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Texas Tech outhits Louisville at home in Lubbock. Texas Tech will advance to the NCAA Baseball Super Regional.

Permian drillers could have long wait for pipelines

■ 'People out here are used to ... adjusting their operations to meet changing conditions,' PBPA's Robertson says

By Jeff Mosier
The Dallas Morning News

Success is catching up with the Permian Basin, which is out-producing many Middle Eastern nations.

With oil prices climbing, the basin has become an expensive bottleneck as drillers try to pump more crude and natural gas than what pipelines can send to refineries, storage tanks and ports.

Billions of dollars worth of new and expanded pipelines are in the works, but it could take years before the oil-rich formation in West Texas sees sustained relief. And the inability to produce more oil and gas from the Permian region could help push up global oil prices.

"We can drill a well anywhere in the Permian in less than 30 days," said Bernadette Johnson, vice president of market intelligence at Drillinginfo. "We can bring that well online within a couple of months. It takes 18 months to bring on a new pipeline. ... It's not a quick fix."

The U.S. benchmark crude oil price recently topped \$70 a barrel and hit three-year highs before dropping down to about \$67. Some analysts say it could go as high as \$100 this year as a result of U.S.

sanctions against Iran, Venezuela's continued production decline and political instability in Libya — all key players in the global oil market.

Industry experts are counting on higher oil production from the U.S. and Saudi Arabia to soften price increases. For the U.S., that means more oil from the Permian Basin.

"Permian is going to be tough," Johnson

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RECORD-BREAKING MAY

Noel Smith, 5, plays in the splashpad at Security Bank Ballpark on Wednesday when the temperatures were over 100 during the Midland RockHounds game. Last month was the hottest May on record in Midland, according to the National Weather Service.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



NWS: Last month was hottest May on record

From staff reports

May 2018 will go down as the warmest May on record in Midland, according to the National Weather Service.

The NWS on its website Friday reported an average temperature of 82.1 degrees, which was nearly 9 degrees above average and 1 degree higher than the previous record set in 1996. High temperatures in the 100s

roasted the region. The NWS reported 12 days of triple-digit temperatures, including seven-straight to finish off the month. The NWS reports a typically high temperature at the end of May is around 91 degrees. On Wednesday and Thursday, the reported high temperatures were 107 and 106, respectively.

The hot start to the end of Midland's spring appears to be setting the table for a very warm summer. The Climate Prediction Center is calling for a 60 to

70 percent chance of above-average temperatures in June, and a 50 percent chance of above-average temperatures from June through August.

The National Weather Service is calling for a high of 100 today as well as triple-digit highs for the rest of the week.

The lack of rainfall has been a concern. So far, this year, 0.84 of an

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Petroleum economy jumps 28 percent

■ Takeaway constraints may prompt producers to tap the brakes, economist says

By Mella McEwen
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The Permian Basin has learned to do more with less in the aftermath of the crude oil price downturn.

The region's crude output is at record highs, and oil and gas employment has surpassed its previous highs, though the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index remains well below its peak set in November 2014. Still, the index was up sharply from February to March and is 28.2 percent higher than March 2017 levels.

"All industries want to do more with less," said Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the index. Permian Basin operators took the opportunity provided by the downturn "by necessity" to learn to improve efficiency and turn out more barrels of crude.

And turn out more barrels they have, with crude volumes in March climbing 20 percent above March 2017 levels and volumes in the first quarter of the year up 18.5 percent from the same timeframe of 2017. Natural gas volumes have risen a similar amount, coming in 15.1 percent above March levels and 15.2 percent above first quarter 2017 levels.

Of all the nation's producing basins, the Permian was the only one to not see a production decline during the downturn, Ingham said. "The rate of growth slowed, but there was still growth," he said.

That additional production has strained takeaway capacity, widening to almost \$20 a barrel the discount between prices paid at Midland for West Texas Intermediate and that sold at Cushing. Ingham said Waha hub gas pricing is suffering the same affliction.

He theorized that the wide differential between Midland and Cushing is the market sending a signal to Permian producers to slow their output.

"That may be the message of these localized pricing discounts, and it's not happening," Ingham said. "Producers are adding rigs and production."

The situation may only worsen before the additional takeaway capacity being planned or under construction comes online late next year, he said. In the meantime, he said the discounts may widen to a point where producers will rein in activity until the situation

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Bulletproof backpacks are now allowed at Louisiana schools. Page 2A

The big number
A 47-year-old woman has told detectives she killed her husband because he had been beating the family out. Page 6A

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Graduates leave a graduation ceremony for Marjory Stoneman Douglas seniors Sunday in Sunrise, Fla. The senior class from Florida's Parkland high school where a gunman killed 17 people in February received diplomas Sunday and heard from surprise commencement speaker Jimmy Fallon, who urged graduates to move forward and "don't let anything stop you."

Fallon to Parkland students: 'Don't let anything stop you'

By Terry Spencer
Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Graduating seniors at the Florida high school where a gunman killed 17 people in February received diplomas Sunday and heard from surprise commencement speaker Jimmy Fallon, who urged them to move forward and "don't let anything stop you."

Four families received diplomas on behalf of loved ones slain in the attack that gave rise to a campaign by teens for gun control. Principal Ty Thompson underscored the honors for the dead students in a tweet.

"Remember those not with us, and celebrate all the successes the Class of 2018 has brought to the community and the world!" Thompson tweeted.

The "Tonight Show" host offered similar praise, saying, "You are not just the future — you are the present. Keep changing the world. Keep making us proud."

In a video of his address, Fallon joked that the students "won't be classmates any more. You'll be adults who will Facebook search each other at 2 in the

morning for the next 10 years."

Turning more serious, he said: "First thing is this: When something feels hard, remember that it gets better. Choose to move forward. Don't let anything stop you."

He thanked them for their bravery and activism. Graduate Shannon Recor said afterward that Fallon "made us laugh and cry" with his speech.

"He brought a positive energy — I'm glad he came," Recor said.

The private ceremony for the nearly 800 members of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School class of 2018 was held at the BB&T Center, where the National Hockey League's Florida Panthers play. It was moved to the arena to accommodate the expected large crowd. Reporters were not permitted inside the arena.

Fourteen students and three staff members died in the Feb. 14 attack in Parkland. Former student Nikolas Cruz is charged with their deaths and the wounding of 17 other people. Attorneys for the 19-year-old have said he will plead guilty in exchange for a sentence of life without parole.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

The school presented diplomas to the families of Nicholas Dworet, Joaquin Oliver, Meadow Pollack and Carmen Schentrup.

Graduate Chris Grady said their families received standing ovations when they walked on stage, with Oliver's mom wearing a T-shirt that read, "This should be my son."

He said graduates Emma Gonzalez and David Hogg, who have become prominent in the "March for Our Lives" gun control movement, got a mixed response as their names were announced. Gonzalez got cheers, he said, while Hogg got a mixture of cheers and boos.

"I felt bad for him, Grady said. Otherwise, he said, "it was a normal graduation" other than Fallon's speech — "That was cool."

Pollack's brother, boyfriend and cousins were to accept her diploma. Her brother, Hunter Pollack, aired his feelings on Twitter.

"Today is the day my sister has been waiting for. Graduation where she would've been getting her diploma and be on her way to attend college. This is a sad day, as I will be

walking stage to get her diploma for her," he said. Her father, Andrew Pollack, said he was too emotionally spent to attend the ceremony. He has been an outspoken critic of school and law enforcement officials, saying they failed to protect his daughter and the others, but that's not why he's staying away.

"It has nothing to do with them," Pollack told The Associated Press by phone Sunday. "I've just been dead inside since Feb. 14."

Instead, he was headed to central Florida, where this week he will address the armed guards one district has hired for its schools.

April Schentrup, mother of Carmen Schentrup, posted a photo of her daughter wearing her graduation gown and cap, the Sun Sentinel reported. "For me, it is too painful to celebrate w/o Carmen," she said in an online post.

"But I am proud of Carmen's friends & classmates on their accomplishments. They've overcome so much. I know they will continue to make positive changes."

As families arrived for the ceremony, gunshots from a nearby public shooting range could be heard echoing over the parking lot.

Obituaries

C.E. Stanley Bellows IV

C.E. Stanley Bellows, IV was born in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan on October 8, 1948 to C.E. Stanley Bellows III and Helen Heiser Bellows. He passed away on March 29, 2018 in Tacoma, Washington. Stan grew up in Midland, Texas where he attended Midland High School and was a member of the swim team from 1962 - 1965. He graduated from Texas Military Institute in 1966 and from Texas Tech in 1973.

Stan was employed for many years in the oil and gas industry before moving to Washington where he worked for the Transportation Security Administration for the past sixteen years.

He enjoyed scuba and skydiving during his younger years and once completed the Dallas marathon. He continued to enjoy swimming, weight lifting and target shooting in his later years.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by two sisters, Cutler B. Crockard and husband, Doug, of Houston, Texas, and Helen Elizabeth (Beth) Bellows of Somerville, Massachusetts, nephew, Bradford D. Crockard and wife, Sarah, of Katy, Texas, niece, Callie C. Musselman and husband, J.B., of San Antonio, Texas, five great nieces and nephews, and numerous cousins.

Stan will be remembered at a service in the Columbarium at First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of the usual remembrances, the family gratefully requests donations to The Deacons' Fund, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., Midland, Texas 79701 or to the charity of your choice.



Sue Ann Trolinder

Sue Ann Trolinder passed away Friday, June 1, 2018 after fighting a long and courageous battle with a terminal illness. She was surrounded

by family as she left to be in Heaven with our Father.

She was born in Wichita, Kansas on November 23, 1941 to Edward W. and Leila G. Baker.

She moved from Cedarvale, Colorado to Midland, Texas in 2008. In 2010, she met the love of her life, Del Trolinder.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Edward W. and Leila G. Baker; and sister, Lois M. Lyle.

She is survived by her adoring husband, Del Trolinder; brother, Edward W. Baker, Jr.; daughter, Leila Wilson and husband, Aaron; son, Edward Klopfenstein and wife, Naho; five beautiful grandchildren, Rochelle Williams and husband, Calib; Zachariah Esterly and wife, Ami; Sora Klopfenstein, Lila Klopfenstein and Mia Klopfenstein; three precious great-grandchildren, Lane Esterly, Ethan Williams and Adilee Williams.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Star Hospice.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
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Death Notices

Erlinda Blea

Erlinda Blea, 74 of Midland, Texas passed away on Friday, June 1st, 2018.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. She is survived by three sons, Martin Blea, Gilbert Blea and Daniel Blea; one sister and two brothers.

Starrin McMinn

Starrin McMinn, passed away Saturday, June 2, 2018 in Midland, Texas. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

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NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KANSAS Governor candidate shocks with replica gun at parade

SHAWNEE — A Kansas City suburb has apologized after a Republican gubernatorial candidate in Kansas appeared in a parade atop a Jeep with what appeared to be a large gun mounted on the back.

The Kansas City Star reported that some onlookers appeared stunned by the sight of Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach on the red, white and blue-decorated vehicle at the Old Shawnee Days parade Saturday morning.

A spokesman for Kobach says the gun was a replica. Shawnee Community Christian Church pastor Johnny Lewis says there were audible gasps from parade-goers as Kobach rode by.

The city of Shawnee issued a statement apologizing to those who felt unsafe and promising not to allow something similar in future.

WISCONSIN Attorney general awards first school safety grant

MADISON — Attorney General Brad Schimel is awarding the first school safety grant under a law Gov. Scott Walker signed in March.

Schimel announced Friday that the Kenosha Unified School District is the first grant recipient. The district will get about \$200,000. The district will

use the money to train staff in youth mental health, building security assessments, physical building safety upgrades such as door locks and training in how to spot threats to schools on social media.

The new law creates \$100 million in grants for school safety upgrades. Walker signed it in the wake of a mass shooting at a Florida high school in February.

Schools have until Monday to submit applications. Schimel wants to award most of the grants by mid-June so schools can complete upgrades by fall.

PENNSYLVANIA Officials: Girl, 9, used cellphone app to send school threat

HERMINIE — Authorities allege that a 9-year-old girl used a cellphone app to transmit a bomb threat to a Pennsylvania elementary school last month.

State police in Westmoreland County said the May 26 threat against Young's H.W. Good Elementary School was made through a popular gaming site.

Police called to investigate Tuesday identified a suspect and determined that the threat wasn't credible.

Superintendent Janet Sardon said the youngster will face disciplinary action when she returns to school in August but declined to say whether she will be suspended. Sardon said the district sent parents a letter about the incident.

LOUISIANA Edwards OK's bulletproof backpacks on campuses

BATON ROUGE — Bulletproof backpacks are now allowed at Louisiana schools.

Gov. John Bel Edwards on Friday signed a proposal to let students wear the bags on school property or on school buses.

Sen. Mike Walsworth, the Republican who sponsored the bill, has said the bags could protect students if a shooter is on campus. His proposal faced little opposition in the Legislature.

The backpack measure was one of about two dozen gun bills filed this year, most of which stemmed from the February shooting at a Florida high school where 17 people were killed.

Democrats proposed gun restrictions, while Republicans advocated for loosening firearm rules. Most of the measures were unsuccessful.

NEW YORK Thousands march across NYC's Brooklyn Bridge in gun protest

Thousands of demonstrators have marched across New York's Brooklyn Bridge in a protest against gun violence.

A student-led group called Youth Over Guns organized Saturday's protest. The group formed after the deadly mass shooting in Parkland, Florida, in

February. The protesters marched across the bridge and then rallied in lower Manhattan. Most wore orange to show their support for gun violence awareness.

Aalayah Eastmond, a survivor of the shooting at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, addressed the crowd. Actress Julianne Moore and Susan Sarandon also were in attendance.

The march was one of several taking place around the country to protest gun violence and urge lawmakers to pass gun restrictions.

ILLINOIS Hearing set on Chicago suburb's semi-automatic weapons ban

DEERFIELD — Gun-rights groups want a judge to block the northern Chicago suburb of Deerfield from enforcing its ban on certain semi-automatic guns.

A Lake County judge has scheduled a June 8 hearing on a request for a temporary restraining order against the ban that's scheduled to take effect June 13.

The Chicago Tribune reports the attorney for the Illinois State Rifle Association and the Second Amendment Foundation argues that the injunction is needed to prevent village residents from facing confiscation of their weapons and \$1,000-a-day fines before courts decide on the lawsuits.

One lawsuit claims the village is violating a state

law that prohibits municipalities from enacting bans after 2013.

BOSTON Massachusetts Senate to debate 'red flag' gun measure

A bill that would allow for the temporary removal of firearms from people considered a danger to themselves or others could move another step closer to becoming law in Massachusetts this week.

The state Senate is expected to take up the House-passed "red flag" bill on Thursday.

It would allow a relative or someone else with close ties to a legal gun owner to petition a court for a 12-month extreme risk protection order if the individual was exhibiting dangerous or unstable behavior.

A person subject to such an order could appeal.

Other states have passed red flag measures in recent months including Rhode Island, where Democratic Gov. Gina Raimondo signed a law Friday that allows police to request orders to temporarily remove guns from people deemed to be dangerous.

CALIFORNIA Man who threatened California university gets prison

SANTA ANA — A man who posted videos of himself holding guns and describing a desire to go on a killing rampage at a Southern California university has been sentenced to

three years in prison. David Smith of Los Angeles was sentenced Friday. He was convicted in April of making criminal threats.

The 40-year-old is a former student of Soka University in Aliso Viejo. Prosecutors say last fall, Smith sent threatening messages to a university spokesman, saying he had "nothing to lose" and would "make some examples that no one will forget."

Sheriff's officials say Smith then sent a link to a YouTube video showing Smith in a bathtub with a semi-automatic pistol on his chest.

Authorities say Smith possessed nine loaded guns when he was arrested last year.

WASHINGTON Spokane police to arrest student who posted threats

SPOKANE — Spokane Police say they have obtained felony warrants for the arrest of a high school student accused of posting online threats against his school.

Police said Sunday that the suspect is currently receiving medical care but will be taken into custody once that is finished. A police spokeswoman declined Sunday to elaborate on why he was receiving treatment.

Nearly 1,000 students skipped school at Lewis and Clark High on Wednesday and several hundred more stayed home on Thursday because of the threats.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Memorial miles



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Things to do

- Puppet Show with Nancy and Her Friends. Space is limited. 10:15 a.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.
- SciGirls STEM Camp will screen the "SciGirls" show and feature activities related to engineering, science and more for ages 8-12. 4-5:15 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.
- Bingo, 6 p.m. at the 1st City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.
- Bridge game play, 6-8 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wesley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.
- Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for \$14.00 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Today's pool schedule

The Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, room 7 p.m.
Washington Aquatic Center: closed
Entry fee is \$3 per person. Children under 2 are free.

MISD sets meeting on Houston

There will be a parent meeting for Midland ISD's college preparatory campus at 6 p.m. today.
Sam Houston College Preparatory Campus, located at 2000 W. Louisiana Ave., opens in the fall. The event today will introduce the community to the school's chancellor and provide an overview of expectations and AVID instruction and answers to parents' questions.

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 4, the 155th day of 2018. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:
In 1812, The U.S. House of Representatives approved, 79-49, a declaration of war against Britain.
In 1918, Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing citizens the right to vote regardless of their gender, and sent it to the states for ratification.
In 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway

Hundreds of motorcyclists head out from the Permian Basin Vietnam Memorial May 28 on the Ride to Remember. The annual event ends in Andrews.

related to the national defense to Israel. (Polard, sentenced to life in prison, was released on parole on Nov. 20, 2015.)
In 1996, a federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building

in Oklahoma City.
Today's birthdays: Actor Bruce Dern is 82. Musician Roger Ball is 74. Actress-singer Michelle Phillips is 74. Actress Angelina Jolie is 43.

