reflect that there are more than 4,200 active political ads promoting posts from the official page for President Donald Trump. The archive includes ad purchases since May 7.

"Our intent is trying to help people understand who is trying to influence them on political and social issues, and why," Katie Harbath, Facebook's global politics and government outreach director, said on a call with reporters Thursday.

Twitter, meanwhile, said Thursday that it soon would require political advertisers to prove their identity before promoting tweets on the platform. In a blog post, the company said it also plans to label political ads "in the near future," a promise it first made in October. Twitter said it is developing a separate policy for "issue ads," the kind of content that Russian agents used on topics such as immigration and gun control.

Along with Facebook and Twitter, Google previously has promised more

transparency around political ads that appear in search results or on sites like YouTube. Earlier this month, the search giant said it would begin verifying the identities of advertisers at the end of May, with a fuller database and report on political ads still to come.

By implementing these changes on their own, Facebook, Google and Twitter are trying to stave off tough new regulation from Washington, where lawmakers long have argued that the tech industry hasn't done enough to police the content that appears online. Recently, members of Congress have demanded that major social media sites do a better job combating terrorist propaganda, removing hate speech and ensuring their powerful algorithms aren't biased against conservatives — but it's Russian disinformation that's worried lawmakers most.

On Facebook alone, ads purchased by the Kremlin-aligned Internet Research Agency reached roughly 10 million U.S. users around the presidential race. Content from the IRA's profiles and pages may have been seen by more than 140 million

users on both Facebook and Instagram. And these Russian trolls similarly took their messages — stoking cultural, racial or political tensions — to Google-owned YouTube and Twitter during the 2016 election.

Despite calls for reform, Facebook's changes have not been without controversy. Earlier this month, the social giant said it would apply its new political ad label even to stories from news outlets about political subjects. That sparked an outcry from publishers, including the News Media Alliance, an advocacy organization representing The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post.

On Thursday, though, Facebook acknowledged in a blog post that "news coverage of elections and important issues is distinct from advocacy or electoral ads, even if those news stories receive paid distribution on Facebook." It said it would work with "news partners" to "help differentiate between news and non-news content."

CUTTING BACK ON TECH



AP file photo

Octagon-side models look at their cellphones Nov. 12, 2016, between mixed martial arts bouts at UFC 205 at Madison Square Garden in New York. Our phones and apps are designed to give us short-term, feel-good rewards, so we'll use them as much as possible, at the expense of reading, enjoying the moment or simply being bored. Due in part to a backlash from customers and experts, some companies are relenting. Google, for example, plans features such as a "wind down" mode in its next mobile operating system, P, which will start arriving on phones in the fall.

Phones, apps designed to give short-term rewards

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Why are we checking Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, then Facebook again when we just wanted to check the weather?

Turns out, smartphone addiction is by design. Think of the constant stream of notifications, color schemes in apps and all the "likes," followers and in-game trophies. Our phones and apps are designed to give us short-term, feel-good rewards, so we'll use them longer — at the expense of reading, enjoying the moment or simply being bored.

Some companies are relenting in response to concerns from customers and experts. Google's next operating system, for instance, will come with a "wind down" mode; the screen will automatically fade to gray at a designated time before bed. Another feature will automatically put your phone in "do not disturb" mode if you flip it face down on a table.

But most Android phones won't get this system, Android P, until late this year or even next year, if at all. And it's unclear if Apple plans similar features for the iPhone.

So, for now, here's how you can out-

smart the smartphone yourself:

LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

Notice those red dots on iPhones and Samsung phones showing how many unread messages, news items or app updates you have left to read? Of course, you have.

"Red is a trigger color that instantly draws our attention," notes The Center for Humane Technology, an organization that promotes a healthier, less dependent relationship to technology.

Other Android phones running the most recent version, Oreo, have smaller dots. There are no numbers, and colors are more subtle, but the concept is the same: to lure you into opening the app.

To foil that on iPhones and most recent Android phones, go to your phone's settings and turn off the dots, known as badges, for all but the handful of apps you care most about. These might be messaging apps you use with friends, or news services you want breaking-news alerts from. But do you really need a red dot for the 2,346 unread emails you have?

You can also turn off push notifications, app by app.

With Facebook, you'll need to go to the app's own settings to turn off the dozens of notification categories, such as "updates

on your friends since you last logged in." Turning a category off will turn off dots for that category, too.

DETOX REGULARLY

It can be as simple as going to the bathroom without your phone or turning it off during meal times or even every Saturday. Leaving your phone behind helps your brain reset.

If you need a prompt on just why you should "detox," try Moment, an app that automatically tracks how much you use your iPhone or iPad each day. It's not perfect, as the timer runs anytime your screen is unlocked, even if you've stepped away. Still, the results will probably surprise you. For Android, there's an app called QualityTime.

SET A SCHEDULE

Nir Eyal, author of "Hooked: How to Build Habit-Forming Products," compares humans to lab mice in an experiment of random rewards. Mice, it turns out, respond "most voraciously to random rewards," Eyal wrote in 2012.

Social media apps have perfected the art

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ANALYSIS

Alexa is always listening

By Geoffrey A. Fowler
Washington Post

We're learning an important lesson about cutting-edge voice technology: Amazon's Alexa is always listening. So are Google's Assistant and Apple's Siri.

Putting live microphones in our homes has always been an out-there idea. But tech companies successfully marketed talking speakers such as the Amazon Echo and Google Home to millions by assuring they only record us when we give a "wake word."

That turns out to be a misnomer. These devices are always "awake," passively listening for the command to activate, such as "Alexa," "OK Google," or "Hey Siri." The problem is they're far from perfect about only responding when we want them to.

The latest, and most alarming example to date: A family in Portland, Oregon, two weeks ago found its Echo had recorded a private conversation and sent it to a random contact. The event, reported by Washington state's KIRO 7, went viral Thursday among Echo owners — and naysayers on the idea of allowing tech companies to put microphones all over our homes.

Privacy is the one aspect of Alexa that Amazon can't afford to screw up. (Amazon's chief executive, Jeff Bezos, owns The Washington Post.)

Amazon, in a statement, made it sound like the Portland, Oregon, case involved a sequence of events you might expect in a "Seinfeld" episode. It said the Echo woke up when it heard a word that sounded like Alexa. "The subsequent conversation was heard as a 'send message' request. At which point, Alexa said out loud 'To whom?' At which point, the background conversation was interpreted as a name in the customer's contact list."

Amazon also said the incident was rare and it is "evaluating options to make this case even less likely."

But how often do these devices go rogue and record more than we'd like them to? Neither Google nor Amazon immediately responded to my questions about false positives for their "wake words." But anyone who lives with one of these devices knows it happens.

As a tech columnist, I've got an Echo, Google Home and Apple HomePod in my living room — and find at least one of them starts recording, randomly, at least once per week. It happens when they pick up a sound from the TV, or a stray bit of conversation that sounds enough like one of their wake words.

The Amazon Alexa app will play back stored recordings — including cases like this one, where it started recording because it misheard its "wake word."

Separating a command out from surrounding home noise — especially loud music — is no easy task. Amazon's Echo uses seven microphones and noise-canceling tech to listen out for its wake word. Doing so, it records about a second ambient sound on the device, which it constantly discards and replaces. But once it thinks it hears its wake word, the Echo's blue light ring activates and it begins sending a recording of

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Plan uses robot voices to drive illegal telemarketers crazy

By Dave Lieber
Dallas Morning News

Today, I'm going to show you how to torture illegal telemarketers. Waste their time. Drive them crazy. Make them not want to call you ever again.

No, this isn't a dream.

The Watchdog has given up on government solving the onslaught of illegal phone calls we get every day. Do Not Call lists are a failure. Preventive technology has not caught up to call centers, often overseas, that invade our personal phones.

Phone companies offer blocking services, as do many apps like Nomorobo.com. Even then, these rats squeak through.

What if you're a robocall warrior and want

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to strike back? What if you want to pierce the heart of this crooked business? I'll show you how.

This is for Nancy Johnson Krauthamer who asks on the Dallas Morning News Subscribers Facebook page, "Could you please do a story on robocalls? Some days I get 10 or 12 a day."

This is for Bob Benites, who writes to me that for months he's been getting those "We have someone in your neighborhood inspecting roofs" calls. "I've asked them repeatedly not to call," he says.

This is for everyone tired of hesitating every time your phone rings. This is for you.

ROBOT VOICES HALT TELEMARKETERS

Meet Jolly Roger Telephone Company, owned by Roger Anderson, a California telephone consultant who in his spare time built an amazing product.

You get an annoying call — and with Jolly Roger, you immediately merge the call with a robot voice this pirate has created.

The robot voice strings the caller along by saying these words: Yeah, sure, OK, uh-huh. Then after a bit, the robot says it was distracted and asks the telemarketer to start again.

Usually, they do. Most telemarketers don't realize they're talking to a non-human

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending May 20:

Top Paid iPhone Apps:

1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Facetime, Apple Inc.
3. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
4. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
5. iSchedule, HotSchedules
6. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
7. PlantSnap Plant Identification, PlantSnap, Inc.
8. Dark Sky Weather, Jackadam
9. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
10. Pocket Build, MoonBear LTD

Top Free iPhone Apps:

1. Love Balls, Super Tapx
2. Rise Up, Serkan Ozyilmaz
3. Helix Jump, Voodoo
4. Fortnite, Epic Games
5. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
6. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
7. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
8. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
9. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
10. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.

Top Paid iPad Apps:

1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Procreate, Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
3. Goodnotes 4, Time Base Technology Limited
4. Notability, Ginger Labs
5. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
6. Toca Life: After School, Toca Boca AB
7. Teeny Titans - Teen Titans Go!..., Cartoon Network
8. SpongeBob Moves In, Nickelodeon
9. Bloons TD 5 HD, Ninja Kiwi
10. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon

Top Free iPad Apps:

1. Love Balls, Super Tapx
2. Fortnite, Epic Games
3. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
4. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
5. Helix Jump, Voodoo
6. Rise Up, Serkan Ozyilmaz
7. Granny, Dennis Vukobratovic
8. The Weather Channel, The Weather Channel Interactive
9. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation
10. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending May 20:

iTunes Movies US Charts:

1. Black Panther (2018)
2. Red Sparrow
3. Deadpool
4. Fifty Shades Freed
5. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle
6. The Greatest Showman
7. The Disaster Artist
8. 12 Strong
9. Thor: Ragnarok
10. Peter Rabbit

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:

1. The Disaster Artist
2. Darkest Hour
3. Lady Bird
4. The 12th Man
5. Hurricane Bianca: From Russia With Hate
6. Terminal
7. Phantom Thread
8. Bone Tomahawk
9. Perfect Bid: The Contestant Who Knew Too Much
10. The Pass

Music

iTunes charts for week ending May 24:

Top Songs

1. Like That, Kris Wu
2. In My Blood, Shawn Mendes
3. The Middle, Zedd, Maren Morris & Grey
4. FAKE LOVE, BTS
5. Walk My Way, Brynn Cartelli
6. Whatever It Takes, Imagine Dragons
7. Psycho (feat. Ty Dolla Sign), Post Malone
8. No Tears Left to Cry, Ariana Grande
9. Meant to Be, Bebe Rexha & Florida Georgia Line
10. This Is America, Childish Gambino

Top Albums

1. And Justice for None, Five Finger Death Punch
2. Love Yourself 'Tear', BTS
3. The Greatest Showman (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
4. Mean Girls (Original Broadway Cast Recording), Various Artists
5. Deadpool 2 (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
6. Inspiration, Shoku Kameh-Mason
7. heartbeats & Bentley's, Post Malone
8. Part of the Light, Ray LaMontagne
9. Electric Light, James Bay
10. F.A.M.E., Mahumbe

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because the voice is so realistic. You can listen in on the conversation, which usually is laugh-out-loud funny.

