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BLACK PANTHER

The film made $192 million during its opening weekend.

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DAYTONA 500

Austin Dillon won Sunday driving the iconic No. 3 Chevrolet that Dale Earnhardt piloted for most of his career.

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Bankers, investors look ready to jump back into oil

■ COMMENTARY

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

It's been a while since I cracked my knuckles over a keyboard to write about oil.

And it appears a lot has changed just in the past couple of weeks. U.S. oil prices recently dropped below $60 a barrel after climbing to the highest levels since late 2014, but bounced back to $61.68 a barrel as of Friday.

Reports of record U.S. oil output has done a number on forecasts considered rosy for the fossil fuel industry. And the number of working U.S. oil rigs keeps climbing, with a 26-unit gain last week, according to Baker Hughes.

As prices falter, we can reasonably question the oil market's surge in recent months and ask whether U.S. producers will become the victim of their own success — again — by pumping more oil than the market can handle.

That happened a few years ago, when the American engineering that sparked the biggest domestic energy surge in decades set off the worst oil market collapse in a generation. OPEC refused to curtail its own production, and the collapse of oil prices forced U.S. shale drillers to shed thousands of jobs and file scores of bankruptcy cases.

But over the past year, the shale industry has reemerged in a larger role on the world's energy stage, with leaner operations and, of course, more oil. It recently pumped record amounts even though its workforce in Texas, the state with the nation's highest oil production, hasn't come close to previous levels. The nation's rig count also sits close to half its level at the peak of the boom.

Earlier this month, the Energy Department said it believed U.S. output averaged 10.2 million barrels a day, a record. It forecast production could reach an average 11.2 million barrels a day next year.

One of the most notable recent developments has been investors' recent demand for share buybacks and dividends from oil companies, which generally pursued production growth over other metrics. It should be interesting to watch the industry's response play out, particularly after several major company boards tilted management compensation schemes toward returns.

Over the past week, I got a hint of where things could go. Recent

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WHY THEY WANT TO BE GOVERNOR

Edward A. Ornelas/San Antonio Express-News

Texas Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew White speaks during a meet and greet held Saturday at Snake Hawk Press.

Yi-Chin Lee/Houston Chronicle

Lupe Valdez, Democrat Party governor candidate for 2018 gubernatorial race, introduces herself to the crowd at a Democratic forum at Deluxe Theatre on Jan. 24 in Houston.

White says leaders should 'do right and risk the consequences'

By Peggy Fikac
San Antonio Express-News

Andrew White is mingling at a political happy hour when a woman tells him she's glad he's running for governor because of what his father meant to her parents.

"I always remember my mother said he took care of the state employees. That's what she always said. And so we need more of that," said Ann Marie Schroeder, whose late parents worked for San Antonio State Hospital and credited White with helping safeguard state employee pensions.

The late Gov. Mark White's legacy is defined by his push for public education reforms and for a politically unpopular tax increase to save key programs during a budget crisis triggered by falling oil prices, not by how his decisions affected state government employees.

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Valdez, child of migrants, spreads message of opportunity

By Peggy Fikac
San Antonio Express-News

Lupe Valdez chokes up a bit as she surveys the little house where she grew up on San Antonio's West Side.

Gone are the roses planted by the mother who gave her the opportunity at an education, leaving the bare concrete flower beds built by the father who feared his daughter seizing her chances.

Gone are those parents, who gave up the migrant-farmworker life at her mother's insistence so that Lupe and one of her brothers — the two youngest of eight children — could go to school instead of traveling to Michigan to pick green beans and beets.

Gone is the girl who went from Storm Elementary to Harris Junior High to the more ambitious Jefferson High School, in a neighborhood with

Please see **VALDEZ**/4A

Student arrested on charges of bringing firearm to school bonds out

From staff and wire reports

A Midland High School student arrested on felony charges of having a firearm on school grounds has bonded out of jail.

Midland County court records show Ostyn Jacob Williams was being held on a $10,000 bond for a third-degree felony weapons charge and a $10,000 bond for a third-degree felony of tampering with physical evidence.

He bonded out Thursday, according to an Associated Press report.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram reported last week that the 17-year-old Midland High School student was arrested Tuesday after school district police received a tip that a student had a firearm on campus.

He will be treated as an adult, District Attorney Laura Nodolf said last week.

The campus was placed on lockdown.

Based on camera footage, the officers searched a classroom that Williams was seen entering but not exiting, according to the affidavit. Officers found a .40-caliber Taurus semi-automatic weapon behind a dictionary, according to the affidavit.

It was not clear whether Williams had an attorney.

A conviction carries a maximum 10-year prison sentence.

Midland ISD officials could not be reached Sunday to answer whether Williams will be allowed back on the Midland High campus.

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Did you know?
Technology allows school children to take virtual field trips.
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The big number
10 medals that's how many the U.S. has earned in the Winter Olympics. Page 1C

Word of the Day: facinorous
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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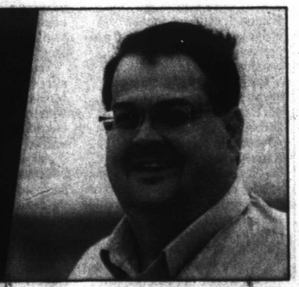

Kansas House panel rejects bill to preventing earthquakes

Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. — A Kansas House committee has rejected a bill that was designed to prevent earthquakes that experts say are caused by oil and gas production wastewater disposal methods.

The Sierra Club and several Kansas residents who say their homes were damaged by earthquakes supported the bill, while the oil and gas industry strongly opposed it, The Lawrence Journal-World reported.

The number of earthquakes recorded in Kansas, particularly in south-central counties, has risen in recent years and supporters of the bill say the increase coincides with more oil and gas production in the region.

The Kansas Geological Society said most of the earthquakes are the result of injecting large volumes of wastewater from oil and gas production into disposal wells deep underground.

Eventually, the underlying bedrock cracks, causing earthquakes.

During testimony before the committee Thursday, Cindy Hoedel, of Matfield Green, said the area of the Flint Hills where she lives didn't have any earthquakes when she moved there five years ago but now has them on a regular basis.

"We're here in front of you today at the Legislature because the regulatory system has failed," she said. "Their mission (at the Kansas Corporation Commission) calls for them to regulate the oil and gas industry to protect the public safety. They're not doing it."

In 2015, after several quakes in south-central Kansas, the KCC limited the amount of water that could be injected into wells in parts of Harper and Sumner counties to 8,000 barrels per day.

The wells involved were those considered a risk for seismic activity.

The bill rejected Thursday would have imposed the same restrictions on about 430 other injection wells scattered throughout the state.

Edward Cross, president of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, said the bill was based on false assumptions about the causes of earthquakes in Kansas.

He said it was a political effort by "activists" who are trying to disrupt the oil and gas industry.

"They offer ideas that are contradictory or otherwise separated from reality and try to manufacture debate that confuses policymakers and the public with assertions that are out of context and need more information for a complete and informed discussion," he said in written testimony.

Rep. Annie Kuether, D-Topeka, said the problem with earthquakes in Kansas is real but conceded many of them are caused by oil and gas production in Oklahoma.

"Two years ago, early in the morning, my 100-year-old house groaned and made a lot of noise and shook with a very big earthquake," she said. "So it seems to me, we need to do more work with Oklahoma."

Cities pitching diversity in efforts to lure businesses

By Corey Williams
Associated Press

Carlos Osorio/Associated Press

Passengers wait on the QLINE transit train Jan. 26 in Detroit. Some cities and regions are dangling racial diversity along with positive business climates, competitive tax rates and available land in pitches to lure tech companies and high-paying jobs to town. Places such as Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Detroit are touting their populations of people of color to chief executives and other corporate officials as part of being open for business.

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Places such as Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Detroit are touting their populations of people of color to chief executives and other corporate officials as part of being open for business.

"For Pittsburgh and southwestern Pennsylvania, ethnic and racial diversity has been an integral part of our history and a rich part of our narrative," said Stefani Pashman, CEO of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development.

Pittsburgh and Philadelphia are among 20 cities still under consideration by online retail giant Amazon as locations for the company' second headquarters.

Pashman said to succeed as a player in a global economy, Pittsburgh "must be a place where there's a base of talent that looks and thinks like the world because the world is the customer in today's economy."

When Seattle-based Amazon sought proposals for its second headquarters, more than 240 cities and regions submitted bids and pitches about what they could offer the retailer. Many pitches came with sleek, professionally filmed videos of bright and busy downtowns, historic landmarks and recreational opportunities.

Some also featured snapshots of racial diversity in neighborhoods, shops and classrooms. That's something sought by younger workers who will come to dominate a more tech-driven global economy, according to marketing experts.

Companies generally are looking to employ a lot of millennials and those hires are saying they "want to be able to work and live in a place where there are these interesting and diverse cultures," said Matthew Quint, director of Columbia Business School's Center on Global Brand Leadership.

But tech-based corporations are lacking in diversity, according to some data.

High-tech employment of African-Americans in the U.S. was 7.4 percent compared with 14.4 percent employment of blacks in the public sector overall, according to 2014 data collected by the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Hispanic high-tech employment was 8 percent compared to 13.9 percent in the public sector overall.

The data also showed that less than 1 percent of executives at some leading Silicon Valley tech firms were black and fewer than 2 percent were Hispanic.

"All tech companies are under this lens, presently, for their lack of diversity," Quint said. "CEOs are talking about 'we know we need to change.'"

Meanwhile, he said, cities recognize the racial diversity they offer is attractive and they're telling companies, "You are going to have this diverse population to choose from as you're looking to change your brand."

Pittsburgh is in Allegheny County. About 202,000 of Pittsburgh's 305,000 residents are white, and about 74,000 are black, according to census data. An additional 16,000 are Asian.

In its pursuit of Amazon's $5 billion second headquarters project, which could result in possibly 50,000 jobs, Pittsburgh's video entry is titled "Future. Forged. For all."

In Philadelphia's pitch to Amazon, a half-dozen or so non-white professionals tell why it would be the best place for the company's new headquarters.

Dallas-Fort Worth also is among the more than 240 cities and regions to make a run at Amazon and also made the cut down to 20. A video that's part of Dallas-Fort Worth's proposal shows a boy of eastern Indian heritage holding a sign that reads: "Diversity."

Detroit's pitch included a 240-page "Move Here. Move the World" book that featured blacks and other minorities who own businesses and also highlighted Hispanic heritage events. But the Motor City, which is 80 percent black and anchors a metropolitan area that also has sizable Arab-American and Hispanic populations, didn't make Amazon's cut.

Officials in Detroit say the city's promotion of its diversity didn't start with its run at Amazon and won't stop now that the company has its eyes elsewhere.

"We are going to use that material as much as we can with all of our other business opportunities," said Jed Howbert, the city's group executive for Planning, Housing and Development. "We think the diversity of Detroit and the whole metro area is one of the most important assets we have in attracting companies."

Tina Wells, founder and CEO of Haddonfield, New Jersey-based Buzz Marketing Group, said she's not aware of other instances in which cities pushed their diversity to companies like some have to Amazon. But, she said, it's "less about marketing a city's blackness and more about showing a city is diverse and open to everyone."

"When you think about vibrant cities you want to make sure you tell people, 'You're welcome here,'" Wells said. "I just think we're a little slow in reflecting what these cities look like."

Obituaries

Anna Mae Jones Franz

Anna Mae Jones Franz passed peacefully to her savior Friday- at the age of 90. She lived a rich and full life and she was surrounded by her second husband, Leland Franz, her children and other family members at her passing.

Born Jan. 23, 1928 in Fayetteville, Ark. to Guy E. and Ethel Brown, Anna Mae spent her childhood in Houston, graduating from Lamar High School in 1944. After two years at Texas Women's College in Denton, she transferred to the University of Houston and graduated in 1948, the same year she married Harold E. Jones, a University of Texas graduate with a major in geology.

They immediately settled in Midland and had four sons; Harold E. "Hal" Jones Jr. of Raleigh, NC, Guy Stanley "Stan" Jones of Lakeway, Michael David "Mike" Jones of Midland and Robert Kenneth "Ken" Jones of Crane.

In those days, a mother of four was tasked with all things domestic and she was a master at it while holding down a secretarial job with Chevron for 20+ years. Neighborhood kids lined up to get in on fried chicken nights or her famous pies, fudge and homemade candies. She tolerated pets that ranged from snakes to rabbits and even an armadillo.

In child rearing, she was a great mentor and an even better referee. Her patience was matched only by the boundless energy she channeled into sewing clothes and quilting. She brought a mother's unconditional love to every stitch.

As the children grew older, Anna Mae became very active in her church, First Christian, teaching Sunday school and contributing in numerous activities. She was also an active member of the Yucca Garden Club, serving at one point as president. The club disbanded in 2013 and the remaining treasury was donated to Midland College. She was active in the Midland Quilters Guild and she and Harold were among the earliest supporters of MARC, which provides a myriad of services for special needs children and their families. Harold and Anna Mae were also avid tennis players who competed in many local tournaments with much acclaim.

Anna Mae's first husband passed away in February 2007. She met her future husband, F.L. "Leland" Franz, a widower, at Sunday school in 2008. After a two-year courtship, they were married in the church chapel on July 24, 2010.

The marriage led to a joyous chapter to Anna Mae's life. Their love affair burned brightly and Leland's attentiveness to her led her to remark, at least once every day, that she "did not deserve this man."

Those who knew Anna Mae insisted that she did.

In addition to her husband and four children, Anna Mae is survived by Hal's wife, Bonner, Hal's three children, Gwen Beasley, husband Josh and their two children, Cameron and Morgan, Jenny Jones Geiser and husband Chris; and Stephanie Jones; Stan's wife, Lizette and their children, Megan, Philip and Ross; Ken's wife, Dianne, their sons, Robert Jones and his wife, Amanda, and her daughter Aimee. Dr. Jason Jones and his wife Izbel and their children, Daniel and David.

Services will be held on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 2:00 PM at First Christian Church in Midland, Texas with a private burial to follow.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

Ellis Funeral Home
Funerals & Cremations
Dignity 801 Andrews Hwy. (432) 683-5535

Janet Anita Huebner

Janet Anita Huebner, 85, of Midland, TX passed away at Midland Memorial Hospital on February 16, 2018 after a short illness. Private services will be held at a later date.

Janet was born in Osborne, KS on November 1, 1932 to Orville and Pauline Hook.

Proud of her Kansas heritage, Janet was born during the depression and the dust bowl, and marveled at the resiliency and tenacity of her parents and neighbors.

Janet attended Hays State University. She married William (Bill) Huebner on July 14, 1962, with whom she has one son, Charles (Chuck) Huebner, of Lafayette, LA. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, having visited over 70 countries.

She is survived by her husband, Bill, son Chuck, daughter-in-law, Mary, and by her grandson, William, who was the love of her life.

She is preceded in death by her parents and baby sister, Iris.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Midland Memorial Hospital, specifically her nurse Andres Barraza, and Dr. Robert Vogel.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

Facebook to verify ads with postcards after Russian meddling

Associated Press

MENLO PARK, Calif. — Facebook will soon rely on centuries-old technology to try to prevent foreign meddling in U.S. elections: the post office.

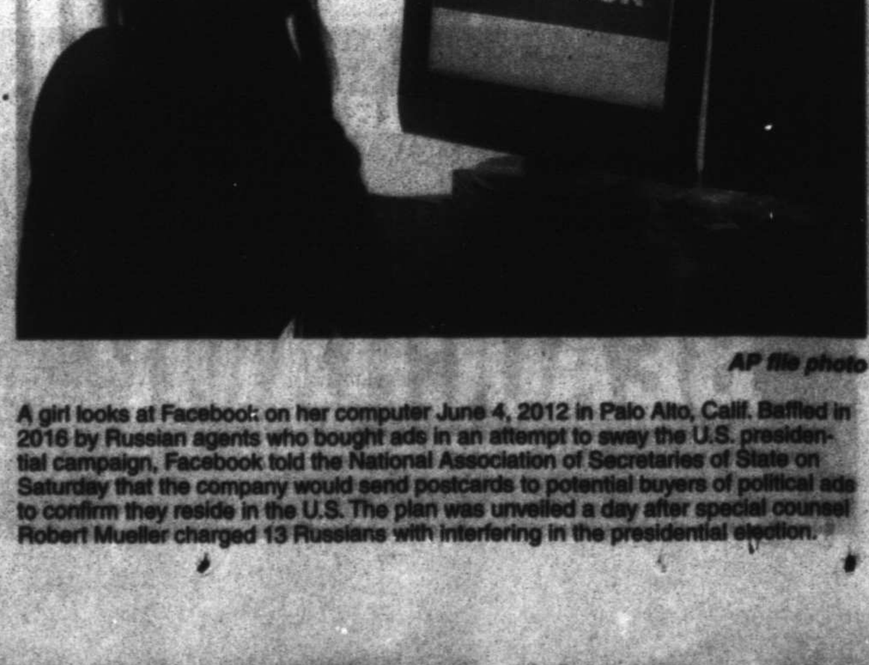
Baffled in 2016 by Russian agents who bought ads to sway the U.S. presidential campaign, Facebook's global politics and government outreach director, Katie Harbath, told a meeting of the National Association of Secretaries of State in Washington on Saturday that the company would send postcards to potential buyers of political ads to confirm they reside in the U.S.

The recipient would then have to enter a code in Facebook to continue buying the ad. The method will first apply to ads that name candidates ahead of the midterm elections in November, said Facebook spokesman Andy Stone.

The plan was unveiled a day after special counsel Robert Mueller charged 13 Russians with interfering in the presidential election. Mueller's indictment described how Russian agents stole social security numbers and other information from real Americans and used them to create bank and PayPal accounts in order to buy online ads. Agents also recruited Americans to do things such as hold up signs at rallies organized to create content for Russian-created social media posts.

Facebook uncovered some 3,000 Russian-linked ads on Facebook and Instagram bought before and after the November 2016 election that it says may have been seen by as many as 150 million users. But ads were only part of the problem, as the Mueller indictments say that Russian agents also set up fake pages with names such as "Secured Borders," "Blacktivist" and "United Muslims of America" that had hundreds of thousands of followers.

Facebook did not say how the new postcard method of verification would prevent foreign agents from setting up local mailing addresses and hiring people in the U.S. to check them.



AP file photo

A girl looks at Facebook on her computer June 4, 2012 in Palo Alto, Calif. Baffled in 2016 by Russian agents who bought ads in an attempt to sway the U.S. presidential campaign, Facebook told the National Association of Secretaries of State on Saturday that the company would send postcards to potential buyers of political ads to confirm they reside in the U.S. The plan was unveiled a day after special counsel Robert Mueller charged 13 Russians with interfering in the presidential election.

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TODAYINMIDLAND

Today is Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington's actual day of birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.

Source: www.history.com

Things to do

■ President's Day All-Day Skate, noon, KC's Nutty Roller, 20114 Andrews Highway. kcsnuttyroller.com.
■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.
■ Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public, 6:30-9 p.m., 602 S. Main St. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. midlandgemandmineral.org.
■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.
■ Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Candidate forums

The League of Women Voters-Midland forum for county judge candidates, 7 p.m. Tuesday, F. Marie Hall Building at MC.

Meetings

The city of Midland Planning and Zoning Commission will meet Tuesday instead of Monday due to the Presidents' Day holiday.

When it's open

Midland County Tax Assessor/ Collector
2110 N. "A" St.
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Friday
■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday
688-4810

Midland Central Appraisal District
4631 Andrews Highway
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday
699-4991

Department of Public Safety: Driver's License Office
2800 Wright Drive
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■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays
686-1120

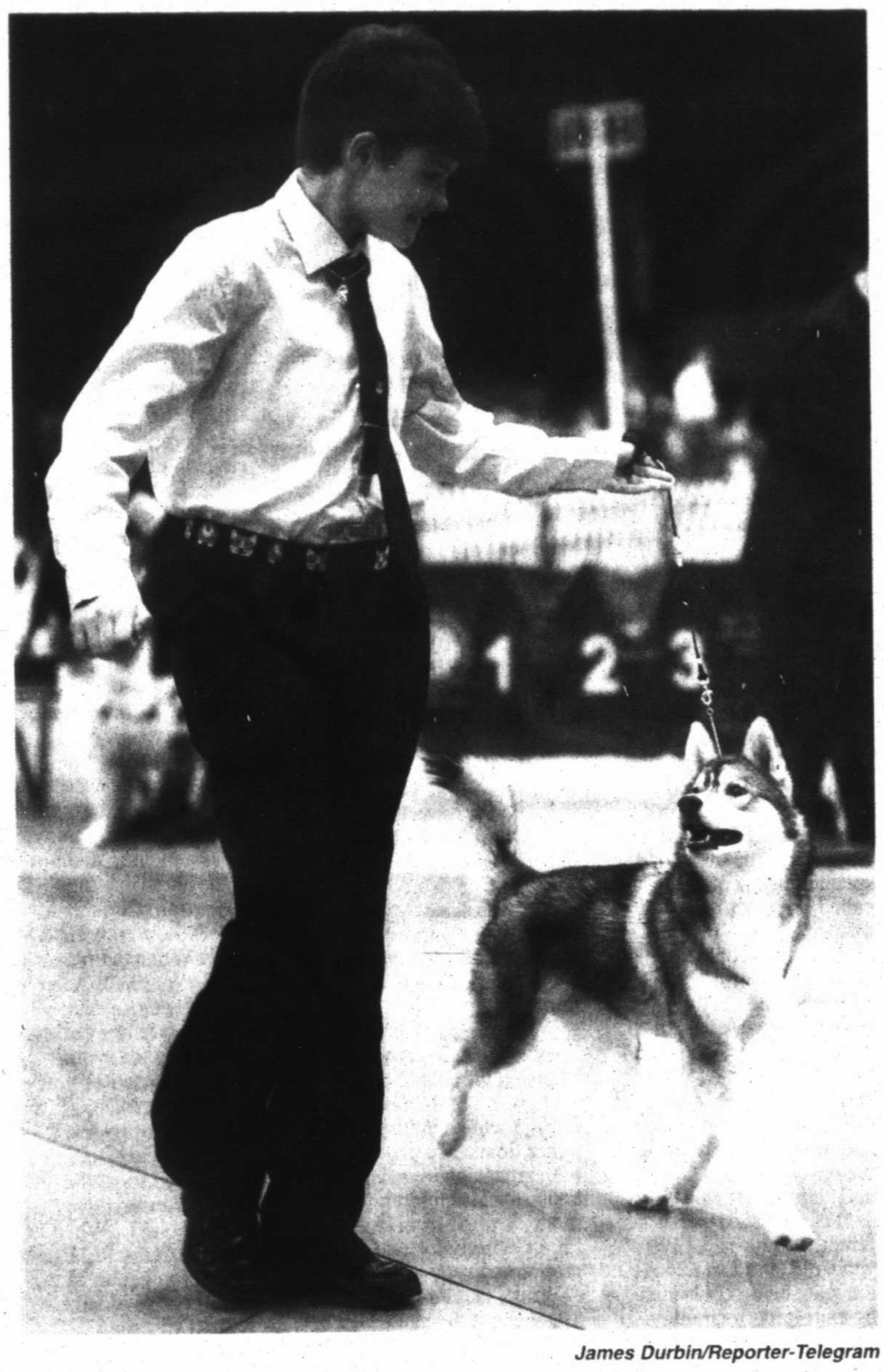
U.S. Postal Service
■ Downtown, 100 E. Wall St. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ Village, 2315 W Louisiana Ave. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ Graves, 3304 W Wadley Ave. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday
■ ClayDesta, 612 Veterans Airpark Lane, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ GMF Midland, 1000 Loop 40 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

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.

Today in History

On Feb. 19, 1968, the children's program "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," created by and starring Fred Rogers, made its network debut on National Educational Television, a forerunner of PBS, beginning a 31-season run.
In 1945, Operation Detachment began during World War II as some 30,000 U.S. Marines began landing on Iwo Jima, where they commenced a successful month-long battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Handlers compete in the 4-6 month puppy best in show division during the West Texas Kennel Club show Saturday at Horseshoe Arena.

Weather

Sunday's temperatures

High	79
Low	47
Normal high	63
Normal low	35

Feb. 18's records

Record high: 87, set in 1996
Record low: 12, set in 1936 and equaled in 1942

Precipitation

Saturday	0.01 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.01 in.
Year total	0.02 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.03 in.

Winds
Average wind speed: 12.1 mph
Highest sustained wind speed: 26 mph
Highest gust speed: 34 mph

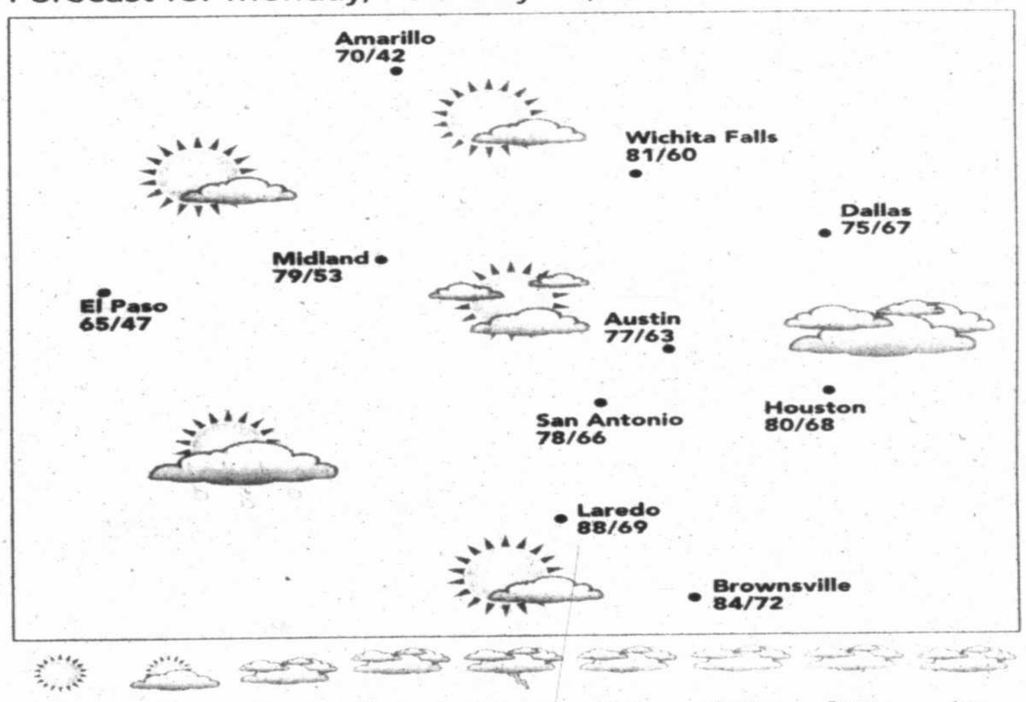
Today's forecast

High: 78
Low: 54
Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 10-20 mph (gusts as high as 25 mph) during the day/10-15 mph at night
Chance of rain: 20 percent at night

Sunrise ..... 7:27 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:39 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, February 19, 2018



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Aries all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 19, 2018:
This year you might be more focused on your social life than your professional life. You might opt not to discuss your domestic life, but it is very important to you. Many of the changes that you will notice will occur where you live. If you are single, you might be a little pushy when you start seeing someone. You could blow a very good relationship if you are not careful. If you are attached, the two of you might be discussing the purchase of a new residence or a second home. Be sure that you are ready for this type of responsibility. ARIES can be too pushy for your taste.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Follow your thoughts, especially if they involve a trip with a new friend and/or getting some expert advice. Even if you act somewhat impulsively, you aren't likely to encounter a problem. You will want to try something new. **Tonight:** Answer emails and return calls first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ One-on-one relating seems to take up a good part of your time. You might have to help calm down someone with whom you are financially involved. Try as you may, you might not be able to get this person to act in a more practical manner. **Tonight:** Time is your best friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You could be taken aback by how authoritative a partner sounds. You might wonder where this person is coming from. Stop wondering, and just listen to his or her message. Do not lose sight of your long-term goals, and you will be A-OK. **Tonight:** Among the crowds.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You could feel tension rising around you. Though this stress might have little to do with you, you are likely to find yourself in the middle of a problem that you have no interest in. A boss or parent probably has triggered some of this activity. **Tonight:** Vanish whenever you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Be aware of others' needs. A loved one might request some one-on-one time. Schedule a visit, but know that it does not need to take place right now. You do have to give this person some time, though, as he or she is important to you. **Tonight:** Live in the here and now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal with others directly to ensure that you get the results you want. Taking some time to have an important discussion will mean a lot to the other party. You need to understand this person and his or her choices as fully as possible. **Tonight:** Quality time with a special friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A key person in your life is likely to express his or her dismay over the fact that you don't want him or her to take the lead. Recognize that this individual's need to dominate will become less important once you allow him or her to dominate. **Tonight:** Go along with the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might feel as if you need to cover a lot of ground. Determination and high energy will be important in accomplishing key tasks. Use your intuition when pursuing your goals. You will make headway when dealing a routine matter. Relax for now. **Tonight:** Kick back and relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You will bypass several difficult situations. However, each hassle you encounter seems to add to your grumbling. If you are not careful, you could lose your temper. Don't push to get your way. Use your sense of humor to encourage less disagreement. **Tonight:** Flirt the night away!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You often find that you feel overburdened with responsibilities. What might be wise is to work from home more often, whenever you can. Try to see if you can eliminate any of your tasks by enlisting the help of a friend or loved one. **Tonight:** A change of pace will rejuvenate you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your high energy allows you to cruise right past a problem with ease. Others might express some admiration at how easily you can handle stressful situations. A friend or partner could act out in frustration. Your understanding is appreciated. **Tonight:** Flex with the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Be careful when dealing with difficult financial matters. You might feel as if you have enough funds to take care of any immediate unanticipated costs, and can afford to take a risk. Still, being a little conservative never hurts. **Tonight:** Do some shopping, and run some errands.

