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JORDAN SPIETH WINS

Trailing for the first time all weekend at Royal Birkdale, the 23-year-old Texan followed with a birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie stretch that allowed him to close with a 1-under 69 and win the British Open by three shots over Matt Kuchar.

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9 die in immigrant-smuggling attempt in sweltering truck

By Eric Gay and Will Weissert
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — At least nine people died after being crammed into a sweltering tractor-trailer found parked outside a Walmart in the midsummer Texas heat, authorities said Sunday in what they described as an immigrant-smuggling attempt gone wrong.

The driver was arrested, and nearly 20 others rescued from the rig were hospitalized in dire condition, many with extreme dehydration and heatstroke, officials said.

"We're looking at a human-trafficking crime," said San Antonio Police Chief William McManus. He called it "a horrific tragedy."

Authorities were called to the San Antonio parking lot late Saturday night or early Sunday and found eight dead inside the truck. A ninth victim died at the hospital, said Liz Johnson, spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The victims "were very hot to the touch. So these people were in this trailer without any signs of any type of water," Fire Chief Charles Hood said.

Authorities would not say whether the trailer was locked when they arrived, but they said it had no working air conditioning.

It was just the latest smuggling-by-truck operation to end in tragedy. In one of the worst cases on record in the U.S., 19 immigrants locked inside a stifling rig died in Victoria, in 2003.

Based on initial interviews with survivors of the weekend tragedy, more than 100 people may have been packed into the back of the 18-wheeler at one point in its journey, ICE acting Director Thomas

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More inside

Previous cases of smugglers using similar trucks to move human cargo shed light on the dangerous method of human trafficking — and how it can quickly turn fatal.

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Siblings Jaime A. Spencer and Sandra Meza produce handmade signs, art and baked goods from a home-based business on Saturday.

Siblings collaborate through dessert business

Editor's note: This is part two of a two-part series on jobs. Part one, about Midland Fire Department personnel with second jobs, can be found at mrt.com.

By Simone Jasper
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For two local siblings, pursing dreams comes with sweet rewards. Sandra Meza and Jaime Spencer team up to prepare and decorate desserts for Choco Treats.

Spencer, who has his own venture as an artist, uses his skills to decorate sweets for his sister's business.

"I'm one of her employees," Spencer said. "It feels great. We're really an entrepreneur family."

The two work together to create desserts for birthdays, weddings and other occasions. The pair specializes in cake balls and makes other chocolate-covered treats, including Bundt cakes and pretzels.

"We noticed everything we would make was drizzled or dipped," Meza said. "That's how we got our name."

Meza baked as a hobby before selling her creations. Early in life, she developed an interest in joining her mom in the kitchen. Meza said it's satisfying to share her own baked goods.

"Now I have two kids, and I'm married," Meza said. "It makes me happy when I have the kids involved and see them happy making cupcakes."

Her brother also views satisfaction in his work as an artist. He has painted murals, created yard decorations and designed logos for customers.

"It's not about the money I make," Spencer said. "The smile I see in someone's day when they see my artwork is special to me. Money comes

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OPEC, Russia to stand pat on oil deal even as glut persists

By Grant Smith
Bloomberg

OPEC and Russia's plan to clear the global oil glut hasn't worked as they hoped, but there was little expectation the world's largest producers would act more aggressively when they met this past weekend.

Oil has slumped into a bear market and inventories remain stubbornly high despite a deal between OPEC and 10 countries outside the group to cut output. The implementation of supply curbs is faltering as Libya and Nigeria restore lost production.

The trouble for ministers meeting in St. Petersburg to review the progress of the deal is the alternatives look little better than the status quo. If the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries abandons the deal and increases oil output, a further plunge in prices would inflict more pain on their economies. And while deepening the production cuts would spark a rally, that might encourage even bigger flows from U.S. shale drillers.

"They're between a rock and a hard place," said Mike Wittner, head of oil market research at Societe Generale SA in New York. "The bottom line is, it hasn't worked" and "if they cut more, the more they support prices, the more they support U.S. production."

Oil prices have given up all their gains since OPEC and Russia assembled a coalition of producers in December to try and end the market's two-and-a-half-year slump. Despite forecasts that the measures would reduce the world's bloated oil inventories, that doesn't seem to be happening, the International Energy Agency said on July 13.

The agreement between OPEC and its allies was undermined before it even started, as key producers such as Saudi Arabia, Russia and Iraq ramped up exports just before the deadline to cut output took effect. The pact faces a further challenge as Nigeria and Libya, which were exempt from cuts while

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Midland Magazine's 20 UNDER 40 2017 Presented by My Community CREDIT UNION

Midland Magazine's 20 Under 40, presented by My Community Federal Credit Union, is an annual recognition program for Midland's emerging leaders. The program showcases young, dynamic leaders living or working in Midland County who are under the age of 40. The program recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or in the community.

To nominate a deserving Midlander, visit www.mrt.com/20under40

The 20 individuals selected for the 20 Under 40 honor will be featured in Midland Magazine's Nov. 19, 2017 edition.

*20 Under 40 nominees must be 39 years or under as of Dec. 31, 2017 and may not be nominated by a family member.

Groups make DIY bike lanes to show US cities what could be

By Jaime Dunaway
Associated Press

DALLAS — A makeshift bike lane divider made of painted two-by-fours and PVC pipes lasted three days on a busy Dallas street last month before the city removed it, which was two days longer than its creators expected.

The $100 structure was the work of the Dallas Transformation Department, one of several like-minded groups of anonymous Twitter users who have taken a do-it-yourself approach to making road improvements in cities stretching from New York and Boston to San Francisco.

Activists say a flower planted in a pothole or a line of cones or toilet plungers to keep cars from drifting into bike lanes can have the magical psychological effect of getting drivers to slow down and watch for cyclists and pedestrians. Although the measures are meant to be temporary, they can show the public what could be and spur cities to make permanent improvements.

"These transformation groups are creating change, and we support that," said Kathleen Ferrier, a spokeswoman for the Vision Zero Network, a group dedicated to eliminating traffic fatalities around the world. "What's happening with guerrilla tactics is that they are creating more urgency. It's helping people imagine and experience what change could be like."

Last month's project was the first for the Dallas Transformation Department, but it plans more. "We knew it wouldn't be permanent. It would take a few times, but we believe people should have the power to give their neighborhoods value," said Layne, a group spokesman who declined to give his last name because the project was technically considered vandalism by the city.

City officials say it's not that simple. Business owners complain when street parking is replaced with bike lanes, and firefighters worry that separated bike lanes could impede their emergency responses.

And there's usually a shortage of funds, said Jared White, who manages Dallas' bicycle transportation program within the Mobility and Street Services Department. Striping a buffered bike lane can cost $50,000 a mile or more if a crosswalk needs to be altered, and moving curbs to install bike lanes can cost millions, he said.

"It's difficult to get something on the ground right now," White said. "I understand the frustration, but there is a lot of planning and engineering that goes into bike lanes. On the street where they put the bike lane is right where we're about to put one in. It's going to happen within the next couple of years."

Dallas spent an estimated $300 and three hours removing the unauthorized bike lane divider because it didn't meet federal and state regulations. It also presented a safety hazard, said Auro Majumdar, an assistant director of transportation operations for the city. "The bicycle lane endangered any bicyclist using the illegal lane by exposing them to head-on collisions with a motor vehicle legally travelling in the marked travel lane," he said. Despite concerns with how pop-up projects are installed, they are working in several cities. In San Francisco, the Transformation Department's biggest success is a makeshift bike lane that officials decided to keep until the city can install a permanent one. And in Chicago, artist Jim Bachor is providing a small fix to the city's pothole problem by filling them with mosaics that display candy bars, popsicles and flowers. The city hasn't approved his creations, which number more than 50 since he began in 2013, but they haven't been removed, either. "Temporary demonstration projects are a win-win situation," Ferrier said. "People dubious about change can experiment with it. They usually don't change back."

White acknowledged that more people are pushing for improvements in Dallas, where the streets have long been considered some of the worst in the country for bicyclists. From 2011 through 2015, there were more than 4,000 accidents involving cyclists or pedestrians in Dallas County, with 281 fatalities, according to data from the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

"We're going through growing pains right now, but we're trying to catch up very quickly," he said. "Putting in dedicated bikes lanes is a newer concept for Dallas. In some areas, people aren't used to it. We have to work with them a little bit longer."

Activists say such change isn't happening fast enough and that they'll continue with their approach until things improve.

"For me, it's about empowering people to improve their own neighborhood," Layne said. "If they do this, they might show up at a public meeting or go vote. I want them to say, 'When I saw your project, it gave me the courage to do something in my neighborhood.'"

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second to me."

When Spencer was attending Midland High School, graphic design teacher Jackeline Dominguez noticed his talent and determination.

"He's a very genuine kid," said Dominguez, who chairs the MHS Career and Technology Education department. "He doesn't boast or say, 'I know how to do this.' He takes pride in what he does."

Dominguez guided Spencer through the Business Professionals of America's pin design contest, which gave his work national attention.

"She opened my eyes to my business career," Spencer said. "I wanted to be an artist, and she opened my eyes with the business competition."

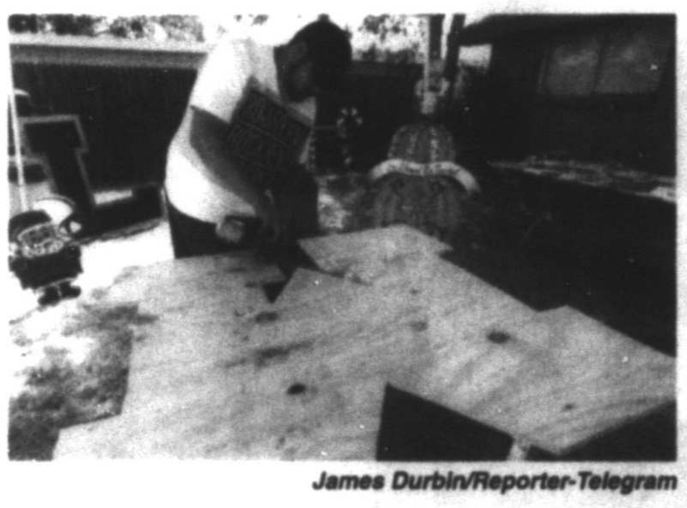
Now Spencer works out of his home, where he stores supplies and creates large-scale projects in the backyard. Though owning a home-based business allows him to set his own schedule, not having a workspace sometimes takes a toll.

"One day it's raining — it's scorching hot one day," Spencer said. "I can't work outside."

For the baking business, the siblings fulfill orders for Midland customers at Spencer's home. They work at Meza's Odessa residence when requests come from that area.

Meza said having a home-based business allows her to take care of her children, who are 4 and 6.

"If I worked at a facility, I would have to pay someone."



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ABOVE: Jaime A. Spencer produces handmade signs and other art from a home-based business on Saturday. **BELOW:** Sandra Meza makes baked goods from a home-based business.

For many Choco Treats customers, Meza's collaboration with her brother stands out. Claudia Heimmermann, a part-time instructor at the Midland College Cogdell Learning Center, also noticed their teamwork when she taught them job-related skills this year.

"I think they're definitely very supportive of each other," Heimmermann said. "They both want to see each other succeed. Jaime wants to help Sandra, and Sandra wants to help him."

As Meza looks toward the future, she hopes to open a bakery. For now, she is grateful for the response to her business.

"It has grown," Meza said. "We also have grown in the baking, tasting and decorations."

Obituaries

Estela Hinojosa

Estela Hinojosa, age 89, of Midland, TX passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, July 22, 2017.

She was a faithful wife, a loving mother, and amazing guelita that adored her grandchildren and great grandkids. She was also a devote Catholic that encouraged her loved ones to constantly strive for excellence in education, personal character, and goals they set. Estela leaves behind a legacy never forgotten by those who met and loved her.

She is survived by her five sons, Ezequiel Hinojosa and wife Maria of Midland, TX; Ramon Amando Hinojosa and wife Enriqueta of Edinburg, TX; Mario Hinojosa and wife Norma of Lubbock, TX; Rolando Hinojosa of Midland, TX; and Herbey Hinojosa and wife Tammy of Midland, TX; one daughter, Adamina Hinojosa Silva and husband Joe of Katy, TX; one brother, Ruben Hinojosa of Roma, TX; 17 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Estela is preceded in death by her husband, Ramon S. Hinojosa; one daughter, Maricela Hinojosa (Amado Hinojosa surviving spouse) of Lubbock, TX; and one son, Joel Hinojosa (Irma Hinojosa surviving spouse) of Midland, TX.

Funeral Mass is set for Monday, July 24, 2017 at 1:30pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine with Father Josh officiating.

Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be Adam Silva, Jacob Silva, Mario Hinojosa, Justin Sanchez, Raymond Hinojosa, Amanda Estela Hernandez, Rachel Hinojosa, and Adrienne Almodova.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Hospice of Midland, MD Anderson Hospital, or the Maricela Hinojosa fund at Harwell Elementary School in Lubbock, TX.

Service is under the direction Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit the website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.

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Henry Jackson Drew

Henry Jackson Drew of Midland passed away on July 18, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Henry was born on October 25, 1949 in North Kingston, Rhode Island to Henry Roote Jackson Drew and Elizabeth (Troop) Drew. He attended the University of Rhode Island. Seeking adventure, he headed for Alaska, first landing in Kodiak working in the fishing industry and then as part of a surveying crew for Noranda Copper Co. in the Brooks Range. In the winter months he was on the ski patrol at Mount Alyeska. He moved to Midland in the mid-1970's and was employed by Quality Logging as a mudlogger until 2002 when he went to work as a gyroscopic specialist for GyroData, Inc. on Alaska's North Slope.

Henry was an avid fisherman and rarely missed a chance to fish the spring run of white bass on the Pedernales River or the salmon runs in Alaska. Henry loved the game of golf and although a natural left-hander was known to switch to right handed clubs from time to time in pursuit of the perfect game. He was loved for his kind and generous spirit and his sense of humor was ever present.

Henry is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Drew, his daughter, Dr. Christy Kerr and her husband Dr. Kevin Kerr of Stephenville, Texas, his stepson, Andrew Lenhart of Midland, his brothers, Carl Drew of Hailey, Idaho; Raymond Gorman of New Bedford, Massachusetts; William Gorman of Barrington, Rhode Island and his sisters, Cathy Smith of Midland, Madeline Jackson of Portsmouth, Rhode Island and Julie Gorman of East Providence, Rhode Island, and several nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and nephews who loved spending time with him. One of his greatest joys was being with his four grandchildren, Hudson, Carson, Katie and Jackson.

Henry is preceded in death by his father Henry R.J. Drew, his mother Elizabeth Drew Gorman and his stepfather, Raymond J. Gorman. Henry was a practitioner of "Pay it Forward" and would have appreciated such acts in his memory. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Midland or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

A visitation with the family at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home will be held from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on July 28, 2017. A celebration of Henry's life will follow at 4:00pm at the home of Jeff and Cathy Smith, 800 North F St.

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

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Funeral Home & Crematory
(432) 550-5800

Jesus "Kiriky" Robledo

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The children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren of Jesus "Kiriky" Robledo are elated that he was reunited with the love of his life, Tomasa Larez Robledo, "Mi Chula," on Thursday July 20, 2017.

Jesus was born in Fort Worth, Texas on July 23, 1932 to Jose and Francisca Robledo. He was raised in Midland, Texas and attended school in a much different time in Midland's history that was known as the Mexican school, which came to be known as the Latin-American school, and subsequently De Zavala school. He left school with only a fourth grade education but made it his mission to self-educate himself. He went on to be the owner of Jesse and Sons Cement Construction where he worked as a cement finisher. He proudly applied his skills and talents while working at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Shrine, of which he was one of the original parishioners and also helped to build the Shrine. Jesus was a life-long Catholic and held a special devotion to St. Joseph (patron saint of workers) to whom he consistently prayed for his intercession.

On January 8, 1951, he married the love of his life, and whose union made him a father to his nine children, all whom survive him: Cecilia Perales, Jesus Robledo, Jr., Irma Madrid, Freddy Robledo, Sammy Robledo, Alicia Luna, Eliceo Robledo, Israel Robledo, and Martha Robledo. He raised as his own three granddaughters: Shana Robledo, Bonnie Ramon, and Tina Ramon, and two great-granddaughters, Gianna Martinez and Ella Hinojos.

He is survived by 23 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren who he adored and for whom he was their "Popo." His siblings are Carmen Robledo, Joe Robledo, Jr., Mary Carrasco, Hortencia Robledo, Paula Raphael, Josie Davis, Chona Rodriguez, and Linda Guzman.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Tomasa Larez Robledo; his parents, Jose and Francisca Robledo; siblings, Asucena Subia, Hipolito (Paul) Robledo, and Carmelito Robledo; and by his grandson, William Anthony Robledo.

Pallbearers will be Michael Perales, Eric Perales, Jesse Robledo III, Alexander Luna II, Samuel Robledo II, Miguel Robledo, and Miley Madrid. Honorary pallbearers will be Francisco "Kiko" DeLoera and LeAnn Collyer.

Viewing will take place at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Sunday from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Monday from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

A Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and Shrine. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Michael Miller and Dr. Cunningham for the personal care that they provided for our dad, the staff at Continued Care Hospital (Tammy, Ovaldo, Justin, Ruben, Robin, Amber P.A., Fely, Carol, and Crystal), for being so attentive and caring in his time of need and for being with us as we bid farewell to our dad.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made in his memory to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine.

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

OPEC

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they tackled political crises, recover output.

"The underlying problem is Libya and Nigeria combining to produce significantly more than anyone anticipated they would," said Ed Morse, head of commodities research at Citigroup Inc. in New York.

Weakening compliance

Although both nations have been invited to the St. Petersburg gathering, neither would be willing to reduce supplies even if they were asked, Morse said. Moreover, as both producers are near the limits of their capacity, any agreement to cap at current levels would merely be symbolic, he said.

Weakening compliance among other nations poses another challenge. Implementation by Iraq — which says it shouldn't have been asked to cut while suffering so much economic hardship and battling Islamic State jihadists — has fallen to a low of 29 percent, according to the Paris-based IEA. Ecuador's Oil Minister Carlos Perez said on Monday that his country was pulling out of the deal, before diluting those comments the following day.

Oil prices dropped on Friday after Petro-Logistics SA, a tanker-tracking firm, said OPEC crude supply this month will be the highest since December. West Texas Intermediate futures were at $46.43 a barrel at 12:13 p.m. London time, while Brent crude, the benchmark for more than half the world's oil, traded at $48.84 a barrel. Both are still more than 50 percent below their 2014 peak.

The failure of the accord is driving Saudi Arabia to consider taking extra steps by itself, according to a report by consultants Petroleum Policy Intelligence, citing information from "key players" in OPEC. The kingdom's exports would probably drop by 600,000 barrels a day this summer as local demand peaks, and it may deepen the reduction to 1 million a day, it said.

"OPEC has grown a bit weary of the negative sentiment, and Libya and Nigeria have made it impossible to get inventories down to the five-year average," said Bill Farren-Price, founder of U.K.-based PPI. "We think they're looking at options to speed up the rebalancing."

Extra steps

Recent data suggest the extra effort is needed. At current production, OPEC's curbs won't achieve their stated aim of reducing inventories to average levels by the time they expire in April, according to Bloomberg calculations using IEA data.

Tightening supplies further would give an immediate boost to prices, but that just encourages U.S. shale producers to invest even more in drilling. Those shale drillers are on track to hit a record output of 5.58 million barrels a day in August, the U.S. Energy Department said on July 17.

"Every few dollars that the price does begin to rise, it incentivizes more oil from the U.S.," Neil Atkinson, head of the IEA's oil markets and industry division, said in a Bloomberg television interview.

Yet the threat posed by shale is what will hold the flawed deal together, according to Paolo Scaroni, vice-chairman of NM Rothschild & Sons and former chief executive officer of Italian oil giant Eni SpA.

"This is the game changer for everybody," Scaroni said. "The situation is so difficult for them that I'm convinced any agreement in OPEC has more chances than before. They have no alternative."

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Things to do

■ Give Back Mondays benefiting Midland Need to Read, 4 p.m., The Blue Door, 4610 N. Garfield Road. All proceeds from drink sales will be donated to the organization's adult literacy program. 21 and older.

■ 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 682-8595.

■ Studio Ghibli Fest 2017: "Kiki's Delivery Service" (subtitled), 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53. Fathomevents.com.

■ 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

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

Permian Basin MPO
■ 5 p.m.
■ Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
■ 9601 Wright Drive

MISD
■ 5:30 p.m.
■ Bowie Fine Arts Academy
■ 805 Elk St.

Clinic to offer student physicals

MISD Care Clinic, 709 W. Louisiana Ave., has scheduled physicals, which are available to any student in the district.

The physicals will be administered 8 a.m.-noon Monday through July 28 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 7-11.

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 Midland Drive, noon to 7 p.m
■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., closed today

The cost of entry at city of Midland pools is $3 per person, with free admission for children under 2.

What's on the radio

News talk
■ KCRS (AM 550)
■ Local programming
■ 6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Kris Moore
■ 5-6 p.m. Local News with KOSA

■ KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
■ Local programming
■ 6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
■ 1 p.m. One-on-One w/ R.J. Pase

Other options
■ Sport talk: KMND (AM 1510)
■ Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLVW (FM 90.5)
■ NPR: KXWT (FM 91.3)

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Through June, Animal Services at the city of Midland has impounded 3,058 animals and euthanized 1,273. For responsible pet owners interested in another pet, check out the Midland Animal Shelter Adoptables website at www.midlandpets.org or its Facebook page facebook.com/MASAdoptables.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room or just staying home.

Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the Dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 432-685-7278 to schedule this service.

Source City of Midland

Lowest unemployment rates in Texas

Amarillo	3.4 (3.1)
Austin-Round Rock	3.4 (3.2)
Midland	**3.5 (3.4)**
College Station-Bryan	3.8 (3.2)
Lubbock	3.9 (3.2)
San Antonio-New Braunfels	3.9 (3.6)
Sherman-Denison	3.9 (3.7)

Also

Dallas-Plano-Irving	4.0 (3.8)
Fort Worth-Arlington	4.1 (3.8)
San Angelo	4.2 (4.0)
Abilene	4.3 (4.0)
Odessa	4.7 (4.6)
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	5.3 (5.1)

Today in history

Today is Monday, July 24, the 205th day of 2017. There are 160 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar (see-MOHN boh-LEE'-vahr) was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1862, Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States, and the first to have been born a U.S. citizen, died at age 79 in Kinderhook, New York, the town where he was born in 1782.

In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

In 1915, the SS Eastland, a passenger ship carrying more than 2,500 people, rolled onto its side while docked at the Clark Street Bridge on the Chicago River; an estimated 844 people died in the disaster.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against four of the nine young black men accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case."

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman announced a settlement in a 53-day steel strike. The Gary Cooper western "High Noon" had its U.S. premiere in New York.

In 1959, during a visit to Moscow, Vice President Richard Nixon engaged in his famous "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

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 and Moon in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 24, 2017: This year unusual creativity flows from you. Apply this gift to different aspects of your life. You might be shocked at the difference it makes. You could be somewhat me-oriented this year; work on being more aware of others. If you are single, no one doubts your appeal. You might be happy playing the field, or perhaps you'll want to get into a cozy relationship. Go for what you want. If you are attached, remember that your relationship is a two-way street. Bring your sweetie more into your life and thoughts. A fellow LEO is fun to brainstorm with!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Your energy is admirable and could be a major factor in many of your dealings. You exude a vibrancy that attracts many members of the opposite sex. One of your ideas is likely to be unique and very exciting. Act like the natural leader you are. **Tonight:** Be spontaneous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Emphasis is on structure and enjoying your home life. You could feel insecure when dealing with a difficult associate. You easily might be put off by this person's actions. Use care with spending, as you tend to go overboard. **Tonight:** Be willing to get down to the nitty gritty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You state your opinions with unusual clarity and kindness, yet there seems to be some judgment behind your words. You might be tempted to distance yourself from those involved in a disagreement; if you do, you will be a lot happier. **Tonight:** Catch up on a friend's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You could be tired and withdrawn. Others might not understand your mood. A roommate or family member likely will be out of sorts. Schedule some time with this person, and you both will benefit from the time spent together. Share a fun story. **Tonight:** Be willing to take a risk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Though someone could be quite negative, you will be able to bypass the moment and ignore his or her comments. You have many valid ideas that appeal to others. Express your artistic or creative side — you can be practical at the same time. **Tonight:** Friends surround you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You might want to avoid making a decision for now. Take in the different information being presented. You'll hear several statements that have more depth to them than you had anticipated. Ask some questions to get more clarification. **Tonight:** Get some extra R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be more balanced and together than you are aware. Emphasis is on bringing others together and creating more harmony. A friend or associate might reveal that he or she is a secret admirer of yours. Take some time to sort out your feelings. **Tonight:** With your favorite people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You are unusually aware of someone else's expectations, which creates some tension and pressure. Before you try to meet this person's demands, make sure that you really want to take on this responsibility. Be open about any reservations you have. **Tonight:** A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Reach out to a loved one. You seem to be coming out of a difficult period. A little more optimism will go a long way. A loved one adds a certain element of unpredictability. Channel this person's imagination into solving a problem. **Tonight:** Let your mind relax to music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You could be in a position where you'd prefer to handle a matter differently, and perhaps more like an associate has suggested. As you check out this option, ask questions freely. It never hurts to try a new approach to an old hassle. **Tonight:** Togetherness is the theme.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ No one questions your abilities or your sense of what works. It might serve you to relax more and observe someone else's style of dealing with a similar predicament. You are likely to question whether success is likely. **Tonight:** You can't seem to say "no" to a friend's invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Defer to someone who wants to take on a project. You might want a day to take care of personal matters. The unexpected adds a twist. Do not take any situation as being written in stone. You will feel more in touch with other matters in your life. **Tonight:** Know when to call it.

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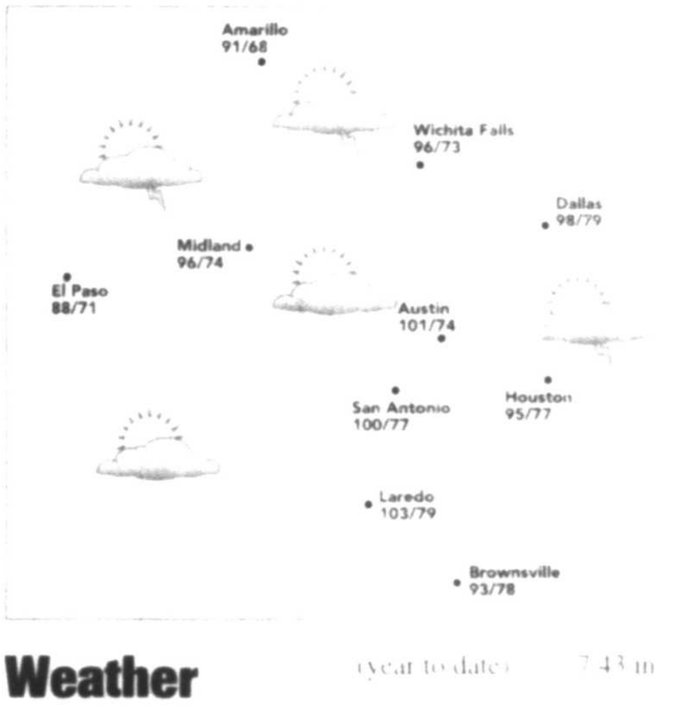

Weather

Sunday's temperatures

High	88
Low	71
Normal high	95
Normal low	70

July 23's records

Record high: 105 set in 1995

Record low: 53 set in 1978

Precipitation

Sunday	0.08 in.
Saturday	0.94 in.
Month total	1.48 in.
Year total	10.22 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.43 in.

Winds

Highest sustained: 13 mph

Gust speed: 22 mph

July 24 forecast

High: 95

Low: 72

Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/partly cloudy at nigh

Winds: 5-15 mph during the day and night

Chance of rain: 30 percent during the day

Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.

Sunset: 8:51 p.m.

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This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Fionn Whitehead in a scene from "Dunkirk."

Victory for 'Dunkirk' and 'Girls Trip' at the box office

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's victory for "Dunkirk" and "Girls Trip" at the box office this weekend. Both original and well-reviewed films smashed expectations and enticed diverse audiences to the theaters, even though cumulatively summer remains down from last year.

Christopher Nolan's World War II epic brought in an estimated $50.5 million to easily top the charts, according to Warner Bros., while the raucous comedy "Girls Trip" broke the R-rated comedy slump of 2017 with $30.4 million to take second place.

"Dunkirk" was far from an inevitable summer success. But stellar reviews, awards buzz and hype around the film's large-scale production helped drive people to the theater and large-format screens.