I took advantage of the two free test calls before I was asked to sign up for \$2 a month or \$6 a year.

The first call didn't work because using the service is a bit tricky. I couldn't wait for a telemarketer to call again. When another did, I got the service to work.

My robot told the caller, who was trying to pitch me tickets to see someone with an HGTV show, that "a bee is crawling up my arm."

After the sales pitch, the robot said he got distracted and asks, "Can you start over?"

HOW MANY ROBOT VOICES?

When founder Roger Anderson called me for our interview, I answered by saying "a bee is crawling up my arm."

"No, wait a minute. That's my

line," he said, laughing.

Anderson, who has 20 robot voices in his stable, posts audio of some of the funnier calls on his YouTube channel. It's fun, I'll admit it, listening to robots drive these telemarketers nuts. Prank calling the prank callers.

Anderson says, "Every one of my customers, by definition, has a sense of humor. So I have the best customers in the world. If they were stodgy, they wouldn't sign up."

LANDLINES AND MOBILE PHONES

Jolly Roger works lots of different ways, on land lines and on mobile phones.

On my iPhone, I ask the telemarketer "to hold on a moment while I get him." I place the call on hold, then dial a Jolly Roger number to get the robot and merge it into a three-way call. I listen on mute.

On a landline call, you don't get to listen in, but Jolly Roger emails you an audio file afterward so you

can listen to the call.

Jolly Roger can also be set up to serve as your voicemail on a land line. You can set it up so the pirate knows which calls you want to allow through. Black list and white list, they call it. The pirate also recognizes some bad numbers and intercepts them.

Jolly Roger works with Google Voice, and one more way: on a mobile phone, you can text the pirate to jump in on a bad call, too.

As I mentioned, it's not the easiest thing to set up, but it's worth the effort because of the fun.

EARLY DAYS OF ROBOT VOICES

In the pirate's first two years, a quarter million people tested his service with two free calls, Anderson says. And 350,000 people have viewed his TEDx talk in which he shows how and why he built Jolly Roger.

After talking to him, I began to understand that this isn't just a creative and funny phone blocker. This

is an anti-Orwellian demonstration of individual freedom.

In a few years, robot voices will be everywhere, and telemarketers will be trained to combat them. But not yet.

"We're in this beautiful window now where most telemarketers can't conceive of a robot answering the phone," Anderson says. "It's a beautiful time we live in right now."

That's a different way of looking at this scourge, to be sure.

The pirate's goal, he says, is to "finally get your number out of their machine. That's the evil genius plan. Turn it around, so they want to stop calling you, rather than the other way around."

The pirate's website is Jolly-RogerTelco.com. And Roger gave me permission to share his email in case you have questions. roger@jollyrogetelephone.com.

Ahoy, mate.

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REWARD

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of random rewards. You don't know when you'll get a friend request, or a like, or even when you'll see a new post from a friend. Cue endless check-ins and scrolling.

Set aside a specific time each day to check Facebook — or email, or instant messages. Then resist the urge until the next

scheduled time.

Along those lines, try deleting the Facebook app from your phone and check only from a computer. This could help reduce the temptation to check all day.

TURN OFF AUTOPLAY

Binge-watching might be fun sometimes, but it shouldn't be standard behavior. Services like

YouTube and Netflix often play the next video automatically. Turn that off in the settings. Otherwise, it's easy to forget where time went in the middle of a "Stranger Things" binge.

GET AN ALARM CLOCK

There was a time not too long ago when we were able to wake up without

our phones, using a magical device called an alarm clock. Get one.

The Center for Humane Technology suggests banishing phones from your bedside, if not the entire bedroom. This should make for better sleep, partly because the blue light emitted from your phone can delay your body's release of melatonin, which helps your body

go to sleep at night. But perking up after a bedtime Facebook "like" or getting anxious after reading a news story can also disrupt your ZZZs.

So, put your phone a little further and who knows, you might even wake up and say good morning to your partner instead of checking your phone before you're even out of bed.

ALEXA

From 2B

what it hears to Amazon's computers.

Over-recording isn't just an Amazon problem. Last year, Google faced a screw up where some models of its Home Mini were set to record everything and had to be patched. Earlier this month, researchers reported they were able to make Siri, Alexa and Google's Assistant hear secret audio instructions undetectable to the human ear.

So what should you do about this? You can mute these devices, which in the case of the Amazon Echo physically disconnects the microphone — until you're ready to use it. But that partly defeats the usefulness of a computer you can just holler at when your hands are otherwise occupied.

Another approach is to turn off some more-sensitive functions in the Alexa app, including making product purchases via voice. You can turn off the "drop in" fea-

ture that lets another Echo automatically connect to start a conversation.

You also have the ability to dig deeper into what's being recorded. Prepare to be a bit horrified: Amazon and Google keep a copy of every single conversation, both as a nod toward transparency and to help improve their voice-recognition and artificial intelligence systems. In the Alexa app and on Google's user activity site, you can listen to and delete these past recordings. (Apple also keeps Siri recordings, but not in a way you can look up — and anonymizes them after six months.)

The nuclear response is to unplug your smart speaker entirely until the companies come clean about how often their voice assistants over-listen — and what they're doing to stop it.

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PAID CONTENT

AUDIO ACOUSTICS

Protect your hearing aids from summer hazards

By Orland Purcell, Au. D.

The last thing you want to have happen on a summer trip is for your hearing aid batteries to die, with no spares. Then you can't hear the birds sing at that lakeside cabin or hear your grandchildren laugh when you tickle them.

Simply having your hearing aids checked before leaving town and picking up an extra set or two of batteries will reduce your chances of having problems while you're away.

And please don't wait until the day before you leave—call for an appointment a couple of weeks early, in case a repair is needed.

This is a hard season for hearing aids because it increases their exposure to their biggest enemy: moisture. Moisture comes from perspiration and proximity to water, but condensation causes the biggest problem.

Moisture from perspiration can build up inside the ear canal or between the skin and a behind-the-ear device. Because warm air holds more moisture than cool air does, this moisture condenses into droplets inside your hearing aid when you enter an air-conditioned building. These droplets corrode the hearing aid's tiny electronics.

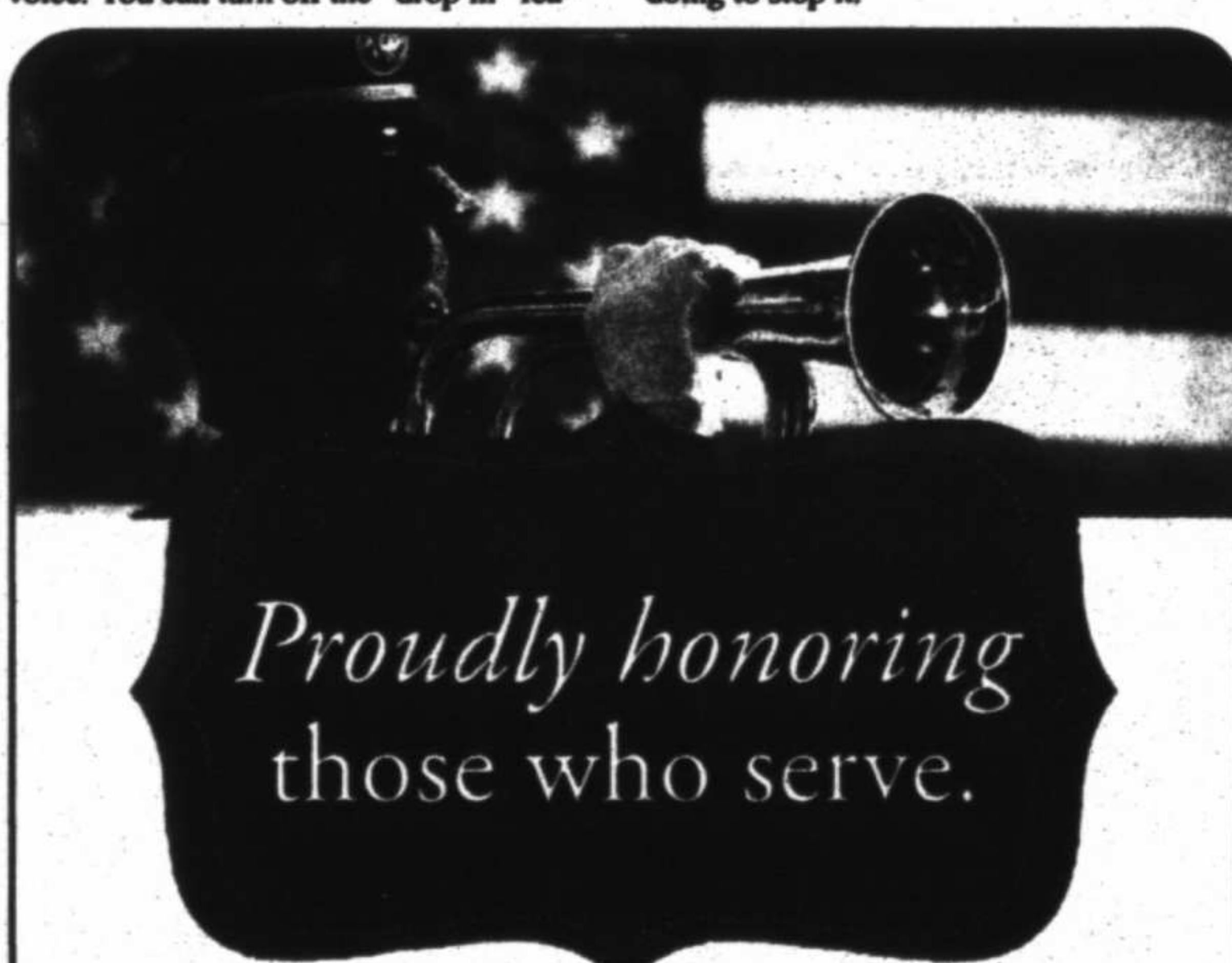
You can reduce these problems by placing your hearing aids into a specially designed hearing aid drying unit overnight.

NEVER use a blow dryer or a microwave, as these appliances reach such high temperatures that the heat itself can ruin your hearing aids. Heat is also the reason you should never leave your hearing aids in the car.

Audio Acoustics, a full-service hearing center owned by Orland Purcell, Au. D., has been in business since 1975. Ginger Pengh, Au. D., is his associate. They offer industrial hearing conservation, diagnostic audiology and a wide variety of hearing aids. They are located at 2101 North Midland Drive, Suite Four. The phone number is 689-4327.



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Single lifts Baylor past TCU for Big 12 title

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — It looked like it was all over for Baylor, and then, suddenly, it wasn't.

After the Bears caught a major break in the ninth inning, Shea Langeliers' bases-loaded single in the 11th gave Baylor a 6-5 win over TCU on Sunday in the Big 12 Championship game.

TCU's A.J. Balta hit two homers, but he misjudged a fly ball in right field with two outs in the ninth with a chance to clinch the win for the Horned Frogs (33-23). TCU had been 27-0 when leading after eight innings this season.

"That's as tough of a loss as I've ever had," TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle said.

It was the first tournament title for the Bears (36-19) in seven championship appearances.

"It's not exactly how you draw it up by any stretch," Baylor coach Steve Rodriguez said. "It was just really impressive watching these guys fight."

The fifth-seeded Bears earned the league's automatic NCAA Tournament berth and now have won 22 of their past 25 games.

Sixth-seeded TCU had won 14 of 19 heading into the final, but three losses to Texas to close the regular season put its NCAA Tournament hopes in doubt. The Horned Frogs entered the Big

12 Tournament with an RPI of 54. TCU has been to the College World Series four consecutive years, but the Horned Frogs might get left out of the 64-team tournament field when it is announced Monday.