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Singer/songwriter Seal (1963), actress Millie Bobby Brown (2004), actor Jeff Daniels (1955)

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WHITE

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But Schroeder's belief shows the benefit that Andrew White, 45, reaps from the father whose death last year helped push him into a statewide race after a life of eschewing politics and building a business career.

"I'd never thought about running for governor until after my dad's funeral," said White, who was moved by the people who expressed their appreciation for laws pushed by his father, such as the no-pass, no-play initiative requiring students to pass their courses to participate in sports. "All of that sort of changed my worldview and brought me into this understanding that we need leaders who do right and risk the consequences."

The "risk consequences" quote from Texas icon Sam Houston, a mantra of former Gov. White, has been adopted by the son who regularly lambastes Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

Abbott attended Mark White's funeral, which occurred in the midst of a special session the governor called on issues including a failed effort to restrict transgender people's use of public restrooms.

The contrast in the governors' work was fresh in White's mind when Hurricane Harvey hit Texas. White was asked by police to taking the fishing boat he had moved to his home in the upscale River Oaks area and help with rescue efforts.

"I came out of that different," White said. "I'm 45 years old, and I'm seeing our state being controlled by extremists focused on the fringe elements of their party, talking about bathroom bills and tree ordinances and forgetting about education and health care. And I want to do something about it, just like we jumped into Harvey and we did something about it, and we saw what people can do when Texans help Texans."

White's campaign benefits from his familiarity with politics.

He is advancing specific proposals, such as a teacher pay raise to be financed by the elimination of a commercial property tax break. His speaking style, while not electric, is smooth and direct, and he engages readily with people. He hits the key Democratic issues, including not only education but expanded health care.

He has received top newspaper endorsements, and his message that he's the candidate most able to take on Abbott was amplified when he made a $1 million loan to his campaign and was the first up on television — although his cash on hand is dwarfed by Abbott's $43 million war chest.

But White has caused his campaign some troubles as well.

He raised suspicions among the Democratic faithful early on when he said he didn't care if he was described as a moderate Republican or a conservative Democrat, saying most Texans are in the middle politically.

He also did himself some damage on the abortion issue, one that's key to Democratic primary voters.

White said that he is personally against abortion, but then emphasized that if governor he would veto measures infringing on women's right to choose.

For some influential Democrats, the second part of his message came too late. Planned Parenthood Texas Votes endorsed the woman seen as his top competitor, former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez.

Former Sen. Wendy Davis, who ran against Abbott for governor in 2014 after a filibuster against tighter abortion restrictions, called White an "anti-choice man" and voiced suspicion at his evolving campaign message.

Aimee Boone Cunningham, who has given more than $1 million to Democrats and raised millions more, said "it would be a cold day in hell" before she would donate to White, even if he is the Democratic nominee.

Cunningham said that in an October conversation, White suggested some women may use abortion as birth control, and that he said he would have signed the anti-abortion legislation filibustered by Davis. She doesn't trust his current message.

"I think it would be incredibly damaging to us as a party" if he were nominated, she said. "A majority of Texans support a woman's ability to access abortion."

If the choice came down to White or Abbott in November, she said, "I would write in a third party."

In response, White said he would have vetoed the bill filibustered by Davis.

"I disagree 100 percent with her characterization of that conversation. That's as clear as I can answer that," he said.

Despite the advantages of his name, White is navigating a political world that for most of his life he didn't expect or want to join.

"I grew up in a political family," he said. "My dad got beat up a lot, and watching that, I decided that that wasn't something I wanted to do."

White already has been involved in a Governor's Mansion brouhaha.

He was 11 when headlines proclaimed that his father financed a playroom in the mansion's carriage house for his children with money shifted from the Film Commission and other programs.

White, laughing when asked about the incident, said it was far from elaborate, containing a bumper pool table and hamster cage.

"This made the news. Literally made the news that my mom was using state money to renovate," he said, deadpanning, "As governor, I will pay that money back. Every penny of it."

Rather than using the playroom, White and his brother typically would hang out with the mansion security officers, who also used the carriage house. Officers and mansion staff became like family, he said. His daughter, Emma Claire, is named after the mansion cook with whom his family still is close.

He recalls getting beat up because his dad was governor while in Austin, where he attended Zavala Elementary and O. Henry Middle School. After his father lost re-election, the family moved to Houston.

White attended Lamar High School, where he signed up for honors classes, went out for baseball — "I had never played baseball before … governor's kid meant that my parents didn't have a lot of time to sign us up for sports!" — and was elected student body president in his senior year. His winning message was to allow students to wear shorts to school and, he said, "I made that happen!"

White got a bachelor's degree in religious studies from the University of Virginia, where he was in the Army ROTC for a year and a half, then became a volunteer firefighter with the Seminole Trail Volunteer Fire Department in Charlottesville.

He became a financial analyst with Credit Suisse in New York, and vice president of Market City USA. He and his father together owned Geovox Security Inc., a company that sells security technology used to find people hiding in vehicles. It's sold around the world, including in the United States, where it is used at prisons, in the military and at nuclear stockpiles but not on the U.S. border.

He received a master's degree in business administration at the University of Texas at Austin, opting against law school even though he had been accepted.

"My dad did not like that," White said, pointing out that his brother and sister both followed their father in becoming lawyers. "It was definitely the beginning of my dad realizing that he and I are different."

Business, instead, was what he loved.

"For me, it's been a passion for a long time. I love the creativity behind it. The ability to envision a plan, execute it and then built it is — I think of it as a very creative thing," he said.

He married then-teacher Stacey Krause in 2000.

White made a success of Allied Warranty, which provided home warranty coverage to abut 250,000 clients around Texas, and the affiliated Lone Star Repair. He sold them to NRG Energy Inc. in 2012.

Bryan Bledsoe, an Iraq veteran hired by White to be general manager of Allied Warranty, said White had a passion for his business, didn't show stress and is the kind of boss who would answer an email sent at night within five minutes. Bledsoe, 38, has since started his own businesses and turns to White as a mentor, and not just in business dealings.

"We're both Christians," said Bledsoe, who is Catholic, while White is Presbyterian. "We like to keep family really close. You treat everybody like family that you bring into your inner circle. Whoever you let in, you treat like family. You take care of people."

That apparently doesn't preclude plain speaking. Bledsoe, a conservative Republican, said, "When he came to me and said, 'I'm running for governor,' I was kind of like, 'You realize we're in Texas, right?' "

When White was called to help Hurricane Harvey victims, Houston businessman David Magdol, chief investment officer of Main Street Capital Corp., recalled White quickly put together a rescue team that covered all the bases: Magdol, who's a good swimmer; an expert in the technology business who could use Twitter and various apps to help identify needs; another who had an SUV that could get through high water to transport victims after the boat rescue.

Magdol said he didn't think White's father's death affected his behavior during the rescue operation, but it was on his mind.

"I do think that it was very impactful for him knowing that his father was governor, and that his father had done so many good things for the people in Texas. And that he was out having an impact and feeling personally like he was contributing to help people who were in need," Magdol said. "It was a very powerful couple of days for us both."

As White thought about running for governor, he consulted other previous Democratic gubernatorial hopefuls: Bill White, the former Houston mayor who ran in 2010; former Congressman Chris Bell of Houston, who ran in 2006; and Laredo magnate Tony Sanchez, who ran in 2002. He also spoke with Congressman Beto O'Rourke, who is running for the Democratic nomination to challenge Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz.

"They said, 'I'm going to tell you exactly what your dad told me,' " he said, and for each it was different.

O'Rourke told him it's "a 254-county race. Don't forget the rural communities." Bill White pulled out maps, looked up records and pointed out areas to focus on. Sanchez "was very, very dear, just gave me advice from his heart" about whether White was ready for the pressure that a campaign would put on his family.

"Chris Bell, I think, was the one who told me … Dad said, 'There is no magic formula for whether you should run or not. The only thing that matters is, do you want to run? And if you do, just do it,' White said. "I was like, OK, I want to do this. I'm just going to do it."

VALDEZ

From 1A

sidewalks and college aspirations, more than 5 miles and a world away from her home on Calles Street.

Now Valdez is a 70-year-old former sheriff and candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, another long-shot effort in a life filled with them. Early voting begins Tuesday.

"It's back to the innocence," she said of visiting the home built by her father. And at the same time, she said, "It's painful."

The home, no longer in her family, is not as she remembers it. But she delights in pointing out her father's handiwork: an oddly diagonal water pipe here, sturdy concrete steps there, kitchen cabinets that strike her as not quite right but beloved nonetheless.

His fix-it skills, a source of pride, were born of necessity and something she emulates.

"We had to survive. We had to survive," she repeats. "That's all we knew."

Valdez survived and thrived, grabbing her chance at an education and embarking on a law enforcement career capped by 13 years as Dallas County sheriff, becoming the first woman and first Hispanic elected to that job. And she was the first Democrat elected to the post in decades.

She left her sheriff's post to compete against eight other Democrats for the near-kamikaze task of taking on Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

In the effort, Valdez has sustained some blows, self-inflicted and otherwise.

Her knowledge of state government has been called into question, with the Dallas Morning News saying she volunteered during an editorial board meeting that she didn't know whether Texas spent $8 million or $8 billion on border security.

Her policy positions are still being developed. She said some specifics might not be available until "after I get elected" because she wants to continue to hone them with input from experts.

Her ability to excite a natural constituency was in doubt after Houston's GLBT Political Caucus endorsed Andrew White, even though Valdez was the first lesbian to be elected Dallas County sheriff.

To compound it, Valdez appears to have little money for a statewide race. She reported having just $83,876 in cash on hand in her latest campaign finance report.

But she has advantages as well.

Her career has given her a successful record of public service and some believe she has the potential to rally the Democratic base as a Latina lesbian with a progressive message.

She already has squared off with the border-security-focused Abbott over her jail's policies on releasing unauthorized immigrants.

She has a positive energy that's not always evident in her speeches — which are low-key for a statewide candidate — but shines in her visits with individual voters, as she leans in to listen and stays to chat before climbing into her 2012 Toyota Tacoma driven by her staffer to the next stop.

Valdez was sanguine as she welcomed a reporter to her eclectic two-story-home-turned-campaign headquarters not far from Oak Cliff's Bishop Arts District in Dallas.

She shares the home with her partner, chiropractor Lindsay Browning, and rescue dogs Quinn, Madge and Vinny.

As she carries a message of opportunity for Texans — including those who may seem as unlikely as she once did to have a chance at success — she is confident that her campaign will get the money and people it needs.

Valdez knows about persevering through tough times.

"I came from nothing. I came from nothing. I remember having to figure out whether I could get some gas in the car or whether I was going to walk 3 or 4 miles to get to work," Valdez said. "We all should have an opportunity. Not everybody will take it. I understand that. But we should have an opportunity."

Valdez got a key opportunity when her mother, Teresa, insisted that the family quit traveling as migrant farmworkers so that her youngest children could go to school in San Antonio.

Her mother was born in San Marcos; Valdez is unsure if her father was born in Texas or Mexico.

Her father, Plinio, didn't like the idea because their migrant farm work subsidized their big purchases year to year — a car, a refrigerator, a washing machine. But Teresa Valdez stood firm, and Plinio secured a job with City Public Service, digging ditches.

Her father also objected, Valdez said, when she set her sights on Jefferson after a substitute teacher told her she was college material. There were high schools closer to home. But she persisted, taking a bus to the school and, she said, hitting the school restroom first on rainy days to clean the mud from her shoes because her street wasn't yet paved.

Both parents resisted when she had a chance to attend college, she said — her father in particular. She went to Bethany Nazarene College (now Southern Nazarene University) in Oklahoma anyway, working as a waitress and buying an old car to get there.

"My dad was real upset … When I went to college, he said, 'Well, I can't help you.' And I think that was the pain for my dad, is that he couldn't help me," she said.

After getting her bachelor's in business administration, she worked as a youth pastor in Arizona, then as a jail staffer in Missouri ("I needed a job," she said). She joined the Army National Guard, serving there and in the Army Reserve, attaining the rank of captain.

She returned to Texas to be near her aging parents and built a career in law enforcement, moving from detention officer at the Federal Correctional Institution in Seagoville to a special agent in the General Services Administration, Department of Agriculture, Customs Service and Homeland Security.

She got a master's degree in criminology and criminal justice from the University of Texas at Arlington.

"She was a good agent, and was what I'd call a mainstream player," said John Hensley, her supervisor at U.S. Customs in Dallas for about two years as she investigated a wide variety of federal crimes including money laundering and drug smuggling.

Her career choice brought more discomfort to her father.

He was leery of law enforcement after facing officers' wrath for such actions as being caught on the wrong side of town when a job kept him late, she said.

But he grew to take pride in his daughter's work, showing off her agent's badge when she visited the community center where he and her mom went for lunch and dancing.

Her parents died before she became sheriff in 2004, after a tough race in which her sexuality was brought up as an issue near election day, due to backing from a national group that promoted gay candidates.

She never came out to her parents as gay, she said.

"I think they knew, but it wasn't as if they would accept that," she said.

Valdez herself didn't accept her sexuality until she was in her 30s, she said, feeling she couldn't do so "until I felt it was OK with God," a revelation that she said came at a Metropolitan Community Church Easter service in Dallas.

Her experience surely informed her reaction last year to a newspaper photo of a child — she assumed a transgender child — clinging to an adult while the legislative debate raged over an Abbott-backed bill that would have restricted transgender people's use of public restrooms.

"The face was a face of hurt. And I remember saying, what are we doing to our children? We should be guiding them instead of destroying them," she said.

The photo is what she mentioned first when asked why she's running for governor, rather than her high-profile tangling with Abbott over immigration during her time as sheriff.

The Abbott skirmishes weren't her only battles as sheriff.

She inherited a jail with problems that prompted monitoring by the U.S. Department of Justice. The department in 2011 credited Valdez and others for working "aggressively" to address the problems in medical care, mental health care, sanitation and environmental health, allowing the end of court supervision.

Valdez said she also worked to change a "good ol' boy" culture and ensure that people who were brought to jail were treated "professionally and with respect."

"She was an excellent sheriff," said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins. "What she says she'll do is what she does."

She didn't please everyone.

The Dallas Morning News said she wasn't transparent enough with inmate death and escape information. She said she was as transparent as the law allowed.

Two groups representing employees, the Dallas County Sheriff's Association and Dallas Police Association, said she wasn't accessible. The police group has endorsed Abbott.

"I think she had a commitment to public service," said Senior Sgt. Chris Dyer, president of the Dallas County Sheriff's Association. He credited her for getting everyone in the same room to get the jail back into compliance.

But Dyer said he can only think of one time in 13 years that she met with his association, saying that instead they dealt with others under her.

She drew Abbott's wrath in 2015 for saying she wouldn't comply with all federal requests to detain unauthorized immigrants past their release date if the immigrants were accused only of minor offenses. She said she still cooperated with the federal government.

Valdez said she believes she acted properly and that Abbott's ire didn't change her policy.

"If he wants to believe that I stood down for him let him believe that. I'm still standing up," she said.

Whether she'll remain standing in her political battle is a tough call, even if she wins the primary. A Democrat hasn't been elected to statewide office in Texas for nearly a quarter of a century, and her campaign sometimes shows the strain of its quick startup.

As she hits the stretch leading up to the primary and, perhaps, beyond, the fix-it gene from her father may come in handy.

"My dad did everything himself, and as you can see, a lot of it wasn't done by code, or the way it was supposed to be. Of course, there was no code back then," she said. "He just knew what would work, and he would do it."

JUMP

From 1A

conversations with banks and private equity firms suggest hydraulic fracturers from America will have plenty of outside capital to drill and pump oil.

Bankers and private equity investors have told me they're again ready to make deals in the oil patch, more so than they have been for a few years.

Crude prices look steady enough despite the recent drop. And there is still plenty of opportunity to drill profitable oil wells in the Permian Basin in West Texas, particularly for companies that want to fully develop their assets instead of flipping sparsely drilled land, they said.

As large oil producers digest the land they bought in the previous land rush, smaller companies have a pathway to acquire other assets in major shale plays.

And so far, it appears investors are willing to pony up the dough for these smaller companies.

Oil and gas companies have raised at least $10.7 billion in private equity transactions since December, in 37 separate deals, according to research firm SNL Financial.

Primary election information

When: March 6
Early Voting:
Tuesday-March 2
Early voting centers

- Midland County Elections Office – county annex building, 2110 N. "A" St.
- Centennial Library, 2503 W. Loop 250 N
- Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.
- Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive
- Manor Park (Cowden Clubhouse), 5212 Sinclair Ave.

Times
Elections Office

- Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Feb. 25, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Feb. 26-March 2, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Other four locations

- Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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- Feb. 26-March 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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- Cotton Flat Baptist Church, 6409 S. Highway 349
- Fairmont Park Church of Christ, 3813 N. Midland Drive
- Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course
- Greater Ideal Baptist Church, 301 S. Tyler
- Greenwood Baptist Church, 10908 FM 307
- MLK Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut
- Midland Lutheran Church, 2705 W. Michigan
- Odessa Country Club, No. 1 Fairway
- St. Paul's Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason
- Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley
- Election Day voting hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Candidate forum

The League of Women Voters-Midland forum for county judge candidates, 7 p.m. Tuesday, F. Marie Hall Building at MC.

2018 Texas Republican Party Ballot Propositions

- Texas should replace the property tax system with an appropriate consumption tax equivalent. Yes/No
- No governmental entity should ever construct or fund construction of toll roads without voter approval. Yes/No
- Republicans in the Texas House should select their Speaker nominee by secret ballot in a binding caucus without Democrat influence. Yes/No
- Texas should require employers to screen new hires through the free E-Verify system to protect jobs for legal workers. Yes/No
- Texas families should be empowered to choose from public, private, charter, or homeschool options for their children's education, using tax credits or exemptions without government constraints or intrusion. Yes/No
- Texas should protect the privacy and safety of women and children in spaces such as bathrooms, locker rooms, and showers in all Texas schools and government buildings. Yes/No
- I believe abortion should be abolished in Texas. Yes/No
- Vote fraud should be a felony in Texas to help ensure fair elections. Yes/No
- Texas demands that Congress completely repeal Obamacare. Yes/No
- To slow the growth of property taxes, yearly revenue increases should be capped at 4%, with increases in excess of 4% requiring voter approval. Yes/No
- Tax dollars should not be used to fund the building of stadiums for professional or semi-professional sports teams. Yes/No

Source: .teachthevote.org

2018 Texas Democratic Party Ballot Propositions

- Should everyone in Texas have the right to quality public education from pre-k to 12th grade, and affordable college and career training without the burden of crushing student loan debt? Yes/No
- Should everyone in Texas have the right to refinance student loan debt with the Federal Reserve at a 0% interest rate, as relief for the crushing burden of debt and an investment in the next generation of Americans? Yes/No
- Should everyone in Texas have a right to healthcare, guaranteed by a universal, quality Medicare-for-all system? Yes/No
- Should everyone in Texas have the right to economic security, where all workers have earned paid family and sick leave and a living wage that respects their hard work? Yes/No
- Should the Democratic Party promote a national jobs program, with high wage and labor standards, to replace crumbling infrastructure and rebuild hurricane damaged areas, paid for with local, state, and federal bonds financed through the Federal Reserve at low interest with long term maturities? Yes/No
- Should everyone in Texas have the right to clean air, safe water, and a healthy environment? Yes/No
- Should everyone in Texas have the right to a life of dignity and respect, free from discrimination and harassment anywhere, including businesses and public facilities, no matter how they identify, the color of their skin, who they love, socioeconomic status, or from where they come? Yes/No
- Should everyone in Texas have the right to affordable and accessible housing and modern utilities including high speed internet, free from any form of discrimination? Yes/No
- Should every eligible Texan have the right to vote, made easier by automatic voter registration, the option to vote by mail, a state election holiday, and no corporate campaign influence, foreign interference, or illegal gerrymandering? Yes/No
- Should everyone in Texas have the right to a fair criminal justice system that treats people equally and puts an end to the mass incarceration of young people of color for minor offenses? Yes/No
- Should there be a just and fair comprehensive immigration reform solution that includes an earned path to citizenship for law-abiding immigrants and their children, keeps families together, protects DREAMers, and provides workforce solutions for businesses? Yes/No
- Should everyone in Texas have the right to a fair tax system, where all interests (business, corporations, and individuals) pay their share, so that state government meets its obligations? Yes/No

Source: .teachthevote.org

'Black Panther' blows away box office with $192M weekend

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A wave of feverish anticipation, fawning critical acclaim and groundbreaking cultural meaning pushed "Black Panther" to a record-setting $192 million debut in U.S. and Canada theaters, firmly establishing the superhero sensation as a box-office landmark.

The Marvel film from the Walt Disney Co. blew past expectations to become the fifth-highest-grossing debut ever, not adjusting for inflation, following only "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," "Jurassic World" and "The Avengers."

In estimates Sunday, Disney predicted a four-day holiday weekend of $218 million domestically and a global debut of $361 million.

Though the film's international footprint doesn't include several of the largest markets — China, Russia and Japan — it still ranks among the top 15 global debuts ever. It's also the highest-grossing February opening weekend.

"All hail the King of Wakanda!" Disney declared, referring to the movie's mythical and highly advanced African nation.

Ryan Coogler's film, which cost about $200 million to make, is the most expensive movie with a largely black ensemble and among the few to be centered on a black superhero. The strong opening suggests "Black Panther" will easily set a box-office record for films directed by a black filmmaker.

The previous best is Sidney Poitier's 1980 comedy "Stir Crazy," which took in $322 million domestically, when inflation is calculated.

"Black Panther" set pre-sale records and saw lines around theaters over the weekend, including some who came costumed for the event.

"This is the very definition of a blockbuster: People lining up around the block to see a great movie," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. "A movie like 'Black Panther' is a cultural event that nothing on the small screen can really match in that way."

Chadwick Boseman stars as T'Challa/Black Panther in the first stand-alone film for the superhero created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby in 1966. The cast also features Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o, Daniel Kaluuya and Letitia Wright.

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OPINION

Republicans' day of reckoning on guns is here

■ I don't want to go into the midterms without the GOP having done something to tangibly combat gun violence

ED ROGERS
Special to the Washington Post

Well, here we are. Another horrific school shooting has gripped the country, and with it come the standard calls for Washington to do something. And it is time to do something. Republicans control the House, Senate and White House. We should be creative enough to come up with a few specific changes to the law, not something cosmetic or hollow, but some real initiatives that will make it harder for the evil among us to obtain the vicious weapons that have been used against innocents in recent years.

To do nothing has become untenable. The Democrats on the left and the media will howl that whatever Republicans do won't be enough. But this isn't about satisfying them. It is about acknowledging the problem everyone else sees and using the power that voters have given Republicans to do something about it. Americans are sending their kids off to school wondering whether they will come home. Republicans cannot choose to do nothing in the face of that reality.

For too long, supporters of a narrow reading of the Second Amendment have shied away from any sensible approaches to decreasing violence while also protecting one's right to bear arms. But if the Second Amendment is your thing, you have to be fair and honestly contemplate how things have changed since and what existed when the Second Amendment was written. Killing technology has come a long way, to say the least. As Max Boot wisely noted in The Post, "when the Second Amendment was adopted, the state-of-the-art firearm was a flintlock musket firing paper cartridges loaded with gunpowder and a lead ball." The group States United to Prevent Gun Violence makes that exact point in this worthwhile 30-second video. Please watch it. The point is compelling. Just as with other dangerous elements in society, we have to do something to limit how accessible hyper-deadly guns are to those who wish to do harm. Otherwise, they will continue to fall into the hands of evil people who will kill our fellow countrymen. Nothing will fix the problem, but there is a lot that can be done to make it harder for a bad guy to get a killing machine and its accessories.

For Republicans who may be hesitant to come out and support practical changes to the nation's gun laws, just look at what a sensible, solid conservative such as Sen. Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., had to say on the matter. In The New York Times last week, Toomey said, "I'm a big believer in the Second Amendment, I'm a gun owner and take my son shooting . . . I think it's completely reasonable to make it more difficult for those who do not have a legitimate right to a firearm to obtain them." Well said. And if Toomey's words weren't enough for you, no less than Michael Savage — who is beyond right-wing — believes some gun control is necessary. Being strong on the Second Amendment does not mean one should not take a stand against those who seek to harm the public. And if any GOP politicians think they need cover, there is plenty of cover.

To begin with, most Americans support passing some sort of reforms. Just look at "bump stocks." According to an NPR/Ipsos poll, 80 percent of the country favors banning the "accessory used by the Las Vegas shooter that allows a semi-automatic rifle to fire like an automatic weapon." Some may oppose a ban on bump stocks, but the fact is, virtually no one knew what bump stocks were before the Las Vegas shooting. And since no one knew what they were then, no one should miss them when they are gone. Simply put, no one in his or her right mind should think the rate of fire from a semiautomatic AR-15 is insufficient. Anyone who does should be suspect.

Anyway, there is a lot that Republicans can do without falling back or relying on the "mental health" buzzwords. The day of reckoning is here, and I don't want to go into the midterms without the GOP having done something to tangibly combat gun violence. The American gun culture is real. But the National Rifle Association's supposed control over the GOP is a myth. We have to do something about the staggering and escalating number of incidents where innocent victims — who are too often children — are being slaughtered.

As a note to those who will send in hate mail, just remember that it is R-I-N-O. There's no H. If you want to call me a RINO, then so be it. My conscience is clear.

OPINION EXTRA

It's time for courage from Republicans

When I walked away from Donald Trump's Republican Party, I did not walk away from conservatism. Instead, I gave up on a political party whose policies had become indefensible.

I support a pathway to citizenship for the "dreamers," but my approach to immigration is far less expansive than that of most Democrats. I opposed the Republicans' deficit-financed tax cuts, but I still believe that any Americans paying more than a third of their salaries to the government are being ripped off.

And once again, I and many other reasonable conservatives find ourselves at odds with GOP — read: National Rifle Association — orthodoxy.

After the Sandy Hook school shooting, I began calling for tougher background checks and a ban on assault-style weapons. But I continued to celebrate the Supreme Court's 2008 ruling that the Second Amendment protects Americans' right to keep and bear arms. I was relieved the court confirmed that citizens have a constitutional right to possess handguns at home for the purpose of protection. And, unlike most Democrats, I am uncomfortable with state laws that severely restrict Americans' right to have similar protection outside their homes.

For most Americans, my view on guns would be considered conservative. But for Republican leaders and the NRA lobbyists who funnel millions to the GOP each year, conservatives such as me are just as out of touch as liberals who want to ban handguns and obliterate all Second Amendment protections.

They are dead wrong.

More than 90 percent of Americans agree that Congress should pass tougher background checks.

More than 80 percent of Americans at least somewhat favor a ban on "bump stocks" that make rifles fire much like automatic weapons.

And nearly 80 percent believe that assault-style weapons should be banned.

If Trump and the NRA try to tell you it is your God-given, constitutional right to stockpile weapons of war, they are lying. But don't take my word for it. In District of Columbia v. Heller, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia ruled that the regulation of gun ownership was compatible with the Second Amendment. That "important limitation . . . is fairly supported," Scalia wrote, "by the historical tradition of prohibiting the carrying of 'dangerous and unusual weapons.'"

