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Curtis Joiner is one of 52 Faces of Community.

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SHOOTING FOR SEVEN

The Andrews Lady Mustangs golf team will aim to continue their recent impressive play and look to capture the program's state record seventh consecutive state title, when they tee off at 8 a.m. today at the Class 4A state tournament at Horseshoe Bay's Slick Rock Golf Course in Marble Falls.

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MDC looks to fund 3 more roads projects

Entity wants to contribute $7 million, according to letters sent to TxDOT

By Trevor Hawes
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The Midland Development Corp.'s commitment to contributing funding to area transportation projects continues with interest in three more projects.

In a pair of letters dated May 3 to the TxDOT Odessa District and received Friday by the Reporter-Telegram, the MDC indicated it wants to contribute $7 million for an overpass at Loop 250 and County Road 1140, for improvements to the intersection at Loop 250 and State Highway 191 and for improvements at the intersection of Interstate 20 and Midkiff Road.

In a letter signed by MDC Vice Chairman Keith Stretcher, the sales tax-funded development group will commit $2 million toward the Loop 250/SH 191 project.

"The existing roadway infrastructure along Loop 250 at the intersection of State Highway 191 has helped create significant commercial and residential development," the letter says, adding that the sports complex, sports medicine facility, restaurants, Sam's Club, H-E-B and several large corporate headquarters in the area have caused a substantial increase in traffic.

"The concentration of this growth in such a localized area has created significant traffic delays as well as other mobility and safety issues in and around this area," the letter says. This and vehicles using the southbound Loop 250 service road attempting to turn west onto SH 191 are "curtailing the entire development of the western area of Midland.

The Loop 250/SH 191 project is currently third on the Permian Basin MPO's master transportation plan. The MPO is revising the MTP, which should be complete this summer, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports.

Last year, the city of Midland engineering department helped move the project along by creating plans for possible improvements. Plans included creating a free right-turn lane on the southbound Loop 250 service road, lengthening the exit area on eastbound SH 191 toward Loop 250 and creating a braided ramp for easier exiting and entering in the ramp area.

Other ideas included a cloverleaf to allow eastbound SH 191 traffic to curl up to northbound Loop 250, a flyover that would take southbound Loop 250 traffic directly to westbound SH 191 lanes, a flyover that would take eastbound SH 191 traffic up to westbound Loop 250 lanes and a so-called Texas turnaround that would take eastbound SH 191 traffic to the westbound lanes via a bridge.

Each project was designed separately and can be implemented individually as

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Of great assistance

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Shirley and Danny Campbell are respite care providers for foster families. They are photographed Saturday at their home in Greenwood.

Families provide respite for foster parents

■ Local organizations notice demand for child care service

By Simone Jasper
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When Shirley Campbell was a foster parent, she couldn't always take foster children with her on out-of-state trips. She sometimes turned to respite care providers, people who offer supervision for extended time periods.

So after Campbell and her husband chose to step back from full-time foster care responsibilities, offering respite was a natural transition.

"The good thing about respite care is you can still care for kids," Campbell said. "Foster families desperately need a break."

Though the Campbells and other families provide respite care, representatives from area foster care organizations said there's demand for additional people to offer the service locally. JaLynn Hogan, executive director of High Sky Children's Ranch, said respite allows foster parents to have date nights or respond to emergencies.

"Respite care providers are able to fill a need in a way — working with children who have been abused, neglected or coming from hard backgrounds," Hogan said.

Respite care providers also allow parents to take a break from at-home responsibilities, according to Patricia Acosta, foster care lead case manager at Buckner Children and Family Services. She said respite gives families struggling with placements an opportunity to relax.

"It affects and causes changes for the whole family," Acosta said. "It's an adjustment, and we encourage families to take one weekend a month to take a break."

Texas foster parents are required to use baby sitters who have had background checks. But respite care is "provided outside of the foster home for over 72 hours by a person who is not a regular caregiver in the home," according to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services website.

Acosta said providing respite care often appeals to people who consider becoming foster parents.

"Some decide they're not completely sure about foster care, or want to do it but they're scared or trying to get their husband on board," Acosta said. "Sometimes we suggest doing training to be respite care providers so if a family is going out of town they can provide that service. It's a way to test out having kids at home."

At the Campbell home, providing respite care offered more flexibility than foster care. Campbell said as respite providers, the couple has more time to devote to their five children and aging parents. They now enjoy giving foster children a familiar place to stay for respite.

"There's a huge need for it to be someone they already know," Campbell said. "I think there's an advantage to someone doing respite for a long amount of time. Kids already know those families. We have kids who have come

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Why school vouchers may be back from the dead

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas House thought it had killed school vouchers. The Senate is resurrecting them.

A Senate committee last week attached a plan offering vouchers to special education children while approving a $1.6 billion House proposal to begin overhauling Texas' troubled school finance system. House Public Education Committee Chairman Dan Huberty, a Houston Republican, has championed the school finance fix. Now, his counterpart in the Senate, Republican Sen. Larry Taylor of Friendswood, may make Huberty choose between accepting vouchers or sacrificing his legislative baby.

Taylor spent months carefully shepherding a separate, sweeping voucher bill through the Senate that the House refused to even consider, instead overwhelmingly passing an amendment saying public funds should stay in public schools. He, and school vouchers' biggest supporter in Texas, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, could now have their revenge.

The provision tacked on by the Senate committee is modest, offering $8,300 in taxpayer funds that some special education students could use to attend private schools. But cracking the door to vouchers could soon throw it wide open. In most states where vouchers started small, they expanded far and wide at breakneck speed.

The committee-revised school finance bill should hit the Senate floor and pass early this week. It'll then go back to the House, which will likely reject the change. A conference committee may have to eventually reconcile both versions, and vouchers could either die (again) or prove a poison pill for Huberty's bill — meaning Texas gets neither a school finance fix nor vouchers.

But, since vouchers seemed dead and buried mere days ago, their prospects are suddenly brighter. Here are some other issues to watch with the end of the legislative session now just 15 days away:

PHARMACIST 'RELIGIOUS REFUSAL'

A little-noticed, tea party-backed amendment to a bill regulating pharmacies allows pharmacists to refuse service to gay, non-Christian or other kinds of customers, citing "sincerely held reli-

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Did you know?
A 14-year-old boy graduated from TCU on Saturday, with a degree in physics. Page 2A

The big number
95 percent of juvenile offenders won't be arrested for another sex crime. Page 4A

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

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Graduate, 14, youngest ever at Texas Christian University

Huey-You

A 14-year-old physics major has become the youngest person ever to graduate from Texas Christian University. Carson Huey-You was among more than 2,000 students getting degrees Saturday at the Fort Worth school founded in 1873. He started at TCU in 2013 when he was 11. He also has minors in Chinese and math.

Huey-You tells the Fort Worth Star-Telegram his favorite thing about college has been getting to learn things he never thought about, things he never knew existed and things he might not even think about thinking about. He also says he's learned how to deal with "some real hard classes" and get over the disappointment of a poor score on a test.

The self-described "normal dude" wants to work on getting graduate degrees in quantum mechanics.

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funding becomes available.

The second letter, signed by Chairman Brent Hilliard, said the MDC would commit $3 million for completion of an overpass at Loop 250 and CR 1140, located in the unfinished eastern portion of the loop, and $2 million for I-20 and South Midkiff Road.

The letter said the eastern portion of the city is expected to experience the same type of growth the western portion has seen and that the overpass will help facilitate development.

The letter also said the I-20/Midkiff Road intersection is "limiting the ability of Midland, Texas to be competitive with other cities like Lubbock, Abilene, and San Angelo. Large groups from this region have very limited access to the Midland County Horseshoe and hotels along this route." The letter says improvements in this area would help foster economic development.

The MDC in recent months has pushed for leveraging funding for the completion of transportation projects, particularly Loop 250. Hilliard in the past has said that the effort is an investment that attempts to "turn small dollars into large dollars."

The MDC board at its May meeting agreed to enter into an advance funding agreement with TxDOT for $2 million to be put toward construction of an overpass at Loop 250 and county roads 1150 and 60. The MDC also will contribute $1.35 million for improvements on SH 349 to the Martin County line that include widening and the installation of medians to prevent the misuse of turning lanes. The city of Midland is also a partner in the SH 349 project.

By putting in small amounts of local money, TxDOT has agreed to move the projects along faster by accelerating funding. The Loop 250/CR 1150 overpass will cost $23.5 million to construct; SH 349 is slated to cost $12 million.

The MDC's latest efforts might be discussed today at MPO policy board meeting, which is set for 3 p.m. at the Midland County Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250. This meeting is open to the public.

The Midland Development Corp. is an economic development group funded by the quarter-cent Type A sales tax. The Permian Basin MPO is a federally mandated organization that programs state and federal funding for transportation and transit projects.

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Obituaries

George F. "Rick" Doehne

George F. "Rick" Doehne, 70 of Midland, passed away on Friday, May 12, 2017. Memorial services will be held at 1:00pm at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 with Pastor and friend Douglas Lamb officiating. Flowers may be directed to Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Rick was born on January 17, 1947 in Orange, New Jersey to Robert and Anne Doehne. He served in the United States Navy from 1969 until his honorable discharge in 1973 plus an additional 33 years in the Naval Reserve. He graduated from New Mexico Tech with a degree in petroleum geology and geophysics in 1976. He was employed by The University of Texas System, University Lands for 20 years. Rick participated in various professional organizations including the West Texas Geological Society and the International Right-of-Way Association. After his retirement as a petroleum geologist he became the business administrator at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church. Rick also enjoyed serving in the children's ministries at Fannin Terrace for many years.

Rick is survived by his wife of 39 years, Wanda Skaggs Doehne of Midland; brothers, Robert (Susan) Doehne of Ft. Myers, FL and James Doehne of San Bernardino, CA; niece, Stephanie (Robert) Daugherty; nephew, Jeffrey (Jamie) Doehne; and numerous friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Anne Doehne.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice or Fannin Terrace Baptist Church, 2800 Mogford St., Midland, Texas 79705.

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

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

Gilbert "Beto" Sanchez

Gilbert "Beto" Sanchez, 75 of Midland, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

Beto was born July 18, 1941 here in Midland, Texas, where he was also raised.

Beto was preceded in death by parents, Manuel and Reyes Sanchez, his brother Manuel Sanchez Jr. and his son Gilbert "Bibo" Sanchez.

He is survived by his son Enrique Sanchez of Midland and four daughters, Dianne Sanchez, Joann Carson and Veronica Baltier all of Midland, and Belinda Brown of North Richland Hills, Texas.

He is also survived by his two brothers, Daniel Stone from Midland and Ramon Sanchez of Albuquerque, NM and one sister Consuelo Stone. He will be truly missed by all that knew him.

He will be viewed Tuesday May 15, 2017 @ Heavenly Gate funeral home and Chapel with a rosary @ 7:00 pm.

Armando Bonilla will officiate the Rosary.

The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support at this time of need.

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

Heavenly Gate Funeral Home & Chapel 405 N. Terrell Midland, TX - (432) 687-1927

Katherine Elizabeth (Betty) Gilmore

Katherine Elizabeth (Betty) Gilmore, 83, died Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at her home in Midland, Texas.

The daughter of Madge Clark Davis and Laurence Weber Davis, Betty was born September 3, 1933 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her childhood years were spent in New Orleans, Louisiana while attending Louise S. McGhee School. She enjoyed her summers at Camp Waldemar where her daughters and granddaughters continued the tradition. She later attended and graduated from The Hockaday School in Dallas, Texas.

She studied English Literature at Randolph-Macon Woman's College and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1955. She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority in which she remained actively involved for many years. She married Willis Henderson (Bill) Gilmore, Jr. on May 3, 1957 in Abilene, Texas. The couple made their home in Midland. This year, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

As an active member of the community, she served on the boards of many organizations including Manor Park for 26 years, the Junior League of Midland, the Samaritan Counseling Center, Friends of the Library, the Midland Symphony Guild where she formulated the organization's bylaws along with fellow Guild charter member, Harriet Herd. She and Mrs. Herd continued to create bylaws for various organizations throughout the community.

She was a life-long Episcopalian and an active member of St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church. She left her mark not only on the church parish in Midland, but also the Dioceses of Northwest Texas, Province VII and the National Church. She served as a Vestry member and held various leadership roles in the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) at St. Nicholas and President of The Diocese of Northwest Texas ECW. She also served as Secretary of Province VII for many years and attended numerous General Conventions. She chaired the National Standing Commission on the structure of the church and guided its work to revamp how the church operates to better carry out its mission and ministry. In 1999, she was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas for her exceptional lay ministry.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Gilmore, of Midland; daughters, Kathy Shannon of Midland and Karen Anderson and her husband Steve, of Fort Collins, Colorado; and sons, Willis Henderson (Trey) Gilmore III and his wife Susan, of Cypress, Texas, and Laurence Gilmore, of Denver, Colorado.

She was blessed with eight grandchildren - Ashley Shannon Rodriguez and her husband Michael, Michelle Shannon Stribling and her husband Trevor, Kristin Nelson Spruiell and her husband Justin, Stephanie Nelson Culbertson and her husband Kyle, Willis Henderson (Will) Gilmore IV, Gilbert Joseph Gilmore, Jackson Davis Gilmore, and Anne Caroline Gilmore. She also enjoyed her three great-grandchildren - Madeleine Claire Rodriguez, Davis Henderson Rodriguez, and Everett Sullivan Spruiell.

A memorial service will be held at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church in Midland on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Nicholas' Church at 4000 W Loop 250 N, Midland, Texas 79707, Seminary of the Southwest at P.O. Box 2247, Austin, Texas 78768, Petroleum Museum at 1500 Interstate 20 West, Midland, Texas 79701 or Manor Park at 2208 North Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707.

The family is grateful for her wonderful caregivers, especially Gail Wilson, Joann Rice, Ra'Kaisha Washington, Hospice of Midland, and MD Anderson Cancer Center. Her untiring service to her family, friends, church and community will continue as an inspiration to all who knew her.

"God is in the midst of her, therefore she will not be removed." Psalm 46:5.

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

Ellis Funeral Home Funerals & Cremations Dignity 801 Andrews Hwy. (432) 683-5555

Neva Arlene Nall Kernan

Neva Arlene Nall Kernan, was born in, Okemah, OK to Guy and Lona Nall. Neva asked Jesus to be her Lord and Savior at the age of 9. This decision ruled her life forever. At age 14 Neva met the love of her life and wanted nothing more than to marry Frank Kernan. She graduated from Seminole High School and married Frank Kernan at age 18. Upon completion of Frank;s military service they returned to Seminole had their first baby and prepared to attend Oklahoma A&M. They graduated and took a job with Borden Milk Company and they eventually settled in Oklahoma City in the mid 1960's to raise their four children.