"You can be Pollyanna and think you've got a shot, but I don't know," Schlossnagle said. "We got swept three times in our league. I think we played well late. I think if we were to get lucky and get in, we'd play well."

Baylor's Davis Wendzel hit a three-run homer in the first that scored Richard Cunningham and Nick Loftin. TCU countered with solo homers by Connor

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Baylor celebrates with the trophy after defeating TCU in the championship game of the Big 12 baseball tournament game in Oklahoma City on Sunday. Baylor won 6-5 in eleven innings.

Aussie breaks through



Michael Conway/Associated Press

Will Power, of Australia, celebrates after winning the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday in Indianapolis.

Will Power wins Indy 500, No. 17 for car owner Roger Penske

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Will Power hated racing on ovals. He wasn't a fan of Indianapolis Motor Speedway and figured he would never win the Indianapolis 500.

That kind of attitude doesn't fly when you drive for Roger Penske.

Power had to change his thinking and his performance on oval tracks. He learned to respect the speedway. And the 37-year-old Power is now a winner of one of the biggest races in the world.

"I've slowly changed to be a more positive person. It's hard when you're very negative," said Power, who pulled away in the final moments to win the 102nd running of the Indy 500. "You've got to have determination. That's what I had. You work hard at something, it comes to you. It eventually comes to you. (Indy) was the last box to tick, to be considered as a very successful driver."

The different approach landed Power in the most storied winner's circle in history Sunday when he gave Penske a 17th victory in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." Power actually swept the month of May

at Indy after winning on the road course two weeks ago and his 34 wins tied him with Al Unser Jr. for eighth on IndyCar's all-time list.

Power is also the winningest IndyCar driver in Penske history (31). He is the first Australian victor in 102 editions of the race, and joined countryman Daniel Ricciardo as winners on the biggest day of the year in motorsports. Ricciardo won Formula One's Monaco Grand Prix earlier Sunday.

Power celebrated the checkered flag by screaming into his radio: "Show me respect, (expletive)!" When he got to the winner's circle, he screamed some more. Some two hours after the race, he was exhausted.

"I just screamed like I've never screamed before. It was just amazing. The last two laps, the last lap, seeing the white flag, the checkered, I mean, you can't explain it," Power said. "It's what I needed so badly, what I wanted so badly, and it came true. Anyone here knows how that would feel. You want something so much, it comes through to you through hard work and determination."

Penske arrived in Indy with four fast Chevrolets, and the engine builder was

determined to snap Honda's two-race Indy 500 winning streak. The Chevys were the fastest cars in the field and Team Penske had four equal chances to win.

As Power held off pole winner Ed Carpenter to win his first Indy 500, the 81-year-old Penske pumped his fist in the air and clapped. Penske was elected to the NASCAR Hall of Fame earlier this month, and had a shot at closing Sunday with a victory in the Coca-Cola 600 in North Carolina.

"To be able to race on Memorial Day in the biggest sporting event in the world, have America the way it is, that's what I'm going to take away from this race," Penske said. "I'm just so thrilled, 17 wins. Now I have to worry about 18. I'm not going to look back, I'll look forward. We have to be back next year."

Penske also credited his strong lineup of 2014 series champion Power, 2016 champion Simon Paggenaud, reigning champion Josef Newgarden and three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Helio Castroneves.

"We had four great cars. That's what you have to have here. You have to have four bullets, whatever it takes," Penske

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LeBron's 35 help Cavs beat Celtics 87-79, reach NBA Finals

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — With another Game 7 victory at stake, LeBron James would not miss. He would not sit out.

And he would not be denied an eighth straight trip to the NBA Finals.

The four-time league MVP scored 35 points with 15 rebounds and nine assists on Sunday night, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to an 87-79 win over the Celtics and eliminating Boston from the Eastern Conference finals in the decisive seventh game.

In the first close game of the series — and the lowest-scoring — James played all 48 minutes and had 12 of his points in the fourth quarter for his sixth straight Game 7 win.

The NBA Finals begin Thursday at either Houston or Golden State.

The Rockets host the seventh game of the West finals on Monday night.

Jayson Tatum scored 24 for Boston, which was looking to return to the NBA Finals for the first time since 2010.

Al Horford scored 17 points and Marcus Morris added 14 with 12 rebounds for the Celtics, who led 72-71 with six minutes remaining before the Cavaliers scored 15 of the next 17 points to pull away.

James and Horford embraced after the buzzer, then the Cavaliers donned NBA Finals hats and Eastern conference championship shirts before shuffling off the court to receive their trophy.

It's not the one they want.

James had to do it without Kevin Love — Cleveland's only other all-star — who sustained a concussion in Game 6 and was replaced in the lineup by Jeff Green. Making his first start since the first-round opener against Indiana, Green scored 19 points and added eight rebounds — the star of James' starless supporting cast.

The Celtics have had more time to get used to their injuries: Gordon Hayward has been out since the first game of the season, and Kyrie Irving has been sidelined since March.

With the rookie Tatum and second-year Jaylen Brown, Boston established itself as the team of the future in the East.

But the present still belongs to James.

And, for now, that means Cleveland, too.



Ellen Amundson/Associated Press

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James dunks in front of Boston Celtics forward Al Horford (42) during the first half in Game 7 of the NBA Eastern Conference Finals Sunday in Boston.

Rose 20 under at Colonial for win over Koepka

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Justin Rose closed with a 6-under 64 and finished at 20 under Sunday at Colonial for a three-stroke victory over defending U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka in the Fort Worth Invitational.

It was the ninth career PGA Tour victory for Rose, the 37-year-old Englishman and No. 5 player in the world who also won his 2017-18 season debut in October at the HSBC Champions in Shanghai. He is the fifth player with multiple wins this season. Rose got nearly \$1.3 million and a plaid jacket for winning at Hogan's Alley.

Koepka shot 63, but had started the day four strokes behind Rose in the final group. Emiliano Grillo had a 64 to finish third at 16 under.

While Rose missed matching Zach Johnson's 2010 tournament scoring record of 259 because of bogey on the 72nd hole, first-round leader Kevin Na matched the course record with a closing 61 and finished fourth at 14 under.

Fourth-ranked Jon Rahm shot 68 and was tied for fifth at 10 under with Louis Oosthuizen (68) and Kevin Tway (67).

The win at Colonial, the longest-running PGA Tour event still played at its original site (since 1946), adds to an

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Geoper Mulliken/Associated Press

Justin Rose, of England, tees off on the ninth hole during the final round of the Fort Worth Invitational golf tournament at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth on Sunday.

'HOUNDWATCH



SUNDAY'S SCORE
Midland 6,
NW Arkansas 5

TUESDAY'S GAME
Midland vs. Arkansas
6:30 p.m.

INTERNET
www.mlb.com

RECORDS
Midland 24-25
Arkansas 24-25

Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday
Midland 6, NW Arkansas 5	Midland vs. Arkansas 6:30 p.m.	Midland vs. Arkansas 6:30 p.m.	Midland vs. Arkansas 7 p.m.	Midland vs. Arkansas 7 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

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ON THE AIR

College Baseball
NCAA D1 Selection Show, 11 a.m., ESPN
Golf
NCAA Men's Individual Championship, 3 p.m., GOLF
High School Lacrosse National Semifinal 1, 6 p.m., ESPN
National Semifinal 2, 8 p.m., ESPN
Major League Baseball
Houston at NY Yankees, Noon, ATTSW, ESPN
Texas at Seattle, 3 p.m., FSW
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 3 p.m., ESPN
San Francisco at Colorado, 6 p.m., ESPN
Philadelphia at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., MLB
Men's College Lacrosse
NCAA Championship, noon, ESPN2
Men's Soccer
Manchester City Cup: Championship, 2 p.m., ESPN
Friendly: USA vs. Bolivia, 5:30 p.m., FS1, Univision, UDN
Friendly: Mexico vs. Wales, 8 p.m., FS1, Univision, UDN

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National Basketball Association
Western Conference Finals, Game 7: Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m., TNT
National Hockey League
Stanley Cup Finals, Game 1: Washington at Vegas, 7 p.m., NBC
Tennis
French Open, Noon, NBC
French Open, 4 a.m., TENNIS
Ultimate Disc
Men's Division I Championship, 2 p.m., ESPN
Women's Division I Championship, 4 p.m., ESPN
RADIO
Major League Baseball
Houston at NY Yankees, Noon, KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas at Seattle, 3 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/990 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
National Hockey League
Stanley Cup Finals, Game 1: Washington at Vegas, 7 p.m., KJTV 950 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
CLEVELAND REDS — Sent OF Bradley Zimmer to AAA (L) for a rehab assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Sent RHP Justin Zimmer to AAA (L) for a rehab assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Traded RHP Phil Hughes, cash and the 17th round pick in 2019 to San Diego for C Jhonny Peralta.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned LHP Ryan Springer outright to AAA (L). Sent RHP Adam Wainwright to AAA (L). Sent RHP Adam Wainwright to AAA (L) for a rehab assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Traded RHP Chris Bassitt to Seattle (PCL) for RHP Frankie Montez from Seattle.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Placed RHP Nick Verburg on the 15-day DL. Options RHP Daniel Vogelbach and C David Paster to Tacoma. Designated IF Taylor Motter for assignment. Recalled RHP Dan Adair from Tacoma. Selected the contract of C Chase Humberman from Tacoma. Activated RHP Alex Colomé.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Traded RHP Anthony Rendon to Oakland (AL). Recalled RHP James Shields from Oakland.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Options OF Dalton Pompey to Buffalo (IL). Recalled LHP James Gausman from the 15-day DL. Sent OF Florida Gorkut to New Hampshire (EL) for a rehab assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO CUBS — Designated 1B Elson Folarin for assignment.
MIAMI MARLINS — Sent RHP Josh Winder to Jacksonville (FL) for a rehab assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Traded RHP Phil Hughes, cash and the 17th round pick in 2019 to San Diego for C Jhonny Peralta.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned LHP Ryan Springer outright to AAA (L). Sent RHP Adam Wainwright to AAA (L). Sent RHP Adam Wainwright to AAA (L) for a rehab assignment.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent LHP Madison Bumgarner to Sacramento (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Sent OF Brian Gooden and 2B David Murphy to Huntington (EL) for rehab assignments.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
CHICAGO DOGS — Signed C Ryan Gwynn. OF Mike Lomax and RHP Hunter Genna. GARY SOUTHWESTERN RANGERS — Signed IF Andy Delmonico. RICHMOND FREDERICKS — Released LHP Peter Iwan and RHP Peter Barham. Signed LHP Colton Odom and RHP Josh Winder. WINNEBAGO GOLDIES — Signed LHP Josh Winder.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS	CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7, 2-4 necessary)	(Best-of-7, 2-4 necessary)
Monday, May 13	Monday, May 13
Golden State 118, Houston 100	Golden State 118, Houston 100
Wednesday, May 15	Wednesday, May 15
Golden State 117, Houston 100	Golden State 117, Houston 100
Friday, May 17	Friday, May 17
Golden State 116, Houston 100	Golden State 116, Houston 100
Sunday, May 19	Sunday, May 19
Golden State 114, Houston 100	Golden State 114, Houston 100
Monday, May 20	Monday, May 20
Golden State 118, Houston 100	Golden State 118, Houston 100
Wednesday, May 22	Wednesday, May 22
Golden State 117, Houston 100	Golden State 117, Houston 100
Friday, May 24	Friday, May 24
Golden State 116, Houston 100	Golden State 116, Houston 100
Sunday, May 26	Sunday, May 26
Golden State 115, Houston 100	Golden State 115, Houston 100