You would think that the ruling of a conservative legend such as Scalia would provide courage to Republicans who want to end the epidemic of mass shootings. Or they could stand with Ronald Reagan. His pleas to lawmakers helped lead to the 1994 ban on assault-style weapons.

After losing to the Gipper, NRA lobbyists in Washington lost their minds. They all but declared war on America's government while comparing law enforcement officers to Nazis. These "jack-booted government thugs" wanted to "take away our constitutional rights, break in our doors, seize our guns, destroy our property and even injure or kill us."

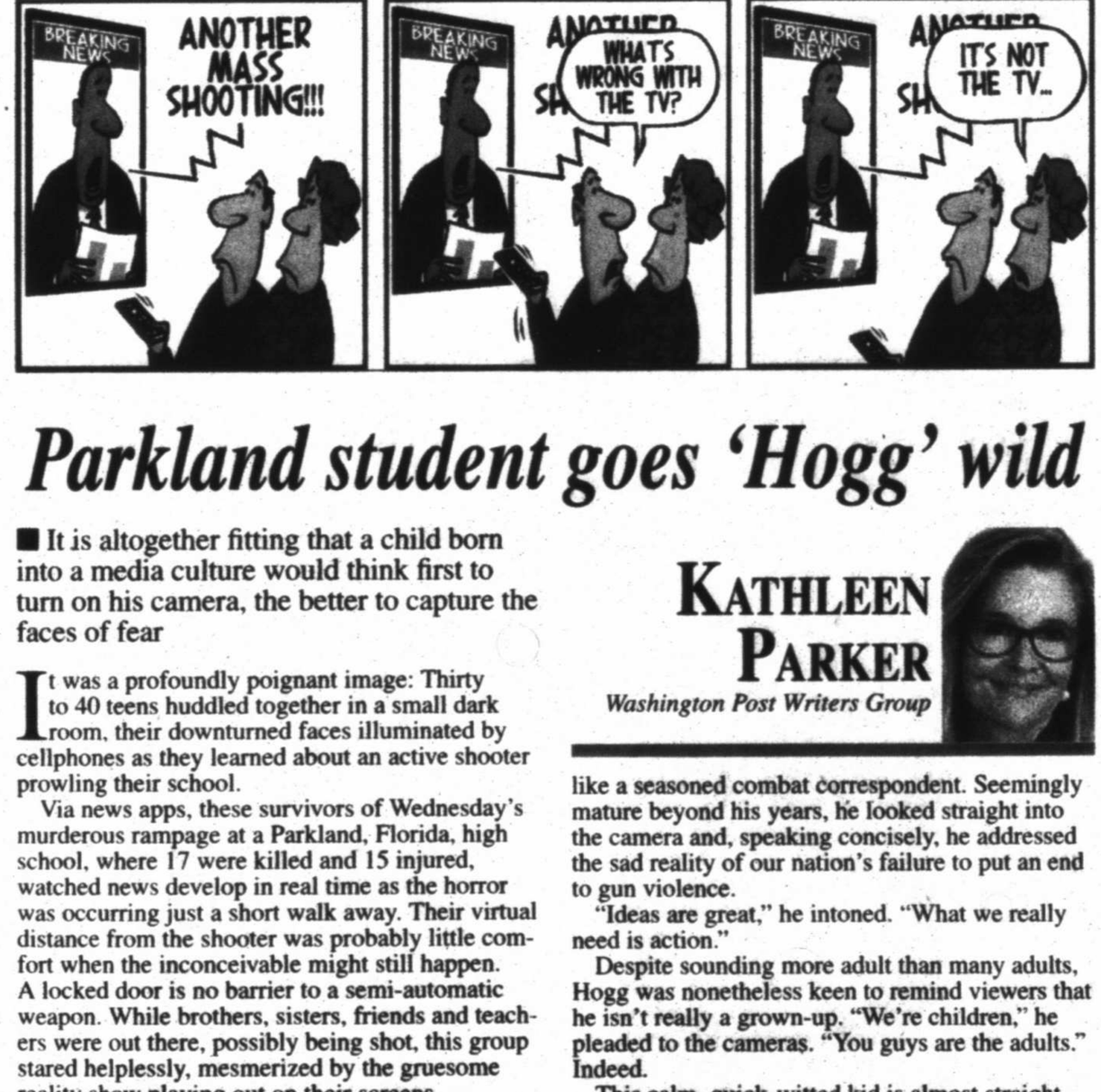
That extreme approach continues today, with NRA-funded ads coming ever closer to inciting violence against politicians and other public figures who dare to push back against their nihilism.

Maybe the gun lobby is panicking because history is not on its side. Since 1994, the number of hunters in the United States has fallen to about 15 percent. As Kurt Andersen noted in his book "Fantasyland: How America Went Haywire," just 3 percent of Americans own roughly half of the country's guns. Three out of four Americans do not even own a gun.

The NRA and Trump's Republican Party face a political landscape where neither history nor poll numbers are on their side. Americans want stronger background checks, a ban on bump stocks and assurances that military-style weapons will stop finding their way into the hands of terrorists, domestic abusers and the mentally ill.

Poll after poll proves I am not the one out of touch. Conservative voters, rank-and-file Republicans and an overwhelming number of Americans share these views. GOP politicians and the gun lobbyists they represent live in a bubble. Their indifference to the massacres of innocents will lead to their political ruin. Then, and only then, can we have an honest debate on the epidemic of guns in America.

— Joe Scarborough
Special to The Washington Post



Parkland student goes 'Hogg' wild

■ It is altogether fitting that a child born into a media culture would think first to turn on his camera, the better to capture the faces of fear

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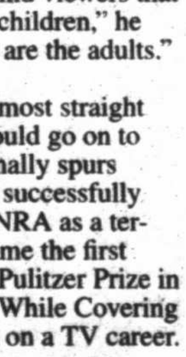

It was a profoundly poignant image: Thirty to 40 teens huddled together in a small dark room, their downturned faces illuminated by cellphones as they learned about an active shooter prowling their school.

Via news apps, these survivors of Wednesday's murderous rampage at a Parkland, Florida, high school, where 17 were killed and 15 injured, watched news develop in real time as the horror was occurring just a short walk away. Their virtual distance from the shooter was probably little comfort when the inconceivable might still happen. A locked door is no barrier to a semi-automatic weapon. While brothers, sisters, friends and teachers were out there, possibly being shot, this group stared helplessly, mesmerized by the gruesome reality show playing out on their screens.

Nearly every news report mentioned the instant-replay aspect of what transpired. "Thoughts and prayers" fell uselessly upon ears deafened by gunshot and hearts numb to their meaning. The same debates followed the same questions: What will it take? How many children have to die before "they" do something? I've written this column before.

In a fresh if disconcerting twist, the student survivors at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School almost seemed to be performing in their media appearances. Like well-rehearsed actors, they seemed to know their moves, what to say, how to speak to the camera. It was spooky listening to some of them, so articulate and calm in the aftermath of such carnage. Their reactions seemed more studied than real. But then, why wouldn't students adept at drills and color-coded alerts have a few bullet points in mind for the day just in case a gunman showed up at their school?

David Hogg was a standout that day. A 17-year-old senior and school news director, Hogg happened to have been among the few dozen students stowed in the dark office earlier mentioned. And somehow, he just happened to detach himself from the ongoing mayhem long enough to interview and record his fellow students about what they were experiencing and, in a scene worthy of a future teen cult movie, record their thoughts about gun policy.

When Hogg later appeared on camera, he spoke like a seasoned combat correspondent. Seemingly mature beyond his years, he looked straight into the camera and, speaking concisely, he addressed the sad reality of our nation's failure to put an end to gun violence.

"Ideas are great," he intoned. "What we really need is action."

Despite sounding more adult than many adults, Hogg was nonetheless keen to remind viewers that he isn't really a grown-up. "We're children," he pleaded to the cameras. "You guys are the adults." Indeed.

This calm, quick-witted kid is almost straight out of a novel. In my telling, he would go on to create and lead a movement that finally spurs serious gun reform in the U.S. and successfully lobbies Congress to designate the NRA as a terrorist organization. He would become the first high-school journalist to receive a Pulitzer Prize in a new category — "Making News While Covering Breaking News" — launching him on a TV career. Something like that.

Hogg could be the change agent many in the reform movement have been waiting for. He may represent a generational, evolutionary reflex to the paralysis that began 19 years ago when two shooters killed 13 people at Columbine High School. Hogg and his contemporaries have never known a world in which students, even first-graders, weren't slaughtered at their desks. Sooner or later, someone was going to rise up as counterpoint to such evil.

Politicians don't change or fix things until their constituents demand it — and every successful movement needs a charismatic leader. Might it take a youngster like Hogg to assume such a role? It is altogether fitting, if somehow strange, that a child born into a media culture would think first to turn on his camera, the better to capture the faces of fear. Doubtless, no one trapped in a room while bullets are flying and friends are dying thinks there shouldn't be enhanced gun control.

In the battle for sensible reform, the guy with the camera has the biggest gun of all.

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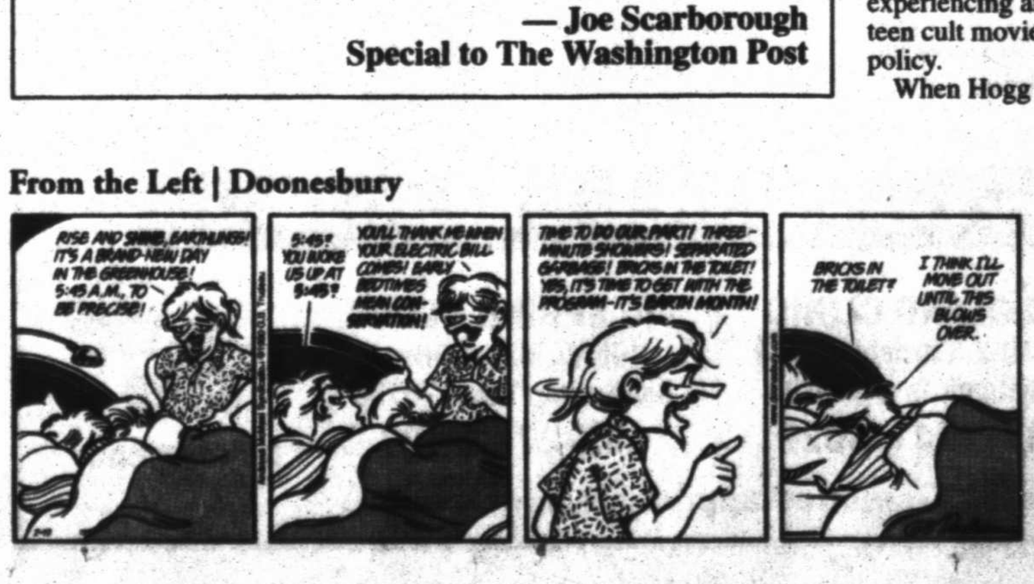

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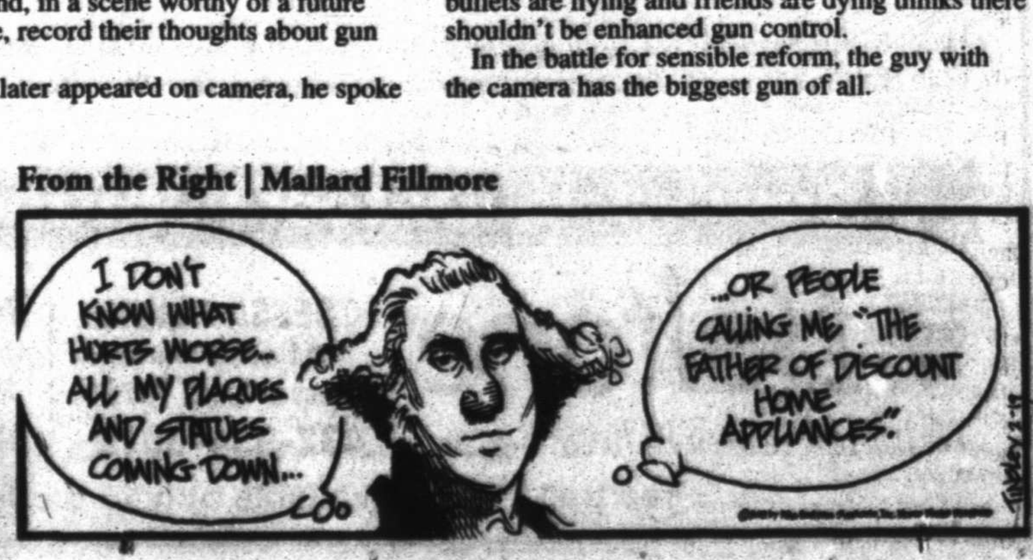


Few states let courts take guns from people deemed a threat

By Ryan J. Foley and Don Thompson
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The warnings around Nikolas Cruz seemed to flash like neon signs: expelled from school, fighting with classmates, a fascination with weapons and hurting animals, disturbing images and comments posted to social media, previous mental health treatment.

In Florida, that wasn't enough for relatives, authorities or his schools to request a judicial order barring him from possessing guns.

Only five states have laws enabling family members, guardians or police to ask judges to temporarily strip gun rights from people who show warning signs of violence. Supporters of these measures, deemed "red flag laws" or gun-violence restraining orders, say they can save lives by stopping some shootings and suicides.

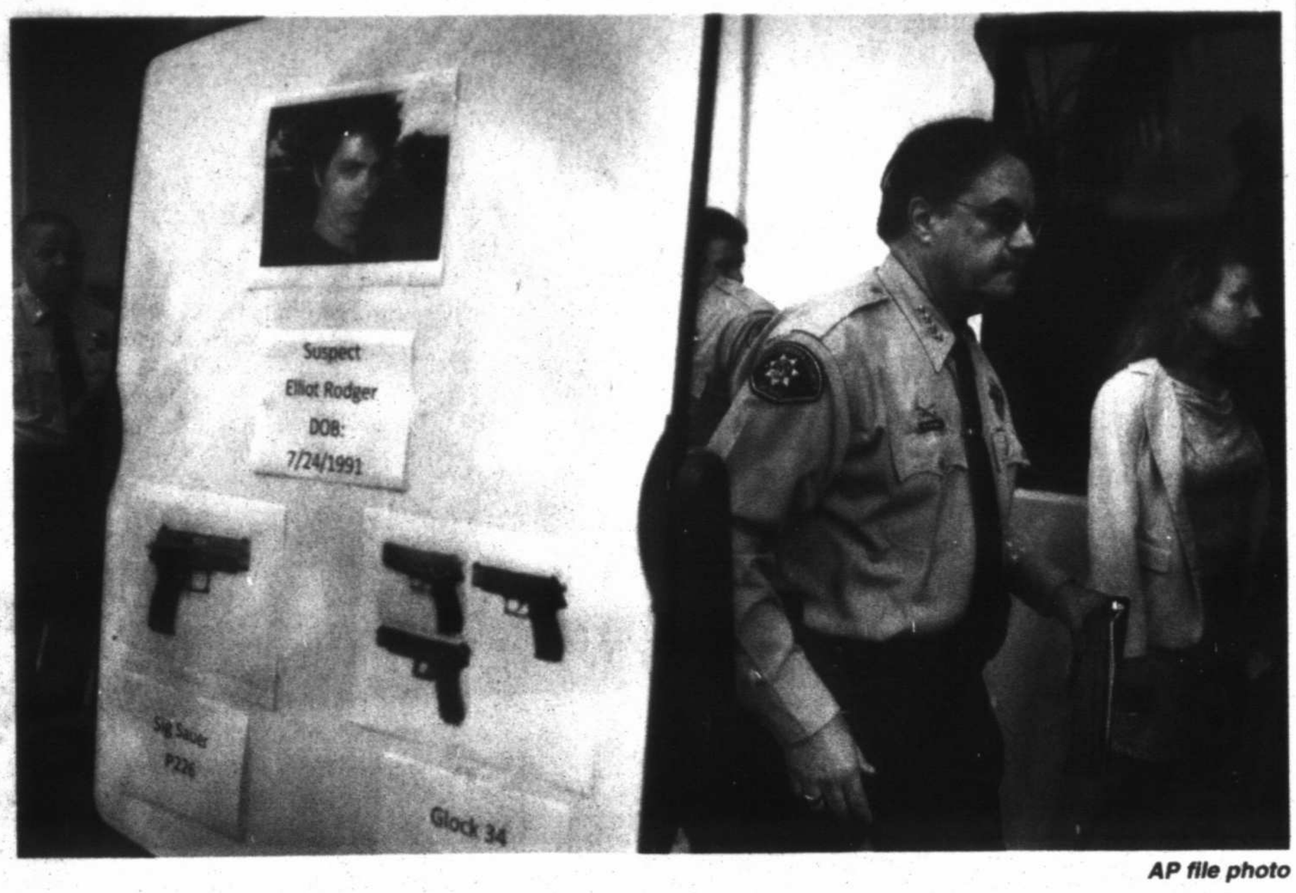
Florida, where Cruz is accused of using an AR-15 assault weapon to kill 17 people at his former high school, lacks such a law. He was able to legally own the semi-automatic rifle, even though his mother, classmates and teachers had at times described him as dangerous and threatening, and despite repeated police visits to his home.

Red flag legislation has been introduced by Democratic state lawmakers, but it hasn't been heard during this year's session, and its fate is uncertain in a state Legislature controlled by Republicans who generally favor expanding gun rights.

After Wednesday's shooting, Republican Gov. Rick Scott said he will work to make sure people with mental illnesses don't have access to guns, but offered no specifics. Florida's GOP Sen. Marco Rubio — facing withering criticism over his acceptance of $3.3 million in career campaign cash donated through the National Rifle Association — is going a step further now.

Rubio said on a Sunday morning show that state legislators should "absolutely" consider enacting a law enabling family members or law enforcement officials to ask a court to remove guns from a person who poses a danger. Rubio, who once served as Florida's House speaker, told Miami CBS affiliate WFOR that it's an "example of a state law" that could have helped prevent the Florida shooting.

In 2014, California became the first state to let family members ask a judge to remove firearms from a relative who appears to pose a threat. Its legislature took action after a mentally ill man, Elliot Rodger, killed six students and wounded 13 others near the University of California, Santa Barbara, before killing himself.



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Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown, right, walks past a board displaying photos of gunman Elliot Rodger and the weapons he used in a mass shooting May 24, 2014 in Isla Vista, Calif., after a news conference in Santa Barbara, Calif. A growing number of states have passed laws or are considering bills allowing courts to temporarily remove guns from individuals deemed a danger to themselves or others, an intervention that advocates say stops shootings and suicides by disturbed individuals.

California's law also empowers police to petition for the protective orders, which can require authorities to remove firearms for up to one year. Connecticut, Indiana, Oregon and Washington also have some version of a red flag law.

More than a dozen others, including Hawaii, New Jersey and Missouri, are considering bills to enable family members or police to petition the courts to take weapons away from people showing signs of mental distress or violence.

The Florida shooting has revived debate about whether teachers and school administrators should have that authority as well, given that people at Cruz's high school witnessed much of his erratic behavior.

California lawmakers voted to expand their law in 2016 so that high school and college personnel, co-workers and mental health professionals can seek the restraining orders, but Gov. Jerry Brown called the effort premature and vetoed it.

State Assemblyman Phil Ting, a San Francisco Democrat, said he plans to reintroduce the bill.

"We need to make sure that when people see signs, they have every ability to do something about getting guns out of the hands of mentally ill and dangerous people," Ting told The Associated Press.

Circumstances similar to those in Florida played out seven years ago in the shooting of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in Arizona. Jared Loughner had become increasingly disruptive and erratic at his community college in the months leading up to the shooting, frightening students and causing teachers to request campus police officers be on hand during his classes. Eventually, the school threatened him with suspension.

Soon after, he went to a gun store and legally bought the weapon he used to attack Giffords as she met with constituents, shooting her in the head and killing six people.

Without red flag laws, the main recourse available to family members is to have a troubled loved one committed to a psychiatric institution. Federal law permanently bans anyone who has been involuntary committed from owning guns, but such actions are more difficult to carry out than red flag laws, which are intended to be quick and temporary and have a lower standard of proof.

Without such a commitment, formal adjudication of serious mental illness or a felony conviction, many people can pass background checks and possess guns they already own.

The red flag laws act as a sort of timeout, so someone in psychological distress can get counseling while their fitness to possess a gun is evaluated, said Laura Cutilletta, legal director of the Giffords Law Center.

"It's a way to allow for temporary removal of firearms in a situation just like this: where somebody has made threats, where they have been expelled from school because of those threats, they're in counseling, and parents or the school or whoever it is understands that this person poses a threat," she said.

Many gun-rights activists oppose the laws. They say they can be used to unfairly take away rights from people who have not been convicted of crimes, nor professionally evaluated for mental illness.

The NRA's lobbying arm has said such laws enable courts to remove Second Amendment rights "based on third-party allegations and evidentiary standards" that are lower than what's required in criminal proceedings.

Connecticut led the way with a 1999 law, passed after an employee shot and killed four executives at state Lottery headquarters. It allows police to remove guns based on probable cause that a person poses a "risk of imminent personal injury."

In a study published last year, researchers at Duke, Yale, Connecticut and Virginia estimated that dozens of suicides have been prevented by the law, roughly one for every 10 gun seizures carried out. They said such laws "could significantly mitigate the risk" posed by the small number of legal gun owners who might suddenly pose a significant danger.

For school shooting suspect, main question is life or death

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The evidence against the Florida school shooting suspect is so overwhelming, the only question left for the courts if he is convicted is whether he will be sentenced to death or spend the rest of his life in prison.

The fate of 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, who faces 17 counts of first-degree murder in the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, will depend on his mental state and the wishes of the victims' families, which have a say in how the prosecution proceeds.

Broward County Public Defender Howard Finkelstein, whose office is representing Cruz, said there were so many warning signs that Cruz was mentally unstable and potentially violent that the death penalty might be going too far. Finkelstein said Cruz would likely plead guilty if prosecutors opt not to seek the death penalty.

"Because that's what this case is about. Not, did he do it? Not, should he go free? Should he live or should he die," Finkelstein said. "He will never see the light of day again, nor should he. But I know personally I am very upset and angry that we all failed to spot a problem and do anything as a result."

Michael J. Satz, the state attorney for Broward County, said Saturday in an email that, "This certainly is the type of case the death penalty was designed for." He called the slayings "absolutely horrific and tragic." However, he also said his office is working with law enforcement and will announce later what penalty it plans to seek.

The prosecution will likely take years. The sheriff's office said Cruz confessed, and they have his AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, ammunition clips and video from the school. The FBI also said Friday it had gotten a call from someone close to Cruz who expressed concern that he had "a desire to kill people" and "the potential" to conduct a school shooting.

FBI Director Christopher Wray said in a statement that the information was not properly investigated and promised to get to the bottom of it.

A major issue for the courts will be Cruz's mental state. Officials have said he underwent unspecified treatment at a mental facility but quit after his mother died in November. His father had died some years earlier. Without any living parents, he was taken in by a local family.

Cruz's attorney, Assistant Public Defender Melisa McNeill, told reporters after Cruz's initial court appearance that he had become unmoored from society and had no support network to lean on.

Trump fumes about Russia investigation as nation mourns

By Catherine Lucey and Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — As the nation mourned, President Donald Trump kept largely silent about the Florida school shooting victims and the escalating gun control debate, instead raging at the FBI for what he perceived to be a fixation on the Russia investigation at the cost of failing to deter the attack.

From the privacy of Mar-a-Lago, Trump vented about the investigation in a marathon series of tweets over the weekend.

He said Sunday "they are laughing their asses off in Moscow'" at the lingering fallout from the Kremlin's election interference and that the Obama administration bears some blame for the meddling.

Trump was last seen publicly Friday night when he visited the Florida community reeling from a school shooting that left 17 dead and gave rise to a student-led push for more gun control.

White House aides advised the president against golfing so soon after the tragedy, so Trump spent much of the holiday weekend watching cable television news and grousing to club members and advisers.

Trump met Sunday afternoon with Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan, discussing immigration, taxes, infrastructure and the Florida shooting, the White House said.

Amid a growing call for action on guns, the White House said Sunday the president will host a "listening session" with students and teachers this week, but offered no details on who would attend or what would be discussed.

On Monday, 17 Washington students plan a "lie-in" by the White House to advocate for tougher gun laws. Students who survived the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland are planning a march on Washington next month to pressure politicians to take action on gun violence.

Some lawmakers said it would take a powerful movement to motivate Congress.

"I am not optimistic that until there is real action by the American public to demand change in Congress that we're going to see real action to confront gun violence out of this Congress," said Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Throughout the weekend, the president's mind remained on Russia after an indictment from special counsel Robert Mueller on Friday charged 13 Russians with a plot to interfere in the U.S. presidential election.

Trump viewed Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's declaration that the indictment doesn't show that any American knowingly participated as proof of his innocence and is deeply frustrated that the media are still suggesting that his campaign may have colluded with Russian officials, according to a person who has spoken to the president in the last 24 hours but is not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations.

He has fumed to associates at Mar-a-Lago that the media "won't let it go" and will do everything to delegitimize his presidency. He made those complaints to members who stopped by his table Saturday as he dined with his two adult sons and TV personality Geraldo Rivera.

Initially pleased with the Justice Department's statement, Trump has since griped that Rosenstein did not go far enough in declaring that he was cleared of wrongdoing, and grew angry when his national security adviser, H.R. McMaster, gave credence to the notion that Russia's meddling affected the election, the person said.

Trump's frustration bubbled over on Twitter, where he stressed that the Russian effort began before he declared his candidacy, asserted that the Obama administration bears some blame for the election meddling and insisted he never denied that the Kremlin interfered in the 2016 U.S. campaign.

James Clapper, a former director of national intelligence, said on CNN's "State of the Union" that the president was not focusing on the bigger threat.

"Above all this rhetoric here, again, we're losing sight of, what is it we're going to do about the threat posed by the Russians? And he never — he never talks about that," said Clapper. "It's all about himself, collusion or not."

Trump tweeted about the nation's "heavy heart" in the wake of the shooting and noted the "incredible people" he met on his visit to the community. But he also sought to use the shooting to criticize the nation's leading law enforcement agency.

Trump said late Saturday that the FBI "missed all of the many signals" sent by the suspect and argued that agents are "spending too much time trying to prove Russian collusion with the Trump campaign."

The FBI received a tip last month that the man now charged in the school shooting had a "desire to kill" and access to guns and could be plotting an attack.

But the agency said Friday that agents failed to investigate.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich, a Republican and frequent Trump critic, called that tweet an "absurd statement" on CNN's "State of the Union," adding that the "FBI apparently made a terrible mistake, and people should be held accountable. But we need leadership out of the executive."

Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie stressed on ABC's "This Week" that the indictment was not the end of the Mueller probe.

"I'd caution everybody to not believe that this is yet over, because there's lots of other places where Director Mueller to look regarding potential Russian involvement in all this," said Christie, a Republican. "I think we've unfortunately got more, more to learn and more to come, in the, in the days and weeks ahead."

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Facebook forges ahead with Messenger Kids

Critics say some members of app advisory board had financial ties with company

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook is forging ahead with its messaging app for kids, despite child experts who have pressed the company to shut it down and others who question Facebook's financial support of some advisers who approved of the app.

Messenger Kids lets kids under 13 chat with friends and family. It displays no ads and lets parents approve who their children message. But critics say it serves to lure kids into harmful social media use and to hook young people on Facebook as it tries to compete with Snapchat or its own Instagram app. They say kids shouldn't be on such apps at all — although they often are.

"It is disturbing that Facebook, in the face of widespread concern, is aggressively marketing Messenger Kids to even more children," the Campaign For a Commercial-Free Childhood said in a statement (last) week.

Messenger Kids launched on iOS to lukewarm reception in December. It arrived on Amazon devices in January and on Android Wednesday. Throughout, Facebook has touted a team of advisers, academics and families who helped shape the app in the year before it launched.

But a Wired report (last) week pointed out that more than half of this safety advisory board had financial ties to the company. Facebook confirmed this and said it hasn't hidden donations to these individuals and groups — although it hasn't publicized them, either.

Facebook's donations to groups like the National PTA (the official name for the Parent Teacher Association) typically covered logistics costs or sponsored activities like anti-bullying programs or events such as parent roundtables. One advisory group, the Family Online Safety Institute, has a Facebook executive on its board, along with execs from Disney, Comcast and Google.

"We sometimes provide funding to cover programmatic or logistics expenses, to make sure our work together can have the most impact," Facebook said in a statement, adding that many of the organizations and people who advised on Messenger Kids do not receive financial support of any kind.