"We're beyond thrilled with this exceptional achievement for 'Dunkirk,'" said Jeff Goldstein, who heads distribution for Warner Bros. "The critical reception worldwide has been consistently effusive. It really propelled this movie that wasn't an obvious win."

Audiences were 60 percent male and 76 percent over the age of 25 for the PG-13 rated film, while IMAX audiences represented 23 percent of the market share (or $11.7 million of the total grosses from only 402 screens).

"It became a must-see event," said Paul Dergarabedian, a senior media analyst for comScore.

Drawing quite a different audience was the buddy comedy "Girls Trip," starring Regina Hall, Tiffany Haddish, Jada Pinkett Smith and Queen Latifah as a group of girlfriends who head to New Orleans for a weekend of fun. The Universal film drew in an audience that was 79 percent female and 50 percent under the age of 30. Fifty-nine percent of attendees were estimated to be African-American.

Notably, audiences gave the film a stellar A+ CinemaScore, suggesting the film will have long-term play ability.

"'Girls Trip' was a perfectly counter-programmed box office surprise," Dergarabedian said. "It broke the R-rated comedy curse that has afflicted this summer with 'Baywatch,' 'Snatched,' 'Rough Night' and 'The House.'"

For Universal, the formula is more simple: "Girls Trip," unlike the aforementioned comedies, is resonating with audiences.

"When the taste for entertainment and comedy has been somewhat underserved, it is not because people aren't interested in laughing, it's that they're waiting for something funny to come along," said Nick Carpou, Universal's president of domestic distribution. "One of the great things about this comedy is that it's really funny."

Not so successful was Luc Besson's nearly $180 million sci-fi epic "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets," which earned $17 million from North American theaters over the weekend for a fifth-place start. It came in behind "Spider-Man: Homecoming," in third in its third weekend with $22 million and "War for the Planet of the Apes" in fourth place in its second weekend with $20.4 million.

Besson's film, starring Dane DeHaan and Cara Delevingne and based on the French comic "Valerian and Laureline," was produced by EuropaCorp. STX Entertainment distributed it in North America.

The film's financial exposure was limited, however. EuropaCorp says 90 percent of the budget was already covered by foreign pre-sales, equity financing and tax subsidies.

Dergarabedian said it's more about the international returns for "Valerian," but it's hard not to see Besson's return to sci-fi as a disappointment. Not adjusted for inflation, "Valerian" earned basically the same as "The Fifth Element," which came out 20 years ago. For comparison, his film "Lucy," starring Scarlett Johansson, opened to $43.8 million in 2014.

Overall, the year remains around flat from last year, and the summer season looks unlikely to make up for its deficit through the end of July and August.

Still, Dergarabedian thinks there is a silver lining in the quality of the films that have come out this summer.

"Despite the weekend being down close to 10 percent, the currency that was most valuable is the currency of goodwill," Dergarabedian said. "Nobody can say that Hollywood threw the same old stuff at the wall this weekend."

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

1. "Dunkirk," $50.5 million ($55.4 million international).
2. "Girls Trip," $30.4 million.
3. "Spider-Man: Homecoming," $22 million ($33.2 million international).
4. "War for the Planet of the Apes," $20.4 million ($17.3 million international).
5. "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets," $17 million ($3.9 million international).
6. "Despicable Me 3," $12.7 million ($47.5 million international).
7. "Baby Driver," $6 million ($8.3 million international).
8. "The Big Sick," $5 million.
9. "Wonder Woman," $4.6 million ($1.8 million international).
10. "Wish Upon," $2.5 million ($1.1 million international).

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "Dunkirk," $55.4 million.
2. "Despicable Me 3," $47.5 million.
3. "Spider-Man: Homecoming," $33.2 million.
4. "Transformers: The Last Knight," $24.9 million.
5. "War for the Planet of the Apes," $17.3 million.
6. "Brotherhood of the Blades II: The Infernal," $16 million.
7. "Wukong," $12.3 million.
8. "Cars 3," $11.4 million.
9. "Farther And Son," $11.1 million.
10. "Baby Driver," $8.3 million.

Eric Gay/Associated Press

San Antonio police officers investigate the scene on Sunday, where eight people were found dead in a tractor-trailer loaded with at least 30 others outside a Walmart store in stifling summer heat in what police are calling a horrific human trafficking case in San Antonio.

How smugglers used trucks with sometimes deadly results

By Michael Tarm
Associated Press

CHICAGO — It could take months for investigators to determine what preceded the deaths of at least nine people found with dozens of ailing individuals in a tractor-trailer discovered outside a Walmart in San Antonio, in what authorities are calling an immigrant-smuggling attempt gone wrong.

But previous cases of smugglers using similar trucks to move human cargo shed light on the dangerous method of human trafficking — and how it can quickly turn fatal.

Here's a look at how smugglers deploy and use large trucks to move people:

How common is human trafficking by truck?

Border officials have reported an uptick in the number of people-smuggling incidents using tractor-trailers. That included one on July 7, when Border Patrol agents in Laredo, found 72 people from Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala and El Salvador locked inside a trailer. Weeks before, they'd rescued 44 people from Mexico and Guatemala discovered after police stopped an 18-wheeler near one of the city's international bridges.

Whether this recent increase is a trend and what might explain it is hard to know. A recent report from European-based global -risk group Verisk Maplecroft suggests that a harder line on border security by the Trump administration might be leading migrants to accept the risks of more dangerous smuggling methods.

By far the most notorious and best documented case occurred in 2003, when 19 of about 100 people being smuggled in a truck trailer in south Texas died of heat-related injuries; that included a 7-year-old boy.

More than a dozen smugglers were convicted in that case, including the American commercial driver at the wheel, Tyrone Mapletoft Williams, and the purported head of the smuggling ring, Karla Patricia Chavez-Joya, a Honduran national.

Where are the immigrants from?

Transportation by truck is often one of the final steps in a process that can begin months before somewhere in Mexico or more than a thousand miles from the U.S.-Mexican border in Honduras or Guatemala. A review of court documents in other cases indicates the tractor-trailers are often brought in only after Mexicans and Central Americans arrive by train, bus or car to the Mexican-U.S. border region — and then slip into the U.S. by foot or by raft across the Rio Grande.

In the 2003 case, the pickup site for the immigrants was near Harlingen, about 20 miles from the U.S.-Mexican border. The plan was to drive the tractor-trailer through an immigration checkpoint 50 miles away on Highway 77 near Sarita; once through the crossing, the immigrants were to be transferred to separate vans bound for Houston.

Why trucks?

The objective of immigrants who make it undetected across the border typically isn't to remain in that border area. Most hope to make it to large U.S. cities, like Chicago or New York, where they may have jobs or family waiting for them. That's where the trucks come in. Smugglers know there are hundreds and thousands of immigrants desperate to get away from the border as fast as possible. And they see the money-making opportunity. The more people they can move at one time, the more the profit.

In the 2003 case, the smugglers actively sought non-Hispanic, American drivers who they believed would be less likely to raise suspicions and more likely to make it through the Sarita checkpoint. Tyrone Williams, a licensed truck driver from New York, fit that description. Just before picking up his human cargo, Williams had hauled milk products from New York in his refrigerated truck.

How do they die?

Dehydration, hyperthermia, suffocation, and mechanical asphyxia have been among the causes of death in truck cases. In the 2003 case, Williams' trailer was equipped with a refrigeration unit that enabled him to haul milk earlier at 35 degrees from New York to Texas. But when it came to his human cargo, he didn't turn it on. The immigrants remained silent as Williams was waived through the checkpoint, but they soon after began banging on the sides of the trailer as it became increasingly hot and increasingly hard to breathe. Finally, fearing detection, Williams unhooked the trailer at a truck stop in Victoria, and drove off. An appellate court later described the scene inside: "Bodies, both dead and living, were stacked in a pile in the trailer. Some of the aliens were standing behind the pile. The aliens were stripped down to their underwear and were sweating."

Charges

Because the crime involves the crossing of international and of state borders, it's often federal authorities who prosecute human traffickers. The available charges range from conspiracy to aiding and abetting the transporting of unlawful aliens resulting death. Maximum sentences can range from a few years behind bars and to the death penalty. Prosecutors did initially indicate they would seek the death penalty for Tyrone Williams. But in 2012, a federal judge sentenced him to more than 30 years in prison without the possibility of patrol.

A look at the deadliest migrant suffocation incidents

Nine immigrants smuggled in a tractor-trailer have died. They were among nearly 40 people found in the back of the truck parked outside a Walmart in Texas in what police are calling a horrific human trafficking case. Many of the several dozen survivors are in dire condition, suffering from heatstroke and dehydration after being trapped in the sweltering truck overnight.

The tragedy has shined a fresh spotlight on the often deadly conditions that desperate migrants endure at the hands of smugglers and human traffickers. Others have died under similar circumstances before:

- Feb. 26, 2017: 13 African migrants suffocated inside a shipping container while being transported between two towns in Libya. A total of 69 migrants, most from Mali, were packed into the container, according to the local Red Crescent branch.
- Aug. 27, 2015: Austrian police discovered an abandoned truck containing the bodies of 71 migrants, including eight children, from Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan. The truck, found along a highway, had crossed into Austria from Hungary.
- April 4, 2009: 35 Afghan migrants suffocated inside a shipping container in southwestern Pakistan. Authorities said that more than 100 people were packed inside the container.
- April 9, 2008: 54 Burmese migrants suffocated in the back of an airtight refrigerated truck in Ranong, Thailand.
- May 14, 2003: 19 migrants died inside a sweltering tractor-trailer while they traveled from South Texas to Houston.
- June 18, 2000: 58 Chinese immigrants were found dead inside a truck in the English port town of Dover. The Dutch truck had transported the immigrants across the English Channel from Belgium. Two people survived.

Associated Press

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Homan said.

Thirty-nine were inside when rescuers arrived, and the rest were believed to have escaped or hitched rides to their next destination, officials said.

Some of the survivors told authorities they were from Mexico, and four appeared to be between 10 and 17 years old, Homan said. Investigators gave no details on where the rig began its journey or where it was headed. But Homan said it was unlikely the truck was used to carry the immigrants across the border into the United States. He said people from Latin America who rely on smuggling networks typically cross the border on foot and are then picked up by a driver.

"Even though they have the driver in custody, I can guarantee you there's going to be many more people we're looking for to prosecute," Homan said.

Federal prosecutors said James Mathew Bradley Jr., 60, of Clearwater, Florida, was taken into custody and would be charged on Monday. The U.S. Homeland Security Department stepped in to take the lead in the investigation from San Antonio police.

It was not immediately known whether Bradley had an attorney who could speak on his behalf.

The truck had an Iowa license plate and was registered to Pyle Transportation Inc. of Schaller, Iowa. A company official did not immediately respond to a phone message seeking comment.

San Antonio is about a 150-mile drive from the Mexican border. The temperature in San Antonio reached 101 degrees on Saturday and didn't dip below 90 until after 10 p.m.

The tragedy came to light after a person from the truck approached a Walmart employee in the parking lot and asked for water late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, McManus said.

The employee gave the person water and then called police, who found the dead and the desperate inside the rig. Some of those in the truck ran into the woods, McManus said.

Investigators checked store surveillance video, which showed vehicles arriving and picking up people from the truck, authorities said.

In the May 2003 case, the immigrants were being taken from South Texas to Houston. Prosecutors said the driver heard them begging and screaming for their lives but refused to free them. The driver was sentenced to nearly 34 years in prison.

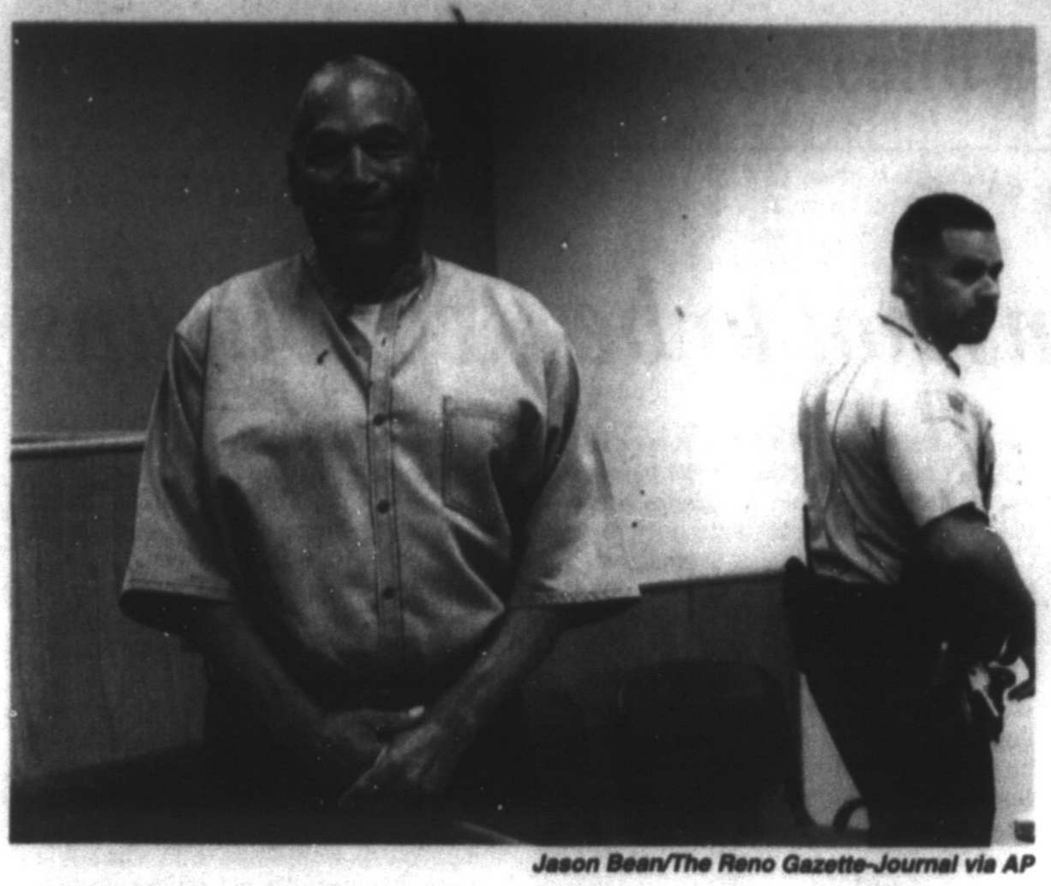
"It's sad that 14 years later people are still being smuggled in tractor-trailers, there still isn't water, there still isn't ventilation," Homan said. "These criminal organizations, they're all about making money. They have no regard for human life."

The Border Patrol has reported at least four truck seizures this month in and around Laredo. On July 7, agents found 72 people crammed into a truck with no means of escape, the agency said. They were from Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala and El Salvador.

Authorities in Mexico have also made a number of such discoveries over the years.

Last December, they found 110 migrants trapped and suffocating inside a truck after it crashed while speeding in the state of Veracruz. Most were from Central America, and 48 were minors. Some were injured in the crash.

Last October, also in Veracruz state, four migrants suffocated in a truck carrying 55 people.



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Former NFL star O.J. Simpson enters his parole hearing at the Lovelock Correctional Center in Lovelock, Nev. on Firiday. When O.J. Simpson told a Nevada parole board last week that he's led a "conflict-free life," he seemed to overlook a few episodes that had him cycling in and out of courtrooms and jail cells for nearly 20 years before the Las Vegas hotel-room heist that sent him to prison in 2008.

O.J. Simpson had a 'conflict-free life'? Not really

By John Rogers
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When O.J. Simpson told a Nevada parole board last week that he's led a "conflict-free life," he seemed to overlook a few episodes that had him cycling in and out of courtrooms and jail cells for nearly 20 years before the Las Vegas hotel-room heist that sent him to prison in 2008.

There was a wife-beating charge in 1989 that he pleaded no contest to, a road-rage charge he was acquitted of in 2001 and a contempt-of-court citation in 2008 that put him in jail for five days.

There was also, of course, the 1994 murder of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. Acquitted by a criminal jury in 1995, the football hero and Hollywood star was found liable for the killings in civil court two years later and ordered to pay the victims' families $33.5 million.

"The idea that he believes that he's led a conflict-free life shows a certain delusion that he's been very noted for throughout his career," said veteran Hollywood crisis publicist Michael Levine.

In the wife-beating case, Simpson was accused of attacking Nicole Brown Simpson on New Year's Day 1989, angrily telling police it was a "family matter." Then, fearing he would be arrested, he fled in his Rolls-Royce, according to police.

Officers reported they arrived at Simpson's Los Angeles home before dawn to find Nicole Brown Simpson screaming, "He's going to kill me!" They said she had a cut lip, a swollen and blackened left eye and cheek, and a handprint still visible on her neck.

She called 911 again, eight months before she was killed, to report Simpson had broken down a door to get into her home and was threatening to beat her. He could be heard screaming angrily in the background.

When the 70-year-old Simpson told his parole board Thursday, "I've basically had a conflict-free life, you know," the remark lit up social media with derision and disbelief.

"A conflict-free life," Ron Goldman's father, Fred, asked incredulously Saturday. "This is who he is. He's a sociopath, a narcissistic liar, a murderer, a thug, a kidnapper, a robber. The list goes on."

Of course all those conflicts occurred before Simpson had nine years in prison to realize he was not above the law. Will he remember that after he gets out in October?

"I would guess that there is some message that got through to him, a deterrence message about having to take the criminal justice system seriously," said Loyola Law School professor Laurie Levenson.

"But you know, staying on the right path is difficult for anybody who gets out of prison," added Levenson, a former federal prosecutor. "And for O.J., who there is going to be a tremendous amount of public spotlight on, it may be particularly challenging."

The moment he slips up, she said, there will be an army of people waiting to push the record button on their cellphones. And he could end up getting sent back to prison.

One of the most valuable things he learned behind bars, Simpson said at his parole hearing, came in an "Alternative to Violence" class that taught him "how to talk to people instead of fighting."

That seemingly would have been useful when he got into that road-rage dispute in Florida with a driver who accused him of trying to snatch the glasses off his face. Simpson denied trying to take the glasses, testifying his fingerprints must have gotten on them when he accidentally bumped him as both were shouting at each other.

In 2002 he nearly got locked up when he pleaded not guilty to speeding his boat through one of Florida's manatee-protected zones, then didn't show up in court. After a judge issued a warrant for his arrest, he paid the fine.

He didn't fare as well in 2008 after he sent an angry, expletive-filled message to one of his co-defendants in the hotel-room robbery after the judge specifically ordered him not to contact any co-defendants. He jailed Simpson for five days until a hearing, at which Simpson promised not to do it again.

Simpson has argued all along — and repeated on Thursday — that he was only trying to retrieve some of his mementos when he and five others barged into that Las Vegas hotel room in 2007 and robbed two sports memorabilia dealers.

Levine, the crisis publicist, said that his best advice to Simpson would be to stay out of sight after he gets out and, when someone tries to goad him into an argument, turn the other cheek.

"If he doesn't," Levine said, "he's hours away from being back in license-plate-making school."

US student freed after week in Chinese detention

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — An American college student is free following a weeklong detention for allegedly injuring a taxi driver who was roughing up his mother during a fare dispute, in a case that drew objections over the student's treatment from U.S. lawmakers.

Guthrie McLean, a student at the University of Montana, was released from a detention center in Zhengzhou early Monday, according to his mother Jennifer McLean, a teacher who lives in the central Chinese city.

"We are very, very very, very happy," Jennifer McLean wrote in an email to The Associated Press. She said the release — at 2 a.m. local time — came as a surprise after she'd twice previously been told to anticipate a release only to be disappointed.

"They have not finished the process completely, but we are hopeful it will go smoothly from here on," she said.

The release followed an agreement with Chinese authorities to drop any charges against Guthrie Mclean, according to Montana U.S. Sen. Steve Daines.

Further details on the agreement were not immediately disclosed. Local police in China have declined to comment on the case. Daines and U.S. Sen. Jon Tester and Rep. Greg Gianforte had pressed McLean's case with China's Ambassador to the U.S. Ciu Tiankai and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. The lawmakers said McLean had been justifiably defending his mother, who is deaf, from the driver, whose knee was reportedly hurt in the encounter.

Jennifer McLean told The AP the taxi driver had been pushing her around and hurting her when her son intervened and pushed the taxi driver to the ground.

Jennifer McLean said that when police detained Guthrie five weeks later on charges of intentional injury, they demanded the equivalent of $7.400 in compensation and threatened to imprison her son for up to three years if they refused to pay.

The family did not pay $7,400, according to Daines, who added that more details would be released at a later time.

"After two 20-hour days in back and forth negotiations with Chinese officials, we were able to come to an agreement that worked for everybody, most importantly for Guthrie and for Jennifer, his mother," Daines said in a conference call with reporters.

Daines said he spoke with Guthrie McLean after his release, and he plans to return to Missoula, Montana, to resume his studies next month.

The State Department declined to comment on its involvement in the case or the agreement with Chinese authorities. Tester and Montana Rep. Greg Gianforte issued statements Sunday saying they were pleased with the outcome of the case.

Guthrie McLean has been majoring in East Asian studies at the University of Montana in Missoula for about two years and works in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, according to school officials.

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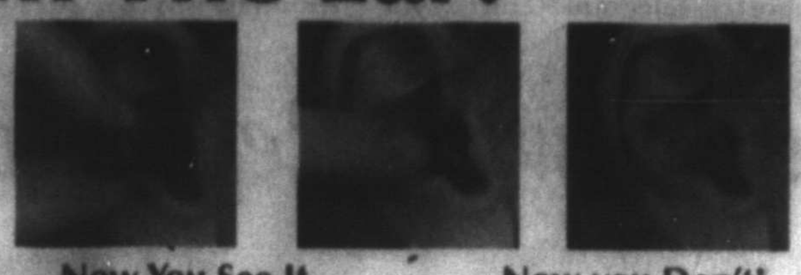

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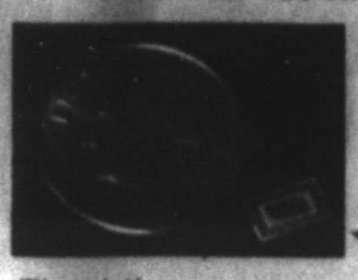

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OPINION

Liberals want Republicans not to be Republicans

■ There will be no satisfying some people; the goalposts will just shift

RAMESH PONNURU
Bloomberg

President Donald Trump's critics view Republican congressmen as his enablers. James Fallows, in the Atlantic, describes their behavior as the most discouraging weakness our governing system has shown since Trump took office. He singles out Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse for scorn because "he leads all senators in his thoughtful, scholarly 'concern' about the norms Donald Trump is breaking — and then lines up and votes with Trump 95 percent of the time."

Another journalist, Ron Brownstein, has written similarly. When various Republican senators objected to Trump's attacks on MSNBC co-host Mika Brzezinski's appearance, Brownstein asked what they intended to do about it. Other Trump foes echoed this critique. The Republicans' stern words were empty.

Most of this criticism is unreasonable.

It fails, for one thing, to account for what the Republicans have done. That includes "mere" criticism, since words matter in politics. Some of those words — such as "we need to look to an independent commission or special prosecutor" (Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski) or "our intelligence committee needs to interview" Donald Trump Jr. (Maine Sen. Susan Collins) -- can have a fairly direct effect on what happens in Washington.

But it's not just words. The Republican Congress held hearings about President Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey. Most Republicans have supported sanctions on Russia the president opposes.

For the Republicans' critics, these steps were the least they could do. But they weren't. The Republicans could have, for example, not held hearings.

It's unusual for senators to hold hearings into possible misconduct by 1) a president of their party 2) who is still fairly new in office and 3) supported by the vast majority of their voters. Perhaps the Republicans should have taken even more extraordinary action. But they're falling pitifully short only if the baseline expectation is that they do whatever liberal journalists think it's their duty to do.

And some things liberal journalists think it's the Republicans' duty to do make no sense. Take that 95 percent figure mentioned by Fallows. Was South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham really supposed to vote to keep regulations he considered unwise on the books because he opposes Vladimir Putin? Was Arizona Sen. John McCain really supposed to vote against confirming Alex Acosta as Labor secretary because the president tweets like a maladjusted 12-year-old?

When you complain about how often the senators vote with the president, that's what you're saying. Perhaps this is why the complaint is usually made by liberals, who would not want senators to be voting with President Marco Rubio or President John Kasich either.

Besides voting left, what would the Republicans' critics have them do? Impeach the president? Not even Nancy Pelosi, the House Democratic leader, supports that.

"As evidence piles up pointing to the possibility that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia, Republican lawmakers have largely ignored Democrats' calls for urgent action and continued about their day jobs," writes McKay Coppins. The urgent actions he mentions: holding more press conferences about investigations into Trump; voting with Democrats on some anti-Trump resolutions they devised last week; and "issuing subpoenas more aggressively."

Maybe Republicans should subpoena some people they have not, although some specificity on who should get these subpoenas would be reassuring. I suspect that if the Republicans did issue more of them, the goalposts would just shift. The subpoenas, like the Comey hearings, would turn out not to count as "urgent action."

None of this means that Republicans are doing all they can and should do to address the concerns that Trump's presidency raises. Congressmen should, for example, be looking for ways to compel presidents to disclose their tax records, such disclosure being a useful norm that Trump has flouted.

But making a focused and reasonable demand and then building support for it is different from expecting congressional Republicans to sound like the opposition party.

GUEST VIEW

His legacy at stake, Cornyn should show leadership on health care

Dallas Morning News

Now is the time for Sen. John Cornyn of Texas to become the leader his state and nation need him to be. He should tap into his own history of bipartisanship and urge his Senate colleagues to work with Democrats to fix America's ailing health-care law, an approach both he and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell have used before with great success.

As things stand, the plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act that McConnell spent weeks writing in secret does not have sufficient votes to pass. So, a new course is needed.

But the GOP appears set to choose a course that courts disaster. McConnell has promised a vote on simply repealing the Affordable Care Act. Some 32 million Americans would lose their insurance by 2026 if this were to become law.

President Donald Trump has suggested that if that repeal-only plan doesn't pass, and it almost certainly won't, the next best thing for Republicans to do is to do nothing. Critics would continue to bash Obamacare, this thinking goes, and that would convince more and more insurers to quit the program. The faster it fails, according to this plan, the better for Republicans.

That's not just self-defeating, it's monstrous. It's also the kind of behavior that can permanently diminish a legacy. That's something that Texas' senior senator should consider closely.

For starters, failing to replace the Affordable Care Act and then cheering for its demise would be catastrophic. Despite the party's insistence that Americans want to be "delivered" from Obamacare, the Affordable Care Act is neither as broken nor as unpopular as Republicans pretend.

More important, if the Affordable Care Act is repealed without a replacement, millions will lose insurance. People will and do die for lack of coverage. No party should expect political points for playing with people's lives.

There is an alternative, and Cornyn should seize it. Both he and McConnell have played the role of bipartisan deal-maker before, and this nation desperately needs them to do so again. Cornyn played key roles in bipartisan efforts to improve mental health care and provide justice for sex trafficking victims, and he is a prime force in ongoing efforts to pass bipartisan criminal justice reform. For his part, McConnell's 13 phone calls with Vice President Joe Biden in 2013 to end a government shutdown was a masterclass in statesmanship.

Now both men need to draw from that history and work with Senate Democrats to fix the Affordable Care Act. This means finding ways to keep more insurers participating, which should, as a result, make premiums more affordable.

Making these or other fixes needn't mean that the GOP abandon efforts to keep its promise to repeal and replace Obamacare. But the party needs to draft a plan that replaces it with something voters, and their own senators, like better.

This is about buying themselves that time, and keeping Americans' best interests in mind as they do so.

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The DREAM Act divides families

■ If senators want to make themselves useful in the immigration debate, they should stop treating immigrants like they're some kind of social science experiment

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
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Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois have introduced a new DREAM Act.

Oh boy. I really wish they hadn't done that.

The lawmakers want to protect young undocumented immigrants who could lose their temporary legal status under Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals (DACA) due to a court challenge from 10 states. It's probably also true that neither of them trusts President Trump when he says the White House has no interest in deporting these young people.

This suspicion is justified. On immigration, the current commander in chief has shown himself to be as loose with the facts as his predecessor, Barack Obama swore up and down that he was deporting only criminals, even in the face of statistical evidence to the contrary. And, with equal chutzpah, Trump is still assuring supporters that there's going to be a "big, beautiful wall" along the U.S.-Mexico border and that it will be paid for by Mexico, even though neither of these things seems likely to happen.

The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors, or DREAM Act, has been a part of the immigration debate since August 2001. That's when the original bill was introduced in the Senate by Durbin and Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah.