NHL STANLEY CUP GLANCE

STANLEY CUP	STANLEY CUP
(Best-of-7, 2-4 necessary)	(Best-of-7, 2-4 necessary)
Monday, May 13	Monday, May 13
Washington 4, Vegas 1	Washington 4, Vegas 1
Wednesday, May 15	Wednesday, May 15
Washington 3, Vegas 1	Washington 3, Vegas 1

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CLASS 1A	CLASS 1A
Monday, May 13	Monday, May 13
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Friday, May 24	Friday, May 24
Waco 10, Austin 5	Waco 10, Austin 5
Sunday, May 26	Sunday, May 26
Waco 10, Austin 5	Waco 10, Austin 5

WNBA GLANCE

Associated Press									
EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB		Def	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	4	0	1.000	—	Minnesota	2	2	.500	1
Connecticut	3	0	1.000	—	Phoenix	2	2	.500	1
Chicago	2	0	1.000	—	Los Vegas	0	3	.000	20
Atlanta	1	2	.333	2½					
New York	0	2	.000	3	San Diego	0	3	.000	20
Indiana	0	3	.000	4½	Washington 80, Minnesota 72				
					Los Angeles 80, Phoenix 70				
					Seattle 105, Los Vegas 80				
Los Angeles	3	1	.750	—	Tulsa's Game				

MLS GLANCE

Associated Press					
EASTERN CONFERENCE			Points	W L T	
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New York City FC	7	1	4	25	0 0 0
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Orlando City	7	1	4	25	0 0 0
San Jose	7	1	4	25	0 0 0
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Portland	7	1	4	25	0 0 0
San Diego	7	1	4	25	0 0 0
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Capitals, Golden Knights in Stanley Cup

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Washington Capitals have waited nearly 44 years to raise the Stanley Cup for the first time.

Their only remaining obstacle are some desert-dwelling misfits who refuse to wait for anything.

The expansion Vegas Golden Knights are just four wins away from an astounding championship when they host Alex Ovechkin's long-striving Caps on Monday night to open a thoroughly improbable Stanley Cup Final.

Even the players from the NHL's last two teams standing seemed a bit surprised by their achievements when they gathered Sunday in balmy 84-degree Nevada weather.

"Who would have thought it?" asked Vegas defenseman Nate Schmidt, who played the previous four seasons for the Capitals. "The Stanley Cup Final that was never meant to be, right?"

Indeed, a first-time NHL champ will be crowned next month after a Final between two teams that arrived at hockey's ultimate destination from very different directions. While the Caps finally climbed over the hump in the Eastern Conference, the Golden Knights have been bulldozing every logical obstacle in their path since October.

"We've been able to do some things in the playoffs, but we never got to that last stage until now," Washington forward T.J. Oshie said. "And everybody knows what Vegas did in the first year is very special. We're both hungry. This is going to be a beast of a series."

The Golden Knights have exceeded every expectation by utilizing a rich expansion draft and multiple clever coaching moves to create a team that dominated the Pacific Division and then ramped through the Western Conference playoffs. Their story still carries a ring of impossibility, but they're



Vegas Golden Knights center William Karlsson speaks during an NHL media day for the Stanley Cup on Sunday in Las Vegas.

close to adding a real ring to every hand in the dressing room full of self-described "Golden Misfits," as their T-shirts say.

The Capitals have repeatedly fallen short of their postseason goals during Ovechkin's career, including a heartbreaking shutout loss to Marc-Andre Fleury in Game 7 of the second round against Pittsburgh last spring. After falling to Fleury's champion Penguins in the past two seasons, the Caps revamped their roster with youth and finally overcame years of playoff disappointment to reach their first Final in two decades.

Of course, Fleury is in the way again — in goal for the Golden Knights.

Neither team was the favorite to get this far. Neither team is ready to stop now.

While Capitals coach Barry Trotz skated his now-customary hot lap before practice at T-Mobile Arena, the Golden Knights

had their usual standing-room-only crowd for practice at their training complex in suburban Summerlin.

Their grip on this sports-hungry town was already strong, and the 24-hour gambling mecca will come to a standstill this week during the Cup games in the arena behind the New York New York hotel-casino and its 150-foot Statue of Liberty, which has been wearing a Golden Knights jersey since April.

Speaking of larger-than-life figures in hockey sweaters, this series showcases two major talents who can cement a legacy.

Ovechkin is a formidable scorer and competitor, but he has never won an Olympic medal with Russia or a Stanley Cup ring with the Caps. He's keeping a sense of humor about this momentous trip. With a straight face Sunday, Ovechkin said Russian President Vladimir Putin had called him to wish him

luck, before adding: "I'm just joking."

"We want to be here," Ovechkin said. "We work so hard all year. I don't think anybody believes in us, and nobody believes in Vegas, and we're right now in the Stanley Cup Finals, and we fight for a Cup. Come enjoy this moment."

Fleury already has three Stanley Cup rings, but he has added another incredible act to his career with tenacious play for the Golden Knights, whose inexperienced pros have leaned on him to get through tough nights.

"I think it's weird seeing that team here, being in the Cup the first year," said Brooks Orpik, the only Washington player with a ring. "Obviously, I'm not surprised (Fleury) is here. Without him, they weren't beating us last year. He singlehandedly won a couple of games for (Pittsburgh) when we totally outplayed them."

Thompson carries Warriors into Game 7 with Rockets

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Klay Thompson flashed back to a night he left the arena still in uniform, furious about his forgettable performance against Denver.

It used to be he struggled to shake off a bad night, or even a bad start to a game.

Now, he just keeps shooting. Whenever he feels like it, from wherever. No conscience. A hand or two in his face, no matter.

"I was not always like this. I used to be so hard on myself, especially early in my career," Thompson said. "... I learned, as I get older, if you play with passion, you play hard, and you leave the game saying I gave everything I have tonight in those 48 minutes, you can live with the result."

The Warriors' season lives on largely thanks to Thompson's shooting touch. Golden State is one win from a fourth straight NBA Finals, headed back to Houston for Monday night's Game 7.

He came through with the defending champions' season on the line in another do-or-die Game 6, just as he did two years ago at Oklahoma City. This time he scored 35 points with nine 3-pointers as the Warriors rallied with a huge second half to beat the Rockets 115-86 on Saturday night to force a deciding game in the Western Conference finals.

His defense shined, too. Oh, and the typically subdued Thompson let his emotions flow for all to see: He flexed his biceps Draymond Green style, pumped his arms like Kevin Durant and yelled out the way Stephen Curry often does at Oracle Arena.

Thompson has long been content to be the understated All-Star among the four in Golden State's starting lineup.

"I just wanted to play with as much passion as I could tonight. Probably sounded more vocal than I usually am," Thompson acknowledged. "When your back's against the wall, if your shot's not falling, you can always control your passion and how hard you play. Usually when I do that, it trickles over to other aspects of my game."

Curry's Splash Brother did it in 2016 when he scored 41 points against Durant's former Thunder team with the Warriors facing elimination. They went on to win Game 7 before falling to LeBron James and the Cavaliers in a seven-game NBA Finals.

Durant had no interest in recollecting, smiling and laughing with Curry as he said, "next question."

As for Curry? "I think we both blocked that whole year out of our memory," the two-time MVP quipped.

No arguing they both appreciate Thompson's no-fear shooting approach and ability to almost single-handedly turn the tide of a game with

a timely 3-pointer or two — or nine.

Once Golden State got going in transition, following clutch defensive stops, Thompson found the looks he so prefers from long range.

"I feel like we're the best team in the world and most fun team in the world to watch when we're pushing that ball, getting defensive stops and making plays," he said. "We've got too much talent not just to hit singles like Coach always says. Trust the next man ahead of us. It will end up working in our favor most of the time."

Thompson shot 13 for 23 and 9 of 14 from deep as the Warriors responded from an early 17-point deficit to dominate James Harden and Houston the final three quarters, outscoring the Rockets 93-47 after trailing 39-22 at the end of the first.

Thompson went a combined 20 of 32 from 3-point range in those two impressive Game 6 shows, Saturday and Sunday.

"I think Klay doesn't worry too much about repercussions. He doesn't worry about judgment and results. I think he just loves to play," coach Steve Kerr said. "He's so comfortable in his own skin. I just think he wants to go out there and hoop, and he doesn't worry about much else. So the pressure doesn't seem to bother him much. He just competes and plays. As I said, the two-way ability of this guy bounding the MVP of the league, most likely, all game, and continuing to rain down 3-pointers, he's amazing."

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ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 6, NATURALS 5

At Arvest Ballpark, Springfield, Arkansas

TOP HITTERS: For

Midland, J.P. Sportman was

2-for-4 with a double, two

runs scored, a stolen base

and a walk; Eli White went

1-for-2 with a home run, three

RBI, two runs scored and a

walk; Mikoy White was 2-for-3

with a sacrifice fly and Brett

Veritigan was 2-for-5 with a

run scored. ... Nicky Lopez

was 3-for-5 with a run scored

for Northwest Arkansas, while

teammate Donnie Dewees

was 2-for-5 with a double, two

RBI and a run.

TOP PITCHER: Midland's

Nolan Blackwood notched his

fifth save after allowing no hits

and walks during a scoreless

ninth. Northwest Arkansas' Erick

Mejia reached base via

error with one out in the ninth

against Blackwood, and he

advanced to second on a wild

pitch. However, Blackwood

struck out the final two batters

to slam the door shut on the

Naturals' rally.

HIGHLIGHTS: Eli White

cracked a two-run homer,

pushing Midland to a 2-0 lead

in the first. ... Leading 2-1, the

RockHounds extended their

advantage to 5-1, as Eli White

drove home a run with a sacri-

TL standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield Cardinals	27	20	.569	—
Arkansas (Madison)	24	25	.490	2 1/2
Tulsa (Dodgers)	24	25	.490	2 1/2
NW Arkansas (Royals)	24	26	.480	3

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Padres)	30	20	.600	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	29	21	.580	1
Midland (Athletics)	25	25	.500	5
Frisco (Rangers)	16	34	.320	14

Sunday's scores

Arkansas 8, Frisco 2
Springfield 7, San Antonio 3
Corpus Christi 6, Tulsa 3
Midland 6, Northwest Arkansas 5

Monday's games

No games scheduled

Six-game road trip with a 4-2

record against Arkansas and

Northwest Arkansas. ... Mid-

land has an off day today be-

fore it begins a six-game home

stand at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

against Arkansas. The Rock-

Hounds will host Arkansas and

Northwest Arkansas for three

games apiece. ... Sportman's

10 stolen bases rank fourth in

the Texas League. ... Brown's

30 RBI are tied for sixth among

the league's leaders.

ROCKHOUNDS 6, NATURALS 5

Midland 6, NW Arkansas 5

Veritigan 4, 2-0; Mejia 2b 5-1-0

Sportman 4 2-0-0 Lopez ss 5-1-0

E. White 2b 2-1-0 Hernandez 4 0-2-0

Brown 1b 4-1-1 Lofth 4b 4-0-0

Martin ss 3-0-1 Miller 4b 4-0-0

M. White 3b 3-0-1 Villar 4b 4-0-0

Siddall 4b 3-0-0 Tapp 3b 3-1-0

Chavez c 4-0-0 Bortone 4b 4-1-0

Totals 28 6-9 0-0-0

Midland 28 6-9 0-0-0

Northwest Arkansas 28 6-9 0-0-0

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1, Lofth (14), Lopez (5), SS—Midland

Northwest Arkansas 2b—Brown (7), Martin (8)

Sportman (8), Chavez (8), Villar (5), E. White (5)

SS—Sportman (10), Lopez (8), CS—Hernandez

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Florida St. to host 35th regional; Texas Tech hosts again

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Florida State will host a regional in the NCAA baseball tournament for the 35th time, while Stetson was selected as a first-time host Sunday.