But for a company under pressure from many sides — Congress, regulators, advocates for online privacy and mental health — even the appearance of impropriety can hurt. Facebook didn't invite prominent critics, such as the nonprofit Common Sense Media, to advise it on Messenger Kids until the process was nearly over. Facebook would not comment publicly on why it didn't include Common Sense earlier in the process.

"Because they know we opposed their

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Christine Ha, of Houston wears smart glasses as she demonstrates the Aira app in Terminal E at Bush Intercontinental on Feb. 8 in Houston. Blind and low vision people are connected to agents who assist them using the real-time livestream from the camera on the glasses. Houston Airport System has agreed to cover the costs of minutes used by Aira subscribers within the both airport terminals through the end of the year.

Smart glasses aid sight-impaired travelers

■ Houston airports partner with AT&T, Aira to launch new technology

By Dwight Silverman
Houston Chronicle

Donna Grahmann is blind, and when she gets to the airport, she's never alone. She has her trusty guard dog, Cruiser, but she also needs a human to help her navigate the chaos.

But that is about to change. A new technology unveiled earlier this month at Bush Intercontinental Airport will allow Grahmann and other sight-limited patrons to move around airports independently, aided by a remote agent who sees what's in front of her and guides her via smartphone.

"I think it would be useful, yes," Grahmann, 58, of Magnolia said after trying the technology. "I think I could travel alone using this."

The Houston Airport System has teamed with AT&T and a technology startup called Aira to make it easier for the blind and sight-limited to move through Bush and Hobby airports using a modified version of Google Glass, the camera-equipped smart glasses launched by the search giant in 2012. During the kickoff, officials showed off the technology with about a half-dozen early users of the product from the area.

Airport System Director of Government Relations Tim Joniec said the city is covering up to $5,000 of the cost of the data that flow over AT&T's network while Aira users are in the city's two main airports this year. That may be extended if the project is a success, he said.

Aira is similar to OnStar, the personal assistant service sold as an option in some General Motors cars, Aira spokeswoman Emily Hill said.

The service costs between $80 and $329 monthly depending on data usage.

It combines Google Glass with a WiFi hotspot developed by AT&T and a user's smartphone. Aira subscribers call the Aira service by tapping on the Glass' temple or via smartphone. An agent answers and can use the Glass' camera to see what's in front of the user.

In a demo at Bush, an agent walked a blind person through the ticketing area, guiding her around other airport patrons and reading a flight departures screen. The agent can also book flights, call for an Uber or Lyft ride and provide other services, Hill said.

"The idea is to make people who are sight-limited as independent as possible," she said.

AT&T has been working for two years with San Diego-based Aira to provide strong cellular and WiFi connectivity, with much of the development being

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Robots aim to teach children how to code

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — You've seen apps and toys that promise to teach your child to code. Now enter the robots.

At the CES electronics show in January, coding robots came out in force. One convention hall area was packed with everything from chip-embedded, alphabet-like coding blocks to turtle-like tanks that draw on command.

Of course, no one can really say how well these coding bots teach kids, or even whether learning to code is the essential life skill that so many in the tech industry claim. After all, by the time today's elementary-school kids are entering the workforce, computers may well be programming themselves.

But experts like Jeff Gray, a computer science professor at the University of Alabama and an adviser to the nonprofit coding education group Code.org, say kids can derive other benefits from coding robots and similar toys. They can, for instance, learn "persistence and grit" when the toys inevitably do something unintended, he says.

So if you're in the market for a coding robot that teaches and maybe even entertains, here's a look at four that were on display at CES. But beware: None of them are cheap.

Cubetto

London-based Primo Toys, the makers of this mobile wooden block, believes kids can learn coding concepts at age 3 before they can even read. And they don't even need a screen.

The "Cubetto" block on wheels responds to where chip-embedded pieces are put on a wooden board. Different colors

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Anki Cozmo coding robot is on display at CES International on Jan. 10 in Las Vegas. Cozmo, which debuted in 2016, now comes with an app called Code Lab that allows kids to drag and drop blocks of code that control its movements and animations. They can even access facial and object recognition functions enabled by Cozmo's front-facing camera.

Virtual-reality field trips enhance learning

■ Technology is becoming increasingly accessible to schools

By Deepti Hajela and Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — On a February afternoon in a Brooklyn classroom, 16-year-old Taylor Engler came face to face with a cow. But it was all in her head.

A virtual reality headset had transported the Berkeley Carroll School junior and eight classmates to an upstate New York farm 250 miles away. For students, the technology means field trips are no longer limited by the length of a bus ride.

"I was not expecting it to be right in my face!" Engler said after peeling off the purple headset and finding herself back in the confines of her city classroom.

On any given day, students nationwide are deep-sea diving, observing medical operations, even swimming through the human circulatory system using gadgets that are becoming increasingly accessible in both cost and content.

At the least, teachers say, it's another way to engage the iPhone generation of students. At best, it can enhance their understanding and improve their grades.

"It instantly grabs the students," said Colin Jones, who teaches science in the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District. He has used a system called zSpace to dissect cells and has walked goggled students through the boreal forest with a Google app called Expeditions.

"It's something that can be done in a period or two, when it could take even a week sometimes when you're doing a lab," he said.

In Brooklyn, Engler and classmates virtually walked through barns and fields in Watkins Glen, stretching arms toward videotaped pigs and cows only they saw. It was an "outing" that otherwise would not have been possible, adviser Lily Adler said, given the constraints of time and staffing.

"It's different than watching video because you can have more than one perspective; you can actually move," Engler said during the lesson by animal rights group Farm Sanctuary.

Not only move, but also feel, said Richard Lamb, who is a researcher at the University at Buffalo Neurocognition Science Lab and studies how the brain processes information. In the lab, the physical effects of virtual reality become clear as subjects standing on solid ground teeter on stories-high virtual scaffolding or experience motion sickness without moving.

"Some of the research we're doing has actually shown that what you experience in virtual reality has very similar, if not the same, physiological responses that you would get if you were doing the actual activity," Lamb said. "Heart rate, cognition, breathing, everything."

The effect on learning, he said, is to improve interest, understanding and recall.

It's unknown how many classrooms have or will adopt the technology, but experts say it's still relatively rare. While individual headsets that require a user's phone can cost as little as $20

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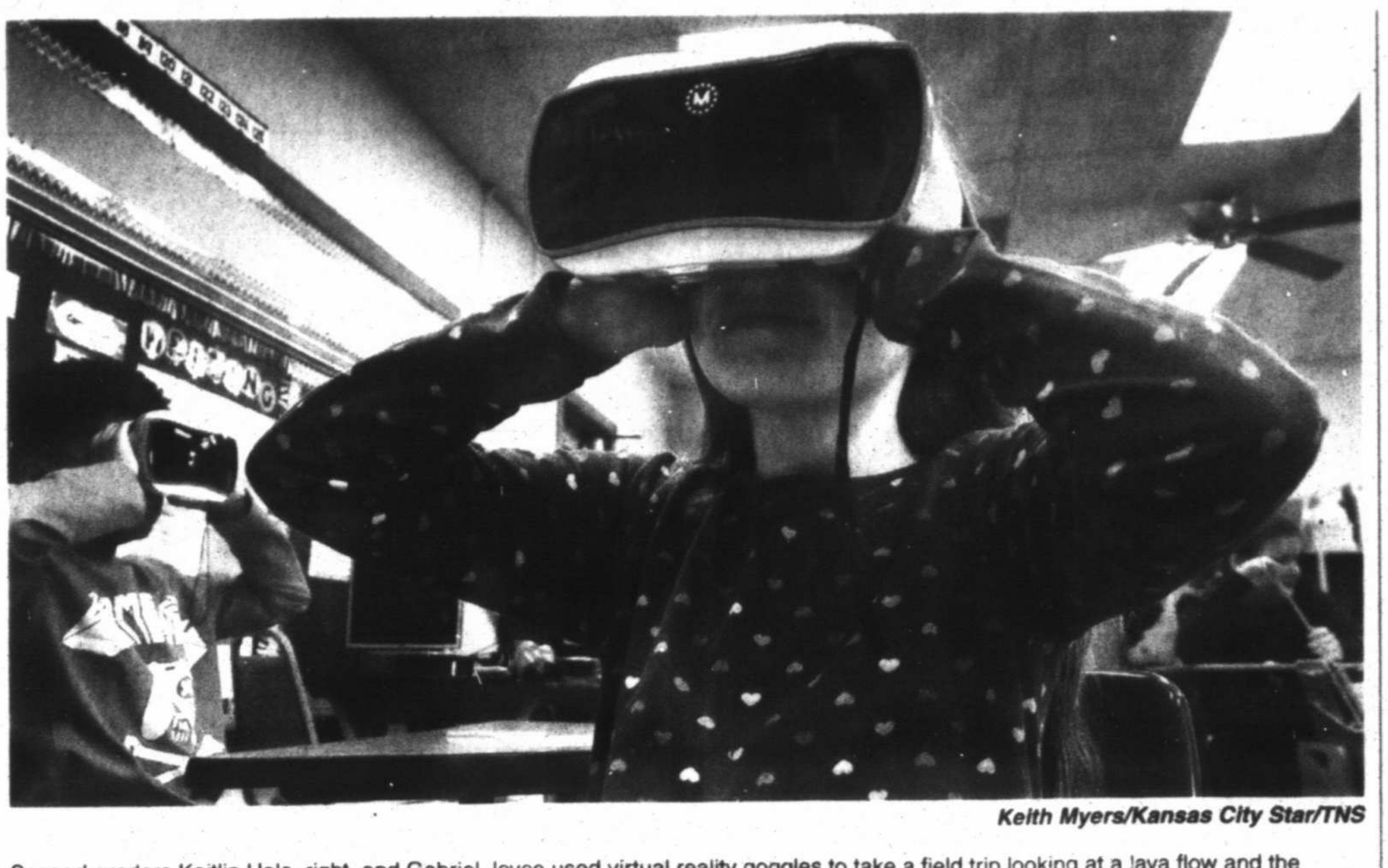

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Second-graders Kaitlin Hale, right, and Gabriel Joyce used virtual reality goggles to take a field trip looking at a lava flow and the Grand Canyon on Jan. 19 at Boone Elementary School in Kansas City.

Students visit Grand Canyon without leaving classroom

By Mará Rose Williams
The Kansas City Star

More than a dozen Center School District second-graders took a field trip on a recent Friday morning to the Grand Canyon and were back in class before lunchtime.

Actually, they really never left their classroom. They never even left their seats, for that matter.

But the Boone Elementary School students did go to the Grand Canyon, virtually. They saw the world wonder in 3-D and said it felt as if they were standing right in the midst of its rocky formation.

"Basically, I took them on a virtual field trip," said Robyn Holsman, educational technology specialist for the district.

Holsman has been the lady with the virtual field trips since last fall when she first brought Google Expeditions and its virtual reality technology to the district and began training teachers to use the tool to energize lessons, lift them off the textbook page and make them more real for students.

On that Friday it was teacher Sydney Craddocks' second-graders turn to travel.

Holsman handed out about a dozen virtual reality goggles attached to district cell phones that are no longer being used for their original purpose. These days the phones are connected to the Google Expeditions app operated by Holsman, the field trip guide.

Holsman, with an iPad in hand, could see everything the students in Craddocks' class could see. A little smiley face representing each student in the class appeared on Holsman's iPad so she would know where on the field trip every student was looking.

On command, students picked up a pair of googles and held them to their eyes.

"Oh," "Aw" and "Wow," filled the room.

"I see a beautiful land," 7-year-old Farrah Harris said to her deskmate, Aubrey Plott, also 7.

"I feel like I'm flying," Aubrey said.

Lola Valdivia wasn't sure what to make of the vast canyon. "It's beautiful, and it's ugly because it's all rock," the 7-year-old said.

Holsman used a mix of the computer-aided learning device with traditional forms of learning and had students write down what they saw and what they wondered about when they saw it.

Looking at an image on screen is nothing new; teachers have shown films of amazing places in the world for many years. But this is something altogether different, Holsman said.

"Each kid is thoroughly immersed," she said, explaining that every time she does this, students immediately start sharing with their desk mates what they see and feel.

"They are talking and forming their own questions, and that's what we want," Holsman said.

"I tell teachers all the time this is not going to be a quiet exercise," Holsman said. "They are excited and engaged and they are learning from each other. And even though they can't really touch the canyon, they feel like they can touch it."

But there are rules to keep the lesson in order.

No getting out of your seat. Look all around through the goggles and talk to your neighbor about everything you see.

Virtual field trips are becoming a popular teaching tool in schools in the Kansas City area, as well as across the country.

At Center, the virtual goggles are being used at all grade levels to take students places they might never be able to go.

The program allows students to virtually swim with sharks or walk through a museum of natural history without ever leaving their classroom. Holsman said she has taken fifth-graders to the moon and middle-school students who were studying career readiness to a New York work site. Some Center District high school students visited the campuses of colleges they wanted to attend but could not afford to travel to.

"My students have been asking about taking a field trip all year," Craddock said. But what they had in mind was something more traditional like the Kansas City Zoo.

"It's nice to be able to take them somewhere that some of these children will never get to go. Somewhere they are really going to remember."

Since the lesson was about how the earth is changed over time by erosion and other natural processes, the second-graders also took a quick journey to see the Tolbachik volcano in Kamchatka, Russia.

With her goggles pulled up to her eyes, Lola let out a gasp. "I feel like I'm walking in lava," she said.

"It looks like it's snowing, like there is snow falling to the ground," another student yelled out referring to the ash coughed up by the erupting volcano.

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Technology takes Nebraska students on virtual field trips

By Donna Christensen
Hastings (Neb.) Tribune

SUPERIOR, Neb. — Elementary students at Superior Public Schools have been able to access a new learning tool this academic year, and in turn are experiencing the sights and sounds of "field trips" they would otherwise never be able to take.

Students in Tricia Kuhlmann's fifth-grade class recently took an internet "trip" to Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska via the Zoom video conferencing system, viewing scenes they would not have been able to access except by the internet.

The park is home to Mount Denali, which is the crowning peak of the Alaska Range and the tallest mountain peak in North America at 20,310 feet above sea level.

The Superior students didn't study Denali in particular other than that day. Instead, they studied the relevant earth science topics such as landforms, plate tectonics and erosion.

The students sat on the floor of the classroom, and Kuhlmann placed a computer on her desk portraying the land formations they had read about — the same image that was projected onto the board at the front of the classroom. The students responded to their teacher's questions as a short review before the presentation began.

An Alaskan park ranger at Denali then came onto the scene and introduced herself. Her image then shrank to a small inset at the top, to the right of the scenes the students viewed. The ranger would explain geological facts and explain how the mountains had been formed, as well as ask students questions for their response.

"We studied some of the details of the preserve for a couple months and suggested questions were given to us for the students' response," Kuhlmann said.

To respond to the ranger, a student would talk into the small computer on the teacher's desk, answering her questions or commenting about what was seen on the display.

This was the second virtual field trip this school year for Kuhlmann and her students. In late 2017 they "visited" the Desert Dome at Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, learning about plant and animal adaptations.

Kuhlmann received a grant from the Nebraska Educational Technology Association to cover the $100 cost of the zoo field trip.

Trips to national parks, like the one to Denali, are free to schools, she said.

When students can actually see the places they are learning about in an interactive format, they pay more attention and provide feedback that helps the teacher determine how much information they are retaining.

"Virtual field trips are a great way to 'take' students places that we can't get to on a bus," Kuhlmann said.

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Pyeongchang Olympics showcases Korean self-driving vehicles

By Pietro Decristofaro and Youkyung Lee
Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — There's a competition at the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics that has nothing to do with sports, and plenty to do with jousting between automakers and tech companies over autonomously driving vehicles.

South Korea's largest automaker and a local telecom firm haggled for months over who would get to claim the exclusive right to label its vehicle as "autonomous." In the end, Hyundai Motors rolled out an "autonomous" sedan while KT Corp.'s self-driving bus was christened the "5G Bus."

The self-driving vehicles on display at the Winter Olympics are showcasing South Korea's prowess in both automotive and telecoms technology.

They took to the roads only after a sponsorship battle over whether such vehicles should be considered a form of transportation or a new kind of internet-connected device, like smartphones.

Each Olympic corporate sponsor gets exclusive marketing rights in its own industry, so a blurring of boundaries between industries can lead to friction, said Kang Joon-ho, a sports marketing professor at Seoul National University. "It's not clear whether we should see self-driving cars as vehicles or software, so it's unclear which sponsorship category they belong to."

In the end, a compromise was worked out.

Hyundai Motor Co., the local sponsor for the transport category and the world's fifth-largest auto group, is seeking to dispel its image as a latecomer in autonomous driving.,

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represent different commands — for example, to "go straight" or "turn left."

Kids can bunch together a number of commands into what's called a function and can also make Cubetto repeat actions in a loop.

Pros: Good for parents who want to avoid more screens

Cons: Doesn't offer an immediate path to real coding

Price: $226

Shipping: Now

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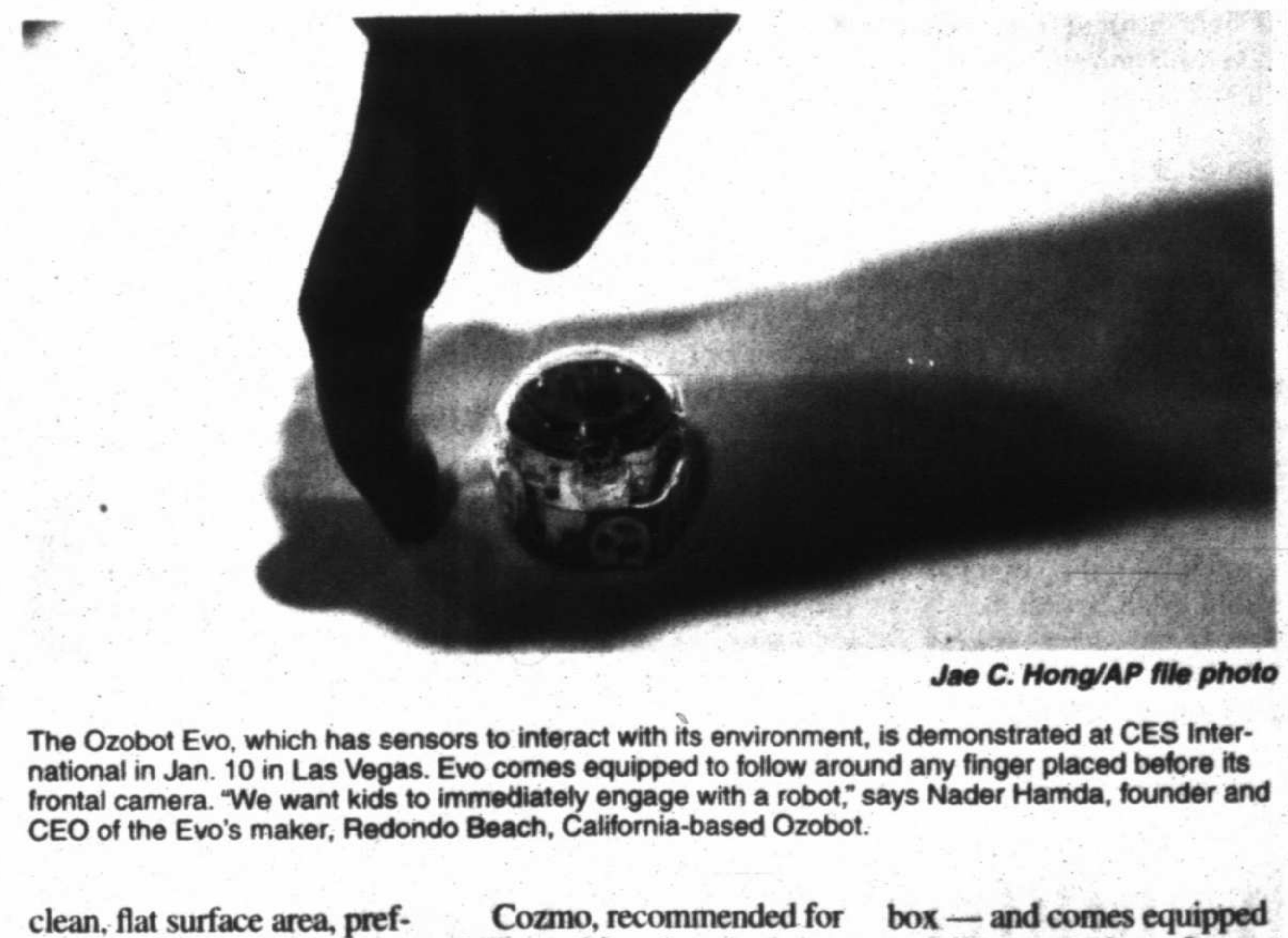

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The Ozobot Evo, which has sensors to interact with its environment, is demonstrated at CES International in Jan. 10 in Las Vegas. Evo comes equipped to follow around any finger placed before its frontal camera. "We want kids to immediately engage with a robot," says Nader Hamda, founder and CEO of the Evo's maker, Redondo Beach, California-based Ozobot.

Root

Root Robotics' flattish, hexagonal droid has downward-facing scanners, magnetic wheels, touch-reactive panels, lights, motion sensors, and a pen-grabbing hole in the center of its body.

Controlling it does require a screen.

The Cambridge, Massachusetts, company also claims kids don't need to be able to read and can start playing with Root at age 4.

Root draws, moves, sees and reacts to touch and various other commands. Kids can use Root to start drawing lines and progress to creating snowflake-like mathematical patterns called fractals.

Co-founder Zee Dubrovsky says his daughter began coding with Root at age 4, and progressed up to the point where her robot drew her name on a whiteboard in school.

Pros: Sturdy frame; kids can progress from graphical block-based codes to text coding

Cons: Requires lots of clean, flat surface area, preferably whiteboards. Root has three difficulty levels, some of which wade into deeper math, so parental time commitment could be considerable. The Kickstarter-launched company has taken a while to ship items, so delivery could be delayed

Price: $199

Shipping: June (although the company has been working to fulfill Kickstarter orders since May)

Online: http://www.codewithroot.com

Cozmo

This bundle of personality on wheels debuted in 2016. It now comes with an app called Code Lab, which allows kids to drag and drop blocks of code that control its movements and animations. They can even access facial and object recognition functions enabled by Cozmo's front-facing camera.

Cozmo, recommended for kids aged 8 and up, looks like a little tractor and can pick up interactive cubes, which are included.

Part of its appeal are the twitches and tweets that make it seem like an energetic pet, according to Boris Sofman, the CEO and co-founder of Cozmo maker Anki, based in San Francisco.

Pros: Its expressive eyes and movements make it seem like a little R2-D2

Cons: Because it's so full of personality, there might be a disconnect between programming it to do things and just letting it be itself

Price: $180

Shipping: Now

Online: https://www.anki.com/en-us/cozmo

Evo

This dome-shaped, wheeled dynamo about the height of a few fingers looks for direction right out of the box — and comes equipped to follow around any finger placed before its frontal camera.

"We want kids to immediately engage with a robot," says Nader Hamda, founder and CEO of Evo's maker, Redondo Beach, California-based Ozobot. The robot makes sounds, flashes lights, moves and can sense and react to its environment.

An app helps kids — aged 8 and up — program Evo to do what they want. The bot's downward facing scanners also let it follow lines drawn on regular paper, some of which embody coding instructions. For instance, blue-black-blue gets it to speed up; green-red-green-red tells it to spin.

Pros: It's cheaper than other coding bots

Cons: It doesn't do quite as much as other bots

Price: $89

Shipping: Now

Online: https://ozobot.com

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or $30, systems and software for classrooms run into the thousands of dollars. There are not as many complaints about a lack of good software as more companies enter the market, but the rules for use haven't necessarily caught up to the technology.

In New York, for example, simulated lab experiments don't count toward the state's hands-on lab time requirements.

Even so, experts say, the sciences are an area where virtual reality, especially enhanced to let users manipulate their surroundings, holds particular promise for classrooms.

"The biggest hindrance, I think, is going to be the quality of that experience, how closely it mimics the physical world," said David Evans, executive director of the National Science Teachers Association.

But, he said, "the ability to do dangerous things, the ability to run many, many more cases in a simulation space as opposed to the real physical space represents a huge learning opportunity."

Lamb, who taught chemistry, agreed.

"Too often in schools, when we do things with laboratories, it's ... you mix this together, you mix that together and you get this outcome. And if you don't get that outcome, you did something wrong, but we don't have enough resources for you to redo it," he said. In virtual reality, "all I do is hit reset on the computer. I don't have to actually use chemicals."

Both Lamb and Evans stressed that the technology should be used to enrich — not replace — real-world experiences, where any number of subtle factors can affect an outcome.

"We have to remain anchored in the actual world because that's the one that we really need to explain," Evans said.

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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				Olympics Figure Skating Ice Dance Final, Alpine Skiing (W) Downhill (L)						(:10) 2018Olympics Ice Hockey (M) Elimination Round (L)					Olympics
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Cops	Cops	Cops (N)	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ The Last Wi...		★★★ Salt ('10, Act) Angelina Jolie.						★★ I, Frankenstein Yvonne Strahovski.		★ You're Next	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Family Guy	Family Guy	FamilyGuy "And Then There Were Fewer"		Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad! (N)	American Dad!	Conan James Franco, Ari Graynor		Brooklyn 99	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ California S...		★★★ The Great Lie Bette Davis.						★★ The V.I.P.S. Elizabeth Taylor.		(:15) ★ Separate Ta...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		José José, el pr (N)		Sangre de mi Tie (N)		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sangre de mi Tierra	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Hoarding "Waste Not, Want Not"		Hoarding: Buried Alive "Full of Rats"		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding "The Last Clear Spot"		Hoarding "Waste Not, Want Not"	Hoarding: Buried Alive "Full of Rats"		
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:15) ★★★★ Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back ('80, Sci-Fi) Mark Hamill.				The Alienist (N)		The Alienist		Law & Order "Heart of Darkness"		Law & Order "Magnet"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Smoked"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) Modern	(:35) Modern	(:05) Modern	(:35) Modern
WGN	19	85				M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Bellevue		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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Former plain jane becomes obsessed with her looks

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: When I was in my teens, and even into my 20s and 30s, I was a Plain Jane. I had little self-confidence. But strangely, I'm one of those people who has gotten better looking as I've aged. Now in my 50s, I am better looking than many women my age or even younger. Men definitely notice me, and I love it.

My problem is, I'm now obsessed with my appearance. I constantly worry that I'll lose my looks. I have even considered cosmetic surgery. I don't want to be the shallow person I see I'm becoming. What can I do? — LATE BLOOMER

DEAR LATE BLOOMER: There's a saying, "You can fool Mother Nature, but you can't fool Father Time." What it boils down to is, time takes its toll on everyone.

It isn't shallow to have the feelings you are experiencing. But please remember that beauty is more than what's on the surface. Perhaps it's time to start concentrating on qualities that accentuate your inner rather than external beauty — kindness, warmth, intelligence, generosity, an appreciation for the value of others — because charm lasts longer than beauty.

This is not to say I don't appreciate the value of cosmetic surgery, which can do wonders for a person's sagging ego. But your appearance should not be the focus of your life because, frankly, it isn't healthy.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from "Military Service Marker" you printed on Dec. 22. When my uncle, a military veteran, passed away, he was without a military service marker, too. His two kids (my cousins) didn't bother to obtain one, probably out of sheer laziness.

Feeling that it was important, I took the initiative and contacted the VA myself. I obtained the record of his honorable discharge (form DD 214) and his death certificate. I filled out the appropriate paperwork, and my uncle got the marker to which he was entitled free of charge. It was delivered directly to the cemetery, and the only cost involved was the installation. It was well worth it, and I have never asked my cousins for a dime. I felt proud about having done something for a deserving vet! — BILL B. IN MISSOURI

DEAR BILL: My thanks to you and to the scores of other readers who wrote to share this information with me. It is important to know that relatives of deceased military veterans can receive these military markers at no cost. Starting the process is as easy as contacting the cemetery, the VA at www.cem.va.gov/hmm/, or a local VFW or American Legion post for assistance.

DEAR ABBY: I need advice on whether to contact an old friend who backstabbed me years ago with my former business partner. I'm trying to get back into the field, and this old "friend" is doing well now. He has a lot of contacts that could help me start my own company. I'm not sure if I should contact him because of what he did to me. Should I? — UNCERTAIN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Frankly, I think it would be a waste of time. Leopards don't usually change their spots.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠Q J 10 ♡Q 5 ◇7 ♣K J 10 9 7 4 2

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

A — We suspect that many readers will choose two clubs, which would not be a sin. We prefer to increase the pressure with this low-defense hand. Bid three clubs.

