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Kathy Clark is one of 52 Faces of Community.

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Billy Horschel won the AT&T Byron Nelson with a par on the first playoff hole Sunday after Jason Day pulled his 4-foot par putt left and past the hole.

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US shale roars back at OPEC

By Christopher Sell
Bloomberg

OPEC may get its members to agree to continue to tamp down oil production, but it will be a Pyrrhic victory.

The biggest threat to the 13-member group's dominance has been U.S. shale.

In November 2014, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided to keep production levels high in the hope it could maintain market share. But that was a difficult task to begin with, and since then, U.S. shale producers have become even more efficient.

By the time OPEC reversed course in November 2016, sending oil prices up as much as 10 percent, shale had already gained ground.

There are areas in the enormous Permian and Eagle Ford shale fields in Texas where producers can break even at prices as low as $34 a barrel, according to Bloomberg Intelligence.

And analysts now say U.S. shale production will grow even faster than expected. Macquarie Group now thinks production will increase 1.4 million barrels a day through December, up from a previous growth estimate of 0.9 million barrels a day. JPMorgan Chase doubled its forecast to an increase of 800,000 barrels a day for the same period.

As OPEC and non-OPEC producers (namely Russia) cut back on production, U.S. shale producers are moving to quickly fill the gap. Their output increase is equal to about half of the OPEC cuts and twice that of Russia's cuts, according to a report out this week by Eugen Weinberg, head of commodity research at Commerzbank.

"If the production cuts were to be extended, the participating countries would lose further market shares, which they are hardly likely to accept for any length of time," the report said.

It isn't going to get a lot better for OPEC in 2018, either. JPMorgan is forecasting U.S. shale to grow by 1.05 million barrels a day next year, while Bank of America Merrill Lynch has a figure of 950,000 barrels a day.

Even a "drastic" downward shift in the market conditions won't lead to a rapid collapse of U.S. oil production, according to Rystad Energy. Many wells that have been drilled-but haven't been completed-could still be brought online profitably if the price falls to $40 or even $30 a barrel, Rystad said in a report on May 11.

Are there any straws that OPEC and Russia can clutch? Well, yes.

OPEC and its allies can only hope that increased U.S. production won't jeopardize its aim of bringing down global crude stockpiles to the five-year average-putting a floor under prices and making sure they don't plummet. Otherwise all the efforts of the last six months (and possibly next nine months) will be for nothing.

There have been some good signs. Stockpiles have been on the decline for the past six weeks, falling to 520.8 million barrels in the week ending May 5. More importantly, since the beginning of January, the surplus above the five-year average has fallen from 129 million barrels, to 110 million barrels in the week ending May 12.

Looking at all the options

MRT file photo

The Midland City Council is likely to vote Tuesday on what to do with the hole left after the Midland County Courthouse was demolished.

City Council to look at options for filling downtown hole

■ Project at former courthouse site might not take place for up to two months

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland City Council is likely to vote Tuesday on how to fill the hole at the site of the former Midland County Courthouse.

The council will vote on a staff-recommended plan in which $80,214 is paid to Lee Lewis Construction to use material adjacent to the Midland Center site. Fred Reyes, director of general services, describes this option in a city memorandum as the "best value for the city" as the plan calls for material/soil testing, site compaction, permanent irrigation, hydro mulching and necessary seeding for future vegetation. Future structural development for this site is optimal, according to Reyes. This is also the lone option that would require a delay in the start of the project. According to Reyes, work will not begin for approximately eight weeks (or until Lee Lewis can begin excavation of the Midland Center site).

Two other options were looked at by city staff. Option two calls for the use of material from the city's landfill site and Midland Center to fill the hole. The cost for that option is $250,713. Work on this site would begin sooner and will be ready for any new development.

The third option utilizes a different contractor — Lloyd D. Nabors Demolition — and also uses material from the landfill site. The price for this option is $77,750, but does not include landscaping. Reyes said in the memo that if this option is selected, city staff would need to request additional funding for permanent irrigation, hydro mulching, seeding and electrical work for the irrigation system. That additional amount would not exceed $50,000, he wrote.

If authorized, funding for this project will come from the Hotel Santa Rita deposit and the remaining balance of the courthouse demolition project, according to Reyes' memo.

Annual chlorine maintenance to be performed on June 1

From staff reports

The city of Midland will perform routine maintenance on its water distribution system starting June 1.

This preventative measure, according to the city, will ensure safe drinking water by temporarily changing the method used to disinfect the water supply. Hydrants around town will also be flushed throughout the month of June in order to maintain water clarity and quality in the distribution pipes.

Chloramine, a combination of chlorine and ammonia, is what is normally used to disinfect public water supplies in Midland and many other cities across the nation, according to the city. During a period of approximately 30 days, the city will use only chlorine to disinfect the water supply and to better clean the city's distribution lines.

"Free" chlorine, according to the city, is a stronger disinfectant than chloramine and denies bacteria the ability to form resistances to the usual disinfection treatment process. This may cause the water to have "chlorine odor," like water in a swimming pool, and slight discoloration. Some residents may detect no change at all.

Both forms of chlorinated water are safe for people and animals to drink, cooking and bathing, watering the garden

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Texas revives transgender 'bathroom bill' for public schools

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A transgender "bathroom bill" reminiscent of one in North Carolina that caused a national uproar now appears to be on a fast-track to becoming law in Texas — though it may only apply to public schools.

A broader proposal mandating that virtually all transgender people in the country's second-largest state use public restrooms according to the gender on their birth certificates sailed through the Texas Senate months ago. A similar measure had stalled in the House, but supporters late Sunday night used an amendment to tack school bathroom limits onto a separate and otherwise unrelated bill covering campus emergency operation plans.

Republican Rep. Chris Paddie authored the hotly-debated language, saying it had "absolutely no intent" to discriminate. Under it, transgender students would not be permitted to use their chosen bathroom but could be directed to separate, single-occupancy restrooms.

"It's absolutely about child safety," said Paddie, from the East Texas town of Marshall. "This is about accommodating all kids."

His change passed 91-50. Final House approval should come today, sending the modified bill to the Senate, which should easily support it. Texas' legislative session ends May 29, but that's plenty of time to approve transgender bathroom legislation— even if it's scaled-back enough to only affect the state's roughly 5.3 million public school students, and not the general public.

"This amendment is the bathroom bill and the bathroom bill is an attack on transgender people," said Rep. Joe Moody, an El Paso Democrat. "Some people don't want to admit that because they are ashamed, and this is shameful." A small group of Democratic women legislators went into the men's restroom just off the House floor before debate began in protest. With Republicans enjoying solid majorities in both of Texas' legislative chambers, though, such opposition was purely symbolic.

Houston Democratic Rep. Senfronia Thompson, one of the House's longest-serving and most-respected members, likened the new language to when restrooms nationwide were segregated

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Did you know?

A homeless couple from San Angelo moved to Arkansas in search for a better life. Page 2A

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Homeless couple in Texas moves to Arkansas, seek better life

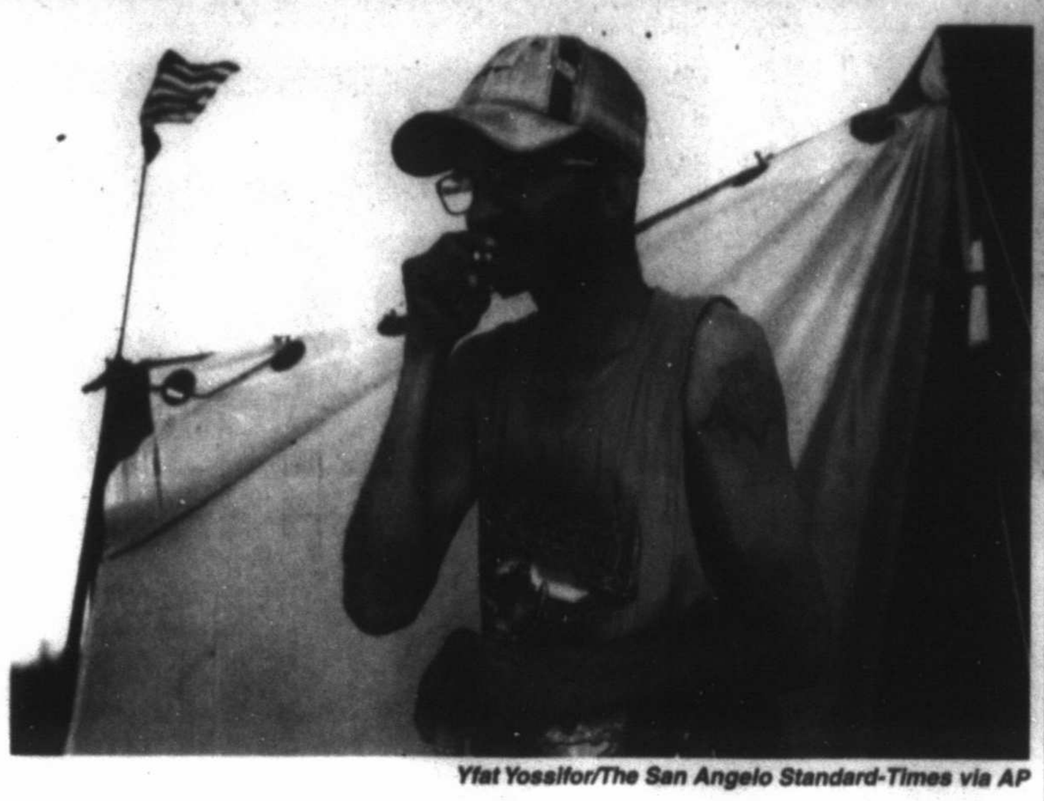
By Federico Martinez
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO — Tears flowed down Heidi Martinez's cheeks as she slowly ripped up a stack of photographs and dropped them into a fire pit.

She watched them burn and turn to ashes before quietly returning to her tent. Her husband Joe quickly followed.

"This is really hard for both of us," Joe Martinez said after he returned from the tent. "The people here have become our family. It might not be much, but this has been our home for the past eight months."

It was the Martinezes' last day at the tent city under the Houston Harte Expressway in San Angelo. Joe and Heidi were among the first people there and helped create this community for the homeless, a place they dubbed "Camp Hope."



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In this May 19 photo, Reggie Felton lights a cigarette in tent city under the Houston Harte Expressway in San Angelo.

The next morning the Martinezes would board a bus that would take them on an 18-hour trip to Arkansas. Jobs and hopes for a more promising future awaited them.

Heidi spent the last day packing and discarding items so that their baggage would be light. Joe spent his time pacing nervously around the camp, inspecting the "bathroom" and waste recycling system he cobbled together to make sure they were working.

He chatted with other residents and reminded them that they must continue to pick up trash and keep the grounds clean. He reminded them to be respectful of each other and offered last words of advice.

Joe Martinez, 40, grew up in San Angelo. His wasn't a perfect childhood, but his life was moving along pretty well until about two years ago, he said.

"Nobody ever grows up dreaming about becoming homeless," said Joe, who for years had a stable job installing flooring. "I had a great boss, but he ended up getting triple bypass surgery and his son took over the business.

"We butted heads immediately. I finally quit."

Joe thought he would find another job. When that didn't happen, he began doing odd jobs — mowing lawns, building fences, installing new floors at people's homes. Eventually, the opportunities dwindled, the money ran out and the bills went unpaid.

When Joe lost his home, he moved to a tent city elsewhere in San Angelo. Heidi, who had married Joe a couple months before he lost everything, joined him.

"I was raised in a good home," Joe said. "I was raised to be responsible and believe that if you work hard and carry your own weight, good things will happen."

That's not what happened, he said.

When the Martinezes arrived, another homeless resident, Dustin Halvorson, had already set up a tent. Another couple, Billy Jack McMeekin and girlfriend Vera Kent, were preparing to leave.

"Billy Jack is a legend among the homeless in San Angelo," Joe Martinez said. "He was like the godfather. If you needed help, advice — anything — you just had to ask Jack and Vera."

McMeekin and Kent last fall relocated to Corpus Christi, where he found a job and the couple became engaged. McMeekin declined to comment for this story.

When they left, they appointed Joe and Heidi as the new camp leaders. Other residents listened to Joe, whose muscular stature and no-nonsense speaking style can be intimidating, said Halvorson, who became good friends with the couple.

Many residents quickly bonded with the Martinezes, who took the time to listen to residents' problems and concerns. Sometimes they just needed a little encouragement or a "kick in the butt," Joe said.

San Angelo police began cracking down on vagrancy this past spring. They stopped allowing the homeless to sleep on park benches or live in abandoned houses and buildings.

That led to tent cities popping up around the city, Joe said.

"Initially we tried to set up by some docks, but we were kicked out by the city," Joe said. "They kicked us out of every place we tried to hide."

Eventually, the group realized that if they set up at their current site, which is state land, local police did not have the authority to make them leave, Joe said.

The standoff ended when Joe and San Angelo police Chief Frank Carter sat down to talk about the situation. Carter offered to try to help the people at Camp Hope by working with local social service agencies and faith-based organizations to provide services to the homeless.

Carter also made arrangements so the people at Camp Hope could bag their garbage and place it near the expressway every Friday, where trash haulers collect it. The arrangement encouraged the residents in the camp to keep their site clean.

In return, Carter made it clear that the city would be passing an ordinance that would give them the authority to force the residents of the tent city to vacate the premises. The San Angelo City Council on Tuesday voted to approve the new ordinance, which will become effective on June 1.

Neither Carter nor city officials are saying whether they will forcibly remove any homeless residents still at the site on June 1 or if they will let them stay there and continue trying to connect them to services.

"I was trying to fight for something that I thought was a good cause," Joe said. "Nobody has the right to tell somebody you can't live somewhere and survive.

After Joe and Heidi became homeless, Joe's brother-in-law offered him a job at the construction company he works for in Arkansas.

Pride and a sense of obligation to make sure his "family" at Camp Hope would be treated with respect by the city prevented Joe from immediately taking the job offer.

Two months ago, he accepted."I needed to make sure that everyone here was taken care of before we left," Joe said. "I still have reservations about taking the job. But Heidi has backed me up for the whole time. We've suffered a lot of pain together during the past year.

"I want to do this because I know it will make her happy." Before Joe left, he sat down with Reggie Felton, who took over as the camp leader. He told Felton that he needed to make clear to all new residents that excessive drug use and confrontations with other residents would not be tolerated.

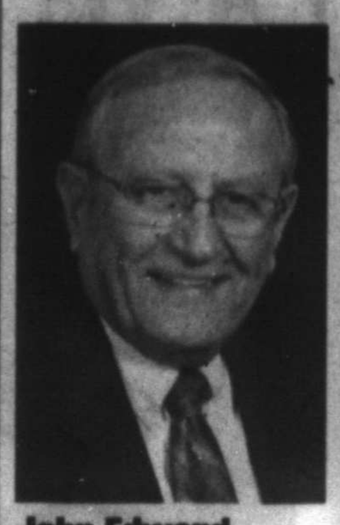
Felton, whose slight build isn't as physically imposing as Martinez, takes his duties seriously. If someone becomes unruly or violent, he calls Chief Carter, who dispatches officers to remove the troublemakers.

When Joe and Heidi announced they would be leaving, the news was greeted with cheers and well wishes by some of the camp's residents. The news deeply upset others. One resident went on a drinking binge that evening and ended up in jail — never getting the chance to see say a final goodbye. After the Martinezes left, Halvorson became depressed and isolated himself for several weeks.

"Everything in life either builds or breaks you," Joe said. "You can only help people so far. But they have to be willing to change.

"I'm going to miss this bunch, though. We're kind of like the Brady Bunch, we just use a lot more swear words."

Obituaries



John Edward Harrell

John Edward Harrell, 81, of Hillsboro, Texas, went to be with his Lord on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

John was born on June 4, 1935 to Robert Lee and Lora Pearl Harrell in Winters, Texas. He graduated from San Angelo High School and joined the United States Army where he served four years. In early 1972, he met the love of his life, Elizabeth Ann McCollough, at a Sunday school party and they were married June 30, 1972.

John was an avid NASCAR fan, plastic model enthusiast, loved to fish and tinker. As a young adult, he worked at Wilson's Hobby Supply in San Angelo, Texas. In the mid-80s, John was fortunate to open his own hobby shop, John's Hobby Kit, in the Midland Dellwood Mall.

John is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Elizabeth; and by his children, Chris Harrell of Midland, Texas, Robert Harrell and his wife Melissa of Midland, Renee Constancio and husband Marcus of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Debra Lindsey and friend Billy Sherman of Huntsville, Texas.

John is also survived by his best friend and father-in-law, Clyde McCollough.

His memory will be cherished by his grandchildren, Paul Constancio, Matthew Lindsey, Kelly Williams and her husband Derek, Ashley Harrell, Sheldon Harrell, Brittany Harrell, Kayleah Harrell, and Zachary Harrell; as well as great-grandchildren, Nathan and Juliet Rose Constancio, Caleb Windham, Jayden Ryan and Ryland Michelle Lindsey, Paisley Ray, and David Rhett Williams.

He was preceded in death his parents, Robert Lee and Lora Pearl Harrell; mother-in-law, Mavis McCollough; and great-grandson, Anthony Windham.

John was a loving husband, great father, grandfather, and friend. He will be missed by those who loved him and knew him best.

Services will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Hillsboro, Texas.

Interment will be at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens Cemetery in San Angelo.

Raymond Ramos, Sr.

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Funeral mass for Raymond Ramos of Stanton will be held Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Msgr. Tim Schwertner officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

A rosary vigil will be held Monday, May 22, 2017 at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Raymond was born February 4, 1950 and passed away May 19, 2017. He was a long time resident of Stanton, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ramos of Stanton; a daughter, Theresa Ramos of Midland; three sons, Steve Ramos of Odessa, Raymond Ramos, Jr. and wife Krissy, and Joel Ramos and wife Tasha, all of Midland; a sister, Lola Gonzalez of Midland; three brothers, Luciano Ramos of Stanton, Faustino Ramos of Odessa, and Max Lopez of Odessa; seven grandchildren, Timothy Ramos, Jacob Ramos, Jonathan Ramos, Devyn Smith, Kyndall Ramos, Chloe Ramos, and Karli Ramos; two great-grandchildren, Zaine Isaac Ramos and Noah Ramos.

Serving as pallbearers are Steve Ramos, Raymond Ramos, Joel Ramos, Timothy Ramos, Jacob Ramos, and Jonathan Ramos.

Honorary pallbearer is Max Lopez.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel, 408 N. St. Peter, Stanton, Texas, 79782. (432)756-3708.

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by race.

"Bathrooms divided us then and bathrooms divide us now. Separate but equal is not equal at all," Thompson said, drawing floor applause.

While Barack Obama was still president, the U.S. Department of Education tried to implement requirements that school districts nationwide allow transgender students to choose campus bathrooms or locker rooms they wished to use. Texas led a lawsuit challenging that directive and a federal judge in Texas ordered it suspended. President Donald Trump then rescinded the order in February.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has said he wants to sign a bathroom bill into law. House Speaker Joe Straus, a Republican from San Antonio, has been even more vocal opposing one — saying it could hurt a Texas economy that has been among the country's strongest in recent years.

> *"Bathrooms divided us then and bathrooms divide us now. Separate but equal is not equal at all."*
>
> **Rep. Senfronia Thompson** (D)

Top firms, chambers of commerce and lobbyists also have decried the bathroom bill in all forms as bad for business. Many Hollywood actors and music stars have suggested state boycotts, and the NFL and NBA have hinted at canceling future Texas events if it passes — even though Houston successfully hosted this year's Super Bowl.

Limiting the scope to schools could soften the kinds of costly boycotts that hit North Carolina after it approved its bathroom bill last year. The NCAA pulled sporting events and the state faced losing billions of dollars in related economic fallout, though some opposition has quieted since North Carolina lawmakers voted in March for a partial repeal.

Opponents vowed to fight Sunday's Texas amendment with lawsuits.

If the Legislature succeeds "in forcing discrimination into Texas law, you can bet that Lambda Legal will be on the case before the next school bell rings," Jennifer C. Pizer, senior counsel and director of law and policy at the national gay rights group Lambda Legal, said in a statement.

Rep. Tom Craddick also was among those who voted in favor of the bill.

CHLORINE

From 1A

and all other common uses. Still, chlorine can be removed by boiling water, adding a bit of lemon juice, or using treatment devices to reduce chlorine levels.

The city's utilities department encourages kidney dialysis patients to speak with their equipment supplier, and local hospitals have also been alerted of the change.

The Water Department will monitor chlorine levels and water-quality standards in the distribution system on a daily basis to ensure the safety of the water and that all state and regulatory standards are met.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is our water system making these changes to our disinfection process?

Our water system normally uses ammonia and chlorine as the primary means of disinfection. The combination of these two chemicals form chloramine, the most common form of disinfection used in the United States for water systems utilizing lakes and rivers as their source. Free chlorine is a stronger disinfectant than chloramine and denies bacteria the ability to form resistances to the usual disinfection treatment process.

For concerns about this process or water quality, please fill out a "Report a Drinking Water Quality Concern" form via the city's online "Report a Concern" module.

When will this start and how long will it last?

The routine maintenance will start June 1 and last approximately 30 days.

What changes to the water quality will I notice during this period?

You may initially notice a chlorine taste and odor to your water, especially in showers and sinks, where water splashes. You could see a slight discoloration in the water if you're in an area of the city with lower flows in the distribution pipes. These symptoms should lessen after the first couple of weeks of the change, but may still be somewhat present for the remainder of the maintenance period.

I have a fish tank. How will this affect my fish?

No change or adjustment should be needed, since any processes you have in place to remove chloramines, our normal disinfectant, should also remove free chlorine. We recommend you check with your equipment supplier if you have any concerns or questions.

I've heard this can affect kidney dialysis machines. Is this true?

We recommend you check with your equipment supplier as different equipment may have different needs or adjustments. The city of Midland is notifying local hospitals of the upcoming maintenance period.

How will the city monitor our water during this change?

City staff will monitor the free chlorine residuals at various locations throughout the distribution system each day to ensure they are at correct levels. You may also see more flushing of fire hydrants by city staff during this process. Certain water lines with low flow must be flushed more often to ensure the free chlorinated water is adequately moving through the system.

Is there a possibility of the free chlorine bleaching my clothes?

Free chlorine is a much stronger disinfectant than chloramine. So, even though it may have more of a chlorine odor, the disinfectant residuals in the system will actually be lower than they currently are. We don't expect to see any problems with bleaching of clothes. However, if you have brand-new clothes that have never been washed, you might wash them first in cold water to let their colors "set" before using a hot water wash.

Is there a way to reduce or remove the chlorine taste and odor during this period?

Yes. A carbon filter is effective at removing the taste and odor caused by free chlorine, as well as chloramines. If you have an existing carbon filter on your faucet, reverse-osmosis (RO) system or cartridge under the sink, these should remove any additional taste and odor during this period.

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Kinkajou
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noun
1. a brownish, arboreal mammal, Potos flavus, of Central and South America, having a prehensile tail, related to the raccoon and coati.

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Caitlin Odom, left, and Rachelle Wells pet Dixie, a horse with the Midland County Sheriff's Office mounted patrol during Crude Fest on Saturday. For more photos from Crude Fest, go to mrt.com.

Things to do

■ Fiber Arts Workshop Series Spinning on a Wheel/Drop Spindle Registration is recommended by not required. For ages 12 and older. All supplies provided. 5:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. Call 432-742-7420 or email libsc02@co.midland.tx.us to register or for more information. Free.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

■ Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09, with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Meetings today

Commissioners' Court
■ 9 a.m.
■ Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
■ 500 N. Loraine Ave.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

■ Show of Support (687-2167).
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177).
Reel Thanx (528-6633).
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084).
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511).
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458).
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429).

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■ Birthdays: Name, age, birthday and place of residence.
■ Anniversaries: Names, years married, anniversary date and place of residence.

Today in Texas history

On May 22, 1987 an F-4 tornado devastated the West Texas town of Saragosa, killing 30 people and destroying an estimated 80 percent of the town.

Today in history

Today is Monday, May 22, the 142nd day of 2017. There are 223 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:
On May 22, 1992, after a reign lasting nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the final time. Jay Leno took over as host three days later.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

Note: Bigar's Stars is based 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 Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May 22, 2017: This year you will get what you want, especially if you remain focused. During the first six months of your birthday year, you might feel luckier and more content than in the months that follow. Curb a tendency to overindulge. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone before fall who could be significant to your life's history. You also could choose to keep this period light and date several people; the call is yours. If you are attached, the two of you experience a lot of fun and togetherness. Let go of daily issues and enjoy what lies between you. ARIES can be pushy, but he or she really does care about you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your fiery behavior seems temporarily tamed by a softer, more caring attitude. When you encounter a power play, you take a stand and speak your mind. You say what you think in a forceful way, perhaps more so than you realize. **Tonight:** Return calls and catch up on emails.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Take news with a grain of salt. You could feel uncomfortable with someone at a distance or with an associate who opens up a new perspective that might seem strange. Use caution with your spending, as you easily could make a mistake or go overboard. **Tonight:** Do for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might feel as if you can't handle a loved one who suddenly becomes controlling. Know that you can ignore what this person is doing. Avoid a power play, and you'll come out on top. A child or loved one will try to get your attention. **Tonight:** Spend time with a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Deal with a boss directly, even if you are concerned by his or her attitude. You don't need to challenge this person, but you can ask questions. You could be swallowing your anger more and more in the next few weeks, if you are not careful. **Tonight:** A family member adores you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Detach and take an overview. You might not agree with someone's perspective. Try to identify with this person's thinking in order to understand where he or she is coming from. A conversation might be less difficult once you reach an understanding. **Tonight:** Ever playful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Deal with loved ones on a one-on-one level. As a result, you will gain greater clarity about where they are coming from. Be open to new possibilities, which could come up indirectly in an argument or a conversation. **Tonight:** Say "yes" to an offer that sounds too good to be true.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Defer to others in order to have the time to get some personal work done. Your caring attitude comes through to a partner, and it will put a smile on his or her face. A change to your home or to how you structure your life could be a lot different. **Tonight:** Go for a change of pace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Understand what is going on around you. You could believe that someone is being inordinately difficult. Could this person be reflecting some of your energy? You can be very powerful, sarcastic and/or demanding at times. **Tonight:** Make sure you get some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your creativity emerges, especially if you run into a financial hassle. Others admire your resilience and direction. You will want to include a loved one in the conversation, as this person often has many ideas. Refuse to get into a control game. **Tonight:** In the whirlwind of living.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might not be tapping into your usual self-discipline, and as a result, you could have a hard time seeing beyond the obvious. Rather than tame a wayward mind, deal with what might be distracting you. A domestic matter could need tending. **Tonight:** Head home early.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Communication flourishes if you flow with the moment. However, some statements made by an associate could trigger you. As a result, you might pull back. The other possibility is to land in a control game if you are not careful. **Tonight:** Catch up on someone else's news.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You know that there are costs associated with heading in an offbeat or unexpected direction. Recognize what is going on with you and another person. A situation takes a twist that you might not have anticipated. Try not to react; instead, take a step back. **Tonight:** Count your change.