The 16 teams announced as hosts have locked up spots in the national tournament, and the rest of the 64-team field will be unveiled Monday.

Each regional will be made up of four teams playing in a double-elimination format. All are scheduled from Friday through Monday. Regional winners advance to best-of-three super regionals, and those eight winners go on to the College World Series in Omaha.

Arkansas (39-18), Clemson (45-14), Florida (42-17), Florida State (43-17), North Carolina (38-18), Oregon State (44-10-1), Stanford (44-10) and Texas Tech (39-17) all hosted regionals in 2017. Other regional sites are: Georgia (37-19), Texas (37-20), Coastal Carolina (42-17), East Carolina (43-16), Minnesota (41-13), Mississippi (46-15) and North Carolina State (40-16).

Florida State, which won its second straight Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament title on Sunday, is a regional host

for the eighth straight season and the 20th time in 22 seasons. Seminole coach Mike Martin became the winningest baseball coach in NCAA history this season, but is still seeking his first national title.

Stetson (45-11) will be playing in its 19th regional, but is hosting for the first time after sweeping the Atlantic Sun Conference regular-season and tournament championships. At 15 games, the Hatters own the nation's longest active win streak.

Florida, the top-ranked team most of the season and No. 1 in the RPI, will host for the ninth time in 11 seasons under coach Kevin O'Sullivan.

Minnesota, which swept the Big Ten regular-season and tournament titles, will play at home in the regionals for the first time since 2000.

Coastal Carolina, which failed to make the tournament last year after winning the national title in 2016, will host after winning the Sun Belt Conference regular-season and tournament championships.

Stanford won the Pac-12 under first-year coach David Esquer and along with Oregon State will be the only West Coast hosts.

Georgia returns to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2011 and will be hosting for the first time since 2008. East Carolina is a host for the first time since 2009.

MLB GLANCE

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Standings

American League

East Division

Boston 36 17 .679

New York 35 16 .679

Tampa Bay 25 26 .489

Toronto 25 28 .472

Baltimore 17 36 .321

Central Division

Cleveland 26 25 .510

Detroit 23 29 .442

Minnesota 21 27 .438

Kansas City 18 35 .340

Chicago 16 34 .320

West Division

Houston 34 20 .630

Seattle 32 20 .615

Los Angeles 29 24 .547

Oakland 28 25 .528

Texas 22 30 .420

National League

East Division

Atlanta 30 21 .588

Philadelphia 29 21 .580

Washington 29 22 .569

New York 25 24 .510

Miami 19 33 .363

Central Division

Milwaukee 34 20 .630

St. Louis 28 22 .560

Chicago 27 22 .551

Pittsburgh 28 24 .538

Cincinnati 19 35 .352

West Division

Colorado 28 25 .528

Arizona 26 29 .500

San Francisco 26 28 .472

Los Angeles 24 28 .462

San Diego 22 30 .420

Schedules

Sunday's Scores

Detroit 7, Boston 1

Atlanta 3, Chicago White Sox 2

Tampa Bay 3, Baltimore 2

N.Y. Yankees 3, L.A. Angels 1

Cleveland 10, Houston 9, 14 innings

Toronto 5, Philadelphia 3

Kansas City 5, Texas 3

Oakland 2, Arizona 1

Seattle 3, Minnesota 1

Sunday's Games

Houston (Wednesday 6-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Sun-10:30, 12:35 p.m.)

Tampa Bay (Saturday 2-4) at Boston (Price 4-4, 12:05 p.m.)

Washington (Saturday 5-2) at Baltimore (Cable 1-6, 12:05 p.m.)

L.A. Angels (Friday 3-3) at Oakland (Cable 0-2, 3:05 p.m.)

Tampa Bay (Friday 3-3) at Oakland (Cable 0-2, 3:05 p.m.)

Chicago White Sox (Cable 1-1) at Cleveland (Price 2-3, 2:10 p.m.)

Texas (Friday 1-4) at Seattle (Cable 4-3, 3:10 p.m.)

Minnesota (Friday 2-4) at Kansas City (Cable 5-3, 6:10 p.m.)

National League

Sunday's Scores

Atlanta 7, Boston 1

St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 4

Toronto 5, Philadelphia 3

Milwaukee 8, N.Y. Mets 7

Cincinnati 2, Arizona 1

L.A. Dodgers 6, San Diego 1

Chicago Cubs 6, San Francisco 3

Sunday's Games

Washington (Saturday 5-2) at Baltimore (Cable 1-6, 12:05 p.m.)

N.Y. Mets (Saturday 4-4) at Atlanta (McCarthy 5-3, 12:10 p.m., 1st game)

Chicago Cubs (Saturday 4-3) at Pittsburgh (Balt 4-3, 12:05 p.m.)

St. Louis (Friday 3-4) at Milwaukee (Balt 4-3, 1:10 p.m.)

Cincinnati (Friday 1-4) at Atlanta (Balt 2-3, 3:10 p.m.)

Miami (Balt 5-3) at San Diego (Lauer 1-2, 3:10 p.m.)

Big 12

From 1C

Wanhamen in the second

and Balta in the third.

Balta cranked his second

homer in the eighth with a

runner on to put TCU up

on that," Schlossnagle said.

"It's a stupid sport."

Baylor got two on with

no outs in the 10th but

did not score. TCU's Trey

Morris struck out Haring

swinging with a full count

and runners on first and

third with two outs.

Conner Shepherd's RBI

single put TCU up 5-4 in

the top of the 11th. With

the Horned Frogs still up

5-4, Balta threw out Josh

Bisonette at home for the

second out. Baylor eventu-

ally tied the game when

Andy Thomas walked to

score Loftin, setting up

Langeliers' hit.

"It started out as being

one of the coolest moments

of my life," Langeliers

said. "Never felt better."

Then I turned around and

saw the rest of the team

coming to tackle me, and I

was pretty terrified. It is an

unreal feeling. It's a hard

thing to describe."

Schlossnagle doesn't

blame Balta for the loss.

"I don't know what else

he could have done to help

give us a chance to win,

and we certainly wouldn't

be here if it wasn't for

him," Schlossnagle said.

Big 12 Baseball Championship

At Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

Wednesday

Game 1: No. 5 Baylor 4, No. 4 Oklahoma 0

Game 2: No. 8 Kansas 3, No. 1 Texas 2

Game 3: No. 7 West Virginia 6, No. 2

Oklahoma State 5

Game 4: No. 6 TCU 12, No. 3 Texas Tech 2

Thursday

Game 5: Oklahoma 3, Texas 1, Texas

Tech 0

Game 6: Texas Tech 4, Oklahoma State 2.

Oklahoma State eliminated

Game 7: Baylor 10, Kansas 5

Game 8: TCU 9, West Virginia 1

Friday

Game 9: Oklahoma 4, Kansas 2, Kansas

eliminated

Game 10: West Virginia 12, Texas Tech 4.

Texas Tech eliminated

Saturday

Game 11: Baylor 10, Oklahoma 3, Okla-

homa eliminated

Game 12: TCU 7, West Virginia 3, West

Virginia eliminated

Sunday

Game 13: Chickasaw 6, Baylor 6.

TCU 5, Baylor 6, Big 12 Championship

MLB ROUNDUP

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American League

ROYALS 5, RANGERS 3

ARLINGTON — Jason

Hammel struck out 10, Drew

Bulter and Salvador Perez

homed, and the Kansas City

Royals held on to beat the

Texas Rangers 5-3 Sunday.

Hammel (2-5) pitched 5

1/3 shutout innings. He gave

up four hits, including three

doubles, and two walks.

Perez and Bulter each

homed off Cole Hamels

(3-5), who allowed five runs on

eight hits and three walks in 6

1/3 innings with a season-low

two strikeouts. Hamels didn't

give up more than two earned

runs in any of his five previous

starts.

Hammel left with runners

on the corners and one out.

Jurickson Profar grounded into

an inning-ending double play

on Tim Lincecum's second pitch.

Kelvin Herrera pitched a

scoreless ninth inning after

allowing a leadoff single for his

11th save in 12 chances.

The Rangers' runs came on

seventh-inning homers by Joey

Gallo, his 15th of the season

with one on, and Robinson

Chirinos, his seventh.

Texas went 0 for 11 with

runners in scoring position,

0 for 7 during the first three

innings.

Kyle Busch blows past field for 1st Charlotte points win

By Pete Iacobelli
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Kyle Busch led 377 of 400 laps in a dominating Coca-Cola 600 run at Charlotte Motor Speedway to finally break through with a points-race victory at the only NASCAR Cup track that had eluded him.

Busch started on the pole, won every stage in the circuit's longest race and left everyone else in the field fighting for second on the way to his fourth victory of the season.

The victory gave Busch a points-race win at every NASCAR track on the schedule.

"I don't know if it has ever been done before but the first one ever to check off all of the tracks and get it all done," Busch said. "I don't want to go to any new ones so now we just have to start the whole process over."

Martin Truex Jr. was second, some four seconds behind. It was two years ago Truex had his own mind-boggling performance, leading 392 of 400 laps for a NASCAR record 588 of 600 miles to win at Charlotte.

Kevin Harvick's try for a third straight points win this month ended with an early accident.

Busch's Joe Gibbs Racing teammate, Denny Hamlin, was third, followed by Brad Keselowski and Jimmie Johnson.

Busch's victory ended a day



Mike McCarroll/Associated Press

Crew members perform a pit stop on driver Kyle Busch's car during the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

of dominance on racing's single biggest day. Things began with Australia's Daniel Ricciardo taking the pole and leading every lap at the Monaco Grand Prix. It continued at the Indianapolis 500 with Will Power giving owner Roger Penske his 17th win at the Brickyard.

Once Busch took the track, he quickly proved he would not be kept out of Charlotte's Victory Lane again.

This race figured to be a match

race between NASCAR's two hottest drivers in Busch and Kevin Harvick.

Harvick had won five times, including the past two points events and the All-Star race here last week.

Instead, Harvick's race ended early after an accident on lap 83. Harvick hit the wall, cut a front tire and trailed sparks on the track toward the garage.

Harvick showed off one of the best cars, rallying from starting

39th due to inspection problems this week to get the fourth before his problems began.

"Happy" Harvick didn't sound too broken up about his quick night. "I can't complain about anything that's happened this year," said Harvick, who finished last. "We have to take the good with the bad."

Harvick last left the track early in the season-opening Daytona 500, then followed that with three straight victories.

NASCAR Monster Energy Cup-Coca-Cola 600 Results

Sunday
At Charlotte Motor Speedway
Concord, N.C.

Lap length: 1.58 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

- (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 400 laps, 70 points
- (15) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 400, 54
- (3) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 400, 49
- (4) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 400, 41
- (22) Jamie Johnson, Chevrolet, 400, 41
- (7) James McNamara, Chevrolet, 400, 37
- (11) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 400, 46
- (18) Kurt Busch, Ford, 400, 36
- (27) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 400, 28
- (13) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 399, 31
- (22) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 399, 30
- (28) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 399, 35
- (8) Aric Almirola, Ford, 399, 34
- (14) Paul Menard, Ford, 399, 23
- (10) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 399, 22
- (24) David Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 399, 21
- (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 399, 20
- (20) Michael McDowell, Ford, 399, 18
- (4) Erik Jones, Toyota, 399, 29
- (26) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 399, 21
- (21) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 399, 18
- (23) Joey Logano, Ford, 399, 15
- (25) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 399, 14
- (24) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 399, 6
- (19) David Ragan, Ford, 398, 12
- (29) Corey Lewis, Chevrolet, 398, 11
- (27) Parker Hagan, Toyota, 394, 6
- (28) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 394, 9
- (16) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 394, 8
- (25) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 390, 7
- (31) Gary Gaudin, Toyota, 388, 6
- (32) Timmy Hill, Ford, 383, 6
- (34) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 372, 0
- (12) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 348, 3
- (35) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 344, 5
- (6) Ryan Blaney, Ford, engine, 278, 10
- (37) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, oil leak, 257, 1
- (40) JJ Yeag, Chevrolet, 199, 6
- (21) William Byron, Chevrolet, accident, 139, 1
- (40) Kevin Harvick, Ford, accident, 83, 1

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 138.692 mph.