Source: The Associated Press

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It's a ball of bread, yams, or meat
It's something that gets through an intricate procedure or series of obstacles: a class is a linear course or only the other corner of a wall is a small loop attached to the linear course of a wall or (figuratively) a combination of these by which a message is conveyed

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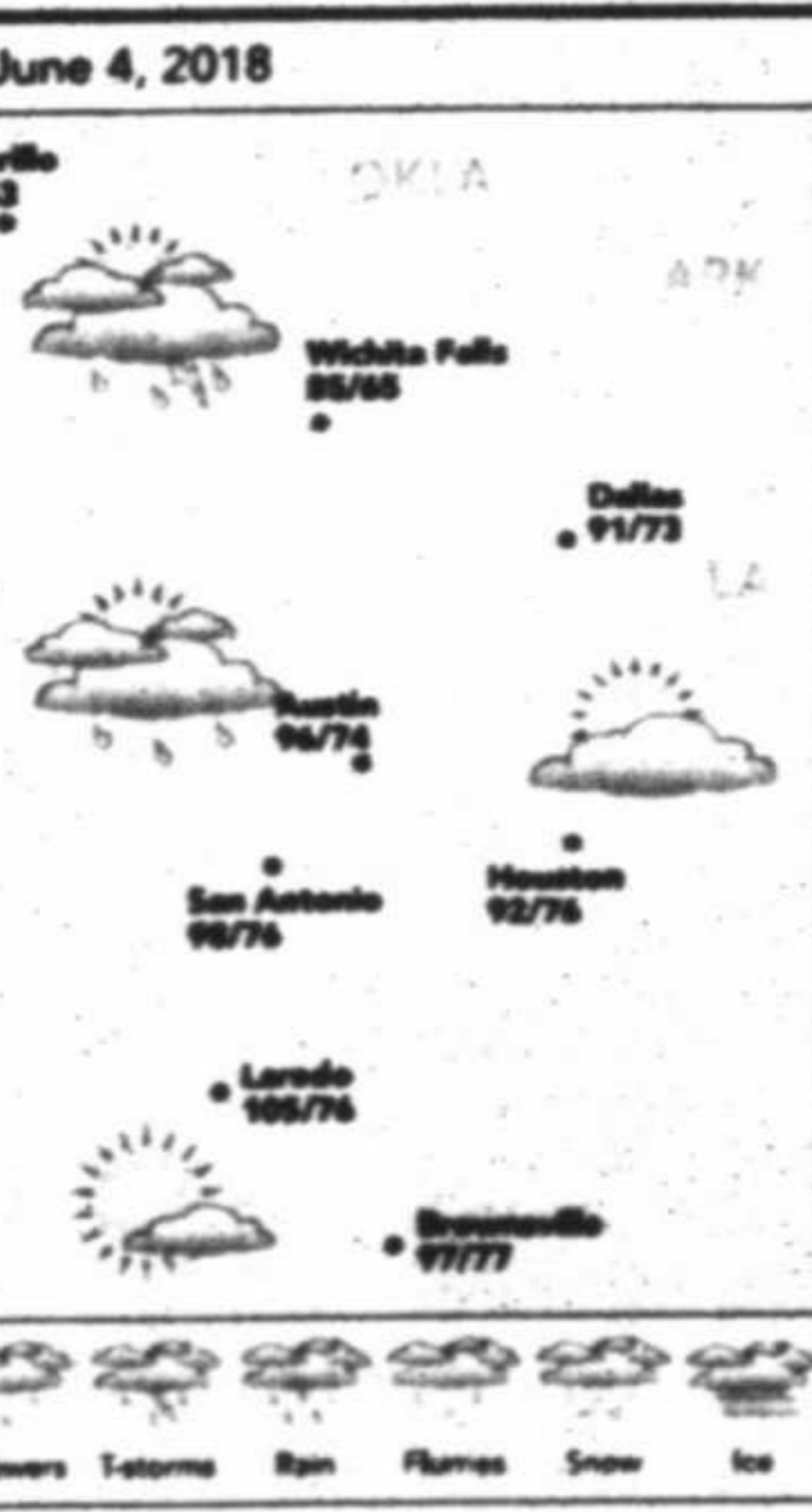
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Sunday's temperatures
High: 93
Low: 74
Normal high: 92
Normal low: 65
June 3's records
High: 111, set in 1998
Low: 47, set in 1947
Precipitation
Saturday: 0.00 in.
Sunday: 0.00 in.
Month total: 0.00 in.
Year total: 0.84 of an in.
Normal total (year to date): 4.46 in.

Winds
Average speed: 22 mph
Highest gust speed: 35 mph
Today's forecast
High: 100
Low: 75
Conditions: Cloudy turning clear today/mostly clear tonight
Winds: East 5-10 mph today/south 101-5 tonight
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.
Sunset: 8:51 p.m.
Source: National Weather Service



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

Notes: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Gemini and a Moon in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, June 4, 2018: This year you seem to be gifted in your day-to-day life. Even if you feel as if everything could blow up in your face, it is unlikely to. If it does, know that ultimately it will be for the best. Opportunities to meet people flourish. If you are single, relationships become your strong suit. You will have some important decisions to make. If you are married, the two of you enjoy greater closeness. As a couple, you might opt to take on a mutual project or hobby that brings you even closer together. AQUARIUS helps you think outside the box.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You feel optimistic that working with an associate will be beneficial. By joining forces, the possibility for financial gain becomes much more likely. Enjoy and respect each other's differences, as they will only add to your potential. Tonight: Use dinner to air out some ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You tend to drive a

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. This person cares a lot about you. Listen to what is being shared by someone in a position of authority. Your ability to relax allows greater understanding. Options appear in areas that you thought were locked. Tonight: Doors open.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Many ideas could be floating through your mind, and you might wonder if they have any value. Be more in touch with your sense of well-being and need for independence. A loved one lets you know how he or she feels. Flow with the moment. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Optimism surrounds your personal life. Nothing seems impossible to you, and therefore you'll willingly go for what you want. This upbeat attitude pays back in multiple ways. Note that agreements in all areas could be easily reached today. Tonight: Time to party and socialize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be tired of having to proceed in the same way. You need to move forward with an openness to new ideas. You will be a lot happier if you allow your creativity to call the shots. A financial decision could be happening too quickly. Tonight: Allow your inner child to emerge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Establish a better rapport with a family member or close friend. Understand what you expect from others and consider whether your desires might be a bit outlandish. Ask

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You have a lot of messages to listen to. You might feel more optimistic than you have in quite a while. You support yourself in saying what you mean and want. Communication flourishes. The time might be right to ask for a raise! Tonight: Don't back away from a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Zero in on what you desire with the full expectation of receiving just that. You could be a lot happier if you relax about a financial matter. You might want to look at different ways to proceed and weigh the pros and cons of different approaches. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Beam in much more of what you want. Listen to feedback with a degree of concern. You might be worried that someone is withholding some important information. A boss's or associate's words are filled with praise and positive feedback. Tonight: Tell it like it is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You'll want to re-think a decision more carefully than in the recent past. You could be seeing alternate paths to the same goal. Make a call to air out some of your ideas. Respect the feedback you get; it could be more positive than it sounds at first. Tonight: Break precedent.

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Richard Milburn Academy Class of 2018 graduates

Richard Milburn Academy graduation ceremony was Saturday Midland Community Theatre. Members of the Class of 2018 are:

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Source: Richard Milburn Academy



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Richard Milburn Academy's top five students are: Vicer's Rivera, from left; Angela Odom, valedictorian; Emily Hanson; salutatorian; Suncere Gully; and Angela Alvarez.

MAY

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inch of rain has fallen at Midland International Airport. (This amount does not include Sunday night's rainfall). That is about 3.5 inches below normal for the year. The U.S. Drought Monitors shows the area to be in moderate to extreme

drought, while the Monthly Drought Outlook shows drought persisting in this part of the state.

The Climate Prediction Center is showing a 33 percent chance of below-average rainfall during the month of June and normal chances for precipitation from June through August.

Warmest months

The warmest months of May on record, according to the National Weather Service.

1. 2018	82.1
2. 1996	81.1
3. 1998	79.0
4. 2000	78.5
5. 1974	77.5

Note: The average monthly temperature during a typical month of May is 73.6 degrees.

Source: National Weather Service

PETROLEUM

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improves. And then there's the question of what will happen to all that additional production.

"Something's going to have to give a little — I don't know what or when," Ingham said. "You have a rising rig count, rising drilling permits, rising volumes. Either the dam breaks and production finds its way out of the Permian Basin or there will be cutbacks."

March crude prices averaged \$59.43 per barrel, up 30.6 percent from March 2017's average of \$45.50. Prices averaged \$59.42 per barrel in the first quarter, a gain of 23.1 percent from the \$48.26 recorded in the first quarter of 2017.

The March rig count averaged 352 rigs, up 33.8 percent from the March 2017 average of 263 rigs. The first quarter rig count averaged 343 rigs, up

37.2 percent from the 250 averaged in the first three months of 2017.

The Railroad Commission issued 771 drilling permits in March, down just one from 772 issued the previous March. The agency has issued 2,000 drilling permits so far in 2018, up 9.7 percent from the 1,823 issued in the same period last year, which is more than double the total from 2016. Ingham said both the rig count and drilling permits continue to lag their highs reached in 2014 but the pace of growth is on the rise.

March oil and gas employment jumped 26.2 percent to 36,715 from the 29,100 of March 2017 and surpassing its previous high of 36,200 set in October 2014. First quarter employment 32,440, a gain of 14.3 percent from the 28,380 recorded in the first quarter of 2017.

STATE&NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS Woman says she killed husband because he beat the cat

Dallas police say a 47-year-old woman has told detectives she shot and killed her husband because he had been beating the family cat.

Authorities say Mary Harrison has been arrested and jailed on a murder charge in the slaying of her 49-year-old husband Dexter Harrison. She's being held on \$100,000 bond.

Mary Harrison told authorities that the shooting Saturday occurred during an argument. Dexter Harrison was taken to a hospital where he died.

In a statement Sunday, Dallas police say Harrison told officers that her husband had been beating the cat.

Neighbors say the family cat recently went missing. Mary Harrison had posted signs about it disappearing and the pet

eventually returned.

SAN ANTONIO End-of-school party becomes brawl

At least four people were hurt, including a 14-year-old boy grazed by a gunshot, after authorities in San Antonio say an end-of-school-year party became a brawl involving about 100 people.

Police were summoned to the home after getting calls about gunfire.

Perry McElroy says he arranged the party Saturday for his children and their friends, all in middle or high school, but others not invited also showed up. He says the fight that erupted initially involved two girls.

McElroy says his fiancée and two of her children, including the 14-year-boy, were taken to a hospital for treatment. His daughter also was hospitalized after suffering an anxiety attack.

The person who fired the gun escaped.

THE WOODLANDS Man naked in stores arrested in Oklahoma

Suburban Houston authorities say a former physician wanted for taking off his clothes in several stores has been arrested in Oklahoma.

Montgomery County officials say authorities in Tulsa, Oklahoma, notified them Saturday that 56-year-old Steven Brazzel is in custody. Tulsa is Brazzel's hometown.

Brazzel is identified as a registered lifetime sex offender in Oklahoma with a history of indecent exposure. Records also show he's a former physician whose license was revoked in 2006.

He'd been wanted in and around The Woodlands, a north Houston suburb, on three arrest warrants for being naked at sev-

eral businesses.

Tulsa police initially arrested Brazzel on May 23 for failing to register as a sex offender but he posted bond.

Montgomery County sheriff's deputies say he's now awaiting extradition to Texas.

BOSTON Suspect's estate sues government over fatal shooting

The estate of a Boston man who was shot to death by a city police detective and an FBI agent in 2015 during a terrorism investigation is suing the federal government for \$5 million on wrongful death allegations.

Usamah Rahim and two other men were accused of participating in a plot to behead conservative blogger Pamela Geller, who angered Muslims by organizing a Prophet Muhammad cartoon contest in Garland, Texas, in 2015. The plot was not carried

out.

Authorities said officers shot the 26-year-old Rahim when he lunged at them with a knife in Boston. At the time, an anti-terrorism task force was surveilling Rahim around the clock because authorities had learned of the beheading plot.

Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley concluded the officers were justified in shooting Rahim.

The Boston Globe reported Rahim's estate filed the lawsuit in federal court in Boston on Thursday. It alleges law enforcement officers "unlawfully seized, assaulted and killed" Rahim, and accuses officials of acting "negligently and recklessly in their use of excessive force, and deadly force."

The lawsuit also says no fingerprints were recovered from the knife and there were inconsistent accounts by officials about how Rahim pulled the knife.

The FBI and Boston police declined to comment.

PIPELINES

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said. "It's going to have to come from somewhere else. And for that to happen, it probably needs a price higher than \$70."

PLAYING CATCH UP

The Permian Basin has produced oil for nearly a century and is crisscrossed with pipelines. Still, recent production increases have been staggering.

At 1 million barrels per day, Permian Basin oil production hit a 13-year high in 2011. Since then, production has tripled to 3.1 million barrels with expectations that it could reach 5 million barrels by 2025.

Observers spotted the pipeline shortages by comparing prices at different points in the system. The benchmark price for West Texas Intermediate crude oil is set in Cushing, Oklahoma. But there are prices elsewhere, from the Gulf Coast to inside the Permian Basin.

The price in Cushing, nearly 500 miles away, is typically more than the price in Midland in the heart of Permian, which accounts for transportation costs. Johnson said that when the so-called "spread" increased to \$6 last year, that started "causing some operators some stress."

In May that spread spiked as high as \$12.75, a clear sign that drillers' inability to move oil out of the Permian Basin was creating excess supply and pulling down the Permian price. Johnson said that tends to hit smaller

drillers rather than larger producers, who generally have long-term transportation contracts with pipeline companies.

"That was a little bit of a surprise," she said. "It came a little bit sooner than they thought."

John Zanner, lead crude oil analyst at Houston-based RBN Energy, said the spread had shrunk previously when the new Midland-to-Sealy pipeline — 540,000 barrels per day — opened in April.

"But then there's so much production growth in West Texas now that almost as soon as that happened, it [the price spread] blew out again," Zanner said.

Magellan Midstream, which operates pipelines that carry crude from the Permian to Gulf Coast refineries, estimated that a "favorable" spread between the Midland and Houston oil prices could produce \$30 million in additional revenue for the company.

This isn't the first time Permian Basin pipeline capacity has been squeezed. In late 2014, the spread between the Midland and Cushing oil prices had hit a record \$17.50 per barrel because of pipeline capacity shortages, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

That eased after new pipelines came online.

There's also a similar problem with natural gas, which in the Permian is mostly an oil drilling byproduct. And there's only one way to transport natural gas: pipelines.

"If you can't move the gas,

you can't produce the crude," Johnson said. "You can flare for a little bit, but that's not the solution." Flaring is an industry term for burning off natural gas that cannot be transported.

Although it's expensive, small amounts of crude oil can be transported by rail or truck.

PIPELINES ON THE WAY

The pipeline companies aren't sitting idle as oil producers seek more options.

In February, Plains All American Pipeline announced that its Cactus II pipeline, running from the Permian Basin to the Corpus Christi area, was going forward. That's expected to open in the third quarter of 2019 with a capacity of at least 585,000 barrels per day.

Phillips 66 and its partners have said they had enough commitments to build their Gray Oak pipeline connecting West Texas to the Corpus Christi area. That project, which could open in late 2019, was initially announced as 385,000 barrels per day. Now the companies have said it could reach at least 700,000 barrels per day if there is enough interest.

And the EPIC crude pipeline is scheduled to open in the second half of 2019 with a capacity of 590,000 barrels.

Enterprise Product Partners took a different approach and plans to convert one of its natural gas pipelines to deliver 650,000 barrels of oil a day starting in 2020.

"You really need those major

capacity pipelines to see any kind of relaxation in the spread," Zanner said.

Stephen Robertson, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said pipeline companies knew bottlenecks were coming. But they didn't want to get too far ahead of the curve when it comes to billion-dollar expenditures.

"You're not going to get a company to make the investment to put in a pipeline that could be sitting a quarter full," he said. "It's really trying to find that balance."

Two announced oil pipeline projects in the Permian Basin have been dropped, despite the need for capacity. Buckeye Partners recent canceled plans for its 600,000-barrel South Texas Gateway pipeline. And Magellan Midstream Partners decided against a 350,000-barrel-per-day pipeline. A Magellan spokesman said the company did not receive "adequate commitments to proceed with the project at this time."

Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners and Houston's Enterprise Products Partners announced last month that they put back in service the Old Ocean natural gas pipeline, which has been idle since 2012. That pipeline runs from Maypearl, 40 miles south of Dallas, to Sweetney, near the Gulf Coast.

It transported Barnett Shale natural gas during the early 2000s boom. Now the pipeline will use its Permian Basin connection to move natural gas out

of that region starting this year.

"Bringing the Old Ocean pipeline back into service will help meet the immediate demand," said A.J. "Jim" Teague, CEO of Enterprise Products Partners' general partner, in a written statement.

Kinder Morgan's \$1.75 billion Gulf Coast Express pipeline is expected open in October 2019. And Enterprise Products Partners is also building a natural gas liquids pipeline — with a 2019 completion date — to offset the pipeline capacity it's converting to transport oil.