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Actress Ginnifer Goodwin (1978), soccer player George Best (1946), civil-rights activist Harvey Milk (1930)

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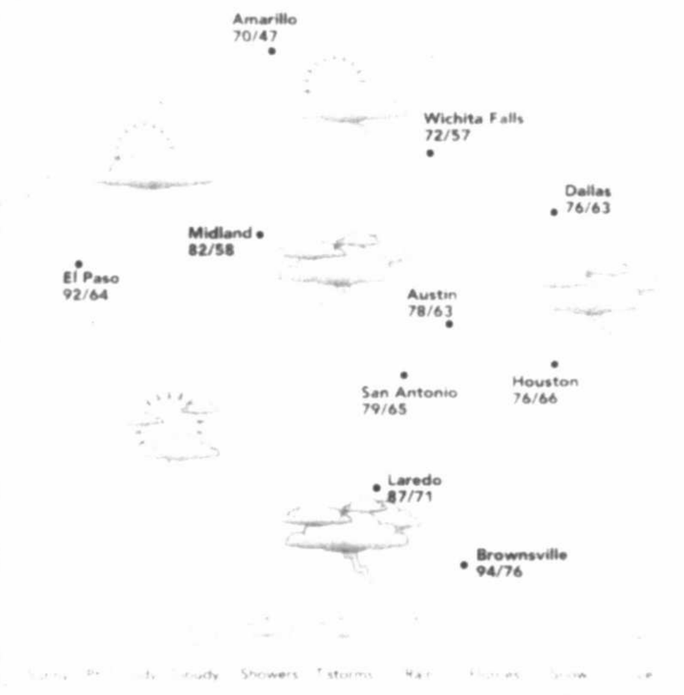

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High 71
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May 21's records
Record high: 105, set in 1953
Record low: 49, set in 1967

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Sunday ..... Trace
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Year total ..... 5.45 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 3.53 in.

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What to watch: Media shy Abbott and special session threats

By Will Weisert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — When Gov. Greg Abbott used a private, dinnertime ceremony on a Sunday that was broadcast only on Facebook to sign Texas' sanctuary cities law, it allowed him to avoid protesters' demonstrations and reporters' questions while taking his message directly to his supporters. The event has drawn nearly 1 million views, solidly holding its own with the latest viral cat video. But the governor is now learning you can only spin a story so far. Appearing at a public event this past week, Abbott submitted to questions from the media and argued that letting police officers inquire about someone's legal status during routine interactions like traffic stops didn't constitute a "show your papers law" targeting Hispanics. He evoked his wife Cecilia, Texas' first Hispanic first lady, saying he wanted "to make sure that neither she nor her family is going to be stopped and detained inappropriately." A short time later, The Associated Press asked Cecilia Abbott her thoughts on that — or at least tried to — after she was honored in the Texas Senate. She at first cheerfully agreed to answer questions, but then an aide intervened and said she wouldn't make comments. The governor's office then called to say the first lady wasn't afraid of getting pulled over, but only after complaining about how "unprofessional" the question was.

Asking the governor's wife about a topic her husband raised, especially one directly involving her, doesn't seem unprofessional — though a governor's staffer calling to object about doing so might be. Abbott may not take many reporters' questions again for a while. And maybe next time the Legislature wants to honor Texas' first lady, the governor's office will insist lawmakers do so via a ceremony on Facebook.

Here are two top issues to watch as the legislative session winds down.

SPECIAL SESSION THREATS

Some conservatives have for months predicted a 2018 gubernatorial primary battle between Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a fellow Republican. But Patrick may not need to run — he may already think he's governor. Patrick, who heads the Texas Senate, summoned the media last week — it wasn't a press conference because he took no questions — to howl about being on the "precipitous" of a special session after the current one ends on Memorial Day, May 29. Only Abbott actually has the power to order lawmakers back to work. But Patrick's ire wasn't really aimed at the governor but Joe Straus, the Republican speaker of the Texas House. Patrick threatened to kill a key transportation department oversight bill if Straus' chamber didn't pass limits on how much local governments can raise property taxes and a North Carolina-style bill imposing limits on transgender people's use of public restrooms.

His bluster meant little. Property tax limits cleared the House in watered-down form Saturday as an amendment to another bill, and the chamber also approved a workaround to decrease the importance of the transportation agency measure Patrick was claiming he could hold hostage. The House also won't pass a full, Senate-approved bill requiring transgender Texans to use public bathrooms corresponding to the gender on their birth certificate, but supporters are at least attempting to impose such rules on public schools.

Texas so prides itself on small government that the Legislature only convenes every two years. Tea party-backed Patrick is advocating for growing the size of government and keeping the Legislature working because it plays to his strengths, allowing him to dominate Texas' political stage for a few more weeks.

AP Photo/Julie Jacobson

Two performers kiss at the end of the final show of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Sunday in Uniondale, N.Y.

Ringling Bros. shuts down the big top after 146 years

By Tamara Lush
Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — With laughter, hugs and tears — and the requisite death-defying stunts — the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus received its final standing ovation Sunday night as it performed its last show.

"We are, forevermore, the Greatest Show on Earth," boomed Johnathan Lee Iverson, who has been the ringmaster since 1999. His son, who also performed, stood by his side. The show was held at the Nassau County Coliseum in Uniondale, New York, about 30 miles east of New York City.

It was an emotional 2 1/2 hours for those who worked on the circus. Many of Ringling's employees are second, third and even fourth-generation circus performers, while others met their spouses while touring. All spent months on the road, traveling from city to city in Ringling's train cars and describing themselves as a giant family, albeit one with many clowns.

But it also was the fans who felt like family.

Elaine Bario, a 57-year-old usher at the Nassau County Coliseum, said she's seen the circus every time it's been on Long Island — some years as a child with her father, who also was an usher at the same venue.

"The animals, this is where we fell in love with them," she said. "We got to see animals here and the Bronx Zoo. We don't go on safaris."

Bario cried as she watched the final big cat act with its leopards, tigers and Alexander Lacey, the handsome animal trainer.

"I've always had a crush on the lion tamers," she said, laughing through tears.

But it was those animal shows that led to the circus' eventual demise.

Over the years, animal rights activists had targeted Ringling, saying that forcing animals to perform and transporting them around the country amounted to abuse. In May 2016, the company removed elephants from its shows, but ticket sales continued to decline. People, it seemed, didn't want to see a circus without elephants. Ringling's parent company, Feld Entertainment, announced in January it would close the show, citing declining attendance and high operating costs.

A handful of protesters stood outside the venue on Sunday, with signs that said "compassion always wins," and "the future is animal free."

Feld Entertainment CEO Kenneth Feld said that "we all have to embrace change."

Feld's father and uncle bought the circus in 1967. It was sold to Mattel in 1971, but the Feld family continued to manage the shows. The Felds bought the circus back in 1982.

Earlier Sunday, a group of retired and former circus performers sat across the street at a hotel bar, laughing and hugging and sharing memories of tours past.

"There's a lot of mixed emotions, said Rev. George "Jerry" Hogan, Ringling's circus chaplain. "It's a reunion, but it's bittersweet. I'm seeing people I haven't seen in years."

Once a mainstay of entertainment in small towns and big cities across the country, Ringling had two touring circuses this season, one of which ended its run earlier this month in Providence, Rhode Island. That show was the more traditional, three-ring circus, while the one performing this weekend had a narrative storyline. Called "Out of This World," it was set in futuristic outer space.

In the end, though, Feld executives said they knew the circus couldn't compete with iPhones, the internet, video games and massively branded and carefully marketed characters. Their other productions — Frozen on Ice, Marvel Live, Supercross, Monster Trucks, Disney on Ice — resonate better with younger generations.

But that didn't stop the circus from giving the performance of their life, one last time, to one last crowd.

FBI investigating whether university stabbing was hate crime

By The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The FBI is investigating whether the stabbing of a visiting black student by a white student at the University of Maryland was a hate crime, officials said Sunday.

Sean Christopher Urbanski has been charged with first- and second-degree murder as well as first-degree assault in the early Saturday morning attack that killed Richard Collins III, police said.

University of Maryland Police Chief David Mitchell said he asked the FBI to assist in the investigation after learning that Urbanski, 22, belonged to a Facebook group called "Alt-Reich: Nation," where members post disparaging material about African Americans and others.

"We are here to evaluate that as an ongoing concern with respect to whether or not this was a hate crime," Gordon Johnson, special agent in charge of the FBI field office in Baltimore, told reporters at a news conference.

No attorney was listed for Urbanski on online court records and a message left at a number listed for his home in Severna Park was not immediately returned Sunday.

Collins, 23, who was set to graduate from Bowie State on Tuesday, was visiting friends at the College Park campus when he was stabbed. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army days earlier, Mitchell said.

"If I'm a person of color I would certainly look at this as something that could happen to me. In fact, I know on Facebook our students are saying that."

David Mitchell, University of Maryland police chief

Officials say Collins was with two friends near a bus stop on campus around 3 a.m. when they heard Urbanski screaming and watched him approach them.

Urbanski said "Step left, step left if you know what's best for you," according to the charging documents. Collins said "no" before Urbanski stabbed him once in the chest, the documents say.

Mitchell, the police chief, said the attack has spread fear across the university.

"If I'm a person of color I would certainly look at this as something that could happen to me. In fact, I know on Facebook our students are saying that," Mitchell said.

Dr. Artie Lee Travis, vice president for student affairs at Bowie State, said the school hopes the investigation moves forward as quickly as possible.

"Hate has no place in America," Travis said. "Hate has no place on a college campus, where young minds are coming together to try to change the world," he said.

Brian Douglas, who recently became close to Collins when they took a class together, said the man was looking forward to graduation.

"He was just nice, just a good, young man all around. You can't find those too often in today's society," Douglas said.

Ciera Sorrell, who also took a class with Collins, said his killing shocked the Bowie State community.

"Everyone is in disbelief," she said. "He seemed so excited to get to live his life and he doesn't have that chance anymore," she said.

The attack came as the University of Maryland hosted visitors for graduation festivities.

During Sunday's graduation ceremony, School President Wallace Loh led students and their families in a moment of silence for the slain Bowie State student. Loh called it a "senseless and unprovoked assault," The Baltimore Sun reported.

"We are still in shock that a young man, so full of promise, should have his life cut short, so suddenly," Loh said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends, and with the entire Bowie State University community."

Hello! Drake breaks Adele's record at Billboard Music Awards

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

Hello, Drake has surpassed Adele's record at the 2017 Billboard Music Awards on Sunday, picking up 13 awards.

Adele set a record at the show in 2012 with 12 wins. The rapper, who walked into the show Sunday with 22 nominations, won top artist, top male artist and top Billboard 200 album ("Views"), among others, at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

"I got my whole family up here," said Drake, who stood onstage with nearly two dozen people, including his father, Lil Wayne and Nicki Minaj.

Drake was presented the top artist award by Prince Jackson, the late Michael Jackson's eldest son. Drake beat out Beyonce, Justin Bieber, Rihanna, Adele, Ariana Grande, the Weeknd, twenty one pilots, Shawn Mendes and the Chainsmokers for the top prize. Of those nominees, only Drake and the Chainsmokers attended the Billboard Awards.

But other big names showed up, though.

Cher, who received the Icon award, sang her dance anthem "Believe" in a glittery number that included pasties and blonde hair with pink tips. She later changed wigs — this time in a huge, curly black 'do — and wore a black sheer bodysuit and leather jacket for "If I Could Turn Back Time." Her performance earned the most audience participation of the night.

"I wanted to do what I do since I was 4 years old and I've been doing it for 53 years," said Cher, who turned 71 on Saturday. "And I can do a five-minute plank. Just saying."

"I think luck has so much to do with my success with a little bit of something thrown in," she added.

Korean boy band BTS, who won top social artist, earned one of the night's loudest ovations. Another highlight was Celine Dion.

In a beautiful, Met Gala-ready white gown, she belted out "My Heart Will Go On," the Oscar-winning song from "Titanic." The film is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. John Legend and Florida Georgia Line also had a shining moment when they sang a duet version of the country duo's soft hit, "H.O.L.Y."

Dan Reynolds of the rock band Imagine Dragons led a moment of silence for Chris Cornell, who died Thursday. He called the Soundgarden and Audioslave singer "a true innovator," "a musical architect," "a prolific songwriting" and "a legendary performer" — as a large photo of Cornell singing with his eyes closed was displayed behind him.

"We send our respects as well as our love to Chris' family at this time," Reynolds said.

Miley Cyrus sang her breezy new single, "Malibu," delivering a sound and muted style that marked departure from the hits that made her a pop star years ago. She was teary eyed at the end of the performance.

"And for the first time in years with pants on," Noah Cyrus, standing next to father Billy Ray Cyrus, introduced her older sister, who was wearing white shorts and a cowboy hat.

Nicki Minaj kicked off the show with an explosive nine-minute performance of her hit songs alongside her mentor Lil Wayne and frequent collaborator David Guetta. She recently broke Aretha Franklin's record for most songs placed on the Billboard Hot 100 chart by a female artist.

The Chainsmokers — who tied Drake with 22 nominations — won the first televised award, top collaboration, for "Closer" with singer Halsey. The song, which spent 12 weeks at No. 1 last year, also won top Hot 100 song.

"This feels good but it feels so wrong because I love Drake so much," said Halsey (Drake's "One Dance" was also nominated).

The Chainsmokers performed "Young" with Andrew Taggart on vocals and Alex Pall behind the board (they were also backed by a drummer). Ed Sheeran sang "Castle on the Hill" from Santiago, Chile, while Bruno Mars performed his silky new single, "Versace on the Floor," from Amsterdam. Other performers include Lorde, Sam Hunt, Halsey, Camila Cabello and Julia Michaels.

At the show, Diddy honored his former friend and artist Notorious B.I.G, who would have turned 45 on Sunday. Diddy also introduced CJ Wallace, B.I.G's son, who spoke about his father's legacy. Then Diddy showed the trailer of the documentary, "Can't Stop, Won't Stop: A Bad Boy Story," which will be available on Apple Music on June 25.

Blake Shelton won top country artist and showed love for his beau and fellow singer Gwen Stefani.

"I felt like the luckiest guy in the room 'cause Gwen was here with me anyway," he said.

In an announcement early Sunday, Beyonce and twenty one pilots won multiple awards.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Soundgarden frontman Cornell's funeral will be Friday in LA

NEW YORK — Soundgarden frontman Chris Cornell will be buried Friday in Los Angeles, his attorney Kirk Pasich said Sunday.

Pasich said Cornell will be buried at Hollywood Forever Cemetery in a private service. Cornell's body was transported to Los Angeles on Sunday. He was pronounced dead early Thursday morning after being found unresponsive in his Detroit hotel room. The Wayne County medical examiner's office said the 52-year-old Cornell hanged himself. A full autopsy and results of toxicology tests are pending. Cornell's wife has said he may have taken more of an anti-anxiety drug than he was prescribed.

The lead singer in Audioslave and Soundgarden, Cornell was a leader of the grunge movement.

Imagine Dragons will pay tribute to Cornell during Sunday's Billboard Music Awards.

FLORIDA

Deputy kills drunk driving suspect who fled, tried to fight

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — A sheriff's deputy fatally shot a drunken driving suspect who allegedly fled a traffic stop and tried to fight him in central Florida.

Osceola County Sheriff's officials say a deputy responded to the Florida Turnpike on Saturday night after reports of a possible drunk driver. He stopped the vehicle, but authorities say 37-year-old Carlos Garcia Petrovich was not cooperative and fled. The deputy caught up with Petrovich at a gas station and tried to place him under arrest. Authorities say Petrovich fled on foot and became violent.

According to a news release, the deputy shot Petrovich who was pronounced dead at the scene. The deputy was not identified.

The deputy was treated at a local hospital and later released. State law enforcement officials are investigating.

GRADUATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAINE

Biden: It's time for America to regain unity and purpose

WATERVILLE — Former Vice President Joe Biden gave assurances Sunday that the country's current divisiveness brought on by a presidential election that "churned up some of the ugliest realities" of society will be temporary.

Biden told graduating seniors at Colby College to resist the impulse to throw up their hands after an election that played to society's "baser instincts."

"It's time for America to get up. It's time to regain our sense of unity and purpose. It's time for us to restart realizing who in God's name we are," he said during a sunny commencement address on the library lawn.

The Democrat who served two terms alongside President Barack Obama expressed his own disbelief in the state of affairs.

"This past election cycle churned up some of the ugliest realities in our country. Civilized discourse and real debate gave way to the coarsest rhetoric and stoking of our darkest emotions," he said.

But he said the corrosive politics and us-against-them populism won't be permanent. "I assure you it's temporary. I assure you it's transitory. The American people will not sustain this attitude," he said.

He encouraged the 480 graduates from 36 states and 42 countries to resist the temptation to retreat into their own bubbles, engaging in a comfortable lifestyle and surrounding themselves by people with similar viewpoints.

Instead, he encouraged them to get out and take risks, to treat others with dignity, and to build bonds of empathy with others.

"Life can't be lived in a self-referential, self-reinforcing, self-righteous echo chamber we build for ourselves online. Living on screens encourages shallow and antiseptic relationships that make it easy to reduce others to stereotypes, to write another human being off as a bad person," he said.

Biden never mentioned Republican President Donald Trump by name but he came close when he talked about standing up to sexual harassment and sexual violence.

He made a reference to so-called sexually charged locker room conversations — referencing Trump's downplaying of lewd remarks as "locker room talk" — before telling the group: "It doesn't go on like someone said it does."

INDIANA

Graduates walk out on Pence at Notre Dame commencement

SOUTH BEND — Dozens of graduates and family members silently stood and walked out Sunday as Vice President Mike Pence began his address at Notre Dame's commencement ceremony.

Pence, the former governor of Indiana, was invited to speak after Notre Dame students and faculty protested the prospect of President Donald Trump being invited to become the seventh U.S. president to give the commencement address.

Pence spoke briefly of Trump, praising his speech to the leaders of 50 Arab and Muslim nations earlier in the day in Saudi Arabia. Pence said the president "spoke out against religious persecution of all people of all faiths and on the world stage he condemned, in his words, the murder of innocent Muslims, the oppression of women, the persecution of Jews and the slaughter of Christians."

Trump has faced harsh criticism for his anti-Islamic rhetoric during the campaign, as well as his administration's legal battle to impose a travel ban on several Muslim-majority countries.

Earlier in the ceremony, valedictorian Caleb Joshua Pine urged a "stand against the scapegoating of Muslims" and criticized Trump's push to build a wall along the Mexican border.

Cassandra Dimaro and her parents were among those who walked out. Dimaro told the South Bend Tribune that it was a show of solidarity "for those of us impacted by the policies of the Trump administration."

Pence didn't comment on the walkout, which was expected, but he did allude to clashes at campuses elsewhere that have derailed appearances by controversial speakers, such as conservative firebrand Ann Coulter at the University of California at Berkeley.

"This university (Notre Dame) is a vanguard of the freedom of expression and the free exchange of ideas at a time, sadly, when free speech and civility are waning on campuses across America," he said.

CALIFORNIA

New title for California's 2015 train hero — graduate

SACRAMENTO — A Sacramento-area man credited with helping prevent an armed attack on a French train is celebrating his college graduation — a year late, owing to all the attention that followed the 2015 train crisis.

The Sacramento Bee reported family and friends were there to cheer 24-year-old Anthony Sadler at Saturday's graduation at Sacramento State.

In August 2015, Sadler was one of three Northern California men who helped tackle a gunman they saw moving through a Paris-bound train. France awarded the three the Legion of Honor, and Sacramento welcomed their return with a parade. Clint Eastwood is now directing a film based on the episode. Sadler himself took time off from his studies for a speaking tour.

The new graduate says the months since the train incident "feel like 10 lifetimes."

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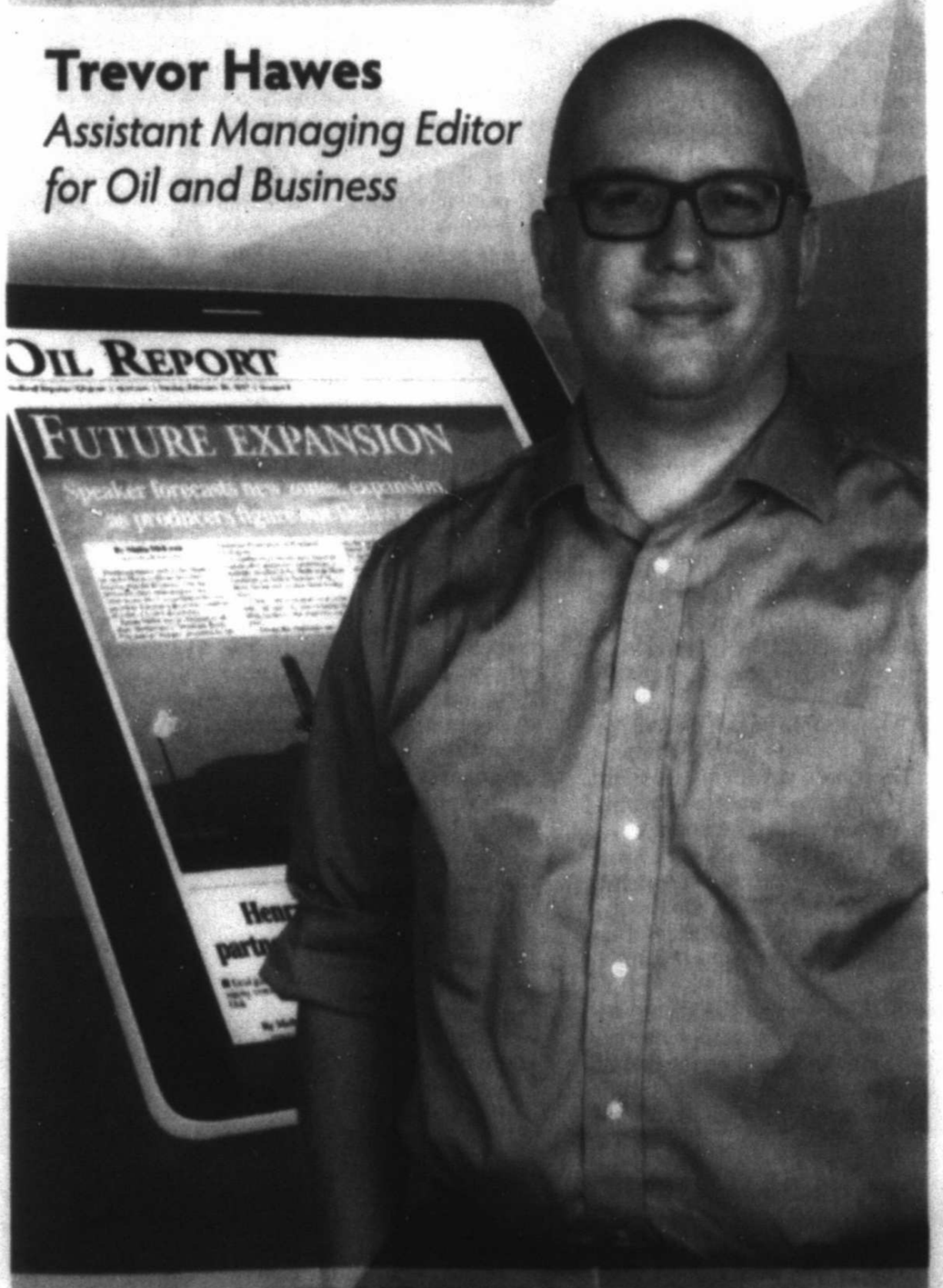

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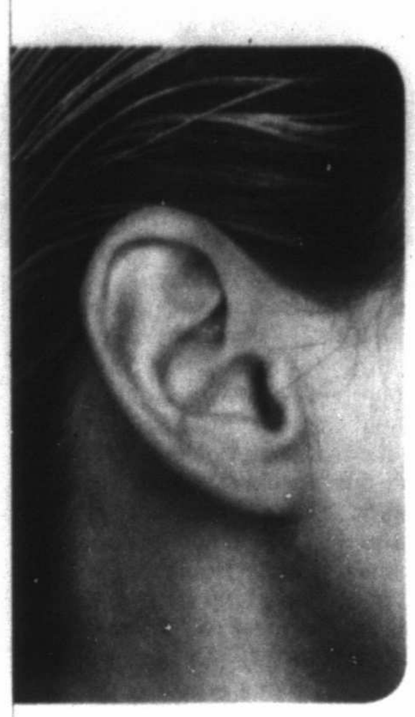

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OPINION

President Trump provides lifeline to Democrats

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Bloomberg

The Democratic Party's chance to win back the House of Representatives next year, considered a long-shot only a short while ago, is soaring thanks to a crack recruiter: President Donald Trump.

Trump is energizing Democrats and demoralizing Republicans. The 2018 congressional elections are almost a year-and-a-half away, but Democrats are upbeat about picking up the 24 seats they need to take control for the first time in eight years.

Dave Wasserman, a political analyst for the Cook Report and a leading expert on House elections, now puts prospects of a Democratic takeover at between 40 percent and 50 percent.

Democrats are quick to credit Trump for encouraging candidates to step forward. "If you don't get good candidates you won't benefit much even from a wave," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel of Chicago, who was the architect of the party's last midterm triumph in 2006, when he was a congressman.

The quality of Democratic aspirants is yet to be determined but the quantity is overwhelming. "We are raining candidates," said Massachusetts Representative Katherine Clark, a recruiter for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. "New candidates file with each news cycle."

The initial focus is on the 23 districts carried in 2016 by both Hillary Clinton and a Republican congressman. Most are in suburban areas — seven in California — where Trump isn't popular.

To date, an unusual number of Democratic women and veterans have announced bids for office. A smaller-than-usual proportion of the new candidates already hold elected office.

In a suburban district outside Philadelphia, for example, the two-term Republican incumbent, Ryan Costello, is likely to be challenged by a Democratic political novice named Chrissy Houlahan. She's a graduate of Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who served as an Air Force captain and then as chief operating officer for a sports-apparel company and a nonprofit that promotes good business practices.

Houlahan worked as a foot soldier in some campaigns but said that "never in a million years did I expect to run for office." That changed when Trump was elected and she helped organize bus transportation for participants in the Jan. 21 women's march in Washington.

"I worried our values, even democracy, were threatened under Trump," she said of her motivation to run for Congress.

In the suburbs of Denver, Democrats are pushing another political neophyte, Jason Crow, who served three tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan as a paratrooper and Army Ranger, against Representative Mike Coffin. Coffin has turned back challenges from Democratic state legislators in the last three elections by using some of their votes against them.

"It's an advantage for a good candidate who hasn't cast any votes," Emanuel said. (Both Costello and Coffin voted against the House Republicans' unpopular measure to replace Obamacare.)

Even this early, it's almost impossible to overstate the significance, psychological perhaps more than political, of the June 20 special election in suburban Atlanta for the congressional seat vacated by Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price. For Republicans, the loss of a Georgia seat they've held for almost 40 years would send shock waves. For Democrats, a victory would show strength in the type of district they must win to take back the House.

A Republican defeat might foreshadow trouble for a few other southern Republicans like John Culbertson of Texas, a right-winger who represents a suburban Houston district that leans more toward establishment Republicanism than his Tea Party brand. Clinton carried it narrowly in 2016 after Mitt Romney won convincingly four years before. This time, Culbertson is on every Democratic target list.

The Democrats' Trump-fueled enthusiasm could pose a problem for them: too many candidates. Already, seven have said they plan to run for Culbertson's seat. If all of them stick around, it would make for a divisive and resource-draining primary campaign. Clark, the Democratic recruiter, said that party strategists are trying to persuade aspirants in some venues to run for state legislative seats to avoid clashes in congressional contests.

"A primary doesn't always produce the candidate who best culturally fits the district," Emanuel said. A dozen years ago, he recruited culturally conservative Democrats like Brad Ellsworth in Indiana and Heath Shuler in North Carolina, the only type of Democrats who could win in those districts.

If Democrats are to score the necessary net gains, they can ill afford to lose almost any of their seats. That's a concern for them in Minnesota where two Democrats, Tim Walz and Rick Nolan, both of whom narrowly won last November, may run for governor, enhancing Republican prospects in their districts.

Republicans argue that Democrats lack a coherent agenda other than opposition to Trump. But negative intensity usually is what matters in midterm elections, as Republicans showed in 2010 and 2014.

That's what Trump gives Democrats, and especially after the White House chaos of the past several weeks, they are convinced he will be the gift that keeps giving.