Time of Race: 4 hours, 22 minutes, 22 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 8.823 seconds.

Caution Flags: 11 for 54 laps.

Lead Changes: 9 among 4 drivers.

Lap Leaders: Harvick 2, Logano 1-4, Harvick 5-40.

B. Keselowski 68-87; Harvick 88-158; D. Hamlin 159-165.

J. Logano 176-177; Harvick 174-352; D. Hamlin 353-354.

Harvick 355-400.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Time Left, Laps Left): Kyle Busch 4 times for 377 laps; J. Logano 2 times for 12 laps; D. Hamlin 2 times for 9 laps; B. Keselowski 1 time for 2 laps.

Ricciardo wins Monaco GP despite power loss

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

MONACO — Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo steadied his nerve when victory threatened to escape him again as he overcame a significant midrace power loss to win the Monaco Grand Prix from pole position on Sunday.

After guzzling champagne from his sweaty shoe — as he likes to do — it was time to cool off. The popular Australian swan-dived into the swimming pool located on the roof of Red Bull's motorhome in Monaco's glitzy harbor.

Better known for his attacking prowess and razor-sharp overtaking, Ricciardo had earlier shown outstanding defensive driving to fend off Sebastian Vettel's Ferrari despite losing an estimated 25 percent of his engine power.

Vettel closed to within one second of Ricciardo with more than half of the 78-lap race left. It seemed certain the German would pass him at some point, but Ricciardo held firm for the seventh win of his career.

Even though the 3.34-kilometer (2.1-mile) street circuit is narrow and notoriously difficult to overtake on, it was still a

remarkable drive by Ricciardo, given his damaging power deficit.

"So much went on for me in that race, trying to figure out what was going on," said Ricciardo, who was fastest in all three practice sessions as well as qualifying. "This was probably the best weekend of my career."

Vettel shaved a few points off championship leader Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes, who finished third.

"I think we had the pace," Vettel said after missing out on a 50th career win. "But Daniel had the answers all the time."

Hamilton made an audacious move by pitting for new tires several laps before his rivals, but was worried they would wear out by the end.

"It would have been nice to have come second but I did all I could," Hamilton said.

In the end, Ricciardo's winning margin was seven seconds — but only because Vettel lost time after the virtual safety car came out for the last few laps. The incident happened when Charles Leclerc shunted his Sauber into the back of Brendon Hartley's Toro Rosso. Drivers are not allowed to overtake when the VSC is deployed and must maintain a steady speed. It happened too late to influence the race.

500

From 1C

said.
In the winner's circle, Power could not contain his glee.

He screamed to wife, Liz, took a sip of the traditional milk, then dumped the rest over his head and around his crew. Liz Power reached for the empty milk bottle, then pointed out to her husband that he'd sprayed milk all over one of the Indy 500 princesses. He apologized, then started screaming again.

Splashing the princess was the only wrong move Power made all day during an event that saw many top drivers make costly mistakes. James Hinchcliffe, a championship contender, failed to make the race at all. Castroneves, Tony Kanaan, Sebastian Bourdais and Danica Patrick were among those who crashed in single-car spins. Defending race winner Takuma Sato was also knocked out when he ran into the back of a slower car.

Power led 59 laps but his final pit stop dropped him to fourth, behind three cars that were trying to win on fuel mileage. Kanaan's crash with 12 laps remaining set up a final restart with Oriol Servià out front. He didn't get a great restart and was passed by Stefan Wilson and Jack Harvey. But all three needed enough gas to get to the finish line, and it was Power who was frantically chasing them down.

Wilson and Harvey both ducked onto pit lane for gas, giving Power the lead with four laps remaining. He knew he had it won when he took the white flag all alone, and spent the final lap yelling to himself in joy as he drove away from the field.

"I was wondering if I would ever win it and thoughts when through my mind during the month, my career," he said. "I've

had so many wins, so many poles. Everyone talks about the 500 and I just couldn't imagine winning a race in front of a crowd like this, this many people. It's just amazing."

Carpenter was second in a Chevy and noted just how much Power used to hate the speedway.

"He hated ovals and now he loves them," he said. "He and I love racing together. Maybe someday he'll race for me. I don't know if we have a tampering rule in IndyCar, but congrats Will."

Scott Dixon stretched his fuel to finish third and was followed by Alexander Rossi, who drove from 32nd to fourth and made some of the most spectacular moves in the race. Rossi had no choice: It was difficult to pass in the 2018 car on a day that fell just 2 degrees short — it was 91 — of being the hottest 500 in history.

The conditions created a stick, 2 1/2-mile track, and new cars with less downforce proved to be a handful for even the most experienced of drivers.

Castroneves' bid to win a record-tying fourth 500 ended when he spun exiting Turn 4. The popular Brazilian has been chasing Rick Mears, A.J. Foyt and Al Unser Sr. in the record books and even though Penske moved him to sports cars this year, Castroneves was given a seat for Indy.

Penske said if Castroneves won a fourth, he'd get a chance at a fifth and the team confirmed that after the race. Still, Castroneves savored his final moments on the track Sunday and instead of taking an ambulance ride to the care center, he made the long walk down pit lane, waving to fans on the way.

Patrick was completing the "Danica Double" after wrecking out at the Daytona 500. She decided long ago that the race that made her famous would be her last,

and while she called the outcome disappointing, she also expressed appreciation for all that Indianapolis had given her.

"Yeah, it's an entire career," she said, "but what really launched it was this. It's both of them. I had a lot of good fortune here and did still have some this month. It just didn't come today."

IndyCar 500 Results

Sunday
At Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Indianapolis

Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

- (1) Will Power, Chevrolet, 200, Running
- (1) Ed Carpenter, Chevrolet, 200, Running
- (2) Scott Dixon, Honda, 200, Running
- (3) Alex Rossi, Honda, 198, Running
- (4) Tony Kanaan, Chevrolet, 197, Running
- (5) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Honda, 200, Running
- (6) Simon Pagenaud, Chevrolet, 200, Running
- (7) Carlos Munez, Honda, 200, Running
- (8) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet, 200, Running
- (9) Robert Whitham, Honda, 200, Running
- (10) Graham Rahal, Honda, 200, Running
- (11) Charlie Kimball, Chevrolet, 200, Running
- (12) Marco Andretti, Honda, 200, Running
- (13) Matt Kenseth, Chevrolet, 200, Running
- (14) Gaby Chaves, Chevrolet, 200, Running
- (15) Stefan Wilson, Honda, 200, Running
- (16) Jack Harvey, Honda, 200, Running
- (17) Oriol Servià, Honda, 200, Running
- (18) Chad Knaus, Chevrolet, 200, Running
- (19) Zachary Claman De Mott, Honda, 199, Running
- (20) Spencer Pigot, Chevrolet, 198, Running
- (21) Conor Daly, Honda, 198, Running
- (22) Mike Conway, Chevrolet, 198, Running
- (23) Zach Veach, Honda, 198, Running
- (24) Jay Howard, Honda, 198, Running
- (25) Tony Hearn, Chevrolet, 197, Running
- (26) Sage Karam, Chevrolet, 194, Running
- (27) Felix Rosenqvist, Chevrolet, 148, Running
- (28) Sebastian Buehlari, Honda, 137, Running
- (29) Kyle Kirkwood, Chevrolet, 110, Running

Shane Bieber, Chevrolet, 67, Cont.

Ed Jones, Honda, 67, Cont.

Thomas Rasmussen, 48, Cont.

James Hinchcliffe, Chevrolet, 46, Cont.

Race Statistics

Shane's average speed: 138.692 mph.

Time of Race: 2:55:42.000.

Margin of Victory: 3.1699 seconds.

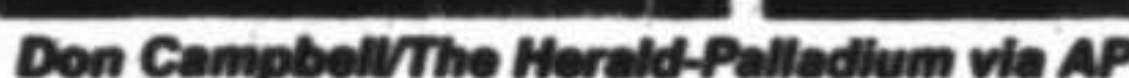
Caution: 7 for 41 laps.

Lead changes: 10 among 18 drivers.

Lap Leaders: Carpenter 1-40; Dixon 41-50; Power 51-64; Rossi 65-66; Kanaan 67-68; Rossi 69-70; Dixon 71-72; Rossi 73-74; Dixon 75-76; Rossi 77-78; Dixon 79-80; Rossi 81-82; Dixon 83-84; Rossi 85-86; Dixon 87-88; Rossi 89-90; Dixon 91-92; Rossi 93-94; Dixon 95-96; Rossi 97-98; Dixon 99-100.

Pit stops: 1, Power 2, 3, Rossi 4, 5, Dixon 6, 7, Rossi 8, 9, Dixon 10, 11, Rossi 12, 13, Dixon 14, 15, Rossi 16, 17, Dixon 18, 19, Rossi 20, 21, Dixon 22, 23, Rossi 24, 25, Dixon 26, 27, Rossi 28, 29, Dixon 30, 31, Rossi 32, 33, Dixon 34, 35, Rossi 36, 37, Dixon 38, 39, Rossi 40, 41, Dixon 42, 43, Rossi 44, 45, Dixon 46, 47, Rossi 48, 49, Dixon 50, 51, Rossi 52, 53, Dixon 54, 55, Rossi 56, 57, Dixon 58, 59, Rossi 60, 61, Dixon 62, 63, Rossi 64, 65, Dixon 66, 67, Rossi 68, 69, Dixon 70, 71, Rossi 72, 73, Dixon 74, 75, Rossi 76, 77, Dixon 78, 79, Rossi 80, 81, Dixon 82, 83, Rossi 84, 85, Dixon 86, 87, Rossi 88, 89, Dixon 90, 91, Rossi 92, 93, Dixon 94, 95, Rossi 96, 97, Dixon 98, 99, Rossi 100, 101, Dixon 102, 103, Rossi 104, 105, Dixon 106, 107, Rossi 108, 109, Dixon 110, 111, Rossi 112, 113, Dixon 114, 115, Rossi 116, 117, Dixon 118, 119, Rossi 120, 121, Dixon 122, 123, Rossi 124, 125, Dixon 126, 127, Rossi 128, 129, Dixon 130, 131, Rossi 132, 133, Dixon 134, 135, Rossi 136, 137, 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Broadhurst started the round two strokes behind Petrovic and McCarron, birdied the first hole and was tied with Petrovic for the lead by the turn. He took his first lead with a birdie on the 12th hole, led by two after 16 and birdied the final two holes, including a dramatic 46-foot putt for birdie at the 18th hole.

"I guess it would have been a

"I wasn't aware I made that many birdies," he said. "That's pretty impressive around this course."