Until most of these projects are completed, Permian producers will not be able to significantly ramp up production. But that's not a "sky is falling" situation, Robertson said.

"People out here are used to changing conditions, and they're used to adjusting their operations to meet changing conditions," he said. "This is just another one of those."

Zanner said the Permian Basin discount is a problem for some producers, but it's also a side effect of the good times there.

"You're still making \$50 or \$55 a barrel," he said. "And in West Texas, their break-evens are so low that they're still making a bunch of money right now. ... For West Texas producers, it's probably the best of a bad situation."

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Latino movie producer opens theaters in rural, poor areas

By Russell Conteras
Associated Press

For nearly 10 years, residents in a California farming community have had to drive nearly 40 miles to see the latest film, a rare trip for some in a place where a third of the population lives in poverty.

That all changed in May when Motesuma Esparza, a Latino movie producer, opened his latest Maya Cinemas theater in Delano in his ongoing effort to open theaters in poor, rural areas in the U.S. that lack entertainment options. The \$20 million project gives Delano's 53,000 residents access to recent movie releases in a high-end experience with luxury seating. In 1965, Delano helped spark Cesar Chavez's farm worker union movement.

Esparza, who produced the 1997 movie "Selena" and has opened up four identical theaters in poor areas in California, said poverty shouldn't sentence residents to "movie deserts" where inexpensive leisure is limited. He has vowed to do his part to change the landscape in rural America.

For years, rural communities in Appalachia, the American Southwest and the Mississippi Delta have seen small theaters

close due to the high cost of technology updates and to economic downturns that discourage investors from taking over struggling movie houses.

Data from the National Association of Theater Owners, the trade organization that represents exhibitors, also found that the overall number of U.S. cinema sites fell 25 percent from 1995 to 2018. However, the number of screens spiked 45 percent largely as a result of an increase in megaplex movie theaters opening in urban areas.

The group estimates about 10,000 screens could go dark soon because small independent and rural theaters can't afford to make digital upgrades that modern movies require.

Being in a rural area that may lack broadband or have spotty cell service that makes streaming services like Netflix and Hulu difficult to access, combined with the absence of a movie theater, can be isolating or just boring.

"We have nothing out here," said Chanika Green, 18, of Shelby, Mississippi, a town of around 3,000 residents two hours south of Memphis, Tennessee. "No movie theater, nothing. It'd be nice to have something so we could do something."

The lack of a movie theater



Henry A. Barrios/The Bakersfield Californian via AP

In this May 17 photo, Larry Porricelli, vice president of Maya Cinemas, walks through the crowd of guests to pass out popcorn to theatergoers attending the first movies at the Maya Cinemas Theater in Delano, Calif.

and basic leisure like skating rinks hurts struggling regions that have seen jobs leave, said Robby Moore, mayor of Lobelville, Tennessee. Residents in rural areas often have to travel more than an hour to watch a movie.

That's why Esparza began building theaters in underserved areas in 2000. The theaters also provide jobs.

"I saw a business opportunity. But what I soon realized was that I have to become a developer, too," Esparza said. "Few people were investing in these communities."

Esparza is erecting megaplex movie theaters in rural Latino areas in California. Besides Delano, theaters have opened in Salinas, Bakersfield, Pittsburg and Fresno.

His next theater is being planned for North Las Vegas. He says a developer could do the same for rural areas in Kentucky, West Virginia and the Deep South, if they research the need and build complexes that give moviegoers a special experience.

Some states are encouraging local communities to take active

steps to bring movies to town.

New Mexico announced two years ago that it was joining other states in pushing an initiative to revitalize downtown districts in isolated, small towns by rehabilitating aging, historic theaters.

An economic development program, similar to efforts in Iowa and Illinois, seeks to save often-forgotten facilities like the Shuler Theater in Raton, New Mexico — a poor and rural area. The program helps refurbish buildings and gives grants for new digital projection and sound equipment.

New Mexico officials believe that reviving theaters in ranching towns and small cities near American Indian reservations will help create jobs in struggling downtown districts and spark excitement in entertainment deserts.

The Gates Family Foundation also is awarding \$10,000 to \$30,000 grants to rural communities to purchase new digital equipment for movie theaters.

Esparza says like food and shelter, all people need the communal experience that movies provide.

"Everyone should have a right to dream," Esparza said. "Movies allow people to dream, to think of a world outside their experiences."

'Solo: A Star Wars Story' falls 65 percent in second weekend

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Solo: A Star Wars Story" is losing momentum quickly at the box office, even with a relatively quiet weekend free of any new blockbuster competition. After an underwhelming launch, the space saga fell 65 percent in weekend two with \$29.3 million from North American theaters, according to studio estimates on Sunday.

"Solo" has now earned \$148.9 million domestically, which is still shy of "Rogue One's" December 2016 opening weekend of \$155.1 million and over \$135 million short of where "Rogue One" was in its second weekend.

The 65 percent drop off is one of the highest in recent "Star Wars" history, although it is less steep than the second week fall of the franchise's last film, "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," which slid 67.5 percent in weekend two this past December — but, that was also after a \$220 million debut.

Internationally, "Solo" added \$30.3 million, and globally the film has netted \$264.2 million.

Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for comScore, thinks that all the media attention given to "Solo's" less-than-impressive opening weekend numbers could have actually negatively affected its second weekend earnings.

"Box office got conflated with perceived value of the movie and that might have affected its second weekend," Dergarabedian said. "Sometimes news of the box office can impact a movie's bottom line."

He noted that in comScore's audience survey, most of the over 1,000 people polled "really liked" the movie.

"Solo's" tumble brought it even closer to "Deadpool 2," which is now in its third weekend in theaters and still managed to reel in an estimated \$23.3 million to take second place. With a domestic total of \$254.7 million and a crowded marketplace with both "Solo" and "Avengers: Infinity War" surrounding it, "Deadpool 2" is still

only about \$30 million behind where the first film was in its third weekend.

Shailene Woodley's lost-at-sea drama "Adrift" fared the best of the three newcomers, which included the horror pic "Upgrade" and a Johnny Knoxville comedy "Action Point." "Adrift," from STX Entertainment, washed up in third place with \$11.5 million, while the others struggled to make a significant impact.

"Upgrade" opened in sixth place with \$4.5 million, behind both "Avengers: Infinity War" (\$10.4 million) and "Book Club" (\$6.8 million), and "Action Point," which was not screened for critics, landed in ninth place with a dismal \$2.3 million.

This weekend also saw a few smaller studio landmarks for Magnolia Pictures, whose Ruth Bader Ginsburg documentary "RBG" became its highest grossing film ever with \$7.9 million, and Pantelion Films, which scored a similar feat with "Overboard," which is now up to \$45.5 million.

Even with "Solo's" stumble, the year-to-date box office is still up 6.2 percent as

June kicks into gear with some big movies on the horizon, including "Ocean's 8," "Incredibles 2" and "Jurassic World."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "Solo: A Star Wars Story," \$29.3 million (\$30.3 million international).
2. "Deadpool 2," \$23.3 million (\$41.6 million international).
3. "Adrift," \$11.5 million.
4. "Avengers: Infinity War," \$10.4 million (\$24.3 million international).
5. "Book Club," \$6.8 million (\$1.1 million international).
6. "Upgrade," \$4.5 million.
7. "Life of the Party," \$3.5 million.
8. "Breaking In," \$2.8 million (\$300,000 international).
9. "Action Point," \$2.3 million.
10. "Overboard," \$2 million (\$1.5 million international).



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OPINION

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Roseanne's lunacy tells us nothing about US

■ Barr shares much more in common with a celebrity culture that never lacks for its share of nut jobs and toxic personalities, especially among comics, than with, say, Youngstown, Ohio

Valerie Jarrett, the former Obama aide targeted by Roseanne Barr, says the comedienne's train wreck should be a "teaching moment." And so it should — about the poisonous kookery of Roseanne Barr.

Given the political freight piled atop the hit revival of her TV program, it was inevitable that Barr's spectacular Twitter flame-out would be interpreted as a portentous statement on Donald Trump's America.

Chris Hayes of MSNBC says that her "problem turned out to be that she far too authentically represented the actual worldview of a significant chunk of the Trump base." Roxane Gay of The New York Times wrote a piece headlined, "Roseanne Is Gone, but the Culture That Gave Her a Show Isn't."

Activist Michaela Angela Davis said on CNN that Trump had enabled Barr — a common theme on the left — and then



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went all the way: Asked point-blank if all Trump voters are racist, she said, "Yes."

Nothing so perfectly encapsulates the dynamic of the Trump era than a TV show that was supposed to be a sympathetic portrayal of Trump supporters by liberal America leading — once again — to the ritualistic denunciation of Trump supporters by liberal America.

Barr is not a typical Trump voter just because she played one on TV. She shares much more in common with a celebrity culture that never lacks for its share of nut jobs and toxic personalities, especially among comics, than with, say, Youngstown, Ohio.

Her wild ramblings don't tell us anything about what Trump voters think, about the state of race relations in America, or about working-class culture. Her

crackpot views are all her own.

Roseanne was a kook long before President Trump showed up. She maintained that Sept. 11 was "an inside Bush job," perpetrated to destroy the records of George W. Bush's Enron and Arthur Andersen friends, before the destruction of the entire economy.

She's not a conservative. She supported Occupy Wall Street and competed with Jill Stein for the 2012 Green Party nomination. When she lost, she ran instead on the Peace and Freedom Party ticket. Anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan was her running mate, before their — surprise — falling out.

Her worldview, such as it is, is prone to wild swings. She used to call Israel a "Nazi state" and denounced "warmongering American rabbis," before turning around and calling Hillary Clinton "anti-Semitic" and Huma Abedin "a filthy Nazi whore."

Her subsequent explanations for her heinous Valerie Jarrett tweet should make it clear — she thought Jarrett was a Saudi, or maybe a Jewish Persian — that this is fundamentally a story about an unhinged person advertising her lunacy on social media.

Of course, Trump gave his critics reason to associate him with Barr by calling

her to congratulate her on her show and eagerly trumpeting its success. Trump's boosterism was typical of him — it's all about the ratings — but also reflects an endemic weakness of the right.

Conservatives disdain celebrities, but dangle a C-list celebrity with a few rightward leanings in front of us and he's immediately awarded a speaking slot at the next Republican convention. We have low regard for pop culture, but crave its validation. If it must come via a program that is a 1990s throwback reliant on a ticking time bomb of a star, so be it.

The genesis of the "Roseanne" revival was innocent and laudable enough. The president of Disney-ABC Television Group explained the show's inception after the 2016 election: "We looked at each other and said, 'There's a lot about the country we need to learn a lot more about, here on the coasts.'"

He was right. The appetite for the show, which partook of none of the toxicity of Roseanne's real-life personality, speaks of the hunger for more programming about Red America. Surely, there must be other vehicles for that — assuming Hollywood doesn't internalize the critique of Roseanne Barr as a characteristic Trump voter.

GUEST VIEW

Trump is not the first president to issue questionable pardons

Begin your pardon. Those who want to criticize President Donald Trump for granting a pardon Thursday to Dinesh D'Souza, a conservative author and filmmaker who pleaded guilty to violating federal campaign finance laws in 2014, are free to do so.

However, it would be nice if this criticism included a brief understanding of history.

Trump is hardly the first president to use his power to pardon in questionable fashion — and he will not be the last.

A few examples: ■ On his last day in office in 2001, President Bill Clinton pardoned Marc Rich, a billionaire who faced charges of tax evasion. (Rich died in 2013.) Rich's ex-wife had made significant contributions to the Democrat Party, to the U.S. Senate campaign of Hillary Clinton and to the Clinton Library Foundation.

■ Former President Barack Obama offered commutations (which basically means a get-out-jail card) to Chelsea Manning and Oscar Lopez Rivera. Manning, a transgender woman, was a U.S. Army intelligence analyst who was convicted of leaking classified information. Lopez Rivera was a leader in the Armed Forces of National Liberation, a Puerto Rican nationalist organization, which in 1975 orchestrated a bombing that killed four people — in other words, a terrorist act. Lopez Rivera was sentenced to 55 years on several charges.

Obama pardoned or commuted the sentences of almost 2,000 individuals convicted of federal crimes.

■ And in the spirit of bipartisanship, it is only fair to mention that President Gerald Ford did not waste any time in pardoning his predecessor, Richard Nixon, in 1974 for a thing called "Watergate."

This is not to say that many wrongs make a right — or that what Trump is doing is OK because other presidents have done similar things.

It just needs to be pointed out that Trump, with his pardons, is hardly lowering the already-low standard set by former presidents. It was Founding Father Alexander Hamilton who believed in the authority of the president to grant pardons.

Is Trump following the constitutional spirit of the presidential pardon? Maybe, maybe not. But if he is not, he is far from the first president to stray from the intent of the presidential pardon.

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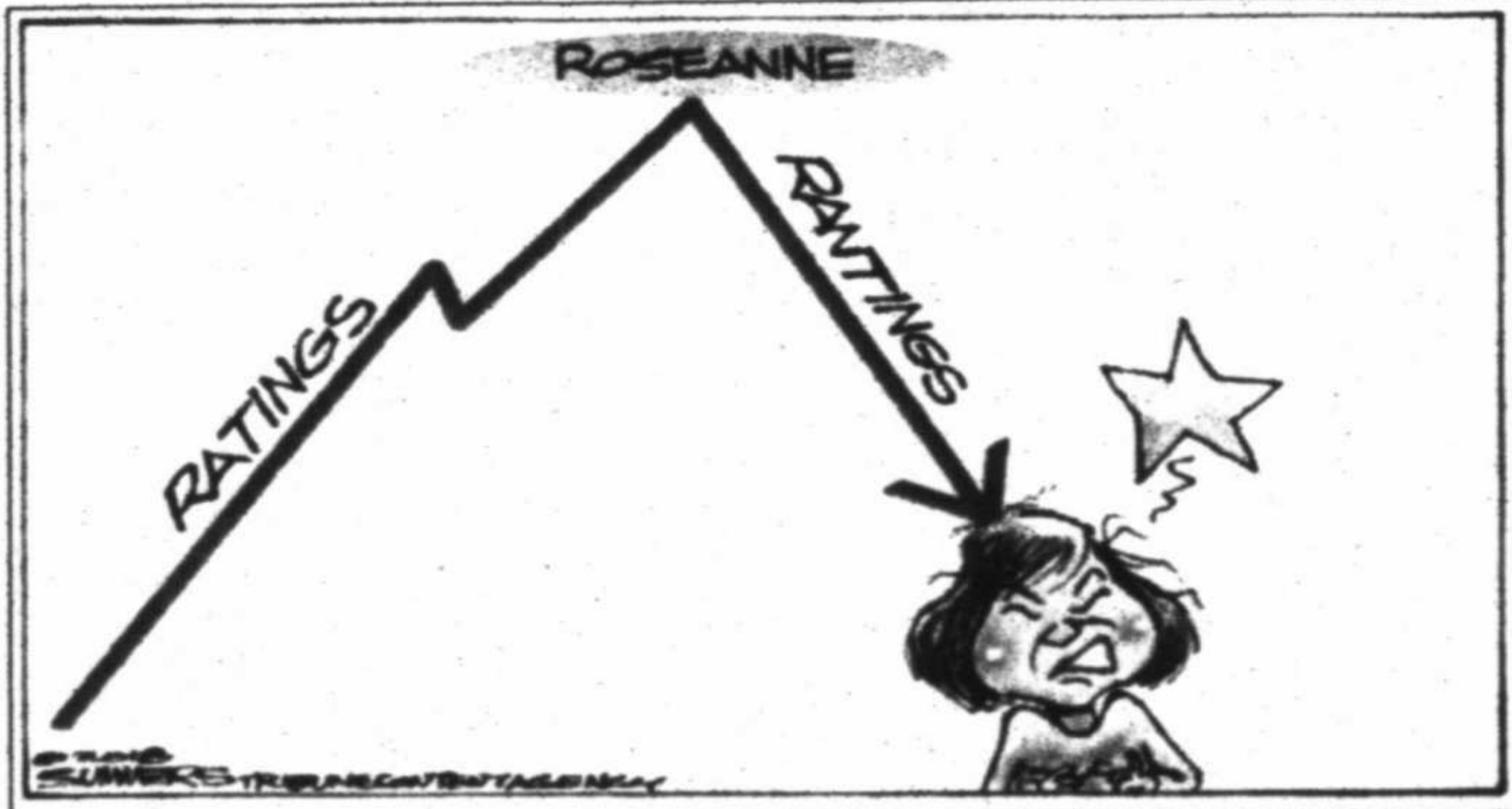
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Trump party worsens racial divide

■ It has been shown in innumerable studies and regression analyses that the main predictor of support for Trump is racial anxiety

Former Obama White House official Ben Rhodes, in his forthcoming memoir, tells of a moment of doubt the first African-American president had after the election of Donald Trump on a campaign dominated by white grievance.

"Sometimes I wonder whether I was 10 or 20 years too early," President Barack Obama said in the passage, first reported last week by Peter Baker in the New York Times.

I hate to say it, but I think the former president was correct.

Ten or 20 years from now, America will be much closer to the majority-minority nation it is forecast to become in 2045. A racist backlash to a black president wouldn't matter as much.

But what was naively proclaimed in 2008 as post-racial America was instead kindling for white insecurity, and Trump cunningly exploited and stoked racial grievance with his subtle and overt nods to white nationalism. He is now leading the backlash to the Obama years and is seeking to extend white dominion as long as possible, with attempts to stem immigration, to suppress minority voting and to deter minority census participation.