Neva was a very successful Realtor in Oklahoma City, OK and Midland, TX helping many young couples get into their first home.

Frank and Neva attended Rhema Bible School, and served as pastors in Midland, TX, Tulsa, O, and St. Louis, MO.

In their late sixties Frank and Neva began the next chapter of their lives together living, teaching and ministering overseas. After trips to several areas of the world they spent two years in St. Petersburg, Russia, and finally settled in the Czech Republic. Neva will be remembered for her sweet smile and generous loving spirit.

Neva knew no matter where in the world she was, she was never alone because Jesus was always with her.

Neva is survived by her son Mike and his wife Kay, Son Pat and his wife Annis, son Greg and his wife Robin, daughter Becky, and 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be help at 2pm, Tuesday May 16, 2017 at World Outreach Church, 8863 E. 91st Street, Tulsa, OK 74122.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the World Outreach Church Missions.

Cornyn could face Senate resistance if tapped to lead FBI

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

If President Donald Trump picks U.S. Sen. John Cornyn to lead the FBI, it's not a given that the Texan would sail through the confirmation process in his own chamber.

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina, on Sunday said he was uneasy about picking Cornyn — or anyone else with a political background — to succeed James Comey, who Trump last week ousted as FBI director amid the agency's investigation into whether members of Trump's campaign colluded with Russia during the 2016 election. Asked, during an interview on NBC's Meet The Press, whether it's the right time for Trump to pick an elected political official, Graham said no. "I think it's now time to pick somebody that comes from within the ranks or is such a reputation that has no political background at all," he said. "John Cornyn is a wonderful man. Under normal circumstances, he would be a superb choice to be FBI director. But these are not normal circumstances. We've got a chance to reset here as a nation." Graham wasn't the only senator on Sunday to suggest Cornyn could face resistance in the chamber. Sen. Chuck Schumer, the Senate minority leader from New York, told CNN's State of the Union that Comey's replacement should not be "a partisan politician — not in either party," and that it should be someone who is "experienced." "This demands a serious down-the-middle investigation," the Democrat said of the Trump-Russia question.

Schumer also said he supports calls to block a nomination until a special prosecutor is appointed to take over the investigation.

Cornyn has been identified as one of about a dozen contenders for the nomination. Before his election to the Senate in 2002, Cornyn served as Texas attorney general, a Texas Supreme Court justice and a local judge.

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gious beliefs."

What the House passed has yet to clear the Senate, which could remove that language. In the meantime, though, it's drawing criticism.

Katy Caldwell, CEO of Legacy Community Health, a non-profit health center providing care at 22 Southeast Texas clinics, said in a statement, "I'm not sure how we can make sick people healthy if they can get turned away at the pharmacy counter."

The Texas Medical Association says it "respects the rights of the pharmacists, but at the same time we must ensure that patients' rights to access medications legally prescribed by their physicians are upheld."

Texting while driving

A statewide ban on texting while driving sailed through the House nearly two months ago, but hasn't reached a Senate floor vote. That's despite public pressure ratcheting up after 13 people were killed near New Braunfels on Mach 29, when a driver, who witnesses said was texting while driving, crashed his pickup head-on into a church van.

The ban will be considered today in Senate committee and there's still time for it to clear the Legislature before the May 29 end of session. But it's moved far slower than many thought after such a deadly crash.

Forty-six states have laws against texting while driving that typically also ban sending or reading email, using apps or engaging in other use of the internet. A statewide ban passed Texas' House and Senate in 2011 but then-Gov. Rick Perry vetoed it as government micromanagement of adults.

'Raise the age'

Another bill passed by the House but bottled up in the Senate seeks to increase from 17 to 18 the age at which offenders automatically enter Texas' adult legal system.

Houston Democratic Rep. Harold Dutton's "raise the age" bill is holding in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, where chairman John Whitmire, a fellow Houston Democrat, has declared it dead — though late legislative wrangling could still change that.

Similar bills failed in previous sessions, but the change is backed by youth organizations, criminal justice reform groups and conservatives who want the state to spend less on prisons.

Dutton's bill could also eventually cost $35-million-plus annually to implement, however, and opponents worry about increasing the ranks of the state's troubled juvenile justice system, which would absorb many cases under the bill.

Respite

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four or five times."

The Campbells realized the need for local respite care providers when they were foster parents for eight years. Once, San Angelo was the closest place they could bring their foster children for supervision. "We always tried to take foster kids with us ... on vacation or out of town for (holidays)," Campbell said. "It's not always feasible."

Foster parent Tina Gillihan is creating another option to supervise foster children. Gillihan, founder and director of Basin Dream Center for Orphans, hopes to launch weekend camps to give parents a chance to rest.

Dream Camp would be available for young people living in foster homes, including foster, biological and adopted children. Licensed volunteers would offer programming and watch them overnight at local churches.

"We want the camps to be places kids make friends with others in foster care, in the same place in life," Gillihan said. "Sometimes it's tough to make friends."

The camps raise funds for the recently started center, which will provide resources for young adults transitioning out of foster care. Gillihan developed the camp based on her own experiences as a foster parent. "They get the break they need from fostering," Gillihan said. "It also deters people from fostering if they can't take the break they want or vacation. I hope it will keep foster parents going and not be hindered from providing care." At High Sky Children's Ranch, efforts are focused on recruiting new foster families. Hogan thinks support from respite and other resources will make people more apt to foster.

"It makes sense because it takes a village. There are court hearings, doctors' appointments and sibling visits. A lot of things come up, and they're in need of support to make it happen."

Patricia Acosta, Foster care lead case manager at Buckner Children and Family Services

In March, nearly 42 percent of children in foster care in Midland County were placed outside of Region 9, which encompasses 29 other nearby counties, according to DFPS data.

Shawn Vandygriff, Child Protective Services regional director for Regions 1 and 9, said the demand for local foster families and respite care providers is linked. "There's a need for respite everywhere, and there's a need for foster parents," Vandygriff said. "Foster parents are the main ones who serve as respite care providers."

This month, Cecilia Abbott, wife of Gov. Greg Abbott, addressed the need to support foster families at training for baby sitters. The training in Austin was part of Network of Nurture, a joint initiative between the Texas first lady and DFPS, according to a press release.

Locally, Acosta hopes people will consider ways to assist foster families.

"It makes sense because it takes a village," Acosta said. "There are court hearings, doctors' appointments and sibling visits. A lot of things come up, and they're in need of support to make it happen."

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Things to do

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

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

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

Community calendar

■ The Midland Police Department will commemorate National Police Memorial Week with a memorial service Thursday.

The memorial service is scheduled for 3 p.m. at Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley Ave. The names of each officer will be read aloud and a rose will be placed in their memory.

The event is open to the public.

■ Disabled American Veterans Permian Basin Chapter 58 is hosting a veterans military ball at 6 p.m. Friday at VFW Post 4372 in Odessa. Proceeds will help fund a mental health conference that will focus on female veterans and first responders

Meetings

Planning and Zoning Commission
■ 3:30 p.m.
■ City Council Chambers, City Hall
■ 300 N. Loraine Ave.

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

What's on the radio

News talk
■ KCRS (AM 550)
■ Local programming
■ 6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Kris Moore
■ 5-6 p.m. Local News with KOSA
■ KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
■ Local programming
■ 6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
■ 1 p.m. One-on-One w/ R.J. Pase

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

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.

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
■ 2405 South Loop 250 West
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Friday
■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays
■ 498-2100

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 15, the 135th day of 2017. There are 230 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed an act establishing the Department of Agriculture.

In 1911, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Standard Oil Co. was a monopoly in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act, and ordered its breakup.

In 1930, registered nurse Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard an Oakland-to-Chicago flight operated by Boeing Air Transport (a forerunner of United Airlines).

In 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its unanimous In re Gault decision, ruled that juveniles accused of crimes were entitled to the same due process afforded adults. American realist painter Edward Hopper died in New York at age 84.

In 1988, the Soviet Union began the process of withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan, more than eight years after Soviet forces entered the country.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, left, speaks with Richard Booth Tuesday during the 2017 Petroleum Hall of Fame induction banquet at the Petroleum Club. The induction of Joseph McShane, Curtis Mewbourne and J. Cleo Thompson brings the number of honorees to 145.

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 Taurus and a Moon in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May 15, 2017:

This year you evolve into a stronger, more grounded person. You will be able to adapt more easily than in recent years. There is someone around you who demonstrates how gratifying it can be to be less rigid. If you are single, you could meet someone special from out of the blue sometime after summer. This person might be Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, you will have many great moments together. You are likely to develop a new hobby as a couple. CAPRICORN amazes you, as he or she seems so composed all the time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your intuition carries you through your dealings with authority figures. An overwhelming amount of people could seek you out for advice. You might need to adapt your schedule accordingly. Look at a fundamental change in your life as a positive. **Tonight:** Till the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Reach out to someone who knows more about the subject at hand than you do. A friend or loved one could be his or her usual vague self, but the odds are high that this person will come through for you right now. Be grateful. **Tonight:** Put yourself in someone else's shoes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you down a new path that perhaps you would not have considered in the past. Continue to return calls. You will feel much better if you relate to others on an individual level. A child could interfere with your plans. **Tonight:** Not to be found.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Defer to others, and make sure you understand where everyone is coming from in this process. You will see a situation much differently when you step back and make a point of seeing the big picture. You could reverse the direction you are heading in. **Tonight:** Out late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You sense what is going on with a strategic associate. How you handle what happens will amaze many people, including you. Don't just assume that this person's behavior has something to do with you. Assess how to make a positive change. **Tonight:** First, choose a stress-buster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your ingenuity comes out when dealing with a difficult situation. Your ability to go with the flow is one of your greatest strengths. Many people wish they could roll with the moment like you can. A romance becomes more intense than it has in a while. **Tonight:** Ever playful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ A family member or a precarious situation in your personal life could have you juggling many different calls and interests. Trust the fact that you will clear up the issue and come out on top. This matter calls for time and patience. Take a walk, if need be. **Tonight:** Head home early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Speak your mind. You have an effective way of getting around some difficult problems. Once more you demonstrate your abilities. You'll gain a fresh perspective by taking the time to reflect and center yourself. You seem to be learning a lot. **Tonight:** Favorite friend, favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Be wary of a change that seems to be heading your way. You might not hear the complete story of what is going on, as someone seems to be leaving out some facts. Ask questions and clarify what is happening. Confirm what you thought you've heard. **Tonight:** Order in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You could discover that you have more clout than usual. Part of the reason is that you seem to know which way to go in order to get certain responses. A higher-up or someone who really cares about you is even more responsive than usual. **Tonight:** A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You understand that you have the grace and intuition to know when you must close down and pull away, even if only for a day. You will re-emerge feeling great and on top of your game in a short while. Taking a break from the hectic pace serves you well. **Tonight:** Do your thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. You can do only so much by yourself. All you need to do is ask for what you want. Do not hesitate to make your requests known. You could be surprised and delighted by the response you get as a result. **Tonight:** Be where the crowds are.

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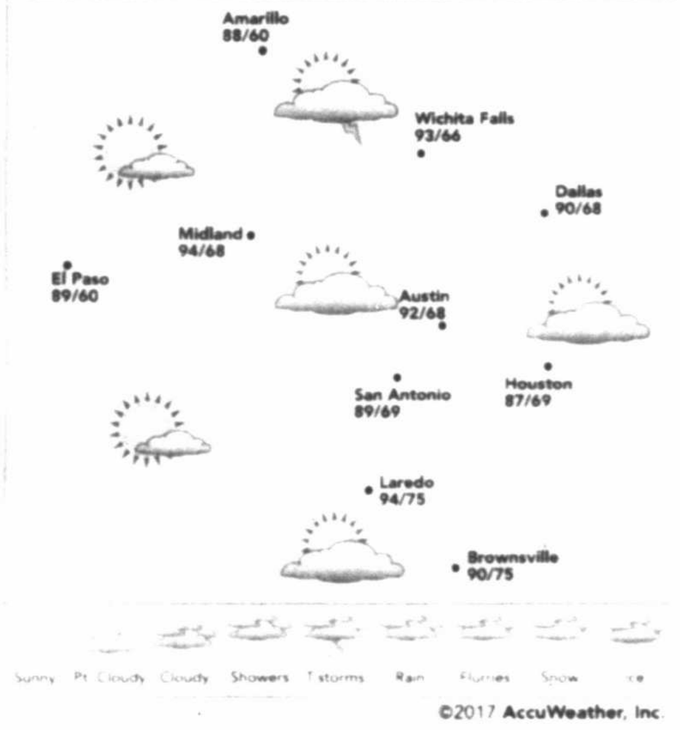

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High	97
Low	63
Normal high	87
Normal low	59

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Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in
Sunday	0.00 in
Month total	0.05 in
Year total	4.85 in
Normal total (year to date)	3.09 in

Today's forecast

High: 91

Low: 69

Conditions: Mostly sunny today/partly cloudy tonight

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School sex complaints to federal agency rise — and languish

By Emily Schmall and Reese Dunklin
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HOUSTON — Hector and Itza Ayala sat in a conference room at Houston's prestigious high school for the performing arts, clutching a document they hoped would force administrators to investigate their 15-year-old daughter's claim of a classroom sex assault.

It had been four months since the girl reported being attacked by another student. School district police had been notified, but administrators said they could do nothing else to protect her from the boy, who was still in school. Frustrated, Itza, a teacher in the district, scoured the internet for help.

A Google search led her to the website of the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights.

"As I read more and more," she said, "I thought, 'This is exactly what happened, this is exactly what they're not doing. Somebody can help me!'"

Three years earlier, the office had issued detailed guidance on what schools must do upon receiving reports of student sexual violence in K-12 schools. An elaboration on years of legal and regulatory precedents, the guidance specified that a police investigation did not absolve a school from conducting its own review of whether a student's right to an education free of sex discrimination had been violated.

That 2011 guidance triggered a conservative backlash but also a rise in the number of sexual violence complaints reaching OCR, as the office is commonly known. It did not, however, lead to widespread reforms.

Short-staffed, underfunded and under fire, the office became a victim of its own success as it struggled to investigate the increase in complaints and hold school districts accountable. An Associated Press analysis of OCR records found that only about one in 10 sexual violence complaints against elementary and secondary schools led to improvements. And nearly half of all such cases remain unresolved — the Ayalas' among them.

"The critique is that we've gone too fast. The reality is that we've gone too slow," said Catherine Lhamon, the former head of OCR. "I am painfully aware of the kids we didn't get to reach."

Unexpected blowback

One month after Donald Trump was elected president, about 200 government employees, lobbyists and advocates gathered at the Education Department to reflect on the civil rights legacy of the Obama administration. The mood was a mixture of pride, nostalgia and apprehension.

Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund, praised the department's Office for Civil Rights — responsible for enforcing a half-dozen civil rights education laws — as among the most effective in federal government. But she warned of "some real bad days ahead."

Many worry the Trump administration and, especially, its education secretary will not support the department's focus on combatting sex assault in schools.

"It is very likely that Title IX sexual assault requirements will be cut back very seriously and probably even eliminated," said John Banzhaf, a law professor at George Washington University. Best known for ensuring gender equity in federally funded sports programs, Title IX became the government's tool for cracking down on sex assaults in schools. In 2009, OCR began tracking sexual violence as a distinct category of the sexual harassment it already was monitoring.

"We felt a sense of urgency because of the sheer tragedy of the complaints we were learning about," said former OCR head Russlynn Ali, noting a gang rape outside a high school homecoming dance in California in October 2009.

In consultation with the Justice Department, Ali and her staff attorneys spent 18 months talking to counselors at school districts and universities and researching the breadth of their authority to find ways to prevent and respond to school sex assaults.

The result was the 2011 guidance, which specified that elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities must conduct their own investigations of student sexual violence and take "immediate action" to prevent it or address its effects.

The guidance said school administrators should train staff in Title IX and use a preponderance of evidence as the burden of proof in investigations rather than the beyond-reasonable-doubt standard applied in criminal cases.

In 2014, the White House created a task force on student sex assault and launched a website with prevention strategies and legal advice. OCR issued a new round of guidance, reiterating that all public and private elementary and secondary schools, school districts, colleges and universities receiving federal funds must comply with Title IX.

Schools under investigation were publicly identified, and reform agreements were posted online.

The backlash was fierce, especially in universities. Opponents charged that the education department was trampling the due process rights of the accused and subverting Congress by making new law. OCR said it was simply explaining how to apply existing law to school sexual violence cases.

"We hadn't exactly expected the flood of complaints, or the blowback," Ali said.

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' private foundation is helping fund a lawsuit aimed at dismantling the department's sex assault guidance. During her January confirmation hearing, the billionaire Republican was asked whether she would support continued enforcement.

"It would be premature for me to do that today," she responded.

Education Department spokesman Jim Bradshaw said OCR officials were not yet ready to comment on the agency's future direction.

Increasing complaints

Unlike the furor in Congress and on college campuses, the 2011 guidance received far less attention in the offices of elementary and secondary schools. Some schools, the AP found, weren't even aware of it.

But still, the department's public awareness campaign bore fruit, with the number of sexual violence complaints against those schools nearly doubling between 2012 and 2013, according to an AP analysis of OCR records. Between 2014 and late 2016, complaints increased roughly fourfold.

Anyone can file a complaint with OCR — victims, families or school personnel. The sharp increase in complaints taxed an already stretched operation and delayed justice for some of the very students the administration sought to help.

Nearly half of the 275 sexual violence complaints filed from October 2008 to mid-November 2016 — 132 — were unresolved, AP found. OCR doesn't specify in its data if attackers are fellow students, but the Government Accountability Office in 2014 cited OCR officials as saying they received "many more" complaints of student rather than adult attackers — a trend AP also found in records OCR agreed to release under a public information request.

Of the 143 complaints that were resolved, AP found, most were closed or dismissed with no investigation. In OCR terms, a "resolved" investigation is one with any kind of outcome, including complaints tossed for missing filing deadlines or insufficient detail.

Only 31 of the sexual violence complaints filed with OCR resulted in an agreement by a school district to make improvements like overhauling response protocols or paying for victims' therapy. And no district faced the most extreme sanctions possible: a federal funding loss or Justice Department referral.

In the final few years of the Obama administration, OCR prodded fewer school districts to make improvements and took longer to do so, the AP found. Only two improvement agreements with school districts were logged in the fiscal year ending September 2016 — down from 10 in 2013.

Lhamon, who stepped down in January as OCR's top official, noted that because of the increased volume of complaints and lengthy investigations required of sexual violence inquiries, "the time lag between opening an investigation and closing it can take longer than we would like."

The office, which handles tens of thousands of civil rights complaints, also noted that congressional funding had not kept pace with its caseload. In a report late last year, OCR said it had $63 full-time employees compared to 630 in 2006. Its 2017 budget is $107 million, only slightly up from $91 million in 2007, though OCR said its caseload increased 188 percent during that time period.

Losing faith

Tired of waiting or losing faith in both schools and the government, students who file sexual assault complaints sometimes turn to the courts, as the Ayalas did last year.

The couple's daughter, whom the AP is not identifying because it does not name sexual abuse victims, had been ecstatic to enroll in Houston's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, which counts Beyonce among its alums. In 2013, she joined the visual arts program.

A few weeks before her sophomore year, she was on campus helping with student orientation. So was Sharif Stallworth, an incoming junior she had

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Schools face vexing test: Which kids will sexually attack?

The children who sexually assault other children may be the popular jocks, the loners or anyone in between. There is no typical attacker, no way for schools to predict who might inflict that kind of torment on a classmate.

Thousands of school-age offenders are treated annually for sexual aggression in the United States, yet experts see no standard profile of personality, background or motivation.

They say that while anti-social behavior can suggest a greater risk of offending, the cool kid may attack and the rebel may reform. The reasons are rarely as straightforward as physical gratification and range from a sense of entitlement to desperation to fit in.

Though many sexual assaults aren't reported to authorities, research shows that about 95 percent of juvenile offenders who enter the justice system won't be arrested for another sex crime. Experts say the ordeal of facing police and parents — along with public condemnation for such taboo acts — scares many straight.

An ongoing Associated Press investigation has documented how K-12 schools in the United States can fail to protect students in their care from sexual assault, sometimes minimizing or even covering up incidents. Schools also struggle to help sexually aggressive students, both before and after they do lasting harm.

The juvenile justice system stresses second chances, and even unrepentant offenders don't forfeit their right to an education. Back in class, privacy laws can mean teachers and peers do not know their pasts.

The toughest patients need support from all sides, not just treatment professionals, according to one of the nation's pre-eminent juvenile sexual offender experts.

"The safest sex offender is somebody who is stable, occupied, accountable to others and has a plan for the future," said therapist David Prescott, who has treated or assessed hundreds of sexually aggressive kids and now works in Maine for an alliance of nonprofit organizations.

With support and maturation, experts say, young abusers typically recover.

"It's not a lifelong trajectory," said Maia Christopher, executive director of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. "Children tend to be much more influenced by effective kinds of interventions than adults."

But, as three cases identified by the AP show, they have to want to make it work.

Confronting reality

Marques Mondy's basketball talent was obvious. His troubled past was not.

After the Division I prospect assaulted a classmate in a darkened band room at their suburban Michigan high school, a judge ordered him into adolescent sex offender treatment — for the second time.

Under oath in court, the 17-year-old admitted touching the girl on the upper inside of her thigh without her consent. The girl had alleged much worse, and a nurse who examined her told a sheriff's detective an internal tear was "consistent with an injury caused from a penetration."

In mandatory counseling, however, Mondy insisted he did nothing wrong. His therapist told the judge he saw no value in more sessions: Without an acknowledgement of harm, treatment would not succeed.

Mondy's story is not simply a case study of how an offender who drifts in and out of already-strained punishment and treatment systems can end up back at school, unbowed and unchanged. It also shows how family dynamics and privacy rules can further complicate accountability and, ultimately, rehabilitation.

Approached by the AP in person, Mondy, now 23, said there was more to the high school assault story and that he would call to discuss it. He never did.

To piece together his background, the AP unearthed disciplinary records from eight law enforcement agencies and four colleges where he tried to extend his basketball career, and also reviewed material from a civil lawsuit and federal investigation targeting how the school district handled the assault.

In 2003, as a fourth-grader just shy of his ninth birthday, Mondy joined three other boys in an attack on two 11-year-old girls, according to records AP obtained from police in his hometown of Grand Rapids. Behind a house, the boys took turns humping the girls while clothed, later forcing them into an empty home to continue the sexual assault.

When police sought to interview Mondy and his older brother, whom witnesses said helped lead the attack, their mother came without them. Nicole Scott, who is black, suggested the white detective had scared the other two boys into confessing.

Mondy ended up accepting a deal that knocked two criminal sexual conduct felonies down to misdemeanor aggravated assault. Probation included his first stint in Kent County's Adolescent Sex Offender Treatment Program.

Seven years later, Mondy was roaming the halls of Forest Hills Central High School with a sophomore he'd just met. Now 6'5", he was poised for a breakout junior year of basketball, with pedigree programs including Michigan and Stanford showing interest.

As a cheerleader and multisport athlete herself, the girl knew of Mondy. Charismatic and popular, he was one of the few black students on campus.

He also was well-known to school administrators, who had suspended him for incidents including intimidation and fighting.

Mondy and the girl, Quinn Eck, stopped in front of an empty band room. They went inside and he attacked her, removing her underpants and trying to force her to have sex, she told investigators. She said she struggled free after a call to her cell phone distracted him.

Mondy's story was far different: They talked, it got awkward, he left. "She was telling (me) that she liked (me) but she don't wanna get played," he said in a handwritten statement.

Two weeks later, a second student said Mondy assaulted her in the school parking lot.

Prosecutors eventually charged Mondy with two counts of criminal sexual conduct — one in connection with each alleged assault.

Therapists say adults can play a huge role in rehabilitation, whether by pushing young offenders to confront reality or shielding them from responsibility.

Mondy's coach lobbied for the suspended star's return. "I have invested hundreds of hours in Marques, as have his other coaches and teachers and support teachers," Kenneth George wrote the district superintendent. "And, it is working."

As when he was in fourth grade, Mondy's mom was fiercely protective.

"I hope race isn't a factor when determining who is telling the truth and who is lying," she wrote a district official on Christmas Day 2010. Her son's accusers were white.

The second girl decided not to press charges after other students started harassing Eck, reducing the case to a he said-she said standoff — chancy with a jury. For a second time, Mondy pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault, rather than a sexual conduct felony. Again, he received probation and a trip to adolescent sex offender treatment.

Within several months, Mondy moved, and the criminal case was closed.

An investigation by the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights concluded the school failed to protect Eck from retaliation after the assault. Her family filed a federal lawsuit asserting that officials bungled the case and she won a $600,000 settlement.

The AP does not identify victims of sexual assault without their consent, but Eck said she was ready to speak publicly. After many dark moments, she wants to advocate for victims.

"I am the person I am today because of what happened," she said. "I'm crying now, but I know I'm strong."

Mondy, meanwhile, bounced around smaller colleges, often leaving after runins with campus security. By April 2014, he was 20 years old and back in Grand Rapids, where police in a nearby suburb arrested him on suspicion of shoplifting an $8.99 bottle of wine.

Weeks later, Mondy was accused of a fourth sexual assault. A former neighbor told police that he pushed her onto a bed and yanked off her underwear but left after she resisted. He never faced charges — the woman told police she wanted to move on.

Authorities did not connect the dots: An officer who checked Mondy's record found no prior charges. A Grand Rapids police spokesman explained that criminal history checks may not reveal juvenile misdemeanors, which the fourth-grade assault became.

The prosecutor who handled Mondy's juvenile cases said she wasn't surprised to learn of the 2014 assault allegation.

"He didn't do the treatment he needed to do," Vicki Seidl said. "If you can't admit you've done something wrong, you're never going to change behavior."

Predictions and warnings

The leading research suggests the overwhelming majority of the nation's roughly 50 million K-12 students will never sexually attack a peer. What have therapists, researchers and other experts concluded about those who do?

Because children are constantly developing, experts say age is an important factor when it comes to motivation. Feelings of control or entitlement might spur a high school student. A middle schooler could act on impulse and opportunity. Elementary students might not know they are violating boundaries.

Academic studies suggest that what might seem like two obvious risk factors — exposure to pornography and being the victim of sexual abuse — are far from certain triggers.

Broader life instability likely is a factor. A 2013 report that studied 517 children who committed sexual offenses found every one had suffered some form of neglect or abuse, said Nicole Pittman, who wrote the report for Human Rights Watch.

Experts also have struggled to develop accurate ways to assess who will reoffend, which leaves them on the hunt for warning signs that may suggest greater risk. Clues include a disregard for others' personal boundaries, or a tendency to fight and steal. Social isolation or pressure to be sexually active further elevates the risk, as do fantasies about forceful sex.

The case of Jesse Vierstra illustrates how difficult it is to predict who will be sexually aggressive.

Handsome, athletic and respectful of his coaches, Vierstra was well-liked growing up as the son of wealthy dairy farmers in Twin Falls, Idaho, the kind of place where elementary school kids walk home alone.

As a teenager, the biggest blots on Vierstra's record were a few traffic stops. But as soon as he left for college, the serious accusations started.

Several days into his freshman year at the University of Idaho in fall 2011, two students told authorities that Vierstra raped them. Both said consensual encounters turned violent after they refused sex. Authorities charged him with battery, which he pleaded down to disturbing the peace. Though a university disciplinary process cleared him, Vierstra was suspended during the inquiry and never re-enrolled.

In October 2012, a third woman — a freshman — said Vierstra raped her outside a fraternity party when he was visiting the campus for homecoming weekend.

The veteran detective assigned to investigate had a hunch: College rapists don't start there. And then he learned the stories of two high school girls from Twin Falls.

His notes of their interviews recorded the allegations:

In fall 2010, when Vierstra was a high school senior, a girl joined friends to watch a movie in his home theater. He separated the girl, a sophomore, from the group, pulled down her pants and, as she resisted, angrily insisted she wanted the sex he was forcing on her.

About a month later, the girl's friend, also a 15-year-old sophomore, went to Vierstra's house for a movie. On the ride home, he pulled into a parking lot. Though she resisted, she said, he penetrated her.

Several weeks later, he called apologetically and she agreed to hang out again. They drove to the family dairy, where she said he attempted to assault her but was interrupted by the arrival of one of his sisters. On the ride back, Vierstra insisted the girl get out near a corn field to watch the sunset. He pushed her into a ditch and, she told the detective, tried to force her to perform oral sex when he was unable to pull off her pants.

Neither girl reported the alleged assaults to authorities at the time. The second girl later told the detective it was her fault for hanging out with him again.

During Vierstra's 2013 sentencing for the university rape, the judge noted that he did not accept responsibility. "You use terms like 'the alleged victim,'" the judge said, "indicating that she's really not the victim."

Last fall, more than three years into a 5-to-15-year sentence, Vierstra was released in a plea deal when a new attorney argued that his first lawyer did not defend him competently.

"I wish I would have been a better man; I wish I would have had more respect for her," Vierstra said at his resentencing.

An AP reporter tried unsuccessfully to interview Vierstra, now 24, in Twin Falls, where he lives as a registered sex offender.

His mother, Susan Parnell, said he is working to be a good citizen and that his resentencing remarks shouldn't be interpreted as any suggestion of guilt.