Q 2 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠A J 9 2 ♡A Q 9 5 3 ◇9 7 ♣K 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	2◇	Pass

What call would you make?

A — Experts disagree. Old timers want a two-spade rebid here to show extras. Many modern experts don't agree. Let's be modern. Bid two spades.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠K 9 7 4 ♡K J 6 4 ◇9 ♣Q J 9 8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1◇	Pass	2◇*	?

*Decent hand, forcing to at least 3D

What call would you make?

A — If you wait for them to sign off in three diamonds before you double, partner will have to bid at the three level. Double now and partner will only bid at the three level if he wants to.

Q 4 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠J ♡J ◇A K 10 8 6 5 3 2 ♣A J 8

Two passes to you. What call would you make?

A — Were partner not a passed hand, we would open one diamond. Here it is too likely that the opponents will outbid you in a major, maybe to game. Open five diamonds.

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending Feb. 11:

Top Paid iPhone Apps:
1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Pocket Build, MoonBear LTD
3. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
4. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
5. HYPERSPEKTIV, Phantom Force
6. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
7. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
8. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
9. iSchedule, HotSchedules
10. NBA 2K18, 2K

Top Free iPhone Apps:
1. Bitmoji, Bitstrips
2. Baseball Boy!, Voodoo
3. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
4. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
5. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
6. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
7. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
8. Knife Hit, Ketchapp
9. Gmail - Email by Google, Google, Inc.
10. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.

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3. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
4. Pocket Build, MoonBear LTD
5. Notability, Ginger Labs
6. Finding Bigfoot Hunter VR, Tropical Blue LLC
7. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc.
8. GoodNotes 4, Time Base Technology Limited
9. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon
10. The Room: Old Sins, Fireproof Games

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2. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
3. ColorZ - 3D Pixel Art, Crazy Labs
4. UNICORN 3D - Color by Number, AppsYouLove
5. Kick the Buddy, Chill Fleet
6. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation
7. Run Sausage Run!, Crazy Labs
8. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
9. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
10. Rules of Survival, NetEase Games

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending Feb. 11:

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1. Darkest Hour
2. A Bad Moms Christmas
3. Only the Brave
4. Daddy's Home 2
5. Braven
6. Blade Runner 2049
7. The Florida Project
8. My Friend Dahmer
9. American Made
10. Wonder

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:
1. Darkest Hour
2. The Florida Project
3. My Friend Dahmer
4. Wind River (2017)
5. LBJ
6. Home Again (2017)
7. Lucky
8. Permission
9. The Square
10. Thelma

Music

iTunes Official Music Charts for the week ending Feb. 15:

Top Songs
1. God's Plan, Drake
2. Meant to Be (feat. Florida Georgia Line), Bebe Rexha
3. Perfect, Ed Sheeran
4. The Middle, Zedd,Maren Morris & Grey
5. Look Alive (feat. Drake), BlocBoy JB
6. Finesse (Remix) (feat. Cardi B), Bruno Mars
7. Pray For Me, The Weeknd & Kendrick Lamar
8. Havana (feat. Young Thug), Camila Cabello
9. You Make It Easy, Jason Aldean
10. Say Something (feat. Chris Stapleton), Justin Timberlake

Top Albums
1. Black Panther The Album Music From And Inspired By, Kendrick Lamar,The Weeknd & SZA
2. The Greatest Showman (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
3. Fifty Shades Freed, Various Artists
4. Man of the Woods, Justin Timberlake
5. Sleepwalkers, Brian Fallon
6. Evidence, Elevation Collective
7. Crooked Shadows, Dashboard Confessional
8. Little Dark Age, MGMT
9. Perception, NF
10. 2 Heartless, Moneybagg Yo

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Melissa Phillip/Houston Chronicle via AP

Donna Grahmann, of Magnolia with her guide dog, Cruiser, talks to an Aira agent on the phone as she wears smart glasses during a demonstrates the Aira app in Terminal E at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Feb 8. in Houston.

AIRA

From 1B

done at the Texas Medical Center, said Nadia Morris, director of AT&T's Connected Health Foundry.

Morris said the service avoids network connection issues by providing a dedicated connection that avoids using the internet. Over the airports' WiFi system, Aira gets priority. Thus, the video feed being sent to the assisting agents remains strong.

Bush and Hobby are the third and fourth airports in the country to partner with Aira and AT&T. The service is already available in the Memphis and Minneapolis airports.

Also on hand at the launch was Christine Ha, best known as the first blind contestant — and ultimate winner — from the "Master Chef" cooking competition show on Fox. Ha, who is from Houston, has been serving as an advocate for the service, and said she already uses to it help her travel independently.

"In the last two years, I've probably logged 200,000 miles of travel," Ha said. After giving Aira a try, Grahmann said that, while the service was somewhat expensive, she thought it would be worth it. "It would be very useful at the Houston Livestock Show," she said. "My husband shows border collies, and while he's showing I could navigate around a little."

FACEBOOK

From 1B

position," said James Steyer, the CEO of Common Sense. The group's stance is that Facebook never should have released a product aimed at kids. "They know very well our positon with Messenger Kids."

A few weeks after Messenger Kids launched, nearly 100 outside experts banded together to urge Facebook to shut down the app, which it has not done. The company says it is "committed to building better products for families, including Messenger Kids. That means listening to parents and experts, including our critics."

One of Facebook's experts contested the notion that company advisers were in Facebook's pocket. Lewis Bernstein, now a paid Facebook consultant who worked for Sesame Workshop (the nonprofit behind Sesame Street) in various capacities over three decades, said the Wired article "unfairly" accused him and his colleagues of accepting travel expenses to Facebook seminars. He said he wasn't a Facebook consultant at the time he was advising it on Messenger Kids.

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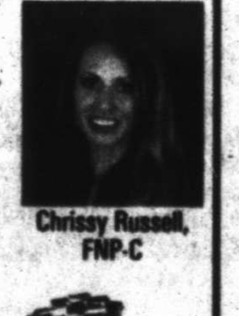
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Team LeBron edges Team Stephen 148-145 in All-Star Game

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — LeBron James picked a winner in the NBA All-Star Game.

James scored 29 points and hit the go-ahead layup with 34.5 seconds to play, winning his third All-Star Game MVP award while his hand-picked team rallied to win an uncommonly entertaining showcase, beating Team Stephen 148-145 Sunday night.

For the first time in the 67 editions of the All-Star Game, the league abandoned the traditional East-West format used since 1951 and allowed team captains James and Stephen Curry to choose their own rosters.

That twist turned a sometimes staid event into the world's richest pickup game, and the intrigue was reflected on the Staples Center court, where a real basketball game broke out.

LeBron's team even won an All-Star game with defense: On the final possession, James and Kevin Durant blanketed Curry, preventing the 3-point-shooting superstar from getting off a potential tying shot.

"I think myself and Stephen took it upon ourselves when we took on this format that we had to change the way this game was played," said James, who also had 10 rebounds and eight assists.

Both teams played defense for long stretches and contested many shots, with LeBron's group even picking up full-court late in the first half. Team LeBron also rallied from a double-digit deficit in the final minutes, tying it at 144-144 on James' 3-pointer with 1:31 to play.

LA native DeMar DeRozan hit one free throw to put Team Steph ahead, but LeBron claimed the lead with his layup after some sharp passing by his teammates. DeRozan then made a turnover on an attempted pass to Giannis Antetokounmpo, and Russell Westbrook broke out for a layup with 10.7 seconds left.

Team Steph had one last chance, but even the usually unguardable Curry couldn't find enough space to launch a 3

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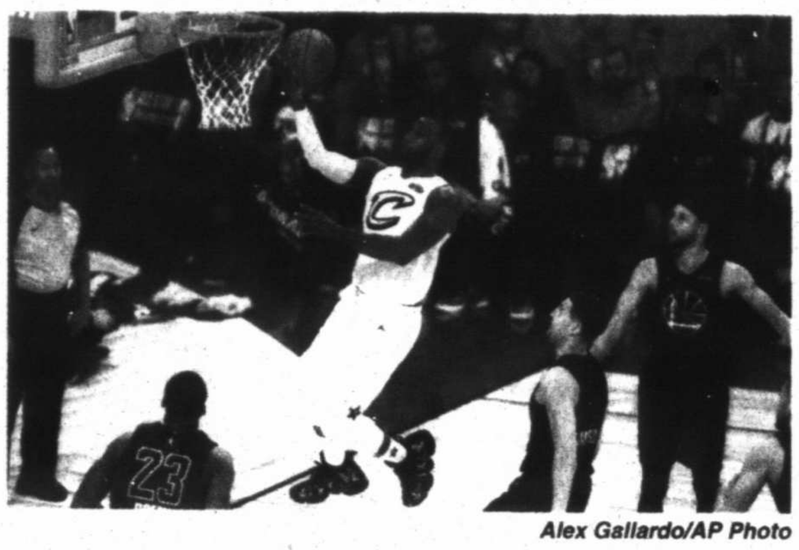

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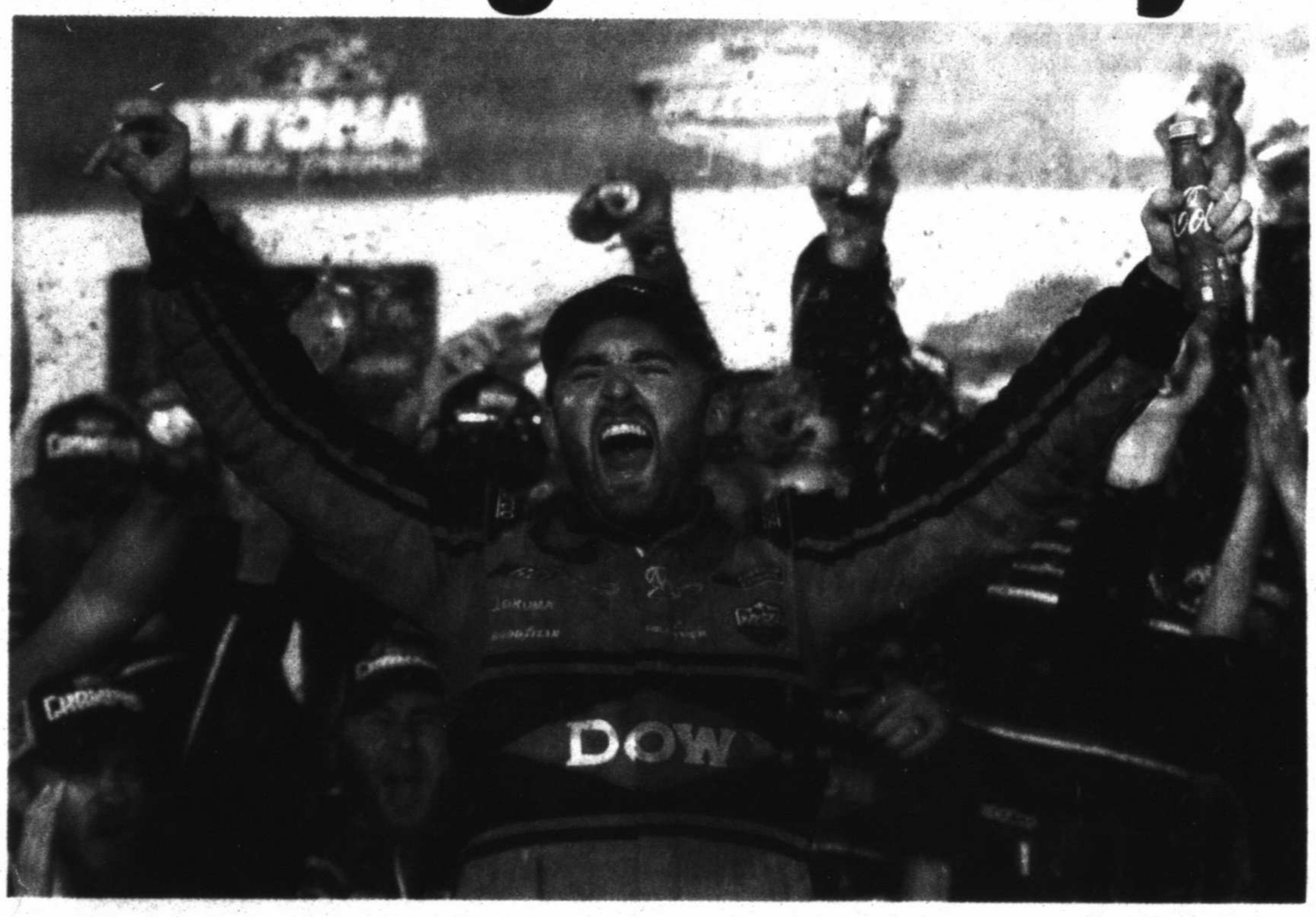
LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers shoots during the first half of an NBA All-Star game on Sunday in Los Angeles.

Racing to victory



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Austin Dillon celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Daytona 500 Cup series race on Sunday at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Austin Dillon takes No. 3 back to victory lane

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The No. 3 is No. 1 again at Daytona, on a day, in a race and at a place forever linked with the great Dale Earnhardt.

Austin Dillon won the Daytona 500 on Sunday night driving the iconic No. 3 Chevrolet that Earnhardt piloted for most of his career. Earnhardt was behind the wheel of No. 3 when he won his only Daytona 500 in 1998, and when he was killed in an accident on the final lap of the race three years later.

Dillon's victory, in the 60th running of "The Great American Race ," came 17 years to the day of Earnhardt's fatal crash .

"I don't know what it is about storylines and Daytona, this place just creates history and I'm proud to be part of it tonight," Dillon said. "I put the 3 back in victory lane at Daytona."

Dillon wasn't a factor in his Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet until the final lap in overtime when he got a push from Darrell "Bubba" Wallace Jr . that helped him get to leader Aric Almirola. Dillon spun Almirola then whizzed on by to give Childress, his grandfather, another iconic victory in the beloved No. 3.

"My grandfather has done everything for me and everybody knows it," Dillon said. "There's a lot of pressure on me to perform because I've had a little bit of everything. But I like that pressure, the same with the No. 3, there's a lot of pressure behind it, but I'm willing to take it and go with it."

As for the aggressive move that wrecked Almirola? Dillon was doing what has to be done to win at Daytona, where he led just once for one lap — the final one.

"I kind of blacked out and everything just kept going," he said of the final lap. "We just had a run and I stayed on the gas. It's what it is when you're at Daytona. I just had more momentum when he was trying to block me and it turned him. Hate that for him, but it's the Daytona 500. He should do the same thing to me in that position."

Almirola, in his debut race for Stewart-Haas Racing, was devastated.

"My heart is broken. I thought I was going to win the Daytona 500," Almirola said.

Childress was overjoyed.

"To come back 20 years later after Dale's great victory, and to be able to celebrate 20 years later, with my grandson, it is just a storybook tale," Childress said. "It's tough on him running that 3, but we had, I'd say, 97 percent support from Earnhardt fans who wanted him to run that number."

The No. 3 was dormant in the Cup Series from Earnhardt's death until Childress brought it back in 2014 for

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Junior at peace with Daytona 17 years after Earnhardt's death

By Mark Long
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. made peace with Daytona International Speedway long ago.

Seventeen years after his dad's death, Earnhardt had only positive vibes Sunday at the famed racetrack where his father died. Dale Earnhardt was killed in a last-lap crash in the 2001 Daytona 500.

"When he passed away here, I had two choices: I could hate this place for it or it could become even more special to me and I could become even more connected to it because of that circumstance," Earnhardt said Sunday. "I chose to embrace the track more. I knew how special this place was to my dad, so it's more meaningful to me personally maybe than to a lot of the other competitors as the cornerstone of our series and birthplace of speed and all the things, you know, 'The Great American Race.'

"I made peace a long time ago with what happened and decided to remember this as the place where he lost his life. That's, to me, a positive, not a negative. I didn't want to feel any negative feelings when I came here because I love Daytona, love this track and I love the history, I want to be rooted in this sport and that means I want to be at Daytona when they race here. That was the choice I made a long time ago and feel very comfortable here."

The two-time Daytona 500 winner retired last season and was back at the track in

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Terry Renna/Associated Press

Dale Earnhardt Jr. poses with the Harley J. Earl trophy during a news conference before the NASCAR Daytona 500 Cup series auto race on Sunday at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Red, white and bruised, US struggles to win medals

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — It was, perhaps, the defining moment for the U.S. team at this Olympics.

Not Shaun White blitzing the halfpipe in a final run to win gold, a win that came with some baggage by itself. Or Chloe Kim delighting fans from two countries when she won her halfpipe, either.

No, it came on Friday when — within 20 seconds of each other — Nathan Chen skated his way out of medal contention and Mikaela Shiffrin faltered in the slalom she had been expected to ski away with.

And with it went any chance the U.S. had of redeeming itself in what is shaping up as a frustrating Olympics for an American team that had hopes of ending up near the top of the medal table.

The biggest team in the Olympics — 241 athletes — has been a flop so far, winning so few medals that you can count them on both hands. Take away the new wave of snowboarding events, and you can count them with one hand.

But if those waving the red, white and blue want a statistic that really stuns, consider this one:

Norway, a nation of 5.3 million people is leading with 25 medals so far, or one for every 212,000 Norwegians.

The U.S., a nation of some 320 million people, has 10 medals or one for every 32 million Americans.

It could be worse. Russia — which won the medal count in Sochi four years ago — is still waiting for its first gold medal. But at least the Russians — who are not an official team here — have an excuse because some of its best dopers from Sochi were banned from these games. Even the partial Russian team has 10 medals overall, same as the U.S.

The U.S. runs an extensive winter training program with millions of dollars spent every year to train top athletes just for this occasion. The U.S. Olympic Committee took in more than $300 million in 2016 alone, with a big chunk of that used to train elite athletes.

That's a lot of money with very little to show for it. Through Sunday American athletes are fifth on the medal list.

Take away the new sports added to the Olympics since 1992, and the U.S. would have a grand total of two medals.

The Associated Press had projected the U.S. to have 20 medals at this point, and Team USA has averaged 30 medals total over the last three Winter Olympics.

With the dismal performance have come dismal ratings for NBC, which paid $963 million for the games, up from $775 million for Sochi. While the Olympics still win the prime-time battle in the U.S., the total audience tuning in was down 16 percent Thursday night, with the viewership on NBC alone down 29 percent.

What should be more concerning to the network — and U.S. officials — is the lack of star power emerging in South Korea.

Shiffrin delivered gold in her first race, but stumbled in the giant slalom and will have to rebound in the combined and downhill if she is going to become a multi-medalist in these games. White, meanwhile, may be in his last Olympics and was tarnished by reports of a civil sexual harassment suit against him.

U.S. teenagers have a lot of potential. Kim dominated in the halfpipe and could be a favorite in future Olympics, and fellow 17-year-old Red Gerard, who won gold in men's snowboard slopestyle . The teen figure skaters Nathan Chen and Vincent Zhou finished fifth and sixth, but they were the biggest jumpers in the competition and could be back with more experience.

At the other end of the experience spectrum, former gold medalists Lindsey Vonn and Ted Ligety have so far failed to deliver.

Add in the lackluster performance of the U.S. hockey team — which lost 4-0 to Russia on Saturday — and the absence of any medals in (non-short track) speed skating

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Miami-Fl at Notre Dame, 6 p.m., ESPN
Howard at North Carolina Central, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Maryland at Northwestern, 6 p.m., FS1
Oklahoma at Kansas, 8 p.m., ESPN
Alcorn State at Alabama State, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Minnesota at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., FS1

Men's Soccer
Bundesliga: Eintracht Frankfurt vs. RB Leipzig, 1:20 p.m., FS2, FXDEP
FA Cup: Wigan Athletic Fc vs. Manchester City, 1:30 p.m., FS1
Liga NOS: Tondela vs. Sporting, 2 p.m., GolTV
Brazil: RB Brazil vs. Corinthians, 4:30 p.m., GolTV

National Hockey League
Boston at Calgary, 3 p.m., NHL
Los Angeles at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., NHL

Tennis
ATP: Rio de Janeiro, 1:30 p.m., TENNIS

Winter Olympics
Women's Hockey: Semifinal, 6:10 a.m., NBCSN
Ski Jumping: Men's Team Large Hill, 8:30 a.m., NBCSN
Bobsled: Two-Man, Runs 3 & 4; Speed Skating: Men's 500m, 10 a.m., NBCSN
Men's Curling: USA vs. Canada, 11:30 a.m., NBCSN
Ski Jumping: Men's Team Large Hill; Speed Skating: Men's 500m, 2 p.m., NBC
Women's Curling: USA vs. China, 4 p.m., CNBC
Bobsled: Two-Man, Runs 3 & 4; Freestyle Skiing: Women's Halfpipe Final; Figure Skating: Free Dance, 7 p.m., NBC
Figure Skating: Free Dance, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Alpine Skiing: Women's Downhill Training, 8:35 p.m., NBCSN
Men's Hockey: Playoff, 9:10 p.m., NBCSN
Freestyle Skiing: Men's Halfpipe, 11:05 p.m., NBC
Men's Curling: Canada vs. Japan, 11:30 p.m., NBCSN
Men's Hockey: Playoff, 2 a.m., NBCSN
Women's Curling: USA vs. South Korea, 4 a.m., NBCSN

Women's College Basketball
Florida State at Duke, 5 p.m., ESPN2
Syracuse at Pitt, 6 p.m., FSSW
Baylor at Texas, 7 p.m., ESPN2
UCLA at Oregon, 9 p.m., ESPN2

RADIO

Men's College Basketball
Odessa College at Howard College, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM; KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Women's College Basketball
Odessa College at Howard College, 5:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Baseball
Snyder at Greenwood, 6 p.m.
Midland Christian JV vs. Trinity, 3 p.m., Simonds Field HS

Girls Basketball
Class 1A regional quarterfinal, Garden City vs. Blackwell, Junell Center, San Angelo

HS Boys Basketball
Class 4A bi-district, Andrews vs. San Elizario, 5 p.m., Fort Stockton JC Golf
Midland College at Claude Jacobs Collegiate Invitational, Victoria

JC Softball
Colby CC at Midland College, 11 a.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Designated RHP Ben Taylor for assignment. Agreed to terms with INF Eduardo Nunez on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Assigned RHP Dylan Covey outright to Charlotte (IL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed RHP Michael Pineda on the 60-day DL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Traded RHP Jake Odorizzi to Minnesota for SS Jermaine Palacios.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with 2B Chase Utley on a two-year contract.
MIAMI MARLINS — Assigned RHP Severino Gonzalez outright to New Orleans (PCL). Agreed to terms with 1B Eric Campbell on a minor league contract.
NEW YORK METS — Placed 3B T.J. Rivera on the 60-day DL. Agreed to terms with LHP Jason Vargas on a two-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with LHP Fernando Abad on a minor league contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NEW YORK RANGERS — Returned G Brandon Halverson to Hartford (AHL).
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Rochester F Colin Blackwell two games.
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Released G Drew Fielding from a professional tryout agreement. Signed D Desmond Bergin to a professional tryout agreement.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	41	16	.719	
Boston	40	19	.678	2
Philadelphia	30	25	.545	10
New York	23	36	.390	19
Brooklyn	19	40	.322	23

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	33	24	.579	—
Miami	30	28	.517	3½
Charlotte	24	33	.421	9
Orlando	18	39	.316	15
Atlanta	18	41	.305	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	22	.607	—
Indiana	33	25	.569	2
Milwaukee	32	25	.561	2½
Detroit	28	29	.491	6½
Chicago	20	37	.351	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	44	13	.772	—
San Antonio	35	24	.593	10
New Orleans	31	26	.544	13
Memphis	18	38	.321	25½
Dallas	18	40	.310	26½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	35	25	.583	—
Minnesota	36	25	.590	—
Oklahoma City	33	26	.559	2
Denver	32	26	.552	2½
Portland	32	26	.552	2½
Utah	30	28	.517	4½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	44	14	.759	—
L.A. Clippers	30	26	.536	13
L.A. Lakers	23	34	.404	20½
Sacramento	18	39	.316	25½
Phoenix	18	41	.305	26½

Sunday's Scores
Team LeBron 148, Team Stephen 145

Today's Games
No games scheduled

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	59	39	17	3	81	211	159
Boston	56	35	13	8	78	186	139
Toronto	61	36	20	5	77	204	172
Florida	55	26	23	6	58	164	178
Detroit	58	24	25	9	57	155	174
Ottawa	57	21	27	9	51	156	199
Montreal	58	22	29	7	51	149	185
Buffalo	59	17	31	11	45	141	195

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	61	35	22	4	74	195	180
Washington	58	33	18	7	73	182	174
New Jersey	59	31	20	8	70	180	181
Philadelphia	56	30	19	10	70	178	172
N.Y. Islanders	60	29	25	6	64	200	214
Carolina	60	27	23	10	64	162	180
Columbus	59	29	25	5	63	157	169
N.Y. Rangers	60	27	28	5	59	173	191

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	57	34	14	9	77	177	150
Winnipeg	56	34	15	9	77	189	155
Dallas	59	34	21	4	72	179	157
St Louis	60	34	22	4	72	171	153
Minnesota	58	31	20	7	69	172	166
Colorado	56	31	23	4	66	179	173
Chicago	59	25	26	8	58	169	170

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	58	39	15	4	82	202	158
San Jose	59	32	19	8	72	175	161
Anaheim	60	29	20	11	69	167	170
Calgary	59	30	21	8	68	168	173
Los Angeles	58	31	22	5	67	167	145
Edmonton	58	24	30	4	52	162	191
Vancouver	59	23	30	6	52	157	189
Arizona	59	17	32	10	44	143	197

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's Scores
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Rangers 4
Edmonton 4, Colorado 2
New Jersey 3, Carolina 2, OT
Pittsburgh 5, Columbus 2
Toronto 3, Detroit 2
San Jose 5, Dallas 2
Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Today's Games
Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Washington at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
Boston at Calgary, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at Nashville, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Vegas, 10 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

EAST
Navy 2, Georgetown 1
Pittsburgh 2, Oakland 0
SOUTH
Binghamton 10, Northwestern St. 3
Chowan 13, Molloy 6
Eckerd 21, Claflin 4
Emory 7, N.C. Wesleyan 5
Flagler 5, Francis Marion 3
FAU 3, George Washington 2
James Madison 5, High Point 1
La Salle 16, Presbyterian 7
Louisville 15, George Mason 8
Lynchburg 8, Averett 3
Lynn 14, Columbus St. 6
Maryville (Tenn.) 2, Hiwassee 0
North Alabama 1, Miles 0
N.C. A&T 3, Coppin St. 2, 11 innings
N.C. Central 12, Wagner 3
North Florida 7, Radford 2
North Georgia 11, Trevecca Nazarene 3
Saint Leo 9, West Alabama 6
Tampa 2, Palm Beach Atlantic 1
UALR 7, Tennessee Tech 4
Villanova 11, Norfolk St. 3
Virginia 3, Rice 0
W. Kentucky 3, Memphis 1
MIDWEST
Butler 6, E. Kentucky 5
Chicago St. 12, LIU Brooklyn 3
Culver-Stockton 6, Doane 3
Harris-Stowe 4, Mo.-St. Louis 2
Illinois S. 5, Dakota St. 2
Indiana 8, South Alabama 4
Iowa 4, Old Dominion 1
Michigan 7, Army 3
Purdue 10, W. Michigan 4
Toledo 16, Saint Louis 8
SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 11, Quinnipiac 2
Illinois St. 18, Arkansas St. 3
Missouri St. 6, Texas Southern 5
Oral Roberts 3, Utah 0
FAR WEST
Regis 23, Wayne (Colo.) 7

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and there's not a lot to cheer about.

The games could still be salvaged somewhat by some of the stars with more events left. Shiffrin has an outside shot at two golds in the combined and downhill and Vonn is one of the favorites in the women's downhill. There's a new Big Air event where Americans are competitive, and there may be a medal or two left in some of the outlying sports.

But the days when Eric Heiden could win five speed skating golds or American figure skaters could dominate appear over. Hard to believe, but the last medal for a U.S. woman figure skater was the silver Sasha Cohen won in Turin 12 years ago.

The rest of the world has caught up, yes.

That's little excuse, though, for what has been so far a flop of Olympic proportions.

Chaps lead after first 2 rounds in Victoria

From staff reports

VICTORIA — The No. 3-ranked Midland College men's golf team has a 14-shot lead after the first two rounds of the Claude Jacobs Invitational played on Sunday at Victoria Country Club.

The Chaparrals shot 287-295—582, while second place McLennan Community College fired 294-302—596 in a field that had both junior college and NAIA programs.