It won't work for long, but it might work for now. These are the death throes of white hegemony. And they are ugly. Last week alone:

■ Trump had no criticism for Roseanne Barr after her rebooted ABC show was canceled because she called former Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett a cross between the Muslim Brotherhood and "Planet of the Apes." Instead, Trump used the occasion to demand an apology of his own from ABC for unrelated slights.

■ Trump rallied supporters in Nashville with many of the race-based themes of his campaign, saying Mexico is "going to pay for the wall and they're going to enjoy it." He led the crowd in denouncing Latino "animals" who join the MS-13 gang, and repeated his message to black people: "What the hell do you have to lose?"

■ Trump pardoned Dinesh D'Souza, the Indian American provocateur who had called Obama a "boy" from the "ghetto" and a "grown up Trayvon," had dismissed Rosa Parks, and was prolific in his use of the n-word. This follows Trump's previous pardon of anti-immigrant provocateur Joe Arpaio.

■ Trump's new secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, hosted the previously shunned Hungarian foreign minister, following his government's re-election on a campaign of anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim demagoguery. The ruling party won by demonizing the Jewish Hungarian American George Soros, a Holocaust survivor. The Hungarian government has just introduced "Stop Soros" legislation that makes it illegal for civil society groups to help



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migrants. The minister proclaimed his government and Trump's "natural allies."

■ A new Harvard University study in the New England Journal of Medicine found the death toll in Puerto Rico from Hurricane Maria, officially 64, was at least 4,645. These deaths are directly attributable to the woeful response by the federal government in restoring electricity, food, water and medical infrastructure. Trump had justified the anemic response by using racist stereotypes to blame Puerto Ricans for being lazy: "not able to get their workers to help" and "want everything to be done for them."

■ And, finally, a new study by academic researchers in California found that opposition to welfare — another Trump fixation — has grown among white Americans. The researchers concluded that "whites' perceptions that minorities' standing is rising can produce periods of 'welfare backlash'" — but only if they believe the programs primarily benefit minorities.

Let's not be deceived: The racial wedge Trump has driven through the United States cleaves us deeper all the time. It has been shown in innumerable studies and regression analyses that the main predictor of support for Trump is racial anxiety — far more than economic anxiety. That's why Trump's base remains rock-solid behind him even as the tax cut, in the first quarter, contributed to an 8 percent increase in corporate earnings but only a 1 percent increase in consumer spending — the lowest increase in five years — and even though coal jobs are disappearing faster than before, wages remain stuck and the promised return of manufacturing hasn't happened.

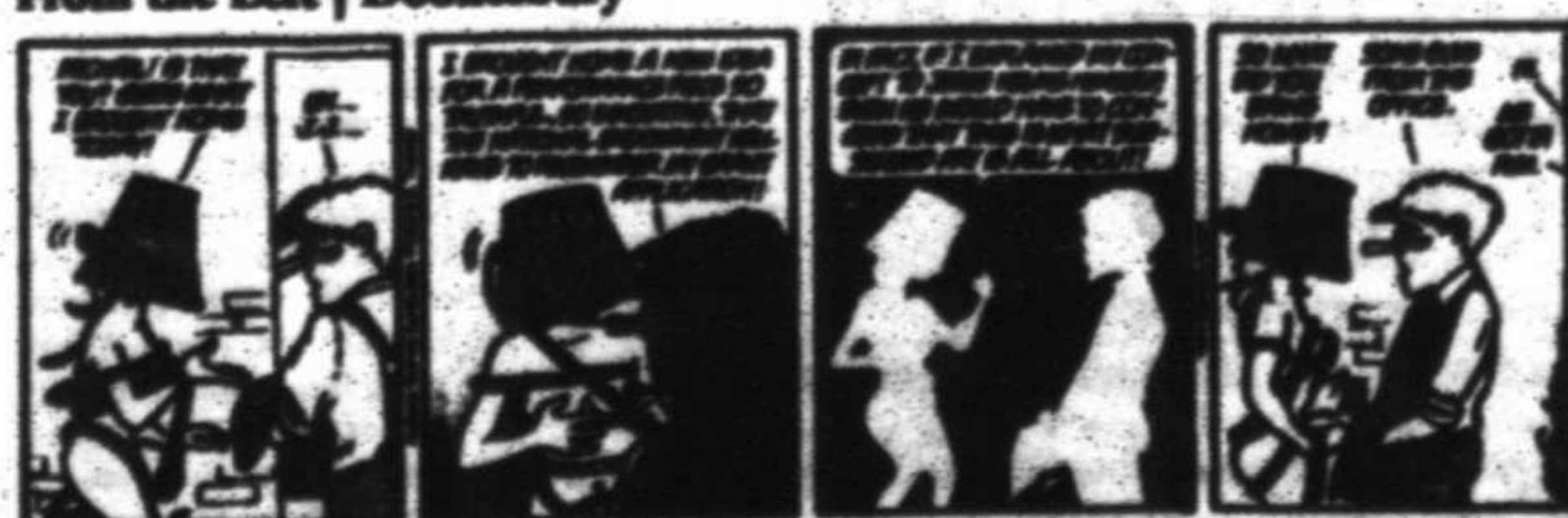
Now, we're seeing a mirror effect among Trump's opponents that is deepening the racial divide. As Sean McElwee wrote in the New York Times recently, Democratic voters, particularly white Democrats, are shifting left in their views about race.

This will resolve itself naturally as 2045 comes and goes. The outcome of the struggle — finding white hegemony — is inevitable. What wasn't inevitable is the Trump-led ugliness, white Trump's fellow Republicans look away.

"There is no Republican Party. There's a Trump Party," former Republican House speaker John A. Boehner told a group in Michigan last week. "The Republican Party is kind of taking a nap somewhere."

Sleeping while Trump tears us apart by race? That's not a nap. It's an irreversible coma.

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End of an era? Tea party class of House Republicans fades

By Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican newcomers stunned Washington back in 2010 when they seized the House majority with bold promises to cut taxes and spending and to roll back what many viewed as Barack Obama's presidential overreach. But don't call them tea party Republicans any more.

Eight years later, the House Tea Party Caucus is long gone. So, too, are almost half the 87 new House Republicans elected in the biggest GOP wave since the 1920s.

Some, including Mike Pompeo, current Secretary of State, and Mick Mulvaney, White House budget director, joined the executive branch. Others slipped back to private life. Several are senators.

Now, with control of the House again at stake this fall and just three dozen of them seeking re-election, the tea party revolt shows the limits of riding a campaign wave into the reality of governing.

Rep. Austin Scott, R-Ga., who was president of that freshman class, objects to the tea party brand that he says was slapped on the group by the media and the Obama administration. It's a label some lawmakers now would rather forget.

"We weren't who you all said we were," Scott said.

He prefers to call it the class of "small-business owners" or those who wanted to "stop the growth of the federal government." Despite



AP file photo

In this Jan. 3, 2017 photo, House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis. administers the House oath of office to Rep. Austin Scott, R-Ga., during a mock swearing in ceremony on Capitol Hill in Washington. The Republican newcomers stunned Washington in the 2010 midterm election, sweeping into the House majority with bold and boisterous promises to cut taxes, slash spending and roll back what many viewed as Barack Obama's executive overreach of the federal government.

all those yellow "Don't Tread on Me" flags and anti-Obama health law rallies, Scott said the new Republican lawmakers wanted to work with the president, if only Obama would have engaged them. "We didn't come to take over the country," he said.

Yet change Washington they did, with a hard-charging, often unruly governing style that bucked convention, toppled GOP leaders and in many ways set the stage for the rise of Donald Trump.

By some measures, the tea party Republicans have been successful. The "Pledge to America," a 21-page manifesto drafted by House Republican leadership, outlined the promises. Among

them: "stop out of control spending," "reform Congress" and "end economic uncertainty."

They forced Congress into making drastic spending cuts, in part by threatening to default on the nation's debt, turning a once-routine vote to raise the U.S. borrowing limit into a cudgel during the annual budget fights.

Republicans halted environmental, consumer and workplace protection rules, and that roll-back continues today.

Perhaps most notably, the GOP majority passed \$1.5 trillion in tax cuts that Trump signed into law, delivering on the tea party slogan penned on so many protest signs: "Taxed Enough

Already."

But former Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan., said the "most egregious failure" was the GOP's inability to undo the Affordable Care Act, Obama's signature domestic achievement.

Huelskamp said the class never really stuck together. When he arrived that first week in Washington in January 2011, he was stunned to find the leadership slate already set with then-Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, as speaker-in-waiting, facing little resistance.

"That was a sign: The establishment in Washington was happy to have our votes, but not to follow our agenda," said Huelskamp, who lost a primary election in 2016 to a political newcomer and now runs the conservative Heartland Institute. It was "just a clear misunderstanding of what the people wanted."

Over time, budget deals were struck with Democrats, boosting spending back to almost what it was before the revolt. Combined with the tax package, the GOP-led Congress is on track to push annual deficits near \$1 trillion next year, as high as during the early years of the Obama administration when the government struggled with a deep recession.

Maya MacGuineas, president at the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, said Republicans talked a good game promising to balance the budget, but with control of Congress — and now the White House — they failed to tackle the tough tax-and-spending challenges

needed to get there.

"That's a whole lot of talk and zero follow through," she said.

Other proposals to improve transparency in government — a pledge to "read the bill" and post legislation three days before votes — remain works in progress. House bills are typically made public, but sometimes just before midnight to conform with the three-day rule.

Frustrations within the ranks grew, and the new class splintered. Not all of them had been favorites of their local tea party groups. Some joined other conservatives to form the House Freedom Caucus, which nudged Boehner to early retirement in 2015.

Former Florida Rep. Allen West, among the more prominent class members who lost re-election and is now a Fox News contributor living in Texas, said the challenge for House Republicans heading into the fall election is, "Who are they? What do they stand for?"

House Republicans are wrestling with a midterm message at a pivotal moment for a party that Boehner says no longer exists.

"There is no Republican Party. There's Trump's party," Boehner said at a recent policy conference in Michigan.

Boehner's successor as speaker, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., also is stepping aside. He was a conservative up-and-comer long before the tea party, but has run into many of the same challenges Boehner faced in managing a fractured majority. He will retire after this term.

Giuliani: Trump would fight any effort to subpoena him

By Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An attorney for President Donald Trump stressed Sunday that the president's legal team would contest any effort to force the president to testify in front of a grand jury during the special counsel's Russia probe but downplayed the idea that Trump could pardon himself.

Rudy Giuliani, in a series of television interviews, emphasized one of the main arguments in a newly unveiled letter sent by Trump's lawyers to special counsel Robert Mueller back in January: that a president can't be given a grand jury subpoena as part of the investigation into foreign meddling in the 2016 election.

But he distanced himself from one of their bolder arguments in the letter, which was first reported Saturday by The New York Times, that a president could not have committed obstruction of justice because he has authority to "if he wished, terminate the inquiry, or even exercise his power to pardon."

"Pardoning himself would be unthinkable and probably lead to immediate impeachment," Giuliani told NBC's "Meet the Press." "And he has no need to do it; he's done nothing wrong."

The former New York City mayor, who was not on the legal team when the letter was written, added that Trump "probably does" have the power to pardon himself, an assertion challenged by legal scholars, but says the president's legal team hasn't discussed that option, which many observers believe could plunge the nation into a constitutional crisis.

"I think the political ramifications would be tough," Giuliani told ABC's "This Week." "Pardoning other people is one thing, pardoning yourself is tough."

Trump has issued two unrelated pardons in recent days and discussed others, a move that has been interpreted as a possible signal to allies ensnared in the Russia probe.

The letter is dated Jan. 29 and addressed to Mueller from John Dowd, a Trump lawyer who has since resigned from the legal team. Mueller has requested an interview with the president to determine whether he had criminal intent to obstruct the investigation into his associates' possible links to Russia's election interference.

Giuliani said Sunday that a decision about an

interview would not be made until after Trump's summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on June 12 in Singapore, and he cast doubt that it would occur at all.

"I mean, we're leaning toward not," Giuliani told ABC. "But look, if they can convince us that it will be brief, it would be to the point, there were five or six points they have to clarify, and with that, we can get this — this long nightmare for the — for the American public over."

Trump's legal team has long pushed the special counsel to narrow the scope of its interview. Giuliani also suggested that Trump's lawyers had been incorrect when they denied that the president was involved with the letter that offered an explanation for Donald Trump Jr.'s 2016 Trump Tower meeting with Russians who offered damaging information on Democrat Hillary Clinton.

"This is the reason you don't let the president testify," Giuliani told ABC. "Our recollection keeps changing, or we're not even asked a question and somebody makes an assumption."

If Trump does not consent to an interview, Mueller will have to decide whether to go forward with a historic grand jury subpoena. His team raised the possibility in March of subpoenaing the president, but it is not clear if it is still under active consideration.

A court battle is likely if Trump's team argues that the president can't be forced to answer questions or be charged with obstruction of justice. President Bill Clinton was charged with obstruction in 1998 by the House of Representatives as part of his impeachment trial. And one of the articles of impeachment prepared against President Richard Nixon in 1974 was for obstruction.

Giuliani suggested Sunday that, despite the president's broad powers, a theoretical charge of obstruction may be possible in some cases. Topics of Mueller's obstruction investigation include the firings of FBI director

James Comey and former national security adviser Michael Flynn, as well as Trump's reaction to Attorney General Jeff Sessions' recusal from the Russia investigation.

In addition to the legal battles, Trump's team and allies have waged a public relations campaign against Mueller and the Justice Department to discredit the investigation and soften the impact of the special counsel's potential findings. Giuliani said last week that the special counsel probe may be an "entirely illegitimate investigation" and need to be curtailed because, in his estimation, it was based on inappropriately obtained information from an informant and Comey's memos.

In reality, the FBI began a counterintelligence investigation in July 2016 to determine if Trump campaign associates were coordinating with Russia to tip the election. The investigation was opened after the hacking of Democratic emails that intelligence officials later formally attributed to Russia.

Trump's team has asked for a briefing about the informant, but Giuliani said Sunday that the president would not order the Justice Department to comply because it would negatively affect public opinion. But he continued to cast doubt on the special counsel's eventual findings, suggesting that Trump has already offered explanations for the matters being investigated and that the special counsel was biased against the president.

"For every one of these things he did, we can write out five reasons why he did it," Giuliani said. "If four of them are completely innocent and one of them is your assumption that it's a guilty motive, which (Trump) would deny, you can't possibly prosecute him."

The special counsel's office did not respond to a request for comment.

Trump, who was spending a rainy Washington weekend at Camp David, also unleashed a new attack on the Justice Department, which he has repeatedly painted as corrupt and biased against him.

5 years on, US government still counting Snowden leak costs

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Whistleblower or traitor, leaker or public hero?

Edward Snowden, National Security Agency contractor, blew the lid off U.S. government surveillance methods five years ago, but intelligence chiefs complain that revelations from the trove of classified documents he disclosed are still trickling out.

That includes recent reporting on a mass surveillance program run by close U.S. ally Japan and on how the NSA targeted bitcoin users to gather intelligence to counterterrorism, narcotics and money laundering — both stories published by The Intercept, an investigative publication with access to Snowden documents.

The top U.S. counterintelligence official said journalists have publicly released only about 1 percent taken by the 34-year-old American, now living in exile in Russia, "so we don't see this issue ending anytime soon."

"This past year, we had more international, Snowden-related documents and breaches than ever," Bill Evanina, who directs the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, said at a recent conference. "Since 2013, when Snowden left, there have been thousands of articles around the world with really sensitive stuff that's been leaked."

On June 5, 2013, The Guardian in Britain published the first story based on Snowden's disclosures. It revealed that a secret court order was allowing the U.S. government to get Verizon to share the phone records of millions of Americans. Later stories, including those in The Washington Post, disclosed other snooping and how U.S. and British spy agencies had accessed information from cables carrying the world's telephone and internet traffic.

Snowden's defenders maintain that the U.S. government has for years exaggerated the damage his disclosures caused. Glenn Greenwald, a former journalist at The Guardian, said there are "thousands upon thousands of documents" that journalists have chosen not to publish

because they would harm peoples' reputation or privacy rights or because it would expose "legitimate surveillance programs."

"It's been almost five years since newspapers around the world began reporting on the Snowden archive and the NSA has offered all kinds of shrill and reckless rhetoric about the 'damage' it has caused, but never any evidence of a single case of a life being endangered let alone harmed," Greenwald said.

U.S. intelligence officials say they are still counting the cost of his disclosures that went beyond actual intelligence collected to how it was collected. Evanina said intelligence agencies are finishing their seventh classified assessment of the damage.

Joel Melstad, a spokesman for the counterintelligence center, said five U.S. intelligence agencies contributed to the latest damage assessment, which itself is highly classified. Melstad said damage has been observed or verified in five categories of information the U.S. government keeps classified to protect national security.

According to Melstad, Snowden-disclosed documents have put U.S. personnel or facilities at risk around the world, damaged intelligence collection efforts, exposed tools used to amass intelligence, destabilized U.S. partnerships abroad and exposed U.S. intelligence operations, capabilities and priorities.

"With each additional disclosure, the damage is compounded — providing more detail to what our

adversaries have already learned," Melstad said.

Steven Aftergood, a declassification expert at the Federation of American Scientists, said he thinks intelligence agencies are continuing to do Snowden damage assessments because the disclosures' relevance to foreign targets might take time to recognize and understand. He said the way that intelligence targets adapt based on information revealed and the impact on how the U.S. collects intelligence could continue for years. But he said that any damage that Snowden caused to U.S. intelligence partners abroad would have been felt immediately after the disclosures began in 2013.