False sexual assault accusations are "out of control" nationwide, Parnell said. She added that any woman who had "actually been assaulted, she should be able to go forward."

Treatment can work

It's unclear how many children and adolescents in the United States are undergoing treatment for sexual offenses. The latest count of 14,000, based on a 2008 survey of treatment providers, was an acknowledged underrepresentation.

Most adolescent offenders enter outpatient counseling, according to the survey, though there are residential programs, too, including some where the offenders attend local schools.

As an adolescent, Christopher Lee received treatment at a rural camp and in a group home. Since 2005, four days before he turned 19, he has been locked up in the Minnesota Sex Offender Program.

From birth, Lee could hear well in only one ear and see well with only one eye. According to his case file, parts of which were released to AP with Lee's permission, family members abused him mentally and physically, though not sexually.

Growing up, Lee said he desperately sought connections but was too needy to keep friends and became a target for bullying. Lee said he channeled his aggression toward sex starting at 10, after a 12-year-old cousin who usually ignored him invited him under the covers. The girl undressed, then got on top of Lee. Someone came to the bedroom door and they stopped.

"I equated sex with love, acceptance, safety, security, friendship, life," Lee said. "It meant something more to me than what it should have."

When he was 12, a girl he liked began teasing him in the middle school pool. He said he responded by shoving his hand down her bathing suit, then forcing her to touch his crotch.

Minnesota officials civilly committed him for indefinite treatment after concluding he was likely to continue exposing himself to, masturbating in front of or peeping on other children — a pattern he admitted to during counseling for an arson case. He also sexually molested two relatives, according to his file.

When Lee first arrived, he was too angry to accept treatment. He has since made substantial progress, according to notes made by his primary therapist, but still may lash out when upset.

Inside the barbed-wire secure complex where he is locked up, Lee mused about the 700 or so other men also undergoing treatment, about 10 percent of whom offended only as juveniles. He has come to learn their stories through conversation or group therapy.

Some did it because they could, others because they were trying to deal with past trauma or because it made them feel powerful.

"The rhyme or reason as to why people offend," Lee said, "is infinite."

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exchanged texts over the summer.

"The texts began pretty innocently but the last few texts included some mature remarks on the part of both students," school counselor Travis Springfield said in a statement obtained by AP. The final text from Sharif was sexually graphic.

"Wow. LOL," the girl responded. The next day she wrote, "I don't think this is going to work. I don't want a person in my life right now."

On the morning of the Aug. 15, 2014, orientation, Stallworth asked the girl to help him find an amplifier for a school performance. Inside an empty music room, according to a police probable cause affidavit, he pushed her to the floor, pulled down her pants and, despite her protests, raped her with his finger. The assault lasted four to five minutes and was interrupted by a staffer and student entering the room, according to police and school records.

AP Photo/Eric Gay

Itza Ayala poses for a photo at a park in Houston on Feb. 15,. When school administrators didn't investigate her 15-year-old daughter's alleged sexual assault by another student, she says, her family turned to the U.S. Education Department's Office for Civil Rights. The office has struggled to keep up with an increase in complaints against school districts.

In the school counselor's office, the girl gave a statement and shared the text exchanges. At Texas Children's Hospital, she was diagnosed with "sexual abuse of child or adolescent, initial encounter," according to medical records the family shared with AP.

In the weeks that followed, she began to have seizures and was diagnosed with epilepsy. She regularly missed school, and her grades suffered. The school rejected the family's requests for special accommodations or escorts during class changes, saying it could do nothing pending the police investigation. So the girl memorized Stallworth's class schedule and charted alternate routes to avoid bumping into him. But in February 2015, she did. The "brief but powerful encounter" triggered a seizure, the family's lawsuit said. And later that day, as her father drove her home, the girl jumped from the car, fracturing her skull and shoulder, the family said.

She finally was allowed to transfer to another school and graduated last summer. Her parents declined AP's request to interview her, saying it would be too stressful, but did allow contact by email.

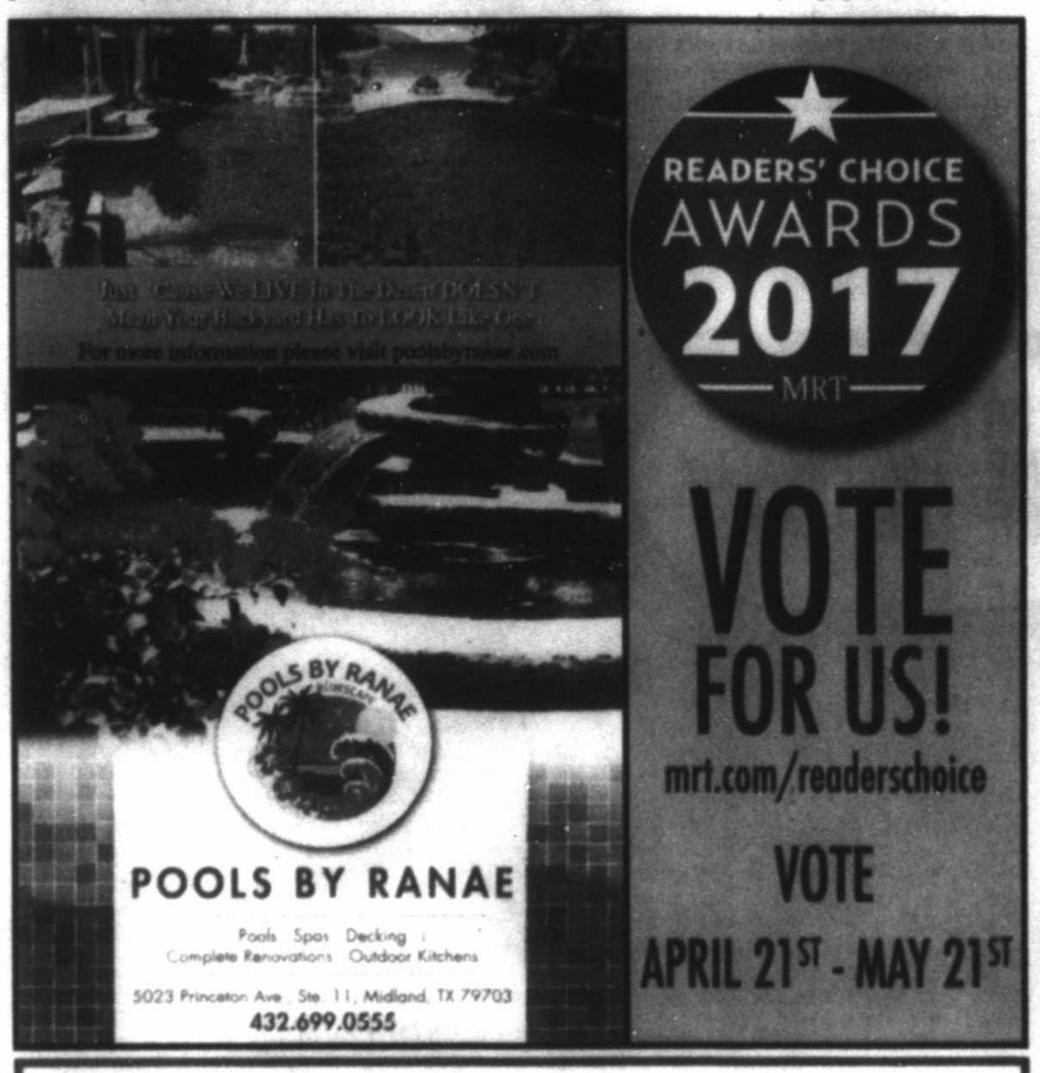
"People who have gone through the same thing should remember that even though we get hurt we can always come back," the girl wrote. But rather than a career in the arts, her goal now is to live "a simple life." Stallworth, now 19, was indicted on a felony sexual assault charge and is awaiting trial. He graduated in 2015 and enrolled in college. His lawyer did not respond to repeated requests for an interview.

School officials also did not respond to requests for comment, and it is not clear if the school took any action or changed any policies. An assistant principal said in an initial incident report that school district police told her not to notify Texas Child Protective Services and that the school would "follow up" after police finished investigating.

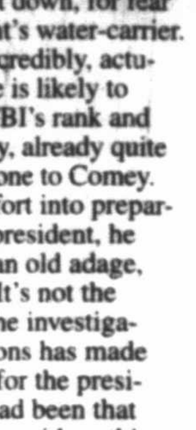
OCR would not comment on its investigation of the school's handling of the incident, which began in March 2015, except to say it was ongoing.

The family wants damages and accountability.

Hector Ayala, an Army Iraq War veteran and offshore oil rig technician, says he has had to turn down jobs that would have taken him far from home. Itza quit her teaching job. They've spent untold hours in therapy. "It's frustrating to see that the adults who were supposed to protect her and help us out didn't do anything," Itza said.



Ineptitude tempers Trump's autocratic instincts



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What happened to James Comey is not particularly unusual in Washington: When a political scandal explodes at your agency, you are expected to protect the president by risking your own reputation and, possibly, your job. And yet, the particulars of the case make it deeply troubling.

Start with the reason Comey was fired. Coming from the man who basked in chants of "Lock her up!" at his campaign rallies, firing someone for mishandling the investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails does no more than provoke helpless laughter, liberally mixed with tears. Politico's reporting offers a much more plausible explanation: Trump was frustrated by the investigation into his campaign's Russia connections, and wants it to go away. So he fired the guy at the head of the agency that's conducting it.

This is not the behavior of an American president; it is the behavior of a tinpot autocrat who thinks that the government exists to serve him, rather than the country. And it's almost as troubling that Trump seems unaware that he is not a tinpot autocrat; he is the head of a state with a long (if perhaps somewhat checkered) democratic tradition.

This is also the behavior of an ineffective president, since the best way to ensure that this investigation grinds along to its inexorable conclusion is to summarily fire the man in charge of it. Comey's replacement will not dare to shut it down, for fear of looking like the president's water-carrier. And if that replacement, incredibly, actually does try to interfere, he is likely to face open revolt from the FBI's rank and file, who are, unsurprisingly, already quite unhappy about what was done to Comey.

Had Trump put more effort into preparing himself for the job of president, he might have learned about an old adage, one dating to Watergate: "It's not the crime, it's the coverup." The investigation into Russian connections has made for some bad news cycles for the president, but my expectation had been that eventually it would wind up with nothing very damaging — perhaps tainting a few advisors who could be thrown off the back of the sled to feed the wolves running behind. Now, however, Trump has made sure that the FBI will pursue this thing to the last lead, the press will keep it pinned to the front pages, and a lot of voters will ask themselves why the president was so desperate to suppress it.

If all this weren't sufficiently troubling, there's also the way the firing was carried out. Perhaps if he hadn't been so secretive about intending to fire Comey, Trump's advisers would have had time to explain that this was a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad idea. According to Politico's reporting, at least one person did try to explain this: Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-New York. Trump, "taken aback", ignored his sound advice. Shortly after the firing was announced, Schumer was in front of reporters doing exactly what any moderately politically savvy person would have predicted: suggesting a cover up and calling for a special prosecutor.

Comey, meanwhile, apparently learned that he'd been sacked from the television, while visiting an FBI office out of town. This flagrant gesture of contempt will ensure that the FBI is really thoroughly enraged as they settle down to investigating the president's campaign.

In theory, of course, our law enforcement is splendidly unbiased, interested only in the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. In reality, of course, it is run by human beings, who cannot help but have human emotions when they are abused. Which is why we all know the foolishness of making cops gratuitously angry during a traffic stop. And why the president should have known better than to make open war on the FBI — if not out of respect for America's civic traditions, then out of simple self-interest.

This is an ugly moment in America's political history. And yet I suspect it will end up being somewhat soothing for those who fear that Trump will mark the end of American democracy and the beginnings of an authoritarian regime. Not because the president's actions are benign: like many other commentators morning, I see this move as betraying exactly the sort of authoritarian instincts, precisely the disrespect for American civic norms, of which his critics accuse him. But rather, because I doubt it's going to work — even if the Republican party rolls over, and even if they help him appoint a more pliant successor. There are a lot of sources of political power in the American system, and those civic institutions will fiercely resist any attempt to remake them into hand-crafted tools of Dear Leader's whims.

I can certainly see futures in which America betrays its heritage and abandons its ideals. But carrying it out would likely require a stealth attack by someone of political genius and strategic cunning, not this ham-handed, thumb-fingered, thoroughly inept assault on an institution that was, until now, probably considerably more Trump-friendly than most of the federal bureaucracy. The brazen violation of our civic norms should worry everyone. But the stunning incompetence of it should give us hope that our worries won't become reality.

GUEST VIEW

State Rep. Stickland and friends sulk, then destroy others' work

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Republican state Rep. Jonathan Stickland of Bedford clearly isn't getting along with some of his colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives.

More accurately, he doesn't get along with House leaders, especially Speaker Joe Straus of San Antonio.

Thursday night, Stickland let the entire House know how he felt — and he did it at the top of his lungs.

Stickland is part of a small House group calling itself the Freedom Caucus, and with his help Thursday and Friday they went on a rampage, indiscriminately killing scores of bills with parliamentary maneuvers.

Their scorched-earth march was partly to protest lack of progress on bills to further restrict abortion. But even more, it was to decry Straus.

Rep. Matt Shaheen, R-Plano, complained at a hastily called news conference Thursday that under Straus and his leadership team, "if your voting record is too conservative, you will not be allowed to pass legislation."

Rep. Tony Tinderholt, R-Arlington, another Freedom Caucus member, sounded off, too.

"The fact that we stand at the back [microphone of the House Chamber] to hold leadership accountable for the rules, and they get frustrated and they start killing our legislation is absolutely absurd," Tinderholt said, according to The Texas Tribune.

But it was Stickland who expressed himself most angrily.

He took to the microphone Thursday night to complain about a vote to cut off debate on a bill that had moved rapidly through the vetting process to floor debate.

"I am sick and tired of the rules only mattering when it keeps the minority members of this House, whatever the issue is, in line," Stickland said. "When this leadership of this House decides that they want to do something, it happens."

Isn't that how legislatures work? Leadership leads?

"Here again, we have another example of a group of people getting together and deciding that we want a bill," he said, getting louder and louder. "And all of a sudden your ability to offer an amendment, talk against the bill, ask questions, are all silenced."

By then he was screaming. "It's disgusting. It's disgusting. And one of these days, it's going to happen to something that you care about."

Frustration near the end of a legislative session is understandable. Killing off more than 100 of your fellow legislators' bills is just petulant.