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76-77-204	Barbara Adams, \$9,010	69-70-78-75
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76-77-208	Clyde Cox, \$9,009	68-75-72-79
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76-77-210	Sue Hargis, \$9,008	70-75-78-81
76-77-211	Harvey Keady, \$8,983	71-73-71-82
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76-77-216	Joan Lewis, \$9,042	71-72-71-87
76-77-217	Gertrude Dugan, \$9,042	70-70-73-88
76-77-218	John Lewis, \$9,042	70-72-74-89
76-77-219	John Lewis, \$9,046	70-72-74-90
76-77-220	Margaret Pratt, \$9,043	70-72-74-91
76-77-221	William Pratt, \$9,013	70-71-74-92
76-77-222	Collette Harris, \$9,013	70-72-74-93
76-77-223	William Harris, \$9,013	70-72-74-94
76-77-224	Madeline Smith, \$9,048	68-74-72-95
76-77-225	Barbara Smith, \$9,048	70-72-74-96
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Level:
1 2
3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

9	7	1	2	6	8	3	4	5
4	8	2	5	1	3	7	9	6
6	3	5	9	7	4	2	8	1
8	5	6	7	2	1	9	3	4
7	2	9	3	4	5	6	1	8
3	1	4	6	8	9	5	7	2
2	8	8	1	9	7	4	5	3
5	4	7	8	3	2	1	6	9
1	9	3	4	5	6	8	2	7

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JUMBLE

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

MUYTM

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VAEWE

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RONPEV

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



HE WAS A COOK IN THE MILITARY AND WAS PROUD TO ---

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

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: ESSAY TRUNK ROOKIE PACKET
Answer: To write down their golf scores, the cartoonist used — PEN STROKES

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

- CLUE**

1. Type of songbird

5. Provoke

6. Practice, custom

7. ___ test

ANSWER

SUTHRH

CRUIN

GSAEU

SESRST
- CLUE**

1. ___ play

2. Trainee, draftee

3. ___ density

4. Except that

ANSWER

IRETPL

ETIURRC

CEAURSF

ESNSLU

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

5-28-18 **CLUE:** On Jan. 5, 1972, Richard Nixon announced the plans to build a ___ program.

BONUS

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**

1 Emulated

2 Pinocchio

5 Gas and oil

10 Puppy sound

13 Charitable gift

14 "How awful!"

16 Artist Yoko

17 Simon & Schuster, for example

20 Sch. in Charlottesville

21 Leave speechless

22 Path around the sun

23 Jimi Hendrix classic

27 Longtime senator

28 Poetic "above"

29 Like stretchy waistbands

32 Spot on the tube

35 Hitching post?

37 Dove's call

38 Rolled-up bunch of money

39 Acidity

41 Sing with a closed mouth

42 Memorable boxer

43 Highways and byways

44 Singing insect

45 Solarium

47 CIA relative

49 Series-ending abbr.

50 Sort in compartments

56 Mascara mishap

58 Westernmost of the Aleutian Islands

59 Chicken

60 One's cleanliness habits

64 Young Skywalker's nickname

65 Lighter filler

66 Uncle Remus rabbit's title

67 "Delish!"

68 Fly with alcohol

69 Shopping place

DOWN

1 Drink from a bowl

2 Candy heart words

3 Imprison

4 ISP alternative

5 Kind of child or parent

6 "Yup"

7 Twin Cities suburb

8 Novelist Deighton

9 Hollywood's Awards

10 "Dam tootin'!"

11 Treacherously sneaky

12 Frost or Browning

15 Pi follower

18 Cruise stop

19 Disposal scraps

24 Sci-fi escape vehicle

25 Greek Zs

26 Israeli airline

30 Exist

31 Give a free pass

32 First word in Moore's Christmas poem

33 Eatery list including 99-cent items
- 34 For now, in Latin

35 "Me too"

36 PC monitor type

39 Expert

40 Hula

44 Sob syllable

46 Early color TVs

47 "Wait a bit longer"

48 Like a bug in a rug

51 Fancy parties

52 Prefix with centric

53 Rossini work

54 No social butterfly

55 Apply, as pressure

56 Fix at the vet

57 Knock over, as a bank

61 Pencil remnant

62 Had lunch

63 PC pioneer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

L	A	S	T	S	T	R	A	W	L	E	W	I	S
O	P	E	R	A	R	O	L	E	I	M	A	G	E
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1. er 6. er

2. er 7. er

3. er 8. er

4. er 9. er

5. er 10. er

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1.

2.

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1. Counters

2. Pacing back and forth

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- Supervises GIS Division staff.
- Provides planning and direction for GIS growth to serve the City and Public.
- Provides general customer service; responds to concerns and inquiries related to Division services.
- Negotiates and reviews contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g., LIDAR, ortho-aerial imagery, etc.
- Develops policies and standards for the GIS Division.
- Manages the setting of priorities for projects, software, database, and application development.
- Oversees development of GIS applications, web services, and tools to ensure they are current and within industry standards and practices.
- Oversees the GIS Division in managing ArcGIS Server installation, maintenance, upgrades and use.
- Provides recommendations to the Director of Engineering Services regarding items of GIS Division budget, priorities for projects, and resources required to complete them.
- Provides user-training services, as requested.
- Independently prepares and delivers reports and presentations to City Councilmembers, City Management, and outside agency officials. Serves as representative of GIS (or the City) to other departments and outside agencies.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Councilmembers, City Management, consultants, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures. Ability to supervise and manage other staff with a variety of skills and abilities.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of ArcGIS software (ArcGISDesktop, ArcGISOnline, ArcGISPro). Solid understanding of database design/management and programming is desirable.

Knowledge of land surveying, municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is desirable.

Bachelor's degree in GIS, Geography, Computer Science, Engineering, or a related technical or business field required. Minimum of five years' experience using GIS software required. Master's degree in a related field preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:

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MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE

NOW HIRING
Planning Division Manager

Manages Planning Division office including professional planners, technicians, and secretarial staff. Reviews items for consideration by appointed boards and commissions and elected officials.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Prepares and administers the annual division budget. Monitors expenditures during the year and makes recommendations for budget modifications.

Job Duties:

- Reviews staff work including reports, maps and special studies for presentation to Planning Commission and City Council.
- Coordinates, supervises and manages staff time.
- Prepares, administers and monitors annual budget.
- Presents information at public meetings. Participates with other staff members concerning interested projects.
- Answers various questions from general public and developers concerning city ordinances, development trends, and population.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.

Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in writing and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in geography, planning or related field required. Graduate work or advanced degree in planning preferred. Three to five years experience in a related field required, preferably including supervisory experience.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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NOW HIRING
Right-Of-Way Manager

This position manages the acquisition, sale, and licensing of City rights-of-way and other real property; oversees the execution of transactions of real property; and administers the issuance of easements and licenses to outside parties for the use of City-owned rights-of-way and property.

Budgetary Responsibilities:

Assist management staff with recommendations and budget data for potential right-of-way and easement acquisitions for public improvements.

Job Duties:

- Develops policies and procedures for standardization of third-party use of City rights-of-way and property.
- Manages the distribution of surface easements for City rights-of-way and other real property owned by the City, including 47,000+ acres of City-owned parcels.
- Develops and negotiates Surface Use Agreements, Right-of-Way License Agreements, Easement Agreements, for third-party users of City-owned parcels or rights-of-way, and coordinates with appropriate City Departments or Management.
- Prepares and presents reports to City officials, Council members, and representatives of outside agencies.
- Obtains Appraisals, Title Work, and coordinates Closings on tracts of interest.
- Coordinates and processes public easements for City projects.
- Coordinates departmental actions related to acquisition of real property to ensure compliance with City policies, and legal and regulatory guidelines.
- Coordinates preparation of offers to purchase, leases, deeds, exchange agreements, easements, releases, and related property transaction documents.
- Coordinates with others and utilizes engineering plans and plats to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, title histories, etc.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures.

Knowledge of land surveying, oil drilling and pipeline operations, and typical petroleum industry practices related to land use and acquisition is desirable. Knowledge of municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is helpful.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Council members, constituents, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software is desirable.

Bachelor's degree required. Minimum of five years' experience in real estate, land acquisition, or a similar field. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:

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1100 E 42nd St - Odessa
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8001 W University Blvd - Odessa

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING
Planner

Performs field and office work related to planning and development programs for utilization of land and physical facilities of the city.

Job Duties:

- Prepares special studies and reports related to code amendments and rezoning studies. Assists with comprehensive plan and studies and updates as necessary.
- Prepares statistical reports such as annual population estimates.
- Reviews requests and prepares written reports for zone change and proposed subdivision plat applications and special studies.
- Presents information and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Reviews miscellaneous applications including temporary land uses, special events, public rights of way, etc.
- Responds to public inquiries concerning development of the city in general as well as specific areas.
- Researches, compiles and analyzes land use and related data.
- Works with the public and developers in answering questions and providing information.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with developers and citizens in order to provide information and guidance on planning and zoning issues. Ability to work in conjunction with employees from different departments.

Knowledge of current planning processes and procedures. Ability to read and understand technical materials, reports and journals. Skill in developing related reports and ability to analyze and present data on land use applications and planning. Ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, to citizens and other government officials.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or economics plus one to three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

Benefits:

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NOW HIRING
Public Safety Dispatcher

Directs calls for service for emergency purposes and directs non-emergency inquiries.

Job Duties:

- Answers the phone and assists citizens with requests for emergency and non-emergency services for police, fire, sheriff and emergency medical service.
- Directs citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization.
- Dispatches law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and notifies support and crisis personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system.
- Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas/National Computer System (TNIC, NCIC).
- Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system.
- Sends and receives teletype information to and from related agencies.
- Maintains records of work performed.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Ability to work with dispatch equipment and communicate with citizens and emergency personnel in highly stressful, possibly emergency situations. Employee communicates with other employees in the work group, citizens and other law enforcement agencies in order to discuss requests for service and possible criminal activities. Will also exchange information or request assistance from other agencies and make referrals when necessary.

Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 38 WPM.

Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.

1. Keyboarding
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3. Data Entry MT (Audio)
4. Call Simulation
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6. Map Reading
7. Spelling
8. Sentence Clarity
9. Reading Comprehension

Employees work rotating shifts and gather, organize, translate and process information from various emergency calls.

DAYS & HOURS: Rotating Shifts, Rotating Days Off - Valid Texas Driver License.

Benefits:

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NOW HIRING
Recycle Supervisor

Supervises and monitors Citizens Collection Station and recycle drivers in day to day operations and projects. Works as a service attendant at the Citizens Collection Station as needed. Acts as a Solid Waste Supervisor as needed.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provides input as to needed equipment and employment positions. Monitors supplies and equipment at the Citizens Collection Station.

Job Duties:

- Schedules and monitors the work of subordinate employees.
- Instructs employees in the use, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery.
- Reads schematics, manuals, and other specifications in order to determine and make necessary repairs and maintenance.
- Maintains equipment in good working order and keeps records of work performed.
- Ensures the cleanliness and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Acts as the customer service representative of the Recycle Division at the Citizens Collection Station and on telephone issues.
- Keeps records and reports readily available.
- Coordinates efforts with Solid Waste operations.
- Serves as service attendant when necessary.
- Serves as a Solid Waste Supervisor when necessary.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to receive work orders or instructions for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.

Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities. Ability to train others in safe operation of equipment. Ability to work with cash and adhere to cash-handling policies. Ability to properly evaluate activities and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relation skills as well as verbal and written communication skills.

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste either supervising and evaluating the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class 'B' Municipal Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

Benefits:

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2-1-1 INFORMATION & REFERRAL
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Accepting applications for the position of 2-1-1 Information and Referral Community Outreach and Resource Coordinator. Job duties include developing and implementing a community and business outreach plan, developing public education and information materials, and networking with agencies to gather resource information for the 2-1-1 database of resources.

Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in a social/human service or related field and minimum of two years' experience with the non-profit community or social/human services agencies in the Permian Basin. Bilingual (English and Spanish) preferred. Certified Information and Referral Specialist (CIRS) OR must obtain Alliance of Information and Referral Systems CIRS within 18 months of employment. Position requires ability to work in a team-oriented environment, strong customer service orientation and skills, and ability to build and maintain strong community relationships.