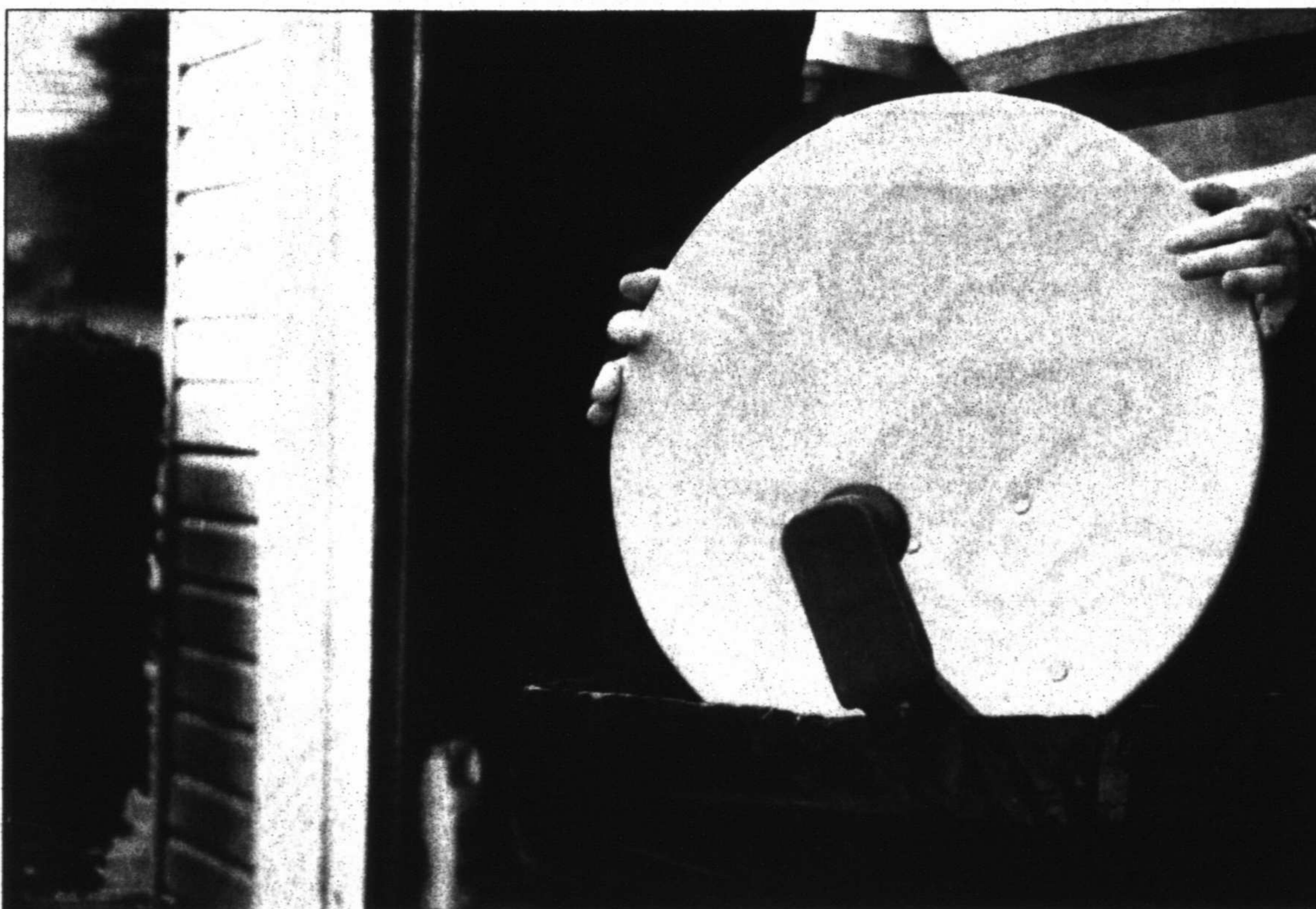
Moscow has resisted U.S. pressure to extradite Snowden, who faces U.S. charges that could land him in prison for up to 30 years. From exile, Snowden often does online public speaking and has been active in developing tools that reporters can use, especially in authoritarian countries, to detect whether they are under surveillance.

Snowden supporters say that the government is exaggerating when it claims he took more than 1 million documents and that far fewer have actually been disclosed.

"I think the number of NSA documents that have been published is in the hundreds and not the thousands," said Snowden's lawyer, Ben Wizner. He said the government has never produced any public evidence that the released materials have caused "genuine harm" to U.S. national security.

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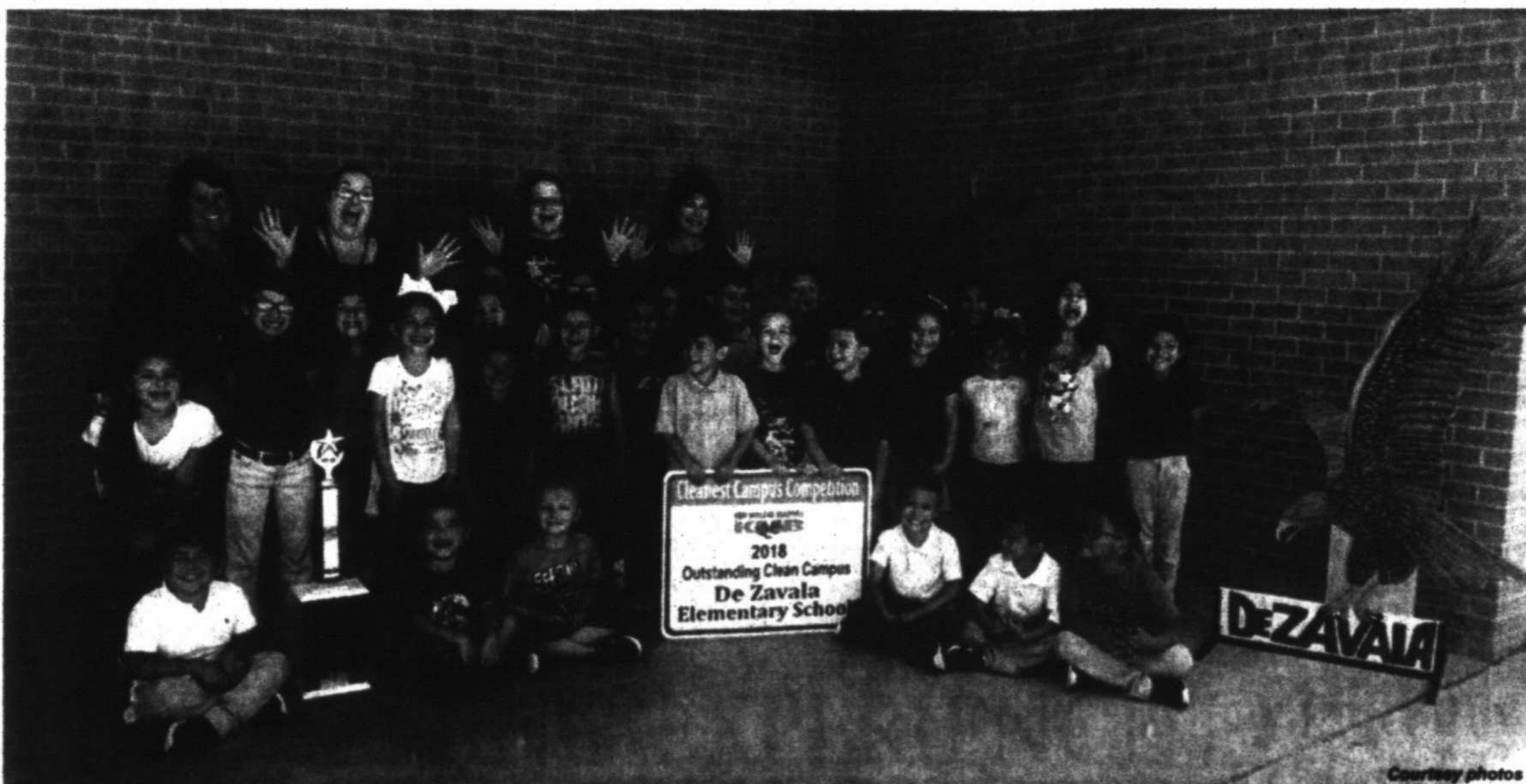
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Students at Fasken Elementary help make their school one of the city's cleanest campuses.

KMB recognizes schools for being green and clean

From staff reports

Keep Midland Beautiful recently held a contest to encourage improved recycling and litter prevention at the city's schools. Cleanest Campus Competition lasted throughout April; judges visited schools the last week of the month.

The contest was designed to foster pride among students and faculty, said Audrey Sizemore, education and outreach coordinator for KMB.

"We hope that from the competition, students will take pride not only in their campus, but in their community, and when they

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For more photos from Keep Midland Beautiful's first Cleanest Campus Competition, visit mrt.com

see litter they will pick it up, and when they can recycle, they recycle right," she said.

The winners of the first Cleanest Campus Competition received trophies. The winners are:

Outstanding Clean Campuses: De Zavala Elementary School
Outstanding Green Campuses: Franks Elementary School
Elementary school

winners:

■ Cleanest campus: first place, Bush; second place, Jones; and third place, Fasken.

■ Greenest campus: first place, Bunche; second place, Travis; and third place, Midland Academy Charter.

Secondary school winners:

■ Cleanest campus: first place, Lee High; second place, Goddard Junior High; and third place, Midland Freshman.

■ Greenest campus: first place, Midland Christian School; second place, Lee Freshman; and third place, Abell Junior High.



LEE HIGH SCHOOL: FIRST-PLACE CLEANEST SECONDARY CAMPUS



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Bunche Elementary students take paper to the recycling bin.

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Survey: Teens can't measure impact of social media

Forty-five percent of 13- to 17-year-olds say they are online 'almost constantly'

By Abby Ohlheiser
Washington Post

Forty-five percent of teens say they are online "almost constantly," according to a new Pew Research Center study on teens and social media use. That percentage has nearly doubled in just a few years: In a 2014-2015 Pew survey, just 24 percent of teens said the same.

Pew's survey, released Thursday, asked American teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17 about their social media use.

"One of the questions we wanted to examine was how teens evaluate the impact of social media on their lives," said Monica Anderson, a Pew research

associate and the lead author of the study. After conducting the survey, Anderson said, Pew found that "there's not really a strong consensus" on what that impact is.

In all, 89 percent of teens surveyed in 2018 said they were either online "almost constantly" or "several times a day," with just 11 percent telling Pew they were online once a day or less.

That rise in the "almost constantly" category is likely linked to "a pretty big jump" in teens who have access to smartphones, Anderson said. Ninety-five percent of teens have access to a smartphone in 2018. Three years ago, Pew reported that 73 percent of teens said the same.

And at this point, smartphone owner-

ship seems pretty universal even across different races and classes. Access is a little different when it comes to computers, where a higher household income does seem to indicate a higher likelihood of having access to a computer at home.

The results get even more interesting when you look at the responses when Pew asked whether social media has had a mostly positive (31 percent), neither positive nor negative (45 percent), or mostly negative effect (24 percent) on people their age.

Adults tend to talk about the negatives of teen social media use in terms of addiction. And, Anderson noted, one of the key themes in their study was the idea that teens "felt that social

media caused distraction."

But that wasn't the dominant response. Instead, more teens worried about social media's role in bullying and hurting relationships.

Twenty-seven percent of those who said social media had a negative impact cited bullying. One 15-year-old boy said that "people can say whatever they want with anonymity." A 14-year-old girl said that "teens are killing people all because of things they see on social media or because of the things that happened on social media."

The second most popular reason, among those who believed social media had a mostly negative impact on

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NEW GAMING EXPERIENCE



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Performers dressed as the Pikachu character from Nintendo Co.'s Pokémon franchise march during the Pikachu Carnival Parade in Yokohama, Japan, on Aug. 14, 2017.

Nintendo harnesses power of smartphones, Pokemon and Switch

By Yuji Nakamura
and Hideki Sagilke
Bloomberg

Nintendo Co. is bringing together the magnetic appeal of Pokemon, smartphones and the Switch console into an interlinked gaming experience.

"Pokemon: Let's Go Pikachu" and "Pokemon: Let's Go Eevee" were unveiled by the Kyoto-based video-game maker on Wednesday. They're designed to capitalize on the blockbuster success of the Pokemon Go smartphone game and a solid year of sales for the Switch tablet-hybrid gaming machine. The two new games go on sale Nov. 16 for \$55.

Along with a new Switch controller in the shape of a Poke Ball, the variety of gaming scenarios involving the various gadgets and games might risk befuddling many adults but will make perfect sense to kids and Pokemon-generation gamers. The unified gaming experience is straight out of Nintendo's playbook, encouraging people to move around and get physical. Investors cheered the news, sending the shares up as much as 3.6 percent.

"Chances are that Nintendo will dominate holiday sales not only this year, but also next year," said Serkan Toto, founder

of Tokyo-based games consultancy Kantan Games Inc.

The Pokemon franchise has been around for two decades, and includes trading cards, arcade games, anime and manga series, as well as titles for Nintendo's handheld games and consoles. Nintendo's partnership with Pokemon is deep. The firm behind the franchise, Pokemon Co., is partly owned by Nintendo, game developer Game Freak Inc. and another company called Creatures Inc., which all own the rights to the brand.

More than 800 million people have downloaded the Pokemon Go smartphone app and 65 million play it monthly, while 17.8 million Switch units have been sold since it went on sale in 2017. Switch sales will probably benefit, and analysts are already predicting that Nintendo will surpass its target of selling 20 million consoles in the year through March 2019.

Nintendo also unveiled the Poke Ball Plus, a controller for the Switch that vibrates and lights up in the same way that Poke Balls behave in the Pokemon world, where the spheres are used to store Pocket Monsters. They're designed to be used during gameplay, and so that people can carry their Pokemon around with them. The gadget will initially be sold only in Japan. "As developers of Pokemon games, we

had a strong feeling and responsibility of trying our hand at the new Switch hardware and make it succeed," said Tsunekazu Ishihara, chief executive officer of Pokemon Co. He had hinted at the games announced on Wednesday in an interview in September, saying that the franchise and new gaming products had yet to reach their full potential.

The Pokemon-Switch-Poke Ball system won't include any online features, and is focused on face-to-face multiplayer gaming, Ishihara said. That could be disappointing, given that Nintendo is planning to roll out its Switch online service in September.

Also on Wednesday, Pokemon showed off Pokemon Quest, a free-to-start game, which will be released this month. The role-playing game will be followed by a more ambitious Pokemon-based title that will debut in the second half of 2019, Nintendo said. Although details are scarce, Ishihara said the new game will focus more on the Switch as a portable handheld device, while the just-announced games are designed with home gaming in mind.

"The event was better than expected because of the surprises: the Poke Ball, the rapid launch of the free-to-play game and the early announcement of the 2019 title," Toto said.

Cellphone musical ringtones are being silenced

By Cassie Owens
Philadelphia Inquirer

Slide back in time, if you will, to the year 2007. Barack Obama was running for president. Rihanna's "Umbrella" ruled the charts. References from the film "Ratatouille" had slipped into everyday conversation. Placing a cellphone on a table was compared to marking one's territory. And musical ringtones resounded, marking their owners' identity in public spaces.

Little more than a decade later, these sonic signifiers are being increasingly silenced. Recording Industry Association of America sales data shows that ringtones and ringbacks peaked in 2007, when their sales reached \$1.1 billion. Last year, these downloads only brought in \$34.2 million, a 97 percent dive. The bright, gamer-esque soundscape of polyphonic tones gave way to clips of actual songs, but now both have fallen behind the iPhone's standard "marimba" ring.

And more often, just a buzz is heard.

The Emily Post Institute, in its advice on mobile phone etiquette, recommends that if a cell "must be on," then it really shouldn't make any sound. That's Annie Heckenberger's setting of choice.

There are exceptions. Such as when she's expecting a call. Or when she wants to watch a video on her phone. That has led to moments in meetings when everybody at the table gets to hear "Brass Monkey" by the Beastie Boys.

"It typically is an ice breaker," said Heckenberger, a vice president at the Digitas Health ad agency. While she declined to share her exact age, she acknowledged that her ringtone selection gives her away as someone in her 40s. At first, some colleagues seem startled to hear her signature song's blaring horns. But often there's laughter, she says, or "someone at the table will request to let it play."

To explain the decline of ringtones, experts have pointed to the fall of Nokia and the rise of the iPhone. Holdouts like Heckenberger say that ordinary sounds are missed opportunities. Linwood Harris would prefer that his phone stand out in

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Study: AI, its impact on data security are worrisome

By Sebastian Herrera
Austin American-Statesman

You've heard it before. Artificial intelligence is here to take your jobs and steal your privacy.

With the advent of facial recognition technology in products like iPhones, and recent data breaches at major companies such as Facebook, concern over the effects of AI in daily human life is as strong as ever.

A survey released recently by Washington-based Brookings Institute shows America's fear of automation is alive and well.

The national study, which polled more than 1,500 adults over 18 showed serious concerns about AI, a technology that has a

growing presence in a number of industries.

Of those polled, 39 percent expressed worry about the overall impact of AI, while 38 percent said AI will lead to fewer jobs.

Much of the apprehension, however, came from worries about data security, with 49 percent of respondents saying AI will lead to diminished privacy.

Brookings conducted the survey from May 9-11 using Google Surveys. Respondents were asked for their gender, age and the U.S. region in which they live. A chunk of those polled also didn't answer some questions or responded that they didn't know the answer.