I admit, the idea looks good on paper. Young people without documents who were brought to the United States as children, and raised as Americans, are given a path to earned legal status and possible U.S. citizenship if they go to college or serve in the military.

What's wrong with that? Actually, a couple of things.

For one, we talk a lot these days about elitism, usually in the context of how the Democratic Party has lost the ability to talk to working-class white voters in the industrial Midwest.

But the original DREAM Act was the epitome of elitism before that was even a political talking point.

This was driven home to me about a decade ago when — as a Latino who supported the measure — I found myself in an argument with a Latina who opposed it. She worked at a vocational school, and she pointed out something I hadn't noticed: The benefits of the DREAM Act were reserved for those who went to college — usually a four-year college — or joined the military. She had no problem with rewarding service in the armed forces, insisting that those who expect something from America should be willing to give something back. What bothered her was the insistence on going to college. What about those kids who go to vocational school, or go straight to work? They didn't deserve legal status?

Someone in Washington was playing God again, deciding who stayed and who went according to a narrow definition of positive behavior.

Why stop at attending college? Why not demand that beneficiaries of the DREAM Act not accept any public assistance, or abstain from smoking, or never fall into debt, or not be unemployed for more than six months at any point in their lives?

The new bill from Graham and Durbin is a slight improvement because it covers those who "work lawfully for at least three years." But it also has a new requirement that recipients speak English and know U.S. history.

Great idea. But shouldn't we start by demanding those things from native-born U.S. citizens?

These moral judgments are all subjective, and awfully condescending. They're all about what Graham and Durbin, and the other senators who will eventually support their bill, require to make them feel comfortable with overlooking the fact that these young people are in the country illegally.

Welcome to this week's episode of the game show: "Good Immigrant, Bad Immigrant."

If Graham and Durbin want to make themselves useful in the immigration debate, they should stop treating immigrants like they're some kind of social science experiment. Instead, they should draft a bill that would eventually legalize most of the 11 million people who are in the country illegally — whether or not they went to college or speak English.

It's no wonder that so many DREAMers experience a version of "survivor's guilt" because they were tossed a life preserver while their parents and siblings are left to drown.

All this talk about how the Trump administration is dividing families. You know what really divides families? The DREAM Act.

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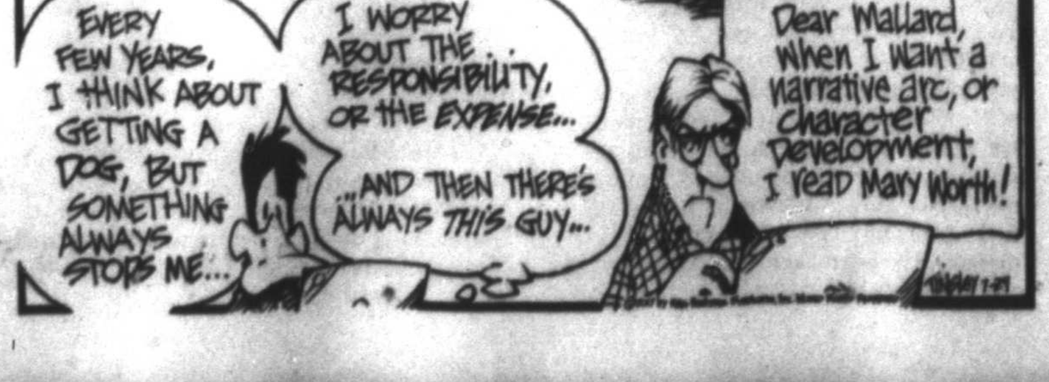

Trump's new message guru wants 'a more positive mojo'

By Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's new communications adviser says it's time to hit the "reset button."

Appearing on Fox News Sunday, Wall Street financier Anthony Scaramucci pledged to begin "an era of a new good feeling" and said he hopes to "create a more positive mojo." He also promised to crack down on information leaks and pledged to better focus the message coming from the White House.

To that end, Scaramucci suggested changes to come noting: "I have in my pocket a radio studio, a television studio, and a movie studio. The entire world has changed; we need to rethink the way we're delivering our information."

Trump announced Friday that Scaramucci — a polished television commentator and Harvard Law graduate — would take over the administration's top messaging job. The appointment came as the president contends with sinking approval ratings and struggles to advance his legislative agenda. The president has also been frustrated with the attention devoted to investigations of allegations of his election campaign's connections to Russia.

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer abruptly resigned in protest over Scaramucci's appointment. He will be replaced by his former deputy Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

The challenges for Scaramucci's new role were evident in a series of interviews, where he discussed his plans for press strategy, but was beset by questions about the Russia investigation and the president's Twitter feed.

The president frequently opts to directly speak to the public via Twitter. Scaramucci stressed on Fox that he would "let the president be the president," adding that he wants to "help aid and abet his agenda."

On the Russia stories, Scaramucci said on Fox that a "two-pronged approach" was needed, saying that "in some ways we want to deescalate things and have there be a level of diplomacy. In other ways, we want it to be very hard-hitting and war-like."

Asked about the president's tweets about the investigation on CBS' "Face the Nation", Scaramucci said "if he thinks it's helpful to him, let him do it."

He also said on CNN's "State of the Union" that "we're going to defend him very, very aggressively when there's nonsensical stuff being said about him. And he will probably dial back some of those tweets."

Scaramucci also said on CNN that an unnamed person told him that "if the Russians actually hacked this situation and spilled out those e-mails, you would have never seen it."

He then said he was quoting the president, adding that "he basically said to me, hey, you know, this is — maybe they did it. Maybe they didn't do it."

U.S. intelligence agencies have accused the Russian government of meddling through hacking in last year's election to benefit Trump and harm Clinton, and authorities are exploring potential coordination between Moscow and the Trump campaign.

On CNN, Scaramucci called Sanders "phenomenal" and also said he "loved the hair and makeup person that we had on Friday. So, I would like to continue to use the hair and makeup person."

He later took to Twitter to stress that he was referring to his own hair and makeup, adding "I need all the help I can get! #humor"

On Saturday, Scaramucci said he was deleting old tweets. Some of the tweets were at odds with Trump's views, including one that praised Hillary Clinton's competence. Trump defeated Clinton for president last year and continues to criticize her, including in several tweets Saturday.

5 reasons why health care bill would fail, 3 why it may not

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There are many reasons why the Senate will probably reject Republicans' crowning bill razing much of former President Barack Obama's health care law. There are fewer why Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell might revive it and avert a GOP humiliation.

Leaders say the Senate will vote Tuesday on their health care legislation. They've postponed votes twice because too many Republicans were poised to vote no. That could happen again.

The latest bill by McConnell, R-Ky. — and it could change anew — would end penalties Democrat Obama's health care law slapped on people without insurance, and on larger companies not offering coverage to workers. It would erase requirements that insurers cover specified medical services, cut the Medicaid health insurance program for the poor and shrink subsidies for many consumers.

It fails: Awful poll numbers

In an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll this month, 51 percent supported Obama's statute while just 22 percent backed GOP legislation.

Perhaps more ominously for Republicans, the AP-NORC poll found that by a 25-percentage-point margin, most think it's the federal government's responsibility to ensure all Americans have coverage. That's a growing view — there was just a 5-percentage-point gap in March. It underscores a harsh reality for the GOP: It's hard to strip benefits from voters.

Awful CBO numbers

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says under McConnell's plan, 22 million more people would be uninsured by 2026, mostly Medicaid recipients and people buying private policies. For single people, the typical deductible — out-of-pocket expenses before insurance defrays costs — would balloon that year to $13,000, up from $5,000 under Obama's law.

Note to the entire House and one-third of the Senate, which face re-election in 2018: 15 million would become uninsured next year. And though CBO says average premiums should fall in 2020, they'll head up in 2018 and 2019.

Oh, yes. The bill would let insurers charge people approaching retirement age higher prices than they can now, boosting premiums "for most older people," CBO says.

Older people like to vote.

Awful senate numbers

With a 52-48 GOP majority, the bill would survive if no more than two Republicans oppose it. With the indefinite absence of the cancer-stricken Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., McConnell's margin of error shrinks to one.

At least a dozen senators have expressed opposition to the legislation or been noncommittal. Lawmakers and aides say others haven't publicly surfaced.

Moderate senators from states with vast Medicaid populations want to protect those voters. Conservatives consider it their mission to eliminate the law they've campaigned on abolishing for years. These aren't easily resolved disputes.

Presidential drag

President Donald Trump wants "Obamacare" repealed.

He also has public approval ratings below 40 percent — Bad! — and a propensity for turning on people.

Just ask House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

After Ryan labored for months before the House approved its health care bill and earned a Rose Garden celebration, Trump called the measure "mean." Trump said he wouldn't have picked Sessions for his job had he known he'd recuse himself from investigations into Russian meddling in last year's campaign.

Some lawmakers might not be blamed for declining to carry Trump's water.

Trump expressed frustration with Republicans Sunday on Twitter. He said: "It's very sad that Republicans, even some that were carried over the line on my back, do very little to protect their President."

While he didn't directly say why he was upset with GOP lawmakers, Trump's tweet came as lawmakers are struggling to reach agreement on health care.

Lemons into lemonade

The bill's rejection would still let lawmakers cast votes showing their positions. Supporters could say they honored their repeal "Obamacare" pledges, foes could say they protected their states or adhered to conservative principles.

Defeat would let the Senate refocus on tax cuts or other initiatives, though it's unclear what major issues don't divide Republicans.

A loss means there won't be a GOP law voters might blame for health care problems they encounter. Though Republicans may already own the issue in the public's eye, since they run the government.

It passes: The unthinkable

This isn't happening, right? Republicans have run on repealing "Obamacare" for years.

The administration won't let the effort fail without a fight.

Trump lunched with senators at the White House last week and tweeted that Republicans "MUST keep their promise to America!"

On Friday, Vice President Mike Pence urged leaders of conservative, pro-life and business groups to pressure senators. Medicaid administrator Seema Verma has tried luring senators unhappy with Medicaid cuts, including Ohio's Rob Portman and West Virginia's Shelley Moore Capito, with more flexibility for governors to use Medicaid funds to help pay expenses for beneficiaries shifting to private insurance.

McConnell

The health bill's floundering has tarnished McConnell's reputation as a legislative mastermind. Many Republicans privately say if the votes were gettable, he'd have gotten them already.

But the 33-year Senate veteran is wily and doesn't want his record stained with this failure. He understands what GOP senators need and has time, and if anyone can rescue the legislation, it's him.

Trump factor

GOP senators cross Trump at their own peril. Eight in 10 Republicans still rate him favorably. In the 2018 midterm elections, when turnout is traditionally down, those loyal voters could make a difference.

White House indicates Trump would sign new sanctions bill

By Richard Lardner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House indicated Sunday President Donald Trump would sign a sweeping Russia sanctions measure, which the House could take up this week, that requires him to get Congress' permission before lifting or easing the economic penalties against Moscow.

Lawmakers are scheduled to consider the sanctions package as early as Tuesday, and the bill could be sent to Trump before Congress breaks for the August recess. The legislation is aimed at punishing Moscow for meddling in the presidential election and its military aggression in Ukraine and Syria. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the newly appointed White House press secretary, said the administration is supportive of being tough on Russia and "particularly putting these sanctions in place." "We support where the legislation is now, and will continue to work with the House and Senate to put those tough sanctions in place on Russia until the situation in Ukraine is fully resolved," Sanders said on ABC's "This Week."

Congressional Republicans and Democrats announced Saturday that they'd settled lingering issues with the bill, which also includes stiff economic penalties against Iran and North Korea. The sanctions targeting Russia, however, have drawn the most attention due to Trump's persistent push for warmer relations with President Vladimir Putin and ongoing investigations into Russia's interference in the 2016 campaign. "North Korea, Iran and Russia have in different ways all threatened their neighbors and actively sought to undermine American interests," according to a joint statement by California Republicans Kevin McCarthy, the House majority leader, and Ed Royce of California, the Foreign Affairs Committee chairman. The bill the House will vote, they said, "will now exclusively focus on these nations and hold them accountable for their dangerous actions."

The White House had objected to a key section of the bill that would mandate a congressional review if Trump attempts to terminate the sanctions against Moscow. Top administration officials said the provisions infringed on the president's executive authority and tied his hands as he explores avenues of cooperation between the two former Cold War foes. But Sanders said the White House was able to work with the House and Senate to "make those changes that were necessary." She didn't specify what those changes were, however. The congressional review section wasn't altered substantially and Democrats were satisfied with the results. Lawmakers included the review because of wariness in both parties over Trump's affinity for Putin. Rep. Eliot Engel of New York, the top ranking Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Committee, said Trump has been unwilling to respond seriously to Russia's belligerence, "leaving Congress with the urgent responsibility to hold Vladimir Putin accountable." McCarthy had pushed to add the North Korea sanctions to the package. The House had overwhelmingly passed legislation in May to hit Pyongyang with additional economic penalties, but the Senate had yet to take up the bill. The Senate last month passed sanctions legislation that targeted only Russia and Iran. Congressional aides said Senate Republicans may resist adding the North Korea penalties, but it remained unclear whether those concerns would derail the legislation.

New York Times asks 'Fox & Friends' for apology

Assoicated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Times is asking Fox News' morning show "Fox & Friends" to apologize for what the newspaper calls a "malicious and inaccurate segment" about the newspaper, intelligence leaks and the Islamic State that aired Saturday. New York Times spokeswoman Danielle Rhoades Ha said Sunday that she requested an "on-air apology and tweet." The paper, she wrote, took issue with a Fox host on the segment saying that Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi "was able to sneak away under the cover of darkness after a New York Times story" in 2015 and a host's comment that the U.S. government "would have had al-Baghdadi based on the intelligence that we had except someone leaked information to the failing New York Times."

The segment referred to comments by a top military official noted in a Friday Fox story. In the Fox story, Gen. Tony Thomas, the head of U.S. Special Operations Command, said his team was "close" to al-Baghdadi after a 2015 raid but the "lead went dead" after it "was leaked in a prominent national newspaper." The Fox story connected Thomas with the Times, saying that Thomas "appeared to be referring to a New York Times report in June 2015 that detailed how American intelligence agencies had 'extracted valuable information.'" The Times wrote a story Sunday saying President Donald Trump was wrong when he tweeted Saturday morning that the "failing" New York Times "fouled" a government attempt to kill al-Baghdadi, apparently a reaction to Fox's story. The paper also said the Pentagon "raised no objections" with it before the 2015 article on the intelligence gleaned from the raid was published.

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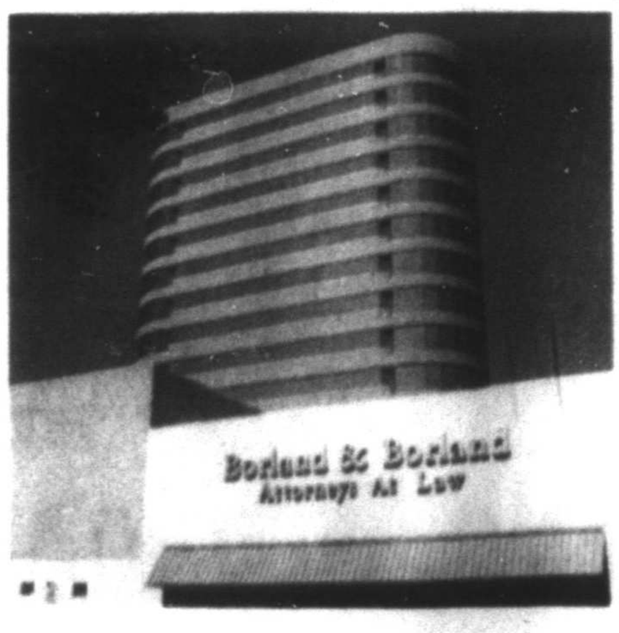
Whether he is discovering the hard-hitting facts behind an oilfield explosion law suit, or giving a citizenship presentation at Casa de Amigos entirely in Spanish, Mike Borland has earned a name for himself in the Midland community with his wife and law partner Vi Lea, at their law firm Borland & Borland.

As Midland High School alums, Mike and Vi Lea Borland first started the firm in 1982 after graduating from Baylor Law School, coming back to their home in West Texas. Since then, they have seen the firm grow to be one of the most trusted and successful firms in the Permian Basin. Borland & Borland specializes in serious personal injury, wrongful death cases and immigration law, and their goal is always to make sure their clients experience the highest quality of service.

"I think the thing that sets us apart is the quality of our client contacts, and the fact that we stay on top of our cases and treat our clients with respect," Borland said. "As a result, a lot of our business is from client referrals. I think that makes a difference and it keeps you in people's minds."

Besides offering some of the highest quality law services within oilfield injury and wrongful death cases, Borland is also one of the few Texas lawyers who took the time and effort to become a board-certified immigration lawyer.

"As far as I know, I'm still the only board-certified immigration attorney between Fort Worth and El Paso and between Lubbock and the border," Borland said. "That's a big area, and I'm certainly the only one in the Permian Basin."



In the entire state of Texas, there are less than 200 board-certified immigration lawyers, and Borland said there are numerous difficult and time-consuming requirements to earn and maintain the certification.

"A substantial portion of your practice has to be dedicated to that area of law for at least five years before you apply, and then you're required to keep up about 20 hours a year of continuing legal education just in that area to maintain specialization," Borland said. "Plus, you have to be recommended by other attorneys and by judges."

Ensuring his position as one of the best in immigration law, Borland is also fluent in Spanish, and he said he believes this is one of the contributing factors to the success of the firm and that he appreciates the bi-cultural aspect of being able to speak a different language.

"I have been living and working with Hispanic people from the time I was a child. I learned to speak Spanish when I was pretty young, and it's always been something I've enjoyed," Borland said. "It's a lot of fun, it's very helpful and the clients appreciate it."

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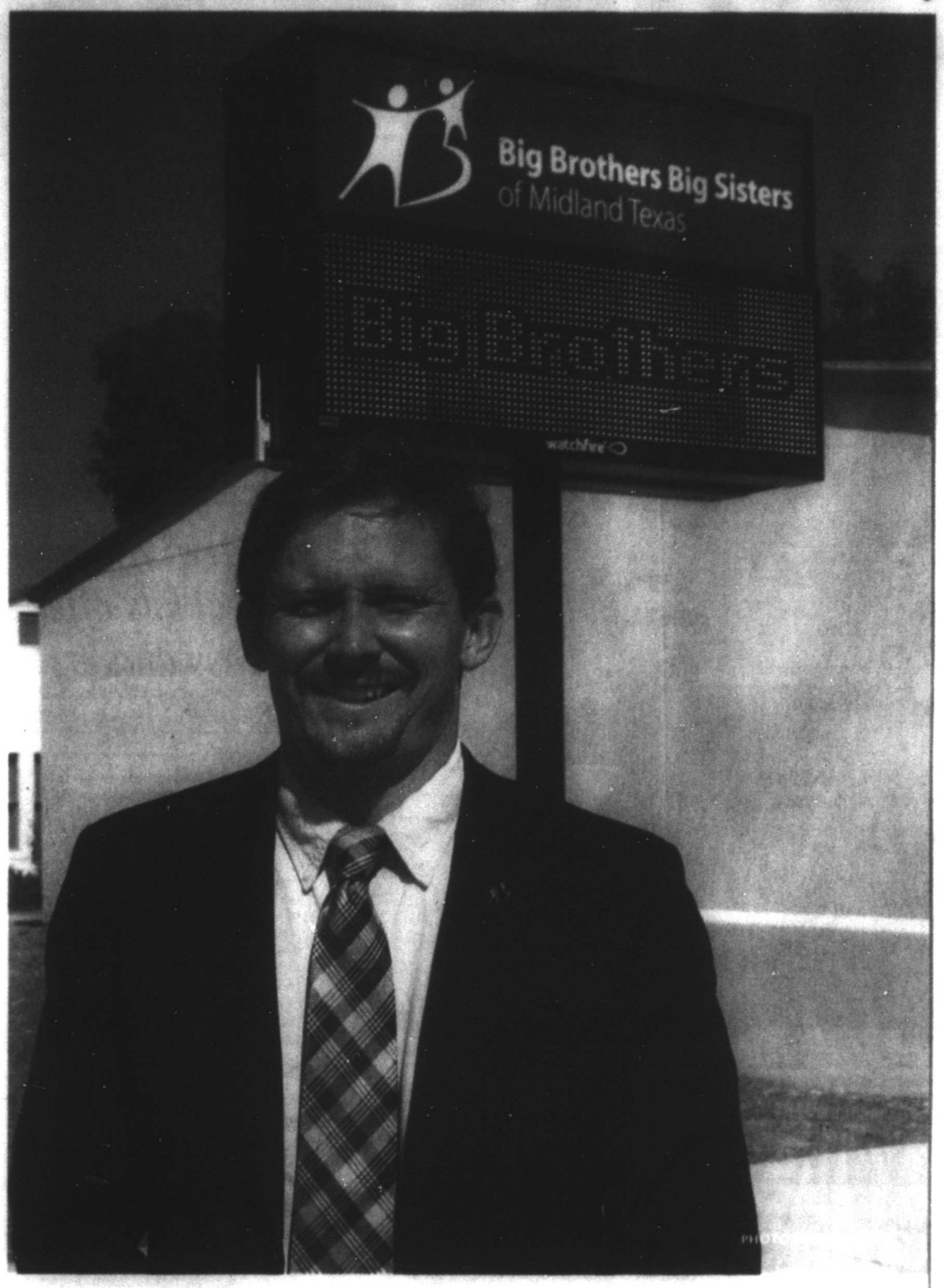

CADE G. NICHOLSON

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS, VENTURE CREW ADVISOR

Professional and community involvement: I sit on the boards of Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Arts Council of Midland. I am involved with their fundraising, some aspects of their operations and assisting in long-term planning. I am lucky to be an advisor to Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew 1954. I work as a financial advisor at the Midland Merrill Lynch office.

How did you decide to serve the community at Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Boy Scouts? The Arts Council gives me a chance to experience ideas I would not otherwise be exposed to. I'm proud to help with the council's annual Celebration of the Arts, which I enjoyed as a child. Big Brothers Big Sisters is exciting and challenging. The board is a very diverse group of folks, and the staff is nothing short of fantastic. As a group, they bring an incredible energy, and they are committed to serving one of the community's most important causes. It's a privilege serving on the board of BBBS, whose programming helps children facing adversity through one-to-one relationships. As for scouting, that was more of a decision to have fun. I want my children to learn about leadership and being in nature just like I was able to. Unless younger scout leaders step forward now to learn how troops and crews are run, there may not be any troops for our kids to join. So spending an occasional weekend learning from experienced leaders while backpacking, fishing or skiing is really not much of a sacrifice.

What talents and skills do you share with the community through your volunteer roles? I think my straightforward honesty is a strength most of the time. With that said, I'm simply being positive through ups and downs. Plans may change from time to time, but I try not to forget that the really important things usually work out the way they're meant to.

Why is volunteerism a priority for you? With all that's going on in the world today, most people don't realize how getting involved right down the street can have an immediate impact. I really doubt I'll change the world, but I might be able to change how someone views it. Plus, you get to see your work pay off, and it usually makes you feel better about yourself.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? My parents moved my sister and me to Midland when I was just a baby, and except for my time away at college it's always been my home. I came back to pursue a career in finance because Midland has always had huge potential in that area. I have stayed however, because of the people, who are steadfast, kind and unique. I have done business with folks from all over, but I've found Midlanders are constantly full of pleasant surprises.

What else would you like our readers to know about you? I have to thank my parents, Jim and Rebecca, for their support throughout the years, and my sister, Audrey, for always keeping me in line. They got me involved in activities I am a part of today: church, sports, the arts and Scouts, especially getting me to First United Methodist every Tuesday for Troop 152's meeting.

"CADE IS HELPING BUILD A BETTER TOMORROW"

In today's world, it is rare to find an individual who truly understands the importance of giving back to their community.

Cade Nicholson is such a person. Whether he is camping with the Boy Scout Venture Crew, hanging out with his Little Brother or volunteering with other nonprofits, Cade is helping build a better tomorrow for our young people and for Midland.

Molly Murphy, *resource development director, Big Brothers Big Sisters*

CADE OFFERS "POSITIVE INFLUENCE FOR THE YOUTH IN THE CREW"

As a young professional in Midland, Cade Nicholson volunteers as a Big Brother with Midland Big Brothers Big Sisters, is a board member with the Arts Council of Midland and is a Boy Scout assistant advisor for Venture Crew 1954. As a teenager in Midland, Cade was a Midland High School swimmer, Boy Scout and Venturing Crew Scout.

Today, Cade serves young men as an adult advisor for Venturing Scouts in Venture Crew 1954, sponsored by St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Cade is an avid outdoorsman who loves to ski, backpack, kayak and fish. He shares his love and knowledge of the outdoors with the young men of Venture Crew 1954. Cade is equally comfortable in skiing the black runs with his crew or in kayaking the Pecos River.

He recently helped guide six members of his crew on a five-day, 28-mile backpacking and fly-fishing trip into the Gila Wilderness area of western New Mexico. Cade's enthusiasm and youthful connection with his Scouts offer a positive influence for the youth in the crew. Venture Crew 1954 is very fortunate to have Cade Nicholson serve as one of its crew advisors.

James Riggen, *crew advisor - Venture Crew 1954*

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US is behind in chip-equipped cards

By Ben Steverman
Bloomberg

In most of the world, buying goods with a credit card equipped with a chip is a mindless, routine task. Americans, having arrived late to chips after decades of swiping magnetic stripe cards, are having a much harder time with it.

When you approach the checkout, there's the constant question: swipe or insert? If a chip reader is working — and many still aren't — you insert your card, and then ....You wait, for an unpredictable amount of time, staring at a screen. Chances are good you'll impatiently glance away just as the transaction finally goes through. Or you'll miss the clunky graphics switching from "Do not remove your card" to "Remove your card."

Finally, you may be told to remove your card with a nasty, insistent beeping that sounds like you've done something wrong.

It's an awkward and irritating experience, and payment companies are aware of the problems. "Some places, it's seamless and beautiful," said Robert Martin, North American vice president of security solutions at Ingenico Group, the second-largest maker of payment terminals in the U.S. "Other places, not so much. But we're learning."

Unfortunately, there are no easy fixes. To connect to card networks, retailers use a countless array of software providers and payment processors. Payments can also be linked to more than a dozen other applications controlling store operations, from coupons to inventory. If not configured perfectly, this tangle of systems and vendors can slow chip transactions to a crawl.

"We don't want you to wait for more than three seconds," said Valli Lakshmanan, global head of experience design and marketing at Verifone, the U.S.'s largest maker of payment terminals. "But all of us have to come together to make that possible."

So much complexity means that installing a chip system, or even adding a simple software upgrade-swapping out an audio prompt, for example-can take months. Verifone has come up with new sounds and visual options for its terminals, but Lakshmanan doesn't expect consumers to begin to see them until the fall.

Customers' experience with chip cards should improve gradually, one upgrade at a time, as the systems become more standardized, industry experts say. Slow

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BUILDING A PORTFOLIO

Ray Chavez/Bay Area News Group/TNS

Make School student Lauren Weiss, 18, left, gets feedback from instructor Karlygash Zhuginissoova, 25, as she works on a health app as part of her project at the school in San Francisco on Wednesday.

Silicon Valley investors embrace new vision of college

By Emily Deruy
The Mercury News

SAN FRANCISCO — Make School, a for-profit startup in this city's South of Market district, is one of the most unusual schools in the country. It lets students enroll in classes for free if they agree to pay later after they land a job.

"We can only make money if the students are doing well," co-founder Ashu Desai, 24, said during an interview at the school, an airy space where students sit side-by-side at long rectangular tables pounding away at Mac laptops.

Desai, who attended the tony Menlo School in nearby Atherton, helped create Make School in 2012 after dropping out of UCLA after just one year.

The goal at Make School is not getting good grades. It's putting together a portfolio of practical work capable of impressing Silicon Valley companies like Google and Facebook— and prompting them to make lucrative job offers.

But the nontraditional approach to higher education is raising red flags for some experts. The model, they worry, creates an incentive for the school to admit only students it thinks can succeed— which some education officials worry could disadvantage "risky" students who come from low-income backgrounds.

Make School runs programs of varying lengths. Its "Product College" is a two-year computer science program that combines internships at big-name Silicon Valley companies with classes that are light on lectures and heavy on projects. The goal is for graduating students— most of them 18- to 24-years-old— to have created games or other apps they can take to job interviews.

That, Desai argues, is often worth more in Silicon Valley these days than a traditional bachelor's degree in computer science— and some well-known investors are betting on the idea.

The school just picked up $2 million in financial backing from a San Diego-based asset management company. And Mitch Kapor of Kapor Capital and Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian also have invested in the school.

"Make School does something that many ed tech companies don't," Kapor said. "They actually narrow gaps in access to computer science education. There are a lot of coding academies out there for people who can pay full freight up front."