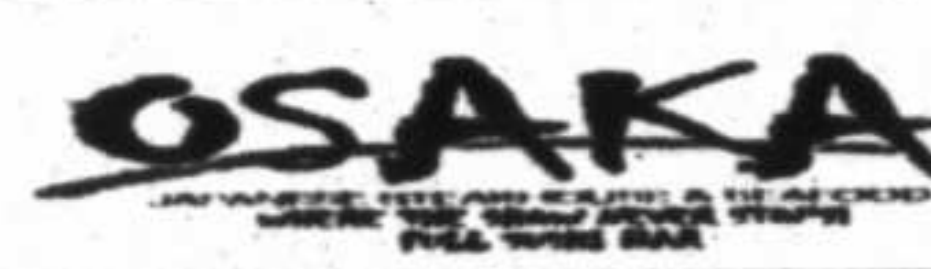
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Systems Administrator

Performs network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planned and emergency maintenance, performance and security analysis, and monitoring, testing, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

Job Duties:

- Designs and coordinates segments of the IT architecture
- Manages server applications, including but not limited to social media, Active Directory, operating systems, and email.
- Prepares and maintains IT design, architectural, and specifications documentation, as identified.
- Monitors information storage systems, schedules, and tests, including backup and recovery tasks, as identified.
- Provides research, development, and planning of the IT infrastructure.
- Is responsible for the validating, building, and testing IT solutions; analyzing IT infrastructure technical issues; and supporting the design, planning, building, and testing of new IT solutions, as assigned.
- Performs related duties as assigned.
- Subject to recall 24/7

Qualifications:

• Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science plus two years of experience in a related field is required.

• Four years experience may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement.

• Valid Texas Driver's License

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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- Tuition Reimbursement

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NOW HIRING
Plant Technician

Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.

Job Duties:

- Diagnoses equipment and vehicle malfunctions such as ignition, steering, vibration control, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Estimates costs and submits to specifications.
- Determines the appropriateness of off-site repairs such as oil and filter changes, tire and mufflers.
- Repairs vehicles for state vehicles.
- Determines readiness and fitness of new vehicles, installs special equipment.
- Employees must provide own hand tools. City supplies major equipment including power tools, computerized analyzer, and other diagnostic equipment.
- Maintains parts, electrical diagrams, manuals and other specifications in order to make repairs.
- Performs emergency repairs for various departments.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work orders, logs, material information, and special vehicle requests.

Qualifications:

• High School graduate or GED
- Knowledge of proper tools used in welding and fabrication
- Three years working as a technician or in a related field
- Valid Texas Class A CDL Driver's License within one year of employment
- Texas Department of Public Safety Inspector Certificate required within one year of employment.

Benefits:

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Customer Service (Field Work)

Performs field work regarding current or past water service.

Job Duties:

- Turns water on for new customers, disconnects water for customers leaving or re-connects service that had been disconnected. Obtains new or current readings due to new service or broken lines.
- Sets meters to establish or re-establish service.
- Pulls meters should instances occur when customer fails to set up service.
- Collects past due utilities bills so that water can be connected.
- Changes our broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
- Verifies or re-reads meter information when complaints are filed.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current repairs or the reading of meters.

Ability to read work orders and maps in order to find street locations. Skill in math in determining amount of water utilized. Skill in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.

Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employee must be bondable.

Benefits:

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Effluent Distribution Technician

Maintains pivots in good working order and prevents holding ponds from overflowing.

Job Duties:

- Determines which pump units to operate and maintains center pivots in good working order. Repairs and services when necessary.
- Operates gates and lagoon system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines when and when to store water.
- Monitors operations in order to apply the proper amount of water.
- Repairs water line leaks and breaks.
- Uses equipment such as loaders and backhoes in order to fill gullies caused by operations.
- Maintains and repairs electrical systems on central pivot units.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders in order to maintain or repair meters or parts. Skill in writing to record results.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus six months to one year of experience. C Operator's certification from the TNRCC. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:

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Electronics Tech - Airport

Performs routine and preventive maintenance of electrical equipment systems. Works under the direction of the Electronics/Equipment Specialist.

Job Duties:

- Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, library systems, etc.
- Assists the Electronics/Equipment Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in the operation of hand tools and equipment such as electrical measuring meters and devices.

High school diploma or equivalent plus two to three years of experience as an electronics technician. Journeyman's License as an electronics technician. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:

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Well Field Technician - Paul Davis

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification and associated potable water storage.

Job Duties:

- Assists other Utility Department Divisions as required.
- Performs Operations & maintenance duties as assigned at WPP.
- Controls water distribution processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
- Maintains required records of operations, generates monthly report and maintenance records.
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA systems to monitor and control well field production.
- Performs routine cleaning of assigned area. Maintains grounds at well field compounds.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

RELOCATION MANDATORY

Still in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, meters and lower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use leveling and measuring equipment. On call 50% evenings and weekends.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Groundwater License from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Natural Resources level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid Texas Class "B" CDL, required or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

Benefits:

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Electronics/Electronics Tech - WPP

Troubleshoots and maintains electrical, SCADA and control equipment for the well field, Purification Plant, Water Pollution Control Plant, water storage towers, booster station.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assists in the development of the budget and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items to the appropriate division during the annual budget process.

Job Duties:

- Troubleshoots and repairs electrical service to any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Troubleshoots and repairs control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Troubleshoots and repairs SCADA equipment at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Programs SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Structures users of SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Calculates electrical loads for equipment and installs wiring.
- Determines equipment and supplies required for jobs by reading code books and blue prints.
- Keeps abreast of changes in the Electrical Code and Regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
- Maintains inventory of supplies used and replaces as needed.
- Perform Operations & Maintenance duties as assigned.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Ability to read operator's manuals, blue prints and schematics in order to maintain electrical, SCADA and control equipment throughout the Utilities Department in good working order. Skill in the operation of electrical and mechanical hand and power tools. Employee must perform mathematical calculations in order to determine electrical needs. Skill in writing to record results and track work. Will be on-call.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus two years of experience. A valid Apprentice Electrician license from the State of Texas or have successfully completed 12 college hours of electronics coursework would be preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must also obtain a valid state of Texas class "C" or above driver's license.

Benefits:

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Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector

Perform responsible work in support of city engineering staff. Work relates to engineering construction activities such as construction inspection of municipal projects involving construction of asphalt or concrete pavement, sidewalks, ramps, water lines and sewer lines.

Job Duties:

- Inspect forms, materials and workmanship for compliance with plans and specifications. Tests materials and workmanship as required.
- Maintain daily diary and records on projects including emergency telephone numbers for key people.
- Maintain inspection project files for all phases of construction for each project. Provides information to update record drawings.
- Inspect traffic control devices for compliance with plans and the Texas Manual on Uniform Control Devices. Make safety inspections to note deficiencies for correction.
- Analyze field construction problems and assists engineers with recommending corrections.
- Performs survey work as requested by Engineering staff.
- Coordinate with traffic, utility companies, landowners, etc. before and during construction.
- Acts as project field coordinator for contractors, utility companies and city departments.
- Researches utility locations and right of way, assemble plot and deed information and produces plan views.
- As appropriate, trains and evaluates the progress of other employees.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Must be able to use and communicate by hand-held radio. Basic skill in the use of a variety of machines, including personal computers, printers, calculators, scanners and large document copier are preferred.

Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and a good driving record. Employee must be able to effectively communicate with other employees in the work group. Must be able to correctly respond to questions from contractors, surveyors, inspectors, or city staff regarding work performed or applicable specifications related to a design or construction project.

Must coordinate effectively with other city departments, contractors, and utility companies when designing or scheduling work. Must possess skill to observe, read, and interpret written technical materials and construction drawings. Ability to use leveling and measuring equipment.

Must have obtained a High school diploma or equivalent GED plus 5 years of experience in civil construction trades. College degree or construction certifications preferred. Extensive knowledge of state, federal, and local laws and requirements regarding construction, surveying and safety standards.

Extensive skill in observing, reading and interpreting written technical materials and construction drawings. Extensive knowledge of city codes and ordinances and other state and federal requirements regarding utility construction and safety standards.

Extensive knowledge of engineering standards and construction practices for water, sewer, street and drainage design. Intermediate skill in drafting with computer aided design systems such as AutoCAD. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plots for boundary surveys.

Benefits:

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Equipment Operator - Landfill

Disposes of refuse through the use of heavy equipment at the Landfill.

Job Duties:

- Operates refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as compactors, scrapers, bulldozers and related equipment.
- Maintains access roads to the Landfill.
- Covers refuse at the end of each day.
- Maintains all equipment in good working order and keeps records of service problems. Submits daily maintenance sheets to supervisor.
- Performs preventive maintenance on equipment such as oil changes. Determines when servicing of vehicles is required.
- Monitors vehicles as they enter, unload and leave the Landfill. Gives directions to citizens.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to disposal. Knowledge of the processes used in collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, chutes and hydraulic systems as well as simple shovels, brooms and rakes. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent, plus one to three years of equipment operation preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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This position requires a demonstrated ability to perform advanced functions related to the operation and maintenance of equipment at all water treatment facilities. This position functions as a Lead Operator and also as Chief Plant Operator when required, performing complex analysis of the Water Treatment Plant operations and having direct charge of the operation of a water treatment facility or Water Production Facility. Positions at this level provide instruction and guidance to lower level Water Treatment Plant Operators. This position is usually filled by advancement from the Water Treatment Operator II. Position requires three to five years of experience in a Water Treatment Plant Operator position and must possess a minimum of a Class "C" Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the time of accepting position.

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Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater

Performs manual and unskilled labor of more than ordinary difficulty, which often involves the use of acquired skills and operates several types of light vehicles and equipment. Does related work and training as required.

Qualifications:

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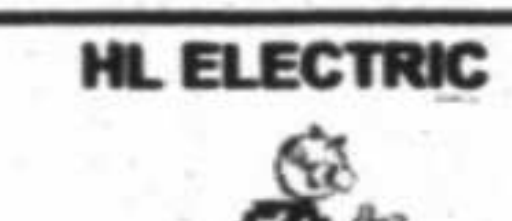
Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to water and sewer system maintenance. Knowledge of the processes used in utility maintenance. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools. Skill in the use of heavy equipment utilized in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and jet truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas CDL Class A driver's license required or must be obtained within 6 months of employment. Must possess or be able to obtain Wastewater Certification Class I and Water Distribution D Certificate within a reasonable length of time.

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Job Duties:

- Performs routine maintenance on construction on streets, alleys, right of ways, drainage channels, etc.
- Performs daily preventive maintenance of material equipment or hand tools.
- Performs manual work and general labor such as weed cutting, pothole repair, shoveling, etc.
- Maintains tools and equipment in good and safe operating condition.
- Performs any related duties needed to complete projects.
- Installs and maintains signage throughout the city.
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- Installs new marking devices.
- Times lanes in order to clear sign obstructions.
- Fabricates signs.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work schedule, status reports and records of work orders.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to learn some material equipment or tools. Ability to read materials such as equipment manuals and work orders. Ability to write and record information such as feedback on work request/work orders.

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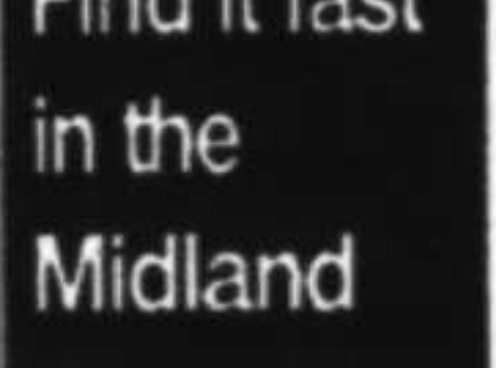
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