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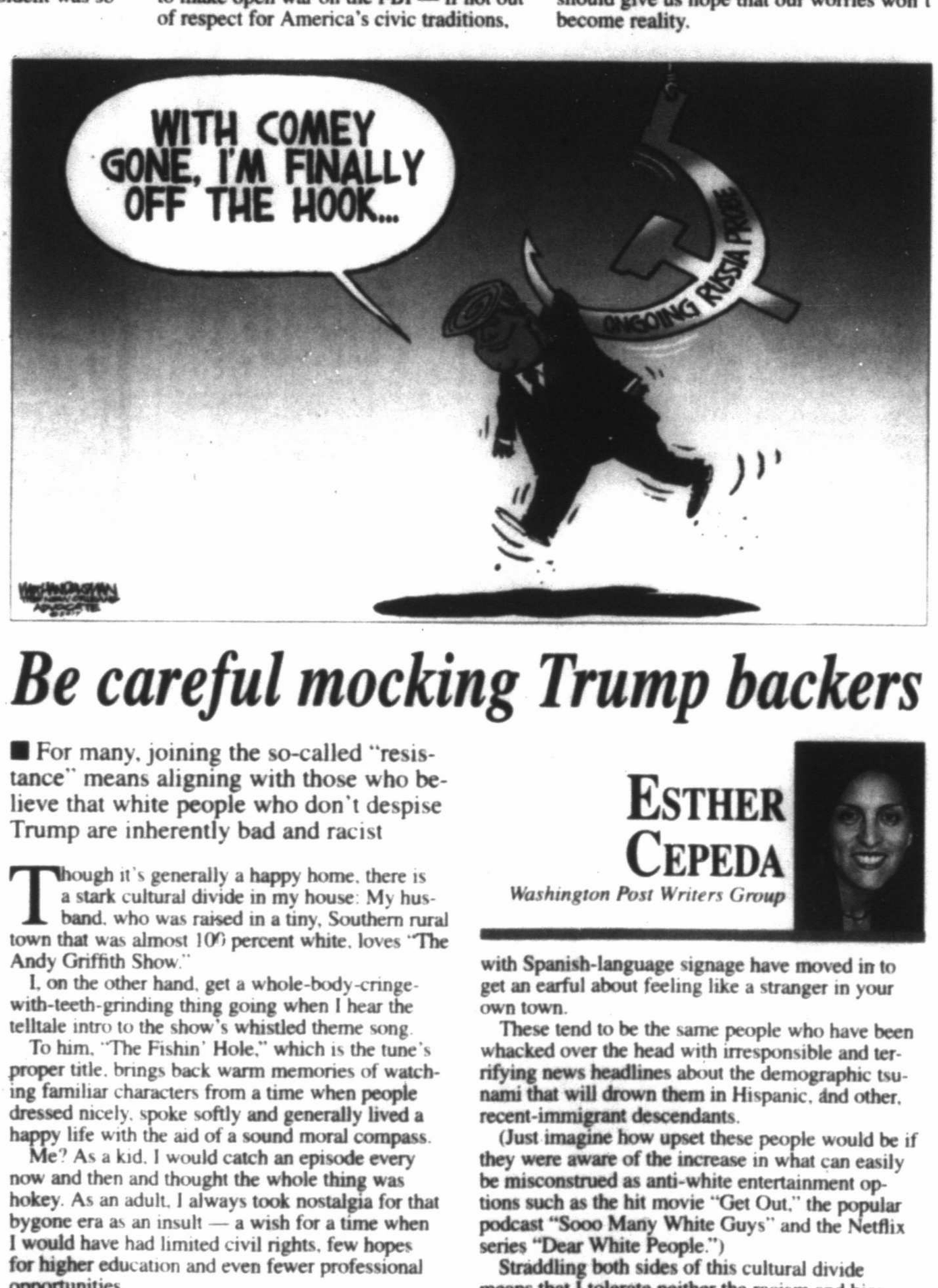
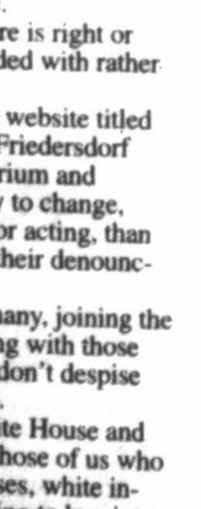


Be careful mocking Trump backers

■ For many, joining the so-called "resistance" means aligning with those who believe that white people who don't despise Trump are inherently bad and racist



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Though it's generally a happy home, there is a stark cultural divide in my house: My husband, who was raised in a tiny, Southern rural town that was almost 100 percent white, loves "The Andy Griffith Show."

I, on the other hand, get a whole-body-cringe-with-teeth-grinding thing going when I hear the telltale intro to the show's whistled theme song.

To him, "The Fishin' Hole," which is the tune's proper title, brings back warm memories of watching familiar characters from a time when people dressed nicely, spoke softly and generally lived a happy life with the aid of a sound moral compass.

Me? As a kid, I would catch an episode every now and then and thought the whole thing was hokey. As an adult, I always took nostalgia for that bygone era as an insult — a wish for a time when I would have had limited civil rights, few hopes for higher education and even fewer professional opportunities.

Different strokes for different folks — my husband and I reconcile the divide by instead focusing on things we both love. But it's a good example of the tensions between white people and minorities when navigating the Trump slogan, "Make America Great Again."

To some, it means: Bring back manufacturing jobs and economic expansion. To others, it means that President Trump wants to make America white again.

According to an analysis of post-election survey data conducted by the Public Religion Research Institute and The Atlantic, financially troubled voters in the white working class were more likely to prefer Hillary Clinton over Trump. But the No. 1 factor leading to their support for Trump was cultural anxiety.

"Sixty-eight percent of white working-class voters said the American way of life needs to be protected from foreign influence. And nearly half agreed with the statement, 'things have changed so much that I often feel like a stranger in my own country.' Together, these variables were strong indicators of support for Trump: 79 percent of white working-class voters who had these anxieties chose Trump, while only 43 percent of white working-class voters who did not share one or both of these fears cast their vote the same way."

One need only go into a previously majority-white community where Mexican grocery stores with Spanish-language signage have moved in to get an earful about feeling like a stranger in your own town.

These tend to be the same people who have been whacked over the head with irresponsible and terrifying news headlines about the demographic tsunami that will drown them in Hispanic, and other, recent-immigrant descendants.

(Just imagine how upset these people would be if they were aware of the increase in what can easily be misconstrued as anti-white entertainment options such as the hit movie "Get Out," the popular podcast "Sooo Many White Guys" and the Netflix series "Dear White People.")

Straddling both sides of this cultural divide means that I tolerate neither the racism and bias against people of color nor the left's misguided and patently false anti-Trump narrative that all white people are racist and stupid for "voting against their own self-interests."

For an ideology that prides itself on diversity, inclusion and valuing different cultures, it's ironic that the left is so quick to assail Trump voters for choosing the candidate who promised to bring back an America without trigger warnings, unisex bathrooms or non-English retail signage.

But whether you believe this desire is right or wrong, doesn't it need to be contended with rather than mocked?

In a recent post on The Atlantic's website titled "Why Can't the Left Win?" Conor Friedersdorf notes that there are limits to opprobrium and stigma. "People are never less likely to change, to convert to new ways of thinking or acting, than when it means joining the ranks of their denouncers."

This is what's so troubling: For many, joining the so-called "resistance" means aligning with those who believe that white people who don't despise Trump are inherently bad and racist.

If the left wants to regain the White House and Congress, it has to understand that those of us who love our white children, white spouses, white in-laws and white friends are never going to buy into this false equivalence. And there are too many of us to simply ignore.

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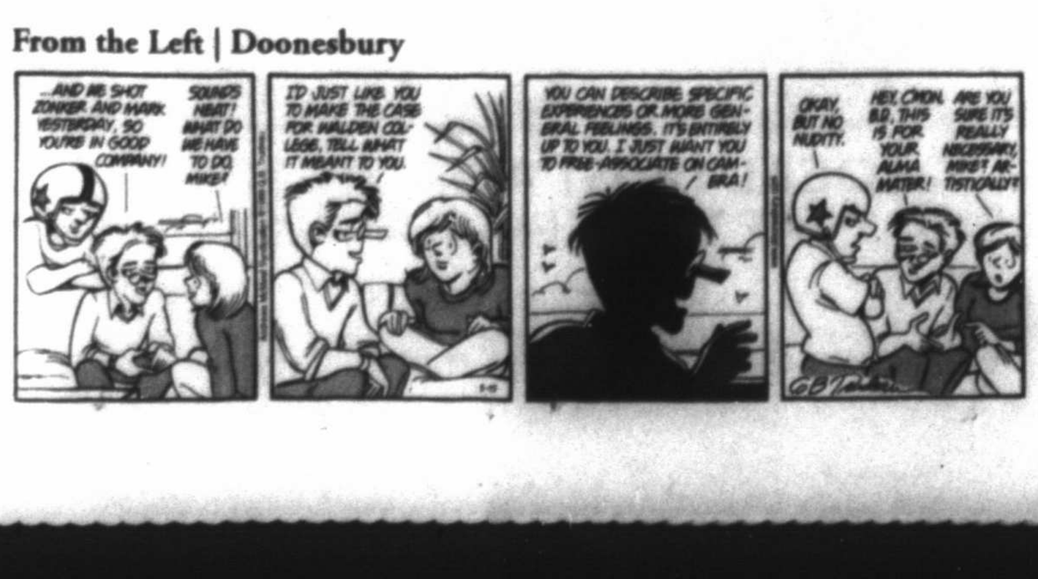

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Comey may get chance to publicly defend name against Trump

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — James Comey cut an unorthodox path as FBI director, time and again compelled by what he described as strongly held convictions to speak with unusual candor and eloquence about the bureau's work.

It's a combination of qualities that may come back to haunt the president who fired him.

Comey's ouster Tuesday, while his FBI-led an investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign, raises the potential that a man long defined by his independent streak, willingness to buck protocol and even a flair for the dramatic could resurface to publicly rebut White House efforts to smear his reputation.

"He's not shy, and he's got a tremendous moral compass," said former FBI assistant director Jim Yacone. "Above all, he will want to see the truth come out."

Comey's reputation for independence predated his tenure as director and famously manifested itself in a 2004 hospital room clash with fellow Bush administration officials over a domestic surveillance program. It was a moment in history that he recounted three years later to a captivated congressional audience.

At the FBI, he occasionally got ahead of Obama administration messaging or sometimes split with it altogether, by injecting himself into weighty public policy discussions.

And Comey's reputation most obviously, and most damagingly, was borne out last summer with his unusual public announcement that the FBI was not recommending criminal charges against Hillary Clinton in an email server investigation.

The news conference was held without Justice Department approval, strayed from standard protocol and led to criticism of Comey's moral certitude and go-it-alone inclinations.

Democrats lambasted him for it, and for his equally unorthodox move to alert Congress just before Election Day that the FBI was revisiting a once-closed investigation.

His testimony to Congress this month that he would make the same decisions again was cited in a Justice Department memo that laid the groundwork for his firing, though Trump has since said he had already made up his mind to dismiss Comey.

"I think he showed us again and again, 'I'm independent, damn it, and that's what you want me to be,'" said Ron Hosko, another former FBI assistant director. "And I know some will interpret that as he got too big for the job — certainly with this president."

Only one other FBI director, William Sessions, has been fired, with President Bill Clinton citing "serious questions" about Sessions' conduct and leadership. That dismissal took place in 1993. Clinton spent the final seven-plus years of his presidency at odds with Sessions' successor, Louis Freeh, but never moved to fire him. FBI chiefs are appointed to 10-year terms on the theory that can remove them from political sway.

Coupled with Comey's independence in his nearly four years as director was an unusual openness about the FBI's work.

A Comey mantra when discussing reconciliation between police and minorities — "It's hard to hate up close" — also reflected his conviction that public skepticism of the bureau could be lessened by greater transparency and a better explanation of FBI actions. After learning that an FBI clerical error helped enable a gun purchase by the man later accused in the South Carolina church massacre, Comey called reporters to FBI headquarters to discuss the mistake.

He staked out public and sometimes unpopular positions on contentious social and policy issues while leading an agency historically focused solely on law enforcement. During a tense dialogue with Silicon Valley over smartphone encryption and the balance between privacy and national security, Comey wrote opinion articles, delivered speeches and pressed his case for access to devices louder than anyone else in the Obama administration.

He floated the disputed idea that a violent crime spike might be linked to police officers peeling back from their duties out of fear of being caught on video. Even after the Obama White House and Justice Department leaders said there was no evidence to support the assertion, Comey repeated it as a possibility.

In a speech where he quoted the lyrics of the musical "Avenue Q," he declared that the U.S. was at a crossroads on matters of race and policing. He said minorities in poor neighborhoods often inherit a "legacy of crime and prison" while officers in those same neighborhoods may take "lazy mental shortcuts" in dealing with suspicious situations.

Comey's outspokenness sometimes rankled Obama administration officials. The president himself in a November interview implicitly criticized Comey's actions in the Clinton email case by asserting that when it comes to investigations, "we don't operate on innuendo" and "incomplete information."

Into the mix came Trump, an attention-grabbing leader who, in addition to professing frustration with "this Russia thing," apparently loathed sharing the spotlight with Comey. In explaining the firing, the president told NBC News he considered Comey a "showboat."

Comey declined an invitation to testify at a closed Senate committee hearing Tuesday and it's not clear when he'll speak publicly. But elements of his accounts are emerging.

Comey said that Trump requested that he pledge to the president his loyalty during a January dinner, according to a person close to the former director. Comey offered honesty instead. When Trump then asked for "honest loyalty," Comey told him he would have that, said the Comey associate, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations. The White House has disputed that characterization.

The firing has roiled the FBI, where Comey was generally well-regarded and praised for his leadership. Andrew McCabe, Comey's deputy and the FBI's current acting director, told a Senate panel Thursday that Comey enjoyed "broad support."

Hosko said just before his 2014 retirement, he was called into the director's office, arguably the most buttoned up inner sanctum of the nation's premier law enforcement agency. He recalls the gregarious, 6-foot-8 director sitting in a "stuffed chair and literally slumped in the seat like a kid would, with his butt barely on the chair, his knees touching the coffee table and just in a very relaxed way."

"Tell me again," Comey asked him, "what you're going to do in your retirement." Although it's not yet known what Comey himself plans to do in his post-FBI life, he's unlikely to retire from public view.

In swing districts, voters vent over health care, fear Trump

By Bill Barrow and Sara Burnett
Associated Press

"He has to understand that sick people vote, too, and we are going to go get them and take them to the polls if they can't get there themselves, because we are tired of being used."

Jeannie Scown, Retired biology teacher

MCHENRY, Ill. — Skeleton in hand, retired biology teacher Jeannie Scown delivered a message to her Republican congressman at his office northwest of Chicago.

"Killed by Trumpcare Plague, May 4, 2017," her poster read.