OPINION EXTRA

Trump's media firewall is collapsing as Russia probe gets closer

A current, senior White House adviser — not merely another former campaign aide or distant associate of President Donald Trump — has been identified by federal investigators as a significant person of interest in a probe aimed at determining whether Trump's political team colluded with Russia to meddle in the 2016 election.

Let that sink in.

Among many things, the focus on someone close to the president means that the firewall protecting him from the full heat of media scrutiny is crumbling. Though he complained last week that "no politician in history ... has been treated worse or more unfairly," the reality is that Trump has been somewhat insulated by journalists' inability to show that the FBI investigation touches him or anyone on his White House staff directly.

Trump has insisted that he is not in the FBI's crosshairs, claiming that the agency's former director, James B. Comey, told him on three separate occasions that he is not a target. And the White House has attempted to distance itself from known targets such as Paul Manafort, Roger Stone and Carter Page.

At one point, White House press secretary Sean Spicer told reporters that Manafort, who chaired Trump's campaign before being replaced by Kellyanne Conway, "played a very limited role for a very limited amount of time."

Laughable as that assertion was, the press has felt obligated to exercise dual restraint. It is possible that any contacts between campaign officials and Russians were not part of a coordinated effort to collect and disseminate damaging information about Hillary Clinton. And it is possible that even if there was collusion, it happened without Trump's knowledge.

Both possibilities are still, well, possible. But in the context of the FBI investigation, the separation between Trump and those working on his behalf is shrinking, as the probe pushes nearer to his inner circle. Though it is too early to know what the FBI will conclude, the attention on someone Trump continues to lean on as president would appear to increase the likelihood that if collusion occurred, he might have been aware of it.

In the simplest terms, there is a big difference between headlines that say "one of the president's senior advisers is under investigation" and headlines that say "some people who used to work for candidate Trump are under investigation."

Trump now enters a new phase in which the focus of press coverage will sharpen. Many stories have been written about his failure to vet staffers more thoroughly. The New York Times reported Wednesday that Trump's team knew Michael Flynn was the subject of a separate FBI investigation yet still named him national security adviser, making the president's judgment all the more questionable.

It is getting harder and harder to give Trump the benefit of the doubt — to continue attributing his hiring of people who draw FBI scrutiny to innocent carelessness. Expect the White House to confront more aggressive inquiries about whether Trump knew what his staffers might have been up to.

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The president has the greatest self-pity. The best!

"No politician in history, and I say this with great surety, has been treated worse or more unfairly," Donald Trump said this week as he heard the special prosecutor's footsteps.

Thus did our assured head of state, equal parts narcissistic and uninformed, rank his treatment worse than that of Benito Mussolini (executed corpse beaten and hung upside down in public square), Oliver Cromwell (body disinterred, drawn and quartered, hanged and head hung on spike), Leon Trotsky (exiled and killed with icepick to the skull), and the headless Louis XVI, Mary Queen of Scots and Charles I.

Trump hasn't been treated badly. He has been treated exactly as he deserved, a reaction commensurate with the action. He took on the institution of a free press — and it fought back. Trump came to office after intimidating publishers, barring journalists from covering him and threatening to rewrite press laws, and he has sought to discredit the "fake news" media at every chance. Instead, he wound up inspiring a new golden age in American journalism.

Trump provoked the extraordinary work of reporters who blew wide open the Russia election scandal, the contacts between Russia and top Trump officials, and interference by Trump in the FBI investigation. This week's appointment of a special prosecutor is a direct result of their work.

I suspect they won't be getting Presidential Medals of Freedom anytime soon, so let's celebrate some of them here. At The Washington Post: Adam Entous, Greg Miller, Ellen Nakashima, Matt Zapotosky, Devlin Barrett, Sari Horwitz, Greg Jaffe and Julie Tate, along with columnist David Ignatius. At the New York Times: Michael Schmidt, Matthew Rosenberg, Adam Goldman, Matt Apuzzo and Scott Shane. The two rivals, combined, have produced one breathtaking scoop after another, including:

The Post's Feb. 9 report that national security adviser Michael Flynn, contrary to the Trump administration's claims, talked with the Russian ambassador about U.S. sanctions before Trump took office. Flynn was out soon thereafter.

The Post's March 1 report that Jeff Sessions also spoke with the Russian ambassador but did not disclose the contacts when asked about possible contacts during his confirmation as attorney general. He was forced to recuse himself from the Russia investigation.

The Post's March 28 report that the Trump administration tried to block former acting attorney general Sally Yates from testifying on the Trump campaign's possible Russia ties. She later testified about the White House's failure to act on warnings about Flynn.

The Times's March 30 report that two White House officials helped provide Devin Nunes, the Republican chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, with intelligence that Nunes made public. Nunes was forced to recuse himself from the committee's probe.

The Post's report this week that Trump shared highly classified intelligence with Russian officials, jeopardizing the cooperation of allies.

And the final blow: The Times's report this week that Trump asked FBI Director James B. Comey to shut down the FBI's Flynn investigation, according to a contemporaneous memo Comey wrote before Trump fired him.

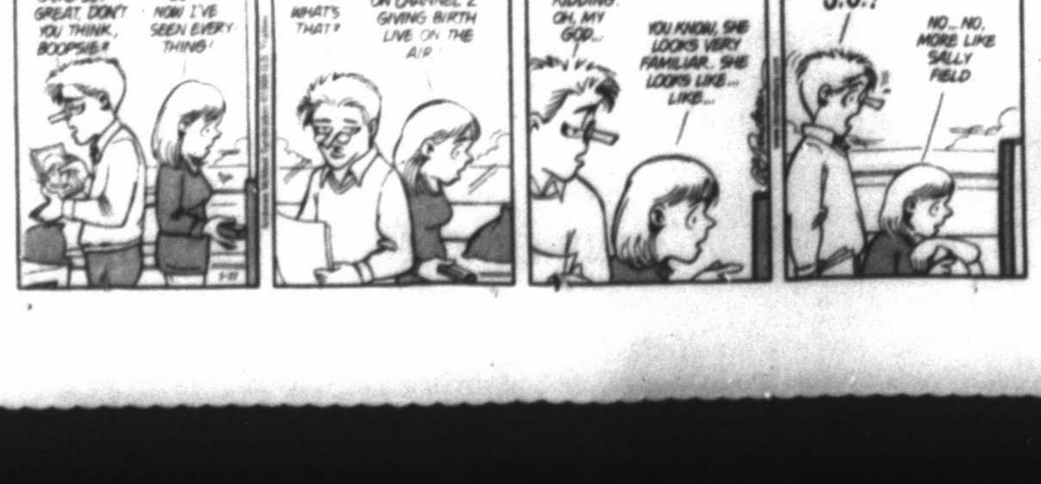
There were many more, and other outlets have flourished, too. On one day this week, the United States awoke to a report from Reuters that the Trump campaign had at least 18 undisclosed contacts with Russians; a McClatchy report that Flynn, who had been paid as a Turkish representative, stopped a military plan that Turkey opposed; a Times report that the Trump team knew Flynn was under investigation before he started work at the White House; and a Post report that the House majority leader told colleagues last year that he thought Russian President Vladimir Putin was paying Trump.

This journalistic triumph, made possible by nameless government officials who risked their jobs and their freedom to get the truth out, is all the more satisfying because it came as a corrective after one of the sorriest episodes in modern journalism: the uncritical, unfiltered and unending coverage of Trump — particularly by cable news — that propelled him to the Republican nomination and onward to the presidency.

It's a great relief to have special prosecutor Robert S. Mueller III now keeping his eyes on the executive — a regent, if you will, to protect against future abuses. This doesn't mean Trump won't nuke Denmark tomorrow. But those racked by anxiety for the past four months can exhale: Grown-ups within the government have restored some order.

Trump may feel as if he's been drawn and quartered, but what he's experienced is the power of a free press in a free country. That is entirely fair, and fitting.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Next stop for Trump is Israel, in pursuit of 'ultimate deal'

By Julie Pace and Josef Federman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — President Donald Trump has cast the elusive pursuit of peace between Israelis and Palestinians as the "ultimate deal." But he will step foot in Israel having offered few indications of how he plans to achieve what so many of his predecessors could not.

Trump has handed son-in-law Jared Kushner and longtime business lawyer Jason Greenblatt the assignment of charting the course toward a peace process. The White House-driven effort is a sharp shift from the practice of previous U.S. administrations that typically gave secretaries of state those responsibilities.

Kushner and Greenblatt were to accompany Trump on his two-day visit, set to begin today and include separate meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Trump also planned to visit the Holocaust memorial Yad Vashem and the Western Wall, an important Jewish holy site.

On the eve of Trump's visit, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Security Cabinet approved several confidence-building measures, including construction permits for Palestinians near their cities in parts of the West Bank that had previously been off limits, a senior official said. Under interim agreements 60 percent of the West Bank, known as Area C, site of Israel's settlements, is under Israeli control and Palestinian development there has mostly been forbidden by Israel.

Speaking on condition of anonymity in line with protocol, he said the package also includes economic concessions and opening the border crossing between the West Bank and Jordan.

White House aides have played down expectations for significant progress on the peace process during Trump's stop, casting it as more symbolic than substantive. Yet Trump may still need to engage in some delicate diplomacy following revelations that he disclosed highly classified intelligence Israel obtained about the Islamic State group with top Russian officials, without Israel's permission.

Israel also has expressed concern about the $110 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia that Trump announced Saturday in Riyadh. Yuval Steinitz, a senior Cabinet minister and Netanyahu confidant, called Saudi Arabia "a hostile country" and said the deal was "definitely something that should trouble us."

Trump's first overseas trip as president comes as the dynamics between the United States and the region's players are moving in unexpected directions.

While Israeli officials cheered Trump's election, some are now wary of the tougher line he has taken on settlements: urging restraint but not calling for a full halt to construction. Trump has retreated from a campaign pledge to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, bending to the same diplomatic and security concerns as other presidents who have made similar promises.

Palestinians, who viewed Trump's victory with some trepidation, are said to have been pleasantly surprised by Trump's openness during a recent meeting with Abbas in Washington. A senior official who was part of the Palestinian delegation said Trump is planning to try to relaunch peace talks, with a goal of reaching an agreement within a year. The Trump administration rejected a request from the Palestinians to push for an Israeli settlement freeze, but promised to sort out the issue during peace negotiations, according to the official, who was not authorized to publicly discuss the private meeting and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Jibril Rajoub, a senior Palestinian official close to Abbas, said Trump was a "serious president" who "seeks to have a real deal, not just managing the conflict."

David Friedman, the new U.S. ambassador to Israel, told the newspaper Israel Hayom that Trump's goal at the start is simply "to begin a discussion that would hopefully lead to peace."

Friedman attended a celebration Sunday with Netanyahu of Israel's capture of east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war, days after the White House declined to recognize Israeli sovereignty over the area.

The area is home to sensitive religious sites, including the Western Wall, the holiest place where Jews can pray. Israeli officials are on edge over the U.S refusal to say the Western Wall is part of Israel.

Israel considers the entire city to be its capital. The international community says the fate of east Jerusalem, claimed by the Palestinians, must be resolved through negotiations.

The last round of peace talks, led by then-President Barack Obama and his secretary of state, John Kerry, fell apart in 2014. Greenblatt has quietly done much of the heavy work for the U.S. thus far. The low-profile Greenblatt, who spent about two decades as a lawyer at the Trump Organization before joining the White House, has traveled to the region twice since the inauguration and is in weekly contact with pivotal players from both sides.

Aaron David Miller, a Middle East peace adviser to Democratic and Republican secretaries of state, said that despite Greenblatt's positive reviews in the region, there are limits over how much influence he, or any American officials, can have over the process.

"The issue over many years has not been the mediator in the middle — it's the guys sitting on the other sides of the mediators," said Miller, now a vice president at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Israeli officials say they are largely in the dark about what ideas Trump might present for peace or what concessions he may demand. Hard-liners who dominate Netanyahu's government grew particularly concerned when White House national security adviser H.R. McMaster voiced support last week for Palestinian "self-determination."

Naftali Bennett, leader of the nationalist Jewish Home Party, lamented "a kind of change in the spirit" of Trump's positions since he was elected in November. He urged Netanyahu to reject Palestinian statehood and insist that Jerusalem remain under Israeli sovereignty forever.

While Netanyahu in the past has expressed support for the establishment of a Palestinian state, he has been vague about this goal since Trump took office.

Trump's trip began in Saudi Arabia and takes him, after Israel, to the Vatican for an audience with Pope Francis, to Brussels for a NATO summit and to Sicily for a meeting of leaders of the Group of Seven major industrial nations.

Trump urges Mideast nations to drive out 'Islamic extremism'

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — President Donald Trump on Sunday implored Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern countries to extinguish "Islamic extremism" emanating from the region, describing a "battle between good and evil" rather than a clash between the West and Islam.

In a pointed departure from his predecessor, Trump all but promised he would not publicly admonish Mideast rulers for human rights violations and oppressive reigns.

"We are not here to lecture — we are not here to tell other people how to live, what to do, who to be, or how to worship," Trump said, speaking in an ornate room in the Saudi capital. "Instead, we are here to offer partnership — based on shared interests and values — to pursue a better future for us all."

The president's address was the centerpiece of his two-day visit to Saudi Arabia, his first overseas trip since his January swearing-in. For Trump, the trip is a reprieve from the crush of controversies that have marred his young presidency and an attempt to reset his relationship with a region and a religion he fiercely criticized a candidate.

During the 2016 U.S. campaign, Trump mused about his belief that "Islam hates us." But on Sunday, standing before dozens of regional leaders, he said Islam was "one of the world's great faiths."

While running for the job he now holds, Trump heartily criticized President Barack Obama for not using the term "radical Islamic extremism" and said that refusal indicated that Obama did not understand America's enemy. In his Saudi speech, Trump condemned "Islamic extremism," "Islamists," and "Islamic terror," but not once uttered the precise phrase he pressed Obama on.

Some of Trump's wording on the issue also changed from his prepared remarks. A White House official later said that was not intended and attributed it to the president being "an exhausted guy."

Trump made no mention of the disputed travel ban, signed days after he took office, that temporarily banned immigration to the U.S. from seven majority Muslim countries: Iraq, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen. Both the original order and a second directive that dropped Iraq from the banned list have been blocked by the courts.

In some ways, Trump delivered a conventional speech for an American politician. He pledged deeper ties with the Middle East to tackle terrorism and encouraged more economic development in the region. He heralded the ambitions of the region's youth and warned that the scourge of extremism could tarnish their future.

Trump offered few indications of whether he planned to shift U.S. policy to better fight terrorism. There were no promises of new financial investment or announcements of increased U.S. military presence in the region. The president put much of the onus for combating extremists on Mideast leaders: "Drive them out of your places of worship. Drive them out of your communities."

White House officials said they considered Trump's address to be a counterweight to Obama's debut speech to the Muslim world in 2009 in Cairo. Obama called for understanding and acknowledged some of America's missteps in the region. His speech was denounced by many Republicans and criticized by a number of America's Middle East allies as being a sort of apology.

Trump's remarks came in a meeting with dozens of regional leaders who gathered in Riyadh for a summit with Trump and Saudi King Salman.

The king has lavished praise and all the trappings of a royal welcome on the new American president, welcoming in particular Trump's pledge to be tougher on Iran than Obama was. Indeed, Trump and Salman were in lockstep on the threat Iran poses to the region when they addressed their fellow leaders: Trump accused Iran of "destruction and chaos" and the king said its rival "has been the spearhead of global terrorism."

The Saudis' warm embrace was welcome change for the besieged White House. Officials spent the days before Trump's departure dealing with a steady stream of revelations about the federal investigation into his campaign's possible ties to Russia and the fallout from his firing of FBI Director James Comey.

The president, who is known to tear asunder the White House's plans with a provocative tweet or offhand comment, has largely stuck to the script for opening days of the trip. Apart from Sunday's address, he's made no substantial remarks, other than exchanging pleasantries with other leaders.

Before the speech, Trump held individual meetings with leaders of several nations, including Egypt and Qatar.

His meeting with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi underscored their burgeoning kinship. Trump praised el-Sissi for the April release of Egyptian-American charity worker Aya Hijazi, detained in the country for nearly three years.

El-Sissi invited Trump to visit him in Egypt, adding, "You are a unique personality that is capable of doing the impossible." As the participants laughed, Trump responded: "I agree."

The president then complimented el-Sissi's choice of footwear: "Love your shoes. Boy, those shoes" after their brief remarks to the media.

Trump cut short his program in Saudi Arabia, abruptly skipping an event aimed at highlighting how social media can be used to combat extremism. He sent his daughter, Ivanka, instead.

Associated Press

Republicans already giving Trump's budget a cold shoulder

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's budget hasn't been released yet, but that's not stopping some of Capitol Hill's most important Republicans from giving it a cold shoulder.

Trump's blueprint for the 2018 budget year comes out Tuesday, and it's certain to include a wave of cuts to benefit programs such as Medicaid, food stamps, federal employee pensions and farm subsidies.The fleshed-out proposal follows up on an unpopular partial release in March that targeted the budgets of domestic agencies and foreign aid for cuts averaging 10 percent — and made lawmakers in both parties recoil.

The new cuts are unpopular as well.

"We think it's wrong-headed," said Rep. Mike Conaway, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, when asked about looming cuts to farm programs. "Production agriculture is in the worst slump since the depression — 50 percent drop in the net income for producers. They need this safety net," said Conaway, R-Texas.

Trump's budget plan promises to balance the federal ledger by the end of a 10-year window, even while exempting Social Security and Medicare retirement benefits from cuts. To achieve balance, the plan by White House budget director Mick Mulvaney relies on optimistic estimates of economic growth, and the surge in revenues that would result, while abandoning Trump's promise of a "massive tax cut."

Instead, the Trump tax plan promises an overhaul that would cut tax rates but rely on erasing tax breaks and economic growth to end up as "revenue neutral." Trump is also targeting the Medicaid health program that provides care to the poor and disabled, and nursing home care to millions of older people who could not otherwise afford it.

The House had a bitter debate on health care before a razor-thin 217-213 passage in early May of a GOP health bill that included more than $800 billion in Medicaid cuts over the coming decade. Key Republicans are not interested in another round of cuts to the program.

"I would think that the health care bill is our best policy statement on Medicaid going forward," said Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over the program.

Details on Trump's budget will not be publicly released until Tuesday, but Mulvaney has briefed Republicans about what's coming and his staff has provided targeted leaks to the media.

Trump's full budget submission to Congress is months overdue and follows the release two months ago of an outline for the discretionary portion of the budget, covering defense, education, foreign aid, housing, and environmental programs, among others. Their budgets pass each year through annual appropriations bills.

Trump's earlier blueprint proposed a $54 billion, 10 percent increase for the military above an existing cap on Pentagon spending, financed by an equal cut to nondefense programs. Those cuts rang alarm bells for many Republicans, who were particularly upset about proposals to eliminate community development block grants, slash medical research and eviscerate foreign aid.

Trump's GOP allies rejected such cuts when wrapping up long-overdue legislation for the current budget year, which ends Sept. 30. There's little sign they will have a change of heart now, especially with Trump's administration in turmoil and his poll ratings at historic lows.

"The budget's a starting point. We'll go to work from there," said Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Republicans controlling Congress have delayed action on their companion budget measure, waiting for Trump to go first. This year's budget debate, Republicans hope, would grease the way for a major overhaul of the loophole-cluttered tax system. But House conservatives also want to embark on a round of cuts to benefit programs and are open to Trump's suggestions for cuts to mandatory programs such as federal employee pensions.

DHS hopeful Clarke denies plagiarism in master's thesis

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke, who says he's been appointed an assistant secretary in the Department of Homeland Security, has denied he plagiarized content in his master's thesis on homeland security, while the Naval Postgraduate School confirmed Sunday that it's reviewing the allegations.

The denial followed a CNN report Saturday saying Clarke, who built a following among conservatives with his provocative social media presence and strong support of President Donald Trump, failed to properly attribute his sources at least 47 times in his 2013 thesis, titled "Making U.S. security and privacy rights compatible." Clarke wrote in an email to The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that "only someone with a political agenda would say this is plagiarism." The Department of Homeland Security hasn't confirmed Clarke's appointment as assistant secretary, which the tough-talking, cowboy hat-wearing sheriff announced Wednesday during an appearance on a Wisconsin radio talk show. Clarke said he would act as a liaison between DHS Secretary John Kelly and state and local government officials, including mayors and law enforcement, as well as people in the private sector. The Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, removed his thesis from its online archive on Friday, Lt. Cmdr. Clint Phillips, a school spokesman, told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The CNN report said Clarke lifted language from several sources, and footnoted those sources, but did not use quotation marks to show he had used passages verbatim, despite school guidelines saying that material quoted word-for-word must be set off with quotation marks, or presented as indented text for longer passages, and be followed with a proper citation. Clarke's thesis was replaced on the school's online archive with a message saying, "This item was removed from view at the discretion of the Naval Postgraduate School." The message directed viewers to the archive's policies page, which listed several potential reasons for taking an item down, including not meeting "the School's guidelines for plagiarism, research methodology or integrity of research."

A Sheriff's Department spokeswoman, Fran McLaughlin, told the newspaper that Clarke followed the school's system for writing papers and that the CNN report was biased. She declined to provide additional information when asked by the AP on Sunday, saying in an email, "The sheriff said to follow national media for his response to this smear."

Phillips said the Naval Postgraduate School's "standard operating procedure" is to take down a thesis anytime questions are raised about its validity while the school conducts an internal academic review. He said that review will be "very thorough," and declined to speculate on how long it will take or the potential consequences for Clarke.

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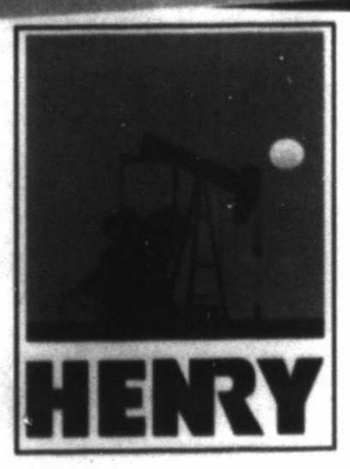

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Psalm 118:14-17

The Lord is my strength and song. He has become my salvation. The voice of the rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Congressional panels pledge thorough probe into Comey firing

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

"Did he keep these memos? What do those memos say? And why did he write it? And how did he feel? Did he ever feel like he was being put in a position where he couldn't do his job? There's no doubt that that's the questions that are going to get asked, and asked repeatedly."

Sen. Marco Rubio

WASHINGTON — Members of key congressional committees pledged Sunday to proceed with aggressive investigations into Russia's meddling in the U.S. election and any ties with the Trump campaign, saying the American people need a full airing as to why former FBI director James Comey was ousted.

Comey was fired by President Donald Trump earlier this month. The former director agreed to testify before the Senate intelligence committee after the Memorial Day holiday.

Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, a member of that committee, said he wants to press Comey as to whether he ever believed the White House was interfering with his work, in light of a spate of news reports that Comey had kept detailed records of his interactions with Trump.

The New York Times and other news outlets reported last week on a Comey memo indicating Trump had urged him to drop an investigation into former national security adviser Michael Flynn. Separately, another Times report said Trump had told Russian officials in a closed-door meeting at the Oval Office that firing Comey "had relieved great pressure on him."

"Did he keep these memos? What do those memos say? And why did he write it? And how did he feel? Did he ever feel like he was being put in a position where he couldn't do his job?" Rubio asked. "There's no doubt that that's the questions that are going to get asked, and asked repeatedly."

Rubio said White House officials had told him they had no transcripts nor notes of Trump's meeting with Russian officials but "apparently someone has discussed them, or leaked them."

"This cloud is impacting everything else," Rubio said, describing a number of questions, such as possible obstruction of justice, that are hanging over the White House. "So we need to get over this once and for all."

Leaders of the House oversight committee, Republican Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah and Democrat Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, said they would demand Comey's notes. Cummings also is urging Chaffetz, who is resigning from his job next month, to subpoena the White House for any documents relating to Flynn.

Chaffetz said he expects to speak with Comey on Monday and that if there are any notes of White House meetings, "we're certainly pursuing them."

"There have been so many lies, so many contradictions," Cummings said, adding that he expects parallel investigations from Congress to proceed fully after the Justice Department last week appointed former FBI director Robert Mueller as special counsel to head an investigation into possible Russian coordination with the Trump campaign during the 2016 presidential election.

Referring to the whole sequence of events leading to Comey's firing, Cummings added: "I think that there may be quite a few people that may have some problems with the law."

The White House has repeatedly insisted that a "thorough investigation will confirm that there was no collusion between the campaign and any foreign entity." It has not denied the Times report that Trump was critical of Comey to the Russians the day after he fired him. But White House spokesman Sean Spicer has called the president's rhetoric part of his deal-making, contending that Comey had created "unnecessary pressure" on Trump's ability to negotiate with Russia on a range of issues.

White House national security adviser H.R. McMaster underscored that point in an interview that aired Sunday, saying Trump had felt "hamstrung."

"The president feels as if he is hamstrung in his ability to work with Russia to find areas of cooperation because this has been obviously so much in the news," said McMaster, who was present at the meeting.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a member of the intelligence committee, said she also plans to press Comey regarding what was discussed with Trump about Flynn and whether he was asked by Trump to alter the FBI investigation. The California Democrat said public hearings should ferret out what has been a flurry of apparently contradictory comments by many of the parties involved.

"I really think that rather than have all these memorandums and issues circulating around, that we need to put the facts before the American people," she said. "Did the president fire Comey because of his investigation and was he worried about what the investigation might conclude? If so, that borders on a very serious charge."

"And it's got to come from Director Comey himself," Feinstein said.

At refugee camp, Trump envoy Haley vows more aid for Syrians

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

ZAATARI REFUGEE CAMP, Jordan — His skull and jaw wrapped in bandages, the young Syrian refugee stared nonchalantly into a small black box at a supermarket in this sprawling, dust-swept refugee camp. The box scanned his iris to identify him, charged his account and sent him on his way.

If the boy noticed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley watching intently from just a few feet away, he didn't show it. But Haley would later tout the iris-scanners as a fraud-cutting tool boosting efficiency for the more than $6.5 billion the U.S. has spent helping those whose lives have been upended by Syria's harrowing civil war.

Yet as Haley pledged Sunday that the U.S. would increase support, her message was diluted by Trump's own vow to put "America First," his planned budget cuts and hardline position on admitting refugees.

"We're the No. 1 donor here through this crisis. That's not going to stop. We're not going to stop funding this," Haley said. "The fact that I'm here shows we want to see what else needs to be done."

It was a theme the outspoken ambassador returned to over and over in Jordan at the start of her first trip abroad since taking office. In her stops here and in Turkey — another Syria neighbor — Haley is witnessing first-hand the strains placed on countries absorbing the more than 5 million Syrians who have fled the Islamic State group, President Bashar Assad's government, or both.

She climbed into the trailer of an 18-wheeler staged at the Ramtha border crossing less than 0.6 miles from Syria, inspecting boxes of peas, tuna and canned meat stacked shoulder-high. The truck was to join 19 others in a convoy into opposition-held territory in Syria, carrying supplies from U.N. agencies and other groups, many U.S.-funded.

"This is all in the name of our Syrian brothers and sisters," Haley told aid workers in a nearby tent, swatting away flies in the summer heat. "We want you to feel like the U.S. is behind you."

The U.S. president's message to Syrians couldn't be more different.

Trump, who was in Saudi Arabia on his first overseas trip, once called his predecessor "insane" for letting in Syrian refugees. As president, he tried to bar them from the U.S., describing them as a national security threat. A court blocked that move, but the number of Syrian refugees admitted has nonetheless dropped, from 5,422 in the four months before Trump's inauguration to 1,566 in the four months since, U.S. statistics show.