The company relies on something known as an "income-share agreement," which allows students to go to school at no cost initially— meaning they don't have to take out loans— if they agree to pay the school a portion of their future earnings.

Students who opt for the income-share agreement pay 25 percent of their pre-tax salary to the school for three and a half years. The agreement kicks in only if students earn more than $60,000, which Desai says encourages everyone— Make School, students and investors— to do their best to help students land lucrative jobs.

"In the last five to 10 years," Desai said, "things have really shifted away from folks focusing on a degree to folks focusing on: What can you build? Can I see your code? These are the things that get our students in the door."

About 60 percent of the 40 or so students in last year's Product College class chose the income-sharing option. About 20 percent paid $60,000 in tuition out of pocket, and the rest chose a partial income-share agreement.

Although the school touts income sharing as a way to expand access, Tom Harnisch, director of state policy at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, is somewhat wary of the model in general.

"Some students are more risky investments than others," he said. "They need to have confidence that their students will enter the marketplace and then do reasonably well from a financial perspective. The question is: Are they really expanding the number of students, or are they selecting students who would be going to these programs anyway?"

Desai insists he's giving students who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to pursue higher education— including minorities who are underrepresented in the tech industry— a chance. According to Desai, about 10 percent of students in the Product College are black and 25 percent are Latino.

About 85 percent of the Product College students are male. But Desai said the school is working to raise the percentage of women through partnerships with organizations such as Girls Who Code.

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MARTHA BELLISLE
Associated Press

Review: Amazon meal kits offer easy dinners

■ REVIEW

SEATTLE — Amazon's new ready-to-eat meal package is the perfect recipe for someone who doesn't have enough time to shop and cook, yet has a healthy appetite and a need for balanced meals.

These meal kits come with just about everything you need to prepare dinner for two. You can choose from a variety of vegetarian and meat options. For now, Amazon's meal kits are available only in limited markets, including Seattle.

There's no major commitment, the way rivals require you to order an entire week of meals at a time. But you pay dearly for the convenience and flexibility, and you must plan ahead, at least for now.

Ordering the meal

As a competitive athlete who trains a lot, generous portions are almost as important as lots of protein. I usually don't eat red meat, and the chicken dish got a few bad reviews, so I went for Togarashi-spiced salmon with soba noodles. It was $20 for two servings, plus $10 for delivery.

When I tried to place my order Tuesday, Amazon said the only delivery times left that day were for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Before confirming the order, though, those slots were gone.

It was only 11 a.m.

I could have gone to Amazon's pickup location in another part of town, but who has time for that, especially in Seattle traffic? Instead, I chose delivery before 7 a.m. on Wednesday. It arrived before 5:30 a.m., as I headed out for a long morning run.

From door to kitchen

The meal kit was the size of a loaf of bread, but it came in a heavy bag that resembled a large paper grocery bag. Inside was a silver insulated bag, nestled inside a cardboard frame, and six ice packs. That's a lot of packaging. I chose the delivery option that allowed the driver to leave it at my door, which may explain the extra layers.

Each item was individually wrapped and marked. All I needed were a few pots and pans, a knife and some vegetable oil. The recipe also called for a pinch of salt from my kitchen, but I didn't feel the need. The ingredients you had to supply on your own were reasonable, given that most kitchens would have these. Everything else was provided, including some sesame oil in a tiny container to saute my veggies.

A meal in a half-hour

I sauteed the asparagus and oyster mushrooms and cooked the salmon. I cooked the soba noodles and edamame together in boiling water, while I warmed

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Alphabet reintroduces Google's goggles

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

The much-ridiculed augmented-reality goggles from Google, once known as Google Glass, are back after two years of relative silence.

On Tuesday, Google's parent company Alphabet reintroduced the device to the world, and said it is now called simply "Glass" and is under its experimental "X" department.

Google stopped a retail test of Google Glass in 2015, effectively ending its early ambitions to make it a consumer device. Google Glass faced major criticisms, including concerns about the device's camera making it easy to encroach on others' privacy, as well as the simple fact that the glasses looked unfashionable. The device's high price tag — $1,500 for the retail edition - was also a major impediment.

But even then, analysts said that the device had potential for use in businesses as a tool for training, or to make information more accessible away from one's desk. Promising trials in hospitals and with emergency-response teams drew the most lasting excitement from potential customers - far more than, for example, the headset's turn on the catwalk at Fashion Week.

Now Glass seems to be embracing those less glamorous but arguably more practical uses.

The Glass team highlighted several companies in its blog post reintroducing the product to the world: the agricultural manufacturing company AGCO, shipping giant DHL and California health system Dignity Health.

Alphabet highlighted how Glass

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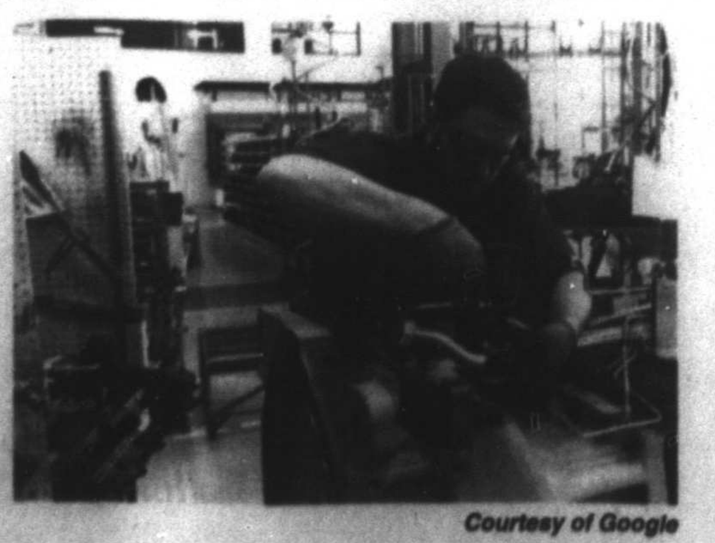

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A worker at agriculture manufacturer AGCO uses Glass to see assembly instructions, make reports and get remote video support.

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	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait	Man With a Plan	Mom	Life in Pieces	Scorpion *Broken Wind*	CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show	(:35) J.Corden
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	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Can Dance *Academy Week #2* (N)		Superhuman *Powers of Deduction* (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
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	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)	Antique *Vintage Kansas City* (N)	Can Dance *Academy Week #2* (N)		Antiques Roadshow *Vintage Hartford*		Rosario Tijeras		Sky Island	Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:20) ★ Cursed		★★★ Die Hard ('88, Act) Bruce Willis.				(:15) ★★★ The Revenant ('15, Dra) Tom Hardy, Leonardo DiCaprio.					
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	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(4:30) ★★★ The Book of Eli		★★ Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis. A drill rigger and his crew embark on a mission to blow up an asteroid heading for Earth.						(:35) Fugitive	(:05) ★★ Armageddon		
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★ Happy Gilmore Adam Sandler.			Preacher (N)		(:05) Loaded (N)			(:05) Preacher		(:10) Loaded	
	BET	58	-		40		(5:00) ★★ Baby Boy Tyrese Gibson.				★ Madea's Big Happy Family (2011, Drama) Bow Wow, Tyler Perry.						Martin	Martin
	BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Orange County (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Sweet OK	A Night	Watch (N)	Real Housewives		Shahs
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	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	CBCampl: 4sFocused	UFC *214: Cormier vs. Jones 2* (N)	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ Kingsman: ...		★ The Wolverine ('13, Act) Will Yun Lee, 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
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	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	43				Poker After Dark		Poker Central (N)		Poker Central (N)		Poker Central (N)		Poker Central		Poker Central	
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	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Firecreek		★★★ The Barefoot Contessa ('54, Dra) Ava Gardner.				★★★ The Night of the Iguana					Movie
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera: Ma (N)		Querida centauro (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Querida centauro	
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	90 Day Fiancé: Extended *Lost in Translation* (N)				Counting On *The After Show Part 2* (N)		Kate Plus Eight *Six Teenagers!*		Counting On *The After Show Part 2* 2/2		Kate Plus Eight *Six Teenagers!*	
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	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) MASH	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray *The Car*		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
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Son's drug habit causes crisis in mother's marriage

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: I have been married to a loving and supportive man for 15 years. We have been through a lot together and, for the most part, have been OK. My problem is my son, "Kyle."

Yes, I know Kyle is a liar who steals anything not nailed down. And yes, he needs help for his drug habit — but he is still my son.

My husband told me I either tell Kyle he is not welcome in our home or our marriage is over, so I gave him back my wedding ring. I refuse to tell my son he can't come over.

What do I do now? I don't want to lose my husband, but I refuse to lose my son as well. — TORN IN TWO IN TULSA

DEAR TORN IN TWO: If you love your son and your husband and value your marriage, you will tell your husband you spoke hastily and ask for the ring back. Then, you will finally put your foot down and stop enabling Kyle to continue his drug habit.

Tell Kyle he is no longer welcome in the house, and will be welcome to cross your threshold ONLY if he has completed rehab and is willing to make amends. This is called creating boundaries. It may be painful, but it is important that you find the strength and courage to do this because your son's life may depend on it.

DEAR ABBY: I recently graduated from college, and like a lot of fresh graduates, I had difficulty finding employment for several months. However, I was just offered a position far better than anything I could have asked for. This position is much closer to my dream job than a simple entry-level one, and I am over-the-moon happy. The problem is my partner, "Gavin."

Gavin graduated the semester before I did. He was in a different degree program, and he's still without a job. He applies for dozens of jobs a day, gets at least one interview a week, and then, after they ask about his less-than-stellar GPA, he never hears from them again. He has become increasingly frustrated about his inability to find employment in his field, and recently has been projecting his frustration on our relationship.

I want to be able to celebrate my accomplishment with my partner. I need Gavin's support and excitement for me over this new position, but I'm torn because every time I tell him a new detail about it, I can see in his face how upset he is. What can I do so I am not compromising my happiness trying not to upset him? — WORKING WOMAN IN ORLANDO, FLA.

DEAR WORKING WOMAN: The first thing I'd recommend is, out of respect for your partner's sensitive feelings, to refrain from crowing about your jubilation. It may take Gavin a while to find the job he's looking for in his field, or he may have to consider taking something outside of his field until he can network enough to find his dream job.

No two people's career paths are the same. Witness the Hollywood marriages in which one spouse becomes successful more quickly than the other. However, if you and Gavin are sensitive to each other's feelings — and mature — you can make it through this challenging period.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

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

♠ 10 ♡ 10 7 3 ◊ A K 10 6 4 ♣ K 9 8 2

Partner opens one no-trump and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A — Some experts have methods for hands like these, but most of us have to bid three no-trump and hope partner has suitable cards in the majors. A good partner will have them!

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

♠ A 2 ♡ J 7 6 5 4 ◊ A 7 5 ♣ J 6 4

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — Partner's jump shift has created a game force, so a simple three spade preference is fine for now. Should partner continue with four clubs, you will cue bid your ace of diamonds.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Void ♡ 4 3 ◊ 9 7 5 2 ♣ A Q 10 9 6 5 2

Right-hand opponent deals and passes. What call would you make?

A — If partner were also a passed hand, you should open five clubs as you're unlikely to be able to defeat four of a major should the opponents bid it. Open three clubs in this position.

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

♠ Q J 7 3 ♡ 8 2 ◊ Q 9 7 2 ♣ Q 4 3

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	2♡	?	

What call would you make?

A — This type of hand bedeviled players for decades. Experts today use a double in this position as negative, not penalty. It's a good idea. Double.

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending July 16:

Top Paid iPhone Apps:
1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
3. Minecraft: Story Mode - Season Two, Telltale Inc
4. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
5. MONOPOLY Game, Electronic Arts
6. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
7. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
8. iSchedule, HotSchedules
9. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
10. Tabs & Chords by Ultimate Gear - learn and play, Ultimate Guitar

Top Free iPhone Apps:
1. YouTube - Watch Videos, Music, and Live Streams, Google Inc
2. Instagram, Instragram Inc
3. Snapchat, Snap, Inc
4. Messenger, Facebook Inc
5. Bitmoji - Your Personal Emoji, Bitstrips
6. Facebook, Facebook, Inc
7. Amazon Mobile, AMZN Mobile LLC
8. Google Maps - Navigation & Transit, Google, Inc
9. Snake VS Block, Voodoo
10. Netflix, Netflix, Inc

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1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. Minecraft: Story Mode - Season Two, Telltale Inc
3. Procreate - Sketch, paint, create!, Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
4. SpongeBob Moves In, Nickelodeon
5. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
6. Notability, Ginger Labs
7. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc
8. Goat Simulator PAYDAY, Coffee Stain Studios AB
9. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon
10. Toca Life: Hospital, Toca Boca AB

Top Free iPad Apps:
1. YouTube - Watch Videos, Music, and Live Streams, Google Inc
2. Netflix, Netflix, Inc
3. Bowmasters - Top Multiplayer Bowman Archery Game, Playgendary
4. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation
5. Messenger, Facebook Inc
6. Facebook, Facebook Inc
7. Amazon Mobile, AMZN Mobile LLC
8. Amazon Prime Video, AMZN Mobile LLC
9. Snake VS Block, Voodoo
10. Super Mario Run, Nintendo Co., Ltd

Music

iTunes Official Music Charts for the week ending July 20

Top Songs
1. Despacito (feat. Justin Bieber), Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee
2. There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back, Shawn Mendes
3. Attention, Charlie Puth
4. Slow Hands, Niall Horan
5. Body Like a Back Road, Sam Hunt
6. Sorry Not Sorry, Demi Lovato
7. Unforgettable (feat. Swae Lee), French Montana
8. Believer (Imagine Dragons ...
9. Wild Thoughts (feat. Rihanna & Bryson Tiller), DJ Khaled
10. I'm the One (feat. Justin Bieber, Quavo, Chance the Rapper & Lil Wayne), DJ Khaled

Top Albums
1. 4:44, JAY-Z
2. Kaleidoscope EP, Cold Play
3. Jungle Rules, French Montana
4. Evolve, Imagine Dragons
5. One More Light, LINKIN PARK
6. ÷, Ed Sheeran
7. Hybrid Theory, LINKIN PARK
8. Moana, Various Artists
9. THE WAR - The 4th Album, EXO
10. From A Room: Volume 1, Chris Stapleton

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending July 16

iTunes Movies US Charts:
1. The Fate of the Furious
2. The Lost City of Z
3. The Boss Baby
4. The Autopsy of Jane Doe
5. Smurfs: The Lost Village
6. Beauty and the Beast (2017)
7. Gifted
8. CHiPs (2017)
9. Going in Style (2017)
10. The Zookeeper's Wife

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent
1. The Lost City of Z
2. The Autopsy of Jane Doe
3. Blind
4. Fittest On Earth: A Decade of Fitness
5. A Quiet Passion
6. 2:22
7. Fishpeople
8. Unacknowledged: An Exposi of the World's Greatest Secret
9. The Flare
10. Personal Shopper

Source: Apple Inc.

Samsung rolls out Bixby voice assistant for US phones

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

Samsung is finally rolling out the English-language version of its Bixby voice assistant to U.S. phones, the company said Wednesday.

Samsung's take on the voice assistant — and its bid to compete with other companies' offerings including Apple's Siri, Google Assistant, Amazon's Alexa and Microsoft's Cortana — was central to its promotional pitch when the Galaxy S8 and S8+ were first announced. The company bragged that Bixby would be able to handle more complex tasks than other assistants and that users would be able to control a wide variety of apps with their voices.

(Amazon CEO Jeffrey P. Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

But when the phones hit U.S. store shelves in April, they rolled out without its voice features. (Bixby also has some camera-based features that launched on time with the phone.)

Samsung said that the delay was because of Bixby's inability to grasp the English language, which is a pretty big problem for software that's supposed to be able to understand conversational commands.

A Wednesday news release from Samsung indicates that it's solved those problems and Bixby will be able to do some fairly complicated tasks.

Users can, Samsung said, ask Bixby to do things such as "find photos I took in Spain and create an album called 'Vacation.'"

As good voice control becomes a major point of competition among tech firms, Samsung is under some pressure to show that Bixby can match or go beyond existing voice assistants.

Martha Bellisle/Associated Press

The packaging of ingredients in a togarashi-spiced salmon dish that is one of the choices available as part of Amazon's new ready-to-cook meal packages is shown Wednesday. The meal kits come with everything you need to prepare dinner for two.

MEAL KITS

From 2B

the soup base in a separate pot. Once done, I arranged the noodles, edamame and salmon on plates and sprinkled each with asparagus, mushrooms, scallions and sesame seeds. The meal includes a side of pickled ginger.

The recipe was easy to follow. I am an OK cook and have a few special dishes, but I find recipes often take a convoluted path from stove to table. This one had seven easy steps, such as boil the water.

All this took less than 30 minutes, as promised. After about 10 minutes of washing veggies, chopping and opening packets, the cook time was minimal, just 13 minutes. Setting the table and opening the wine were the only other tasks.

The servings were surprisingly large and visually appealing. Add a few glasses of white wine, and the meal was the perfect end to a very full day.

The value

I've been curious about meal kits for some time, but rivals such as Blue Apron and HelloFresh require you to subscribe to ongoing deliveries and pick your meals a week in advance. I wasn't willing to commit to $60-plus per week for a multi-meal plan without first trying out the concept.

Amazon lets you buy as you go, even spontaneously, notwithstanding the limited delivery windows. And the per-serving price is comparable with rivals — with a catch.

Meal kits require membership in both Amazon Prime ($99 per year) and AmazonFresh ($15 per month). Those fees along with the $10 delivery fee should be factored into the overall price of each meal, which range from $16 to $20 for two servings.

Amazon offers free delivery for orders over $40, but you lose freshness if you buy multiple meals at once. Instead, you could buy other groceries to qualify. AmazonFresh also has light bulbs and laundry soap.

Of course, it's ultimately cheaper just to buy these ingredients separately and assemble the meal yourself. But if you buy a whole tray of mushrooms and throw away all but the two you eat, then it's no longer cheaper. Nor is ordering takeout all the time, not to mention also being less healthy.

As someone who's often too busy to cook elaborate meals, I'm hooked.

In fact, knowing I needed a few groceries and dinner, I went on AmazonFresh early Friday and was able to secure an evening delivery. I added milk, juice and bananas to get free delivery.

I'm looking forward to roasted cod with cannellini bean ragout and pesto.

CHIPS

From 2B

transactions and confusing interfaces will disappear, or retailers risk losing customers to rivals with more pleasant checkout experiences.

Minor software upgrades might not be enough to speed up transactions in a noticeable way. Visa and MasterCard have come up with faster systems for merchants, such as grocery stores and fast food restaurants, who want their lines to move more quickly. Visa's Quick Chip and Mastercard's M Chip Fast allow shoppers to insert and remove their chip cards quickly before a transaction is complete. Customers can do other things (such as bag their groceries) while the purchase is processed. The faster systems, unveiled in April 2016 by both companies, are still hard to find in the U.S. About 40,000 U.S. merchant locations were using Visa's Quick Chip at the end of May. MasterCard declined to say how many retailers are using M/Chip Fast.

The fastest, most convenient option is contact-less payments, in which customers check out by waving a card or phone in front of a payment terminal. Unfortunately, widespread adoption of the technology would be another logistical challenge for an industry still adjusting to basic EMV chips.

Millions of retailers would need to buy special payment terminals, and more than 1 billion credit and debit cards would need to be upgraded. To speed the process along, consumers would need to show much more enthusiasm for mobile payments than they have so far. The percentage of Americans who have tried their phone's payment apps, such as Apple Pay or Android Pay has stalled, according to the latest PYMNTS.com survey.

Once again, the U.S. is way behind the rest of the world. In the U.K. and Canada, about 40 percent of Visa's transactions are contact-less, the payment network says. In Australia, the number is 85 percent.

Mel Melcon/Los Angeles Times/TNS

Robert Montanez, 39, left, inserts his debit card, equipped with an EMV chip, into an EMV reader while making a purchase at a Home Depot store in Burbank, Calif., on Sept. 23, 2015.

GOGGLES

From 2B

had made factory workers at AGCO more efficient. "By reducing the amount of back-and-forth workers have to do accessing checklists, viewing instruction manuals or sending photos from tablets or laptops as they assemble machines, Glass has reduced machinery production time by 25 percent and inspection times by 30 percent," wrote Jay Kothari, Glass' project lead.

There are still some lingering questions about how well Glass' makeover will work. Alphabet has not offered any details on the headset's price, for example; the company said in an email to The Washington Post that prices will vary depending on how customers want to use the devices. And, even with improvements to the device's battery life, processing capability and comfort, it's certainly no guarantee that many companies are going to find a way to work the device into their own offices.

This more-focused Glass strategy also hits at a time when many Google competitors, such as Microsoft and Apple, have jumped into the world of augmented reality, which many believe is a major growth area for technology. Virtual and augmented-reality devices are expected to generate $162 billion in revenue by 2020, according to the market research firm International Data Corporation.

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Can party music contribute to your guests' hearing loss?

By Orland Purcell Au. D., CCC-A

Everyone loves a great outdoor party in the summer. You can enjoy the balmy weather, the open sky and the green landscaping.

But are you turning the music up loud enough to damage hearing? Here are some things to think about in that regard.

ORLAND PURCELL, AU.D.

Many bands and DJs play music at 100dB SPLA (sound pressure level weighted). Unless you're wearing earplugs you can start to lose hearing in about 30 minutes at that level. At 90dB you may start to lose some hearing in about three hours.

The best level for a party is about 85 dB. "Be decibel-wise: under 85 keeps hearing alive" is a great way to remember this number.

There's also a multiplier effect as more and more guests show up. The more guests there are, the louder everyone has to talk to be heard. If you've ever been at a crowded party or restaurant, you know the issue. Then the music gets louder to be heard over the guests, then the guest talk even louder to be heard over the louder music and—well, you get the picture. This is 100 percent a recipe for hearing loss.

How can you know when music is too loud? One way to know is if you need to shout to the person next to you just to be heard.

A more definitive way would involve one of the many free apps available for both Apple and Android smartphones that measure decibel levels. You can check them for accuracy before the party starts by speaking into it in a normal voice. That should give you a reading in the 60-70 dB range. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has blogged about which apps are the most accurate.

Since many DJs and musicians are accustomed to playing music very loudly, some of them have already lost hearing. So 80-85 dB doesn't sound very loud to them. So you might plan to offer earplugs to your guests.

If you go that route, you might want to check out the YouTube video, "Fitting Foam Earplugs" produced by 3M. Basically, you want to roll the earplug down to a matchstick thickness, then insert it into your ear. This allows it to expand to completely fill your ear opening. That will give you the most effective hearing protection.

Do I practice what I preach? I try to! My daughter got married last June, and we had the DJ keep the music at a "reasonable level" so that people could enjoy the music, others could converse and more importantly no one lost any hearing at that joyous occasion. Noise exposure is the most preventable cause of hearing loss. Don't squander it on your special party or wedding day!

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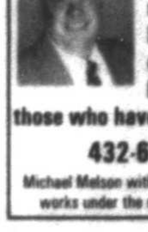
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Jerry Jones backs Elliott as Cowboys prep for camp

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Jerry Jones interjected some bad-boy anecdotes from his youth, smiled at the thought of life before social media and even asked a couple of questions himself Sunday at his annual training camp opener with reporters .

Jones

When the topic is the multitude of off-field issues confronting the Dallas Cowboys — headlined by star running back Ezekiel Elliott — their owner, president and general manager can dance with the best of them.

"I can give you the same old excuses — young, aggressive, got a lot of energy," Jones said. "Hard to paint that picture of the days when it won't be this easy, they won't be as pretty and they won't have the money. Somehow you've got to paint the picture."

Elliott is still waiting for clearance from the NFL on a year-old domestic violence case that prosecutors didn't pursue. The NFL rushing leader last season as a rookie, Elliott didn't help himself with his involvement in a bar fight a week before the Cowboys flew to California for camp.

Jones reiterated his belief that Elliott wasn't guilty of domestic violence in a dispute with his ex-girlfriend last summer in Columbus, Ohio, where he starred for Ohio State. But the Dallas owner still wouldn't speculate on whether Elliott will get suspended.

The Cowboys will have two suspended defensive players when the season starts in pass rushers David Irving and Randy Gregory. Two more could be: cornerback Nolan Carroll (drunken-driving charge) and linebacker Damien Wilson (aggravated assault charges).

Receiver Dez Bryant was late to report at the team's practice facility in suburban Dallas on Friday, a day before he was on the team flight to California. Irving decided to stay in California rather than report in Texas, and running back Darren McFadden missed the charter flight.

Not enough for the week leading to camp, with the first practice Monday?

How about receiver Lucky Whitehead claiming his dog was taken and held for ransom before being returned? Or video surfacing of receiver Terrance Williams accepting a challenge to a footrace outside a strip club late one night?

Still doesn't faze Jones much with the Cowboys trying to follow a 13-3 season that was the best in the NFC before a divisional playoff loss to Green Bay.

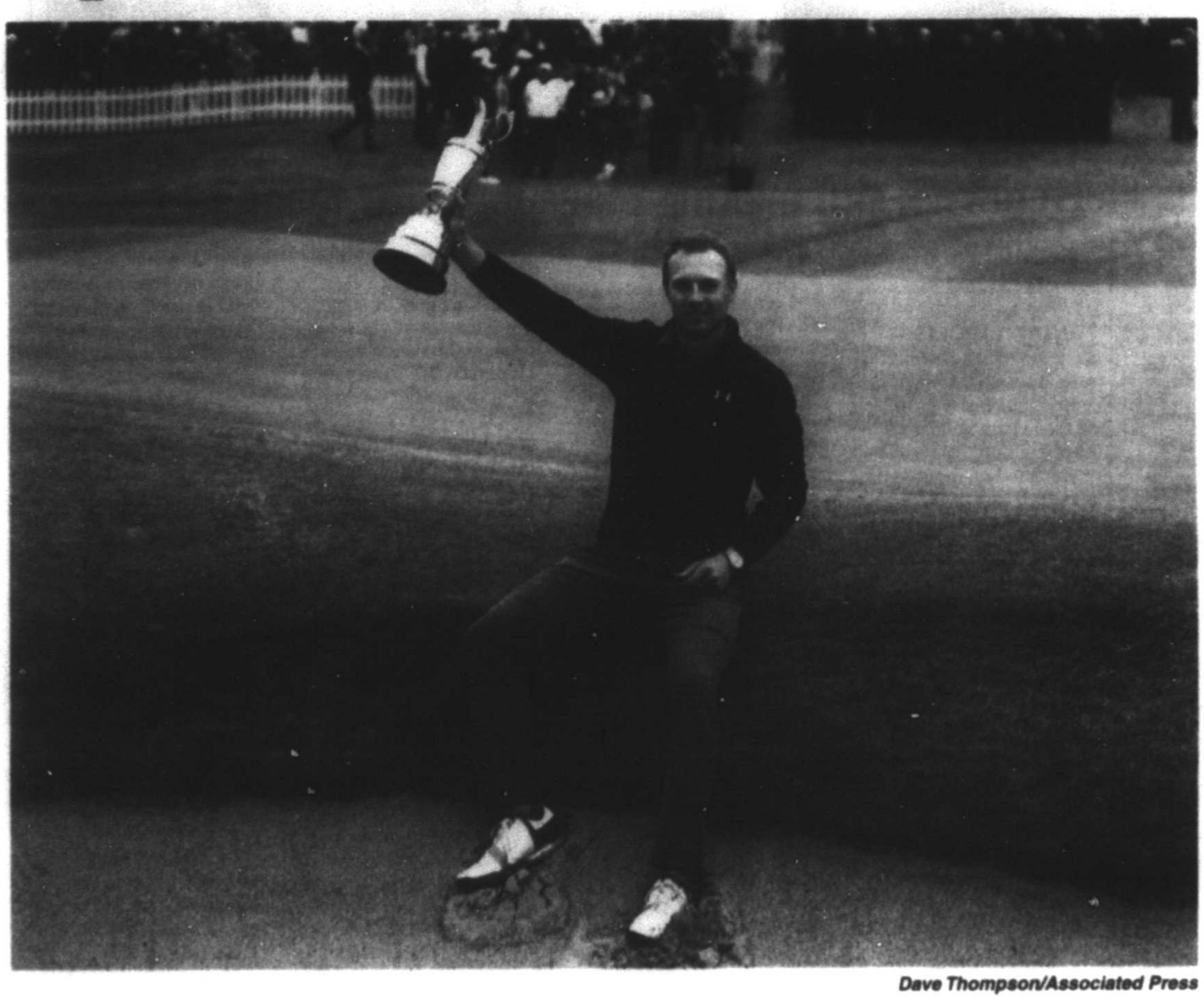
"There's absolutely no impact on the spirit, or the enthusiasm or the expectation, which I would use those words in defining momentum and still not really know that I know what momentum is," Jones said. "You just can't let that deter going about your work and getting the job done."