In a nod to House Republicans' recent vote to gut the health care law, Scown had no intention of sparing four-term Rep. Randy Hultgren with subtlety.

"He has to understand that sick people vote, too," Scown said, "and we are going to go get them and take them to the polls if they can't get there themselves, because we are tired of being used."

Americans vented similar frustrations this past week in Republican districts crucial to GOP majority control of the House, sounding off about health care and President Donald Trump's abrupt firing of FBI Director James Comey. Democrats see in these displays evidence of the enthusiasm necessary for them to break the GOP's monopoly control of Washington in next year's midterm elections.

Republicans in some districts faced a backlash at raucous town halls over their votes for the House health care bill. There were plenty of complaints about a provision that would allow insurers to charge seriously ill people higher rates if they let their coverage lapse. Other lawmakers avoided holding forums.

Trump added to the tumult by dismissing Comey, raising questions about whether the president was trying to scuttle an FBI investigation into possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia.

"He did this as Comey wanted to get closer and closer," said Sam Weissbard of Westfield, New Jersey. A dentist who practices in Manhattan, Weissbard said he has no ill-will against his five-term congressman, Republican Leonard Lance, who voted against the health bill. Nonetheless, Weissbard will oppose Lance to send a message to the White House.

In Illinois, Scown said Trump's move shows why "the whole administration scares many of us." Whatever "displeases him," she said, "he gets rid of."

Trump maintains a hold on his core supporters — about 40 percent according to many polls — but the intensity of voters like Scown and Weissbard offer encouragement for Democrats.

The party needs to flip 24 seats to seize control of the House. Democrats' top targets are some two dozen GOP-held seats around the country in places such as Arizona, Florida, California and Colorado where Democrat Hillary Clinton beat Trump. Of the 217 Republicans who backed the bill, 14 come from districts carried by Clinton.

The first political tests are just weeks away.

In Montana, folk singer-turned-politician Rob Quist is trying to win his state's at-large House seat in a May 25 special election. In Georgia, Democrat Jon Ossoff has raised more than $10 million ahead of a June special election in a suburban Atlanta district last represented by Trump's health secretary, Tom Price. But party operatives and their aligned groups are primed for an offensive even if Ossoff and Quist fall short.

Outside groups have started television and digital ads against vulnerable Republicans who voted for the bill, and liberal grassroots groups are organizing "Adopt-A-District" town halls that send Democratic House members into Republican districts where the local representative has no scheduled open forums.

One of the first sessions was Friday in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in House Speaker Paul Ryan's district. With Ryan elsewhere in Wisconsin — public events but not open town halls — his neighboring Democratic colleague, Mark Pocan, greeted the speaker's constituents at a union hall.

"Paul is the person who essentially drafted this health care bill," Pocan said, ahead of the gathering. "We need to know that his constituents have every tool possible to try to influence him in a different direction."

Defending himself, Ryan told reporters on Friday: "It's not that I'm not doing town halls. I'm getting around to see constituents all the time. I'm doing office hours, I'm doing telephone town halls, I'm doing business interviews. I'm doing it in a way so constituents don't go into a harassing environment."

New Jersey Rep. Tom MacArthur spent five hours last Wednesday fielding intense, sometimes angry inquiries.

Vicky Van Wright, 69, who had never attended a town hall, said she was worried about Trump leading the U.S. "back to a darker time in our history," but identified the health care bill as her driving concern. She argued it could threaten Medicaid insurance programs for her 35-year-old son with Down's syndrome.

MacArthur told Van Wright that Republicans want to give states flexibility, not "cut" Medicaid. Van Wright remained unconvinced.

Hultgren said in a statement that the protesters who've gathered outside his office are "getting overly dramatic" about the impact of the plan.

In California, about 800 people attended a town hall without Rep. Mimi Walters in Orange County. Demonstrators wearing hospital gowns and wielding crutches visited one of Rep. Darrell Issa's district offices.

In 15-term Rep. Dana Rohrabacher's nearby district, Patricia Hilaiel-Miller is the kind of voter at-risk Republicans must win over, despite any misgivings over Trump or health care.

A registered Democrat, Hilaiel-Miller, praises Rohrabcher as "proactive." But the 60-year-old said she and her husband, who is self-employed, benefit from the law and she's unsure about potential changes.

"The whole thing is a joke," she said. "I'm just going to move to France."

GOP lawmakers mark success by flipping rules from Obama era

By Kevin Freking
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Final score: Republicans 14, Barack Obama's last-minute regulations, one.

Congressional Republicans anxious to show voters they can get something done are hailing their reversal of more than a dozen Obama-era regulations on guns, the internet and the environment.

Over a few months, lawmakers used an obscure legislative rule to ram through changes that will have far-reaching implications for the coal industry, broadband customers, hunters and women seeking health care at Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers.

The deadline for scuttling the rules that Democrat Obama imposed during his final months in office was last Thursday. The 1996 Congressional Review Act had given Republicans the power to make the changes with a simple majority, within a set time. Although the rest of Washington focused on the furor over President Donald Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey, Republicans were celebrating their effort to reverse the rules, arguing that it would boost the economy and make it easier for businesses to operate.

"I am almost speechless when I think about the success," said Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla. Senators pointed out that Congress had only once before used the legislative tools stemming from the Congressional Review Act to quash a regulation — until this year. In all, the GOP was able to reverse 14 regulations that had or will get Trump's signature.

Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, the Democratic leader in the Senate, argued that overturning rules passed at the end of the Obama administration hardly constituted an agenda.

"The fact that they are bragging about these highlights how little else they have accomplished legislatively," Schumer said.

Republicans have a long way to go in their efforts to repeal and replace the health care law, cut taxes and boost infrastructure spending, all Trump priorities. Still, the GOP made clear soon after election victories in November that one of the first orders of business would be to go after Obama administration rules.

The effort has had strong backing from business groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Rifle Association and prominent anti-abortion groups — all key constituencies that generally back Republican candidates. The Chamber endorsed eight of the 14 repeal resolutions that Congress passed. One still awaits the president's signature before it can become law.

Republicans reversed Obama rules that enhanced protections for waterways near coal mines, required contractors to disclose violation of 14 federal labor laws for the previous three years when bidding on contracts and imposed tight restrictions on what broadband companies such as Verizon, AT&T and Comcast could do with their customers' personal data. Neil Bradley, a senior vice president at the Chamber, said that when it comes to slow economic growth, it's difficult to say, "This regulation is the culprit, but collectively, that's what happens."

"Together, they affected a pretty broad base of the business community," Bradley said. Democrats overwhelmingly voted against most of the regulatory repeals. Republicans generally supported them, with Vice President Mike Pence casting the tie-breaking vote to allow states to deny federal family planning money to Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers. That reversed a rule Obama issued in his last weeks in office. Although many of the actions were designed to help businesses, others addressed social issues, including the repeal of a regulation designed to keep guns out of the hands of certain mentally disabled people. The NRA as well as advocacy groups for the disabled and the ACLU weighed in. They said it was discriminatory for the Social Security Administration to forward the names of certain beneficiaries to the instant background check system based on a mental disability and having a third party manage their benefits.

Democrats and environmentalists scored one victory last week.

Senate Republicans failed to overturn a rule that would have forced energy companies to capture more of the methane that's burned off or "flared" at drilling sites. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said he considered the rule onerous but undoing it would have prevented the Bureau of Land Management from issuing a similar rule in the future. McCain, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Sen. Susan Collins of Maine joined Democrats on the vote. GOP leaders opted not to bring a couple dozen other repeal resolutions up for a vote, including one that would have blocked a rule designed to protect funds on prepaid debit cards in case of fraud and unauthorized use. Still, the 14 victories gave Republicans a chance to crow.

"In just a few short months, we have turned a significant corner from how things operated under the Obama administration," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "Instead of going around Congress to push through regulations, the president is working with us to ease the burden."

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Log in, look out: Cyberattack havoc may grow at week's start

By Sylvia Hui and Sara Burnett
Associated Press

LONDON — An unprecedented "ransomware" cyberattack that has already hit tens of thousands of victims in 150 countries could wreak greater havoc as more malicious variations appear and people return to their desks today and power up computers at the start of the workweek.

Officials and experts on Sunday urged organizations and companies to update their operating systems immediately to ensure they aren't vulnerable to a second, more powerful version of the software — or to future versions that can't be stopped.

The cyberattack paralyzed computers that run Britain's hospital network, Germany's national railway and scores of other companies and government agencies worldwide.

The attack, already believed to be the biggest online extortion scheme ever recorded, is an "escalating threat" after hitting 200,000 victims across the world since Friday, according to Rob Wainwright, the head of Europol, Europe's policing agency.

"The numbers are still going up," Wainwright said. "We've seen that the slowdown of the infection rate over Friday night, after a temporary fix around it, has now been overcome by a second variation the criminals have released."

Researchers discovered at least two variants of the rapidly replicating worm Sunday and one did not include the so-called kill switch that allowed them to interrupt its spread Friday by diverting it to a dead end on the internet.

Ryan Kalember, senior vice president at Proofpoint Inc., said the version with no kill switch was able to spread but it contained a flaw that wouldn't allow it to take over a computer and demand ransom to unlock files. However, he said it's only a matter of time before such a version exists.

"I still expect another to pop up and be fully operational," Kalember said. "We haven't fully dodged this bullet at all until we're patched against the vulnerability itself."

The attack held users hostage by freezing their computers, encrypting their data and demanding money through online bitcoin payment — $300 at first, rising to $600 before it destroys files hours later.

The 200,000 victims included more than 100,000 organizations, Europol spokesman Jan Op Gen Oorth told The Associated Press.

He said it was too early to say who was behind the onslaught and what their motivation was, aside from the obvious demand for money. So far, he said, not many people have paid the ransom demanded by the malware.

The effects were felt across the globe, with Britain's National Health Service, Russia's Interior Ministry and companies including Spain's Telefonica, FedEx Corp. in the U.S. and French carmaker Renault all reporting disruptions.

Chinese media reported Sunday that students at several universities were hit, blocking access to their thesis papers and dissertation presentations.

Had it not been for a young British cybersecurity researcher's accidental discovery of a so-called "kill switch," the malicious software likely would have spread much farther and faster.

The 22-year-old researcher known as "MalwareTech," who wanted to remain anonymous, said he spotted a hidden web address in the "WannaCry" code and made it official by registering its domain name. That move, which cost just $10.69, redirected the attacks to the server of Kryptos Logic, the security company where he works. The server operates as a "sinkhole" to collect information about malware — and in Friday's case kept the malware from escaping.

Security officials urged organizations to protect themselves by installing security fixes right away, running antivirus software and backing up data elsewhere.

"Just patch their systems as soon as possible," MalwareTech said. "It won't be too late as long as they're not infected. It should just be a case of making sure installing updates is enabled, installing the updates, and reboot."

The ransomware appeared to exploit a vulnerability in Microsoft Windows that was purportedly identified by the U.S. National Security Agency for its own intelligence-gathering purposes. The NSA tools were stolen by hackers and dumped on the internet.

Experts say this vulnerability has been understood among experts for months, yet too many groups failed to take it seriously. Microsoft had "patched," or fixed it, in updates of recent versions of Windows since March, but many users did not apply the software fix.

Worse, the malware was able to create so much chaos because it was designed to self-replicate like a virus, spreading quickly once inside university, business and government networks.

Microsoft was quick to change its policy, announcing free security patches to fix this vulnerability in the older Windows systems still used by millions of individuals and smaller businesses. Before Friday's attack, Microsoft had made fixes for older systems, such as 2001's Windows XP, available only to those who paid extra for extended technical support.

"The problem is the larger organizations are still running on old, no longer supported operating systems," said Lawrence Abrams, a New York-based blogger who runs BleepingComputer.com. "So they no longer get the security updates they should be."

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CROSSING GUARD AT FANNIN ELEMENTARY, PASTOR OF EBENEZER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Professional and community involvement: Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas State Congress of Christian Workers 15 to 17 teacher, Lovely Sunset Baptist District Association vice moderator, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Midland second vice president, Midland College Kids College instructor, school crossing guard.

How did you decide to serve the community as a school crossing guard? A friend of mine mentioned that there was a need to serve the community as a school crossing guard. Once I became a crossing guard, I knew this was a calling that God had placed on my life to have a positive impact on the lives of children.

What talents and skills do you share with the community through your role at Fannin and Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church? I possess the ability to recognize that no matter what is going on in my life, God is always in control. Each day, I sing God's praises and encourage students as they enter and exit the school. My main purpose is to be a supportive and positive person to the Fannin staff and families.

What unexpected lesson have you learned while serving as a crossing guard and/or in your work as a pastor? My influence as a minister and a man has been instrumental in the lives of the students and parents. Who would have thought that my role as a crossing guard at the corner of Fannin and Lambert would impact minds and lives of kids. Something as simple as a high-five is encouraging to the students and helps them to have a better day. The best unexpected lesson I have learned is how people of all diverse cultures can come together in a positive manner to support the efforts of the staff at Fannin Elementary School.

Why is volunteerism a priority for you? Volunteerism is a priority because it is very important that I give back to my community in any way that I can. Someone volunteered their time as I was growing up in the city of Midland, and God has given that same opportunity to me.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? Midland has been home for all of my 64 years on this earth, and I stayed because I simply love my hometown.

What else would you like our readers to know about you? God is the CEO of my life, Jesus is my supervisor, and the greatest book I've ever read is the Bible (God's holy word and road map to heaven). My wife, Dina, is the love of my life. I have two sons, Curtis D. Joiner Jr. and Jermaine Joiner, and one step-daughter, Marquita Stewart. Best of all is my granddaughter, Kygan Patricia Ann Stewart. Spread the love that our Lord Jesus Christ showed toward mankind.

"HE LOVES THESE CHILDREN, AND HE MAKES THEM FEEL SPECIAL"

Mr. Curtis Joiner is the highlight of a lot of little kids' mornings at Fannin Elementary. He's the crossing guard, and he meets every child with a "hello, friend!" and a high-five. Car after car in the drive-thru line roll down their windows so Mr. Curtis can say good morning and get his high-five or thumbs up.

He loves these children, and he makes them feel special and safe every day. He even stands outside the school and prays for the students as they take the STAAR test.

Mr. Joiner is a pastor, a veteran and the world's most loving crossing guard. He deserves all our praise for how he pours into all those kids every day.

Mr. Joiner is a bright light and a positive role model for all these kids. He just makes all "his kids" feel important, and I can't think of better person to get some recognition of his own.

Chancey Linderman, *Fannin Elementary School parent*

"HE IS A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART"

When talking about an ideal pastor, look no farther than my pastor, Rev. Curtis D. Joiner of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. He is a man after God's own heart. He is a caring person for his sheep and for those who are lost.