MC freshman Callum Bruce leads the individual standings by two shots after shooting 71-69—140. Teammate Alex Motes is in fourth place with a 72-74—146, while Bailey Knoll is seventh with a 70-78—148.

The tournament will conclude today with the final round.

Claude Jacobs Invitational
At Victoria Country Club, Victoria
Sunday's results
Team standings – 1. Midland College 287-295—582; 2. McLennan CC 294-302—596; 3. Tyler Junior College 294-302—596; 4. Wayland Baptist 309-303—612; 5. Ranger College 306-312—620; 6. Houston-Victoria 315-306—621; 7. (tie) Our Lady of the Lake 307-318—625; and Northwestern Oklahoma State 310-315—625; 9. St. Thomas 304-331—635; 10. Houston-Victoria B 331-325—656.
individual standings – 1. Callum Bruce, Midland, 71-69—140; 2. Luis Herrera, Texas Wesleyan 71-71—142; 3. Andrew Williamson, Wayland Baptist, 71-74—145; 4. Alex Motes, Midland, 72-74—146; 5. (tie) Alex Isakson, McLennan, 75-72—147; Ethan Bozner, Tyler JC, 71-76—147; 7. Bailey Knoll, Midland, 70-78—148; 8. (tie) Paul Thonseth, St. Thomas, 73-76—149, and Matt Lorentzen, McLennan, 71-78—149; 10. (tie) Mark Foelbeck, Ranger College, 76-74—150; Chris Ayers, Midland, 76-74—150; Will Traylor, Tyler JC, 76-74—150; Micah Goulas, McLennan, 72-78—150
Midland College – Callum Bruce 71-69—140, Alex Motes 72-74—146, Bailey Knoll 70-78—148, Chris Ayers 76-74—150, Tommy parker 74-n/s.
MC individual – Justin Benson 77-77—154

Boedker scores twice to help Sharks beat Stars 5-2

By RICK EYMER
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Mikkel Boedker scored twice in San Jose's four-goal first period and the Sharks beat the Dallas Stars on Sunday for their fourth victory in five games.

Joe Pavelski, Melker Karlsson and Justin Braun also scored and Martin Jones made 26 saves.

Gemel Smith and Tyler Pitlick scored for Dallas. Ben Bishop was chased after allowing four goals on five shots, and Kari Lehtonen made 22 saves in relief. The Stars had won six of their previous seven games.

The Stars beat the Sharks 6-0 on New Year's Eve and had won three straight against them entering play Sunday.

Pavelski scored 27 seconds into the contest to spark the onslaught. After taking a pass from Timo Meier, Pavelski backhanded the puck into the net. Karlsson made it 2-0 a little more than five minutes later, taking a rebound off the back boards, he was able to sneak it past Bishop.

Boedker scored when his shot was deflected off the stick of Alexander Radulov and past Bishop. Boedker scored again two minutes later with a shot over Bishop's left shoulder, ending Bishop's day with 2:37 remaining in the first period.

Braun found a crease through the defense to make it 5-0 five minutes into the second period.

Smith scored midway through the third period after taking a smart pass from Brett Richie and tapping it into an open net.

Pitlick scored on a rebound in front of the net off a shot from John Klineberg.

NOTES: The Sharks recalled F Danny O'Regan as C Tomas Hertl did not play a second straight game with an injury. ... Stars F Martin Hanzal is traveling with the team on their three-game California road trip but was scratched from Sunday's lineup with "general soreness," coach Ken Hitchcock said. ... Stars C Jason Dickinson was optioned to the Texas Stars (AHL). ... Pavelski has nine points over his last six games. ... Boedker has scored goals in each of his last three games. ... Sharks D Marc-Edouard Vlasic has an assist in each of his past four games.

Up Next:

Stars: At Anaheim on Wednesday night.

Sharks: At St. Louis on Tuesday night.

Hirscher gets gold again, Braaten wins slopestyle

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Two events, two gold medals for Marcel Hirscher.

The 28-year-old Austrian has a good chance to leave the Pyeongchang Olympics with one more.

Hirscher won the men's giant slalom Sunday , finishing in 2 minutes, 18.04 seconds, and beating Norway's Henrik Kristoffersen by 1.27 seconds — the largest victory in the event at an Olympics in 50 years . He also won the alpine combined last Tuesday, and still has the slalom — his best event — to come.

"At the moment, I'm pumped!" Hirscher said.

Norway's Oystein Braaten was also excited after winning the men's ski slopestyle, edging American Nick Goepper for the gold.

"First run, I did what I planned to do, what I wanted to do as well as I could, and it held up against all the great runs today," Braaten said. "Just being a part of a final like this was amazing."

Norway won its fifth cross-country skiing gold of these games, taking the men's 4x10-kilometer relay. Oleksandr Abramenko was the winner of the men's aerials, giving Ukraine its first medal of these games and just its third gold ever at the Winter Games.

In a dramatic photo finish in the biathlon 15-kilometer mass start, Martin Fourcade edged Simon Schempp to win his second gold medal of the games. And, in the last medal event of the night, Nao Kodaira won the women's 500-meter speedskating title in an Olympic record.

At Yongpyong Alpine Center, Hirscher led after the first run, but saw Kristoffersen rise from 10th-fastest in the morning to having the quickest time in the second run.

"Wow, it was not so easy to be the absolute favorite in this discipline, then sitting up there as the leader from the first run knowing that Henrik ripped it," Hirscher said. "I had no choice. I knew I have to give 100 percent and I had to go into this battle."

France's Alexis Pinturault took the bronze, finishing 1.31 seconds behind Hirscher.

Ted Ligety, the 2014 Olympic champion, was 15th with a time of 2:21.25.

At Phoenix Snow Park, Braaten was the big star on the slopes despite most eyes being set on American Gus Kenworthy, who came out as gay about two years after capturing the silver medal in Russia. Kenworthy failed to land any of his three runs and finished last.

"It didn't work out for me, which is a bummer," said Kenworthy, who had become a strong, steady voice in the LGBT community. "I would've loved to have landed a run for sure. Definitely disappointing."

Before the start of the contest, a screen grab of NBC showing Kenworthy sharing a tender moment with his boyfriend, Matt Wilkas , at the bottom of the hill went viral.

"To be able to do that, to give him a kiss, to have that affection broadcast to the world, is incredible," Kenworthy said. "The only way to really change perceptions, to break down barriers, break down homophobia, is through representation. That's definitely not something I had as a kid. I never saw a gay athlete kissing their boyfriend at the Olympics. I think if I had, it would've made it easier for me."

Canada's Alex Beaulieu-Marchand won the bronze.

Domination

The Norwegian team of Didrik Toensenth, Martin Johnsrud Sundby, Simen Hegstad Krueger and Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo won the cross-country relay in 1 hour, 33 minutes and 4.9 seconds.

That was good enough to beat the second-place Russian athletes by 9.4 seconds. France took the bronze.

Of the eight golds awarded in cross-country events in Pyeongchang, Norway has all but three. The Norwegians have won 11 overall medals in cross-country — two off the record set by the Soviet Union in Calgary in 1988.

Flying High

Abramenko scored a 128.51 on his third and final jump, edging out China's Zongyang Jia by just 0.46 points. Ilia Burov, an Olympic athlete from Russia, got bronze.

Full Speed

Kodaira's 36.94 seconds made her the first woman to race under 37 seconds at sea level, bettering her old mark of 37.07 set in November in Norway.

Two-time defending champion Lee Sang-hwa of South Korea took silver in 37.33 and Karolina Ervanova of the Czech Republic earned bronze. Brittany Bowe was the highest U.S. finisher in fifth place.

Tight Finish

Fourcade was caught by Schempp over the frantic final 100 meters and the two skiers came to the line neck-and-neck.

Fourcade, the world's No. 1 biathlete, reached out his left foot ahead of Schempp as both skiers slid through the finish. The Frenchman quickly slammed his ski pole to the ground thinking he'd lost the race, but replays showed he won by the narrowest of margins.

It was a reversal for Fourcade, who had taken silver in a dramatic finish to the same event in Sochi four years ago.

2018 WINTER OLYMPIC MEDALS TABLE

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At Pyeongchang, South Korea
Through Feb. 18 (81 medal events)

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Norway	9	9	8	26
Germany	9	5	4	18
Canada	5	5	6	16
Netherlands	6	5	2	13
OA Russia	0	3	8	11
United States	5	3	2	10
Austria	4	2	4	10
France	4	2	4	10
Japan	2	5	3	10
Sweden	4	3	0	7
Switzerland	2	4	1	7
South Korea	3	1	2	6
Italy	2	1	3	6
Czech Republic	1	2	3	6
China	0	5	1	6
Britain	1	0	3	4
Slovakia	1	2	0	3
Australia	0	2	1	3
Finland	0	0	3	3
Belarus	1	1	0	2
Spain	0	0	2	2
Poland	1	0	0	1
Ukraine	0	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1
Liechtenstein	0	0	1	1

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HS BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

UIL Region I
Class 6A
Bi-district

North Crowley (28-5, W4) vs. Fort Worth Timber Creek (20-14, F3), 7:30 p.m. Monday, Haslet Eaton

El Paso Pebble Hills (23-7, R1) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (20-11, T2), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Odessa Permian

Keller (22-10, W3) vs. Arlington Martin (15-18, F4), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Euless Trinity

Odessa High (23-8, R2) vs. El Paso Montwood (13-14, T1), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Pecos

Killeen Ellison (30-4, W8) vs. Cedar Hill (14-15, F7), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, McLennan College, Waco

Flower Mound (23-8, R5) vs. Wylie (22-9, T6), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Frisco Lebanon Trail

Duncanville (27-6, W7) vs. Killeen Shoemaker (19-13, F8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Waco

Allen (28-5, R6) vs. Euless Trinity (16-16, T5), 7 p.m. Monday, Coppell

Odessa Permian (28-3, W2) vs. El Paso Coronado (18-11, F3), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Pecos

Keller Central (24-10, R3) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (21-12, T4), 6 p.m. Tuesday, North Richland Hills

El Paso Americas (24-8, W1) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (16-17, F2), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Monahans

Arlington Bowie (21-12, R4) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (17-13, T3), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, North Richland Hills

Denton Guyer (34-1, W6)) vs. Southlake Carroll (24-8, F5), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Justin Northwest

DeSoto (24-8, R7) vs. Belton (19-14, T8), 7 p.m. Monday, Glen Rose

Lewisville Hebron (22-9, W5) vs. McKinney (20-12, F6), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Prosper

Waco Midway (25-9, R8) vs. South Grand Prairie (25-9, T7), 7 p.m. Tuesday, West

Class 4A
Bi-district

Fort Stockton (W4) vs. Clint Mountain View (1-24, F3), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, El Paso Pebble Hills

Pampa (18-11, R1) vs. Levelland (21-10, T2), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, West Texas A&M University, Canyon

Clint (19-9, W3) vs. Greenwood (17-16, F4), 4 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton

Seminole (22-8, R2) vs. Perryton (T1), 6 p.m. Monday, Canyon Randall

Midlothian Heritage (29-6, W8) vs. Lake Worth (14-19, F7), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Mansfield Lake Ridge

Sweetwater (10-16, R5) vs. Graham (14-15, T6), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Anson

Kennedale (21-13, W7) vs. Godley (18-12, F8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Burleson

Burkburnett (19-13, R6) vs. Brownwood (20-10, T5), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Anson

Lubbock Estacado (22-5, W2) vs. Bushland (F1), 6 p.m. Monday, Wayland Baptist University, Plainview

San Elizario (7-19, R3) vs. Andrews (22-9, T4), 5 p.m. Monday, Fort Stockton

Dalhart (W1) vs. Brownfield (F2), 6 p.m. Tuesday, West Texas A&M University, Canyon

Monahans (17-12, R4) vs. Fabens (4-24, T3), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Marfa

Wichita Falls Hirschi (22-8, W6) vs. Snyder (F5), 6 p.m. Tuesday, McMurry University, Abilene

Fort Worth Castleberry (19-11, R7) vs. Stephenville (13-14, T8), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Brock

Abilene Wylie (29-3, W5) vs. Vernon (7-20, F6), 7 p.m. Monday, Olney

Waxahachie Life (30-7, R8) vs. Benbrook (16-17, T7), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Mansfield Legacy

Class 2A
Bi-district

Post (W4) vs. Farwell (F3), TBD

Stratford (R1) vs. White Deer (T2), TBD.

Lockney (19-8, W3) vs. Floydada (18-14, F4), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

Shamrock (R2) vs. Sanford-Fritch (19-7, T1), TBD

Stamford (16-7, W8) vs. Miles (13-13, F7), TBD.

Morton (14-7, R5) vs. Fort Hancock (16-8, R6), 6 p.m. Tuesday

Forsan (25-4, W7) vs. Haskell (15-14, F8), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Colorado City

Anthony (13-8, R6) vs. Smyer (8-11, T5), TBD

McLean (15-8, W2) vs. Gruver (F1), TBD

Hale Center (21-9, R3) vs. New Deal (14-8, T4), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Stinnett West Texas (W1) vs. Wellington (F2), TBD

Abernathy (21-9, R4) vs. Farwell (19-10, T3), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Littlefield

McCamey (16-11, W6) vs. Tahoka (7-13, F5), 6 p.m. Monday

Irion County (R7) vs. Hawley (19-8, T7), TBD

Sundown (W5) vs. Van Horn (12-17, F6), TBD

Albany (15-3, R8) vs. Christoval (6-19, T7), TBD

Class 1A
Region II
Bi-district

Borden County (W12), bye

Balmorhea (R9) vs. Sanderson (T10), 6 p.m.

Fort Stockton vs. Rankin (W10), bye

Lamesa Klondike (R11) vs. Roscoe Highland (T12), TBD.

Menard (14-9, W16), bye

Aspermont (11-13, R13), vs. Veribest (14-9, T14), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Roscoe

Bronte (14-2, W14), bye

Cross Plains (R15) vs. Richland Springs (T16), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Ackerly Sands (W11), bye

Buena Vista (16-7, R10), vs. Dell City (10-11, T9), 7 p.m. Tuesday

Sierra Blanca (W9), bye

Ira (13-10, R12) vs. Grady (19-7, T11), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sterling City

Clyde (16-13, W15), bye

Garden City (R14) vs. Lueders-Avoca (T13), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Loraine

Roby (W13), bye

Eden (26-5, R16) vs. May (T15), TBD.

TAPPS 5A
Bi-district

Midland Christian (23-11), bye

Austin St. Dominic Savio Catholic (15-17), bye

Cedar Hill Trinity Christian (30-6), bye

El Paso Lydia Patterson Institute (17-12) vs. Tyler Bishop Gorman Catholic (14-12), 7:30 p.m. Monday

Tyler All Saints Episcopal (25-5), bye

Frisco Legacy Christian (18-15) 51, Fort Worth Southwest Christian (22-14) 49

Austin St. Michael's Catholic (19-10), bye

Mesquite Dallas Christian (16-18) vs. Fort Worth All Saints (15-16), Saturday

San Antonio St Mary's Hall (26-7), bye

Houston Lutheran South (15-16), bye

Laredo St. Augustine (25-15), bye

Houston Westbury Christian (18-19), bye

San Antonio Cornerstone Christian (15-13), bye

Corpus Christi John Paul II (27-9), bye

Houston Second Baptist (27-7), bye

San Antonio Christian (20-19), bye

Area

Midland Christian (23-11) vs. Austin St. Dominic Savio Catholic (15-17), 7 p.m. Tuesday, McGraw Event Center

Cedar Hill Trinity Christian (30-6) vs. El Paso Lydia Patterson Institute (17-12)-Tyler Bishop Gorman Catholic (14-12), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

Tyler All Saints Episcopal (25-3) vs. Frisco Legacy Christian (18-15), Tuesday

Austin St. Michael's Catholic (19-10) vs. Mesquite Dallas Christian (16-18)-Fort Worth All Saints (15-16), Tuesday

Houston Lutheran South (15-16) vs. San Antonio St. Mary's Hall (26-7), Tuesday

Houston Westbury Christian (18-19) vs. Laredo St. Augustine (25-15), Tuesday

San Antonio Cornerstone Christian (15-13) vs. Corpus Christi JPII (27-9), Tuesday

San Antonio Christian (20-19) vs. Houston Second Baptist (27-7), Tuesday

TAPPS 3A
Bi-district

Abilene Christian (23-8), bye

El Paso Faith Christian (12-3) vs. Irving Highlands (17-9), Saturday

Fort Worth Calvary Christian (21-10), bye

Dallas Covenant (22-5), bye

Midland Classical (16-17), bye

Willow Park Trinity Christian (20-8), bye

Dallas Yavneh (29-0), bye

Watauga Harvest Christian (12-13) 40, Dallas Lutheran (7-10), 31

Austin Veritas (9-8), bye

Bryan Brazos Christian (6-17) vs. Mission Juan Diego (15-9)

San Antonio St. Gerard (25-2), bye

San Antonio Christian at Castle Hills (10-9) vs. Spring Frassati Catholic (18-9), Saturday

Brownsville First Baptist (10-5), bye

San Antonio Lutheran (17-18) vs. Temps Central Texas Christian (12-12, Saturday

Beaumont Legacy Christian (20-14), bye

Kerrville Our Lady Hills 106, Round Rock Christian 66

Area

Abilene Christian (23-8) vs. El Paso Faith Christian (12-3)-Irving Highlands (17-9), Tuesday

Dallas Covenant (22-5) vs. Fort Worth Calvary Christian (21-10), Tuesday

Midland Classical (16-17) vs. Willow Park Trinity Christian (20-8), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Merkel

Watauga Harvest Christian (12-13) vs. Dallas Yavneh (29-0), Tuesday

Austin Veritas (9-8) vs. Bryan Brazos Christian-Mission Juan Diego (15-9), Tuesday

San Antonio St. Gerard (25-2) vs. San Antonio Christian Castle Hills (10-9)-Spring Frassati Catholic (18-9), Tuesday

Brownsville First Baptist (10-5) vs. San Antonio Lutheran (17-18)-Temple Central Texas Christian (12-12), Tuesday

Beaumont Legacy Christian (20-4) vs. Kerrville Our Lady Hills (25-6), Tuesday

Hosmer, Padres reach preliminary eight-year deal

By Janie Mccauley
Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Just the thought of free agent first baseman Eric Hosmer joining the downtrodden, youthful San Diego Padres sent a morning jolt through the spring training clubhouse.

The on-field vibe seemed equally cheery, as country music blared as players went to work under sunny skies in the Arizona desert.

Hosmer reached a preliminary agreement on an eight-year contract with the Padres, pending a physical. A person with direct knowledge of the deal confirmed the tentative deal, speaking on the condition of anonymity Sunday because there had been no formal announcement of Hosmer's potential signing.

It would become official once he passes a physical early in the week. While the final position players reported Sunday — most were already in spring camp — ahead of Monday's first full-squad workout, Hosmer wasn't expected in the desert until at least Monday.

Hosmer, who spent his first seven major league seasons with Kansas City, would receive a reported $144 million.

Padres manager Andy Green could only discuss the acquisition of Hosmer in generalities since it isn't final, but was hopeful of having his full team together Monday.

"I can't replicate the magic of the first day twice, so, yeah, you want him or anyone to be there when you're talking," Green said. "... Not that there is any real magic on the first day, but it's always nice to have your camp settled as early as possible."

The 28-year-old Hosmer batted a career-high .318 in 2017 and matched his best from the previous season with 25 home runs. A four-time Gold Glover and All-Star in '16, he drove in 94 runs and scored 98 for the Royals last season.

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL TODAY

CLASS 1A REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL
NO. 2 GARDEN CITY VS. BLACKWELL

When/where: 8 p.m. today, Junell Center, San Angelo

Records/seeds: Garden City 32-1, No. 1 in District 14-1A; Blackwell 16-9, No. 3 in District 14-1A

Last game: Garden City 51, Eula 46, area; Blackwell 55, Eden 46, area

Notes: This is the third meeting this season between these District 14-1A foes. The Lady Kats won 50-34 over the Lady Hornets on Jan. 12 and Garden City took the second meeting 51-35 on Feb. 6. ... Madison Hastings led the Lady Kats with 19 points in their area round win over Eula. Ixchel Sotelo added 16 points for Garden City. ... The Lady Kats have won 28 straight games. ... Garden City is seeking its fifth regional tournament appearance in the last six years.

Next: Winner faces Hermleigh-Ira winner, regional semifinal, 7 p.m. Friday, Moody Coliseum, Abilene

-Compiled by Christopher Hadorn

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Region I
Class 6A
Regional quarterfinals

Arlington Bowie (30-6, W4) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (23-11, R2), 5 p.m. Tuesday, Vernon

Allen (29-8, T6) vs. Duncanville (37-1, W7), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Coppell

Wolfforth Frenship (29-7, W2) vs. Lee (19-15, F2), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Lamesa Middle School

Plano (30-6, W6) vs. Cedar Hill (27-10, T7), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Mesquite Poteet

Class 4A

Greenwood (21-14, W4) vs. Denver City (27-6, R2), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Andrews

Glen Rose (33-1, W8) vs. Kennedale (21-16, W7), TBA

Levelland (33-2, W2) vs. Seminole (21-13, F2), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Coronado HS

Stephenville (20-13, T8) vs. Abilene Wylie (26-6, W5), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Cisco

Class 3A

Wall (28-5, W4) vs. Lubbock Roosevelt (20-9, R2), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Snyder

Jim Ned (26-7, R5) vs. Brock (29-6, W7), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Brownwood

Idalou (29-5, W2) vs. Canadian (28-4, W1), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon

Peaster (21-5, R7) vs. Colorado City (28-6, W5), TBA

Class 2A

Vega (32-3, R1) vs. Claude (28-5, R2), TBA

Haskell (33-1, W8) vs. Forsan (24-5, W7), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Colorado City

Panhandle (30-3, W2) vs. Stratford (26-4, W1), 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo Tascosa

Christoval (25-11, R7) vs. Sundown (25-7, W5), TBA

Region II
Class 1A

Hermleigh (24-7, W12) vs. Ira (T12), 7 p.m. Monday, Snyder

Blackwell (16-9, T14) vs. Garden City (32-1, W14), 8 p.m. Monday, Junell Center, San Angelo

Klondike (23-5, W11) vs. Westbrook (R12), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Garden City

May (26-4, W15) vs. Roby (26-7, W13), TBA

TAPPS 3A area

Arlington Burton Adventist (13-7) at Midland Classical (18-8), 6 p.m. Tuesday

Texas Tech completes sweep of Maine with blowout win

From staff reports

LUBBOCK – Josh Jung drove in five runs and the No. 3-ranked baseball team scored nine in the second inning to blast Maine, 21-6, and sweep a four-game series at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park in the opening weekend of the college baseball season.

Texas Tech (4-0) had 17 hits on Sunday, led by Jung, who went 4 for 5 with a home run and three runs scored. Gabe Holt was 3 for 5 with a triple, four RBI and two runs scored, while Clay Koelzer and Michael Davis each had two hits. Midland Christian grad Grant Little was 1 for 3 but walked three times and scored three runs. Midland High grad Connor Beck drew two walks and scored a run.

Maine (6-0) scored all of its runs in the third inning. Jose Quezada got the win in relief of Erickson Lanning after Quezada pitched 2 1/3 scorless innings.

The Red Raiders next host New Mexico State University at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Chaps splits doubleheader against Seward County

From staff reports

The Midland College baseball team split a non-conference doubleheader against Seward County (Kan.) Community College on Sunday, losing 16-12 before bouncing back with a 17-6 run-rule victory at Christensen Stadium.

In the first game, MC was out-hit 20-11 and Seward County had a 9-1 lead after four innings.

Midland High grad and MC sophomore center fielder Ethan Barker was 2 for 5 with a double, home run and six RBI. Garrett Wilkinson was 2 for 4 with two homers, two RBI and two runs scored; Tommy Gillman was 2 for 4 with a home run, RBI and two runs scored; and Fernie Zubia was 2 for 3 with a walk and two runs scores for the Chaps.

Levi Hon took the loss.

Barker had another good game at the plate in the second game as he went 3 for 5 with a double, triple, two RBI and two runs scored. Benton Rogers was 3 for 4 with two home runs and five RBI; Jordan Billups was 2 for 4 with a double, five RBI and a run scored; and Blake Perdue was 2 for 4 with a double, RBI and a run scored for the Chaps (5-6).

Justin Lewis picked up the win in relief.

MC next hosts Weatherford College in a three-game series beginning at 6 p.m. Friday.

Game 1
SEWARD COUNTY 16, MIDLAND COLLEGE 12

Seward County	006	303	4	—16	20	1
Midland College	100	055	1	—12	11	2

Cole Evans, Jordan Pepper (5), Jacob Nielsen (5), Brayden Conner (6) and Joseph Kuhn. Levin Hon, Noel Solis (3), Branden Hatley (6) and Garrett Wilkinson. W – Nielsen. L – Hon. 2B – SC: Spencer Sackett 2, Dyland Paul 2, Austin Tidwell, Clayde Ward 2, Kuhn, Jose Caraballo. MC: Ethan Barker. 3B – SC: Paul. HR – MC: Barker, Tommy Gillman, Wilkinson 2.

Game 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 17, SEWARD COUNTY 6, 7 INNINGS

Seward County	110	130	0	—6	8	1
Midland College	322	205	3	—17	13	1

Braeden Gould, West Reddell (1), Dylan Paul (3), Brooks Williams (6), Carlos Vizcaya (6) and Trent Powell and Hunter Ratcliffe (5). Garrett Egli, Justin Lewis (5), Cade Bullinger (6) and Cameron Melcher. W – Lewis. L – Gould. 2B – MC: Barker, Jordan Billups, Gillman, Blake Perdue, Wilkinson. 3B – MC: Barker. HR – SC: Ben Tsui, Cole Bergdall. MC: Benton Rogers.

Record: Midland College 15-6

Next: Weatherford College at Midland College, 6 p.m. Friday

No. 2 Mississippi State wraps up SEC regular-season title

By ROBBIE FAULK
Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss.— Shortly after the final buzzer sounded Sunday in front of a near-capacity crowd of 9,933 at Humphrey Coliseum, Mississippi State coach Vic Schaefer grabbed a microphone.

The No. 2 Bulldogs had just wrapped up a 76-55 win over No. 17 Texas A&M.

It was another ho-hum Southeastern Conference victory for Mississippi State (28-0, 14-0 SEC) outside of the fact that more history was made for Schaefer and company.

A win captured the first-ever SEC championship for any women's team in school history and Schaefer's tearful response to the fanbase he helped built capped it.

"I believed and dreamed of this day to share with you in this moment," Schaefer said. "This is what makes Mississippi State so special."

A few days after clinching at least a share of the conference title at Vanderbilt, Mississippi State had no plans of coasting. The Bulldogs used an 11-0 run to start the game with two 3-pointers a piece from Victoria Vivians and Roshunda Johnson to jump out to a double digit lead they would hold on to most of the game.

Vivians sparkled as she had all year with her 26 points and 12 rebounds on 10-of-16 shooting. It was a game she intended on making sure her team finished off.

Postgame Vivians played in confetti shot out of cannons. With losses in back-to-back SEC Tournaments and the national championship a year ago, she relished this celebration.

"We're so used to having it thrown in our face after a loss. We enjoyed this one," Vivians said. "I'm grateful for the opportunity (to win a championship) and I couldn't do it without my teammates and our coaches."

Aggies freshman Chennedy Carter scored 16 of their first 21 points and finished with 31 on 12-of-29 shooting. She was just 1 of 8 from 3-point range.

Sharp-shooter Danni Williams was held to just one point after averaging 14.7 a game coming in.

"(Roshunda) Johnson had a good game because she was the one responsible of shutting down Danni Williams," Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said. "It wasn't so much that we were doing wrong that they were doing right."

While the Aggies were nearly one-dimensional with the exception of Anriel Howard (14 points and 10 rebounds), the Bulldogs had too many options than A&M could handle. Along with Vivians, Johnson had 16 points, and McCowan added her 20th double-double of the season with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Morgan William had 12 points and seven rebounds. Blair Schaefer finished with 11 points.

The Aggies cut what was once a 17-point lead in the first half to six in the second quarter.

It was 36-25 for the home team at halftime and they would put the game away in the third quarter.

Mississippi State held the Aggies to 32 percent from the field and allowed just one long ball in 12 tries. The Aggies (20-8, 9-5 SEC) did hold the edge on the rebounds with 43-36.

Clinching Top Seed:

The Bulldogs had clinched at least a share of the conference title as well as the No. 1 seed in the SEC Tournament on Thursday night with a 95-50 win at Vanderbilt.