Coach Jason Garrett continues to vouch for Elliott's character, despite the two most pressing issues and older episodes of visiting a legal marijuana shop in Seattle during the preseason last year and pulling down a woman's shirt during a St. Patrick's Day parade this past spring.

"We believe in Zeke Elliott," Garrett said about last year's fourth overall pick. "It's incumbent upon all of us, everybody

Please see **JONES/5C**

Spieth avoids meltdown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Jordan Spieth holds the trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championships on Sunday at Royal Birkdale, Southport, England.

Jordan's wild journey leads to British Open win

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SOUTHPORT, England — During one of Jordan Spieth's many low points Sunday in the British Open, his caddie reminded him of a photo from a Mexico beach holiday two weeks ago that showed him in All-Star company that included Michael Phelps and Michael Jordan.

The message: "You belong in that group."

Spieth left little doubt with a closing performance that ranks among the greatest finishes in major championship history.

Trailing for the first time all weekend at Royal Birkdale — and lucky it was only one stroke thanks to a shot from the driving range — the 23-year-old Texan followed with a birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie stretch that allowed him to close with a 1-under 69 and win the British Open by three shots over Matt Kuchar.

Spieth captured the third leg of the career Grand Slam and heads to the PGA Championship next month with a chance to be the youngest to win them all.

"This is as much of a high as I've ever experienced in my golfing life," Spieth said.

And it all started in a spot so dire it looked as though he would endure another major meltdown.

The break of the tournament — and a moment that will rate alongside Seve Ballesteros making birdie from the car park when he won at Royal Lytham & St. Annes in 1979 — was when Spieth discovered the range was part of the course.

His tee shot was so far to the right on the par-4 13th hole that it sailed some 75 yards from the fairway and settled in thick grass on a dune so steep he could hardly stand up, let alone take a swing. The only smart option was to take a one-shot penalty for an unplayable lie.

And that's when Spieth showed his golfing brain is as valuable as any club in his bag.

He had the presence to ask if the driving range was out of bounds. It wasn't, which allowed him to go back in a straight line from the flag until he was on the range among the equipment trucks. After getting free relief from them, he still faced a blind shot over the dunes to a hole littered by pot bunkers. He hit 3-iron just short of a bunker near the green , pitched over it to about 7 feet and made what he considers the most important putt of the day to escape with bogey.

And then came the finishing kick like Phelps, the go-ahead jumper like Jordan.

Spieth hit 6-iron to the 14th that landed in front of the flag and came within inches of an ace, leading to a short birdie putt to regain the lead. On the par-5 15th, he rolled in a 50-foot eagle putt and playfully barked at caddie Michael Greller to pick it out of the cup. "Go get that," he said, pointing to the hole.

And he wasn't done.

Spieth rolled in a 30-foot putt across the 16th green for a two-shot lead, and he kept that margin by pouring in a 7-foot putt to match birdies with Kuchar.

The final putt for par was a tap-in, as easy a shot as he had all day.

"To follow that bogey on 13 with great golf shots and great putts, and play the final five holes in 5-under par, I was just

Please see **BRITISH OPEN/4C**

Kasey Kahne ends victory drought at marathon Brickyard 400

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Kasey Kahne survived a crash-marred Brickyard 400 on Sunday for his first NASCAR Cup victory in nearly three years.

The Hendrick Motorsports driver won under caution in the race that took more than six hours to complete, finally finishing in fading light after 167 laps and double overtime.

Brad Keselowski was second.

Afterward, Kahne went to Indianapolis Motor Speedway's infield medical center. Series officials didn't say what he was being treated for but other drivers said the temperatures inside the cars topped 130 degrees.

It was a wild day at Indianapolis Motor Speedway with Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr. — driving the two fastest cars — going out in a crash with 49 laps to go.

That was only a prelude the nutty final 20 laps that included five crashes, two of which brought out red flags.

Busch looked as if he would make history as the first driver to win three consecutive Brickyards when he led the first 71 laps — and 87 overall. But when Truex's car slid up the track, both cars hit the wall.

That opened the door for Kahne, who had struggled all season. And as the crashes happened behind, Kahne overcame muscle cramps to hold on for his 18th career victory and first since Atlanta in August 2014.

The race was red-flagged with 10 laps to go after Kurt Busch, Erik Jones and Clint Bowyer collided coming out of the fourth turn.

On the ensuing restart, Kyle Larson hit the wall on the front straightaway to bring out another caution.

Things went awry once more when Jimmie Johnson, Keselowski and Kahne tried to go three-wide through the third turn on what was supposed to be the second-to-last lap. But Johnson's smoking car spun and slammed into the wall, forcing overtime.

"I wouldn't call it an absurdity, I just think it was a crazy race," Keselowski said. "There was some crazy strategy."

And after Trevor Bayne's car got sideways with two laps left in the first overtime, another red flag came out and another overtime began.

But the race still wasn't over.

With the sun setting and no lights at the track, Kahne barely made it to the overtime line as another multi-car pileup occurred behind him to bring out the last of the 14 cautions to seal the win.

Please see **KAHNE/2C**

Odor homers twice, Rangers sweep Tampa Bay with 6-5 win

By Mark Didtler
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Rougned Odor homered twice, including back-to-back drives with Carlos Gomez in the eighth inning, and the Texas Rangers rallied beat the Tampa Bay Rays 6-5 Sunday and complete a three-game sweep.

Odor's two-run drive off Brad Boxberger (2-2) tied the score, and Gomez put the Rangers ahead 6-5 two pitches later.

Joey Gallo also homered for the Rangers, who had not swept a series of three or more games at Tampa Bay since July 1999. Adrian Beltre tripled and singled, moving within 11 of 3,000 hits.

Matt Bush (3-4) pitched a scoreless seventh, and Jose Leclerc got his second save despite two walks in the ninth.

Aided by four walked from Tyson Ross, the Rays scored three times in the fourth for a 5-2 lead. Mallex Smith had a two-run double and Brad Miller drew a bases-loaded walk.

Beltre got his 37th triple and first since July 20 last year, then scored on Mike Napoli's sacrifice fly. Odor's solo homer off Jake Odorizzi to put the Rangers ahead 2-0 in the second.

Odor has six career multi-homer games.

Gallo made it 5-3 in the fifth with his 23rd homer.

Odorizzi gave up three runs and four hits in four-plus innings. He has allowed a homer in 15 consecutive appearances.

Ross gave up five runs and four hits in 3 2/3 innings. He has allowed 14 runs over seven innings in last two starts.

Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos departed with a sprained left ankle after a collision at the plate with Adeiny Hechavarria in the fourth. X-rays were negative.

Trainer's room

Rangers: RHP Chi Chi Gonzalez will have Tommy John surgery on his right elbow this week. ... LHP Jake

Please see **RANGERS/3C**

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Texas Rangers' Rougned Odor, left, celebrates with Mike Napoli after his home run scored both of them during the eighth inning of a game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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SUNDAY'S SCORE
Midland 12-13, Corpus Christi 2-1

TODAY'S GAME
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.

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Midland 11-19
Frisco 12-17

Sunday	Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Midland 12-13, Corpus Christi 2-1	Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV
CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Ottawa at Toronto, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Big Ten Media Days, 2 p.m., BTN
HORSE RACING
Caress Stakes, 3 p.m., FS2
MLB
Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, 1 p.m., MLB
Houston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., AT&T
Miami at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
MEN'S SOCCER
ICC: Inter Milan vs. Olympique Lyonnais, 7 a.m., ESPNDEP, ESPN3
SWIMMING
FINA World Championship, Day 11, 10:30 a.m., NBCSN
Day 2 Semifinals & Finals, 7 p.m., OLYHD
Day 3 Heats, 2:30 a.m., OLYHD
TENNIS
World Team: Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., TENNIS
ATP: German Tennis Championships, 4 a.m., TENNIS
WOMEN'S SOCCER
UEFA Women's EURO 2017: Belgium vs. Netherlands, 1:45 p.m., UDN, ESPN3
UEFA Women's EURO 2017: Norway vs. Denmark, 1:45 p.m., ESPN3
WOMEN'S WATER POLO
Quarterfinal 1, 7:30 a.m., OLYHD
Quarterfinal 2, 9 a.m., OLYHD
Quarterfinal 3, 1:30 p.m., OLYHD
Quarterfinal 4, 3 p.m., OLYHD

ON RADIO
MLB
Houston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)
Miami at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring); KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa)
TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Called up 3B Rafael Devers from Pawtucket (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Sent OF Jim Adduci to Toledo (IL). Recalled RHP Drew Verhagen from Toledo.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed 3B Colin Moran on the 10-day DL. Recalled 1B Tyler White from Fresno (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Designated LHP Craig Breslow for assignment. Traded RHP Nick Tepesch to the Toronto Blue Jays for cash considerations.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed 2B Starlin Castro on the 10-day DL, retroactive to July 22. Recalled INF/OF Tyler Wade from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Sent 1B Ji-Man Choi outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Acquired 1B Ryan McBroom from Toronto for INF/OF Rob Refsnyder.
TEXAS RANGERS Announced INF Pete Kozma has accepted an outright assignment to Round Rock (PCL).
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Traded RHP Sergio Romo to Tampa Bay for a player to be named or cash.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Re-instated RHP Wily Peralta from the 10-day DL. Designated RHP Rob Scahill for assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reinstated OF Manuel Margot from the paternity leave list. Optioned OF Franchy Cordero to El Paso (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled C Pedro Severino from Syracuse (IL). Selected the contract of OF Andrew Stevenson from Syracuse. Placed OF Ryan Raburn on the bereavement list and OF Chris Heisey on the 10-day DL. Transferred OF Jayson Werth to the 60-day DL.
American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded INF John Holland to Schaumburg for a player to be named. Released LHP Jack Fowler.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released OF Ross Kivett.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Activated RHP John Brownell. Placed RHP Dennis O'Grady on the inactive list.
Frontier League
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Released RHP Evan Bickell.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed SS Luis Diaz.
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Traded RHP Rohn Pierce to the Sussex County Miners of the Can-Am League. Released INF Josh Burseimeyer.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DB Jabrill Peppers.
Canadian Football League
CFL — Suspended Edmonton's Garry Peters one game for contacting an official during a July 20 game at Hamilton.

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	42	37	22
Chicago	4	5	8	38	28	27
New York City FC	4	4	7	37	40	27
Atlanta United FC	4	[illegible]	3	33	40	[illegible]
New York	4	8	[illegible]	32	28	26
Columbus	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	31	32
Orlando City	4	8	1	29	22	30
Montreal	4	8	1	29	24	32
Philadelphia	4	9	3	23	26	24
New England	4	9	3	23	33	34
D.C. United	2	11	4	16	9	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	9	3	[illegible]	34	32	19
Kansas City	8	4	5	29	24	14
Houston	7	[illegible]	4	32	27	30
Portland	6	6	4	27	35	35
Seattle	6	7	2	20	25	31
Vancouver	4	7	4	16	25	25
San Jose	4	9	3	15	23	31
Real Salt Lake	3	9	4	13	24	29
Los Angeles	6	10	4	22	31	37
Colorado	6	11	2	20	20	28
Minnesota United	5	12	4	19	25	45

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Scores
Portland 2, Vancouver 1
San Jose at Seattle late
Wednesday, July 26
Columbus at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 29
Orlando City at Atlanta United FC, 3:30 p.m.
Montreal at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Sporting Kansas City, 7 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Real Salt Lake, 7 p.m.
D.C. United at Minnesota United, 7 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at FC Dallas, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	12	9	.571	—
Washington	12	9	.571	—
New York	11	9	.528	1
Atlanta	9	11	.450	2½
Chicago	8	13	.381	4
Indiana	8	13	.381	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	16	2	.889	—
Los Angeles	14	6	.700	3
Phoenix	11	9	.550	6
Dallas	10	12	.455	8
Seattle	9	11	.450	8
San Antonio	3	18	.143	14½

Scores and schedule

Saturday's Scores
Western Conference 130, Eastern Conference 121
Sunday's Games
No games scheduled
Today's Games
No games scheduled

FIGHT SCHEDULE

July 28
At Shanghai, China: Zou Shiming vs. Shoichi Nimura, 12, for Zou's WBO World flyweight title.
July 29
At Barclays Center: Brooklyn, N.Y. (SHO): Adrien Broner vs. Mikey Garcia, 12, welterweights; Jermall Charlo vs. Jorge Sebastian Heiland, 12, middleweights; Jermall Miller vs. Gerard Washington, 10, heavyweights; Raushee Warren vs. McJoe Arroyo, 10, junior bantamweights.
At Durango, Mexico (CBSSN): Cristian Mijares vs. Rafael Hernandez, 10, super feather weights; Luis Jesus Villalobos vs. Ivan Alvarez, 10, welterweights.
At Centro Del Sol in Tucson, Ariz. (ESPN): Sadam Ali vs. Johan Perez, 10, for the vacant NABA Welterweight title.
At The Queen, Mary, Long Beach, Calif. (CBSSN): Tramaine Williams vs. Angel Luna, 10, featherweights.
July 30
At Rabobank Theater, Bakersfield, Calif. (FS1): Victor Ortiz vs. Saul Corral, 10, welterweights; Justin DeLoach vs. Fernando Guerrero, 10, junior middleweights.
Aug. 4
At MGM Grand Detroit, Detroit (SHO), Saintcyr Eyubov vs. Sonny Fredrickson, 10, super lightweights.
At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif. (ESPN): Mauricio Herrera vs. Jesus Soto Karass, 10, welterweights; Vyacheslav Shabranskyy vs. Todd Unthank-May, 10, for the vacant WBC USNBC light heavyweight title.
Aug. 5
At Microsoft Theater, Los Angeles (ESPN): Vasyl Lomachenko vs. Miguel Marriaga, 12, for Lomachenko's WBO World junior lightweight title; Raymundo Beltran vs. Bryan Vasquez, 10, lightweights; Christopher Diaz vs. Carlos Ruiz, 10, featherweights.
Aug. 15
At Tokyo, Shinsuke Yamanaka vs. Luis Nery, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC World bantamweight title.
Aug. 18
At Ponce, Puerto Rico (ESPN), Alberto Machado vs. Carlos Morales, 10, junior lightweights.
Aug. 19
At Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln, Neb. (ESPN): Terence Crawford vs. Julius Indongo, 12, for Crawford's WBO/WBC and Indongo's IBF/WBA junior welterweight titles; Oleksandr Gvozdyk vs. Craig Baker, 10, light heavyweights; Mike Reed vs. Robert Frankel, 10, welterweights; Nicholas Walters vs. Arturo Santos Reyes, 10, super featherweights; Mike Alvarado vs. Sidney Sequeira, 10, welterweights.
Aug. 25
At Buffalo Run Casino, Miami, Okla. (FS1): Sergey Derevyanchenko vs. Tureano Johnson, 12, middleweights.
Aug. 26
At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif. (HBO): Miguel Cotto vs. Yoshihiro Kamegai, 12, for the vacant WBO World junior middleweight title; Rey Vargas vs. Ronny Rios, 12, for Vargas' WBC World super bantamweight title.
At Las Vegas (PPV), Floyd Mayweather vs. Conor McGregor, 12, junior middleweights.
Aug. 27
At Kumamoto, Japan, Tatsuya Fukuhara vs. Ryuya Yamanaka, 12, for Fukuhara's WBO World strawweight title.
Sept. 3
At Kyoto, Japan, Shun Kubo vs. Daniel Roman, 12, for Kubo's WBA World junior featherweight title.
Sept. 9
At Los Angeles, Callum Smith vs. Anthony Dirrell, 12, for the vacant WBC World super middleweight title.
At StubHub Center, Carson City, Calif.: Srisaket Sor Rungvisai vs. Roman Gonzalez, 12, for Rungvisai's WBC World super flyweight title; Naoya Inoue vs. Antonio Nieves, 12, for Inoue's WBO World super flyweight title; Carlos Cuadras vs. Juan Francisco Estrada, 12, super flyweights.
Sept. 13
At Osaka, Japan, Yukinori Oguni vs. Ryosuke Iwasa, 12, for Oguni's IBF junior featherweight title.
Sept. 16
At Cebu City, Philippines, Milan Melindo vs. Hekkie Budler, 12, for Melindo's IBF junior flyweight title.
At T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas (PPV), Gennady Golovkin vs. Canelo Alvarez, 12, for Golovkin's WBC World/WBA Super World/IBF/IBO middleweight titles.
Sept. 23
At Manchester, England, Joseph Parker vs. Hughie Fury, 12, for Parker's WBO World heavyweight title.
Oct. 7
At Staples Center, Los Angeles (SHO), Leo Santa Cruz, vs. Abner Mares, 12, for Santa Cruz's WBA Super World featherweight title.

Froome's 4th Tour win was most fulfilling

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

PARIS — After the champagne bubbles fade and Chris Froome drifts away from his Sunday night celebrations to reflect on a fourth Tour de France win, he may do so with greater fondness than the others.

Froome

The first, in 2013, brought the bursting pride of a first success. But he won by more than four minutes, as he did last year. Although Nairo Quintana finished a little over one minute behind him in 2015, this year's victory — by just 54 seconds — over another Colombian, Rigoberto Uran, tastes sweeter.

"This Tour has been my toughest yet," Froome said.

Froome temporarily lost the race lead to the daring Italian Fabio Aru in the Pyrenees on a huge climb to the ski station of Peyragudes, and thought he'd lost it altogether two days later.

Last Sunday in Rodez, he was forced to change his rear wheel in the final 40 kilometers (25 miles) after a spoke broke. He got dropped, drifting way behind the peloton.

"I was just standing there on the side of the road with my teammate Michal Kwiatkowski," Froome said. "I thought it was potentially game over."

Riding with unchained fury, Kwiatkowski and Froome bridged the gap — and saved his Tour.

Fast forward to Saturday's penultimate stage in Marseille and a time trial — one of his strongest disciplines. Froome was right back in the ascendency and closing in on win No. 4.

Yet the future champion was jeered by fans at the Stade Velodrome football stadium as he began his ride, and more jeers followed along the route.

Froome had urine chucked over him on a previous Tour, so booing was hardly going to unsettle him. He was almost chivalrous on the podium Sunday, addressing fans in admirable French.

"Thank you for the welcome and your generosity," Froome said, with unintentional irony.

This was the third straight win for the Team Sky rider.

"I want to dedicate this victory to my family. Your love and support makes everything possible," he said. "I also want to thank my team Sky (for your) dedication and passion."

Bardet placed 2 minutes, 20 seconds behind him. But he denied Spaniard Mikel Landa — Froome's teammate — a podium spot by just one second. Aru finished fifth, 3:05 behind.

As per tradition, the 21st stage — 103 kilometers (64 miles) from Montgeron to Paris— was reserved for sprinters and a procession for the rest. Dutchman Dylan Groenewegen won, edging German rider Andre Greipel and Norwegian Edvald Boasson Hagen.

The focus was elsewhere.

Froome now needs only one more title to match the Tour record of five shared by Frenchmen Jacques Anquetil and Bernard Hinault, Belgian Eddie Merckx and Spaniard Miguel Induráin.

"It's a huge honor to be talked about in the same sentence," Froome said of those cycling greats.

However, Froome is more of a slick modernist than a reminiscent historian.

"I probably don't even know the full history of those events," he said. "Coming into cycling quite late in my life, obviously my childhood back in Africa, I only started watching the Tour de France in the years that Lance Armstrong was racing."

Sunday
21st (Final) Stage
At Paris
A 103-mile lap from Montgeron to Paris Champs-Elysees:
1. Dylan Groenewegen, Netherlands, Team LottoNl-Jumbo, 2 hours, 25 minutes, 39 seconds.
2. Andre Greipel, Germany, Lotto Soudal, same time.
3. Edvald Boasson Hagen, Norway, Dimension Data, same time.
4. Nacer Bouhanni, France, Cofidis, Solutions Credits, same time.
5. Alexander Kristoff, Norway, Katusha-Alpecin, same time.
6. Borut Bozic, Slovenia, Bahrain-Merida, same time.
7. Davide Cimolai, Italy, FDJ, same time.
8. Pierre Luc Perichon, France, Team Fortuneo-Oscaro, same time.
9. Rudiger Selig, Germany, Bora-Hansgrohe, same time.
10. Daniele Bennati, Italy, Movistar Team, same time.
11. Michael Matthews, Australia, Team Sunweb, same time.
12. Sonny Colbrelli, Italy, Bahrain-Merida, same time.
13. Peter Varapeyborouck, Belgium, Wanty-Groupe Gobert, same time.
14. Thomas Boudat, France, Direct Energie, same time.
15. Jurgen Roelandts, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, same time.
16. Olivier Le Gac, France, FDJ, same time.
17. Ben Swift, Britain, UAE Team Emirates, same time.
18. Jack Bauer, New Zealand, Quick-Step Floors, same time.
19. Taylor Phinney, United States, Cannondale-Drapac, same time.
20. Florian Vachon, France, Team Fortuneo-Oscaro, same time.
Also
79. Andrew Talansky, United States, Cannondale-Drapac, same time.
109. Nate Brown, United States, Cannondale Drapac, same time

Overall Final Standings
(21 stages)
1. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, 86:20:55.
2. Rigoberto Uran, Colombia, Cannondale Drapac, :54 behind.
3. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 2:20.
4. Mikel Landa, Spain, Sky, 2:21.
5. Fabio Aru, Italy, Astana, 3:05.
6. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Quick-Step Floors, 4:42.
7. Simon Yates, Britain, Orica-Scott, 8:14.
8. Louis Meintjes, South Africa, UAE Team Emirates, 8:20.
9. Alberto Contador, Spain, Trek-Segafredo, 8:49.
10. Warren Barguil, France, Sunweb, 9:25.
11. Damiano Caruso, Italy, BMC Racing, 14:48.
12. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, 15:28.
13. Alexis Vuillermoz, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 24:38.
14. Mikel Nieve, Spain, Sky, 25:28.
15. Emanuel Buchmann, Germany, Bora-Hansgrohe, 33:21.
16. Brice Feillu, France, Fortuneo-Oscaro, 35:00.
17. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek-Segafredo, 37:43.
18. Carlos Betancur, Colombia, Movistar, 37:47.
19. Serge Pauwels, Belgium, Dimension Data, 39:38.
20. Tiesj Benoot, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, 42:04.

Hendrick still making plans for 4-car team next season

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Rick Hendrick still prefers running with a four-pack.

If he has his way, all four of those cars will be racing next season.

On Sunday, the longtime owner of one of NASCAR's powerhouse teams tried to douse the debate over a possible downsizing with one short statement.

"The plan is to run four cars next year," Hendrick said just hours before the start of the Brickyard 400.

Hendrick Motorsports, like the Cup series, is in the midst of a major transition.

Four-time points champion Jeff Gordon retired following the 2015 season, returned briefly last year to replace the injured Dale Earnhardt Jr., and now says he's finished with driving anything "NASCAR related."

Earnhardt Jr., NASCAR's most popular driver each of the past 14 seasons, has already announced he's retiring at the end of 2017. On Thursday, Hendrick chose 24-year-old Alex Bowman as Earnhardt's replacement.

That gives Hendrick two promising young drivers, Bowman and 21-year-old Chase Elliott, to put in the garage with seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson.

But with sponsorship deals running out, Kasey Kahne underperforming in the fourth car, and Matt Kenseth saying he wouldn't take over the No. 88 car when his tenure with Joe Gibbs Racing ends, speculation about Hendrick's future plans have been the subject of a lot of chatter.

Hendrick did not address Kahne's future with the team.

Still, instead of suggesting the team might scale back to three cars in 2018, Hendrick and Bowman went in another direction Sunday — mentioning a possible expanded schedule this season.

"We started talking about that, getting into an Xfinity car before the year is over, but we've just started talking," said Bowman, who has not driven full time in either of NASCAR's two top series this year. "We have to kind of wait and see. I'd love to get back in a car."

Hendrick did clarify the terms of Nationwide's new deal. He said Earnhardt's long-time sponsor signed a three-year contract with the team, though only the first year is to sponsor Bowman.

Earnhardt thinks it would be wise to stick with Bowman beyond 2018 because he believes Elliott and Bowman can become cornerstone pieces in the Cup's growing youth movement.

"He's got a good personality, he's good on social media and I think that's going to be an important part of it going forward," Earnhardt said. "Winning helps. But I think what sells is how you relate to real people."

One driver who won't be moving up next year is 19-year-old William Byron, who became the youngest winner of a major race on Indy's 2.5-mile oval Saturday. He's won three of the last five races and looks like another promising future star.

"We're not ready to cross that bridge yet," Hendrick said when asked about adding Byron to his Cup team in 2018.

KAHNE

From 1C

The race had a little of everything — a 1-hour, 47-minute rain delay, 130-degree temperatures inside the cars and plenty of crashes.

None seemed like they would be bigger than the took out the two race leaders, Truex and Busch — the de facto Joe Gibbs Racing teammates.

For the first two-thirds of the race, it looked as if Busch would make history with his third straight victory at the track.

But when Truex's car started to spin on Lap 111, everything changed. Truex tapped Busch's No. 18 car, sending both into the wall and flames shooting out of the bottom of Truex's car.

Neither driver was seriously hurt, but neither appreciated with the result — especially since they are de facto teammates with Joe Gibbs Racing.

"That's the way it goes," Busch said. "Just chalk it up to another one we found a way to lose."

For Busch, it was a devastating blow.

After becoming the first Cup driver to capture back-to-back Brickyard poles since Ernie Irvan in 1997 and 1998 and extending his streak from last year to 181 consecutive laps led at Indy, he couldn't snap the 12-month winless streak.

The only racers with three straight wins at Indy are former Formula One star Michael Schumacher, who won the U.S. Grand Prix four consecutive times, and Marc Marquez, who won three straight MotoGP titles at Indy. Both won their titles on the track's road course.

Nobody has won three in a row on Indy's historic oval.

Busch won the first stage by 0.544 seconds and the second by 4.205 seconds — both over Truex.

"I just got loose and wrecked him. It was totally my fault," Truex said. "We worked well together and that's the hard part."

NASCAR BRICKYARD 400 RESULTS

Sunday
At Indianapolis Motor Speedway Speedway, Ind.
Lap length: 2.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (19) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 167 laps, 0 rating, 40 points.
2. (11) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 167, 0, 37.
3. (8) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 167, 0, 34.
4. (7) Joey Logano, Ford, 167, 0, 43.
5. (14) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 167, 0, 42.
6. (2) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 167, 0, 44.
7. (15) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 167, 0, 30.
8. (27) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 167, 0, 29.
9. (26) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 167, 0, 28.
10. (39) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 167, 0, 27.
11. (23) Danica Patrick, Ford, 167, 0, 26.
12. (34) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 167, 0, 25.
13. (29) Aric Almirola, Ford, 167, 0, 24.
14. (37) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, 167, 0, 0.
15. (3) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 167, 0, 27.
16. (17) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 167, 0, 21.
17. (5) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 166, 0, 23.
18. (24) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 166, 0, 19.
19. (38) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 165, 0, 18.
20. (22) Trevor Bayne, Ford, accident, 162, 0, 17.
21. (20) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, accident, 162, 0, 16.
22. (33) Landon Cassill, Ford, garage, 162, 0, 15.
23. (10) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 162, 0, 36.
24. (35) Gray Gaulding, Chevrolet, accident, 162, 0, 13.
25. (36) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, accident, 162, 0, 0.
26. (96) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 162, 0, 11.
27. (4) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, accident, 158, 0, 12.
28. (25) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, accident, 154, 0, 12.
29. (12) Kurt Busch, Ford, accident, 149, 0, 8.
30. (18) Clint Bowyer, Ford, accident, 148, 0, 7.
31. (9) Erik Jones, Toyota, accident, 148, 0, 13.
32. (40) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 135, 0, 0.
33. (6) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, accident, 110, 0, 22.
34. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, accident, 110, 0, 23.
35. (21) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Ford, accident, 108, 0, 2.
36. (13) Dale Earnhardt Jr, Chevrolet, accident, 78, 0, 2.
37. (33) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, accident, 70, 0, 0.
38. (30) David Ragan, Ford, accident, 56, 0, 1.
39. (16) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, engine, 43, 0, 1.
40. (32) Corey Lajoie, Toyota, accident, 9, 0, 1.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS
8/03 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
8/06 6:00-8:00 PetSplash at Sherwood Aquatic Center, Odessa
8/14 6:00 Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation

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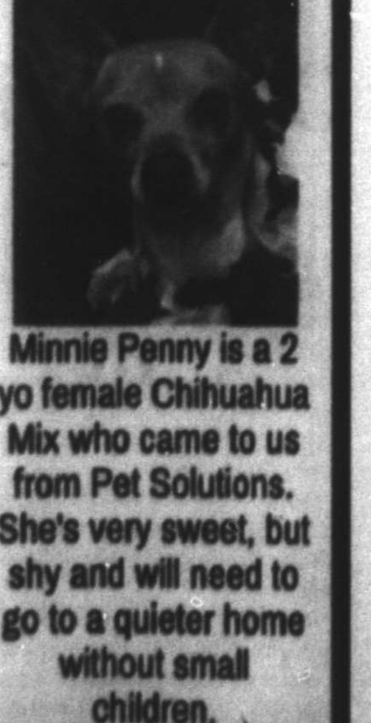
Minnie Penny is a 2 yo female Chihuahua Mix who came to us from Pet Solutions. She's very sweet, but shy and will need to go to a quieter home without small children.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 12, HOOKS 2, first game
ROCKHOUNDS 13, HOOKS 1, 2nd game
At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Max Schrock went 4-for-4 with a double, home run, three RBI and two runs scored in the first game for the RockHounds. Midland's Andy Paz was 2-for-4 with a double, RBI and a run scored, while Richie Martin was 2-for-3 with a double, RBI and two runs scored. ... For the Hooks, Ramon Laureano was 2-for-4 with a home run, RBI and run scored in the first game. ... In the second game, B.J. Boyd led Midland by going 3-for-4 with a home run, walk, four RBI and two runs scored. Sean Murphy was 2-for-3 with a walk and three runs scored, Richie Martin was 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored, and Branden Cogswell was 2-for-3 with a double, walk and two runs scored for the RockHounds. ... For the Hooks, Dexture McCall was 3-for-3 with an RBI.