He always goes when needed, asking what he can do to help. He doesn't know any strangers.

He loves talking about "what would Jesus do?" His answer would be: Love your neighbor as yourself. God made all of us, no matter what color or religion.

If you meet him, you will find out how much energy he has. He's always on the go and would give his last dime if he has to.

He loves being a crossing guard at Fannin. He sings on the corner and waves at everyone who passes by.

So if you want to meet my pastor, stop by Fannin. If you do, prepare to stay awhile. And if you get a chance, stop by the church.

Marie King, *Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church member*

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Microsoft unveils update to Windows 10

Company adds key features to benefit gadget users that run on iOS, Android

By Dina Bass
Bloomberg

Microsoft unveiled an update to Windows 10, adding key features that are likely to benefit users of gadgets that run rival mobile operating systems iOS and Android.

The features, which will be part of an upgrade for the computer operating system this fall, will let people sync different devices, Microsoft officials said in a briefing before they introduced the software. For example, users will be able to share information saved on a clipboard, or pick up tasks on one machine that were left off on another. ITunes, Apple Inc.'s music app, also is going to be available in the Windows App Store, Microsoft said.

The software maker is embracing more fully the notion that customers use multiple devices and that many, particularly the mobile gadgets, don't run Windows. While Chief Executive Officer Satya Nadella pushed the Office and applications business to focus on versions for rival mobile operating systems three years ago, the role of Windows in that new world has been an open question.

Now, Windows will engage with its competitors and look for ways to make customers' experience with those devices better, the Redmond, Washington-based company said.

"In our fall update, for the first time Windows 10 will love all of your devices," said Joe Belfiore, a Microsoft vice president for Windows software.

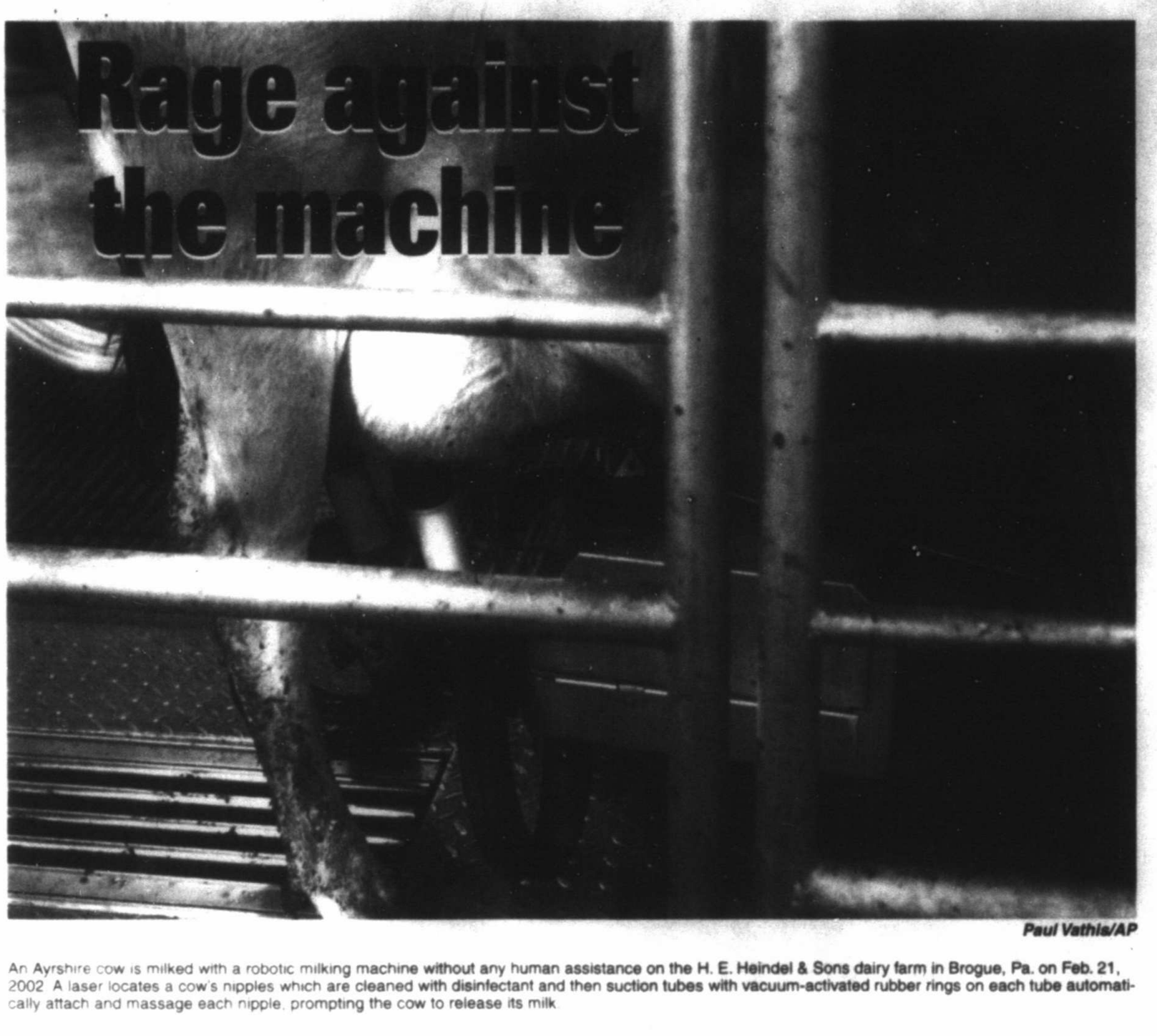
To access the new features in Windows 10, shown Thursday at Microsoft's Build conference for developers in Seattle, users will need a Microsoft account to sign in on those devices and share information.

The company showed an app called Story Remix that lets multiple users share video and photos taken on phones and combines that with special effects and music. Microsoft showed how AI technology picks the best clips and photos and puts them together, and how the user can tweak that to focus on one person or ink text on a person that stays with them as the video continues.

Microsoft also introduced a mixed-reality controller that will work with virtual-reality goggles being developed by hardware makers using the company's software. Virtual reality immerses users in an artificial world and is being pushed most actively for gaming, while augmented reality overlays images on the real world. Mixed reality blends aspects of both.

Microsoft's new controller will work without requiring the placement of motion sensors in a room to trace a user's movements. Acer Inc. will bundle the controller and the goggles for $399 for the holiday shopping season, with pre-orders starting Thursday.

The company is also introducing OneDrive files on demand, which lets users quickly see items stored in the cloud on local machines without having to download files. That attempts to restore a popular Windows 8.1 feature called Placeholders that was pulled because of problems and that rival Dropbox Inc. has since begun to offer.



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An Ayrshire cow is milked with a robotic milking machine without any human assistance on the H. E. Heindel & Sons dairy farm in Brogue, Pa. on Feb. 21, 2002. A laser locates a cow's nipples which are cleaned with disinfectant and then suction tubes with vacuum-activated rubber rings on each tube automatically attach and massage each nipple, prompting the cow to release its milk.

Warning: Machines want human jobs

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle

Beware the computer that makes your job easier, because it might soon replace you.

Technology, after all, has a history of sneaking up on humans. We love it when a machine eliminates rote and repetitive tasks. We welcome computers that catch our mistakes and correct them. But we rarely notice, at first, how technology changes our lives.

When a job becomes easier, our employer begins demanding more from us. And soon managers notice that some jobs are no longer necessary.

This dynamic has hurt autoworkers in Detroit, accountants in New York and petroleum engineers in Houston. In fact, machines have eliminated tens of millions of jobs over the last 100 years, from buggy whip maker to bank teller.

Conservative capitalists don't want you to hold them accountable for purchasing the machines that replace American jobs, so they blame foreign workers. But international trade is only responsible for 13 percent of the U.S. manufacturing jobs lost since 2000. Machines have replaced 4.4 million of the 5 million lost manufacturing jobs, according to researchers at Ball State University.

Now, experts are sounding urgent alarms about robotics and artificial intelligence eliminating 38 percent of today's jobs in the next 15 years, according to consulting and accounting firm PwC.

"Manual and routine tasks are more susceptible to automation, while social skills are relatively less automatable," writes John Hawksworth, chief economist at PwC. "That said, no industry is entirely immune from future advances in robotics and AI."

Some of the jobs are not surprising, such as bankers, taxi drivers and low-skill manufacturing workers. But highly compensated white-collar workers are the next targets.

Financial analysts and wealth advisers are having a difficult time proving their value. Passively managed index funds are delivering higher returns for the average investor than stock portfolios managed by people. The rapidly growing financial technology sector is building robots that can question investors to come up with customized investment strategies. Those strategies are quicker to devise, and often just as profitable.

Citigroup estimates that 30 percent of financial and banking sector jobs could be eliminated by 2025.

Farming, always a leader in automation, is cutting back on physical labor. Robots are using cameras and sensor-laden tools to milk cows, weed cabbage patches and pick apples.

Amazon plans to change the way we shop for groceries, building a prototype store that detects items as you remove them from shelves and then restocks them using robots. Humans only maintain the machines.

And lastly, a new company called Construction Robotics has developed a machine that can lay 1,200 bricks a day, compared to human masons who can lay only 500.

It's enough to make John Henry, the steel-driving man of African American folklore, weep for humanity.

Yet technology is how humans have grown economies and accumulated wealth since the dawn of time.

Every tool that allows us to make more things with less effort makes us more productive. The economic spurt between 1990 and 2007 was driven by 2.4 percent annual growth in productivity, mostly driven by computer and telecommunications. Workers who caught that wave saw their wealth grow. But lately productivity has slowed to 1.2 percent as that technology matures.

Robotics and artificial intelligence will bring the next wave of productivity growth, experts agree. But the challenge will be not leaving too many workers behind.

"The United States does not have a good record of constructive policy response to

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Amazon's new Echo Show can make video calls

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

Amazon on Tuesday rolled out yet another version of the Echo — this time sporting a screen that allows users to make and take video calls.

The Echo Show, as it's called, signals that Amazon is not only pushing ahead with its goal of ruling the home but is also taking a major shot at a messaging platform. The Echo Show looks to complement — or even supplant — the phone or personal computer when it comes to real-time communication.

It also illustrates how deeply Amazon and other companies want to embed themselves in consumers' lives, with technology that almost fades into the background of our homes.

(Amazon chief executive Jeffrey P. Bezos also owns The Washington Post.)

The calls work just about as you might expect, using a front-facing camera. There's also a "drop-in" mode on the Echo Show, which will automatically accept a video call after 10 seconds.

That could feel invasive to some. But Amazon's ads indicate that only people of your choosing can use the feature — close friends and family, for instance. Recipients can also decline a drop-in or make it audio-only, if they respond in that 10-second window.

The 7-inch screen also serves other purposes. Consumers will be able to watch short videos from YouTube and Amazon on the screen, in addition to movie trailers. If you call up tunes from the company's Prime Music service, the lyrics to songs will scroll by as it plays. The addition of a screen also adds to the smart home functions already available on the Echo with users being able to use the Echo Show to peek in on their home security cameras or baby monitors.

The screen could also make certain apps easier to use, by displaying visual menus rather than having Alexa rattle off a string of options.

Amazon will also let people place video calls through the Alexa app and all Echo users will be able to leave voicemail — effectively sneaking a new Amazon messaging platform onto the Echo, smartphones and tablets.

Messaging has become a killer app for companies, said Gartner analyst Werner Goertz. "It is more strategic to Amazon than you may think," he said of the new messaging service. Gartner research, he said, has shown that people are spending less time with apps and more time in messaging services

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App creators hope to simulate live DJ

By Jackie Renzett
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — James Jones had the problem that every college student wants: too many paid gigs.

While studying engineering and economics at the University of Notre Dame, he DJed three to four parties each weekend and picked up opening slots for big-name acts like Big Sean. But he started stretching himself too thin, so he built a program that mixed music and took requests. He offered it to customers at a discounted price.

"I played it at a club that I was supposed to be DJing at and I walked around and asked people, 'Hey, what do you think of the DJ?' and they were like, 'He's good,'" Jones said. "I was like, OK, this works."

After moving to Minneapolis to work as a data analyst for Target, he DJed as a side job and met fellow table turner John Boss, who eventually joined his quest to make the program an app. In January, the duo started testing it out at events. Earlier this month, they made a limited version of the app, dubbed Spark DJ, available in Apple's App Store.

After gaining support from investors, Jones and Boss ditched their day jobs so they could drop the beat. With proper licensing, the two add songs to the app's library daily, scrutinizing each one to fit it into algorithms meant to simulate what a live DJ would do.

Once users download the app for free, they pay $5 to $10 each time they use it for a party. Event hosts can give the app guidelines by selecting artists, songs or genres they like, and the app curates a personalized mix. Users can also pick themes to fit specific atmospheres, such as barbecues or children's parties.

Like a live DJ, the app adjusts its mix based on the crowd's requests. Partygoers can download the app for free and "join" the host's party, which lets them request songs. In addition, attendees can "thumbs up" or down each other's requests, preventing the app from playing songs similar to unpopular ones.

Mark McGuire, a veteran entrepreneur

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Ex-friend cast out of social circle dreams of vengeance

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My friend has decided she can no longer tolerate my husband. She feels he doesn't "respect" her. This is far from the truth, in my mind.

We have supported her emotionally and financially from time to time for many years. My husband does have a habit of making clunky jokes (anything for a laugh or to fill the void). But a real friend should see beyond that to the loving, supportive person he is at his core, in his heart, and forgive.

We are now banned from her social group. I find this very harsh — cruel even. I guess my friendship doesn't count, as I'm being thrown out with the perceived trash, as well. I'm depressed and angry, and I want some kind of revenge and to hurt her back. I was so happy with our little group. Now it's been taken away from me. Advice? — TOSSED ASIDE IN NEW YORK

DEAR TOSSED: Yes. Rather than seek revenge, tell the woman how hurt you feel after having befriended her all these years. Time is our most precious commodity. The more time you spend plotting retaliation, the more space this ungrateful woman is taking up in your head, and it's not healthy — for you.

Once you have spoken to her and gotten this off your chest, go on with your life. Continue to see others in the group on an individual basis, if necessary. If they are real friends, I'm sure they'll be glad to do that.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 34-year-old single mother (by choice) of a beautiful 3-year-old boy. Because of infertility problems, it took years for me to conceive. I love my son beyond measure and, when I'm not working, I'm usually shuttling him to extracurricular activities and making time after cooking and cleaning to play with him.

Because my world revolves around being a mom, I have a hard time participating in adult conversations without talking about my son and how proud and happy I am to be his mom. I realize this can be irritating to others, and it has become frustrating for me.