Those surveyed from Southern states, including Texas, showed lower but still strong opposition to AI. About 35 percent

of respondents in the region said they're worried about AI, and 46 percent answered that AI will reduce privacy.

AI 'is taking off'

The doubts about where AI might be taking us are sparked in part by the swift growth of the technology.

"Artificial intelligence is taking off in a variety of areas," said Darrell West, author of the study.

This includes industries such as finance and health care, with many stocks now being traded automatically and health care providers using AI technology to perform

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KOSA CBS	7:30	Ent. Tonight	Man With a Plan	8:30	Superhero	9:30	Elementary	10:30	CBS 7 News	11:30	The Late Show
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AMC	40:40	41:41	42:42	43:43	44:44	45:45	46:46	47:47	48:48	49:49	50:50
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BRavo	65:65	66:66	67:67	68:68	69:69	70:70	71:71	72:72	73:73	74:74	75:75
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NICK	55:55	56:56	57:57	58:58	59:59	60:60	61:61	62:62	63:63	64:64	65:65
SPICE	30:30	31:31	32:32	33:33	34:34	35:35	36:36	37:37	38:38	39:39	40:40
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TLC	51:51	52:52	53:53	54:54	55:55	56:56	57:57	58:58	59:59	60:60	61:61
TNT	24:24	25:25	26:26	27:27	28:28	29:29	30:30	31:31	32:32	33:33	34:34
TVLAND	49:49	50:50	51:51	52:52	53:53	54:54	55:55	56:56	57:57	58:58	59:59
USA	28:28	29:29	30:30	31:31	32:32	33:33	34:34	35:35	36:36	37:37	38:38
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Red flags remain in romance that returns after 47 years

DEAR ABBY: I have rekindled a romance from my youth. "Jerry" and I were engaged to be married 47 years ago, but I felt he was too worldly and fast for me, so I broke off the engagement. I later married and had a happy marriage for 36 years until my husband died.

Jerry found me on Facebook and started writing. Abby, he has been married and divorced five times. We eventually got together and have been seeing each other for almost two years now.

He wants us to get married, but I am again hesitant because our lifestyles are so vastly different. I enjoy spending time with him, but I'm also glad when he leaves. Many times I wish I had never answered his first letter. On the other hand, I have had some great times with him. We are so different in many ways - I'm not sure I can put up with some of the things he says and does.

What's wrong with me? Why can't I make up my mind what to do? I have broken up with him twice, but he manages to work his way back into my life. Please tell me what I should do or how to know what is right for me. — **RE-KINDLED ROMANCE**

DEAR REKINDLED: Listen closely to your intuition. If you are enjoying the relation-

DEAR ABBY: I think a mortgage-burning party would be an example for them to strive for and achieve, and we deserve to celebrate. Your answer will determine if we have the party. If you vote "yes," you are invited. — **BIG ACHIEVEMENT**

DEAR BIG: Mortgage-burning parties went out of fashion decades ago for many reasons. Among them, the fact that many homeowners no longer live in the same place long enough to pay their mortgages in full. Today many people choose to refinance their loan rather than pay it off.

As much as I'd like to attend your party, I have to vote with your wife. To invite guests whom you know are having money troubles to such an event would be insensitive. If you are in a celebratory mood, by all means throw a party, but be discreet and refrain from flaunting your success in the faces of your guests.



GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠KQJ97
 ♥QJ62
 ♦A10
 ♣K87

Right-hand opponent opens two hearts. What call would you make?
A - Somebody has to have a good hand for their bid. When they are weak, that somebody should be you. Pass.

Q2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠QJ62
 ♥A863
 ♦J973
 ♣2

Partner opens one club and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?
A - Charles Goren would have bid one diamond, bidding "up the line." That's fine. Many modern players prefer to bypass the diamond suit and show their major. These players must bid one heart.

Q3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠KQJ97
 ♥QJ62
 ♦A10
 ♣K87

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 INT Pass 20 Pass
 Which major would you bid?
A - It doesn't really matter. We would bid two spades, our better major. Should partner continue with three no-trump, we'll bid four hearts next, knowing that he has four of them.

Q4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠Q974
 ♥KQ108
 ♦K
 ♣K1095

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 10 Pass 10 Pass
 INT Pass ?
 What call would you make?
A - Partner doesn't have four spades or he would have bid one spade. Don't tell the opponents anything more about your hand. Bid three no-trump.

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending May 27.

- Top Paid iPhone Apps:**
1. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
 2. Minecraft, Mojang
 3. Facetime, Lightricks Ltd
 4. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
 5. Pocket Build, MoonBear LTD
 6. iSchedule, HotSchedules
 7. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
 8. J23 - Release Dates & Reslocks, Matt Berg
 9. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
 10. Dark Sky Weather, Jackadam

- Top Free iPhone Apps:**
1. Love Balls, Super Taps
 2. Helix Jump, Voodoo
 3. Rise Up, Serkan Ozymaz
 4. Fortnite, Epic Games
 5. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
 6. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
 7. Sling Drift, tastypill
 8. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
 9. MessengerFacebook, Inc.
 10. MessengerFacebook, Inc.

- Top Paid iPad Apps:**
1. Minecraft, Mojang
 2. Procreate, Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
 3. GoodNotes 4, Time Base Technology Limited
 4. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
 5. Notability, Ginger Labs
 6. Toca Life: After School, Toca Boca AB
 7. Teeny Titans - Teen Titans Go!, Cartoon Network
 8. Bloons TD 5 HD, Ninja Kiwi
 9. Pocket Build, MoonBear LTD
 10. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc.

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



Courtesy Warner Brothers
Jason Bateman stars in "Game Night."

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending May 27.

- iTunes Movies US Charts:**
1. Game Night (2018)
 2. Black Panther (2018)
 3. Red Sparrow
 4. Annihilation
 5. Death Wish (2018)
 6. Lady Bird
 7. Deadpool
 8. The Greatest Showman
 9. The 15:17 to Paris
 10. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:

1. Lady Bird
2. Lost in London
3. The Disaster Artist
4. Darkest Hour
5. The Captive
6. In Darkness
7. The 12th Man
8. The Escort
9. Phantom Thread
10. Napoleon Dynamite

Songs

iTunes charts for week ending May 31.

- Top Songs:**
1. Psycho (feat. Ty Dolla Sign)/Post Malone
 2. In My Blood/Shaun Micallef
 3. Fin Up/Drake
 4. Whatever It Takes/Drake & Justin Bieber
 5. High Hopes/Panic! At the Disco
 6. Nice For What/Drake
 7. The Middle/Zedd, Maren Morris & Grey
 8. No Tears Left to Cry/Ariana Grande
 9. Meant to Be/Bebe Rexha & Florida Georgia Line
 10. God's Plan/Drake

- Top Albums:**
1. Shawn Mendes/Shawn Mendes
 2. Drake/More Life
 3. The Greatest Showman (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)/Various Artists
 4. TESTIGAP/Rudoy
 5. Love Is Dead/CHRIS BROWN & SZA
 6. Sincerely/Justin Bieber
 7. Villains/Drake
 8. Sade/Sade
 9. John Legend/John Legend
 10. Invasion of Privacy/Cardinal P

Apple finally delivers on promises for HomePod

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

Apple is finally delivering on some promises it made last year about its HomePod speaker, including giving the device the ability to link with another for stereo sound. The company on Tuesday released software called iOS 11.4 that unlocks more features for the smart speaker. The announcement preceded Apple's developer conference, which starts today - the same conference where Apple first announced the speaker a year ago. Apple has said that it wanted to make sure the features worked well for users before releasing them.

Apple's HomePod hasn't been a huge sales hit for the company, which launched it two years after initial products from Amazon.com and Google began dominating the smart speaker market. Roughly 67 percent of smart speaker owners have Amazon's Echo devices, according to a report last month from eMarketer. Google is a distant second, with about 30 percent of the

market, the report said. (Amazon chief executive Jeff Bezos is the owner of The Washington Post.)

Apple hasn't released sales figures for its speaker, but estimates say the HomePod holds about 3 percent of the overall market in the U.S., according to a February survey from investment firm Loup Ventures. The developers conference may bring more updates to Siri and HomePod as both have been major points of focus for Apple in the past year.

Other features coming with the update include Apple's Siri voice assistant's new ability to control some other non-Apple speakers including those made by Sonos, Bang & Olufsen, Bose and others. That brings Apple more on par with other smart assistants from Google and Amazon, which already work with third-party speakers.

Music lovers also will be able to set up the HomePod and other speakers through Apple's Home app. The app will group those speakers by room, so you can now ask Siri to play a song

"in the kitchen and the bedroom," for example. And the new software adds another feature missing from the HomePod: the ability to check your calendar. That was a major missing feature for the HomePod at launch, especially for a device that's supposed to act as the center of your smart home. Now you'll be able to ask your HomePod for a rundown of what's on your schedule, as long as you're using Apple's Calendar app.

Apple's is also streamlining its iMessage service, which can now be backed up through its iCloud data service to sync all messages across your devices. While it has been possible to sync your messages across devices before, the new change gives iPhones, Macs and iPads a single, encrypted archive. That means users will be able to access all their messages, even if they get a new Apple device, and that deleting a message on one device gets rid of it across all of your devices. Apple also initially announced iCloud support for iMessage at the conference last year.



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg testifies before the Senate judiciary and commerce committees on Capitol Hill on April 10.

AI

tech think tank Singularity University.

"There is still a lot of confusion as to what AI is, and isn't," she said. "AI can be used for good or bad. It is just a tool, and we use it as we want."

"Do we need to discuss it? Yes. Do we need to worry about it? Not to the level media is portraying."

Still, concerns about AI's role have led to calls for stronger government regulation, particularly around data privacy on the internet. In the Brookings study, only 17 percent of respondents said government should not regulate AI.

Both federal and state lawmakers have taken some action in that respect.

Weeks ago, U.S. senators questioned Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg in an open hearing about the inner workings of his social media company.

At the hearing, Zuckerberg said federal regulation of internet companies, many of whom use AI at the core of their work, is "inevitable." For the time being, most private data protection in the U.S. centers around personal health and financial records, and records of children.

Experts say increased regulation around AI is likely to first be seen in industries that are responsible for financial transactions, or in assuring that AI systems aren't built to discriminate.

Some AI proponents such as Burgoyne, the Valkyrie founder, say they are optimistic that younger generations will more easily adjust to AI.

But if the Brookings survey is any indication, that's not guaranteed. In many of the questions asked, younger respondents indicated similar concern as older ones, at times even displaying more angst about the future.

"In the aftermath of the Facebook hearings, people are becoming more aware of how their data is being used," West, the Brookings study author, said.

"People are seeing how AI is being applied, and they are starting to worry."

functions like CT scans. At some restaurants and automated stores, such as the new Amazon Go store in Seattle, customers can check out on tablets or their phones. Daily use of AI is accelerating rapidly as competition within different industries surges.

"Evidence of automation is kicking in, and people are starting to wonder what that means to them," West said.

The evolving use of AI has come with its vulnerabilities, but experts say it's also led to a renewed focus in cybersecurity, with tech hubs like Austin helping to lead the way.

Charlie Burgoyne, founder of Austin-based AI consultancy Valkyrie, said continual study and research of new AI systems has become an industry standard. At Valkyrie, Burgoyne said, a quarter of the company's time is devoted to monitoring how AI is changing. Valkyrie has developed predictive models and other AI technology for clients in industries such as investment and telecommunications.

"As AI advances, more simple tasks will be automated," Burgoyne said. "AI will be able to better recognize patterns."

Valkyrie is one of numerous Austin-based companies delving into the AI space. The metro area has become a hub for online security startups, with the market featuring companies such as SailPoint Technologies, SpyCloud, Factom and SparkCognition.

SURVEY

From 2B

their age group was harming relationships in general. One 15-year-old girl, for instance, said that social media provides a "fake image of someone's life."

Others spoke of social media's potential for good.

"Social media can make people my age feel less lonely or alone," one 15-year-old girl told Pew. Another said that social media gave "kids my age an outlet to express their opinions, emotions, and connect with people who feel the same way." Another said, "we are more likely to ask for help through social media, which can save people."

A 17-year-old boy simply replied, "because a lot of things created or made can spread joy."

The survey comes right after what is probably the most visible example of how teens use social media to date: the viral response to the deadly school shooting in Parkland, Florida. As the shooting was happening, students huddled in the back of classrooms used group chats to check up on their friends and family, and Snapchat and Twitter to broadcast their experiences to the world. Just hours after surviving a massacre, a group of those students began a viral campaign to promote gun control restrictions, and used social media to organize a march on Washington, D.C.

The moment captured the best and worst of the internet at once: its power to bring people together, and its potential to amplify harm. As their profiles rose, so did the volume of the conspiracy theorists and bad actors attacking

them. It is possible that teens cannot agree on whether social media is good or bad for them because, at different moments, it can be both.

There were a few other notable findings in Pew's study:

- When teens are online, they're probably on YouTube, Instagram, or Snapchat, each of which were regularly used by large majorities of the American 13- to 17-year-olds surveyed.
- Facebook use, meanwhile, has dropped overall in the three years since Pew last surveyed teens about their social media use. In 2014-15, 71 percent said they used Facebook. Now that's 51 percent.
- Teen internet use has some differences across race and gender. Fifty percent of teen girls say they are online almost constantly, compared to 39 percent of boys. Fifty-four percent of Hispanic teens said they were using the internet nearly all the time, while 41 percent of white teenagers said the same.
- A large majority of teens — both boys and girls — play video games. Eighty-four percent of teens say they have access to a gaming console. And 83 percent of girls said they play some sort of video game (on a computer, phone, or console). Meanwhile, 97 percent of boys said the same. Pew also found substantial growth in console ownership among Hispanic teens (a 10 percent jump in three years). Plus, eighty-five percent of teens from households with an income of less than \$30,000 a year say they own a game console, while in 2014-15, it was 67 percent.

RINGTONES

From 2B

a crowded room. The 64-year-old used to have Al Pacino shouting "hey 'hello' to my little friend!" the iconic salutation from "Scarface" on a loop as his ringtones, but he got tired of the screaming.

"When you have the right one, it's kind of soothing," the retired assistant principal and Cheltenham resident said. Now, when someone's calling, it's to Sade's "Smooth Operator."

Kevin Wilson, a 36-year-old beer sales rep, made a spreadsheet for his ringtones about 10 years ago. He picked tunes for each of two dozen or so friends, basing his title choices with their names in them, or theme songs from shows they loved, or pieces that reminded him of them.

Things have changed. For his college friends, the Penn State fight song sounds. Most other folks get his default ring, which he recently changed to the theme song from "Magnum P.I." He can't get enough of it — even when he sees it's a spam call coming in, "I just let it ring now because it's a

song I like."

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She tested this friend to see if she'd be down for an interview. But the woman doesn't use the Kells song, or any song, for her ring-