TOP PITCHERS: Dustin Hurlbutt picked his third win of the year in the first game after he allowed two runs on three hits, walked four and struck out three over six innings. ... Midland starter A.J. Puk earned his first win in Double-A after he allowed one run on three hits, three walks and struck out five in the second game. Joel Seddon pitched in relief of Puk and allowed just one hit and struck out two over two scoreless innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: Laureano gave the Hooks a 1-0 lead in the first inning with a solo home run to center field. .... Midland rallied for five runs in the third inning behind four hits and an error. ... After another solo homer by the Hooks' Jason Martin in the fourth to pull to within 5-2, Midland added another five-spot in the fifth, highlighted by a two-run double by Andy Paz. ... Midland had a 6-1 lead after five innings in the second game when it scored seven runs in the sixth inning thanks in part to a two-run homer by Vicoergy Rosa, a two-run single by Martin and a three-run blast by Boyd.

NOTES: The RockHounds ended up taking three of four games from the Hooks this series. ... Midland had 29 hits in the doubleheader, while the Hooks committed six total errors on the afternoon. ... Midland begins a three-game series with Frisco at 6:30 p.m. and Texas Rangers starting pitcher A.J. Griffin is expected to make a rehab assignment. Griffin is a one-time RockHound and pitched on a rehab assignment for Frisco in Midland last season.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland - RHP Grant Holmes (6-10, 4.85 ERA); Frisco - RHP A.J. Griffin (rehab assignment)

First Game
ROCKHOUNDS 12, HOOKS 2

Corpus	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Laureano rf	4	1	2	1	Tarsovich 3b	5	1	1	1
Birk 2b	4	0	0	0	Boyd cf	4	1	1	0
Mayfield 3b	3	0	0	0	Curtis dh	3	1	1	2
Singleton 1b	3	0	0	0	Rosa 1b	4	1	1	1
JMartin lf	2	1	1	1	Sportman rf	4	2	1	1
Ritchie c	1	0	0	0	Schrock 2b	4	2	4	3
Ferguson cf	2	0	0	0	Ramirez lf	3	1	1	0
McCall dh	2	0	0	0	Paz c	4	1	2	2
Nunez ss	3	0	0	0	RMartin ss	3	2	2	1
Totals	24	2	3	2	Totals	34	12	14	11

Corpus Christi ..... 100 100 0 —2
Midland ..... 000 002 x —12

E - Nunez (17), Singleton (9), Birk (1). LOB - Corpus Christi 6, Midland 8. 2B - Schrock (16), R. Martin (10), Rosa (25), Paz (3). 3B - Sportman (4). HR - Laureano (6), J. Martin (9), Schrock (8). SB - Laureano (17).

Corpus Christi	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Perez L, 0-1	4.0	7	5	4	2	2
Hernandez	1.0	3	5	2	1	1
Thompson	1.0	4	2	2	0	1
Midland						
Hurlbutt W, 3-1	6.0	3	2	2	4	3
Kurcz	1.0	0	0	0	1	2

WP - Kurcz. HBP - by Hernandez (Boyd).
T - 2:10 (1:04 delay). A - n/a.

Second Game
ROCKHOUNDS 13, HOOKS 1

Corpus	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Laureano rf	4	0	0	0	Boyd cf	4	2	3	4
Birk 2b	2	1	0	0	Tarsovich 3b	5	1	1	2
Mayfield dh	3	0	0	0	Schrock	3	1	1	2
Ritchie c	3	0	1	0	Rosa 1b	3	1	1	2
Ferguson cf	2	0	0	0	Sportman rf	4	0	1	0
McCall 1b	3	0	3	1	Ramirez lf	4	1	2	0
JMartin lf	3	0	0	0	Murphy c	3	3	2	0
Nunez ss	3	0	0	0	Cogswell 2b	3	2	2	0
Michelena 3b	2	0	0	0	RMartin ss	3	2	2	2
Totals	25	1	4	1	Totals	33	13	15	13

Corpus Christi ..... 000 100 0 —1
Midland ..... 102 217 x —13

E - Ritchie (7), James (2), Laureano (3). LOB - Corpus Christi 6, Midland 6. 2B - Cogswell (2), HR - Rosa (13), Boyd (3). SB - Birk (1), Tarsovich (10).

Corpus Christi	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
James L, 4-4	3.1	7	5	3	2	3
Thorne	1.2	2	1	1	2	3
Walter	0.1	5	6	6	1	0
Ferrell	0.2	1	1	1	0	1
Midland						
Puk W, 1-3	5.0	3	1	1	3	5
Seddon	2.0	1	0	0	0	2

WP - Puk. HBP - by James (Martin).
T - 2:26 (4:29). A - 951.

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	e	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield		20	13	.667	—
Tulsa		17	13	.567	3
Northwest Arkansas		13	17	.433	7
Arkansas		13	17	.433	7

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	18	11	.621	—
Corpus Christi	15	15	.500	3½
Frisco	12	17	.414	6
Midland	11	18	.367	7½

Sunday's Scores
Midland 13, Corpus Christi 2
Northwest Arkansas 8, Tulsa 7
Midland 13, Corpus Christi 1
Springfield 3, Arkansas 1
San Antonio at Frisco, late
Today's Games
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

Britton gets AL saves record as Orioles beat Astros 9-7

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Setting the American League record for consecutive saves converted requires a remarkable display of consistency.

Patience also played a part for Zach Britton, because the Baltimore Orioles closer went more than 14 weeks this season between tying the mark and breaking it.

Britton converted his 55th straight save opportunity Sunday, blanking the Houston Astros in the ninth inning to seal Baltimore's 9-7 victory.

He struck out the first two batters and issued a walk before pinch-hitter George Springer bounced into a force play to end it.

"I never thought I could put together something like that at this level, with how good these guys are," the left-hander said. "I'll reflect on it eventually. I just want to get back to pitching like myself consistently."

Britton earned his fifth save on April 14 and endured more than two months on the disabled list with a strained left forearm before returning on July 5.

At that point, manager Buck Showalter refrained from using Britton in the closer's role until he was ready. Britton finally got the chance Sunday — and made the most of it.

Britton broke the AL mark held by Tom Gordon who notched 54 straight saves with Boston from 1998-99. Britton started his run on Oct. 1, 2015, added 47 in a row last season and is 6 for 6 this year.

"A lot of us were here to see all of them and realize how hard that is to do, especially over that long a period of time," Showalter said.

The major league record of 84 is held by Eric Gagne of the Dodgers from 2002-04. Saves became an official statistic in 1969.

Baltimore broke a tie with two runs in the eighth against Luke Gregerson (2-3), using a sacrifice fly by Manny Machado and an RBI single by Jonathan Schoop.

Britton made the lead stand up, using 16 pitches to retire the AL West leaders.

Mark Trumbo homered and Adam Jones had four hits for the Orioles, who avoided a three-game sweep. Baltimore had lost eight straight to Houston dating to last year.

"We're not perfect every game. We're not without our own flaws or things we can do better," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "There have only been a couple of nights where we got it handed to us. Most of the time we won the game."

The Astros have fell behind by three runs before coming back. Jose Altuve's 15th home run — the first of his four hits — made it 3-all in the fourth, and Nori Aoki connected with two out in the sixth to knot the score at 6.

Houston added a run in the sixth, but Trumbo tied it with a shot to left leading off the seventh.

Mychal Givens (7-0) worked the eighth for the Orioles.

Astros starter Lance McCullers gave up six runs and nine hits, walked two and hit two batters in 4 2/3 innings. In three starts this month, the right-hander is 0-1 with a 9.88 ERA.

"It's up to me and the coaching staff to watch some video and figure out what is going on," McCullers said.

Baltimore's Dylan Bundy allowed seven runs in 5 1/3 innings, including both Houston home runs.

Trainer's room

Astros: 3B Colin Moran was placed on the disabled list with a facial fracture. The injury occurred Saturday night when the rookie fouled a ball off his cheek and he remained hospitalized Sunday. Houston recalled 1B Tyler White from Triple-A Fresno.

LHP Dallas Keuchel pitched five innings in his second rehab appearance Saturday night. He's been on the DL since June 5 with a neck injury.

Orioles: SS J.J. Hardy, who's been on the DL since June 19 with a fractured wrist, is taking grounders but not yet throwing. "Right now the stage is getting the mobility back," Hardy said. He will see a hand specialist in a week, then seek to strengthen the wrist before starting baseball activities.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

YANKEES 6 MARINERS 4

SEATTLE — New York won a series for the first time in six weeks when Aroldis Chapman struck out Ben Gamel with a runner on to preserve the Yankees' third win in four games against Seattle this weekend. The Yankees had been 0-8-2 in series since sweeping Baltimore on June 9-11.

After Seattle overcame a 3-0 deficit with a four-run fourth inning against Caleb Smith, Brett Gardner hit a tying, bases-loaded single in the sixth and Clint Frazier followed with a two-run double off former Yankee James Pazos (2-3).

Didi Gregorius had his first career multi-homer game with solo shots, and Gardner opened the game with his 17th home run.

A converted starter pitching on consecutive days for the first time in big league career, Chad Green (1-0) struck out three in 2 1/3 perfect innings. Chapman had another shaky finish for his 11th save.

INDIANS 8 BLUE JAYS 1

CLEVELAND — Corey Kluber (8-3) struck out a season-high 14 in 7 2/3 innings, and Cleveland finished a three-game sweep. Kluber allowed five hits, including Kevin Pillar's home run, and reached double figures in strikeouts for the ninth time in 16 starts.

Michael Brantley hit a two-run homer in the sixth and had three RBIs. Brandon Guyer's three-run double was the key hit in the first, when Cleveland took a 4-0 lead against J.A. Happ (3-7).

TIGERS 9 TWINS 6

MINNEAPOLIS — Jose Iglesias had three hits, including a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh off Trevor Hildenberger (1-1) in a 4-hour, 19-minute game — the longest nine-inning game in Twins history.

Ian Kinsler, James McCann and Alex Presley also had three hits apiece for the Tigers, who took two of three from the Twins.

Matthew Boyd (4-5) won his second straight start since he was recalled from the minors, striking out a career-high eight in six-plus innings.

ROYALS 5 WHITE SOX 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Brandon Moss hit a game-ending double off Tyler Clippard extending Chicago's longest losing streak in since 2013 to nine games.

Whit Merrifield, Jorge Bonifacio and Eric Hosmer hit consecutive home runs off Derek Holland in the fourth inning for a 3-0 lead, and Merrifield hit another solo shot in the eighth off Dan Jennings to tie the score at 4.

Mike Moustakas singled off Gregory Infante (0-1) leading off the ninth and pinch-runner Lorenzo Cain advanced on a wild pitch and scored.

Kelvin Herrera (3-2) struck out two in a perfect ninth, extending the scoreless streak by the Royals bullpen to 18 innings over five games.

ANGELS 3 RED SOX 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Luis Valbuena hit a tiebreaking solo home run in the seventh off Rick Porcello (4-13), and Mike Trout and Andrelton Simmons also homered.

Parker Bridwell (4-1) gave up two runs on five hits in seven innings. Bud Norris earned his 15th save when Xander Bogaerts hit into a game-ending double play.

Interleague

ATHLETICS 3 METS 2

NEW YORK — Rookie Mait Chapman quickly atoned got getting picked off at third base by hitting a tiebreaking home run in the seventh Rafael Montero (1-7).

Rookie Daniel Gossett (2-5) gave up two runs and five hits in six innings, and Santiago Casilla worked the ninth for his 16th save, ending New York's four-game winning streak.

National League

DODGERS 5 BRAVES 4, 10 INNINGS

LOS ANGELES — Clayton Kershaw left after two innings with lower back tightness that is sending him to the disabled list, and the Los Angeles Dodgers overcame a blown save by Kenley Jansen to beat the Atlanta Braves 5-4 on Sunday on Logan Forsythe's bases-loaded single in the 10th.

Kershaw, unbeaten in 15 consecutive starts, came out after 21 pitches. He was headed for scans and declined to compare his current situation with last year, when he was out 2 ½ months with a herniated disk in his back.

Jansen entered with a 3-1 lead and got the final out of the eighth, then gave up a tying three-run homer to Matt Adams in the ninth.

Forsythe singled after Cody Bellinger was intentionally walked by Jim Johnson (6-2) to load the bases. Brandon Morrow (3-0) retired the side in the 10th.

Austin Barnes hit a three-run homer in the fourth for the Dodgers and Cody Bellinger hit his 27th of the season in the eighth.

NATIONALS 6 DIAMONDBACKS 3

PHOENIX — Stephen Strasburg left with a 5-0 lead after the second inning, when he walked the No. 8 and No. 9 batters. He is 10-3 with a 3.25 ERA.

Strasburg said his early departure was a precaution. He described the problem as slight "achiness" in his forearm. Strasburg said he wants to "nip it in the bud" so he's available to the team in the crucial stages of the late season.

Brian Goodwin's leadoff homer ignited a four-run first inning off Robbie Ray (9-5), who lasted five innings, allowing five runs.

Bryce Harper singled in the first to extend his hitting streak to 16 games. Joe Blanton (1-2) got two outs and earned the win.

REDS 6 MARLINS 3

CINCINNATI — Scooter Gennett, Eugenio Suarez and Tucker Barnhart homered, and Billy Hamilton had three hits and stole a pair of bases to increase his major league-leading total to 43.

Cincinnati finished a 2-8 homestand in which they allowed 23 homers and 72 runs. Rookie right-hander Sal Romano (2-2) made his fourth and longest big league start, allowing one run and three hits over six innings.

Raisel Iglesias gave up one hits over two innings for his first save since July 9, his 17th this year.

Tom Koehler (1-5) gave up six runs — five earned — and nine hits in 5 2/3 innings.

PHILLIES 6 BREWERS 3

PHILADELPHIA — Nick Williams hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the fourth off Junior Guerra (1-4).

Jerad Eickhoff (2-7) allowed three hits in six innings and Howie Kendrick had two hits and two RBIs. Luis Garcia pitched a perfect ninth for his first save this season. The Phillies have won consecutive series for the first time since late April.

MIDLAND PRO BASEBALL CONNECTIONS

Here is an update of baseball players from Midland or players with a Midland connection who are active and playing professional baseball.

Through July 22
Pitchers

Logan Bawcom (Greenwood, Midland College), RHP, El Paso Chihuahuas (San Diego Padres Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
34	48 1	1-3	2	46	22	15	21	47	2 79

Matt Withrow (Midland Christian), RHP, Mississippi Braves (Atlanta Braves Double-A Advanced), 7-day disabled list

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
10	48.1	1-3	0	39	26	24	22	44	4 47

Thomas McIlraith (Midland College), RHP, Columbia Fireflies (New York Mets Single-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
4	24 1	2-1	0	19	7	6	8	15	2 22

St. Lucie Mets (New York Mets Single-A Advanced)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
4	12.0	1-1	0	17	9	9	3	7	6 75

Brooklyn Cyclones (New York Mets Single-A Short Season)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	5.0	1-0	0	2	0	0	1	4	0.00

Tucker Davidson (Midland College), LHP, Rome Braves (Atlanta Braves Single-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
23	59 1	3-4	2	61	30	15	17	60	2.28

Position Players

Blaine Prescott (Midland College), 2B, Hickory Crawdads (Texas Rangers Single-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg
205	27	53	8	2	8	16	13	2	.259

Chris Shaw (Midland College), C, Delmarva Shorebirds (Baltimore Orioles Single-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg
88	10	18	5	0	2	13	4	0	.205

Austen Wade, (Midland High), OF, Mahoning Valley Scrappers (Cleveland Indians, Single-A Short Season)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg
38	8	11	2	0	1	3	9	0	.289

Yahir Gurrola (Midland College), OF, GCL Phillies (Philadelphia Phillies Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg
47	11	12	1	0	0	5	7	4	.255

Bryndan Arredondo (Midland College), C, GCL Orioles (Baltimore Orioles Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg
35	5	10	0	0	1	7	10	0	.286

Eric Senior (Midland College), OF, GCL Nationals (Washington Nationals Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg
15	3	4	0	0	1	2	2	1	.267

RANGERS

From 1C

Diekman (ulcerative colitis surgery) had his second bullpen session.

Rays: Reliever Xavier Cedeno (left forearm) is throwing at 135 feet on level ground.

Coming attraction

New Rays reliever Sergio Romo could join the team Monday, two days after he was acquired from the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Up next

Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (5-7) is to start against Miami and RHP Adam Conley (2-3) on Monday night as Texas opens a nine-game homestand.

Rays: LHP Blake Snell (0-5) and Baltimore RHP Kevin Gausman (6-7) are Monday night's starters. Snell's 19 starts of five innings or fewer are the most by an AL pitcher within his first 30 big league games since 1913.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	55	45	.550	—
New York	51	46	.526	2½
Tampa Bay	51	48	.515	3½
Baltimore	47	51	.480	7
Toronto	44	54	.449	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	51	45	.531	—
Kansas City	50	47	.515	1½
Minnesota	49	48	.505	2½
Detroit	45	52	.464	6½
Chicago	38	57	.400	12½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	65	33	.663	—
Seattle	49	51	.490	17
Los Angeles	49	51	.490	17
Texas	48	50	.490	17
Oakland	44	54	.449	21

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	59	38	.608	—
Atlanta	47	50	.485	12
New York	45	51	.469	13½
Miami	44	52	.458	14½
Philadelphia	34	62	.354	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	51	46	.526	—
Milwaukee	53	48	.525	—
Pittsburgh	49	50	.495	3
St. Louis	47	51	.480	4½
Cincinnati	41	57	.418	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	58	37	.587	—
Colorado	53	42	.558	10½
Arizona	56	42	.571	11½
S'an Diego	43	55	.439	24½
San Francisco	38	62	.380	30½

Scores and Schedules

American League
Sunday's Scores
Cleveland 6, Toronto 1
Oakland 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Texas 6, Tampa Bay 5
Baltimore 9, Houston 7
Detroit 9, Minnesota 6
Kansas City 5, Chicago White Sox 4
L.A. Angels 3, Boston 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, Seattle 4
Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 4-9) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-3), 1:20 p.m.
Houston (Peacock 8-1) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-5), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Smith 0-0) at Toronto (Liriano 5-5), 6:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 6-7) at Tampa Bay (Snell 0-5), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Adleman 5-7) at Cleveland (Tomlin 6-9), 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Hammel 4-8) at Detroit (Verlander 5-7), 6:10 p.m.
Miami (Conley 2-3) at Texas (Perez 5-7), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Rodriguez 4-2) at Seattle (Paxton 9-3), 9:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Berrios 9-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 3-6), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Sunday's Scores
Cincinnati 6, Miami 3
Oakland 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Philadelphia 6, Milwaukee 3
Colorado 13, Pittsburgh 3
San Diego 5, San Francisco 2
L.A. Dodgers 5, Atlanta 4, 10 innings
Washington 6, Arizona 3
Chicago Cubs 5, St. Louis 3

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Texas boxes

RANGERS 6, RAYS 5

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	4	0	0	0	Dickerson dh	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	5	0	0	0	B.Miller 2b	3	0	1	1
Mazara lf	2	0	0	0	Bourjos pr	0	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	5	1	2	0	Longoria 3b	5	0	1	0
Napoli dh	3	1	0	1	Whitson 1b	4	0	0	0
Odor 2b	4	2	2	3	Saa Jr.rf	2	2	0	0
Gomez cf	4	1	2	1	S.Piraino lf	3	2	1	0
Gallo 1b	4	1	2	1	Hicherry ss	3	0	1	1
Chirinos c	1	0	0	0	M.Smith cf	4	1	2	2
Lucroy phc	2	0	0	0	Guerra c	3	0	0	0
W.Ramos ph-cf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	36	5	8	6	Totals	32	5	6	4

Texas ..... 020 010 030—6
Tampa Bay ..... 000 000 500—5

E—Chirinos (3). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 6, Tampa Bay 9. 2B—Gomez (14), M.Smith (5), Beltre (1). HR—Odor 2 (19), Gomez (13), Gallo (23), SB—Gallo (6), Souza Jr. (5), S.Piraino (2), M.Smith (15), Guerra (2). SF—Napoli (3).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ross	3 2-3	4	5	4	4	5
Barnette	2 1-3	1	0	0	1	4
Bush W,3-4	1	1	0	0	1	1
Grilli	1	0	0	0	0	1
Leclerc S,2-3	1	0	0	0	1	1
Tampa Bay						
Odorizzi	4	4	3	3	1	5
Ramirez	1	0	0	0	1	1
Kolarek	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Hunter	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Boxberger L,2-2	1	2	3	3	1	2
Kittredge	1	1	0	0	1	2

Odorizzi pitched to 3 batters in the 5th.
HBP—by Ross (Souza Jr.).
T—3:54. A—16,954 (31,042).

ORIOLES 9, ASTROS 7

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	5	1	4	3	A.Jones cf	5	1	4	1
Reddick rf	4	0	0	1	M.Machado 3b	3	0	0	1
Y.Gurriel 1b	5	0	0	0	Schoop 2b	5	2	3	1
Gattis dh	5	0	0	0	Trumbo rf	5	2	2	1
Ma.Gruss ss	3	1	2	0	Rickard rf	0	0	0	0
S.McCann c	3	0	0	0	C.Davis 1b	3	1	1	1
Springer ph	1	0	0	0	Mancini lf	3	1	2	2
Bregman 3b	3	1	0	0	C.Joseph c	2	1	0	0
Aoki lf	4	2	3	3	Kim dh	3	0	1	1
Marisnick cf	3	2	1	0	Tejada ss	3	1	1	0
Totals	36	7	10	7	Totals	33	9	14	8

Houston ..... 003 004 000—7
Baltimore ..... 031 020 12x—9

E—Marisnick (2). DP—Houston 4. LOB—Houston 6, Baltimore 7. 2B—Altuve (28), Aoki (12), Trumbo (17), Mancini (16), Tejada (6). HR—Altuve (15), Aoki (3), Trumbo (17). SB—Altuve (21). SF—Reddick (8), M.Machado (4), C.Davis (3).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
McCullers	4 2-3	9	6	6	2	3
Feliz	1-3	1	0	0	2	0
Devenski	2	1	1	1	0	1
Gregerson L,2-3	1	3	2	2	0	0
Baltimore						
Bundy qs	5 1-3	6	7	7	3	4
Castro	1 1-3	2	0	0	0	2
Hart	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Givens W,7-0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Britton S,6-6	1	0	0	0	1	2

Feliz pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by McCullers (Mancini), by McCullers (Kim). WP—McCullers, Feliz.
T—3:24. A—21,533 (45,971).

Sunday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 8, BLUE JAYS 1
Toronto ..... 001 000 000 —1 6 1
Cleveland ..... 400 102 10x —8 12 0
Happ, J.Smith (7), C.Smith (8) and M.Montero; Kluber, Goody (8), T.Olson (8) and Gomes. W—Kluber 8-3. L—Happ 3-7. HRs—Toronto, Pillar. Cleveland, Brantley.

ROYALS 5, WHITE SOX 4
Chicago ..... 000 040 000 —4 10 0
Kansas City ..... 000 300 011 —5 8 0
Holland, Swarzak (5), Jennings (7), Infante (8), Clippard (9) and Narvaez; Wood, McCarthy (5), N.Feliz (7), Minor (8), K.Herrera (9) and Butera. W—K.Herrera 3-2. L—Infante 0-1. HRs—Kansas City, Bonifacio, Hosmer, Merrifield 2.

ANGELS 3, RED SOX 2
Boston ..... 000 011 000 —2 6 0
Los Angeles ..... 000 101 10x —3 5 0
Porcello and Leon; Bridwell, Pauley (8), Norris (9) and Maldonado. W—Bridwell 4-1. L—Porcello 4-13. Sv—Norris (15). HRs—Boston, Ramirez. Los Angeles, Trout, Simmons, Valbuena.

TIGERS 9, TWINS 6
Detroit ..... 002 000 233 —9 16 1
Minnesota ..... 000 000 121 —6 9 3
Boyd, Greene (7), Rondon (8), Wilson (9) and J.McCann; Meas, Hildenberger (5), Pressly (7), Boshers (8), Duffey (8), Kintzler (9), Breslow (9) and Gimenez. J.Castro, W—Boyd 4-5. L—Hildenberger 1-1. Sv—Wilson (12). HRs—Detroit, Iglesias. Minnesota, Escobar, Rosario.

YANKEES 6, MARINERS 4
New York ..... 110 103 000 —6 10 0
Seattle ..... 300 400 000 —4 7 0
Severino, Green (8), Chapman (9) and Sanchez; Gaviglio, Bl.A.Capps (7), Ar.Rodriguez (8), Cishek (9), Pazos (9), Zych (9), Pagan (9) and Ruiz. W—Green 1-0. L—Pazos 2-3. Sv—Chapman (11). HRs—New York, Gardner, Gregorius 2.

INTERLEAGUE
ATHLETICS 3, METS 2
Oakland ..... 100 100 100 —3 9 0
New York ..... 001 001 000 —2 6 0
Gossett, Coulombe (7), Treinen (8), Casilla (9) and Maxwell; R.Montero, Salas (8), Smoker (9) and R.Reyes. W—Gossett 2-5. L—R.Montero 1-7. Sv—Casilla (16). HRs—Oakland, Chapman, Davis, Semien. New York, Conforto.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
REDS 6, MARLINS 3
Miami ..... 000 100 200 —3 7 1
Cincinnati ..... 010 122 00x —6 9 1
Koehler, Wittgren (6), Ellington (7), McGowan (8) and Ellis; Romano, Lorenzen (7), R.Iglesias (8) and Barnhart. W—Romano 2-2. L—Koehler 1-5. Sv—R.Iglesias (17). HRs—Miami, Ellis. Cincinnati, Suarez, Barnhart, Gennett.

PHILLIES 6, BREWERS 3
Milwaukee ..... 000 020 010 —3 5 2
Philadelphia ..... 000 240 00x —6 8 0
Guerra, Blazek (5), Hader (5), Peralta (7) and Pina; Eickhoff, Neshek (7), Benoit (8), Garcia (9) and Knapp. W—Eickhoff 2-7. L—Guerra 1-4. Sv—Garcia (1). HRs—Philadelphia, Williams.

ROCKIES 13, PIRATES 3
Pittsburgh ..... 000 101 010 —3 11 0
Colorado ..... 004 017 01x —13 15 0
Nova, LeBlanc (6), Hudson (8), Marinez (7) and Cervelli; Stewart, Freeland, Oberg (7), Ottavino (8), Dunn (9) and Hanigan. W—Freeland 10-7. L—Nova 10-7. HRs—Pittsburgh, Freese. Colorado, Valaika, Blackmon, Reynolds 2, Story.

Murray holds on at Barbasol for first PGA Tour title

Associated Press

OPELIKA, Ala. — Grayson Murray unhappily found himself with a couple of extra days to prepare for the Barbasol Championship — and ended up with a breakthrough victory.

After missing the weekend cut last week in the John Deere Classic, the rookie won his first PGA Tour title Sunday.