"To be able to do it in front of our Mississippi State family, it was very special," Vic Schaefer said. "This entire team pays the price every day. I'm happy for my players and my staff."

Up Next:

Mississippi State: Hosts Auburn on Thursday night.

Texas A&M: At Arkansas on Thursday night.

ALL STAR

From 1C

between his fellow captain and Durant, his Golden State teammate. Curry finished with 11 points on 4-for-14 shooting.

"We got stops when we needed to," Westbrook said.

Indeed.

The All-Stars' shooting percentages and final scores were way down from recent seasons, reflecting the effort on the floor. The relaxed All-Star vibe was still at Staples, however:

Curry chowed down on a box of popcorn on the bench during the third quarter, and the stars made time and room for plenty of good-looking dunks and alley-oops.

Each member of the winning team made a cool $100,000, a distinct raise from previous seasons in another attempt to make things more interesting.

The All-Star draft led to interesting dynamics on court.

Curry chose his Golden State teammates Klay Thompson and Draymond Green, but the trio had to play against Durant.

James also chose Oklahoma City duo Westbrook and Paul George to play along with Kyrie Irving, who forced a trade away from James in Cleveland just last summer.

Irving and James had no obvious friction, even laughing and joking on the bench. Neither did Durant and Westbrook, who broke up in 2016 when Durant left Oklahoma City for Golden State.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

EAST
Colgate 68, Loyola (Md.) 47
Hartford 69, Vermont 68
Houston 80, Temple 59
Manhattan 82, Niagara 72
Mass.-Lowell 74, Binghamton 69
Monmouth (NJ) 93, Siena 89, 3OT
Rider 83, Canisius 82
Seton Hall 82, DePaul 77
Stony Brook 72, New Hampshire 63
UMBC 68, Albany (NY) 60

SOUTH
Campbell 79, Liberty 69
Duke 66, Clemson 57
Florida St. 88, Pittsburgh 75
High Point 66, Gardner-Webb 65
Radford 74, Presbyterian 68, OT
UConn 84, East Carolina 80
UNC-Asheville 85, Charleston Southern 80, OT
Winthrop 79, Longwood 64

MIDWEST
Drake 67, Missouri St. 63
Illinois 72, Nebraska 66
Loyola of Chicago 76, Evansville 66
Michigan 74, Ohio St. 62
Wichita St. 76, Cincinnati 72

SOUTHWEST
Tulsa 73, South Florida 61

FAR WEST
Denver 66, Oral Roberts 65

Top 25 Fared

1. Virginia (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
2. Michigan State (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Tuesday.
3. Villanova (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Wednesday.
4. Xavier (24-4) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Wednesday.
5. Cincinnati (23-4) lost to No. 19 Wichita State 76-72. Next: vs. UConn, Thursday.
6. Purdue (23-5) vs. Penn State. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.
7. Texas Tech (22-5) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
8. Ohio State (22-7) lost to No. 22 Michigan 74-62. Next: vs. Rutgers, Tuesday.
9. Gonzaga (25-4) did not play. Next: at San Diego, Thursday.
10. Auburn (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Wednesday.
11. Clemson (20-6) lost to No. 12 Duke 66-57. Next: at Virginia Tech, Wednesday.
12. Duke (22-5) beat No. 11 Clemson 66-57. Next: vs. Louisville, Wednesday.
13. Kansas (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Oklahoma, Monday.
14. North Carolina (21-7) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Wednesday.
15. Saint Mary's (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Thursday.
16. Rhode Island (21-4) did not play. Next: at La Salle, Tuesday.
17. Arizona (21-6) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Thursday.
18. Tennessee (19-7) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Wednesday.
19. Wichita State (21-5) beat No. 5 Cincinnati 76-72. Next: vs. Tulane, Wednesday.
20. West Virginia (19-8) did not play. Next: at Baylor, Tuesday.
21. Texas A&M (17-10) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Tuesday.
22. Michigan (22-7) beat No. 8 Ohio State 74-62. Next: at Penn State, Wednesday.
23. Oklahoma (16-10) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Kansas, Monday.
24. Nevada (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. San Jose State, Wednesday.
25. Arizona State (19-7) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Thursday.

Women

EAST
Delaware 79, Coll. of Charleston 51
Drexel 54, William & Mary 34
Elon 65, Northeastern 46
Hofstra 83, Towson 72
Niagara 68, Monmouth (NJ) 65
Notre Dame 89, Boston College 55
Providence 69, Xavier 48
Quinnipiac 80, Marist 74
Rider 62, Canisius 54
UConn 106, Temple 45

SOUTH
Alabama 70, Auburn 60
Florida 88, Vanderbilt 71
George Mason 78, St. Bonaventure 63
James Madison 65, UNC-Wilmington 48
Louisville 67, North Carolina 57
Memphis 73, Tulane 60
Miami 77, Virginia 62
Mississippi St. 76, Texas A&M 55
NC State 74, Wake Forest 61
Richmond 59, VCU 54
South Carolina 81, Kentucky 63
South Florida 77, UCF 68
Virginia Tech 53, Clemson 45

MIDWEST
Creighton 64, Butler 55
Dayton 79, Fordham 54
DePaul 71, Villanova 66
Illinois St. 70, Evansville 44
Indiana St. 74, Bradley 70
Iowa 88, Wisconsin 61
Loyola of Chicago 62, S. Illinois 53
Marquette 71, Georgetown 68
Minnesota 93, Maryland 74
Missouri 77, Tennessee 73
Missouri St. 66, Valparaiso 60
Northwestern 68, Illinois 61
Ohio St. 73, Purdue 60

SOUTHWEST
LSU 62, Arkansas 57

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 69, Arizona 45
Colorado 72, Washington St. 69
New Mexico St. 64, Seattle 53
Oregon St. 69, Southern Cal 63
UC Davis 68, Hawaii 56
Utah 81, Washington 46

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (26-0) beat Temple 106-45. Next: at Tulane, Wednesday.
2. Mississippi State (27-0) vs. No. 17 Texas A&M. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
3. Baylor (25-1) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Texas, Monday.
4. Louisville (27-2) beat North Carolina 67-57. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.
5. Notre Dame (25-2) beat Boston College 89-55. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Thursday.
6. Texas (22-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Baylor, Monday.
7. UCLA (21-5) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Oregon, Monday.
8. South Carolina (22-5) beat Kentucky 81-63. Next: vs. LSU, Thursday.
9. Oregon (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 UCLA, Monday.
10. Maryland (22-5) lost to Minnesota 93-74. Next: at No. 23 Michigan, Thursday.
11. Tennessee (21-6) lost to No. 13 Missouri 77-73. Next: at Florida, Thursday.
12. Florida State (22-4) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Duke, Monday.
13. Missouri (22-5) beat No. 11 Tennessee 77-73. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.
14. Stanford (19-9) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
15. Oregon State (20-6) vs. Southern Cal. Next: at Arizona, Friday.
16. Ohio State (22-6) beat Purdue 73-60. Next: vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.
17. Duke (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Florida State, Monday.
17. Texas A&M (20-7) at No. 2 Mississippi State. Next: at Arkansas, Thursday.
19. Green Bay (23-3) did not play. Next: at UIC, Monday.
20. Georgia (21-5) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Monday.
21. Oklahoma State (18-8) did not play. Next: at Kansas, Wednesday.
22. South Florida (22-5) beat UCF 77-68, OT. Next: vs. Houston, Wednesday.
23. Michigan (20-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Maryland, Thursday.
24. Belmont (26-3) did not play. Next: at Jacksonville State, Wednesday.
25. N.C. State (21-6) beat Wake Forest 74-61. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.

DILLON

From 1C

his grandson.

The final scoring tower showed the No. 3 on top, then the No. 43 — two of the most seminal numbers in NASCAR.

Wallace, the first black driver in the Daytona 500 field since 1969, finished second in a 1-2 finish for Chevrolet and Childress' engine program.

Wallace drives the No. 43 car for Richard Petty and sobbed in his post-race news conference after his mother came to the front of the room to give him a hug.

The two had a long embrace in which she told Wallace repeatedly "you finally did it."

After another moment with his sister , Wallace sat at the dais sobbing into a towel. His finish is the highest for a black driver; Wendell Scott finished 13th in 1966.

"Pull it together, bud, pull it together. You just finished second," he told himself.

Wallace, from Mobile, Alabama, received a telephone call from Hank Aaron before the race and Lewis Hamilton, the four-time Formula One world champion and only black driver in that series, tweeted his support to Wallace.

Denny Hamlin, the 2016 winner, finished third in a Toyota.

Ryan Blaney, who led a race-high 118 laps, faded to seventh after giving the win away in regulation. He wrecked Kurt Busch, the defending race winner, trying to reclaim his lead and the contact damaged Blaney's Ford.

It spoiled what should have been a Team Penske party — car owner Roger Penske had three contenders, all considered favorites Sunday — but all came up empty.

Brad Keselowski wrecked early in the race racing for the lead and although Joey Logano finished fourth, it wasn't the victory Penske expected from one of his drivers.

"It's a shame you don't close it out, but you try to just learn from your mistakes and try to do better next time," Blaney said. "This one definitely stings, but hopefully we can get another shot at it one day."

The day was also a bust for Danica Patrick, who made the Daytona 500 her final NASCAR race.

With new boyfriend NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers cheering her on, Patrick was collected in an accident and finished 35th.

The only woman to lead laps in the Daytona 500 and win the pole for this race then told a story about an exchange she had earlier this week with four-time NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon.

"He said his last Daytona didn't go well, either, and I was like 'Oh wow, I don't remember that. I remember your career.' So I hope that is how it is with me with everybody," she said.

Meanwhile, on this celebratory day for Dillon and Childress, the late Earnhardt had a very large presence.

Dillon was 7 when Earnhardt won his Daytona 500 and was photographed alongside his brother with The Intimidator on that victorious day in 1998.

Earnhardt credited 6-year-old Wessa Miller, a fan he met through the Make-A-Wish Foundation following the final practice for the race, for helping him get that elusive win. Wessa gave Earnhardt the penny and told him she had rubbed it and that it would bring him good luck.

The lucky penny the little girl gave him is still on the dash of the car at the RCR museum.

Inspired by the good-luck coin, Dillon also had a penny in the No. 3 on Sunday, this one given to him by a young boy he met at an autograph session earlier in Speedweeks.

"I had a fan, actually he had no favorite driver, I told him, I said, 'I'll give you my hat if I'm your favorite driver.' I gave him the hat," Dillon said. "The next day he saw me in the infield, he said, 'Here's a lucky penny I found heads up.' I said, 'Man, we've gotta put that in the car.' Put it in the car and here we are in victory lane."

NASCAR Monster Energy-Daytona 500
Results
Sunday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (14) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 207.
2. (7) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 207.
3. (2) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 207.
4. (5) Joey Logano, Ford, 207.
5. (21) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 207.
6. (16) Paul Menard, Ford, 207.
7. (3) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 207.
8. (13) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 207.
9. (22) Michael McDowell, Ford, 207.
10. (20) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 207.
11. (37) Aric Almirola, Ford, 206.
12. (29) Justin Marks, Chevrolet, 206.
13. (18) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 206.
14. (39) David Gilliland, Ford, 206.
15. (10) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 206.
16. (19) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 205.
17. (1) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 205.
18. (24) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 205.
19. (38) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 204.
20. (34) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 204.
21. (27) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 204.
22. (40) Mark Thompson, Ford, 203.
23. (33) William Byron, Chevrolet, 203.
24. (30) DJ Kennington, Toyota, 201.
25. (12) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 200.
26. (11) Kurt Busch, Ford, Accident, 198.
27. (36) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, Accident, 198.
28. (25) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, Accident, 198.
29. (9) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, Accident, 197.
30. (15) David Ragan, Ford, Accident, 107.
31. (6) Kevin Harvick, Ford, Accident, 105.
32. (31) Brad Keselowski, Ford, Accident, 102.
33. (4) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, Accident, 101.
34. (26) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, Accident, 101.
35. (28) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, Accident, 101.
36. (8) Erik Jones, Toyota, Accident, 59.
37. (17) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, Accident, 59.
38. (35) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, Accident, 59.
39. (23) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, Accident, 59.
40. (32) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, Engine, 8.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 150.545 mph.

Time of Race: 3 Hrs, 26 Mins, 15 Secs.

Margin of Victory: 0.260 Seconds.

Caution Flags: 8 for 37 laps.

Lead Changes: 24 among 14 drivers.

Lap Leaders: A. Bowman 0; D. Hamlin 1-10; J. Marks 11; Kurt Busch 12-14; A. Bowman 15-22; E. Jones 23-33; R. Stenhouse Jr. 34-44; C. Elliott 45-48; J. Logano 49-51; Kurt Busch 52-62; A. Bowman 63-67; R. Blaney 68-93; P. Menard 94; M. Truex Jr. 95-98; R. Blaney 99-122; A. Allmendinger 123; R. Blaney 124-170; D. Hamlin 171-173; R. Blaney 174-193; D. Hamlin 194; Kurt Busch 195-196; R. Blaney 197; D. Hamlin 198-205; A. Almirola 206; A. Dillon 207;.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): R. Blaney 5 times for 118 laps; D. Hamlin 4 times for 22 laps; Kurt Busch 3 times for 16 laps; A. Bowman 2 times for 13 laps; R. Stenhouse Jr. 1 time for 11 laps; E. Jones 1 time for 11 laps; C. Elliott 1 time for 4 laps; M. Truex Jr. 1 time for 4 laps; J. Logano 1 time for 3 laps; A. Dillon 1 time for 1 lap; A. Almirola 1 time for 1 lap; P. Menard 1 time for 1 lap; A. Allmendinger 1 time for 1 lap; J. Marks 1 time for 1 lap.

Watson wins at Riviera for the 3rd time

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bubba Watson ended two years without winning with his third victory at Riviera.

Watson seized control Sunday with two par putts as everyone around him was dropping shots, then pulling ahead by holing a bunker shot on the par-3 14th hole. He closed with a 2-under 69 for a two-shot victory in the Genesis Open over Kevin Na and Tony Finau, and more tears on the 18th green.

It was his first victory since he won at Riviera two years ago, rising to No. 4 in the world.

Watson showed up this year at No. 117, coming off a year filled with so many doubts that he says he discussed retirement with his wife on a dozen occasions. If anything, the only talk of retirement should be whether settle down off Sunset Boulevard.

He joined Ben Hogan and Lloyd Mangrum as three-time winners at Riviera. Hogan's victories include a U.S. Open.

Na hit a wedge close to perfection from the worst angle on the reachable par-4 10th hole for a birdie and two-putted for birdie on the 11th to briefly take the lead. He fell back with consecutive bogeys from the trees and shot 69. Finau lurked all day. His last chance was an eagle putt on the 17th that stopped inches short of the hole.

Patrick Cantlay had a one-shot lead going to the back nine until he ran into tree trouble on the 12th and 13th holes. The UCLA alum could do no better than pars the rest of the way for a 71 to tie for fourth with Scott Stallings (68).

Phil Mickelson also was in the hunt. He was within one shot of the lead when he hit a 4-iron from a deep bunker on the 15th hole to just right of the green. But he went after birdie and watched the ball roll 20 feet down the hill, leading to bogey. Mickelson shot 68 and tied for sixth.

Coming off good weeks at Phoenix and Pebble Beach, Mickelson has three straight top 10s for the first time since 2009.

Watson, meanwhile, wrapped up another fun-filled week in L.A. on and off the golf course, which included an appearance in the NBA All-Star celebrity game, where he shot an air ball from just inside the top of the key and was rejected by Tracy McGrady driving — jogging, really — along the baseline toward the basket.

Far more memorable was getting his 10th career PGA Tour victory.

"My goal has always been to get 10 wins. So many emotions going through my head right now," Watson said, choking back tears. "You never know if you're going to play good again. You never know if you're going to lift the trophy."

Watson once jokingly said he would retire if he reached 10 tour victories, though this should only motivate him more, especially with the Masters closing in. Watson already had two green jackets.

PRO GOLF SCORES

PGA TOUR
GENESIS OPEN
At Riviera Country Club
Los Angeles
Purse: $7.2 million
Yardage: 7,322; Par: 71
Final

Bubba Watson (500), $1,296,000	68-70-65-69—272
Tony Finau (245), $633,600	66-71-68-69—274
Kevin Na (245), $633,600	68-70-67-69—274
Patrick Cantlay (123), $316,800	66-69-69-71—275
Scott Stallings (123), $316,800	71-68-68-68—275
Adam Hadwin (92), $241,200	70-74-66-66—276
Phil Mickelson (92), $241,200	70-71-67-68—276
Cameron Smith (92), $241,200	72-68-65-71—276
Martin Laird (70), $180,000	68-73-68-68—277
Ryan Moore (70), $180,000	68-68-71-70—277
Xander Schauffele (70), $180,000	71-70-68-68—277
Jordan Spieth (70), $180,000	71-70-69-67—277
Justin Thomas (70), $180,000	69-71-67-70—277
Aaron Baddeley (56), $133,200	72-68-67-71—278
James Hahn (56), $133,200	70-69-70-69—278
Derek Fathauer (50), $111,600	68-70-68-74—280
Dustin Johnson (50), $111,600	74-69-64-73—280
Sung Kang (50), $111,600	70-72-69-69—280
Alex Noren (50), $111,600	71-69-71-69—280
Bud Cauley (40), $78,000	70-72-69-70—281
Kevin Chappell (40), $78,000	69-71-70-71—281
Talor Gooch (40), $78,000	73-70-67-71—281
Jason Kokrak (40), $78,000	68-72-69-72—281
Rory McIlroy (40), $78,000	71-69-73-68—281
Vaughn Taylor (40), $78,000	72-70-68-71—281
Rafa Cabrera Bello (27), $46,996	72-67-73-70—282
John Huh (27), $46,996	70-72-70-70—282
Luke List (27), $46,996	72-71-69-70—282
Peter Uihlein (27), $46,996	70-73-69-70—282
Dominic Bozzelli (27), $46,996	67-75-69-71—282
Matt Kuchar (27), $46,996	73-71-69-69—282
Anirban Lahiri (27), $46,996	72-69-67-74—282
Jamie Lovemark (27), $46,996	68-70-73-71—282
Graeme McDowell (27), $46,996	69-66-70-77—282
Patrick Rodgers (27), $46,996	70-71-72-69—282
Sam Saunders (27), $46,996	67-69-72-74—282
Luke Donald (18), $33,120	71-72-72-68—283
Tommy Fleetwood (18), $33,120	70-71-73-69—283
Branden Grace (18), $33,120	70-72-69-72—283
Charles Howell III (18), $33,120	74-70-69-70—283
Jonas Blixt (12), $24,516	71-71-68-74—284
Bryson DeChambeau (12), $24,516	71-69-72-72—284
Brandon Harkins (12), $24,516	71-70-74-69—284
Charley Hoffman (12), $24,516	75-69-69-71—284
Troy Merritt (12), $24,516	68-71-72-73—284
Pat Perez (12), $24,516	72-70-69-73—284
Kevin Streelman (12), $24,516	72-70-69-73—284
Nick Taylor (12), $24,516	71-71-74-68—284
Chad Campbell (8), $17,964	73-71-73-68—285
Paul Casey (8), $17,964	73-71-71-70—285
Austin Cook (8), $17,964	74-66-73-72—285
Brendan Steele (8), $17,964	72-71-71-71—285
Tom Hoge (6), $16,437	67-73-71-75—286
Retief Goosen (6), $16,437	68-71-75-72—286
Martin Kaymer (6), $16,437	73-67-75-71—286
HaoTong Li, $16,437	71-71-69-75—286
Adam Schenk (6), $16,437	76-67-72-71—286
Adam Scott (6), $16,437	72-72-71-71—286
Ben Silverman (6), $16,437	72-71-70-73—286
Ryan Blaum (5), $15,696	71-70-72-74—287
J.B. Holmes (5), $15,696	71-71-73-72—287
Harold Varner III (5), $15,696	73-70-72-72—287
Kelly Kraft (4), $15,408	71-72-72-73—288
Ryan Armour (4), $15,120	71-71-74-73—289
Padraig Harrington (4), $15,120	71-73-71-74—289
Sean O'Hair (4), $15,120	71-72-73-73—289
Martin Piller (4), $14,832	72-72-75-71—290
Abraham Ancer (3), $14,400	72-69-75-75—291
Greg Chalmers (3), $14,400	73-69-74-75—291
Thomas Pieters (3), $14,400	71-71-71-78—291
Charl Schwartzel (3), $14,400	71-73-73-74—291
Tyrone Van Aswegen (3), $14,400	70-72-75-74—291
Chez Reavie (3), $13,896	68-76-77-71—292
Vijay Singh (3), $13,896	72-70-73-77—292
Sangmoon Bae (2), $13,608	73-71-73-77—294
David Lingmerth (2), $13,608	73-71-76-74—294

LPGA Australian Open Scores
At Kooyonga Golf Club
Adelaide, Australia
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,599; Par: 72
Final

Jin Young Ko, $195,000	65-69-71-69—274
Hyejin Choi, $118,649	69-71-70-67—277
Hannah Green, $86,072	69-74-66-69—278
Katherine Kirk, $66,583	72-73-69-65—279
Marina Alex, $48,720	71-72-70-68—281
Minjee Lee, $48,720	72-70-69-70—281
Charley Hull, $28,528	74-69-70-69—282
Ariya Jutanugarn, $28,528	69-72-72-69—282
Emma Talley, $28,528	68-69-76-69—282
So Yeon Ryu, $28,528	69-75-68-70—282
Jiyai Shin, $28,528	67-71-74-70—282
Sun Young Yoo, $28,528	68-70-72-72—282
Georgia Hall, $20,051	75-71-70-67—283
Cristie Kerr, $20,051	71-72-71-69—283
Tiffany Joh, $20,051	73-71-69-70—283
Nicole Broch Larsen, $16,933	72-74-70-68—284
Chella Choi, $16,933	69-73-70-72—284
Nasa Hataoka, $16,933	72-67-72-73—284
Ally McDonald, $13,666	74-69-73-69—285
Lindy Duncan, $13,666	72-71-73-69—285
Olivia Cowan, $13,666	70-71-75-69—285
Stephanie Na, $13,666	73-69-73-70—285
Moriya Jutanugarn, $13,666	69-72-74-70—285
Katelyn Dambaugh, $13,666	71-72-70-72—285
Lydia Ko, $13,666	68-74-71-72—285
Mo Martin, $13,666	68-72-72-73—285
Angela Stanford, $11,043	73-73-74-66—286
Ha Na Jang, $11,043	72-69-75-70—286
Cindy LaCrosse, $11,043	72-74-69-71—286
Madelene Sagstrom, $9,614	78-69-71-69—287
Luna Sobron Galmes, $9,614	68-76-74-69—287
Yani Tseng, $9,614	70-76-71-70—287
Karine Icher, $9,614	70-72-70-75—287
Wichanee Meechai, $7,990	74-73-71-70—288
Karis Davidson, $7,990	75-69-74-70—288
Jenny Haglund, $7,990	75-69-73-71—288
Wei-Ling Hsu, $7,990	73-72-71-72—288
Robynn Ree, $7,990	74-73-68-73—288
a-Yuri Yoshida	70-72-72-74—288
Caroline Masson, $6,366	71-74-73-71—289
Nelly Korda, $6,366	68-78-70-73—289
Peiyun Chien, $6,366	72-71-73-73—289
Haru Nomura, $6,366	70-71-75-73—289
Laura Davies, $6,366	72-71-72-74—289
Jodi Ewart Shadoff, $6,366	68-74-73-74—289
Sandra Changkija, $5,424	71-75-72-72—290
Caroline Inglis, $5,424	68-76-74-72—290
Brittany Lang, $4,460	74-73-75-69—291
Eun Hye Jo, $4,460	75-72-72-72—291
Michele Thomson, $4,460	75-70-73-73—291
Ryann O'Toole, $4,460	71-74-73-73—291
Cydney Clanton, $4,460	70-75-73-73—291
Celine Herbin, $4,460	73-73-71-74—291
Amy Olson, $4,460	72-72-73-74—291
Yu Liu, $4,460	70-74-71-76—291
Jeongmin Cho, $4,460	74-69-72-76—291
Maria Torres, $3,573	74-72-74-72—292
Laetitia Beck, $3,573	70-75-75-72—292
Valdis Thora Jonsdottir, $3,573	72-72-74-74—292
Xiyu Lin, $3,573	72-70-74-76—292
a-Suzuka Yamaguchi	68-77-70-77—292
Lindsey Weaver, $2,988	72-73-79-69—293
Na Yeon Choi, $2,988	73-71-78-71—293
Liv Cheng, $2,988	77-70-74-72—293
Ashleigh Buhai, $2,988	76-71-72-74—293
Lee-Anne Pace, $2,988	71-75-73-74—293
Mariajo Uribe, $2,988	70-75-72-76—293
Megan Khang, $2,988	69-73-75-76—293
Pernilla Lindberg, $2,988	71-70-76-76—293
Saranporn Langkulgasettri, $2,988	74-72-70-77—293
Sakura Yokomine, $2,631	71-76-75-73—295
Kelly W Shon, $2,631	71-75-72-77—295
Amelia Lewis, $2,550	72-75-77-72—296
Holly Clyburn, $2,550	75-72-76-73—296
Azahara Munoz, $2,469	73-74-80-70—297
Perrine Delacour, $2,469	75-72-77-73—297
Cathryn Bristow, $2,469	74-71-79-73—297
Angel Yin, $2,392	74-73-73-78—298
Erynne Lee, $2,392	69-74-77-78—298
Jing Yan, $2,347	75-72-80-76—303

Chubb Classic Par Scores
At TwinEagles Golf Club (Talon Course)
Naples, Fla.
Purse: $1.6 million
Yardage: 7,193; Par: 72
Final

Joe Durant, $240,000	67-63-67—197	-19
Lee Janzen, $98,560	66-67-68—201	-15
Billy Mayfair, $98,560	68-69-64—201	-15
Tim Petrovic, $98,560	71-66-64—201	-15
Steve Stricker, $98,560	68-63-70—201	-15
David Toms, $98,560	68-68-65—201	-15
Scott McCarron, $57,600	66-68-68—202	-14
John Daly, $51,200	68-68-67—203	-13
Miguel Angel Jiménez, $44,800	64-68-72—204	-12
Tom Lehman, $38,400	69-67-69—205	-11
Rocco Mediate, $38,400	68-68-69—205	-11
Kevin Sutherland, $38,400	66-68-71—205	-11
Kent Jones, $31,200	68-67-71—206	-10
Jeff Maggert, $31,200	73-65-68—206	-10
Stephen Ames, $25,632	70-67-70—207	-9
Gary Hallberg, $25,632	65-70-72—207	-9
Colin Montgomerie, $25,632	73-64-70—207	-9
Jesper Parnevik, $25,632	66-71-70—207	-9
Gene Sauers, $25,632	71-68-68—207	-9
Glen Day, $18,784	66-74-68—208	-8
Steve Flesch, $18,784	69-71-68—208	-8
Wes Short, Jr., $18,784	68-69-71—208	-8
Tommy Tolles, $18,784	69-71-68—208	-8
Scott Verplank, $18,784	69-69-70—208	-8
Michael Allen, $13,943	73-69-67—209	-7
Billy Andrade, $13,943	72-68-69—209	-7
Bart Bryant, $13,943	71-69-69—209	-7
José María Olazábal, $13,943	70-68-71—209	-7
Scott Parel, $13,943	68-73-68—209	-7
Brandt Jobe, $13,943	70-67-72—209	-7
Kirk Triplett, $13,943	71-65-73—209	-7
Tommy Armour III, $10,800	70-68-72—210	-6
Scott Dunlap, $10,800	71-74-65—210	-6
Barry Lane, $10,800	75-68-67—210	-6
Tom Pernice Jr., $10,800	67-72-71—210	-6
Paul Broadhurst, $8,016	67-75-69—211	-5
Russ Cochran, $8,016	71-71-69—211	-5
David Frost, $8,016	65-70-76—211	-5
John Harris, $8,016	74-67-70—211	-5
Jerry Kelly, $8,016	68-75-68—211	-5
Bernhard Langer, $8,016	69-70-72—211	-5
Mark O'Meara, $8,016	71-73-67—211	-5
Joey Sindelar, $8,016	70-69-72—211	-5
Jerry Smith, $8,016	69-71-71—211	-5
Esteban Toledo, $8,016	72-68-71—211	-5
Todd Hamilton, $6,080	72-70-70—212	-4
Ian Woosnam, $6,080	72-71-69—212	-4
Woody Austin, $4,800	74-71-68—213	-3
Marco Dawson, $4,800	70-72-71—213	-3
Mike Goodes, $4,800	73-72-68—213	-3
Sandy Lyle, $4,800	72-72-69—213	-3
Geoffrey Sisk, $4,800	70-71-72—213	-3
Ken Tanigawa, $4,800	72-69-72—213	-3
Olin Browne, $3,600	73-72-69—214	-2
Tom Byrum, $3,600	72-72-70—214	-2
Doug Garwood, $3,600	71-72-71—214	-2
Larry Mize, $3,600	72-72-70—214	-2
Jeff Sluman, $3,200	71-73-72—216	E
Brad Faxon, $2,960	70-75-72—217	+1
Peter Jacobsen, $2,960	71-70-76—217	+1
Mark Brooks, $2,560	73-73-73—219	+3
Mark Calcavecchia, $2,560	73-72-74—219	+3
Fran Quinn, $2,560	70-76-73—219	+3
Dan Forsman, $1,920	75-70-75—220	+4
Gary Koch, $1,920	74-76-70—220	+4
Steve Pate, $1,920	72-75-73—220	+4
Steen Tinning, $1,920	74-73-73—220	+4
Duffy Waldorf, $1,920	74-74-72—220	+4
Bob Tway, $1,504	73-74-74—221	+5
Michael Bradley, $1,360	75-73-74—222	+6
Kevin Johnson, $1,360	76-73-73—222	+6
Carlos Franco, $1,168	69-79-75—223	+7
Corey Pavin, $1,168	74-76-73—223	+7
Neal Lancaster, $1,056	78-80-66—224	+8
Steve Lowery, $992	76-75-75—226	+10
Paul Goydos, $928	73-79-75—227	+11

NBO Oman Open Leading Scores
At Al Mouj Golf
Muscat, Oman
Purse: $1.75 million
Yardage: 7,365; Par: 72
Final

Joost Luiten, Netherlands	72-66-66-68—272
Chris Wood, England	70-66-69-69—274
Julien Guerrier, France	69-69-66-71—275
Jorge Campillo, Spain	73-70-66-68—277
Seungsu Han, United States	70-69-70-68—277
Alexander Levy, France	71-69-67-70—277
Robert Rock, England	69-71-69-69—278
Fabrizio Zanotti, Paraguay	68-71-70-69—278
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland	74-67-68-70—279
Benjamin Hebert, France	72-70-69-68—279
Matthew Southgate, England	65-70-69-75—279
Alexander Bjork, Sweden	72-68-70-70—280
Nico Geyger, Chile	72-72-67-69—280
Andrew Johnston, England	71-68-69-72—280
Adrian Otaegui, Spain	69-71-66-74—280
Sam Brazel, Australia	68-71-72-70—281
Marcus Kinhult, Sweden	69-69-74-69—281
Edoardo Molinari, Italy	73-71-67-70—281
Andrea Pavon, France	70-72-70-69—281
Andy Sullivan, England	67-73-71-70—281
Also	
Daniel Im, United States	75-69-72-73—289

EARNHARDT

From 1C

a much different role. He served as grand marshal and delivered an enthusiastic "Drivers, start your engines" to start the race. He kept it "pretty traditional" while wearing a 1987 Speedweeks T-shirt. But he was definitely energized as he got the race started.