And Trump has called for drastic cuts to U.S. funding for the United Nations and its affiliated agencies — such as those aiding people still in Syria and those who've fled. Trump plans to release his budget blueprint Tuesday, but his initial proposal in March called for a one-third cut to diplomatic and overseas programming while boosting the U.S. military by $54 billion.

Haley told reporters accompanying her to Jordan that the U.S. was "not pulling back" and was in fact "engaging more." She cited Trump's stepped-up action to try to hasten a political solution to the war, including a strike punishing Assad's forces for using chemical weapons that the Syrian opposition and its backers have enthusiastically applauded.

She echoed Trump's defense of his plan to temporarily halt refugee admissions from all countries,— which was also blocked in court — by saying the U.S. needed to protect Americans by first improving its refugee-vetting capabilities. And she pointed to a group of women in the camp who'd overwhelmingly told her their hope was to return to Syria, not relocate to the U.S.

"So our goal is how do we get these people back home to a safe place?" Haley said.

Still, the situation in Zaatari Refugee Camp — like in others in Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Iraq — tell the story of Syrians who see no quick resolution to their plight.

In Zaatari, half of the 80,000 refugees are children, and a dozen babies are born here per day, according to UNICEF, the U.N.'s child welfare agency. Thirty-five percent of marriages involve a child under 18, a reflection of the economic hardships families in the camp face.

Many of the younger children wander unsupervised through the camp, where gusts of dust occasionally reduced visibility to just a few feet as Haley's motorcade rolled through the streets, passing sparse, white-corrugated buildings accorded a bit of cheer by colorful murals painted on their walls.

As ambassador, Haley plays a key but only partial role in the Trump administration's decision-making on Syria, refugees and humanitarian aid. But her role at the U.N. puts her at the center of the debate about how the global community takes on the crisis. After all, it's successive U.N. Security Council resolutions that created the legal framework for aid groups to send aid into Syria, with or without Assad's consent.

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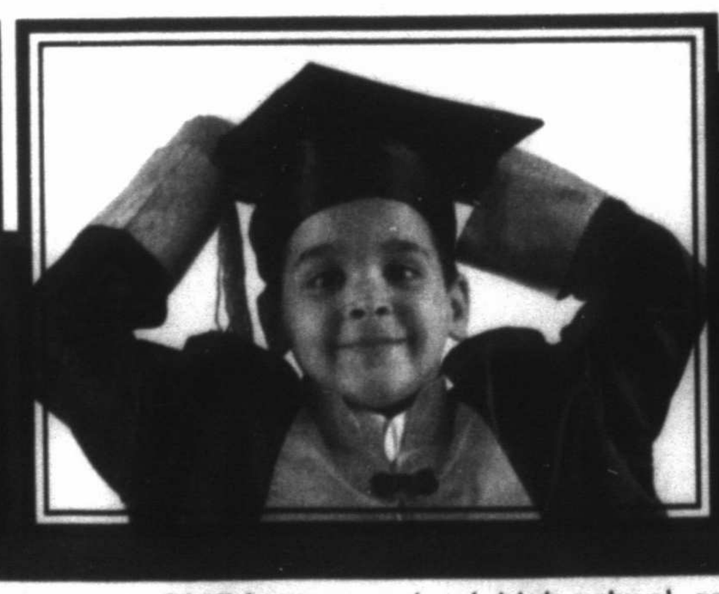

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KATHY CLARK

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE AND PERMIAN BASIN AREA FOUNDATION

Professional and community involvement: Midland Community Theatre; Permian Basin Area Foundation; Midland College Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series; Midland Vision 2020 Arts Task Force; First United Methodist Church; Children's Council; former pianist for youth and children's choirs; former youth sponsor.

How did you decide to serve the community as a volunteer with Midland Community Theatre? I began volunteering "behind the curtain" in 2000 when my youngest son, Ben, was cast as Tiny Tim in MCT's production of "A Christmas Carol." Later that year, I was asked to be on their board of governors. Throughout the years, I chaired numerous committees and fundraisers, was president and am currently on the board of trustees. I chair the Legacy Society, which is our major donors who help support MCT's endowment.

What talents and skills do you share with the community through your role at MCT? I'm a "people person" and enjoy event planning. I love learning from others, so I try to surround myself with people who have different strengths and are as dedicated to the cause as I am — while still having fun volunteering.

What unexpected lesson have you learned while serving as a volunteer and through your nonprofit work? I've learned that if you care enough about a cause, if you believe so strongly in a mission, if you are tireless in your efforts, you'll inspire others to care enough, believe in and be tireless about that cause, too. That is my goal at MCT. My advice to others is to find your passion and volunteer. There are many organizations in Midland that need you.

Why is volunteerism a priority for you? I've been inspired by so many great leaders in our community who give freely of their time. Throughout the years, people gave so I could enjoy what Midland had to offer. I consider it a privilege to give back to my community for future generations. It's my gift that keeps on giving.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? I am a native Midlander, born and raised. I love the people and their "let's do this" attitude. Midlanders freely share their money, time and talents to help everyone in the community. Midland is definitely the perfect place to raise a family and teach them the value and meaning of philanthropy.

What else would you like our readers to know about you? I have been blessed with a wonderful family that supports me and the time I give to our community. My husband, Mitch, and I love to travel and enjoy auto racing. We previously owned TOMCAT USA and now own CenterStaging, which is located in Burbank, California. I am extremely proud of my children and their spouses. I have two precious granddaughters who I love "to the moon and back!"

"KATHY CLARK IS A RESOURCE THAT ALL NONPROFITS DREAM OF HAVING"

Midland should be proud to have one of the very best "volunteer theaters" in the USA. Kathy Clark needs to be put on the stage and applauded for the work that she has done to make certain that Midland Community Theatre shines.

Kathy has served as the president of the board of directors, she currently serves as trustee for MCT and is a very strong influence in the success of the Legacy Society, which is the endowment arm of the organization.

Over the years, Kathy has served on the woman's auxiliary known as Act IX, she helped spearhead the once-active Front Row and she has also been a strong supporter of renovations done at the Yucca Theatre. Kathy and her Front Row committee were largely responsible for the concert several years ago that brought Travis Tritt to town.

Years of special productions at the Yucca have benefited from opening night parties that have been put together largely with Kathy Clark in the background tirelessly working. And then to top all of that off, let's not forget that Kathy and her husband, Mitch, have been constant underwriters of many of the plays presented at MCT over the years.

It's one thing to put down your money; it's another thing to back that up with service that vastly overshadows the monetary input. Kathy Clark is a resource that all nonprofits dream of having, and she has done her work correctly for MCT. When you see Kathy, tell her thanks.

R.C. (Skeet) Doss, *longtime friend*

"KATHY IS DUTIFUL IN HER SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY"

I have known Kathy Clark for more years than either of us would care to count. What a delightful lady: wife of my old friend, Mitch, devoted mother and grandmother and champion of Midland and all its attributes.

Kathy has served our community in many capacities. She has been president of the board of Midland Community Theatre, member of the Children's Council at First United Methodist Church and board of governors of Permian Basin Area Foundation, for which she also served as co-chair of our grants committee — a very time-consuming commitment. She was also one of the first graduates of the Generations program, which is hosted by the Nonprofit Management Center of the Permian Basin.

Kathy is a strong leader, generous with her time and dutiful in her service to our community.

She is certainly worthy of being recognized as one of the 52 Faces.

Guy McCrary, *Permian Basin Area Foundation president*

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Apple reportedly plans laptop upgrades

Company to announce changes in reponse to Microsoft entering market

By Mark Gurman and Alex Webb
Bloomberg

Apple Inc. plans to announce an update to its laptop lineup at an annual conference for app developers in early June, a move that could help offset new competition from Microsoft Corp. as well as declining iPad sales.

Apple is planning three new laptops, according to people familiar with the matter. The MacBook Pro will get a faster Kaby Lake processor from Intel Corp., said the people, who requested anonymity to discuss internal planning. Apple is also working on a new version of the 12-inch MacBook with a faster Intel chip. The company has also considered updating the aging 13-inch MacBook Air with a new processor as sales of the laptop, Apple's cheapest, remain surprisingly strong, one of the people said.

Apple and Intel declined to comment.

The Mac lineup generates just 11 percent of the Cupertino, California-based company's $216 billion in annual sales, with the iPhone accounting for almost two-thirds of the total. But Macs are key to retaining the business of loyalists and the creative industries — the cornerstone of Apple's resurgence at the turn of the millennium under Steve Jobs.

The MacBook refresh would also come at an important time for the iPhone-maker. This month, Microsoft Corp. debuted the Surface Laptop, which boots up in seconds, has a touch screen and runs on a more stable version of Windows. Microsoft's first real laptop is widely considered a viable rival to the MacBook Air. By refreshing its computers, Apple could undercut that competition and continue the Mac's recent momentum. In the second quarter, the company sold 4.2 million desktops and laptops and generated 14 percent more revenue on Macs than in the quarter a year earlier.

The updated MacBook Pro would look much the same as the latest model and mostly differ in internal architecture, one of the people said. While unclear if it's ready for this generation, Apple has been working on a new in-house chip for a future MacBook Pro model that manages the computer's low-power mode, Bloomberg News has reported.

The planned upgrades wouldn't mark a major step forward for Apple's notebook lineup, but they will demonstrate the company's dedication to a product that has been criticized by the Mac faithful over the past few years. It has been almost seven years since Apple last redesigned the MacBook Air. The most recent MacBook Pro, released more than 500 days after its predecessor, added a Touch Bar keyboard strip for quick access to app functions, a larger trackpad and a fingerprint log-in sensor.

Apple last updated the 12-inch MacBook in the spring of 2016 with a rose gold color option, while the MacBook Air has not received a speed boost since 2015. The stall in Mac updates has not been limited to laptops. Apple's desktops have lagged too, and earlier this year, Apple pledged to release major upgrades to the Mac Pro and iMac with better specifications for expert users in the future.

Apple hasn't announced upgraded hardware at its June developers conference since 2013, when it launched the Mac Pro and updated the MacBook Air. In addition to the new Macs this year, Apple will likely announce an upgraded version of the macOS operating system. At last year's conference, the company announced the Sierra operating system, which added support for Siri, Apple Pay and iMessage improvements. Apple typically ships the new Mac software upgrades in the fall.

GOP STRATEGISTS

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Parks Bennett, left, and Matt Oczkowski founded Campaign Inbox, the first known startup to emerge from President Trump's White House run.

Duo launches startup after Trump duty

■ Campaign Inbox is first company to emerge from campaign

By Matea Gold
Washington Post

Last fall, Matt Oczkowski and Parks Bennett were logging 12-hour days in a rented office in San Antonio that smelled of Chick-fil-A and Doritos, focused on one mission: to elect Donald Trump president.

As they raced to crunch voter data and build up Trump's small-donor base, an idea began to jell: Could they apply data science to make email fundraising more effective and transparent?

The concept, which the two young GOP digital strategists had begun discussing earlier in the cycle while working for Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's presidential bid, is the heart of a company they formally launced last week called Campaign Inbox.

"There has to be some innovation in this space," said Oczkowski, who led the data science efforts for the Trump campaign as head of product for Cambridge Analytica, a company backed by hedge fund magnate Robert Mercer. "We didn't see a solution in the marketplace that really fit with what we wanted, so we just decided to do it ourselves."

The venture is the first known startup to emerge from Trump's White House run — the latest example of how presidential campaigns serve as hothouses for new enterprises, particularly in the technological space.

"We always call campaigns the world's greatest startups, because one day you have no money and no entity and the next day you have a million dollars and are ready to go," said Lee Dunn, who headed Google's elections advertising team in 2016. Campaigns, she noted, "throw crazy ideas out there, they discard and start anew, they act fast."

President Barack Obama's two presidential bids, for example, birthed a slew of successful enterprises such as Optimizely, a website optimization company, and Modest, a mobile commerce platform eventually acquired by PayPal.

"There is an energy that does push innovation and gives people space to explore it," said Betsy Hoover, who served as Obama's national digital organizing director in 2012.

Earlier this month, Hoover and other Obama campaign alumni launched a business incubator called Higher Ground Labs that aims to provide investment to early-stage political tech companies on the left.

"If we don't build this ecosystem, we do risk being outpaced by the Republicans," she said. "They did some things in 2016 that pushed the envelope."

Trump's tech operation was based in San Antonio, headed by chief digital strategist

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Google can tailor suggested email replies

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

If you use Google's Gmail app, you may have seen something new pop up on your screen: suggested responses for your emails.

The move illustrates one way that Google is using its increased focus on artificial intelligence and machine learning. If you're wondering why and how Google can make these suggestions, here are some answers about the feature and how it works.

What's going on?

Google calls the feature Smart Reply, and it's pretty much what it sounds like. Google algorithms are scanning your messages and using the information it gleans to suggest ways that you could reply to any given message.

The feature is based on an idea from Gmail engineer Bálint Miklós, Google said in a 2015 blog post. Miklós asked the Google Research team if there was any way to create some tappable template replies in Gmail. There are, after all, plenty of emails to which one could respond with just a "Got it," "Thanks," or "See you soon!" Having some pre-made responses at one's fingertips would save everyone a little more time, Miklós thought.

Why am I seeing this now?

Google users have had access to this feature since 2015, but only in Google's smaller and more experimental Inbox app. And the suggestions offered by the feature have been getting steadily more advanced as it's learned from the decisions of more customers. Based on that success, Google has decided it was ready for more general use.

How does it work?

Smart Reply relies on machine learning to scan the subject line and body of an email and make suggestions based on what it sees. The company said it has built up a huge bank of anonymized customer messages and response decisions to help accomplish this.

It is also designed to remember your individual preferences for

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Schools use smartphone technology against sex assaults

By Robin McDowell
Associated Press

The same technology that keeps kids glued to their smart phones is being used by some schools as protection against sexual assaults. Using apps, victims and bystanders can alert school officials, police or parents to trouble. While the systems can be used by kids pranking each other, app developers and school officials say most claims end up being credible. Reporting happens as events unfold and administrators can respond immediately.

The real challenge is money. Not all schools can afford the apps, some of which base their cost on the number of users or size of a student population. However, school insurance companies increasingly are picking up the tab, seeing the apps as a tool to mitigate risk.

Experts also warn that these apps should never be considered the sole way for a school to address the issue of student sexual assault.

Here are a few of them:

STOPit

New Jersey-based creator Todd Schobel launched this app in 2013. His inspiration was Amanda Todd, a 15-year-old who committed suicide after posting a video on YouTube in which she held up flashcards describing how her topless image ended up on the internet, triggering a relentless barrage of bullying. The app — championed by Amanda's mom — allows victims and bystanders to report anonymously to administrators, teachers and virtually anyone the school deems appropriate. There are no parental controls. Users can send either a single text or have a two-way chat, and can attach pictures, screenshots and video. The person who receives the alert can forward the information to law enforcement or suicide response teams, depending on the risk. The app stores all evidence and notes

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Video game music is latest trend in vintage vinyl

By Randall Roberts
Los Angeles Times

The pursuit of rare, unreleased music has carried record geeks and reissue labels to every corner of the globe, from dusty attics to spider-webbed basements.

What used to be called "digging in the crates" for unheralded sounds, however, has recently shifted to less tangible realms, as archivists, devoted fans and boutique vinyl labels such as Ship to Shore Phono-Co., Data Discs and the L.A.-based Iam8bit aim their flashlights at more virtual worlds.

By transferring vintage video game scores onto long-playing records with deluxe packaging, multi-colored vinyl, original artwork and, most important, high-quality remastered recordings, music originally composed to propel action is finding life outside the coding.

Jon Gibson, co-owner of Iam8bit, a pioneer in the space, notes the movement stresses "the notion that games are more than just the assembly of all the different parts. They can be dissected. You can appreciate game art. You can appreciate game music, and design, and characters and story. It's all a cross-section that meets in the middle."

There's more than just nostalgia at play.

Today, video game scores aren't too dissimilar from their counterparts in more established media, bringing some long overdue musical respect to the interactive space. Michael Giacchino, whose recent credits include "Zootopia" and "Rogue One," established himself in the game arena, and the ambient-meets-orchestral work of Austin Wintory on "Journey" even earned a Grammy nomination.

When Jamie Crook helped open the London-based label Data Discs, which since 2015 has specialized in video game soundtracks, he says he had a hunch that there was a market, "but I don't think we were quite prepared for how passionate the fan base is. This music has quite a lot of meaning to people."

Through a relationship with the Japanese gaming company Sega, Data Discs has issued 10 game soundtracks in the last few years and six more are in various stages of production. "It is really mind-boggling stuff," says Crook of the music, "and it's a shame for that to be locked away in a 30-year-old game for the rest of time. It deserves to be appreciated on its own merits."

That this appreciation is occurring on vinyl and not compact disc shouldn't be surprising. The medium, nearly extinct by the mid-'00s, has seen a resurgence across demographics. In 2016, vinyl marked its 11th consecutive year of sales growth. According to Nielsen Music, consumers bought more than 13million records.

Ricardo DeAratanha/Los Angeles Times/TNS

A number of video game scores from the 1980s are being released in vinyl.

Still, video game scores make up a tiny fraction of that. Most specialty labels press between 500 and 5,000 copies of each title, many of which are limited runs.

The music is adventurous.

An in-demand collector's edition vinyl soundtrack to "Hotline Miami 2," which was issued by Iam8bit, is a trippy, dreamy mix of retro pop and modern electronics. The Echo Park gallery and store also released the LP for "Ori and the Blind Forest," a meditative blend of wistful strings and sparse orchestration.

The bouncy 8-bit music for "Castlevania II: Simon's Quest," recently issued by Austin-based label Mondo, might sound quaint when heard through a TV speaker, but on a good stereo the music moves with Wagnerian gusto.

Another boutique imprint, Ship to Shore, booted up its business through Kickstarter.

Founded as a soundtrack label by two former employees of low-budget film production company Troma Entertainment, the company launched a $42,000 fundraising campaign to press a limited edition of the soundtrack to "Mother," a 1989 Japanese role-playing game published by Nintendo. Ship to Shore exceeded that goal in a few days, ultimately tallying $75,000.

"After the great response to that I thought, 'Well, there's clearly something here. People want this,'" said Brooklyn-based Ship to Shore co-founder Aaron Hamel.

But why vintage game music? Old video game scores, after all, were confined by the limitations of technology. Graphics and interactivity were said to be prioritized over musical accompaniment, and early scores had to be composed line by line in computer code. The resultant music, dubbed "chiptunes" by fans, captures a moment in time.

Crook said that when he first pitched the idea to the Japanese game company Sega, he was greeted with "many layers of confusion. 'People listen to records? Do people still do that?' And beyond those standard questions you have, 'Why would people want to listen to a game soundtrack?'"

The answer, according to Crook: "There were a lot of people who were already treating (the music) on its own merits." He heard stories, he said, of fans who used to record game music onto their old Sony Walkmans to enjoy when not playing.

Data Discs' first release was for the Sega Genesis game "Streets of Rage." The score, composed by Yuzo Koshiro, illustrates the sophistication required to tap the circuitry.

"It's just binary code, basically," explains Crook of Koshiro's creation. But when played through the Sega console, the composer exploited the medium's weaknesses in service of the score: "Running it through the chip alters the sound, but he was programming in ways to compensate for that — and was using the noise of the chip itself for melodies and different layers."

Whether the enthusiasts are aging gamers yearning for sounds of their youth or music geeks exploring unknown sonic realms, the unlikely jump from virtual to physical has filled a longing, says Amanda White, co-owner with Gibson of Iam8bit.

The company has built a whole enterprise around bringing heft to the intangible. In addition to vinyl, the company sells apparel, books and ephemera for the digitally drawn and runs a successful production company and art gallery on Sunset Boulevard.

"While we work in this world that is virtual and digital, we both see a really vital need for human beings to have a connection to tangible objects — which is why we started this endeavor of making things that people can touch or hold in your hands," says White.

Gibson added, "A Disney song from 'Aladdin' or 'The Little Mermaid' or 'Beauty and the Beast' — those songs resonate outside of the context of the movie. The same thing happens with games. It's just a matter of it being a slightly more difficult prospect for people to understand."

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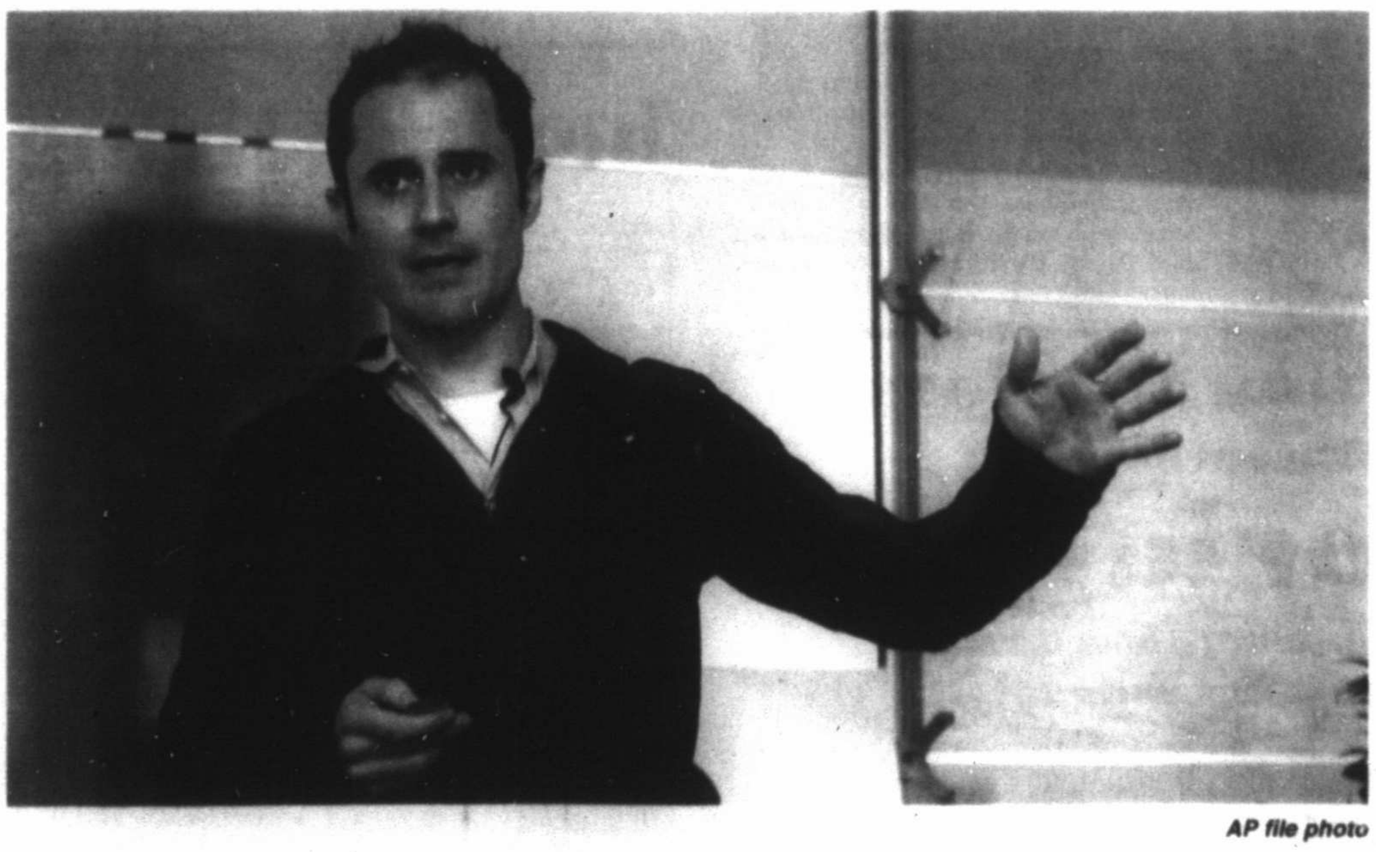

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In this Sept. 14, 2010, photo, then Twitter CEO Evan Williams speaks at the company's headquarters in San Francisco. In an interview with The New York Times, the co-founder of Twitter says he's sorry if the popular social media platform helped put Donald Trump in the White House, as the president has suggested. The 45-year-old Silicon Valley entrepreneur also said the internet is obviously broken because it rewards extremes.

Twitter co-founder apologizes for making Trump presidency possible

By Avi Selk
Washington Post

If anyone knows how important Twitter is to Donald Trump, it's the president.

"Without the tweets, I wouldn't be here," he told the Financial Times last month.

To which Twitter's co-founder says: Sorry about that, world.

Evan Williams, who still sits on the company's board of directors, recently told The New York Times that he wants to repair the damage he thinks Twitter and the broader Internet have wrought on society in the form of trolls, cyberbullies, live-streamed violence, fake news and — yes — Trump.

"I thought once everybody could speak freely and exchange information and ideas, the world is automatically going to be a better place," Williams told the Times. "I was wrong about that."

"If it's true that he wouldn't be president if it weren't for Twitter, then yeah, I'm sorry," he said.

Is it true? Hard to say.

Since Trump became president, his incessant, aggressive and sometimes inaccurate tweets have seemed as much a liability as a political boon.

His aides held a social media "intervention" a few weeks ago, according to The Wall Street Journal, trying to convince Trump that unfounded accusations like "Obama had my 'wires tapped'" could endanger him politically and legally.

On the campaign trail, Trump once described his rapidly growing Twitter following not only as a means to get the truth out, but also as a way to get even with his enemies.

"Someone said I'm the Ernest Hemingway of 140 characters," he told a crowd in South Carolina, air-typing into a pretend phone. "If someone says something badly about you: Bing, bing, bing! I say something really bad."

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Brad Parscale. At its peak, the team — which included staff from Parscale's company, the campaign, the Republican National Committee and contractors — numbered a few hundred. They worked out of an office space near the airport that had been hurriedly fashioned into a campaign-like bullpen.

Dunn, who visited occasionally from Washington, said she was impressed with how Oczkowski and Bennett sought to calibrate online messages by testing responses to news developments in real time. "I think they are leaders in a new generation that is starting to emerge in online advertising," she said.

As the head of the RNC's small donor program, Bennett oversaw an effort that generated millions for the Trump campaign and the party. But he said he thinks the returns could have been even greater if the campaign had a clearer sense of who was receiving their barrage of email solicitations.

"The biggest problem for me has been the lack of transparency when deploying an email," Bennett said. "You're just loading a list and hitting 'send' and crossing your fingers that it's actually going to make it into your intended user's inbox."

Unlike Democratic campaigns, which typically build donor lists by running online ads, GOP groups have relied heavily on email list brokers, who pocket commissions in exchange for access to email addresses they control.

Campaigns and committees often rent dozens of lists in an effort to hit as many potential donors as possible. In the 2016 campaign, the RNC and one of its joint fundraising committees with the Trump campaign spent more than $38 million on email list rentals, Federal Election Commission reports show.

It's a dynamic that has troubled Oczkowski for some time.

"You're really blind going into this relationship," Oczkowski said. "This is a big industry, and there are just no protections or watchdogs out there if you're a buyer."

"If you go out there and rent email lists for $10,000, as long as it yields more than $10,000, you're happy with the scenario," he added. "You have no idea if you could have raised double that, or if you're annoying these people because they are on all these different lists."

After the campaign, Oczkowski and Bennett partnered with a developer they met through the Walker campaign to build a new email service provider that tracks inbox placement. Eventually, the nascent company hopes to acquire enough emails to build a database that will allow clients to better target certain constituencies.

The foray into startup land is a risk, acknowledge the partners, who are financing the company themselves.

But, Oczkowski said, "we know this is needed in the market. I've sat and watched this for four or five years now, waiting for someone to do this."