Murray closed with a 3-under 68 to edge Chad Collins on Grand National's Lake Course. The 23-year-old former Wake Forest and Arizona State player set up the winning par with a long putt from below the hole. He finished at 21-under 263, a tournament record.

"I was in control," said Murray, who earned $630,000. "I didn't get out of my game plan once. I was going to let them make the mistakes instead of myself. I was going to make them have to birdie the last hole, or the last two holes I was playing for par on 17 and 18. Those are two hard holes and I knew if I parred both of those they would have to do something special to beat me."

Murray arrived in Alabama a week earlier after suddenly finding himself with an open weekend. It paid off, the win securing him a spot in the PGA Championship in his home state of North Carolina, though not the Masters.

Murray came in ranked 124th in the FedEx Cup standings, with the top 125 qualifying for the playoffs. He jumped to 58th.

"My goal is to get in the playoffs this year," he said. "That was my goal. I didn't set my goals too high for my first year."

A big key to his victory: "That was the best I've ever driven it in my life."

Collins closed with a 68 two days after posting one of the tournament's two rounds of 60. A tap-in for par on No. 18 left him waiting to see if Murray would stumble.

Dave Thompson/Associated Press

Runner up Matt Kuchar speaks during a press conference after the British Open Golf Championship on Sunday at Royal Birkdale, Southport, England.

'It's crushing': Kuchar rocked by Spieth rally at Birkdale

By Steve Douglas
Associated Press

SOUTHPORT, England — Matt Kuchar felt as if he had the claret jug in his grasp. He said he could taste victory, finally breaking through in a major championship after all those top-10 finishes.

In the end, and without doing much wrong, he was a bystander to one of the greatest shows in golf history.

"All you can really do," Kuchar said, "is sit back, tip your cap and say, 'Well done.'"

Kuchar was magnanimous as ever after seeing the British Open title wrested away from him by Jordan Spieth, who played the final five holes in 5 under at Royal Birkdale to win by three shots.

But this one really hurt.

"It's hard to explain," Kuchar said, pausing to find the words. "It's crushing. You work so hard to get to this position. And to have a chance to make history and win a championship. You don't get that many opportunities."

Kuchar's wife, Sybi, and two kids, Cameron and Carson, had even flown in unannounced for the occasion. He talked to them over the phone Saturday night, and thought they'd be in Colorado. Instead they were at the back of the 18th green when Kuchar saw them for the first time, "a teary surprise" as he called it.

He gave Sybi a kiss then knelt down to hug his boys. Cameron was crying. After a roller-coaster back nine when he held it all together in the most trying of circumstances, daddy's emotions also showed. Spieth said Kuchar was particularly emotional in the scorer's tent just off No.18.

Kuchar started the final round three shots back from Spieth but had a front-row seat as his playing partner's game, especially his putting, imploded. When Kuchar rolled in a 9-foot birdie putt at No. 9 and Spieth missed a 4-foot par putt moments later, they were tied for the lead.

They still were when they reached the 13th tee, where Spieth sent his drive 60 yards right, over the gallery and into thick rough on top of a hill. He wouldn't play another shot for 21 minutes, while he decided where to take relief from an unplayable lie.

Graeme McDowell tweeted that Kuchar was "collateral damage" amid Spieth's travails, but Kuchar said it didn't interrupt his momentum. He understood the significance of the moment, knew Spieth was in trouble, so he and caddie John Wood "made ourselves comfy and told some stories."

Spieth escaped with a bogey, but Kuchar made par to take a one-shot lead with five holes remaining.

Spieth responded by almost acing No. 14 and making birdie, rolling in a 50-foot putt for eagle on No. 15, and making a 30-foot putt across the 16th green for birdie. Kuchar played Nos. 14-17 in 2 under but was two shots behind going down the 18th fairway, where he still "took a moment and thought, 'This is an amazing thing.'"

"Matt didn't lose the tournament at all today," Spieth said. "He played well down the stretch. I mean, I just had my long putts go in, his didn't. That was simply it."

Kuchar, ranked No. 18, is age 39 and this was his ninth top-10 finish at a major. It was his second experience of being in genuine contention in the back nine of a major, after the Masters in 2012 when he was tied for the lead after playing the 15th hole on Sunday. He bogeyed the 16th and finished third.

British Open

From 1C

very happy for him and very impressed to watch all that guts, determination and skill," Jack Nicklaus posted on Facebook.

Spieth and Jack Nicklaus are the only players to win three different majors at age 23.

"This is a dream come true for me," Spieth said, gazing at his name on the silver claret jug. "Absolutely a dream come true."

For so much of Sunday, it felt like a recurring nightmare.

Just 15 months ago, Spieth lost a five-shot lead on the back nine at the Masters, coming undone with a quadruple-bogey 7 on the 12th hole. It was more of a slow bleed at Royal Birkdale, with three bogeys on the opening four holes and four putts inside 8 feet that he missed on the front nine to fall into a tie with Kuchar.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself unfortunately, and not on purpose, before the round today, just thinking this is the best opportunity that I've had since the '16 Masters," he said. "And if it weren't to go my way today, then all I'm going to be questioned about and thought about and murmured about is in comparison to that. And that adds a lot of pressure to me.

"Closing today was extremely important for the way I look at myself."

Kuchar, playing in the final group of a major for the first time, could only watch. He had a one-shot lead after 13 holes, played the next four holes with two birdies and two pars and found himself two shots behind and out of luck.

Kuchar walked off the green to find his wife and two sons waiting, a surprise because they had been in Colorado the day before, and it added to the emotions.

"It's crushing. It hurts. And it's an excitement and a thrill to have played well, put up a battle, put up a fight," said Kuchar, who closed with a 69. "I can only control what I do, how I play. Jordan is a great champion and certainly played that way in the finishing stretch today. It was impressive stuff. All you can really do is sit back, tip your cap and say, 'Well done.' And it was certainly a show that he put on."

Zach Johnson, Justin Thomas and Rickie Fowler were among those who waited by the 18th to watch Spieth capture yet another major. Johnson won at St. Andrews two years ago, when Spieth missed the playoff by one shot in his bid for the calendar Grand Slam. Spieth drank wine from the jug that year, which he was told was bad luck for anyone wanting to possess the trophy one day.

"I started to believe them a bit through nine holes today," he said. "It feels good to have this in my hands."

From the driving range to the claret jug, Spieth put himself in hallowed territory just four days before his 24th birthday. Gene Sarazen in 1923 was the only other player with three majors before turning 24.

Spieth won for the third time this year, moved to No. 2 in the world and already has 11 victories on the PGA Tour.

Li Haotong of China shot a 63 and finished third at 6-under 274. He was on the practice range in case the leaders came back to him, and it was odd to see Spieth join him there as he tried to figure out how to get out of his jam.

Moments later, when he heard one massive roar after another, Spieth delivered the answer.

A win by Spieth that will live long in golf lore

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

■ COMMENTARY

SOUTHPORT, England — Someday, perhaps very soon, there will be a plaque at Royal Birkdale for Jordan Spieth, much like the one off the 16th hole that celebrates Arnold Palmer and the 6-iron he slashed out of the rough in 1961 to usher in a new era of golf.

The only question will be where to put it.

On the side of the towering sand dune where his drive ended up on 13 after hitting a fan in the head? On the driving range by the Titleist semi where he took relief from an unplayable lie and somehow found a way to get back in play?

Maybe on the next tee, where he almost made a hole-in-one. Or on the hole after that when he rolled a 50-foot eagle putt into the center of the cup, then pointed to his caddie and said — in his best old school fashion — "Go get it."

Take your pick. They're all in play after one of the most remarkable stretches of golf anyone will ever see gave Spieth a British Open title, and a place that will long live in golf lore.

In the wind and rain at Royal Birkdale he somehow found a way to shake his self-doubt and reach inside for something only the greats can ever find. By the time he tapped in for a routine par on the 18th hole, people were already shaking their heads at what had just transpired, trying to convince themselves it really did happen the way it did.

And Spieth was left trying to process it himself, as a dazed Matt Kuchar walked off into the embrace of his tearful family.

"This is as much of a high as I've ever experienced in my golfing life," Spieth said. "And I'm going to enjoy it more than I've enjoyed anything that I've accomplished in the past."

It was his first British Open title, but there will surely be more. The way Spieth won this there may be many more, until people start talking about him in the same breath as Tiger Woods and, yes, Jack Nicklaus.

He's that good, but more importantly he's that strong. Mentally strong, because this is a game that can break your will, and for a time on Sunday it looked like that's just what was going to happen.

The drives were going sideways, and the putts going nowhere. Amid thousands of people, the golf course was suddenly a very lonely place.

"I wasn't questioning myself as a closer, but I was questioning why I couldn't just perform the shots that I was before," Spieth said.

This wasn't just a win, it was a coronation. There's a new king in golf, one the King himself would have surely approved.

What unfolded on the back nine of one of golf's most venerable layouts was as astonishing as it was brilliant. This was the 146th Open, and in the 145 that came before it, no one had ever won like this.

Yes, there are other players who might have made bogey from the driving range like Spieth did on 13, though not many. But name one — and include Woods in this — who could rebound from losing the lead to Kuchar to go birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie to hoist the most coveted trophy in golf.

Johnny Miller called it the "greatest finish I have seen in championship golf," and for once this wasn't television hyperbole.

In a place that celebrates golf history, Spieth made the kind you'll have to read over and over again because it almost can't be believed.

Spieth could have gone down as a choker, the player who coughed up a five-shot lead on the back nine in the Masters last year, and a three-shot lead here. As he spent 20 minutes deciding what to do on 13, many on Twitter were already writing him off as just that.

Instead he'll be celebrated for one of the most clutch performances ever.

"He's hurt a lot since that '16 Masters. And I'm sure somewhere in there some doubts had crept in," caddie Michael Greller said. "He just said, you know what, I know how to do this."

Tens of thousands were here to witness it, massive crowds — but only a fraction of the people who will one day claim to have seen it. They watched as skies darkened along with Spieth's mood as he coughed up a three-shot lead only to be talked back into the tournament by Greller.

He reminded Spieth he was special, just like Michael Phelps, Michael Jordan and the other top athletes he had vacationed with down in Cabo the previous week. He told Spieth to believe in himself, even as Kuchar drew even and it all seemed to be slipping away.

And he gave Spieth a spot-on yardage from the spot on the driving range from where he was somehow able to make a bogey that felt like a par.

Then Spieth took care of the rest. One down on the 14th tee, he turned from being the hunted into being the hunter and ran off a string of holes unrivaled in major championship history.

If it was exhilarating to watch, it was just as exhausting to play. Spieth said it took more out of him than any day he has ever played golf.

There will be plenty of time to rest. He's only 23 — only Nicklaus and Gene Sarazen were younger when they won three majors — and if Spieth can win the PGA Championship next month, he will be the youngest ever to win the career Grand Slam.

He's a closer, not a choker.

And he's got his name on the claret jug to prove it.

GOLF SCORES

British Open

Sunday
At Royal Birkdale Golf Club
Southport, England
Purse: $10.25 million
Yardage: 7,156; Par: 70
Final

J. Spieth (600), $1,845,000 65-69-65-69—268
M. Kuchar (330), $1,067,000 65-71-66-69—271
Hao Tong Li, $684,000 69-73-69-63—274
Rafa C. Sello (135), $480,000 67-73-67-68—275
Rory McIlroy (135), $480,000 71-68-69-67—275
Brandon Grace (95), $281,000 70-74-62-70—276
Brooks Koepka (95), $281,000 65-72-68-71—276
Marc Leishman (95), $281,000 69-76-66-65—276
Alex Noren, $281,000 68-72-69-67—276
M. Southgate, $281,000 72-72-67-65—276
Paul Casey (72), $175,333 66-77-67-67—277
Chan Kim, $175,333 72-68-67-70—277
H. Stenson (72), $175,333 69-73-65-70—277
Austin Connelly, $128,917 67-72-66-73—278
Jason Dufner (58), $128,917 73-71-68-66—278
Zach Johnson (58), $128,917 75-66-71-66—278
H. Matsuyama (58), $128,917 68-72-66-72—278
Ian Poulter (58), $128,917 67-70-71-70—278
Chris Wood, $128,917 71-72-68-67—278
C. Hoffman (50), $104,500 67-73-72-67—279
X. Schauffele (50), $104,500 69-75-70-65—279
Richard Bland, $88,000 67-72-70-71—280
Rickie Fowler (42), $88,000 71-71-67-71—280
Jamie Lovemark (42), $88,000 71-69-70-70—280
Richie Ramsay, $88,000 68-70-70-72—280
Adam Scott (42), $88,000 69-74-70-67—280
Aaron Baddeley (29), $64,500 69-76-72-64—281
Daniel Berger (29), $64,500 68-76-70-67—281
Jason Day (29), $64,500 69-76-65-71—281
David Drysdale, $64,500 72-73-66-70—281
Tony Finau (29), $64,500, 70-69-74-68—281
Tommy Fleetwood, $64,500 76-69-65-70—281
Zhongchao Jaidee, $64,500 70-73-68-70—281
A. Johnston (29), $64,500 69-74-67-71—281
Bubba Watson (29), $64,500 68-72-71-70—281
Lee Westwood, $64,500 71-74-69-67—281
Laurie Canter, $45,286 70-72-72-68—282
Sergio Garcia (18), $45,286 73-69-68-72—282
Russell Henley (18), $45,286 70-70-75-67—282
Martin Kaymer, $45,286 72-72-70-68—282
Soren Kjeldsen (18), $45,286 71-71-72-68—282
Webb Simpson (18), $45,286 71-74-70-67—282
Steve Stricker (18), $45,286 70-72-69-71—282
Yi Keun Chang, $31,070 71-71-71-70—283
Andrew Dodt, $31,070 69-75-69-70—283
Ross Fisher, $31,070 70-72-66-75—283
Matthew Fitzpatrick, $31,070 69-73-68-73—283
Sung Kang (151), $31,070 69-73-76-65—283
Joost Luiten, $31,070 68-72-70-73—283
Kevin Na (11), $31,070 68-75-68-72—283
Thomas Pieters, $31,070 69-75-68-71—283
Jon Rahm (11), $31,070 69-74-70-70—283
Peter Uihlein, $31,070 72-72-69-70—283
Scott Hend, $25,843 71-74-65-74—284
J.B. Holmes (6), $25,843 72-71-70-71—284
Dustin Johnson (6), $25,843 71-72-64-77—284
Kevin Kisner (6), $25,843 71-71-74-69—284
Justin Rose (6), $25,843 71-74-69-70—284
Toby Tree, $25,843 70-75-69-70—284
Jimmy Walker (6), $25,843 72-72-70-70—284
Chris Wood, $128,917 68-73-70-74—285
K.T. Kim, $24,500 71-69-73-72—286
M. Lorenzo-Vera, $24,500 75-70-70-71—286
Shaun Norris, $24,500 71-74-65-76—286
Sean O'Hair (4), $24,500 72-73-71-70—286
Thorbjorn Olesen, $24,500 70-72-74-70—286
Charl Schwartzel (4), $24,500 66-78-71-71—286
Young-han Song, $24,500 71-74-69-72—286
Alex Prant, $0 71-73-69-73—286
Joseph Dean, $23,556 72-72-70-73—287
Brandon Stone, $23,556 73-72-72-70—287
Andy Sullivan, $23,556 70-75-69-73—287
Gary Woodland (3), $23,556 70-69-74-74—287
James Hahn (3), $23,163 68-76-70-74—288
Bernd Wiesberger, $23,163 69-75-71-73—288
Danny Willett (3), $22,975 71-74-73-71—289
Kent Bulle, $22,850 68-72-74-76—290

Barbasol Championship

Sunday
At Grand National (Lake)
Auburn, Ala.
Purse: $3.5 million
Yardage: 7,302; Par: 71
Final
a-denotes amateur

G. Murray (300), $630,000 67-64-64-68—263
Chad Collins (165), $378,000 67-60-69-68—264
Brian Gay (83), $182,000 69-63-68-65—265
Tag Ridings (83), $182,000 66-67-63-69—265
Scott Stallings (83), $182,000 69-65-60-71—265
Ryan Blaum (53), $117,250 69-67-66-64—266
Ben Martin (53), $117,250 68-68-64-66—266
C. Tringale (53), $117,250 65-66-67-68—266
a-Sam Burns, $0 68-66-66-66—266
R. Garrigus (40), $101,500 67-67-66-67—267
Shawn Stefani (38), $94,500 69-65-66-68—268
Relief Goosen (33), $80,500 69-65-69-66—269
Smylie Kaufman (33), $80,500 69-65-68-67—269
Cameron Percy (33), $80,500 68-67-65-69—269
Ricky Barnes (30), $63,000 69-66-68-68—270
Alex Cejka (30), $63,000 67-67-70-66—270
S. Wheatcroft (30), $63,000 68-68-65-69—270
Chief Campbell (25), $42,778 69-69-68-69—271
Peter Malnati (25), $42,778 72-68-66-65—271
John Merrick (25), $42,778 71-66-69-65—271
Seung-Yul Noh (25), $42,778 67-67-71-66—271
Dicky Pride (25), $42,778 69-68-68-67—271
Kyle Reifers (25), $42,778 71-65-67-68—271
Richy Werenski (25), $42,778 67-67-69-68—271
Martin Flores (25), $42,778 65-69-68-70—271
Seamus Power (25), $42,778 69-65-64-69—271
Robert Allenby (17), $24,325 66-71-67-68—272
Ryan Armour (17), $24,325 70-66-69-67—272
Zac Blair (17), $24,325 65-69-71-67—272
Brett Drewitt (17), $24,325 72-68-70-62—272
Julian Etulain (17), $24,325 70-69-68-65—272
C. Hadley (17), $24,325 67-69-68-67—272
David Hearn (17), $24,325 67-65-70-70—272
Spencer Levin (17), $24,325 70-70-66-66—272
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K.J. Choi (11), $17,300 69-69-66-69—273
Jim Furyk (11), $17,300 69-68-68-68—273
Troy Merritt (11), $17,300 68-69-72-64—273
Robby Shelton, $17,300 70-68-66-69—273
Chris Stroud (11), $17,300 68-71-67-67—273
Charlie Wi (11), $17,300 71-64-70-68—273
Steven Alker (7), $11,326 66-67-70-71—274
Wayne Barber (7), $11,326 70-68-66-70—274
Jonathan Byrd (7), $11,326 67-70-66-71—274
Matt Gilchrist, $11,326 69-69-71-65—274
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Tim Herron (7), $11,326 67-67-73-67—274
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Mark Hubbard (7), $11,326 71-65-69-69—274
Grant Leaver, $11,326 70-69-64-71—274
J.T. Poston (7), $11,326 68-72-68-66—274
Boo Weekley (4), $8,423 69-67-70-69—275
D.J. Trahan (4), $8,423 72-68-67-68—275
Willy Wilcox (4), $8,423 68-69-72-66—275
Ken Duke (3), $7,945 70-69-71-67—276
Nicholas Lindheim (3), $7,945 72-68-70-66—276
Trey Mullinax (3), $7,945 68-68-73-70—276
Rory Sabbatini (3), $7,945 66-74-62-74—276
Sam Saunders (3), $7,945 69-69-68-70—276
Y.E. Yang (3), $7,945 68-69-67-73—276
Matt Every (3), $7,665 71-67-71-68—277
Derek Fathauer (3), $7,665 69-71-69-68—277
D. Summerhays (3), $7,560 71-68-69-70—278
Patton Kizzire (2), $7,420 70-69-69-71—278
Hunter Mahan (2), $7,420 70-70-69-70—279
T. Van Aswegen (2), $7,420 68-71-71-69—279
Shane Bertsch (2), $7,210 68-69-73-71—280
Davis Love III (2), $7,210 72-67-71-70—280
Andres Romero (2), $7,210 68-67-72-73—280
Tyler Aldridge (2), $7,070 69-71-68-73—281
Max Homa (2), $7,000 68-68-74-72—282

Made cut did not finish

Craig Barlow (2), $6,755 71-69-71—211
Andres Gonzales (2), $6,755 72-68-71—211
Rick Lamb (2), $6,755 67-73-71—211
Chris Smith (2), $6,755 72-68-71—211
Stuart Appleby (1), $6,475 71-67-74—212
Carl Pettersson (1), $6,475 74-65-73—212
Jonathan Randolph (1), $6,475 70-67-75—212
Bobby Wyatt (1), $6,475 74-65-73—212
Shaun Michael (1), $6,300 71-68-74—213
Andrew Loupe (1), $6,230 67-69-79—213
Rich Berberian, Jr., $6,160 70-70-76—216

LPGA Marathon Classic

Sunday
At Highland Meadows Golf Club
Sylvania, Ohio
Purse: $1.6 million
Yardage: 6,476; Par: 71
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Jesse Gonzalez goes with heart, switches from Mexico to US

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jesse Gonzalez started in the 2015 Under-20 World Cup for Mexico, his parents' homeland. Then last month, the 22-year-old FC Dallas goalkeeper switched his affiliation to join the United States, his home country.

Gonzalez just felt more comfortable in the red, white and blue.

"The U.S. has given me a lot. I'm grateful for what they have given me and the opportunity they have given me," he said after joining the U.S. roster for the knockout rounds of the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Tim Howard, now 38, remains the top U.S. goalkeeper as the Americans try to qualify for next year's World Cup. Brad Guzan, who will be 33 in September, is entrenched as the No. 2.

After that, no keepers have emerged at the top level in the next generation. Gonzalez, and fellow 20-somethings Sean Johnson, Bill Hamid, Cody Cropper and Ethan Horvath all figure to compete with Guzan for the starting job in the 2019-22 World Cup cycle.

"I don't have any doubt that he will be one of the best keepers in America," Dallas coach Oscar Pareja said of Gonzalez after discovering the teen prospect when he was playing in a youth tournament.

Gonzalez's parents emigrated from Mexico, and he was born in Edenton, North Carolina.

"My parents didn't really find anything around North Carolina," Gonzalez said. "They thought it was a lonely state, so they got out of there."

His family moved to Houston and then on to Dallas when Gonzalez was a child. After spotting Gonzalez on a recreational team, Pareja persuaded the family to switch the keeper to the FC Dallas youth academy. He played there alongside midfielder Kellyn Acosta, who has broken into the U.S. starting lineup this year.

AP file photo

U.S. goalie Jesse Gonzalez warms up for a CONCACAF Gold Cup quarterfinal soccer match against El Salvador on July 19 in Philadelphia. After starting at the 2015 Under-20 World Cup for Mexico, the land of his parents, 22-year-old FC Dallas goalkeeper Jesse Gonzalez switched his affiliation this summer to the United States, where he grew up.

"They taught me how to be more responsible," Gonzalez said. "It was almost like a job at the time, just waking up early and being on time to training."

Pareja, a Colombian national team midfielder in the early 1990s, said the 6-foot-4 Gonzalez's long arms and quick reflexes immediately reminded him of late Colombian keeper Miguel Calero. Gonzalez debuted for Dallas' under-16 team in September 2010 and was signed to a professional homegrown player contract in March 2013. Just more than two years later, he became the youngest keeper to start in team history: at 20 years, 89 days.

By then, Mexican team scouts had noticed Gonzalez at a showcase in Sarasota, Florida, and asked whether he had interest in playing for El Tri.

"Richard Sanchez, one of my old teammates, he was there. He talked very well about them," Gonzalez recalled.

Gonzalez started Mexico's first four matches at the 2015 CONCACAF Under-20 Championship, then had a pair of saves during penalty kicks to lift Mexico over Panama in the final. At the Under-20 World Cup in New Zealand, he played in Mexico's second and third games.

The following January, Gonzalez turned down an invitation from U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann to attend a national team training camp in Carson, California. Instead, Gonzalez went to a Mexican Under-23 team camp ahead of the Olympics, but he was not picked for El Tri's Rio de Janeiro roster.

Gonzalez spent a long time before deciding this spring to apply to FIFA for a change of affiliation. Because he had not played a competitive match for Mexico's senior national team, he was allowed a one-time switch.

"Whatever you decide, you're going to be right, because that's going to be your heart," Pareja recalled telling him.

"Any time a soccer player is making a choice, whether it's club or country, it's important that they analyze the options carefully, they seek input from people they trust, and that they come to a decision that they're happy with," said Gonzalez's agent, Richard Motzkin. "That's the process Jesse took in making his decision and, rest assured, it wasn't done lightly or without a lot of forethought. Ultimately, Jesse was fortunate in that he had two very good choices."

After the switch was announced, Gonzalez received text messages from surprised friends.

"They were funny," he said without going into detail.

Howard is the U.S. starter as the Americans head into Wednesday's Gold Cup championship against Mexico or Jamaica, and Hamid is the backup while Guzan settles in with Atlanta. For now, Gonzalez's role is limited to training and pushing others on the practice field.

"We just want to see what he's about," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said.

Gonzalez is with the national team to learn. A full international debut might take a while.

"He's not much of talker, which is good. I think young guys talk too much nowadays," Howard said. "You're naive in a good way and you think you know it all, and really it's the opposite. You have it all to learn. At this age they're using their athletic ability and their raw talent to keep their head above water, and through that process you learn. It is a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week operation. It's got to be everything to you. You've got to make a lot of sacrifices to get there."

Gonzalez is willing to wait. He just hopes his absence from Dallas doesn't cost him playing time in Major League Soccer.

"My backup could come in and have great games. He could stay there," he said. "It's difficult for me. I want to be over there, but I want to be here because this is an amazing opportunity for me."

"There is no question that when you're not available, it hurts everybody counting on you, particularly our fans. There's no question the implication involved in any infraction shines on us all."

Jerry Jones

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in our organization — coaches, players, everybody who is connected with Zeke — to help him understand the importance of making good decisions."

Jones, who will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame next month, had several unprompted answers, usually to tell one of the stories that may or may not make the cut for his acceptance speech.

The 74-year-old twice asked son Stephen, executive vice president of personnel, to take on questions — including one on how risk-reward relates to building a roster.

If the Cowboys can be called a circus again — like in the 1990s when they were winning Super Bowls with tabloid headlines from receiver Michael Irvin — then it's clear they have a ringleader.

"It's not a tolerance," Jones said. "There is no question that when you're not available, it hurts everybody counting on you, particularly our fans. There's no question the implication involved in any infraction shines on us all."

Ledecky begins worlds with a pair of golds

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Katie Ledecky is off to a golden start at the world championships.

Make it a double.

The 20-year-old American star began an audacious week by winning a pair of gold medals Sunday on the opening night of swimming along the Danube River. She cruised to a dominating victory in the 400-meter freestyle and put the U.S. ahead to stay in the 4x100 free relay.

Anchored by Nathan Adrian, the American men also won gold in the 4x100 free.

"It was a good first night for Team USA," Ledecky said. "I'm happy with my two swims and how it all went."

The only blip of a disappointment: Ledecky didn't break the 400 free world record she set last summer at Rio de Janeiro. That merely demonstrates what a high standard she's set.

For the most part, her only competitor is the clock.

"It's my second-best time," Ledecky said. "There's no disappointment. It's a world championship gold medal and there's nothing to complain about there."

Ledecky touched in 3 minutes, 58.34 seconds — more than 3 seconds ahead of U.S. teammate Leah Smith but nearly 2 seconds off the world record (3:56.46) from the Olympics. China's Li Bingjie claimed the bronze.

About an hour later, Ledecky returned to the pool for the relay, a down-and-back sprint that is the weakest of her distances, but one that provides an opportunity to equal Missy Franklin's female record of six gold medals at the 2013 worlds.

Ledecky turned in the slowest split on the American team, actually slipping to third on her 50 flip. But she powered back to the front by the time she passed off to Olympic champion Simone Manuel, who closed it out for the Americans.

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Gold medal winner Katie Ledecky smiles during the ceremony for the women's 400-meter final during the swimming competitions of the World Aquatics Championships on Sunday in Budapest, Hungary.

Sarah Sjostrom set a blistering opening pace for Sweden, taking down the first swimming world record of the championships with a split of 51.71. She eclipsed the 100 free mark of 52.06 set last year by Australia's Cate Campbell.

But Sweden didn't have enough speed on the back end and faded to fifth. Manuel touched in 3:31.72, anchoring a team that also included rising star Mallory Comerford and Kelsi Worrell.

The U.S. took three of the first four swimming events, holding off hard-charging Brazil in the men's relay. Caeleb Dressel went out more than a second faster than anyone on the opening leg, and Adrian brought it home with Bruno Fratus right on his left shoulder.

At the worlds two years ago, the Americans stunningly failed to qualify for the final in Kazan, a huge embarrassment for the swimming superpower.

Now, they're back on top of the world.

"There's a legacy that was left for us to take over," said the 28-year-old Adrian, the senior member of a squad that also included Townley Haas and Blake Pieroni. "I know when I leave, it will be in good hands."