He said he doesn't dwell on the anniversary of his father's passing, but was aware of his father's presence at Daytona.

"I try to make him proud in everything I do, but I don't feel an instinct to do anything to honor him," Junior said. "His fans do that on a pretty regular basis. They love to talk about him and remember him, so you hear about him everywhere you go. As I've been around the track the last couple days, I've had a lot of conversations about Dad already. It's always good."

Earnhardt watched the race from atop Alex Bowman's pit box. Bowman replaced Earnhardt in the No. 88 Chevrolet and started the 500 from the pole.

Earnhardt expected to miss being behind the wheel for NASCAR's signature event. But he quickly added that there are parts he won't miss.

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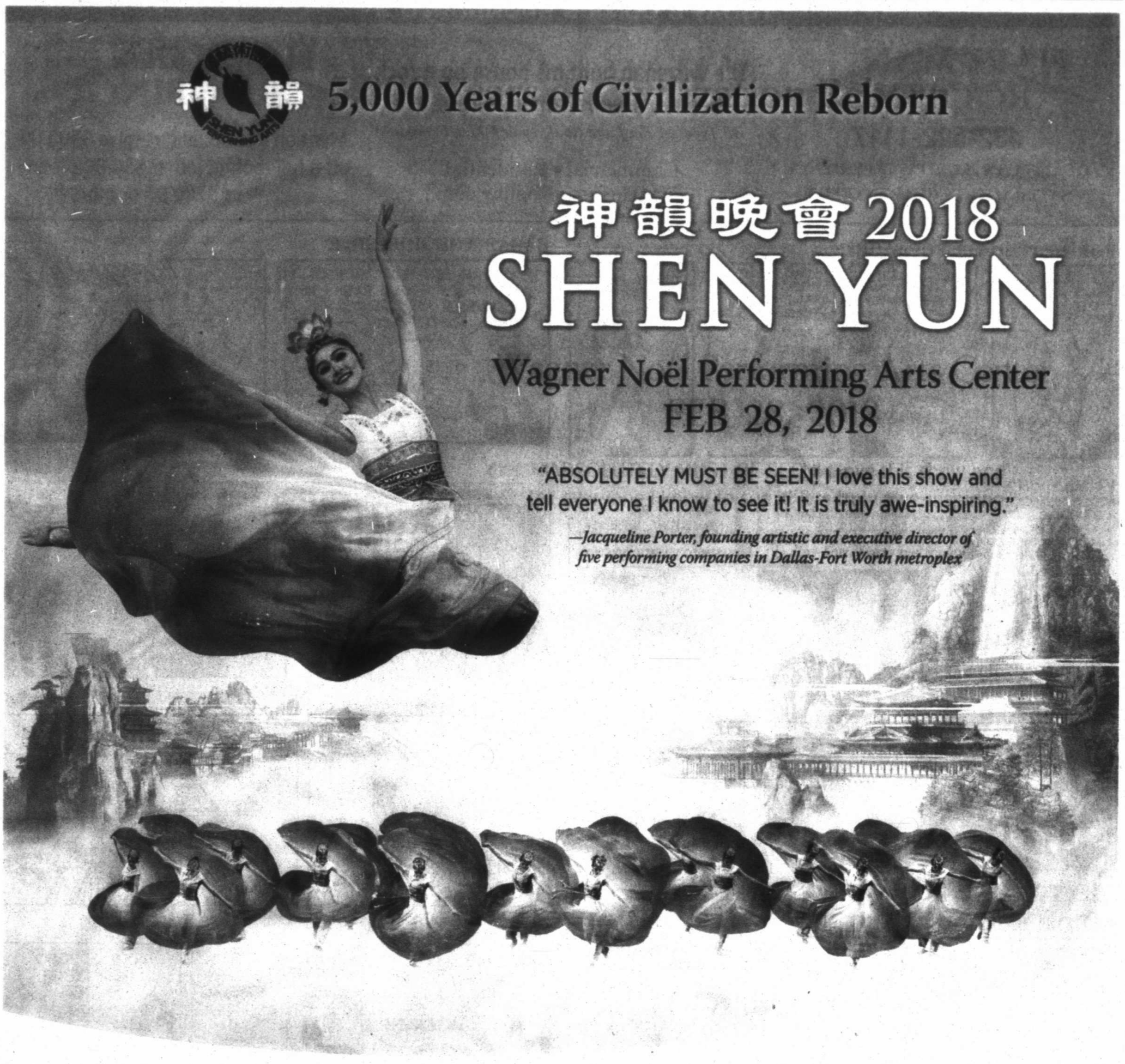

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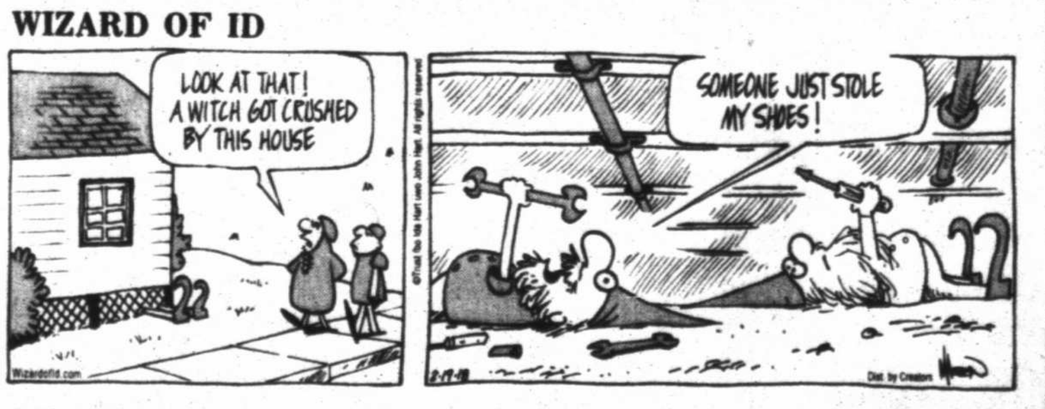

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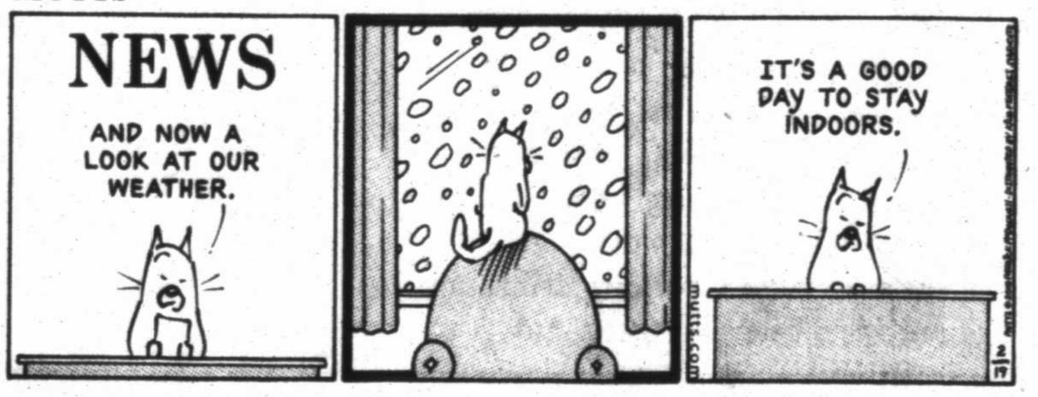

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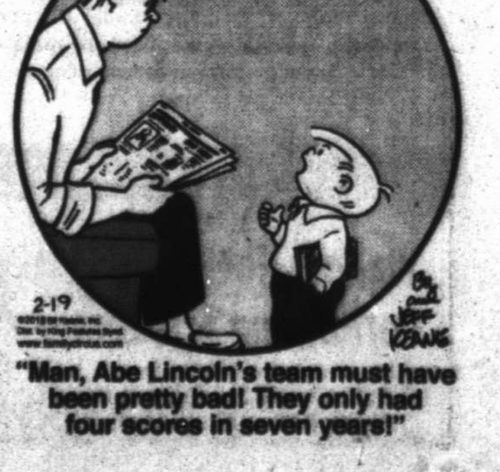

"Man, Abe Lincoln's team must have been pretty bad! They only had four scores in seven years!"

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

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

4	2						8	3
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1	4						3	9

SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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

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MHYET

GHIYET

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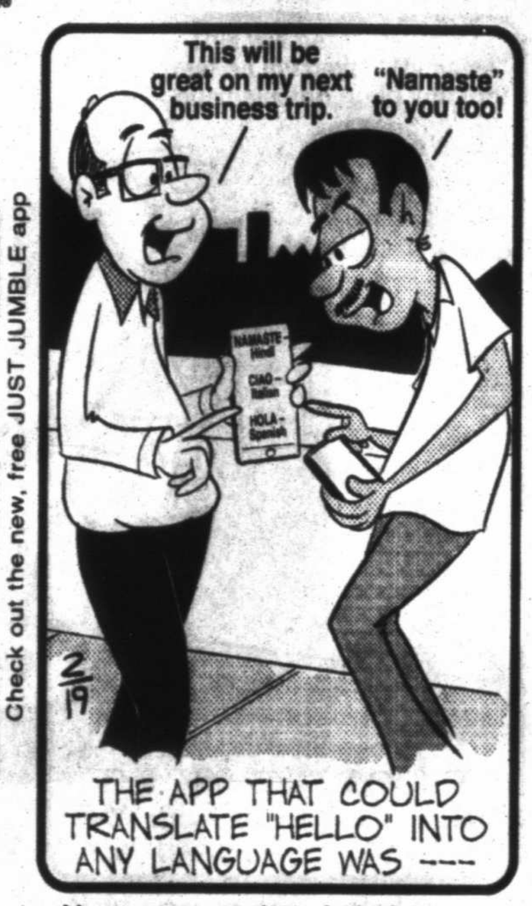

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: " ○○ " - ○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: WRING ELOPE TENANT BEHIND
Answer: To become successful, the musicians would — BAND TOGETHER

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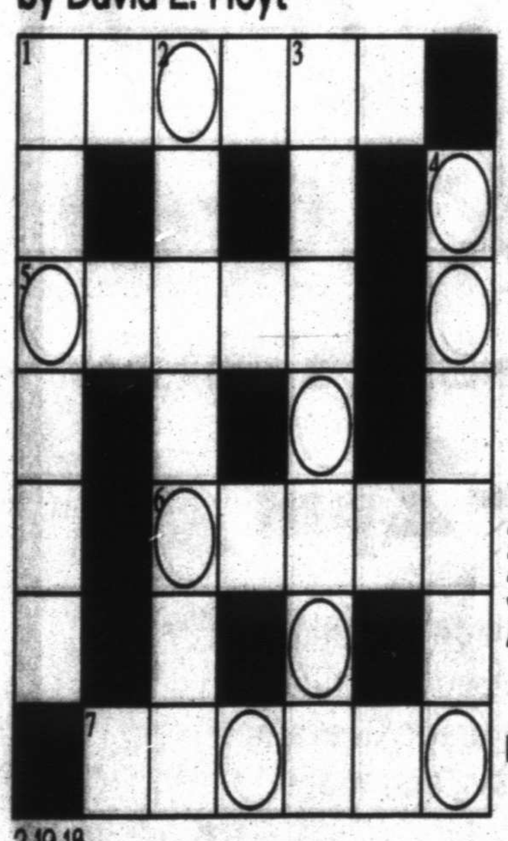

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Arrange troops	PEDYOL
5. Danger	LIPRE
6. Impelled	UGEDR
7. Provide, furnish	NERDRE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Fife was one	PUEDYT
2. ___ bottle	EMEUFPR
3. Duty-bound	BDEGIOL
4. Bird of prey	OCROND

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

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CLUE: The third-largest species of rodent.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○

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ANSWERS: 1A-Depoy 5A-Ires 6A-Urged 7A-Render 1D-Deputy 2D-Returns 3D-Obliged 4D-Condor B-Trumpets

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Android downloads
5 Array around a surge protector
10 Words after deal or count
14 Bridges of Hollywood
15 Part of a sports complex
16 Enveloping glow
17 "NBA Friday" channel
18 Peachy
19 Dental exam image
20 Inquiry meant to entrap
23 Right-angled shape
24 Per __: daily
25 Freebies with a bowl of soup
30 Mud __: type of wasp
34 Sharp-eyed flier
35 Nonfluctuating method of doing things
37 Org. supporting flossing
38 Freelancer's encl.
39 QB scores
40 Impressionist once labeled "The Man of a Thousand Voices"
45 Pedometer unit
46 "Already?"
47 First-stringers
49 Honorary legal degs.
51 Ipanema's city
52 Wealthy, and a hint to the first word of 20-, 35- and 40-Across
59 Pop music's "hottest spot north of Havana"
60 Shut down
61 Three, in Germany
62 Baking chamber
63 Makes docile
64 Folklore brute
65 Remain up in the air
66 Sport with clay disks
67 Can't live without

DOWN

1 Brother of Cain
2 Cuban currency
3 Respected Smurf
4 Basking locale on a cruise ship
5 Walks like a duck
6 Baghdad's country
7 Eye care solution brand
8 Pulled the plug on
9 Ties the knot
10 Largest amount
11 Money in Malta
12 Mideast nation in a 2015 nuclear deal
13 Vote against
21 Lodge logo animal
22 Hazmat suit hazard
25 Seals in the juices of
26 Traffic report source
27 Spy plane acronym
28 Sit for a bit
29 ERA and RBI, e.g.
31 Montana city
32 Tribal leader
33 Talks hoarsely
36 Stetson hat material
41 The Netherlands, informally
42 Lounge around
43 Formally accuses of, with "for"
44 Heart-to-heart
45 Used to change a ceiling light bulb, as a chair
48 Relieved (of)
50 Move on tiptoe, say
52 Wander
53 Take the lid off
54 It usually has a set of rules
55 "That makes sense"
56 Hard-to-resist feeling
57 Actor Richard
58 Moved quickly, old-style
59 Squad car driver

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

B	U	M	S		I	L	E	A	C		I	M	A	C
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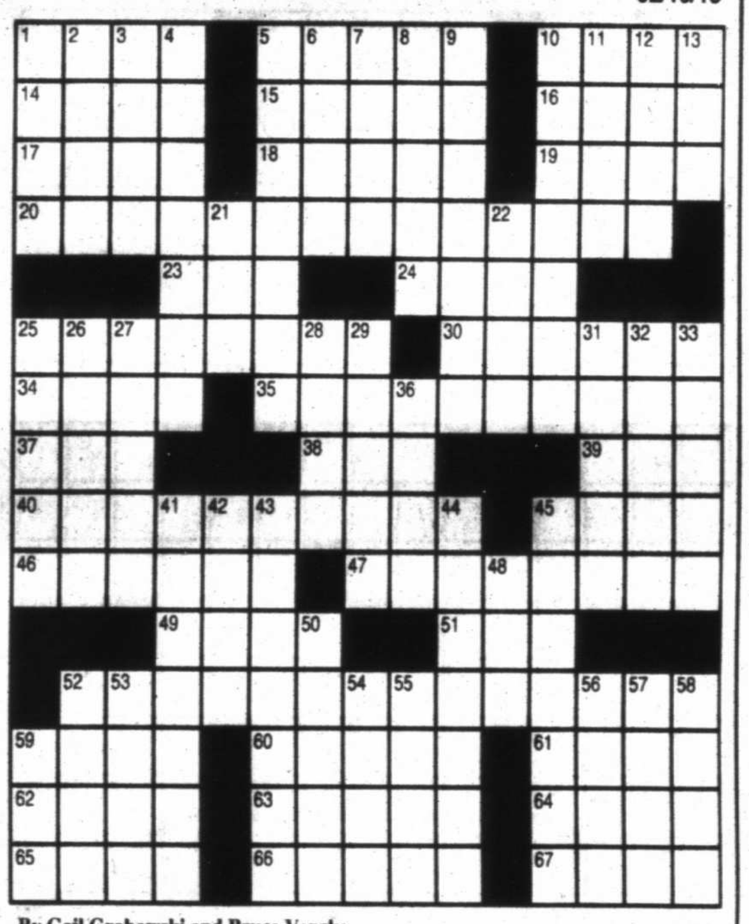

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2. ○○○○○○○

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Today's Answers:

1. Outdated
2. Foreign born

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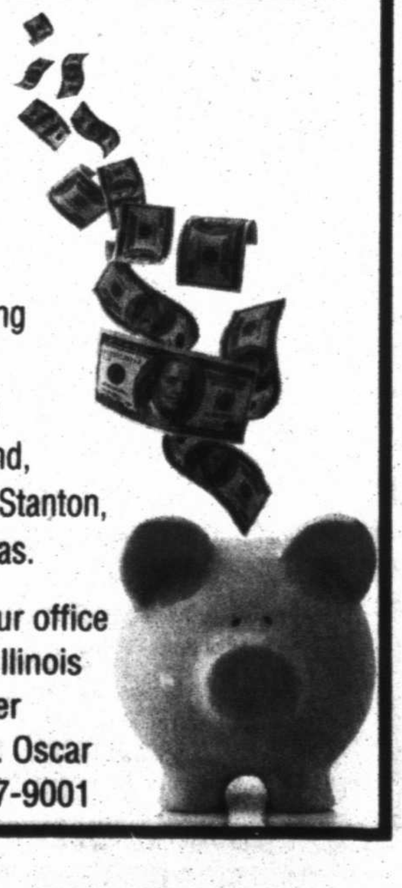

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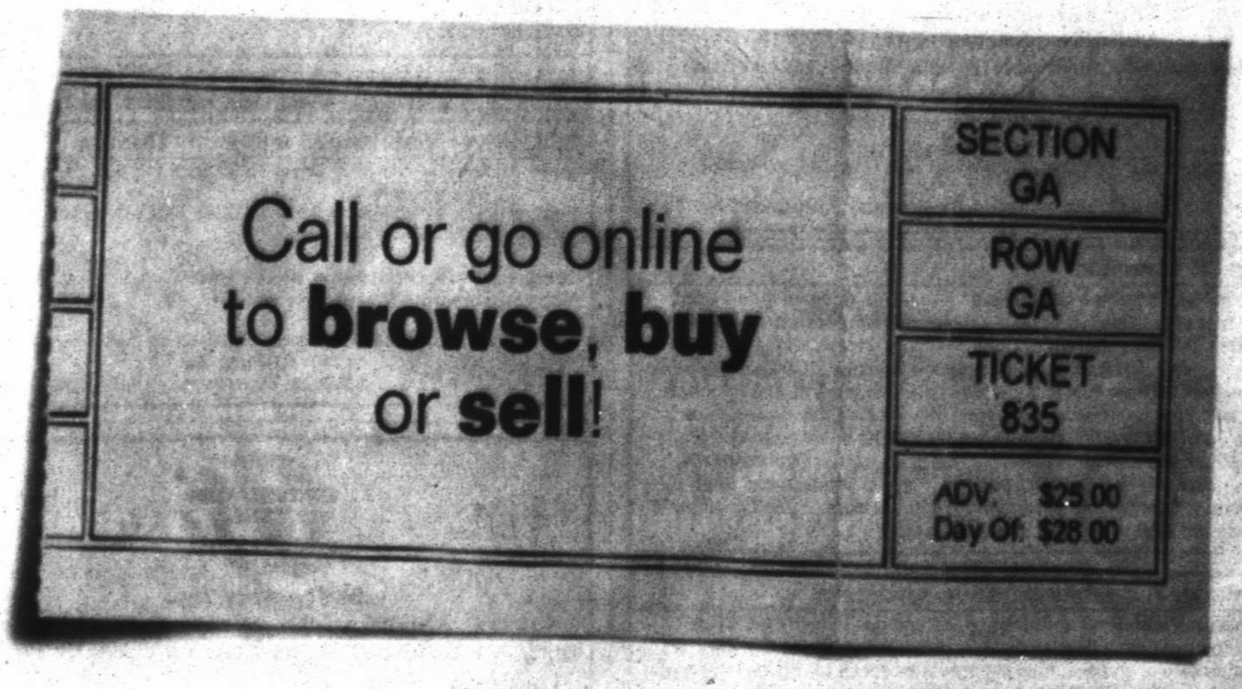

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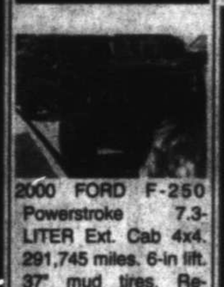

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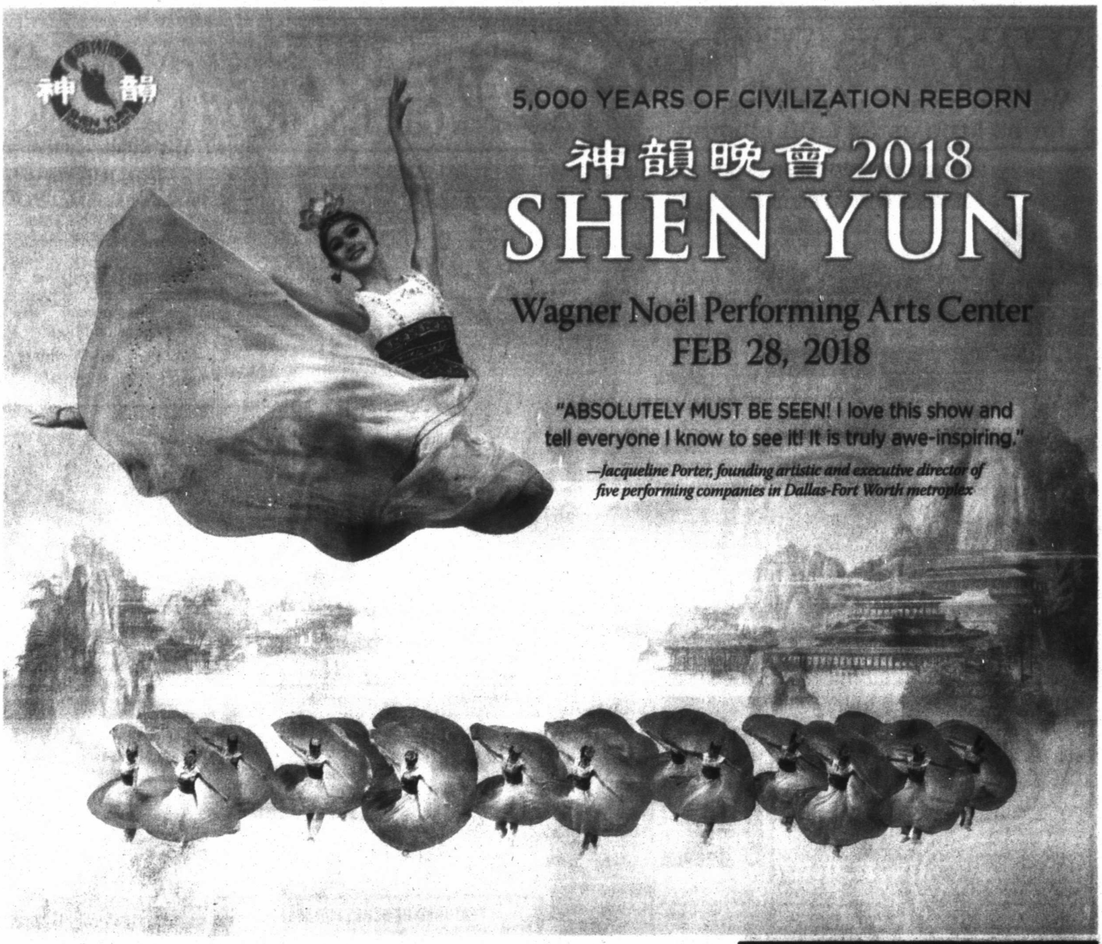

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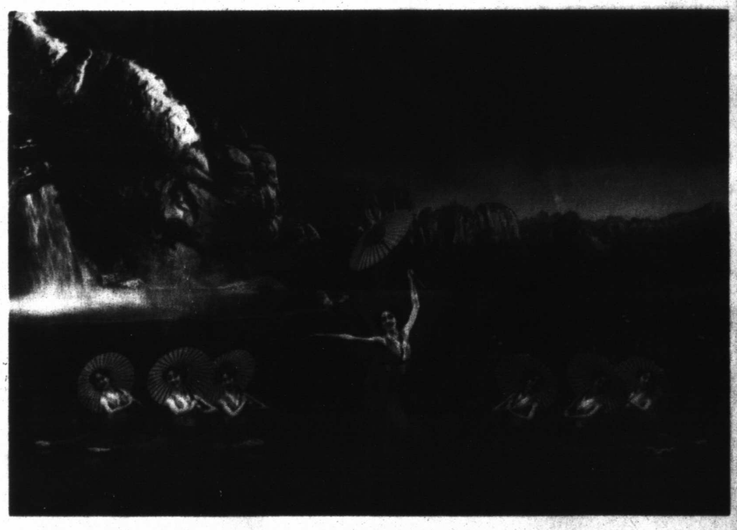

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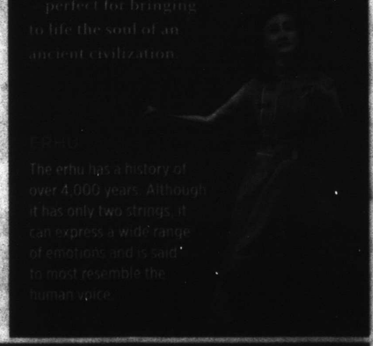

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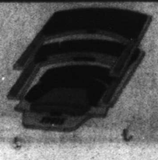

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