App reviews: Mujo, Push Heroes

HAYLEY TSUKAYAMA
Washington Post

Battle for dominance — but in a pretty low-key way. That's the approach in Mujo, a tile-based battle game that has players stock up on resources and rely on a mix of strategy and luck to use them effectively. Players are essentially dealt a grid of cards with different resources on them, including the option to attack your computer-generated opponent.

You can tap these resources if at least three identical cards touch; you can also choose to stack your resources to save them for a different turn. If you're not having luck with your current grid, you can move the whole thing up to reveal a new row of resources that might help your fortunes change. You can also unlock special powers and cards that can help you defeat your enemies. Mujo is ad-supported, and users can pay for bonuses to help them along.

Available for iOS and Android.

Push Heroes feels like the sort of game you would have played on an old-school console: a top-down, grid-based map on which you fight monsters for glory. Except instead of using a controller, you tap and slide to control your characters in turn-based battle.

The result is simple but very fun. It definitely fits the bill as a commuting distraction or activity for a mental break. The game gives you the option, as you progress, to be a sword-wielding hero, an archer or other special characters.

For those who love a classic, uncomplicated role-playing game, it more than fits the bill. The game does have in-app purchases that will help you along, but it's perfectly possible to play without buying your way to the top.

Free, for iOS and Android.

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9. Tabs & Chords by Ultimate Guitar - learn and play, Ultimate Guitar
10. Flick Home Run !, infinity pocket

Top Free iPhone Apps:
1. Snapchat, Snap, Inc
2. Messenger, Facebook, Inc
3. Injustice 2, Warner Bros
4. YouTube - Watch, Upload and Share Videos, Google, Inc
5. Instagram, Instagram, Inc
6. Ballz, Ketchapp
7. Facebook, Facebook, Inc
8. Bitmoji - Your Personal Emoji, Bitstrips
9. Google Maps - Navigation & Transit, Google, Inc
10. Spotify Music, Spotify, Ltd

Top Paid iPad Apps:
1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. Toca Life: Hospital, Toca Boca AB
3. Geometry Dash, Robtop Games AB
4. Procreate - Sketch, paint, create!, Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
5. Bloons TD 5 HD, Ninja Kiwi
6. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc
7. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd
8. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon
9. Five Nights at Freddy's Sister Location, Scott Cawthon
10. Notability, Ginger Labs

Top Free iPad Apps:
1. Injustice 2, Warner Bros
2. YouTube - Watch, Upload and Share Videos, Google, Inc
3. Netflix, Netflix, Inc
4. Facebook, Facebook, Inc
5. Messenger, Facebook, Inc
6. Battle Bay, Rovio Entertainment Ltd
7. CATS: Crash Arena Turbo Stars, ZeptoLab UK Limited
8. Google Chrome - The Fast and Secure Web Browser, Google, Inc
9. Crash Club - Drive & Smash City, Prettygreat Pty Ltd
10. Gmail - email by Google, secure, fast & organized, Google, Inc

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending May 14

iTunes Movies US Charts:
1. Fifty Shades Darker
2. Get Out
3. Guardians of the Galaxy
4. Hidden Figures
5. The Great Wall
6. A Dog's Purpose
7. La La Land
8. Passengers (2016)
9. Prometheus
10. Lion

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:
1. 20th Century Women
2. Unacknowledged: An Exposi of the World's Greatest Secret
3. I Am Not Your Negro
4. The Autopsy of Jane Doe
5. My Life as a Zucchini
6. Moonlight
7. Mothers and Daughters
8. Manchester By the Sea
9. Hounds of Love
10. Win Win

Source: Apple

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Courtesy of Google

EMAIL

From 2B

things, such as punctuation. So it will be able to adjust its suggestions depending on whether you're a "Thanks!" or "Thanks." type of person.

Smart Replies won't appear on every email though, Google said. You're most likely to see response suggestions on emails that can be easily answered with a simple sentence or two.

So ... is someone at Google reading my email?

There is no person at Google reading your email, according to Google. Even when research scientists were building the feature and trying to suss out which responses matched which messages, they designed their testing to make sure that no person ever read a Gmail user's email.

But it does mean that Google's software is scanning your messages, much in the same way that its spell-checkers and spam filters do right now. Google anonymizes all the data from these tools, but the fact that your messages are being scanned is still worth noting.

Can I turn it off?

Yes. You are able to turn off Smart Reply through your settings menu.

How well does it work?

Smart Reply suggestions have been getting steadily better as the feature has matured and learned from users' decisions. But it's still not perfect. Language, after all, is a complicated thing. Google researchers Brian Strope and Ray Kurzweil wrote about how difficult it is to parse the sentence, "That interesting person at the cafe we like gave me a glance," in a blog post last week.

"In proposing an appropriate response to this message we might consider the meaning of the word "glance," which is potentially ambiguous. Was it a positive gesture? In that case, we might respond, "Cool!" Or was it a negative gesture? If so, does the subject say anything about how the writer felt about the negative exchange? A lot of information about the world, and an ability to make reasoned judgments, are needed to make subtle distinctions."

Plus, our emails, particularly from mobile devices, tend to be riddled with idioms that make no actual sense. Things change depending on context: Something "wicked" could be good or very bad, for example. Not to mention, sarcasm is a thing.

Which is all to warn you that you may still get a wildly random and even potentially inappropriate suggestion — I once got an "Oh no!" suggestion to a friend's self-deprecating pregnancy announcement, for example.

If the email only calls for a one- or two-sentence response, you'll probably find Smart Reply useful. If it requires any nuance, though, it's still best to use your own human judgment.

TECHNOLOGY

From 2B

regarding incidents in a secure cloud-based server so school administrators can collect and analyze it over time.

Number of users: More than 2.5 million in K-12, according to the company.

What it costs: Schools pay $1 to $5 per head for the app, depending on the size of the student body. Some school insurers also have begun paying for the software for their clients' use because they see it as a way to mitigate risk.

Available for download: Apple's App Store or Google Play.

Anonymous alerts

The name pretty much says it. Students can overcome the social pressures associated with "ratting out" peers by sending in anonymous tips. This app has dropdown menus, asking users what type of school they attend and where the incident took place, where it be a bus, hallway or gym. Students can either send school administrators a single text or have back-and-forth conversations. They also can attach pictures, social media screenshots or video. The president of the company, Gregory Bender, created his first emergency messaging system after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The computer software for his latest app — launched in 2013 to address all kinds of bullying — also collects alerts from students over time so schools can monitor trends.

Number of users: Around 5 million in K-12 schools, according to the company. It is available only to participating schools with a license.

What it costs: 50 cents to $2 per head.

Available for download: Apple's App Store or Google Play and Chromebook Store.

CIRCLE of 6

Created by sexual assault survivors, this one was born out of the White House's "Apps Against Abuse" challenge in 2011. Though the company Tech 4 Good initially developed the app for colleges, it now has been customized for use by younger students. After downloading the app, students pick six trusted friends to join a "circle." If they are in a precarious situation, users click an icon that sends a prewritten text message telling their friends they may need help and what kind. The app also includes informative links about sexual abuse and national hot lines. Prince William County Public Schools, the second-largest school district in Virginia with some 90,000 students, signed up its K-12 schools in 2016. The district says it doesn't know how many students have downloaded the app, but developers say it's the first grade school in the U.S. to sign on. Circle of 6 was customized and designed to provide an extra layer of protection for younger kids, with parental permission required for those under 13 to download the app.

Number of users: 350,000 (mostly colleges)

What it costs: $1 to $3 per head.

Available for download: Apple's App Store or Google Play.

KNOWBullying

This mobile app is for parents, aimed at helping initiate difficult conversations about bullying and harassment with kids. It also helps parents look out for different warning signs — not only to help identify if their kids may have been bullied, but also if they might be doing the bullying. It initially was created for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Number of users: Around 30,000

What it costs: Free.

Available for download: Apple's App Store or Google Play.

If you have a tip, comment or story to share about student-on-student sexual assault at K-12 schools, please email: schoolhousesexassault@ap.org

Be sure to check out Suday's edition to read weekly

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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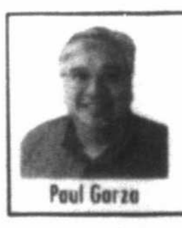
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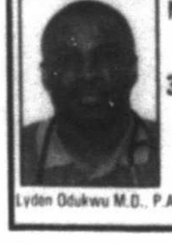
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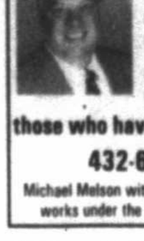
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Tues., May 30th	Thurs., May 25th, 4pm

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Tues., May 30th	Thurs., May 25th, 4pm

CIRCULATION HOURS

Customer Service calls will be taken Saturday, May 27th thru Monday, May 29th from 7AM-11AM only.

We will re-open Tuesday, May 30th for regular business hours.

Midland-Odessa FC blanks Shreveport Rafters

By Christopher Hadorn
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Strambler

Midland-Odessa FC demonstrated Sunday it can change possession and put on an attack in a blink of an eye.

Midland-Odessa FC rode three quick-strike goals en route to a 3-0 win over visiting Shreveport Rafters FC in National Premier Soccer League play at Grande Communications Stadium.

Midland-Odessa FC (2-0-0, 6 points) scored two of its goals within the first minute of each half, immediately seizing momentum over the Rafters (0-2-0, 0 points) in each period.

Lee grad Darius Strambler was involved in all three goals, scoring on a header and recording two assists.

In the first minute, Midland-Odessa FC put on a textbook counter-attack goal.

Defender Tyler Allen intercepted a Shreveport pass in Midland-Odessa FC's end of the field.

In a matter of seconds, Allen's steal turned into a goal. On two passes, Allen kicked the ball downfield to Strambler, who set up Ricardo Palomino with a beautiful pass in the open field in front of the goal. Palomino supplanted the ball into the net, pushing Midland-Odessa to a 1-0 lead.

"That's something talk about it quite a bit is our transition into attack, which is basically our system is to defend and then live off the counter," said Midland-Odessa FC assistant coach Dave Jacobs, who was filling in for head coach Matt Barnes. "If we can move that quickly, that's how we got two goals. The guys are getting it."

Strambler said the counter-attack goal was a reflection of the caliber of players that Midland-Odessa FC has.

"Just to see that counter and for it to come together like it did, I couldn't tell you what kind of guys that we're playing with here," Strambler said. "It feels good to be playing with guys like that, that just know (how to play). It's easy to adjust to each other. It makes it part of making it a beautiful game, I love it.

"Watching that you would think we had been playing together for a year or two."

Strambler's header goal occurred in the 46th minute, coming off a deflection by Rafters goalkeeper Adam Williams, who batted a cross by midfielder Johnny McBeth.

After Shreveport threatened to score in the 54th minute, Midland-Odessa FC was able to push the ball downfield quickly, which resulted in a header goal by Maliq Cooper, assisted by Strambler.

In addition to the quick-strike scoring,

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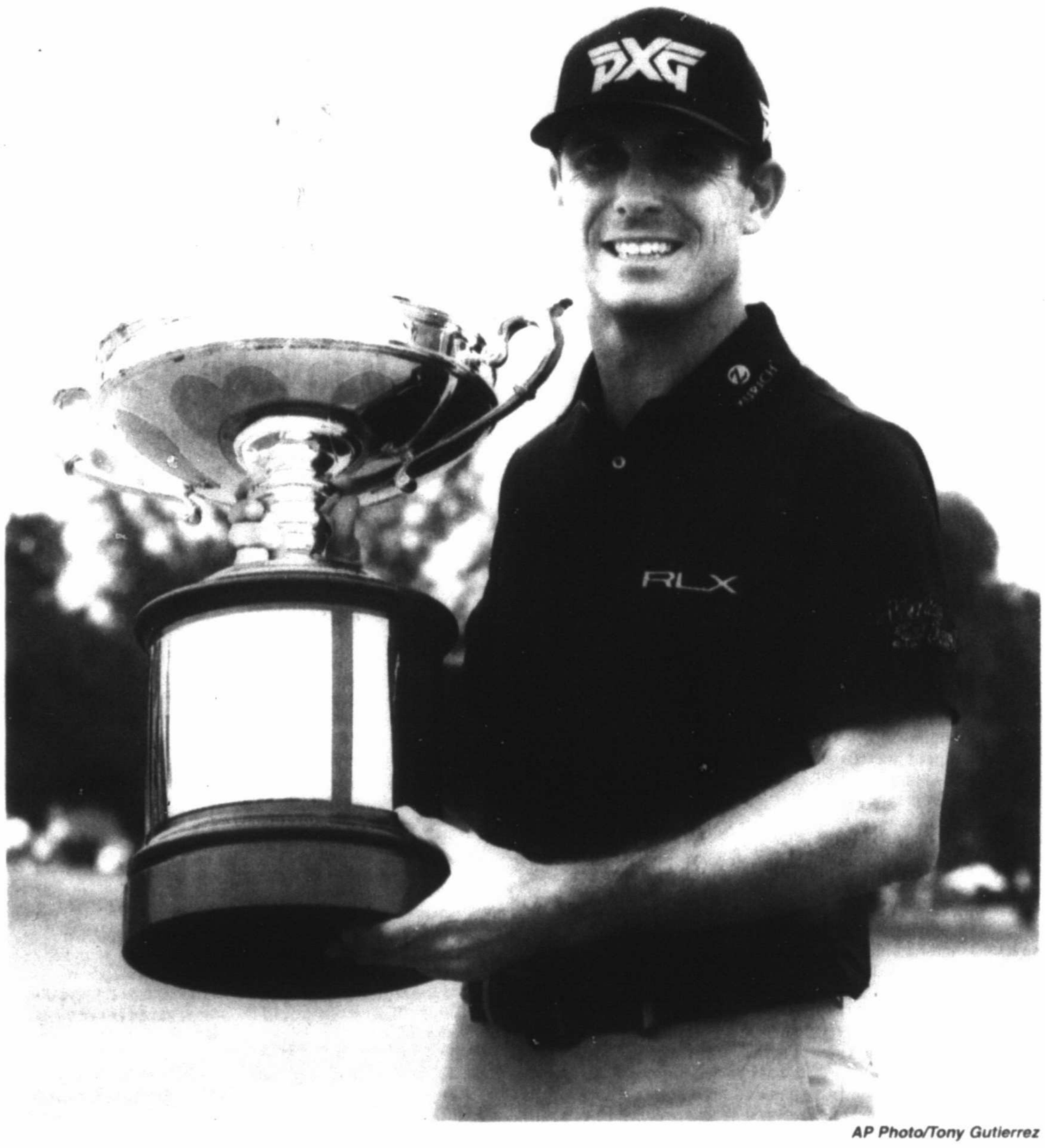
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Billy Horschel poses with the trophy after winning the Byron Nelson golf tournament Sunday in Irving.

Horschel wins Nelson's Four Seasons finale

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

IRVING — Billy Horschel won the AT&T Byron Nelson with a par on the first playoff hole Sunday after Jason Day pulled his 4-foot par putt left and past the hole.

That miss by Day almost wasn't even needed for Horschel, whose 36-foot birdie chance was rolling straight toward the center of the cup before stopping just short. He won for the fourth time on the PGA Tour and for the first time since taking the 2014 Tour Championship for the FedEx Cup title.

With a 1-under 69, including a 60-foot birdie putt at the 14th hole, Horschel matched Day at 12-under 268. Day had a 68.

Third-round leader James Hahn finished a stroke back after shooting 71. He just missed a miraculous eagle at the 18th hole that would have gotten him in the playoff with his playing partners.

Because of early morning rain that delayed the start Sunday, threesomes were used instead of the usual weekend twosomes. No one outside of that final group made a real charge to contend with the final trio.

The playoff wrapped up the Nelson's 35th and final tournament in Irving. The event will shift next year to the new links-style Trinity Forest Golf Club south of downtown Dallas.

The tournament was first played in Irving in 1983, but its roots go back to 1944 as the Texas Victory Open at Lakewood Country Club, where Byron Nelson won a year before his streak of 11 PGA Tour victories in a row. In 1968, the tournament became the first named after a PGA Tour player.

Day, who got the first of his 10 PGA Tour victories at the 2010 Nelson, had the lead alone only once. He pitched in a 78-foot shot from the rough by the greenside bunker for a birdie at the 477-yard 15th, after two horrible shots to get in that position. His tee shot went into

Please see **NELSON**/5C

Finals are 1 win away for Warriors, who have Spurs on brink

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

San Antonio's sense of humor was still there Sunday.

Gregg Popovich predicted that Golden State stayed out way late after winning Game 3 of the Western Conference finals, celebrating with burgers and sundaes before spending Sunday playing poker. Manu Ginobili, amid plenty of questions about whether his career is ending, said the Spurs planned to lose the first three games of this series simply to make their comeback look more impressive.

Popovich

The laughs seemed helpful.

The reality is that Golden State is just better, especially against a seriously undermanned Spurs team.

All jokes aside, the Spurs — and everyone else watching this West final — know it's just about over. No team has successfully rallied from 3-0 down in an NBA playoff series, and a San Antonio team that is without Kawhi Leonard, Tony Parker and now David Lee is facing that most precarious deficit. Game 4 is Monday in San Antonio, with Golden State now on the brink of clinching its third straight NBA Finals trip.

"Circumstances were such that we could be in a totally different position now," said Popovich, the Spurs coach whose teams have been swept only twice in 52 previous series on his watch. "That didn't happen. It's called life. Slap yourself. Quit your crying and move on. Game 4."

He's right, of course. How different this could have been if Leonard didn't re-injure his ankle when San Antonio was rolling with a 23-point lead in the third quarter of Game 1. The Spurs led by at least 22 points in each of their first four games against the Warriors this season. What they did against Golden State worked better than what anyone else did against Golden State.

Then, thud.

Leonard — who won't play in Game 4 barring something "miraculous," Popovich said — has been out since landing on Zaza Pachulia's foot in a hotly debated was-it-dirty-or-not closeout by the Warriors' center. Game 1 changed in that instant, the whole series changed along with it and the Warriors will become the first team in NBA history to start a postseason 12-0 if they win on Monday.

"You know what the Spurs are about ... They've got a lot of pride. These guys are pros, man," Warriors forward Kevin Durant said. "We can't come out here

Please see **SPURS**/2C

Dixon takes 3rd Indy pole with fastest speeds in 21 years

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Scott Dixon made a big gamble pay off Sunday.

After allowing engineer Chris Simmons to tinker with his car's qualifying trim and later questioning whether the changes might be too daring, Dixon delivered with the fastest speeds he's ever seen at Indianapolis.

The New Zealander finished with a four-lap average of 232.164 mph, claiming his third Indianapolis 500 pole with the best qualifying run in 21 years. He easily held off the other front-row starters, Ed Carpenter at 231.664 and defending champion Alexander Rossi at 231.487.

Even Dixon couldn't believe it.

"Seriously, I don't know where that came from," the Chip Ganassi Racing driver said. "It's fast, really fast. I actually thought there was something wrong with my dash to start with, (I thought) '232? Wow!' I knew that big lap, the first one, was going to be tough to beat. So a big thank you to Chris."

How impressive was Dixon's run?

Just four attempts earlier, IndyCar rookie Fernando Alonso posted the fastest average since Helio Castroneves' 2002 pole-winning speed.

Dixon's first-lap of 232.595 and his final average were the fastest times recorded at Indianapolis since Arie Luyendyk set the qualifying record and single-lap record in 1996. Luyendyk's average was 236.986 with a best lap of 237.498.

The crowd roared each time the speed went up on the videoboards and when Dixon pulled back into pit lane after his 10-mile ride, everyone knew the nine-car pole shootout was over.

Please see **DIXON**/5C

AP Photo/Michael Conroy

Scott Dixon celebrates with his family after winning the pole during qualifications for the Indianapolis 500 IndyCar auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday in Indianapolis.

'HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
Midland 7, San Antonio 1

TODAY'S GAME
San Antonio at Midland, 11 a.m.

INTERNET
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RECORDS
Midland 23-20
San Antonio 24-19

Sunday	Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Midland 7, San Antonio 1	San Antonio at Midland, 11 a.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 11 a.m.	Midland at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.	Midland at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV
GOLF
NCAA Women's Individual Championship, 3 p.m., GOLF
HOCKEY
Memorial Cup: Saint John vs. Erie, 7 p.m., NHL
MLB
San Francisco at Chicago Cubs, 7 p.m., MLB
Detroit at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT
MEN'S SOCCER
U-20 World Cup: Saudi Arabia vs. Senegal, 6 a.m., FS1
U-20 World Cup: Vietnam vs. New Zealand, 6 a.m., FS2
Serie A: Pascera vs. Palermo, 1:40 p.m., beIN, beIN2
NBA
Western Final, Game 4: Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
NHL
Western Final, Game 6 (if necessary): Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m., NBCSN
TENNIS
ATP: Banque Eric Sturdza Geneva Open, 6 a.m., TENNIS
ON RADIO
MLB
Detroit at Houston, 7 p.m., KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring)
NBA
Western Final, Game 4: Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)
NHL
Western Final, Game 6 (if necessary): Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m., KJTV 950 AM
TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
San Antonio at Midland, 11 a.m., TuneIn

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BOYS GOLF
Big Spring at Class 4A State Tournament, Apple Rock Golf Course at Horseshoe Bay, Marble Falls
Garden City at Class 1A State Tournament, Lions Municipal Golf Course

Little League Baseball

American League City Tournament, 7 p.m., Tower Little League
National League City Tournament, 7 p.m., Tower Little League

LOCAL SPORTS

GILLILAND FINISHES 3RD AT WORLD TRIALS

INDIANAPOLIS — Midland's Tarrin Gilliland finished third with 963.65 points in the women's 10-meter final during Sunday's USA Diving's World Championships Trials.

Gilliland missed out on a 2017 World Championships spot in the event by five-hundredths of a point, as Delaney Schnell claimed the second and final berth with a score of 963.70 points.

Gilliland will still represent Team USA at the FINA World Championships, July 14-22 in Budapest, Hungary, in two events, as she qualified with Jessica Parratto in the women's synchronized 10-meter, and qualified with Andrew Capobianco in the mixed synchronized 10-meter.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed INF Ryan Flaherty on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Friday. Selected the contract of INF Paul Janish from Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned RHP Noe Ramirez to Pawtucket (IL). Recalled RHP Brandon Workman from Pawtucket.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Traded LHP Alex Katz to Baltimore for two international bonus pool slots.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Buck Farmer to Toledo (IL). Recalled C John Hicks from Toledo. Agreed to terms with OF Matt den Dekker on a minor league contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed C Brian McCann on the 7-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Selected the contract of C Juan Centeno from Fresno (PCL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Reinstated RHP Ian Kennedy from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Jakob Junis to Omaha (PCL). Placed OF Alex Gordon on the paternity list. Recalled INF Raul Mondesi from Omaha.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Giovanny Gallegos to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Recalled RHP Bryan Mitchell from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Sent 1B Tyler Austin to Trenton (EL) for a rehab assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned LHP Dillon Overton and INF Mike Freeman to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled RHP Chris Heston and INF Daniel Vogelbach from Tacoma.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned OF Dwight Smith Jr. to Buffalo (IL). Placed RHP Aaron Sanchez on the 10-day DL. Designated C Mike Ohlman for assignment. Recalled RHP Cesar Valdez form Buffalo. Reinstated C Russell Martin from the 10-day DL and OF Kevin Pillar from the restricted list.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHP Silvino Bracho to Reno (PCL). Reinstated C Chris Iannetta from the 7-day DL.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Designated C Anthony Recker for assignment. Optioned INF Johan Camargo to Gwinnett (IL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned RHP Pierce Johnson and 3B Tommy La Stella to Iowa (PCL). Reinstated OF Jason Heyward from the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Dylan Floro from Iowa.
CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with RHP Vin Mazzaro on a minor league contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned LHP Julio Urias to Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled RHP Josh Ravin from Oklahoma City.
MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned RHP Odrisamer Despaigne to New Orleans (PCL). Recalled RHP Vance Worley from Batavia (NYP).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHP Paolo Espino to Colorado Springs (PCL). Recalled RHP Tyler Cravy from Colorado Springs. Sent RHP Junior Guerra to Colorado Springs for a rehab assignment.
NEW YORK METS — Sent C Travis d'Arnaud to Las Vegas (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Sent LHP Tyler Lyons to Springfield (TL) for a rehab assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES— Placed RHP Jered Weaver on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Jose Valdez from El Paso (PCL). Claimed INF Chase d'Arnaud off waivers from Boston. Transferred RHP Carter Capps to the 60-day DL. Designated INF Luis Sardinas for assignment.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — RHP Eric Gagne announced his retirement.
Can-Am League
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed LHP Kris Regas.
BASKETBALL
Women's National Basketball Association
WNBA — Suspended Phoenix G Diana Taurasi one game for hitting San Antonio F Deanna Hamby in the back of the head with a forearm.

NHL GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Friday, May 12
Nashville 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Saturday, May 13
Ottawa 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT
Sunday, May 14
Anaheim 5, Nashville 3
May 15
Pittsburgh 1, Ottawa 0
May 16
Nashville 2, Anaheim 1; Nashville leads series 2-1
May 17
Ottawa 5, Pittsburgh 1; Ottawa leads series 2-1
May 18
Anaheim 3, Nashville 2, OT; Series is tied 2-2
May 19
Pittsburgh 3, Ottawa 2, series tied 2-2
Saturday
Nashville 3, Anaheim 1; Nashville leads series 3-2
Sunday
Pittsburgh 7, Ottawa 0; Pittsburgh leads series 3-2
Today
x-Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday
x-Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Wednesday
x-Nashville at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Thursday
x-Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
May 14
Golden State 113, San Antonio 111
May 15
Golden State 136, San Antonio 100; Golden State leads series 2-0
May 16
Cleveland 117, Boston 104; Cleveland leads series 1-0
May 17
Cleveland 130, Boston 86; Cleveland leads series 2-0
May 18
Golden State 120, San Antonio 108; Golden State leads series 3-0
Sunday
Boston 111, Cleveland 108; Cleveland leads series 2-1
Today
Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Tuesday
Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
x-San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Thursday
x-Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Friday
x-Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 27
x-Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 28
x-San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 29
x-Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	2	1	.667	—
New York	1	1	.500	½
Chicago	1	2	.333	1
Indiana	1	2	.333	1
Washington	1	2	.333	1
Connecticut	0	2	.000	1½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	3	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000	½
Phoenix	2	1	.667	1
Seattle	2	1	.667	1
Dallas	1	1	.500	1½
San Antonio	0	3	.000	3

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Scores
Chicago 75, Atlanta 71
Seattle 81, Washington 71
Today's Games
Connecticut at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

AP Photo/Tony Dejak

Boston Celtics' Marcus Smart (36) looks to drive on Cleveland Cavaliers' Kyrie Irving (2) during the second half of Game 3 of the NBA Eastern Conference finals Sunday in Cleveland.

Bradley hits last-second shot, Celtics stun Cavs 111-108

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Avery Bradley's 3-pointer dropped in with less than a second left and the Boston Celtics, blown out in the first two games of the Eastern Conference finals and playing without star Isaiah Thomas, stunned the Cleveland Cavaliers 111-108 on Sunday night in Game 3 to end the champions' 13-game postseason winning streak.

Bradley's shot from the left wing bounced on the rim four times before going down. It capped a furious comeback by the Celtics, who trailed by 21 in the third quarter before rallying to tighten up a series that appeared to be over.

Marcus Smart scored 27 points, and Bradley had 20 for the Celtics. They were given little chance after losing by 44 in Game 2 and then losing Thomas for the rest of the postseason because of a hip injury.

Kyrie Irving scored 29 points, and Kevin Love 28 for Cleveland. The Cavaliers dropped to 10-1 in the postseason with their first loss since Game 4 of last year's Finals.

Penguins rout Senators 7-0 to take 3-2 lead

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Penguins coach Mike Sullivan calls it "getting to our game."