The winning time was 3:10.06 — just 0.28 ahead of the Brazilians. The crowd saved its biggest cheers for the bronze medalist, rocking Duna Arena when Hungary rallied for a spot on the podium.

In the first final of the night, China's Sun Yang got a bit of payback for his Olympic defeat in the men's 400 free, pulling away from rival Mack Horton of Australia.

Yang was in a league of his own in a stacked field that featured the past three Olympic champions: Horton (2016), Sun (2012) and South Korea's Park Tae-hwan (2008).

"I have no exact target for the week," the 25-year-old Sun said through an interpreter. "I'm in a lot of pain. I've been training a lot for the last year. I'm also getting old, so there are a couple of injuries here and there. I'm always wrapped up in tape after every competition."

The Chinese star finished more than two body lengths ahead of the field, finishing in 3:41.38. Horton settled for the silver, far back at 3:43.85, while Park finished fourth behind bronze medalist Gabriele Detti of Italy.

Horton defeated Sun in the 400 free at Rio after calling him a "drug cheat" over his three-month doping suspension in 2014. The Aussie has made it clear he doesn't think anyone who tests positive should be allowed to compete — which also applies to Park, who served a doping suspension that ended before the 2016 Olympics.

"I'm just going to focus on what's happening this week and do my best," Sun said.

Horton shrugged off his loss to Sun, saying "the most disappointing thing for me was the time."

"Placings didn't really matter this year," the runner-up said. "I just would have liked a faster time, but I guess it means I have stuff I can work on over the next couple of years."

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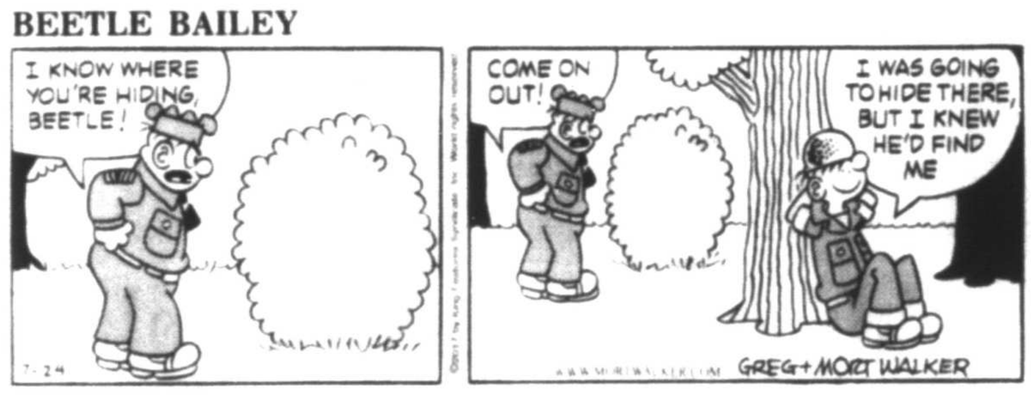

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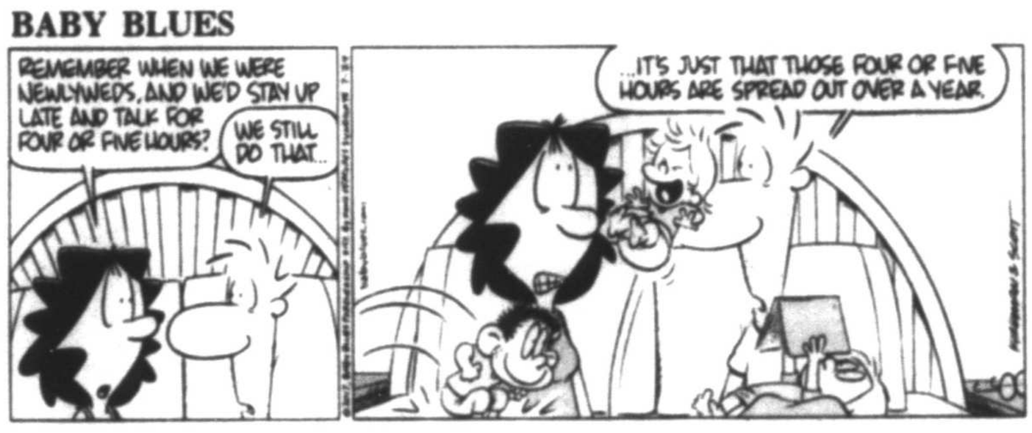

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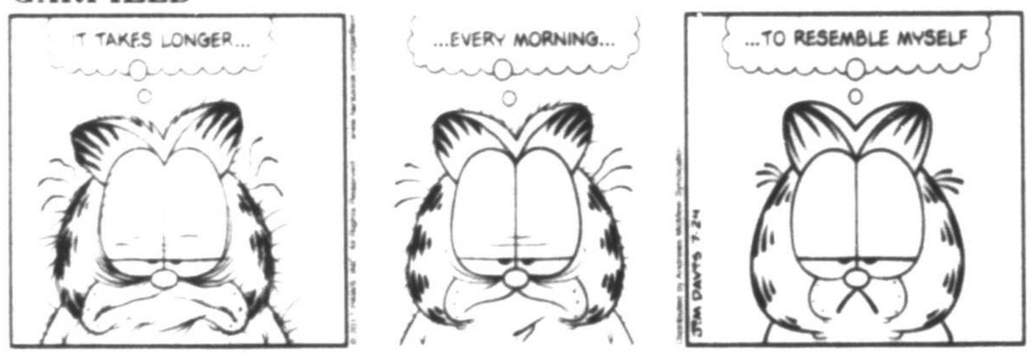

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"CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?" "IS THAT YOUR QUESTION?"

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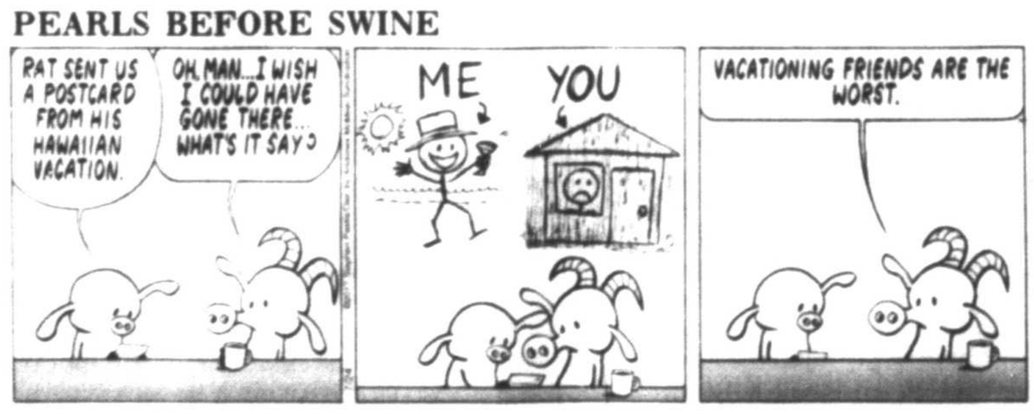

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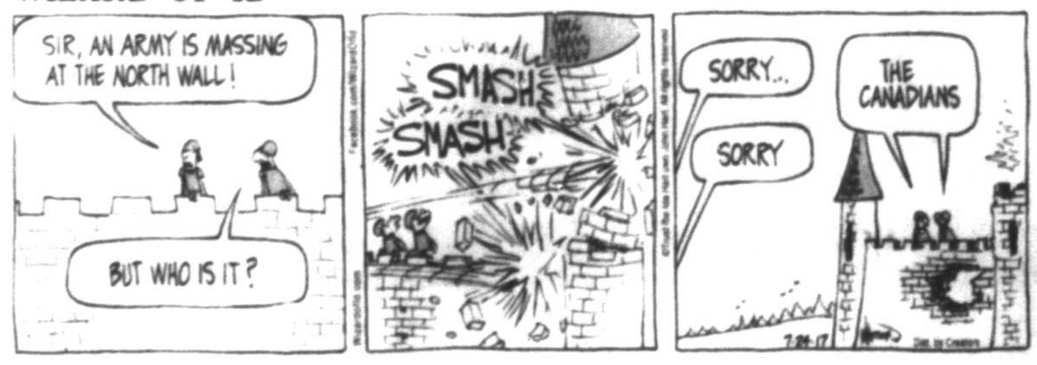

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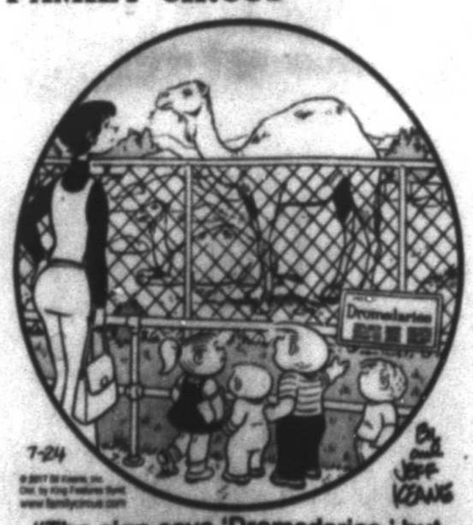

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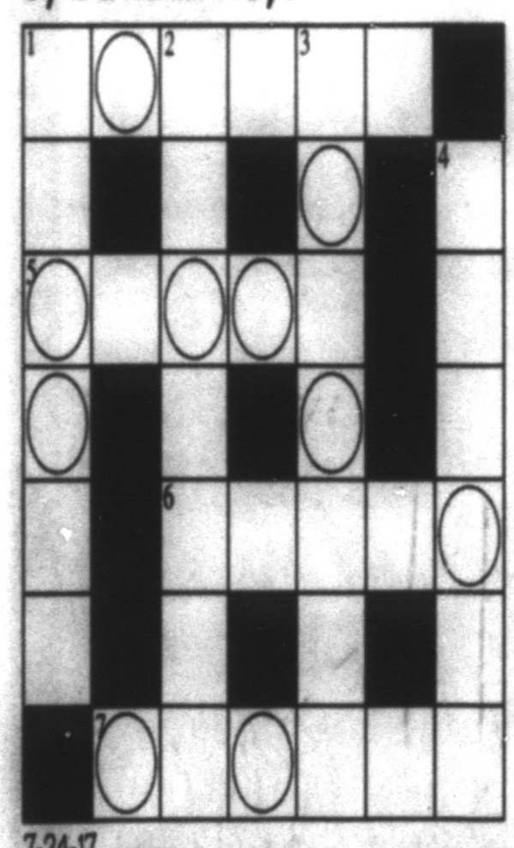

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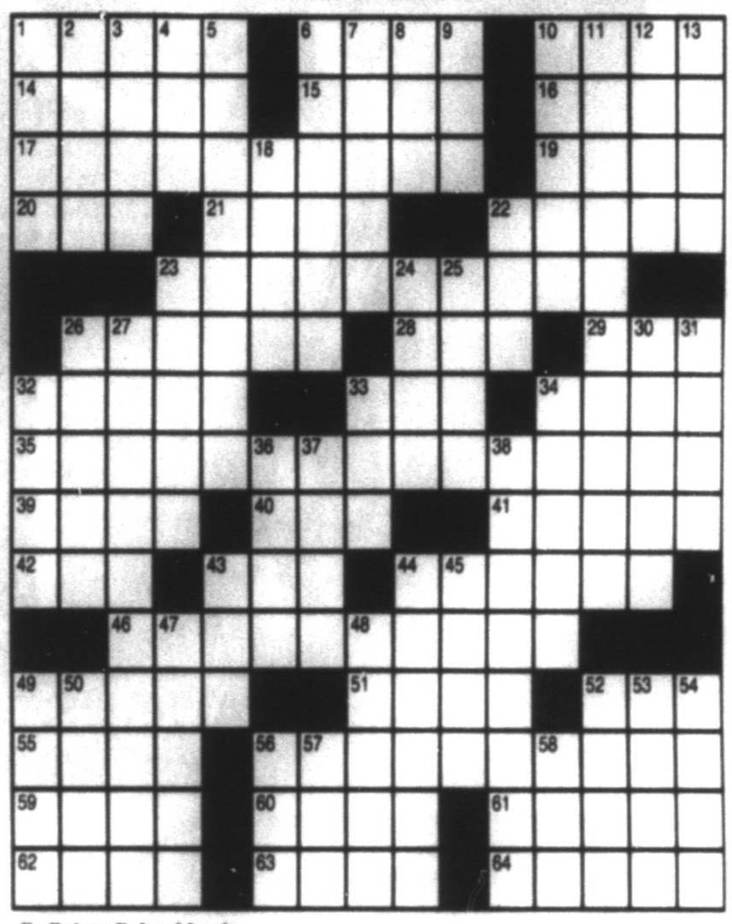

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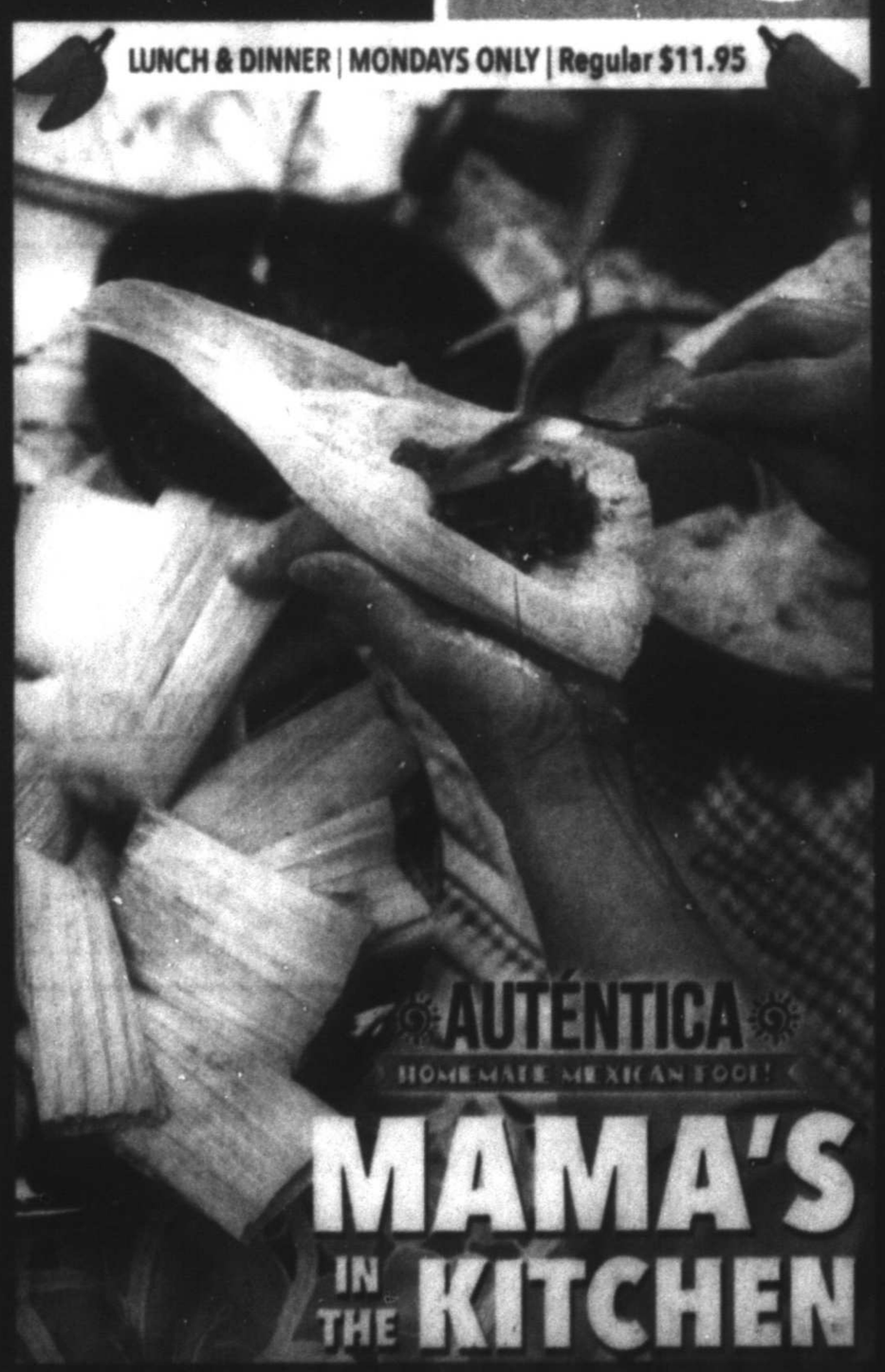

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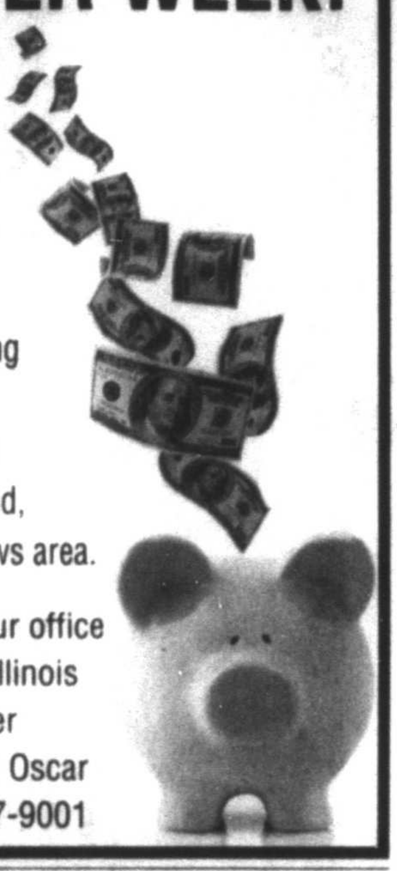

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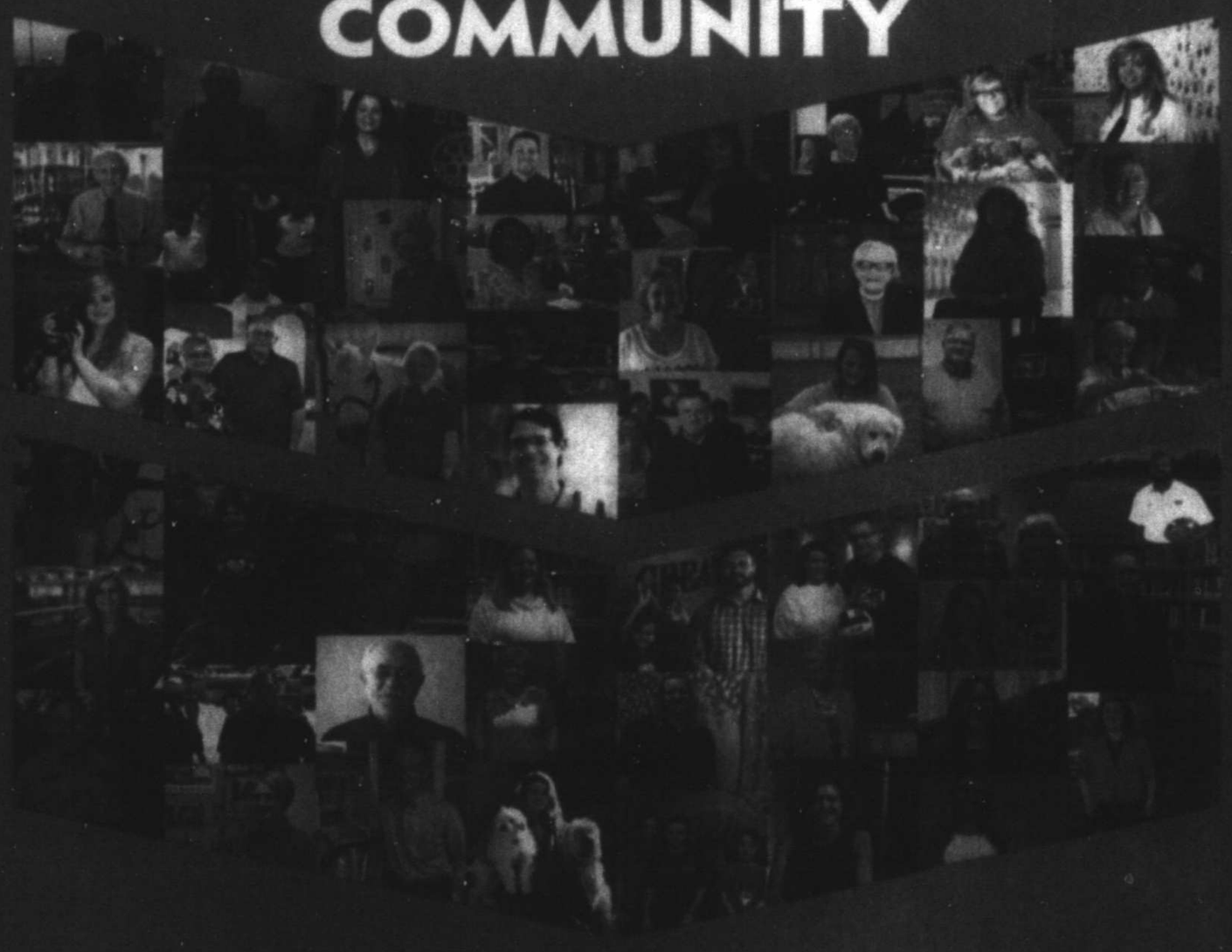

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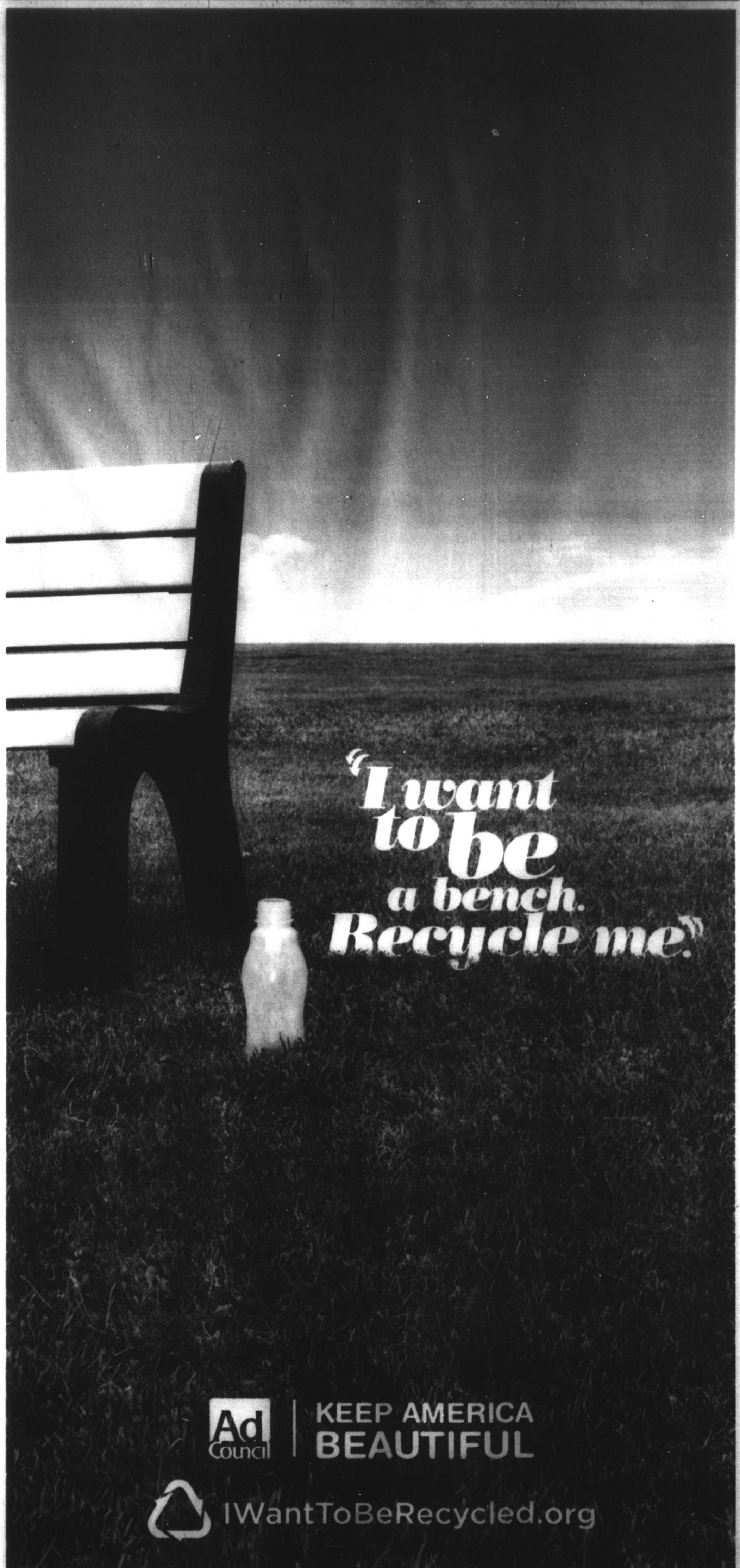
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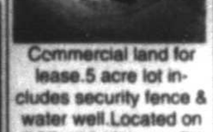

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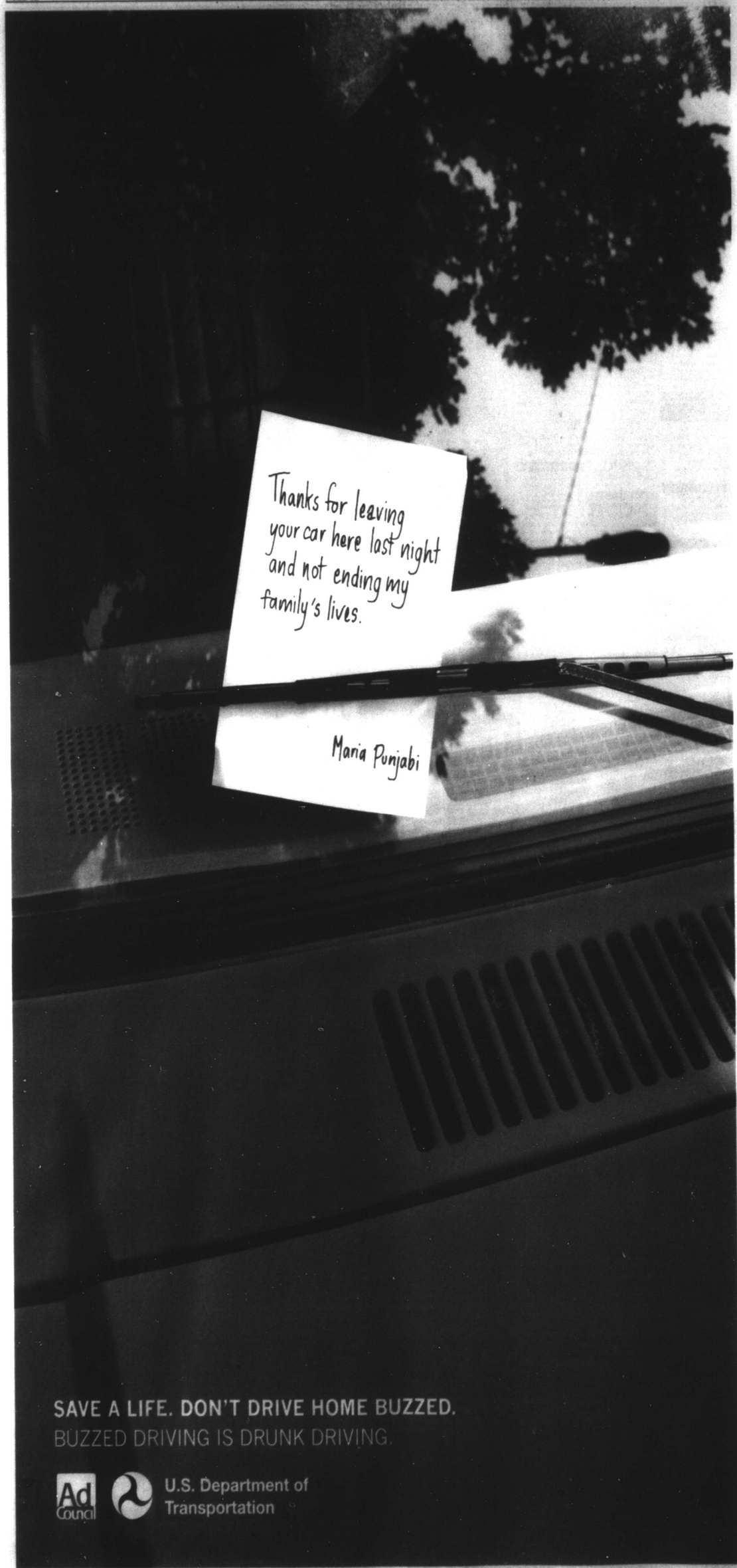
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