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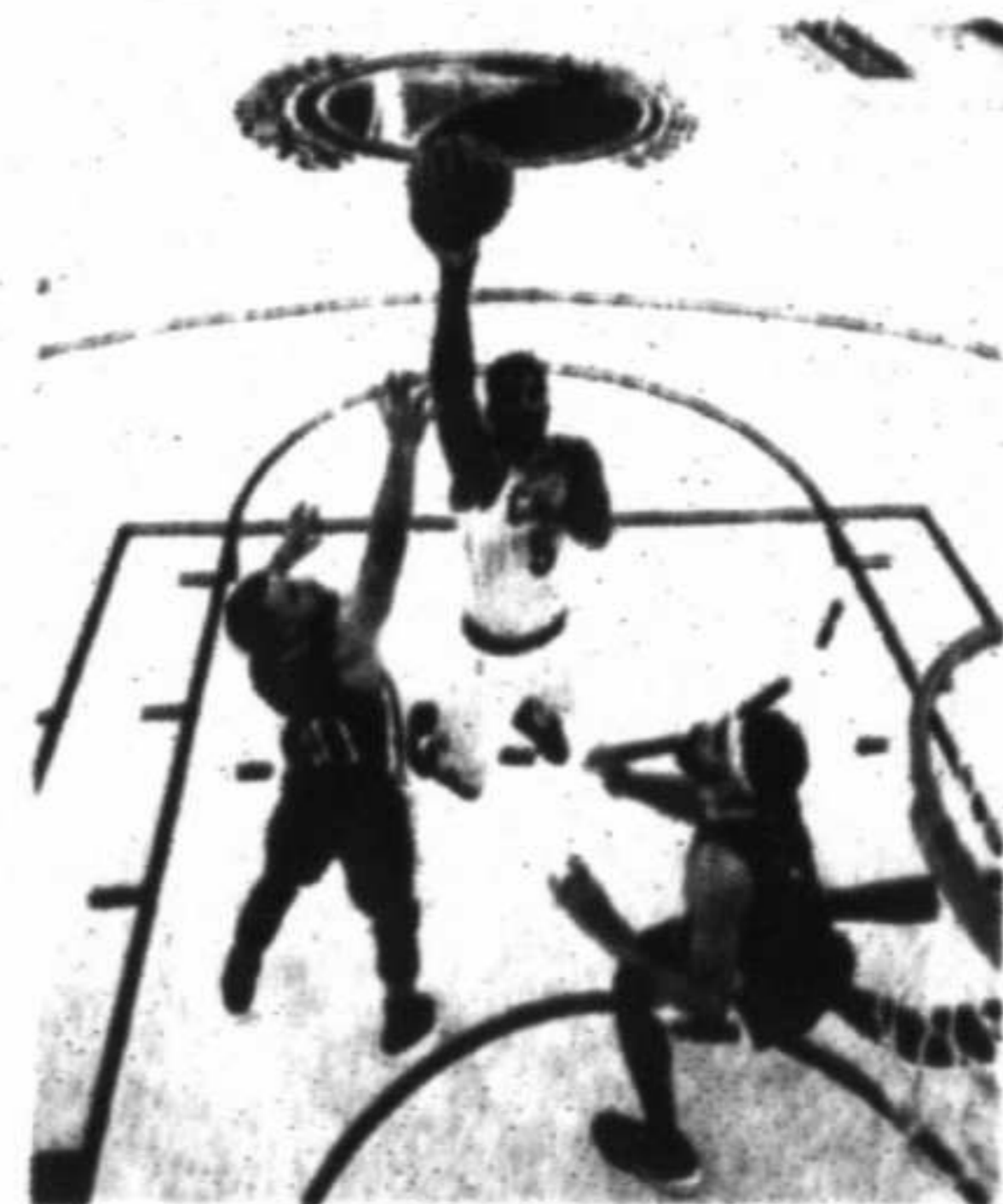
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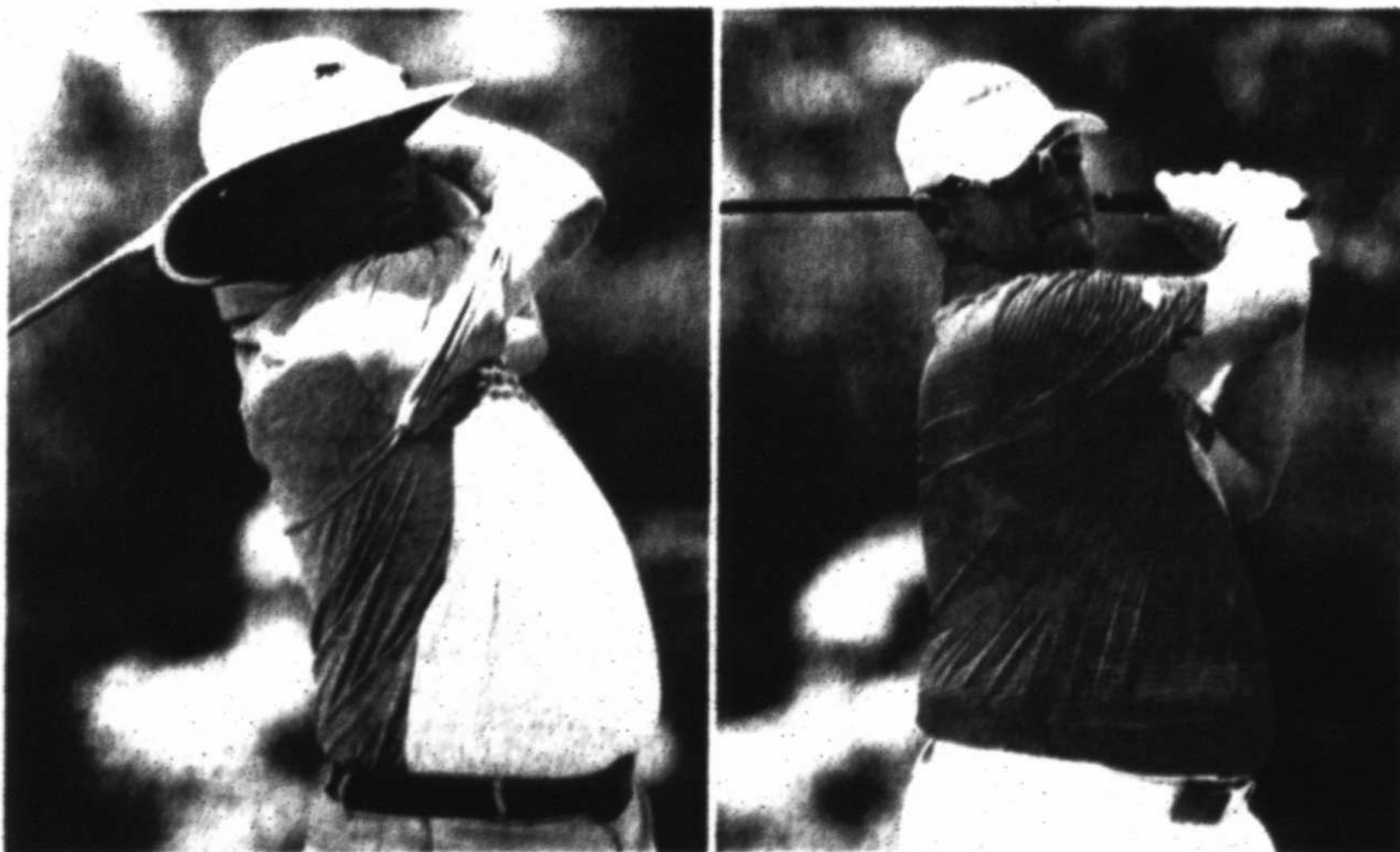
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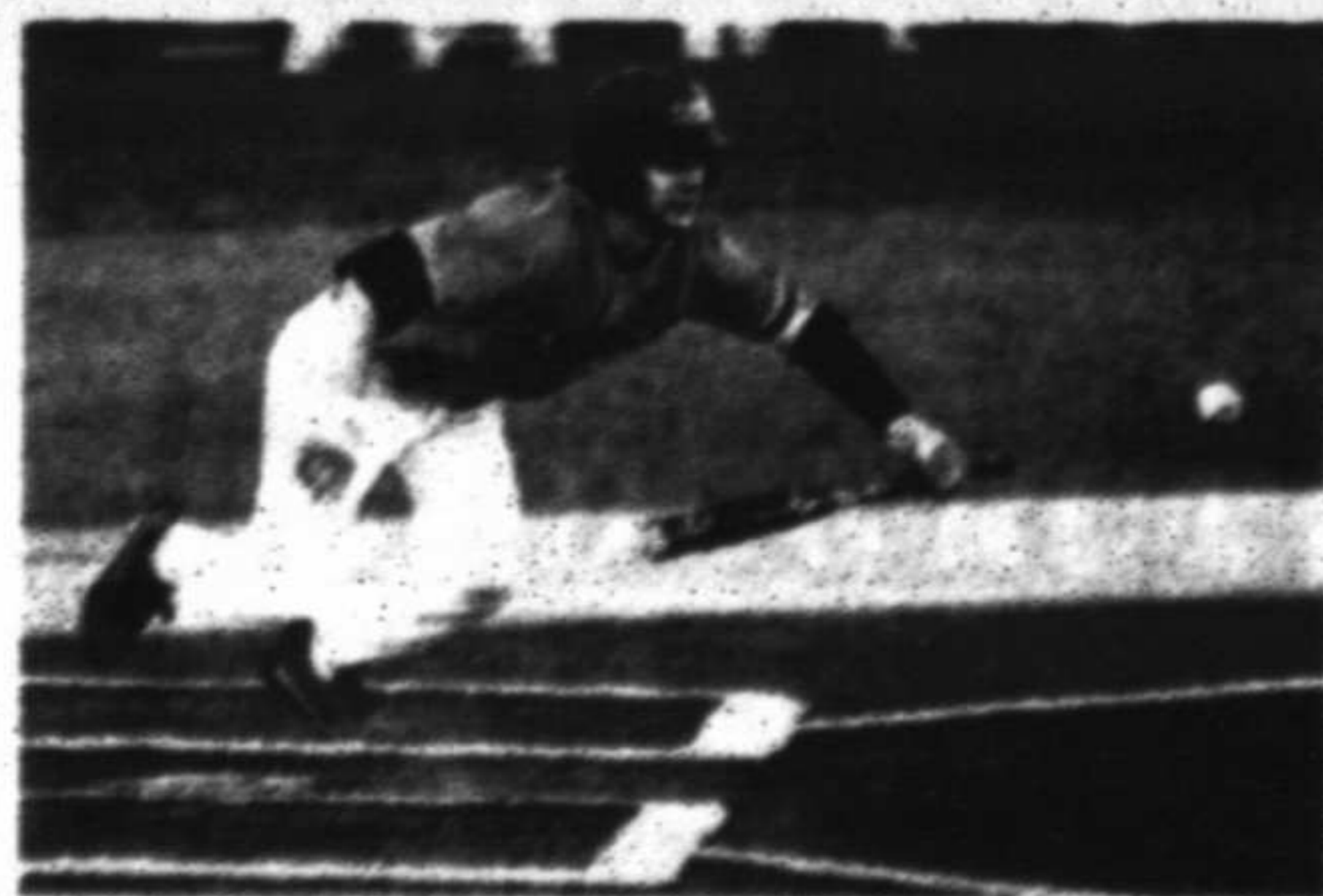
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Truex took the checkered flag in the No. 78 Toyota after two straight runner-up finishes in a season where he was almost an afterthought compared to the Busch-Harvick dominance.

"I think three of those guys are head-over-heels better than the rest of us," Kyle Larson said.

Larson wasn't so bad, himself. He finished second Sunday, followed by Busch and Harvick. Brad Keselowski was fifth.

Busch won the Xfinity Series race Saturday to help Toyota sweep the weekend. But Pocono belonged to Truex and he won his 17th career Cup race.

"I hope they get a lot of Yeuengling in victory lane," he said over the radio about the Pennsylvania beer. "We're going to drink it all!"

He had it sprayed on him instead in victory lane.

"I feel like we're getting back to what we were doing last year," Truex said. "It's always fun to win, especially when you beat the best guys out there."

Harvick led 89 laps and Busch led 13. Truex led 31 overall and the final 20 to celebrate at the same track where he won his first race for Furniture Row Racing in 2015.

Here are other items of note



Derik Hamilton/Associated Press

Kyle Busch drives through Turn 3 ahead of Kevin Harvick during the NASCAR Cup Series race Sunday in Long Pond, Pa.

at Pocono:

Johnson is first

In the stunning stat department, seven-time Jimmie Johnson led his first laps of the season in the first stage. Johnson, who led as many as 2,238 laps in a season in 2009, was in first for the first time since Martinsville in the 33rd race last season.

Johnson finished eighth and extended the longest losing streak of his career to 37. It's been a year since he last won — June 4, 2017, at Dover.

Busch slump

A year after he made his Cup debut at Pocono, Darrell Wallace Jr. was the first car to the garage on Sunday. He appeared to blow the engine when he missed a shift and his Chevrolet rolled to the garage for his first DNF of the season

Hamilton bit

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Up next

The series shifts to Michigan where Larson is the defending race winner. Larson is winless this season.

- NASCAR Monster Energy Cup-Pocono 400 Results**
Sunday
At Pocono Raceway
Long Pond, Pa.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
Start position in parentheses
1 (4) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 160 laps, 57 points
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4 (2) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 160, 28
5 (17) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 160, 27
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13 (26) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 160, 20
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- Average Speed of Race Winner: 139.533 mph**
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Last Lap: 11 drivers, 1:11.8, Harvick 13:25
J. Johnson 20:27, B. Keselowski 20:34, K. Harvick 20:43
M. Truex 44:53, B. Keselowski 54:50, K. Harvick 57:12
B. Wallace 79:42, K. Harvick 89:12, M. Truex 107:19
M. Truex 140:10
- Laptime Summary (Green, Yellow, Red, Lead)**
Lead: 5, Harvick 4 laps, 10 laps, 14 laps, 22 laps
1st lap: 11 laps, Kyle Busch 1 time for 13 laps, 19 laps, 1 time for 11 laps, 2 times for 10 laps, 2
Wallace Jr. 1 time for 4 laps, 2 Johnson 1 time for 2 laps

Capitals' suffocating pressure is frustrating Golden Knights

By Stephen Whyne
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — Of all the ways the Washington Capitals have tried to win in the playoffs, none has been as effective as this.

They pushed the pace with speed and skill when Alex Ovechkin and Nicklas Backstrom were part of the "Young Guns." They made every game a coin flip with tight, Dale Hunter hockey. Each time, an early exit followed.

This year is different. Suddenly, the Capitals are a suffocating defensive team that clogs the middle of the ice and makes even the fastest of opponents look slow.

The Vegas Golden Knights are the latest to get frustrated by Washington's neutral-zone pressure that took a toll on Columbus, Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay, paving the way for this run to the Stanley Cup Final. After cruising through three rounds with ease, nothing looks easy right now for Vegas because the Capitals have mastered the art of frustration, and are two wins away from hoisting the Cup for the first time.

"Offensive teams have certain tendencies, certain routes that they take through the neutral zone, plays they like to make, so if you can be on top of them and turn over some pucks, stifle them, make it hard for them to gain entry with possession, that frustrates skilled players," defenseman Matt Niskanen said Sunday. "If you can be in their face, just standing in the way, it's amazing what that does."

It's amazing the transformation the Capitals have made since coach Barry Trotz challenged players late in the regular season to embrace this approach. It was clear as early as Game 4 of the first round that the 1-1-3 trap in the neutral zone had the ability to essentially shut down the opposing attack, and since the first two playoff games Washington is 10-2 when scoring first.

The Golden Knights have found how



Pablo Martinez Monsivale/Associated Press

Washington Capitals forward Chandler Stephenson (18) contends with Vegas Golden Knights forward Cody Eakin (21) during the third period in Game 3 of the NHL Stanley Cup Final on Saturday in Washington.

difficult it is to try to come back against the Capitals and need to adjust quickly down 2-1 in the Cup Final going into Game 4 Monday night. They have to make some adjustments before it's too late.

"Our guys who have a lot of speed can go back deeper, gather some speed," winger David Perron said. "Then the defensemen can try to freeze the first fore-checker, kick it wide. These guys coming with speed, if they're confronted, which they will be most times at the blue line, you can put it in and go on the forecheck. You can have guys hang close to the right wing or up top, and as the puck is coming your way, win the one-on-one battle with support. ... We also have to try to not let them set up, so if there's a turnover, a quick one, we can punt it up, go back on offense."

The Penguins and Lightning tried that and couldn't crack the Capitals well enough to advance.

"They're really good at slowing you down," Lightning forward J.T. Miller said during the Eastern Conference final. "Right when you want to just chip it and go, there's a guy, there's a wall there, and guys are ready to go back and get it on the other side. ... It's just their ability to stand up and make you force plays because it looks like there's more ice than there is, and then all of a sudden they do a good job of staying in front and retrieving pucks."

Vegas is built on speed, but it's hard to harness it if players can't get blue line to blue line with the puck to create any offense. When the Capitals took a lead in Game 3, they went into their now-potentiated scheme.

Dixon earns first IndyCar win of season

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

DETROIT — Scott Dixon won his 42nd IndyCar race, pulling even with Michael Andretti for third on the career list.

Dixon did it by outlasting three of Andretti's drivers — including his son.

Dixon raced to his first IndyCar victory of the year, beating Ryan Hunter-Reay by 1.8 seconds at Belle Isle on Saturday. Hunter-Reay drives for Andretti Autosport, and so do Alexander Rossi and Marco Andretti, who finished third and fourth.

"I'm sure Michael was on the radio probably telling Hunter-Reay to get after it a little bit there," Dixon joked.

Dixon hadn't led a lap all season until Saturday, but this was his fourth top-five finish in seven races in 2018. IndyCar's active leader in victories, Dixon now has at least one in each of the last 14 seasons. This was also his 99th top-three finish, breaking a tie for fourth with Al Unser on that list.

In the first of two IndyCar races this weekend at Belle Isle, Dixon led for 39 of the 70 laps on the 2.35-mile street course. After starting on the pole, Marco Andretti was in front for the first 22 laps before giving up the lead during a cycle of pit stops.

"We wanted to stay as close as possible just in case they pitted quite early," Dixon said. "We knew they kind of had to get to lap 20 to make it work anyway, and then we started to pile on the pressure a little bit there to be close on that pit stop exchange."

The only other drivers to lead were Hunter-Reay and Graham Rahal. After winning both Belle Isle races last year, Rahal crashed out of this one after 45 laps, hitting the wall coming out of a turn.

Santino Ferrucci, making his first IndyCar start two days after his 20th birthday, crashed a short while after Rahal when he spun 360 degrees before ending up in a tire barrier. Charlie Kimball was given a penalty for avoidable contact.

The restart following Ferrucci's crash came with 10 laps to go. Dixon led after the green flag and was in control the rest of the way in his No. 9 Honda.

Afterward, Hunter-Reay and Rossi were informed that Dixon was now even with Michael Andretti, their team owner. They were also asked if they'd like to see Dixon move ahead of him.

"I'll plead the fifth," Hunter-Reay said. "I think it's our job — it's in our job description contract to make sure that he does not pass Michael," Rossi added.

"That's our job now," Hunter-Reay joked. "That's what we're going to talk about every morning."

Rossi took over the season points lead. Indianapolis 500 winner Will Power dropped from first to third in the standings with a seventh-place showing at Belle Isle. Dixon is now second.

Dixon won at Belle Isle for the second time. He also did it in 2012. This was the 104th IndyCar win for Chip Ganassi Racing and the first of this year.

Dixon was second in qualifying. Who's hot: Chevrolet was a title sponsor of this race, but Honda dominated, finishing with the top six drivers.

"They beat us in the Honda Grand Prix of Alabama," Rossi said. "This is our revenge."