It means he wants his team to attack opponents with speed, aggression and a dash of responsibility.

Physically translated, it looks like the 60 minutes the defending Stanley Cup champions put together Sunday in a 7-0 demolition of the Ottawa Senators in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference Final.

Dominant from the opening faceoff to the final whistle, the Penguins moved within one game of a return trip to the Cup final by overwhelming the Senators with wave after wave of pressure, the kind that became the club's trademark during its sprint to a fourth championship last spring.

Seven players scored and 11 finished with at least one point to give Pittsburgh a 3-2 lead heading into Game 6 on Tuesday in Ottawa. Seemingly on the ropes after getting pummeled 5-1 in Game 3, the Penguins have outscored the Senators 10-2 over the last six periods to gain control.

One well aware that despite how easy it looked during its most lopsided playoff victory in five years, much work remains to be done.

"They have a good ability to respond, so we're going to be challenged here in Game 6," said Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby, who scored for the third straight and became the 22nd player in NHL history to reach 100 career playoff assists when he sent a slick backhand no-look pass to Phil Kessel early in the third period. "We know that and we've got to be at our best."

The Penguins might already be there. The power play went 3 for 3. The penalty kill turned the Senators away four times and extended Ottawa's power play drought to 0 for 29. Matt Murray stopped 21 shots for his first playoff shutout in Pittsburgh's most complete performance of the postseason.

SPURS

From 1C

and feel like we've won already before the game has started. We've got to go take it."

The Warriors have made it look easy, which is their normal. Golden State has won 12 consecutive games, the third time this season the Warriors have enjoyed such a streak. Combine the regular season and the postseason, and this Golden State team (78-15, .839) has a better record so far than last year's regular-season record-setting club (88-18, .830).

Still, they're not satisfied.

"We've got to play better," Warriors guard Stephen Curry said.

As impressive as they have been, the Warriors have had lapses. Golden State turned the ball over 21 times in Game 3, leading to 25 San Antonio points. The Warriors also yielded 15 offensive rebounds, which San Antonio turned into 18 more points.

They won by 12 anyway. And if closing a team out on the road is supposed to be among the toughest postseason tasks, the Warriors have apparently missed that memo: Golden State won by 25 in Portland to clinch the first round, and by 26 in Utah to close out the second round.

"You let those guys get rolling, they're a handful," Spurs forward Pau Gasol said.

Ginobili helped keep San Antonio close in Game 3 with 21 points. He'll likely get an emotional welcome today, just in case the veteran decides this season will be his last — a topic he wanted really no part of on Sunday, saying he'll decide over the summer.

"This is getting a little weird," Ginobili said after questions hinting at retirement. "It truly is."

NOTES: The only teams to sweep a Popovich-coached team were the Suns in 2010 (when Warriors coach Steve Kerr was GM in Phoenix) and the Lakers in 2001 (when Kerr played for the Spurs). ... Warriors acting coach Mike Brown said there's no change in Pachulia's condition. Pachulia played only 7 minutes of Game 2 with a heel injury, and didn't play Saturday. ... Durant lauded Popovich for not playing Leonard through the bad ankle, saying other players appreciate when teams put the future of their own players first.

FC

From 1C

Midland-Odessa FC pieced together another brilliant defensive outing, recording its second shutout in as many games.

"A zero on the board for them (was our goal)," Jacobs said.

The Midland-Odessa FC defense worked around seven corner kicks by Shreveport. Midland-Odessa goalkeeper Braulio Linares-Ortiz had five saves.

"There's not many teams that can put together 20 guys and train three times and be able to defend like this and have two shutouts," Strambler said. "It's great. I couldn't ask for nothing better."

Barnes missed the match because he traveled to the Netherlands for a coaching clinic..

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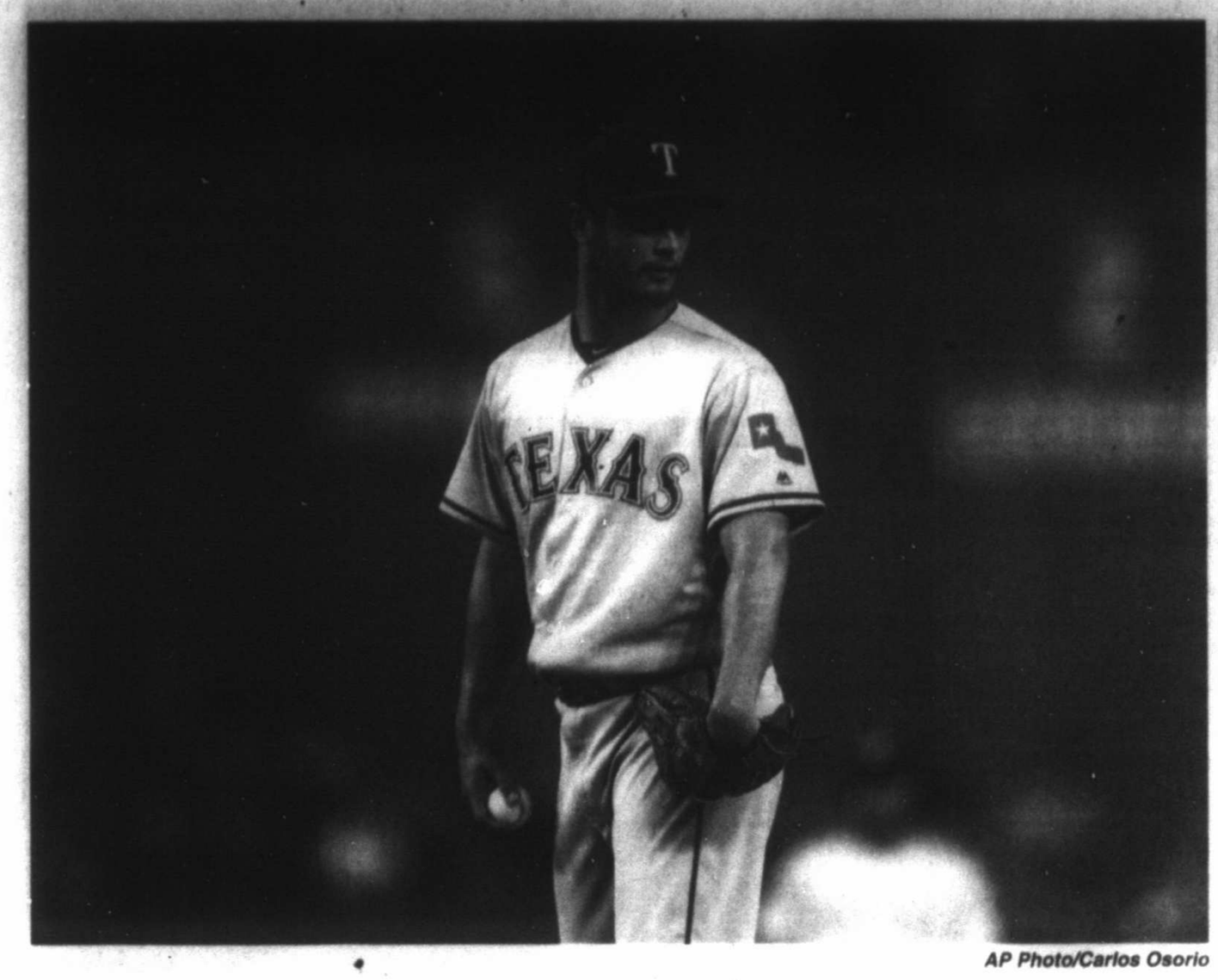

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Texas Rangers starting pitcher Yu Darvish looks to first during the second inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers on Sunday in Detroit.

Darvish tops Tigers again, Napoli homers as Texas rolls 5-2

Associated Press

DETROIT — Mike Napoli homered to the camera platform beyond center field, and Yu Darvish beat Detroit yet again, helping the Texas Rangers to a 5-2 victory over the Tigers on Sunday night.

Darvish (5-2) has won all seven of his starts against the Tigers, although this one was a bit of a struggle. He allowed two runs and five hits in five innings, but Napoli put the Rangers ahead 3-2 with his solo shot in the fifth off Matthew Boyd (2-4).

Pete Kozma also went deep for Texas, and the Rangers shut down Detroit after Darvish exited. Relievers Alex Claudio and Sam Dyson allowed one hit apiece, and Keone Kela pitched a perfect ninth for his first save.

Ian Kinsler homered for the Tigers

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 7, MISSIONS 1
At Security Bank Ballpark
TOP HITTERS: Midland's Richie Martin cracked a two-run homer in the third inning. ... Max Schrock led Rock-Hounds with two hits. ... J.P. Sportman reached base safely in two of four plate appearances and led Midland with two runs. ... San Antonio's Luis Urias had a game-high three hits.

TOP PITCHER: Rock-Hounds starter Heath Fillmyer hurled 6 1/3 scoreless innings to improve to 2-2. Fillmyer pitched around eight hits and a walk.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland took a 1-0 lead behind Tyler Marincov's RBI single that scored Sportman in the first inning. ... The RockHounds erupted for six runs in the third to take a commanding 7-0 advantage. Jordan Tarsovich supplied a two-run triple during the frame. Brett Vertigan had an RBI single and Martin capped it with a homer to left field.

NOTES: The RockHounds lead the four-game series, 2-1. The series and homestand concludes with an 11 a.m. game today. ... Midland's Viosergy Rosa saw his 21-game on-base streak end, after going 0-for-3 with a sacrifice fly. ... The RockHounds turned three double plays.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: San Antonio - RHP Brett Kennedy (3-2, 4.54 ERA); Midland - RHP Brett Graves (0-0, 3.65

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas	22	18	.550	—
Springfield	21	19	.525	1
Tulsa	21	19	.525	1
Arkansas	15	25	.375	7

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	23	19	.548	—
San Antonio	23	19	.548	—
Corpus Christi	21	21	.500	2
Frisco	18	24	.429	5

Sunday's Scores
Tulsa 13, Arkansas 6
Midland 7, San Antonio 1
Springfield 8, Northwest Arkansas 2
Corpus Christi 5, Frisco 0
Today's Games
San Antonio at Midland, 11 a.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 11:05 a.m.
Corpus Christi at Frisco, 11:05 a.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, 11:10 a.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 7, MISSIONS 1

San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Urias 2b	5	0	3	0	Boyd lf	4	0	1	0
Rondon ss	4	0	1	0	Sportman cf	3	2	1	0
Schulz cf	3	0	0	0	Schrock 2b	4	1	2	0
Torres rf	4	0	0	0	Marincov rf	3	1	1	1
France 3b-p	4	0	2	0	Rosa 1b	3	0	0	0
Reyes dh	2	0	1	0	Tarsovich 3b	4	1	1	2
Perez 1b	1	1	1	0	Vertigan dh	4	1	1	1
Martinez lf	4	0	1	0	Martin ss	3	1	1	2
Perez 1b-3b	4	0	2	0	Raga c	4	0	0	0
Kennedy c	4	0	0	1					
Totals	35	1	11	1	Totals	32	7	8	7

San Antonio ..... 000 000 001 — 1
Midland ..... 106 000 00x — 7

E—Urias (8). DP—Midland 3. LOB—San Antonio 9, Midland 5. 3B—Tarsovich (2). HR—Martin (3). SB—Marincov (3). SF—Rosa.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Antonio						
De Los Santos (L, 2-2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
De Paula	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Weir	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wingenter	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
France	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Midland						
Fillmyer (W, 2-2)	6 1/3	8	1	0	1	5
Bragg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Martin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

WP—[illegible]
T—[illegible]

Gomes has 5 RBIs to helps Indians sweep Astros with 8-6 win

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — In an up-and-down season, the American League champion Cleveland Indians left Houston feeling pretty good after sweeping the Astros.

Yan Gomes homered and tied a career high with five RBIs to lead the Indians over the Astros 8-6 on Sunday.

"This is the best team in the AL right now, and there's a reason for it, and when we come in and play good ballgames I think we're going to beat a lot of people," Gomes said. "So it was good to see us do that."

Gomes' third-inning homer off Joe Musgrove (3-4) gave the Indians a 3-1 lead, and Cleveland added three more runs in the fourth. The Indians took all three games and are 5-1 against Houston this season, dealing the Astros two of their three series losses.

"The Indians outplayed us in just about every area," manager A.J. Hinch said. "They did a really good job this series, and that's why they came away with the wins."

Danny Salazar (3-4) yielded three runs and four hits in 5 2/3 innings with seven strikeouts.

Manager Terry Francona is still looking for more from Salazar.

"We set up a high bar for Danny because of his stuff," he said. "I just know that there's more in there and we want him to reach that level so bad. I'm thrilled we won. I just think he can set himself up the way he's pitched to have more success."

Marwin Gonzalez hit a two run homer off Zach McAllister on the 13th pitch of an at bat with two outs and the ninth, and Alex Bregman homered on the next pitch. McAllister then struck out Nori Aoki.

Musgrove allowed a season-high seven runs and matched a high with eight hits. He lasted three plus innings in his shortest start this season, and his ERA rose from 4.57 to 5.63.

Jose Altuve hit a two-run homer and Carlos Beltran had a solo shot for the Astros, whose tied their season high with their third straight loss.

Gomes' RBI double and Jason Kipnis' run-scoring single built a 2-0 lead in the second. Beltran hit his fourth home in the bottom half, but Musgrove walked consecutive batters with two outs in the third, then allowed Gomes' third homer.

Trainer's room

Indians: OF Austin Jackson (toe) went 2 for 3 in his second rehabilitation assignment with Triple-A Columbus on Sunday. He is to play there again on Tuesday before he is re-evaluated. ... RHP Corey Kluber threw 50 pitches in a simulated game on Saturday. He is slated to throw a bullpen session on Monday and then the Indians will decide whether he can make a rehabilitation start on Thursday.

Astros: C Brian McCann was placed on the 7-day concussion disabled list. The move was retroactive to Saturday and came a day after Houston placed ace Dallas Keuchel on the 10-day disabled list because of a pinched nerve in his neck.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

YANKEES 3
RAYS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Brett Gardner hit his eighth home run, one more than this 2016 total, and CC Sabathia won consecutive starts for the first time since last June to help New York and avoid a three-game sweep.

Rookie Aaron Judge made a full extension diving backhand catch on the right field warning track in the sixth to rob Evan Longoria of a tying extra-base hit, starting a double play that doubled up Corey Dickerson at first.

RED SOX 12
ATHLETICS 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Mitch Moreland homered in his third consecutive game, a two-run drive in the sixth off starter Andrew Triggs (5-3) that landed in the second deck. Boston avoided a four-game sweep.

Eduardo Rodriguez (3-1) allowed three runs and struck out eighth in eight innings.

Hanley Ramirez and Christian Vazquez had three hits apiece.

Oakland's three errors raised its total to a major league-leading 42.

BLUE JAYS 3
ORIOLES 1

BALTIMORE — Marco Estrada (3-2) matched his career high with 12 strikeouts in 7 2/3 innings. Devon Travis hit a three-run homer and Toronto prevented a three-game sweep with its second win in nine games against Baltimore this season.

Travis connected in the first inning off Wade Miley (1-2) following a two-out error and a single.

WHITE SOX 8
MARINERS 1

SEATTLE — Yolmer Sanchez had a two-run single in Chicago's five-run first inning, and Derek Holland (4-3) gave up six hits in eight innings.

Tim Anderson had three hits and two RBIs for the White Sox.

Nelson Cruz hit his 11th home run for the Mariners, who have lost three straight.

Seattle starter Chris Heston (0-1), recalled from Triple-A Tacoma before the game to make his first major league start since Oct. 2, 2015, was roughed up for seven runs and seven hits in three innings. He walked the bases loaded in the first before giving up four straight hits.

Interleague

ANGELS 12
METS 5

NEW YORK — Mike Trout homered, doubled and drove in three runs. C.J. Cron hit a grand slam and Los Angeles built a 9-0 lead by the third inning as it avoided a three-game sweep. Andrelton Simmons and Jefry Marte also homered for the Angels.

Matt Reynolds, Curtis Granderson and Jay Bruce hit home runs as the Mets tried to rally.

National League

ROCKIES 6
REDS 4

CINCINNATI — Rookie pitcher Kyle Freeland hit one of Colorado's four solo homers off Bronson Arroyo (3-4) and Colorado improved the NL's best record to 28-17.

Freeland (5-2) gave up four runs — three earned — in 5 2/3 innings. Joey Votto and Scott Schebler homered off him in the sixth.

NATIONALS 3
BRAVES 2

ATLANTA — Stephen Strasburg struck out a season-high 11, allowing five hits in 7 2/3 innings as the Washington Nationals beat the Braves 3-2 Sunday to stop a four-game losing streak.

Strasburg (5-1) improved to 7-1 in his last nine starts against Atlanta. After Dansby Swanson hit a two-run double in the eighth that chased Strasburg, Koda Glover struck out Nick Markakis to end the inning and finished the six-hitter for his third save.

PIRATES 1
PHILLIES 0

PITTSBURGH — Chad Kuhl and four relievers combined on a three-hitter, and Pittsburgh scratched out the only run of a rainy game when David Freese was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Philadelphia starter Aaron Nola (2-1) returned from the disabled list and gave up four hits in seven innings.

LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNEY BRACKET

American League City Tournament
at Mid City Little League
Pool play (all games at 6:30 p.m.)
Monday, May 15
N1 Tigers 11, MC5 Astros 0
N6 Marlins 12, MC1 Angels 5
N7 Cubs 11, T1 Royals 3
E1 Rangers Red 9, vs N8 Nationals 3
Tuesday, May 16
N2 As 12, E3 Rangers Blue 2
MC2 Rays 7, T3 Cardinals 1
MC3 Rangers 11, T2 Twins 4
N3 Rangers 11, E2 Monarchs 2
Wednesday, May 17
N1 Tigers 12, T4 Yankees 0
N5 Astros 11, MC1 Angels 5
N4 Red Sox 14, T1 Royals 3
E1 Rangers Red 12, MC4 Dbacks 6
Thursday, May 18
N2 As 19, MC5 Astros 4
MC2 Rays 12, N6 Marlins 2
N7 Cubs 9, T2 Twins 2
E2 Monarchs 16, N8 Nationals 5
Friday, May 19
E3 Rangers Blue 13, T4 Yankees 5
N5 Astros 12, T3 Cardinals 2
N4 Red Sox 12, MC3 Rangers 6
N3 Rangers 14, MC4 Dbacks 8
Bracket Play
at Tower Little League
Monday, May 22
Game 1: NLL Tigers vs NLL Red Sox, 6 p.m., Tower 3
Game 2: ELL Rangers Red vs NLL Astros, 6 p.m., Tower 1
Game 3: MC2 Rays vs NLL Rangers, 8 p.m., Tower 3
Game 4: NLL Cubs vs NLL As, 8 p.m., Tower 1
Tuesday, May 23
Semifinals
Game 1 winner vs Game 2 winner, 7 p.m., Tower 1
Game 3 winner vs Game 4 winner, 7 p.m., Tower 3
Championship
Thursday, May 25
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m., Tower 1

MJBA National Little League City Tournament
at Tower Little League
Monday, May 15
Game 1 (7) NLL3 Cardinals 26, (10) ELL2 As 5
Game 2 (6) NLL2 Reds 8, (11) MC4 Giants 5
Game 3 (13) NLL4 Braves 9, (4) ELL1 Astros 5
Game 4 (5) MC2 Pirates 19, (12) TLL3 Padres 2
Game 5 (8) MC3 Yankees 15, (9) TLL2 Nationals 12
Tuesday, May 16
Winner's bracket
Game 6 NLL3 Cardinals 8, MC1 Red Sox 7
Game 7 NLL2 Reds 11, TLL1 Cubs 3
Game 8 NLL1 Mets 9, MC3 Yankees 2
Game 9 NLL4 Braves 4, MC2 Pirates 0
Loser's bracket
Game 10 ELL1 Astros 15, TLL3 Padres 9
Wednesday, May 17
Loser's bracket
Game 11 (9) MC1 Red Sox 15, TLL2 Nationals 2
Game 12 (10) MC3 Yankees 13, ELL2 As 2
Game 13 (11) MC2 Pirates 7, MC4 Giants 4
Game 14 TLL1 Cubs 9, ELL1 Astros 8
Thursday, May 18
Winner's bracket quarterfinals
Game 15 NLL2 Reds 10, NLL3 Cardinals 1
Game 16 NLL1 Mets 13, NLL4 Braves 1
Loser's bracket second round
Game 17 MC1 Red Sox 13, TLL1 Cubs 2
Game 18 MC3 Yankees 8, MC2 Pirates 1
Friday, May 19
Loser's bracket quarterfinals
Game 19 NLL4 Braves 8, MC1 Red Sox 3
Game 20 MC3 Yankees 9, NLL3 Cardinals 8
Sunday, May 21
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 21 NLL1 Mets 6, NLL2 Reds 4
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 22 NLL4 Braves 18, MC3 Yankees 9
Monday, May 22
Loser's bracket final
Game 23 NLL2 Reds vs NLL4 Braves, 6 p.m., Field 4
Tuesday, May 23
Championship
Game 24 NLL1 Mets vs Game 23 winner, 7 p.m., Field 4
Wednesday, May 24
If necessary game
Game 25 Game 24 winner vs Game 24 loser, 7 p.m., Field 4

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	25	16	.610	—
Baltimore	25	17	.595	½
Boston	22	21	.512	4
Tampa Bay	23	23	.500	4½
Toronto	19	26	.422	8
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	22	18	.550	—
Cleveland	23	19	.548	—
Detroit	21	21	.500	2
Chicago	20	22	.476	3
Kansas City	18	25	.419	5½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	29	15	.659	—
Texas	24	21	.533	5½
Los Angeles	23	23	.500	7
Oakland	20	24	.455	9
Seattle	20	25	.444	9½

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	26	17	.605	—
Atlanta	18	23	.439	7
New York	18	24	.429	7½
Philadelphia	15	26	.366	10
Miami	15	28	.349	11
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	25	19	.569	—
St. Louis	22	19	.537	1½
Chicago	22	20	.524	2
Cincinnati	20	23	.465	4½
Pittsburgh	20	24	.455	5
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	28	17	.622	—
Los Angeles	26	19	.578	2
Arizona	26	19	.578	2
San Francisco	19	26	.422	9
San Diego	16	30	.348	12½

Scores and Schedules

American League
Sunday's Scores
L.A. Angels 12, N.Y. Mets 5.
N.Y. Yankees 3, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 3, Baltimore 1
Cleveland 8, Houston 6
Kansas City 6, Minnesota 4, 1st game
Boston 12, Oakland 3
Chicago White Sox 8, Seattle 1
Minnesota 8, Kansas City 4, 2nd game
Texas 5, Detroit 2
Today's Games
Kansas City (Vargas 5-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 4-2), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Wilk 0-1) at Baltimore (Jimenez 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 2-5) at Cincinnati (Feldman 2-4), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ramirez 3-3) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 3-2), 6:10 p.m.
Detroit (Fulmer 5-1) at Houston (Peacock 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 3-4) at Arizona (Greinke 5-2), 8:40 p.m.

National League
Sunday's Scores
Colorado 6, Cincinnati 4
L.A. Angels 12, N.Y. Mets 5
Pittsburgh 1, Philadelphia 0
Washington 3, Atlanta 2
St. Louis 8, San Francisco 3
Chicago Cubs 13, Milwaukee 6
L.A. Dodgers 6, Miami 3
San Diego 5, Arizona 1
Today's Games
Colorado (Hoffman 1-0) at Philadelphia (Eflin 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 2-5) at Cincinnati (Feldman 2-4), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cole 2-4) at Atlanta (Folynewicz 2-4), 6:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Bach 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (TBD), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 3-4) at Arizona (Greinke 5-2), 8:40 p.m.

Texas boxes

RANGERS 5, TIGERS 3

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
DShields cf	5	0	2	0	Kinsler 2b	5	1	1	1
Hoying cf	0	0	0	0	Avila 1b	3	0	1	0
Andrus ss	5	1	2	0	Mi Cabr dh	4	0	3	1
Odor 2b	5	1	1	0	J Martin rf	4	0	0	0
Lucroy dh	5	0	2	2	Upton lf	3	0	0	0
Napoli 1b	3	1	2	1	Cstllna 3b	4	0	0	0
Rua lf	5	0	2	0	Collins cf	2	0	0	0
Mazara rf	4	1	1	0	Mahtook ph-cf	2	0	0	0
Chirinos c	4	0	1	1	J McCnn c	4	2	1	0
Kozma 3b	4	1	2	1	Am.Rmne ss	3	1	1	0
Totals	40	5	15	5	Totals	34	2	7	2

Texas ..... 110 011 001—5
Detroit ..... 110 000 000—3

DP—Detroit 2. LOB—Texas 11, Detroit 9. 2B—Lucroy (7), Rua (3), Mi Cabrera (5), J.McCann (3). 3B—Mazara (1). HR—Napoli (10), Kozma (1), Kinsler (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Darvish W,5-2	5	5	2	2	4	7
Claudio	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Dyson	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	3
Kela S,1-2	1	0	0	0	0	2
Detroit						
Boyd L,2-4	5 1-3	12	4	4	0	3
Greene	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Wilson	1	1	0	0	2	0
Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hardy	1	2	1	1	1	0

WP—Darvish.
T—3:35. A—24,000 (41,681).

INDIANS 8, ASTROS 6

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Kipnis 2b	5	1	2	1	Springer cf	3	0	0	0
Lindor ss	5	0	1	0	Reddick rf	4	1	1	0
Altuve 2b	4	1	1	2					
Correa ss	4	0	0	0					
Beltran dh	2	2	1	1					
Gattis c	3	0	0	0					
Ma.Gnza 1b	4	1	2	2					
Bregman 3b	4	1	1	1					
Aoki lf	4	0	0	0					
Totals	32	6	6	6					

Cleveland ..... 023 300 000—8
Houston ..... 010 200 003—6

DP—Cleveland 1. LOB—Cleveland 7, Houston 3. 2B—Brantley (8), Encarnacion (3), Gomes (8), Ma.Gonzalez (3). HR—Gomes (3), Altuve (7), Beltran (4), Ma.Gonzalez (10), Bregman (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Salazar W,3-4	5 2-3	4	3	3	3	7
Goody	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Otero	1	0	0	0	0	0
McAllister	1	2	3	3	1	1
Houston						
Musgrove L,3-4	7	8	7	7	3	4
Tolliver	4	1	1	1	2	5
Sipp	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gillies	1	0	0	0	0	2

Musgrove pitched to 2 batters in the 4th
HBP—by Tolliver (Gomes). WP—Tolliver.
T—3:06. A—33,476 (42,060).

Sunday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 3, ORIOLES 1
Toronto ..... 300 000 000 —3 6 0
Baltimore ..... 000 100 000 —1 7 3
Estrada, Joe Smith (8), R.Osuna (9) and Maile, Martin; Miley, Asher (8) and C.Joseph. W—Estrada 3-2. L—Miley 1-2. Sv—R.Osuna (8). HRs—Toronto, Travis. Baltimore, Jones.

YANKEES 3, RAYS 2
New York ..... 000 000 000 —3 7 1
Tampa Bay ..... 100 010 000 —2 4 2
Sabathia, Green (8), Clippard (7), Betances (8) and G.Sanchez; Archer, Farquhar (7), Stanek (8), Morlene (9) and D.Norris. W—Sabathia 4-2. L—Archer 1-3. Sv—Betances (2). HRs—New York, Gardner. Tampa Bay, Norris.

ROYALS 6, TWINS 4
Kansas City ..... 020 300 010 —6 11 1
Minnesota ..... 000 020 200 —4 9 0
Junis, Minor (5), Moylan (7), Strahm (7), Soria (8), K.Herrera (9) and S.Perez; P.Hughes, Wilk (5), Breslow (8) and J.Castro. W—Minor 1-1. L—P.Hughes 4-3. Sv—K.Herrera (9). HRs—Kansas City, Bonifacio, Perez, Moss 2.