- Champion Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix 1 Results**
Saturday
At The Raceway of Belle Isle Park
Detroit
Lap length: 2.35 miles
Start position in parentheses
1 (9) Scott Dixon, Honda, 70, Running
2 (3) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Honda, 70, Running
3 (4) Alexander Rossi, Honda, 70, Running
4 (7) Marco Andretti, Honda, 70, Running
5 (7) Santino Ferrucci, Honda, 70, Running
6 (11) St. James, Honda, 70, Running
7 (2) Will Power, Chevrolet, 70, Running
8 (2) Graham Rahal, Honda, 70, Running
9 (16) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet, 70, Running
10 (12) Spencer Pigot, Chevrolet, 70, Running
11 (1) James Hinchcliffe, Honda, 70, Running
12 (10) Zach Wahls, Honda, 70, Running
13 (17) Sebastian Saavedra, Honda, 70, Running
14 (15) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 70, Running
15 (21) Michael Leary, Chevrolet, 70, Running
16 (25) Justin King, Chevrolet, 70, Running
17 (18) Brian Papadopoulos, Chevrolet, 70, Running
18 (14) Sam Bird, Chevrolet, 70, Running
19 (22) Charlie Kimball, Chevrolet, 70, Running
20 (19) Steve Ostrin, Chevrolet, 70, Running
21 (23) Ryan Briscoe, Chevrolet, 47, Running
22 (13) Benoit Ferrand, Honda, 66, Contact
23 (8) Graham Rahal, Honda, 46, Contact
24 (5) Alex Zanardi, Chevrolet, 46, Contact
- Driver's average speed: 139.533 mph**
Time of Race: 1:59:23.076
Length of Victory: 1:09:07.466
Caution: 2 for 10 laps
Lead changes: 6 among 11 drivers
Last Lap: 11 drivers, 1:02.25, P. Rossi 20:25, Hunter-Reay 20:37, Dixon 44:53, Hunter-Reay 45:20, Dixon 45:10
Pole position: Ryan 279, Dixon 272, Power 263, Newgarden 261, Hunter-Reay 227, Briscoe 225, Miller 197, Stover 165, Andretti 176, Papanastasi 168

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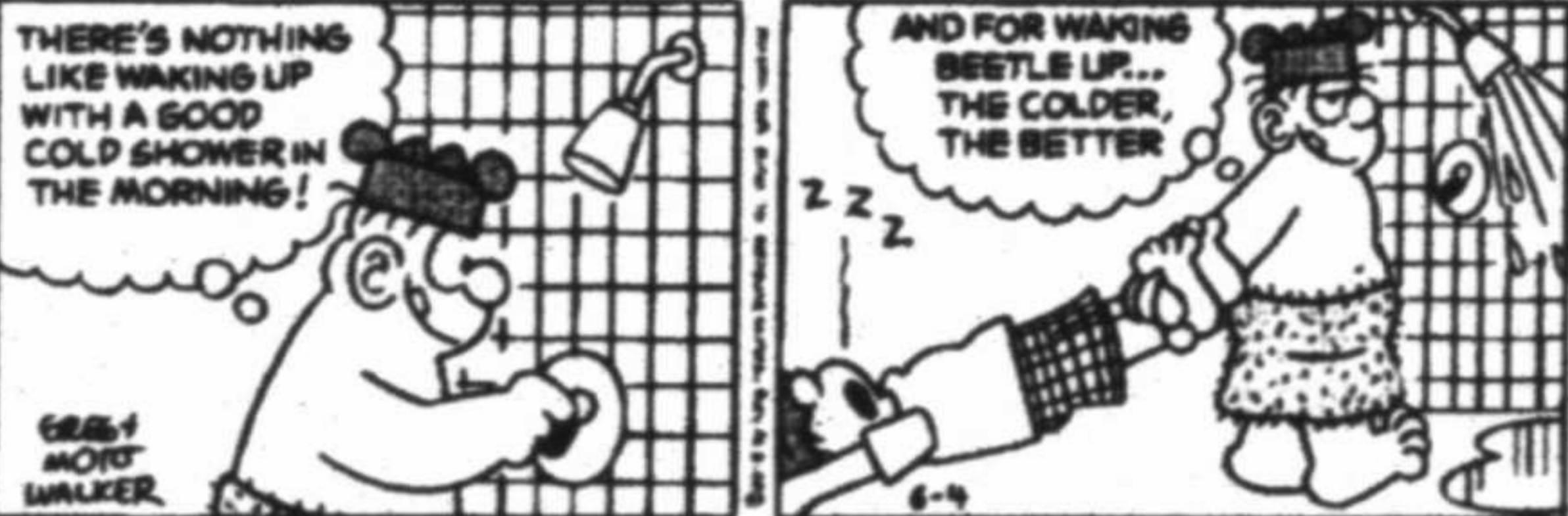
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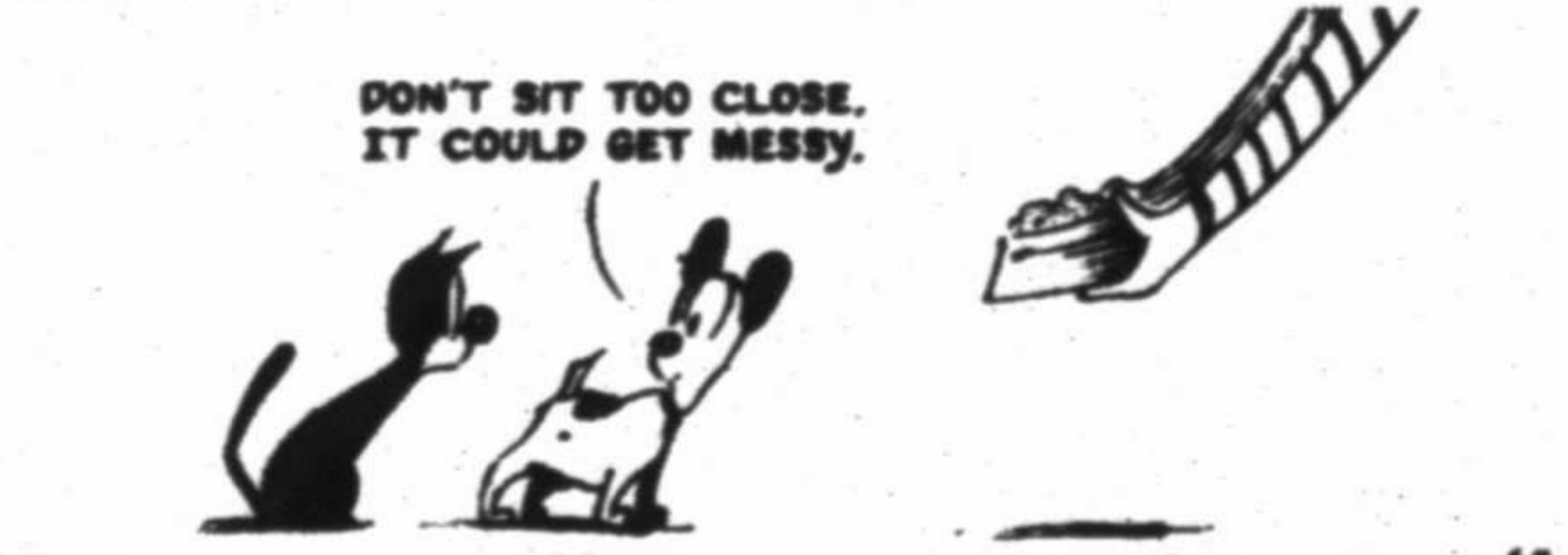
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1 2
3 4

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

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9	1	8	2	6	5	3	7	4
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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1. ___-as-you-are party

5. Wedge or pump

9. Apple's Touch and Nano

14. Help with a robbery, say

15. Phone in a purse

16. "I kid you not"

17. Wind current that affects weather patterns

19. Barton of the Red Cross

20. Purpose

21. First rainbow color

22. First Peace Corps director

24. Lipton rival

26. Apple mobile platform

27. Pet rodent's exercise gadget

34. Concerning

37. Held the deed to

38. Mai ___ cocktail

39. Guns, as an engine

40. Nest of chicks

41. Turkey meat preference

42. Top worn with jeans

43. Birth-related

44. Numbered supermarket section

45. Good survival skills

48. Brit's bathroom

49. Filmfare awards

53. Longtime TV fitness guru Jack

57. Job ad letters

58. "The Matrix" hero

59. Sumatran ape

60. Sunbeam brand ... and a literal hint to the circled letters

63. Mini automaker

64. Je-___

65. Latin being

66. Sarcily

67. Clue or Risk

68. Peepers

3. Doles (out)

4. UFO pilots, presumably

5. Flot, in the funny way

6. Take to heart

7. Rio greeting

8. Shade trees

9. Narrow, exclusive group

10. Refined manner

11. Norwegian royal name

12. Desperate, as straits

13. Char on a grill

18. Halloween trick alternative

23. Put on the payroll

25. In this way

28. Alphabetizes, say

29. Time for semiannual clock changes: Abbr.

30. ___ Gay: WWII bomber

31. Vowels after zebra

32. British nobleman

33. Facebook thumbs-up

34. Part of MFA

35. Borscht basic

36. Partner of 'done with'

40. Relay stick

41. Brake rotor

43. Nightlife sign's light source

44. On the briny

46. African antelope

47. Dorn pal

50. Unable to sit still

51. Baseball Hall of Famer Pee Wee

52. Tender spots

53. Bauhaus's partner

54. Aia's vestly diminished ___

55. Lie idly (around)

56. Periodical with a URL

57. Reason to study

61. Dockworkers' org.

62. Match, as a bet

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Krueck

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

DWROL

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SOBUG

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RLIMYF

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GUEHNO

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: PATIO DOUBT RIPPLE TWELVE
 Answer: Upon retirement, they built a mountaintop dream home and — LIVED IT UP



JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

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ACROSS

1. Shoe part

5. Smarter

6. Farewell

7. Ted ___

DOWN

1. Toward the center

2. Support

3. Hiding out, sneaking

4. Outcome

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.

BONUS

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WUZZLES

WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD TOM

1.

me	quit
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2.

Old	+ Age	+ Age
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Print Your Answers Here:

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2.

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Today's Answers: **me quit** **Old + Age + Age**

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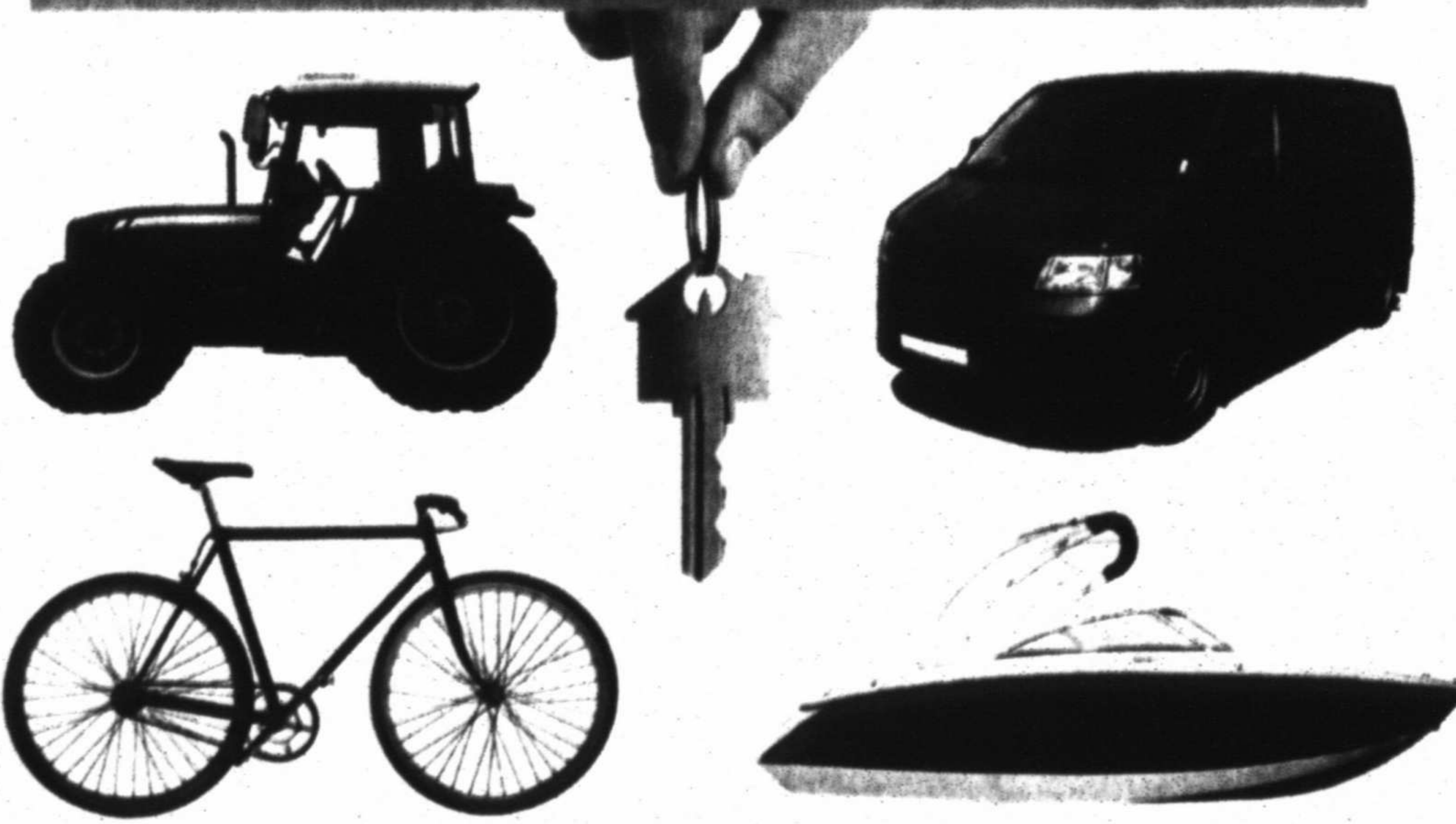
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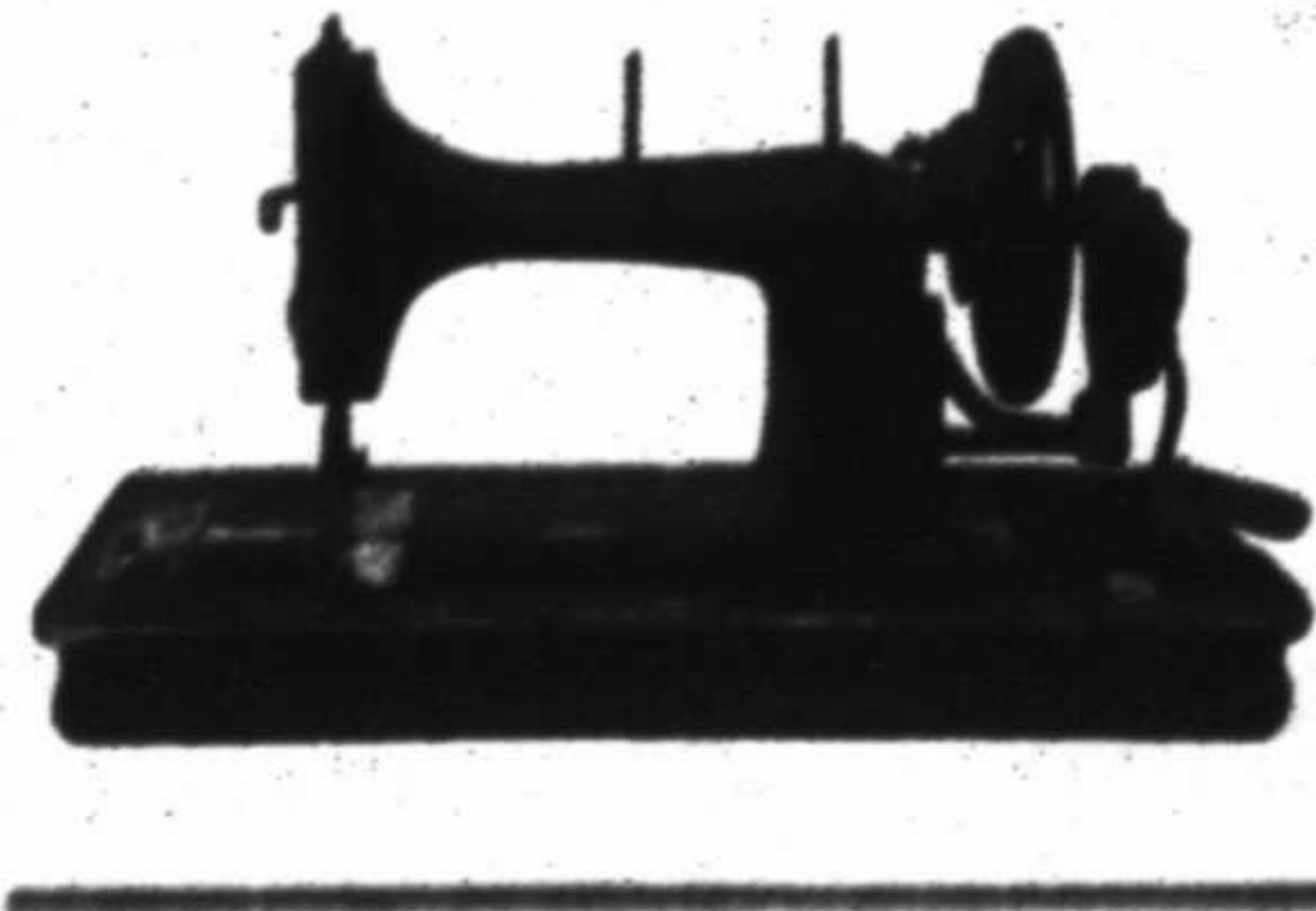
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