WHITE SOX 8, MARINERS 1
Chicago ..... 501 110 000 —8 10 0
Seattle ..... 000 000 100 —1 6 1
D.Holland, Infante (9) and K.Smith; Heston, Altavilla (4), Pazos (6), Cishek (7), Rzepczynski (8), Lawrence (8) and Gosewisch. W—D.Holland 4-3. L—Heston 0-1. HRs—Chicago, Anderson; Seattle, Cruz.

RED SOX 12, ATHLETICS 3
Boston ..... 200 022 015 —12 15 0
Oakland ..... 010 200 000 —3 6 3
Rodriguez, Barnes (9) and Vazquez; Triggs, Wahl (6), Doolittle (7), Axford (8), J.Smith (9) and Phegley. W—Rodriguez 3-1. L—Triggs 5-3. HRs—Boston, Moreland; Oakland, Pinder.

TWINS 6, ROYALS 4
Kansas City ..... 200 100 010 —4 7 0
Minnesota ..... 410 200 10x —6 11 1
Kennedy, Young (3), T.Wood (8) and Butler; Mejia, Rogers (8), Kintzler (9) and Gimenez. W—Mejia 1-1. L—Kennedy 0-4. HRs—Kansas City, Hosmer, Perez 2. Minnesota, Gimenez, Grossman, Kepler.

INTERLEAGUE
ANGELS 12, DODGERS 5
Los Angeles ..... 531 000 300—12 12 0
New York ..... 001 013 000 —5 7 1
Chavez, Parker (6), Guerra (8), B.Norris (9) and Maldonado; Milone, Montero (2), Ramirez (8), Robles (7), Edgin (8), Sewald (9) and Plawecki. W—Chavez 4-2. L—Milone 1-2. HRs—Los Angeles, Cron, Trout, Simmons, Marte. New York, Granderson, Reynolds, Bruce.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PIRATES 1, PHILLIES 0
Philadelphia ..... 000 000 000 —0 3 0
Pittsburgh ..... 000 001 00x —1 5 1
Nola, Ramos (8), J.Garcia (8) and Knapp; Kuhl, LeBlanc (6), Nicasio (7), Rivero (8), Watson (9) and Stewart. W—LeBlanc 3-0. L—Nola 2-1. Sv—Watson (10).

ROCKIES 6, REDS 4
Colorado ..... 002 121 000 —6 11 1
Cincinnati ..... 100 003 000 —4 8 1
Freeland, Ruan (6), Oliveros (7), G.Holland (9) and Hangan; B.Arroyo, Stephenson (6), B.Wood (8) and Mesoraco. W—Freeland 5-2. L—B.Arroyo 3-4. Sv—G.Holland (19). HRs—Colorado, Valaika, Gonzalez, LeMahieu. Freeland. Cincinnati, Schebler, Votto.

NATIONALS 3, BRAVES 2
Washington ..... 012 000 000 —3 7 0
Atlanta ..... 000 000 020 —2 6 2
Strasburg, Glover (8) and Lobaton; J.Garcia, Jackson (9) and K.Suzuki. W—Strasburg 5-1. L—J.Garcia 1-3. Sv—Glover (3). HRs—Washington, Murphy.

CARDINALS 8, GIANTS 3
San Francisco ..... 001 000 020 —3 7 0
St. Louis ..... 040 021 01x —8 12 0
M.Cain, Okert (6), Kontos (7), Gearrin (8) and Hundley; Wainwright, Cecil (7), Socolovich (8), Tuivailala (9) and Molina. W—Wainwright 4-3. L—M.Cain 3-2. HRs—San Francisco, Crawford, Nunez. St. Louis, Carpenter.

CUBS 13, CUBS 6
Milwaukee ..... 000 010 005 —6 13 0
Chicago ..... 301 112 14x —13 15 1
C.Anderson, Scahill (5), Feliz (7), J.Hughes (8), Drake (8) and Bandy; Arrieta, Strop (7), Floro (8) and Contreras. W—Arrieta 5-3. L—C.Anderson 2-1. HRs—Milwaukee, Shaw. Chicago, Zobrist, Rizzo, Bryant 2.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars (N)		The Bachelorette Rachel discusses her hope and dreams. (SP) (N)				Local 2 News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) Nightl.
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Princess Diana Journey through the night Princess Diana died. (N)				Carpool Karaoke (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S* H	M*A*S*H H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Dead Ringer"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	The Big Bang	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "All Will Be Judged" (N)		Lucifer (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot/ Cleve.	Met Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Faith for Families	Wings of Truth	Update News	Manl Erfan	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Housecall	Restore Zion	Sound-sShofar
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	The Voice "Live Finale" The final four perform for the last time. (N)				Run Wild "Sterling K. Brown" (SP) (N)		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antique "Orlando (Hour Two)" (N)		Antique "Boston (Hour One)"		Independent Lens "They Call Us Monsters" (N)			Sky Island	Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		La reina de la cancion		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		La piloto		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	SVU "Anchor"		SVU "Quickie"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access
FLIX	340	575			165	(4:50) Spy Game		★★★★ Cinderella Man Russell Crowe.					★★★ The Hurricane Denzel Washington.				
HBO	300	550	14	14		LastWeek	News	★★ Notorious Jamal Woolard.				(:05) The Leftovers		LastWeek	Silicon	(:15) Boxing	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:45) Indignation		Veep (N)	VICE	★ The Wizard of Lies Robert De Niro.				(:15) ★★★ P.S. I Love You.			
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:05) ★★ Crush Andie MacDowell.				Sully Tom Hanks.			Making	★★ The Sweetest Thing			BillMaher
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:55) The Sum ...		★★ Man on the Moon Jim Carrey.				★ Steve Jobs Michael Fassbender.				(:05) Trapped	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:05) Point Break Luke Bracey.				★ The 33 Antonio Banderas.				(:10) Deepwater Horizon			
PLEX			96			(5:30) Big Trouble		★★★ The Evening Star				(:10) ★★ Scoop				(:50) Head Over Heels	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:55) A Bronx ...		Twin Peaks "Parts One and Two"				Twin Peaks "Parts One and Two"				★ Twin Peaks: F...	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) Darkness...		★ Poltergeist II: The Othe...			★ Zero Days (16, Doc) David Sanger.				★★★ Hard Candy		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(3:30) ★★ The Lone Ranger		★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides Jack Sparrow learns both he & Blackbeard are looking for the fountain of youth.						(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) ★ Pirates of the Caribbean: O...	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:55) ★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park				(:55) Call Saul		Call Saul (N)		(:10) Call Saul		(:25) ★ The Lost ...	
BET	58	-		40		(4:55) ★★★ Precious				★ Betty and Coretta (13, Dra) Mary J. Blige.						Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Southern Charm		Southern Charm		South/ Charm (N)		Savannah (N)		Watch	Southern Charm		Watch
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	50	51	••	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	(5:00) Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws (N)		Street Outlaws (N)		Rat Rods (N)		Street Outlaws		(:05) Rat Rods	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	G. Luck	StuckMid	G. Luck	Underc.	Underc.	Liv Mad	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	StuckMid	AndiMack
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs G.S./S.A. (L)					SportsCenter		
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	E:60		Kickboxing Glory 41				E:60		SportsC.	30Shorts	NFL Live	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five		Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Kids BBQ (N)		Diners...Dives (N)		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:30) Dirty Dan...		Young	Daddy	★★★ Mean Girls Lindsay Lohan.				The 700 Club		★ Mean Girls 2	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	SportsDa y OnAir	UFCFN Count (N)	UFC 195 Welterweight contenders Robbie Lawler and Carlos Condit fight in the title match. Robbie Lawler vs. Carlos Condit						Main Event	UFCFN Count	UFC Unleashed "Rousey vs. Tate 2"	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ 2 Guns		★★ The Wolverine ('13, Act) Hugh Jackman.						★★ The Wolverine Hugh Jackman.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	Tiny H.	Tiny H.	House	House	H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	House	House	House
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		Amer. Pickers (N)		(:05) Pawn Stars (N)		(:05) Pawn	(:35) Pawn	(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Grey's Anatomy "Hard Bargain"		Grey's A. "This Is Why We Fight"		Grey's "Transplant Wasteland"		★ Suite Française ('15, Dra) Kristin Scott Thomas, Michelle Williams.				Grey's A. "This Is Why We Fight"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Anaheim vs Nashville (L)						NHL Overtime (L)		Poker After Dark	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	GShakers	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Adam Carolla (N)		Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★ Resident Evil: Extinction				★ The November Man ('14, Act) Pierce Brosnan.					★★★ Dredd Karl Urban.		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Tribeca (N)	Conan (N)		Angie Tribeca	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ The Enter...		★★★ What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?						★★★ Strait-Jacket		(:15) ★ Diel Diel...	
TELE	20		10	20		Caso cerrado		El Capo		Querida centauro		Querida centauro		Al rojo	Titular.	Querida centauro	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	People "Navigating Pregnant Life"		People "Twinning Through Life"		People "Just Take it As it Comes"		People "Navigating Pregnant Life"		People "Twinning Through Life"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:30) ★ The Chronicles of Rid...		★★ 300: Rise of an Empire ('14, Act) Eva Green, Sullivan Stapleton.				(:15) ★★★ Django Unchained A slave teams up with a bounty hunter to rescue his wife from her plantation owner.					
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	M*A*S*	(:35) MASH	MASH	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Ray	Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern "Fears"	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) Fr. N. Tykes "Kiss the Baby" (N)		(:15) CSI: Crime "73 Seconds"	
WGN	19	85				M*A*S* H	M*A*S*H H	M*A*S* H	M*A*S* H	M*A*S* H	M*A*S* H	M*A*S* H	M*A*S* H	M*A*S* H	M*A*S* H	Met Mother	Met Mother

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Woman worries lazy fiance will also be lazy husband

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "David," and I are getting married soon. We have been living together and engaged for a year, and together eight years. It takes him forever to get things done around the house or buy things we need. I have tried lists and constant reminders.

David recently lost his job and is interviewing to find another one. He loves sports, so he plays softball with his friend in a league, which takes up an entire day of the weekend. When he comes home, he wants to watch sports on TV.

The house is old (it was my grandfather's), and there's always something that needs doing or fixing. When I ask him to help, he pushes it to the next day or says he'll get to it eventually. I told him he needs to grow up and start shouldering responsibilities. This is causing our relationship to suffer. I have been wanting to see a marriage counselor, but David refuses.

We're about to get married and I'm afraid I'm walking into a trap and the rest of my life will be one in which he has all the fun and I do all the housework. Help! — SEES THE WRITING ON THE WALL

DEAR SEES: I'll try. Before entering into a marriage, couples should have premarital counseling. Clearly, you and David haven't done that. Please understand that at this point in your relationship, he should still be on his best behavior. This may be the way he handles — or more accurately AVOIDS — responsibility.

I recommend you put the wedding on hold a little longer and talk with a counselor. If he's unwilling to go, please do not let it hold you back. You will find it to be supportive, enlightening and valuable.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 11 years and I have a running argument. I say a man should walk curbside. My husband insists that in the military, the higher-ranking officer always walks on the right. He says he "honors" me by doing so. I am grateful to have such a loving, caring spouse, but I'm not comfortable with this. Your insight would be appreciated. — CALIFORNIA PEDESTRIAN

DEAR PEDESTRIAN: You were taught traditional rules of good manners. One of them is that when men and women walk on the street together, the man should stay toward the curb.

Back in the day, the rule was instituted because people used to empty chamber pots from second-story windows and the refuse was less likely to hit the person closer to the house. In the horse-and-buggy days, the pedestrian closer to the street was more likely to get splashed in rainy weather. (The same can happen when cars pass through puddles today.)

Because you're uncomfortable with your husband's show of chivalry, you should explain that to him. And if he continues because it has become a reflex, all you have to do is remind him and I'm sure he'll accommodate you.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 8 3 2 ♡ 10 6 5 ◊ 10 5 3 ♣ K 10 3

Partner opens two no-trump, 20-21, and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A — Don't bother with Stayman with this flat hand. Just bid three no-trump.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 10 7 3 ♡ K Q 10 8 5 3 ◊ K 10 ♣ 8

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — Should you decide to pass because of your four-card spade suit, you'll be gifting your opponents the one and the two level. Forget about the thank you note and bid two hearts.

Q 3 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 10 9 8 7 5 ♡ K J 10 7 ◊ 8 ♣ Q

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2◊	3♣	5◊	?

What call would you make?

A — They are trying to steal from us, but what are they stealing? We don't know, but we're not going down without a fight. Bid five spades.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 7 5 ♡ A 10 8 3 ◊ 10 9 2 ♣ A K Q 8

Right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What call would you make?

A — If your hearts looked like your clubs, you could overcall on your strong four-card suit. As it is, just pass. Double without spade support is asking for trouble.

With no Triple Crown in play, Belmont lacks a singular buzz

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Cloud Computing stole the Preakness, and any hope of a Triple Crown in the Belmont Stakes.

The 13-1 shot did it on six weeks' rest, having skipped the 20-horse roughhouse that is the Kentucky Derby even though he had enough points to get in that race. With another three weeks until the Belmont in New York, Cloud Computing could return to run on his home track.

"We haven't ruled it out," trainer Chad Brown said Sunday. "We're just going to evaluate the horse this week and probably by next weekend we may have a decision."

Cloud Computing didn't race as a 2-year-old because of injury, so he is among the freshest horses out there.

Brown prefers to give his horses a month or more between starts. Trainer Todd Pletcher also favors long layoffs, although he made an exception to run Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming back in two weeks. The colt responded with an eighth-place finish — the worst of his career — on Saturday.

"He looks good, bright, alert, sound, healthy, happy," Pletcher said. "We'll head to Belmont and regroup."

If the Derby and Preakness winners skip the Belmont on June 10, the likely favorite would be Classic Empire, who was runner-up Saturday after finishing fourth in the Derby.

It would be the first time since 2010 that neither the Derby nor Preakness winner run in the Belmont. That year, Derby winner Super Saver, trained by Pletcher, and Preakness winner Lookin At Lucky sat out the third leg.

Trainer Mark Casse said Classic Empire is being pointed toward the Belmont, barring any unforeseen developments.

"He was a better horse yesterday than he was two weeks ago for the Kentucky Derby," he said.

Among other horses likely for the 1 1/2-mile Belmont — the longest of the Triple Crown races — are: Senior Investment (third in Preakness), Lookin At Lee (fourth in Preakness) and Japanese invader Epicharis.

Lookin At Lee finished second in the Derby, when Classic Empire was fourth.

Classic Empire and Lookin At Lee would face off for the sixth time in the Belmont, and they could be the only horses to run in all three Triple Crown races. Classic Empire has three victories against Lookin At Lee, including this year's Arkansas Derby.

"You're looking at horses that traveled at 2, ran at as high a level as we have, so you're not surprised," said Steve Asmussen, who trains Lookin At Lee and won last year's Belmont with Creator.

"They've been able to maintain themselves physically. That puts them in a different position than horses who have not consistently run on that stage."

Possible Belmont starters are Multiplier (sixth in Preakness) and Conquest Mo Money (seventh in Preakness). Gunnevera (fifth in Preakness) and Hence (ninth in Preakness) won't run in the Belmont.

Epicharis, one of the top 3-year-olds in Japan, will make his North American debut in the $1.5 million Belmont. That would make him eligible for a new $1 million bonus offered by the New York Racing Association to any Japan-based winner of the race. The winner's share of the purse is $800,000.

Epicharis would be the second Japanese horse to run in the Belmont. Last year, Lani finished third after running in all three legs of the Triple Crown.

NELSON

From 1C

the rough to the far right under the trees, and his approach set up an awkward stance.

But at the par-5 573-yard 16th, the easiest hole at TPC Four Seasons, Day's wayward tee shot hit a spectator. After making sure the woman was OK, his approach shot settled pin high on the green but a 9-foot birdie chance curled by the hole. Horschel, who earned $1.35 million, also got to that green in two, and two-putted from 44 feet for a tying birdie before they both parred the last two holes.

Hahn almost matched them at 12 under when his approach from 122 yards at the 18th hit on the green, spun back and skimmed over the edge of the cup. He made the 4-foot birdie putt to finish alone in third, ahead of Jason Kokrak.

Kokrak went into the weekend with a five-stroke lead, the largest ever after 36 holes at the Nelson. But he shot 72 on Saturday and closed with a 70 to get to 10 under.

AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Billy Horschel lines up his putt on the second green during the final round of the Byron Nelson golf tournament Sunday in Irving.

Dustin Johnson, the No. 1 player in the world, had a closing 69 to tie for 13th at 6 under.

Defending champion Sergio Garcia had birdies on six of his last eight holes Saturday to get within four strokes of the lead. But he was as quickly out of contention after giving back four strokes in a three-hole stretch early in the final round when he missed three putts of 5 feet or less on Nos. 2-4. His closing 74 put him 4 under and tied for 20th.

During the stretch when Hahn fell behind his playing partners, Horschel rolled in a 60-foot birdie putt at the par-4 14th after his poor approach that led him to toss his club in the air.

Hahn was leading alone again for the first time since the second hole, by one stroke over his playing partners, after making a 15-foot birdie off the fringe at the 312-yard 11th hole to go to 13 under.

After Day and Horschel bogeyed the 452-yard 12th, Hahn missed a chance to extend his lead there. But his 5-foot par putt curled around the cup, the first of his three consecutive bogeys that knocked him out of the lead for good.

DIXON

From 1C

"I was surprised when I saw some of the numbers yesterday and when he did that 232, a little pressure went away to be honest with you," said Carpenter, who went 232.180 on his fastest lap. "We wanted to be on the front row and we wanted to get everything we had — and I think we did that."

Dixon still had to weather the runs of Japan's Takuma Sato and Carpenter.

Neither had enough to keep Dixon from becoming the fifth three-time pole winner in 500 history. Carpenter was looking for his third in five years.

For a few minutes, it looked like two-time Formula One champ Fernando Alonso had a chance to become the first rookie to win Indy's top starting spot since 1983.

But two attempts later, Rossi knocked Alonso out of the top spot and two attempts after that, Dixon took the lead for good. Now he can focus completely on next weekend's race.

"We've got to be happy with this — it's the right place to start," Dixon said. "It's not the race win, but we're in the right starting position."

Penske overpowered

For the first time in six races, a Team Penske car does not have the pole. And it wasn't even close.

After Castroneves acknowledged Saturday that the team struggled to find speed all week, the usually powerful Penskes struggled again when speeds went up.

Will Power, who has won three poles this year, had the fastest of the five cars. He'll start from the outside of Row 3, after going 230.200.

"It was all we had," Power said after finishing ninth.

Two-time race winner Juan Pablo Montoya qualified 18th, the outside of Row 6 at 229.565. Three-time 500 winner Castroneves will start 19th, the inside of Row 7, after going 229.515. Josef Newgarden qualified 22nd at 228.501 and defending series champ and current points leader Simon Pagenaud will start 23rd after going 228.093.

Carpenter, his teammate JR Hildebrand and Power are the only Chevrolet drivers in the top nine.

Dixon's teammate Tony Kanaan will start seventh, the inside of Row 3.

Andretti Autosport has four cars in the first three rows — Rossi and Alonso, Sato at No. 4 and Marco Andretti at No. 8.

No easy feat

The fifth Andretti driver, Ryan Hunter-Reay, had the fourth best run of the day at 231.442. But he'll start from the No. 10 spot, the inside of Row 4 after failing to qualify for the fast nine. But it sure wasn't easy.

"That was crazy," the 2014 Indy winner said. "It was white knuckles the whole time. It felt like that all four laps."

Setting the field

Seven former winners and three rookies made the 33-car starting grid.

And for the second straight year, the last car on the grid will start without an official qualifying time.

Dale Coyne Racing's No. 18 car, with replacement driver James Davison, will start from the back of the field. Davison, of Australia, replaces French driver Sebastien Bourdais, who had successful surgery to repair his pelvis Saturday night.

The 38-year-old Bourdais suffered multiple fractures in his pelvis and a fractured right hip in a frightening crash during qualifying Saturday. Coyne named Davison the replacement driver before qualifying began Sunday.

GOLF SCORES

Byron Nelson

Sunday
At TPC Four Seasons Resort
Irving, Texas
Purse: $7.5 million
Yardage: 7,166; Par 70
Final
(x-won on first playoff hole)

x-Billy Horschel (500)	68-65-66-69—268
Jason Day (300)	68-69-63-68—268
James Hahn (190)	64-70-64-71—269
Jason Kokrak (135)	66-62-72-70—270
Byeong Hun An (96)	68-66-69-69—272
Bud Cauley (96)	67-67-68-70—272
Danny Lee (96)	70-70-64-68—272
Sean O'Hair (96)	67-69-68-68—272
Joel Dahmen (73)	68-70-68-67—273
Matt Kuchar (73)	66-71-67-69—273
Nick Taylor (73)	69-73-66-65—273
Cameron Tringale (73)	66-68-67-72—273
Chad Campbell (55)	68-67-68-71—274
Jason Dufner (55)	69-68-65-72—274
Tony Finau (55)	75-65-65-69—274
Dustin Johnson (55)	67-67-71-69—274
Marc Leishman (55)	68-71-68-67—274
Jamie Lovemark (48)	72-66-68-69—275
Louis Oosthuizen (48)	69-70-66-70—275
Sung Kang (39)	69-68-69-70—276
Patrick Reed (39)	70-69-69-68—276
Kyle Reifers (39)	69-69-66-72—276
Kevin Tway (39)	71-70-64-71—276
Sergio Garcia (39)	73-65-64-74—276
Scott Piercy (39)	68-69-66-73—276
Scott Stallings (39)	72-66-66-72—276
Keegan Bradley (27)	74-67-68-68—277
J.J. Henry (27)	68-69-69-71—277
Morgan Hoffmann (27)	69-66-72-70—277
Willy Wilcox (27)	70-67-70-70—277
Ryan Armour (27)	67-69-69-72—277
Grayson Murray (27)	72-63-68-74—277
Ryan Palmer (27)	71-68-68-70—277
Patrick Rodgers (27)	72-70-69-66—277
Scott Brown (19)	71-67-65-75—278
Ernie Els (19)	69-71-70-68—278
Smylie Kaufman (19)	71-67-71-69—278
Ian Poulter (19)	70-71-68-69—278
Jhonattan Vegas (19)	66-68-75-69—278
Zac Blair (12)	69-68-72-70—279
Jason Bohn (12)	68-70-70-71—279
Charley Hoffman (12)	72-69-66-72—279
John Huh (12)	67-72-68-72—279
Michael Kim (12)	68-71-69-71—279
Michael Putnam (12)	71-68-69-71—279
Daniel Summerhays (12)	70-71-70-68—279
Nick Watney (12)	73-67-70-69—279
Boo Weekley (12)	73-65-71-70—279
Gary Woodland (12)	70-68-68-73—279
Dominic Bozzelli (8)	70-70-72-68—280
Brian Gay (8)	72-70-67-71—280
Billy Hurley III (8)	69-71-71-69—280
Brooks Koepka (8)	67-69-70-74—280
Sebastian Munoz (8)	69-69-71-71—280
Tom Hoge (6)	72-70-69-70—281
Ollie Schniederjans (6)	72-70-68-71—281
Seamus Power (6)	69-69-72-72—282
Brett Stegmaier (6)	69-72-71-70—282
Ricky Barnes (5)	64-75-72-72—283
Rod Pampling (5)	69-67-72-75—283
Ryan Brehm (4)	73-68-72-71—284
Beau Hossler	70-68-71-75—284
Peter Malnati (4)	67-68-75-74—284
Geoff Ogilvy (4)	73-69-72-70—284
Greg Owen (4)	69-70-71-74—284
Kan Duke (4)	70-69-70-76—285
Spencer Levin (4)	71-71-73-70—285
Nicholas Lindheim (4)	70-70-71-74—285
Alex Moon	74-66-72-73—285
Bob Estes (3)	71-68-71-77—287
Brendon Todd (3)	70-71-71-75—287
Greg Chalmers (3)	68-71-74-75—288
D.A. Points (3)	69-72-74-76—291
J.J. Spaun (3)	73-69-74-77—293

Regions Tradition

Sunday
At Greystone Golf & Country Club
Birmingham, Ala.
Purse: $2.3 million
Yardage: 7,299; Par: 72
Final

Bernhard Langer, $345,000	69-69-66-64—268
Scott McCarron, $184,000	65-70-69-69—273
Scott Parel, $184,000	67-66-70-70—273
Marco Dawson, $124,200	67-71-70-66—274
Fred Funk, $124,200	67-65-70-72—274
Brian Henninger, $78,200	71-69-69-67—276
Tom Lehman, $78,200	69-68-69-70—276
Wes Short, Jr., $78,200	69-70-69-68—276
David Toms, $78,200	70-70-66-70—276
Glen Day, $55,200	70-68-69-70—277
Billy Mayfair, $55,200	71-69-67-70—277
Gene Sauers, $55,200	71-68-70-68—277
Tom Byrum, $42,550	73-67-70-68—278
Rod Spittle, $42,550	69-68-73-68—278
Steve Stricker, $42,550	71-71-70-66—278
Kevin Sutherland, $42,550	68-68-72-70—278
Stephen Ames, $34,577	70-72-71-66—279
Lee Janzen, $34,577	65-73-70-71—279
Jeff Sluman, $34,577	65-71-70-73—279
Jay Don Blake, $27,002	68-74-69-69—280
Miguel A. Jimenez, $27,002	65-71-74-70—280
Jose M. Olazabal, $27,002	69-73-70-68—280
Kenny Perry, $27,002	66-70-73-71—280
Duffy Waldorf, $27,002	69-69-71-71—280
Brandt Jobe, $22,425	69-72-70-70—281
Colin Montgomerie, $22,425	69-69-71-72—281
Olin Browne, $19,090	76-71-69-66—282
Jim Carter, $19,090	76-70-67-69—282
Scott Dunlap, $19,090	70-69-70-73—282
Joey Sindelar, $19,090	69-69-73-71—282
Jerry Smith, $19,090	74-66-70-72—282
John Daly, $16,215	71-71-76-65—283
Esteban Toledo, $16,215	71-72-71-69—283
Carlos Franco, $13,846	72-69-70-73—284
David Frost, $13,846	67-73-74-70—284
Doug Garwood, $13,846	71-72-72-69—284
Loren Roberts, $13,846	75-71-68-70—284
Scott Verplank, $13,846	70-69-76-69—284
Tommy Armour III, $12,190	67-76-75-67—285
Todd Hamilton, $11,500	69-73-73-71—286
Mark O'Meara, $11,500	73-74-70-69—286
Bart Bryant, $9,890	69-73-71-74—287
Jeff Maggert, $9,890	72-73-73-69—287
Rocco Mediate, $9,890	75-70-72-70—287
Larry Mize, $9,890	71-70-73-73—287
Willie Wood, $9,890	74-72-72-69—287
Woody Austin, $7,360	75-70-73-70—288
Mark Brooks, $7,360	76-72-70-70—288
Russ Cochran, $7,360	71-71-73-73—288
Brad Faxon, $7,360	71-73-72-72—288
Jesper Parnevik, $7,360	69-76-70-73—288
Bob Tway, $7,360	72-69-72-75—288
Mike Goodes, $5,750	74-72-71-72—289
Michael Allen, $5,290	70-73-76-71—290
Paul Broadhurst, $5,290	71-73-72-74—290
Jay Haas, $5,290	69-72-74-75—290
Joe Durant, $4,255	75-77-75-66—293
Paul Goydos, $4,255	73-73-75-71—292
Gary Hallberg, $4,255	77-72-71-72—292
Sandy Lyle, $4,255	75-69-76-72—292
Corey Pavin, $4,255	73-73-76-70—292
Ian Woosnam, $4,255	71-74-74-73—292
Jerry Pate, $3,450	70-74-76-73—293
Vijay Singh, $3,220	71-78-76-69—294
Roger Chapman, $2,990	69-80-75-71—295
Bob Gilder, $2,760	77-74-74-71—296
Larry Nelson, $2,530	74-79-71-73—297
Kohki Idoki, $2,090	73-77-72-76—298
Tom Jenkins, $2,090	79-72-76-71—298
Tom Kite, $2,090	77-74-74-73—298
Steve Pate, $2,090	68-76-74-74—298
Joe Daley, $1,625	79-75-72-73—299
Steve Lowery, $1,625	79-77-73-70—299
Tom Pernice Jr., $1,625	78-72-78-71—299
Kirk Triplett, $1,425	72-78-76-74—300
Brad Bryant, $1,334	81-73-79-68—301
Tom Purtzer, $1,242	81-74-76-77—308

LPGA Tour

Sunday
At River Course at Kingsmill Resort
Williamsburg, Va.
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,430; Par 71
Final
a-amateur

Lex Thompson, $195,000	65-65-69-65—264
In Gee Chun, $120,353	69-66-67-67—269
Angela Stanford, $87,308	70-66-71-66—273
Danielle Kang, $67,539	72-65-69-68—274
Carlota Ciganda, $49,420	69-68-71-67—275
Sei Young Kim, $49,420	69-69-66-71—275
Ryann O'Toole, $33,056	70-67-70-69—276
Gerina Piller, $33,056	66-67-74-69—276
M. Sagstrom, $33,056	70-68-68-70—276
Suzann Pettersen, $24,017	69-70-71-67—277
So Yeon Ryu, $24,017	70-67-72-68—277
Shanshan Feng, $24,017	69-67-70-71—277
Lydia Ko, $24,017	67-67-70-73—277
T. Suwannapura, $18,647	71-69-70-69—279
Moriya Jutanugarn, $18,647	68-70-72-69—279
Anna Nordqvist, $18,647	70-71-68-70—279
B. M. Henderson, $18,647	70-70-69-70—279
Mi Jung Hur, $15,182	71-69-71-69—280
Ariya Jutanugarn, $15,182	72-67-70-71—280
Brittany Lang, $15,182	70-69-70-71—280
Thanapolboonyaras, $15,182	73-65-71-71—280
Karine Icher, $15,182	68-70-69-73—280
Holly Clyburn, $11,910	72-69-73-67—281
Brittany Altomare, $11,910	70-69-74-68—281
Tiffany Joh, $11,910	71-71-69-70—281
Marina Alex, $11,910	70-70-71-70—281
Mirim Lee, $11,910	69-71-71-70—281
Jacqui Concolino, $11,910	68-71-71-71—281
Austin Ernst, $11,910	69-68-73-71—281
Brittany Lincicome, $11,910	66-70-73-72—281
Alena Sharp, $9,172	71-70-71-70—282
Vicky Hurst, $9,172	68-67-75-72—282
Jessica Korda, $9,172	69-70-70-73—282
Nelly Korda, $9,172	69-70-70-73—282
Amy Yang, $9,172	70-68-71-73—282
Mo Martin, $7,173	72-69-72-70—283
Sadena A Parks, $7,173	69-70-74-70—283
Kim Kaufman, $7,173	70-70-72-71—283
Sun Young Yoo, $7,173	71-68-73-71—283
Kris Tamulis, $7,173	72-68-70-73—283
Bronte Law, $7,173	71-68-71-73—283
Su Oh, $7,173	68-70-69-76—283
Pavarisa Yokuan, $5,412	69-72-72-71—284
Cydney Clanton, $5,412	73-69-70-72—284
Lindy Duncan, $5,412	69-71-71-73—284
Wei-Ling Hsu, $5,412	69-70-71-74—284
Candie Kung, $5,412	68-66-76-74—284
Pernne Delacour, $5,412	71-71-67-75—284
Sung Hyun Park, $5,412	70-69-70-75—284
Jane Park, $4,349	72-69-74-70—285
Na Yeon Choi, $4,349	70-71-73-71—285
Jackie Stoelting, $4,349	70-69-73-73—285
Amelia Lewis, $4,349	68-69-74-74—285
Pernilla Lindberg, $4,349	69-70-70-76—285
L. G. Escalion, $3,822	70-70-73-73—286
Hanj Nemuna, $3,822	74-68-70-74—286
Kamie Webb, $3,822	71-70-70-75—286
Angel Yin, $3,492	66-72-76-73—287
Jenny Shin, $3,492	69-71-71-76—287
Dana Finkelstein, $3,130	72-69-76-71—288
Nontaya Srisawang, $3,130	72-69-75-72—288
Nicole Broch Larsen, $3,130	71-70-73-74—288
a-Mariah Stackhouse, $3,130	72-68-73-75—288

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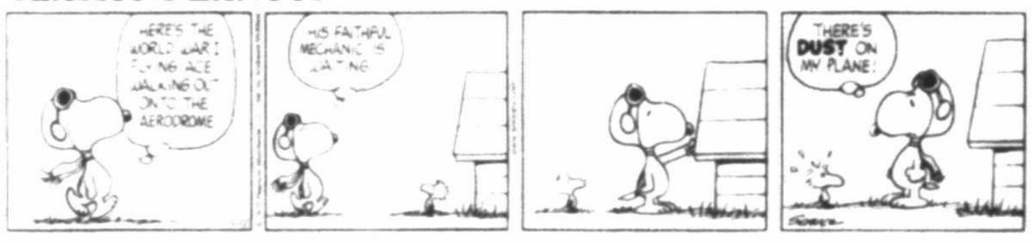

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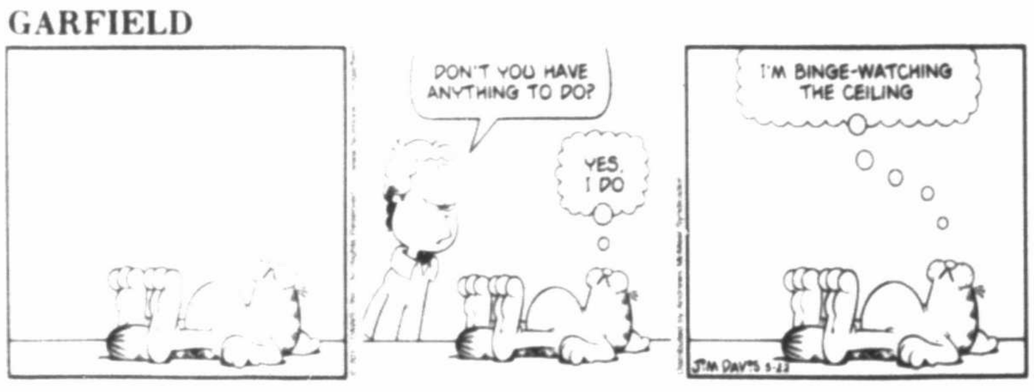

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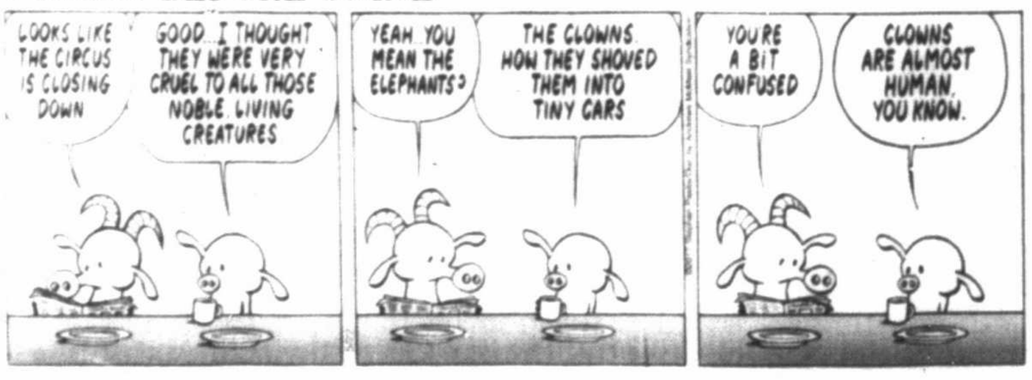

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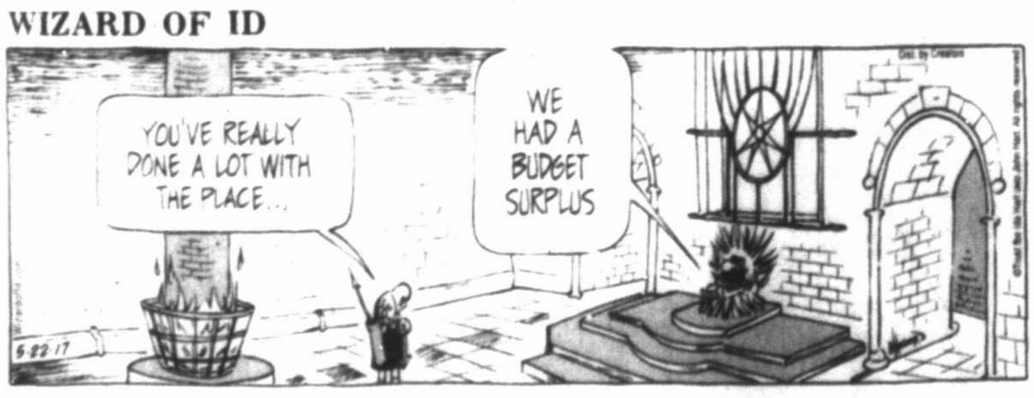

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

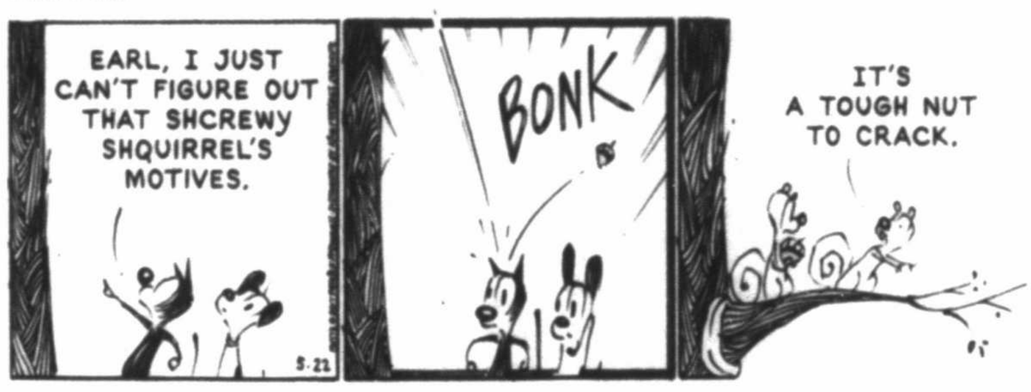
LUANN

MARY WORTH

ZITS

BABY BLUES

MUTTS



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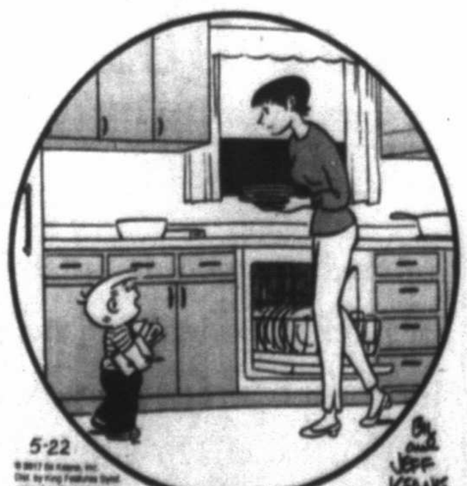
DENNIS THE MENACE

"MR. WILSON SAYS IT'S NOT *SOLITAIRE* IF I WATCH HIM PLAY."

LOCKHORNS

"YOU KNOW THOSE PEARLS OF WISDOM YOU GAVE ME, LEROY?...THEY TURNED OUT TO BE FAKES."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"I told all my friends that you can yell louder than their moms."

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

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

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

SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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JUMBLE

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

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

PROEA

DESYE

RILAPS

SUREVS

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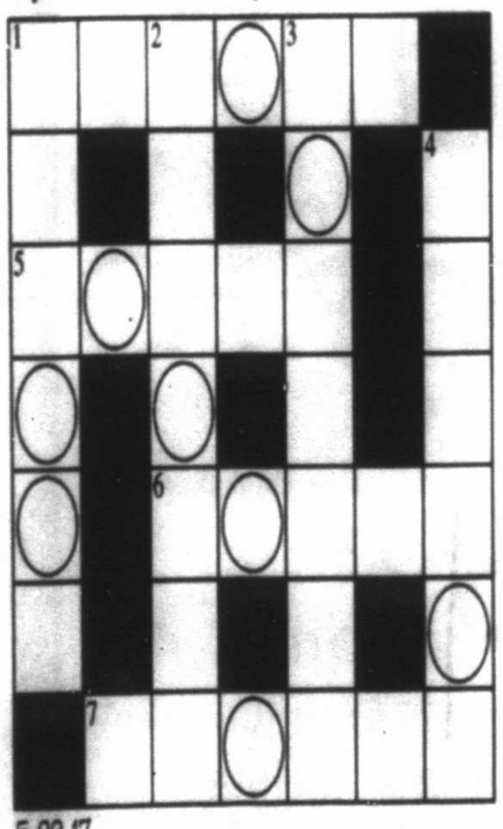
Ans. here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: PERKY VISOR TRENDY DOUBLE
Answer: The college tennis star planned to join the Army and was — PROUD TO SERVE

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Anticipate	CXTEPE
5. Genuflect	LENKE
6. Wield, expend	REEXT
7. Most modern	SWEETN

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ Pie	KMEOSI
2. Go before	RDEEPCE
3. Boston ___	EEOCGLL
4. Group of six	XETEST

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

5-22-17

CLUE: This has very little water (only a surface water area of about 250 square miles).

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Expect 5A-Kneel 6A-Exert 7A-Newest 1D-Editing 2D-Threads 3D-College 4D-Gentle 5-Hew Mexico

Send comments to TMS - 435 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1400, Chicago, Ill. 60611 or DLHoyt@aol.com.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Task
4 Suddenly paid attention
9 Take __: snooze
13 Wows
15 One may drift in from the kitchen
16 Scarlett's plantation
17 *Found middle ground
19 Caesar's stunned words
20 Dirt road depressions
21 Tots' three-wheelers
23 __ Wall Street: 2011 protest
26 Kind of delinquent
28 Resort island near Venezuela
29 Chart with roads
30 Rainier or Rushmore: Abbr.
31 Sad sound
32 "It's my call"
35 Eye provocatively
38 Corn serving
39 *Hockey rink divider
41 102, to Caesar
42 69-Across list of games, briefly
44 Garden-tidying gadget
45 Texter's "Holy cow!"
46 In favor of
48 Suffix with chlor-
49 __ Waldo Emerson
51 Reach a total of
54 Self-effacing
55 Friendliness
56 Temporary calm
57 FBI employees
58 *Shaft from the sun
64 Fictional pirate often addressed as "Mr."
65 Like basic wall switches
66 Boyfriend
67 "B.C." cartoonist Johnny
68 Would like
69 Sports org. for the players that begin the answers to starred clues

DOWN

1 Rush hour tie-up
2 Have to pay
3 Racetrack risk
4 Like many pretzels
5 Cousins of woofs
6 Stranded motorist's need
7 Actress Thurman
8 Fee-based home entertainment
9 Eroded, as savings
10 *"Unforgettable" crooner
11 Soviet cooperative
12 Temporary stop
14 Foundation plant
18 Live-in household helper
22 Sleep stage
23 Desert respites
24 Sound from a lily pad
25 *Jimmy Olsen, notably
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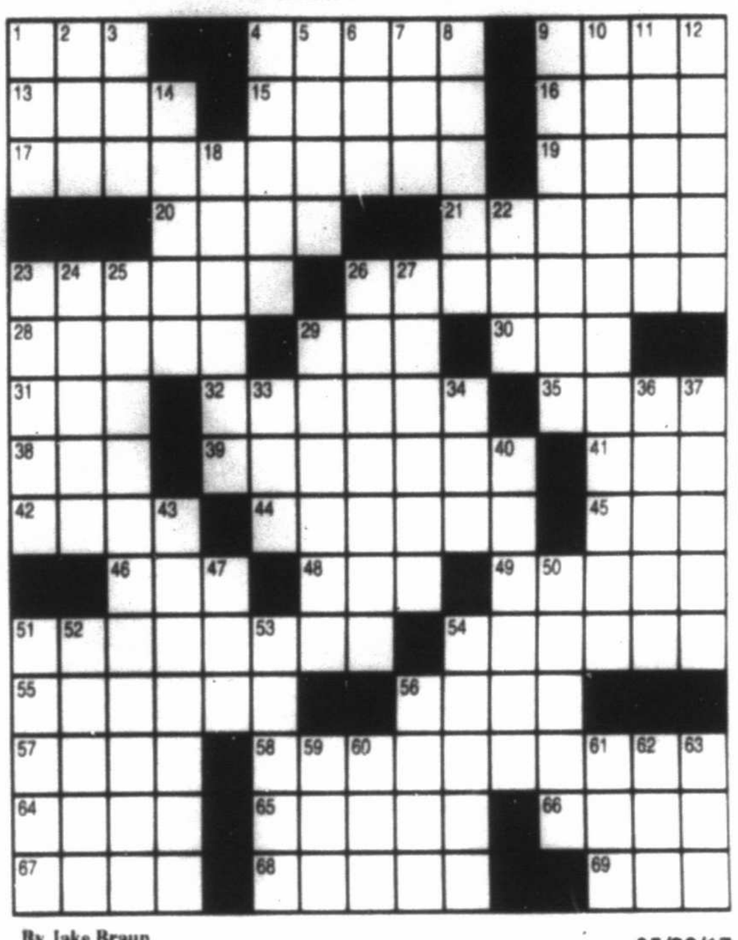

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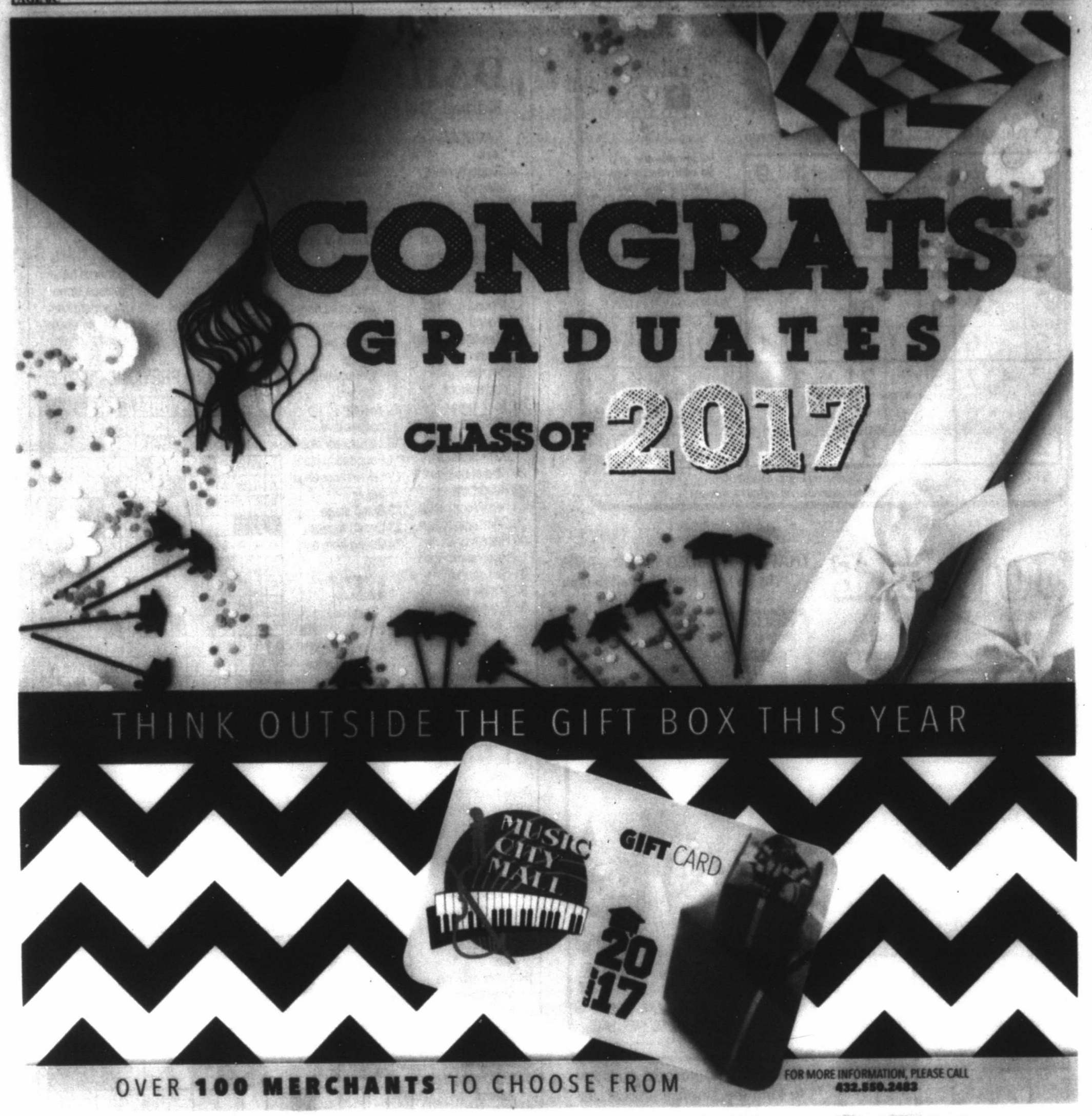

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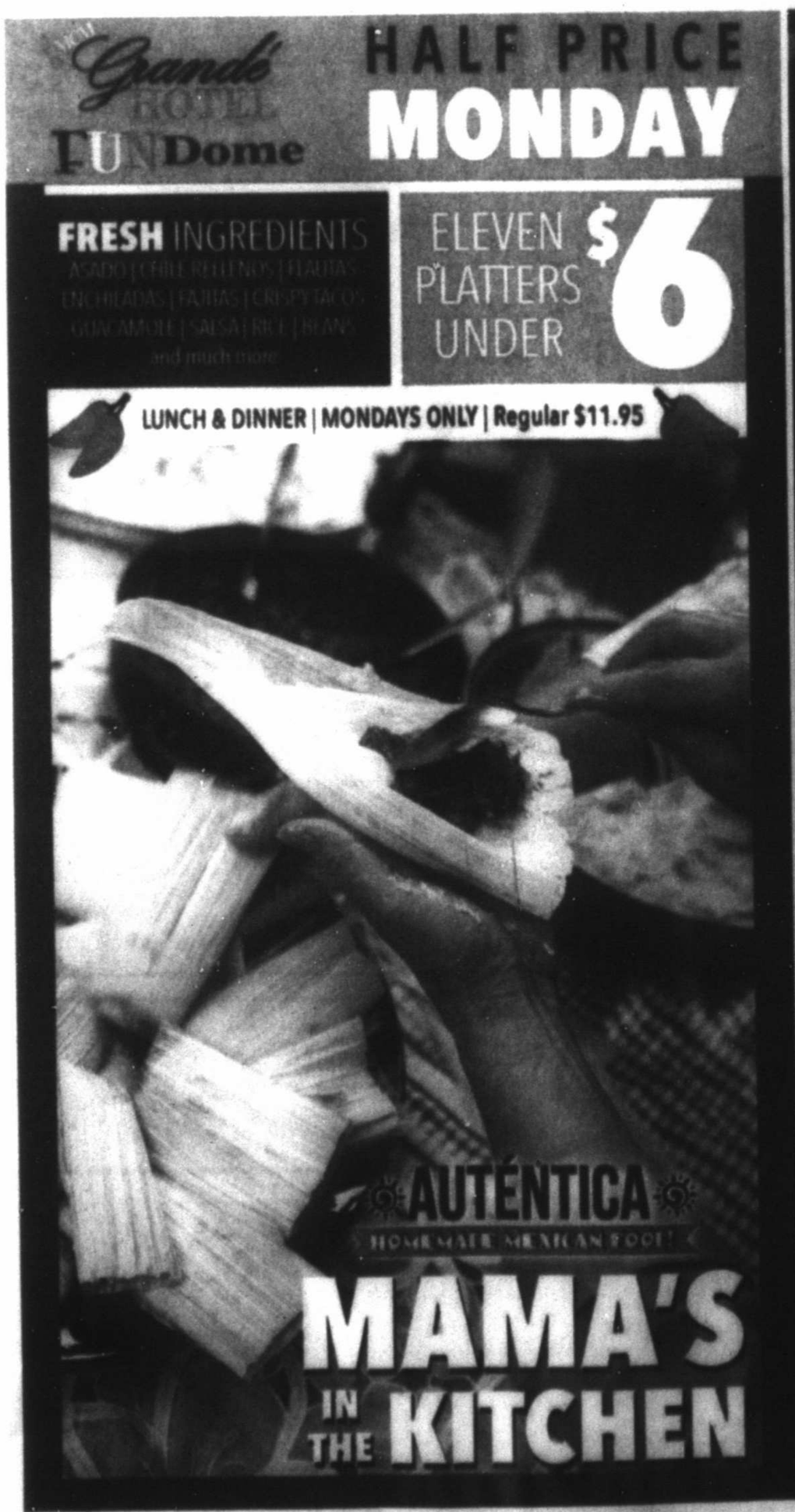

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Contact Amanda Byrom at amanda@keepmidlandbeautiful.org
Deadline to apply is May 26th, 2017.
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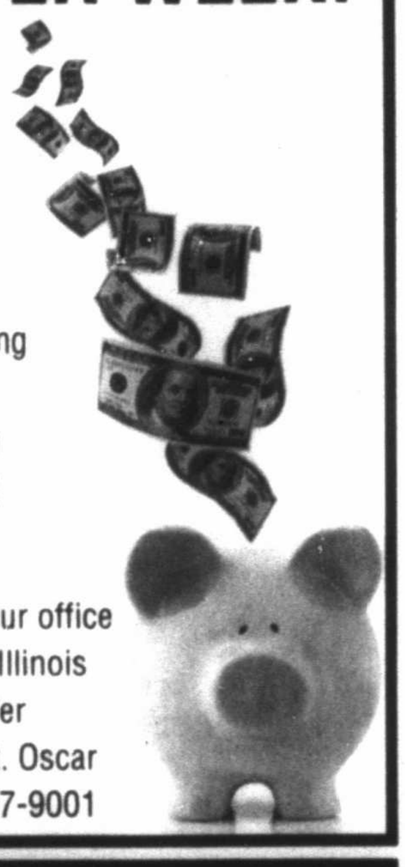

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To all persons interested in the estate of

LORETTA LYNN JACKSON DELONG, Deceased
Cause No. P19018
in COUNTY COURT, Midland County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship in this estate on 5/18/2017, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of LORETTA LYNN JACKSON DELONG, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. 5/29/2017, which is the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of posting this citation, at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of Midland County, Texas on or before the above-noted date and time.

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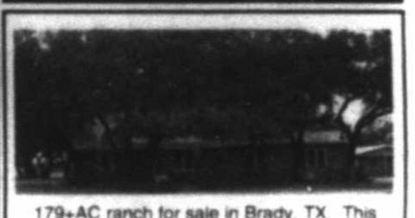

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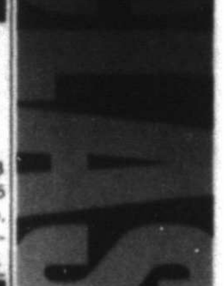

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