I'm educated, opinionated and well-read, but I seem to have lost the ability to relate to other adults and make friends away from my role as a mother. Any advice would be helpful at this point. — PROUD TO BE A MOM

DEAR PROUD: Considering the fact that your total focus is on your child, it's not surprising he's your main topic of conversation. However, because you want to expand your repertoire, broaden it by bringing up current events, which should give you plenty of fodder for conversation.

DEAR READERS: I am honored to again participate in National Women's Health Week. Women are the primary caretakers in most societies — including our own — but in the process, we too often forget to care for ourselves by eating right, lowering our stress levels with regular exercise and scheduling regular medical checkups. Please don't procrastinate. National Women's Health Week is a perfect time to begin. Visit womenshealth.gov/nwhw for more information. — LOVE, ABBY

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

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

♠A 5 ♡K 8 5 ◇J 4 2 ♣K 9 8 5 3

Three passes to you. Do you open or don't you?

A — Some want a little "extra" to open in fourth seat, but we don't. If you want partner to pass 11's and flat 12's in second position, you must open with this hand. Bid one club.

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

♠K 10 ♡9 5 4 ◇7 5 2 ♣A Q 10 9 7

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♡	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — We like two spades because it gives partner a chance to bid again. Should he bid two no-trump or three hearts or three spades, we'll raise to game. None of that can happen if we pass two hearts.

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

♠A 10 9 8 ♡Q 8 7 3 2 ◇A Q 9 ♣9

With the opponents passing, you open one heart and partner responds one no-trump. What call would you make?

A — If one no-trump is forcing, you have to bid and the correct bid is two diamonds. Just pass if it isn't forcing.

Q 4 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠K 6 4 2 ♡J 10 8 5 3 ◇K 10 4 ♣10

Partner opens one diamond and right-hand opponent bids one spade. What call would you make?

A — Start by making a negative double. That probably won't get you to hearts unless partner has four of them, but it might get you to game if he does.

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending May 7, 2017:

Top Paid iPhone Apps:
1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. LightX, Andor Communications Private Limited
3. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
4. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
5. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
6. iSchedule, HotSchedules
7. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
8. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
9. Flick Home Run !, infinity pocket
10. Tabs & Chords by Ultimate Guitar - learn and play, Ultimate Guitar

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3. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
4. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
5. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
6. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
7. Bitmoji - Your Personal EmojiBitstrips
8. Google Maps - Navigation & Transit, Google, Inc.
9. Spotify Music, Spotify Ltd.
10. Uber, Uber Technologies, Inc.

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2. Toca Life: Hospital, Toca Boca AB
3. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
4. Procreate - Sketch, paint, create., Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
5. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd
6. Bloons TD 5 HD, Ninja Kiwi
7. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon
8. Goat Simulator, Coffee Stain Studios AB
9. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc.
10. Five Nights at Freddy's: Sister Location, Scott Cawthon

Top Free iPad Apps:
1. Battle Bay, Rovio Entertainment Ltd
2. YouTube - Watch, Upload and Share Videos, Google, Inc.
3. CATS: Crash Arena Turbo Stars, ZeptoLab UK Limited
4. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
5. Crosswords With Friends, Zynga Inc.
6. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
7. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
8. Google Chrome - The Fast and Secure Web Browser, Google, Inc.
9. Bowmasters - Top Multiplayer Bowman Archery Game, Playgendary
10. Build a Bridge!, BoomBit Inc.

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending May 7, 2017:
1. Guardians of the Galaxy
2. A Dog's Purpose
3. La La Land
4. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
5. Hidden Figures
6. xXx: Return of Xander Cage
7. Fifty Shades Darker (Unrated)
8. Gold
9. Split (2017)
10. The Founder

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:
1. I Am Not Your Negro
2. The Autopsy of Jane Doe
3. Carrie Pilby
4. Manchester By the Sea
5. Moonlight
6. Christine (2016)
7. Betting on Zero
8. A Dark Song
9. 20th Century Women

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App reviews: Punkpost, Does Not Commute

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You can pick from several categories of cards including for Mother's Day, thank-you notes and birthdays (both timely and belated). Of course, some people may prefer your own chicken scratch to the beautiful handwriting of the person you've hired to transcribe your messages. But it will at least be your words that reach them — and you'll get the credit for them, too.

HAYLEY TSUKAYAMA
Washington Post

Free, for iOS and Android.

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Do you hate your commute? Consider letting out some of that road rage by playing Does Not Commute, a game that asks you to shepherd several cars on their way through their chaotic daily commutes, one by one. Be careful how you plot each driver, however, as you'll continue to cross paths with all the cars you've set in motion. If you send one sedan down the road the wrong way, you might find yourself facing down its headlights later.

Players should keep a light hand on the steering, as it's easy to make those tiny vehicles careen out of control. But they can handle themselves in a crash, and the app may be a good outlet for those who wish, sometimes, that they could just drive down the shoulder. There is also a paid version, for $2.99, that gets you access to other checkpoints — just in case you haven't found the base game cathartic enough.

Free, for iOS and Android.

App

From 2B

who mentors the team among other startups, said the app provided a background mix fit for cocktails and chatting before an event for his startup accelerator, GenerRtor.

"It's really simple to set up, and the transitions between songs were super cool. It felt like there was a real DJ there," McGuire said.

The two also have a solid growth strategy, McGuire said. By inviting attendees to request songs, they ensure more downloads and potential customers.

"It has an inherent viral nature to it," McGuire said.

Dave Mao, managing partner of venture capital firm Come Up Capital, said the app made an impression at the 2016 Minnesota Cup, where it placed as a semifinalist.

"This was really, very different from the experience you'd get at home, or if you were throwing a house party or a party in your dorm room, because you would not get that quality of music experience," said Mao, who judged the competition.

Intrigued by the app and impressed with the duo's work ethic, Mao offered the team a space in Come Up Capital's office and became an investor.

Among other startup obstacles like marketing and finding capital, the app's biggest challenge will be living up to its goal of simulating a real DJ, Mao said.

"It's an aesthetic challenge. ... The DJ isn't sitting there just cutting from one track to another. That's what a bad DJ probably does. But a good one makes really smart choices about when they make the cut," he said. "To get to even 90 percent of the quality of a live DJ, that is the challenge."

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Echo

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overall, making this new messaging service a critical addition for Amazon.

Overall, Goertz said, he sees the Echo Show as a strong addition to Amazon's lineup, augmenting the features of the basic Echo in a thoughtful way. Down the line, he said, he expects Amazon will introduce the Echo Show into offices for video conferencing and perhaps even for telemedicine. He also expects Amazon to fully embrace the e-commerce potential of a screen-toting voice assistant — particularly for apparel. For those who aren't drawn to the more advanced fashion-focused Echo Look the company announced earlier this month, the Echo Show provides more general features.

Home hubs give companies access to a lot of user data, by essentially running the lives of their customers — something that's appealing to companies and perhaps alarming to the privacy-conscious. And the battle in the home hub space is becoming very fierce. Google and Amazon products are already on the market, and a Microsoft home hub was announced earlier this week, as these tech giants vie to become the company that consumers turn to for advice and information at every point in the day.

Apple is also expected to get in on the market, with analysts speculating the announcement of a Siri-powered home hub device, which may also have a screen, as early as next month.

The Show costs $229 and is expected to ship on June 28.

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technological unemployment," writes Alice Rivlin, the former vice chair of the Federal Reserve Board. "The reaper, the railroads, the automobile, the computer, the smartphone all created vast fortunes, remarkable consumer benefits, and tough times for a lot of displaced workers."

Governments sometimes respond nonsensically. When I lived in Kenya, the government imposed a tariff on blenders, mixers and any other electronic device that saved labor in the kitchen. Lawmakers wanted to protect kitchen laborers from losing their jobs.

American politicians talk a lot about protecting jobs, even if it means breaking trade deals or making consumers pay more for goods. But there is another way.

"We have to figure out new ways of developing and adequately rewarding the skills that only humans have, like empathizing, nurturing, motivating, and fostering athletic skills and artistic creativity," Rivilin wrote for the Brookings Institution, a Washington-based think tank.

Imagine that, a society that highly values public servants, caretakers, teachers, artists and writers. If that's the promise, then I say bring on the robots.

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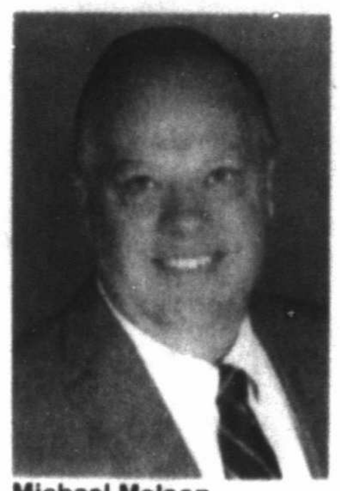

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3. What are some of the basic guidelines?

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4. Who are some of the people you have helped?

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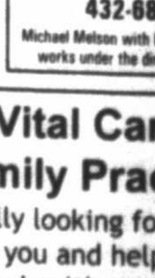
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Warriors rally for win after Spurs lose Leonard

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry scored 40 points and hit a tying 3-pointer with 1:48 remaining, and the Golden State Warriors rallied from way down after Kawhi Leonard was lost to an ankle injury to beat the San Antonio Spurs 113-111 on Sunday in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

Draymond Green gave Golden State the lead for good on a three-point play after the Warriors trailed by as many as 25 points.

Leonard left in the third quarter after he re-injured his left ankle, and the Warriors capitalized with an 18-0 run.

Kevin Durant scored 10 straight points during a key fourth-quarter stretch on the way to 34 points, while Zaza Pachulia had 11 points and nine rebounds.

Leonard had 26 points and eight rebounds. LaMarcus Aldridge delivered another clutch playoff performance with 28 points and eight boards.

Somehow, these unusually careless, cold-shooting Warriors found a way to keep their unblemished postseason record alive at 9-0.

Game 2 in the series is Tuesday night back at Oracle Arena.

Curry scored 19 points in the third quarter and went 7 for 16 on 3s and 14 of 26 overall.

Leonard first went down after stepping on a teammate's foot along the bench after taking a shot. Pachulia later slid into him as he came down from shooting and Leonard fell into the Spurs bench, grabbing his ankle.

Losing Leonard could be a story of this series. He shot 7 of 13 in 23 minutes to go with eight rebounds and three assists. He made all 11 of his free throws.

He sat out Game 6 of the last round against Houston, a 39-point, series-clinching win on Thursday, after injuring the ankle in a Game 5 overtime victory.

Durant has repeatedly spoken of elevating his game when it matters most — and wow did he do it at the very moment the Warriors needed a huge lift on their home floor.

His 3-pointer with 7:53 to play got Golden State within 94-88, then he drove to his left and right by Kyle Anderson for an emphatic one-handed slam the next possession to ignite a deafening sellout crowd. Durant hit another 3 at the 6:10 mark and a jumper

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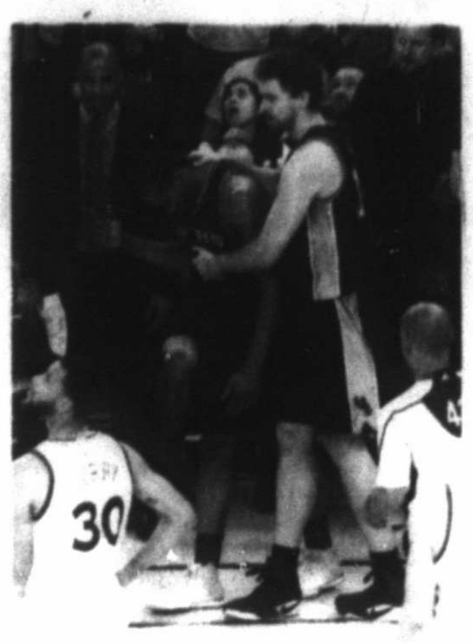

San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard, center left, gestures next to center Pau Gasol during the second half of Game 1 of the NBA Western Conference finals against the Golden State Warriors in Oakland, Calif., on Sunday. The Warriors won 113-111.

Associated Press

The quest for 7 in a row

MRT file photo

Andrews High's Rachel Huffman follows her tee shot Feb. 24 during the Tall City Invitational at Green Tree Country Club.

Andrews girls golf peaking at right time

By Will Korn
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This year's Andrews girls golf teams are a little different than the ones that have won the last six Class 3A and 4A state championships.

Head coach Mark Burgen said the Lady Mustangs lack a true top flight player of the caliber of Hailey Burgen, Sarah Black or 2016 state champion Libby Walinder. But this group of girls has made its own mark as one that has grown together throughout the season to potentially the same result.

Both the Andrews Black and Gold teams finished the regular season strong and rolled through the District 4-4A and Region I-4A tournaments. Now, Burgen said they're playing with as much momentum as any team he's ever fielded at the end of the year.

"Over the last six years (compared to past Andrews teams), beginning this year, this group was quite a bit behind in leadership and experience," Burgen said. "We started young and had our hiccups. But if you look at the way we finished, we're shooting scores now that are comparable to those other six teams. We're peaking at the right time."

Added senior Savannah Pinson, who will who will play next season at Bethany College (Lindsborg, Kansas): "I feel like it made this team mentally tough to have to come together at the end of the year. It has definitely strengthened us mentally."

The Lady Mustangs will aim to continue their recent impressive play and look to capture the program's state record seventh consecutive state title, when they tee off at 8 a.m. today at the Class 4A state tournament at Horseshoe Bay's Slick Rock Golf Course in Marble Falls. The second round commences Tuesday at 8 a.m.

Though the makeup of this year's Black (Rachel Huffman, Kinzee McAllister, Pinson, Katelynn Savell, Bailey McCarver) and Gold (Macy Schulze, Skyler Strube, Sam Flores, Sarah Harris, Paige Jennings) teams might appear different, their prized state tournament experience remains a constant.

Last season, led by Walinder, the Black team cruised to a state title in Austin by 49 strokes over Lampassas, while the Gold team placed fourth. Overall, seven of those 10 players are back and will be competing in Marble Falls. For them, the desire to bring home No. 7 in a row, and the program's 15th overall, is just as great as that of their past teammates.

"It would definitely be a good way to end my senior with another state title," said Pinson. "It's really about the team. As long as we go out and give it our all, I'll be satisfied."

Regardless of personnel, Burgen said top notch preparation is always paramount ahead of this type of tournament.

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Si Woo Kim becomes youngest winner of Players Championship

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Si Woo Kim of South Korea became the youngest winner of The Players Championship with a game and nerves well beyond his 21 years.

On a TPC Sawgrass course where anything can go wrong without notice, Kim was the only player to go bogey-free Sunday and closed with a 3-under 69 for a three-shot victory in golf's biggest tournament this side of the majors.

Kim

He also managed to take all the suspense from the TPC Sawgrass.

All that could stop him was the final two holes, when Kim had a two-shot lead and faced a tee shot to an island green, and then a closing hole with water all the way down the left side. Kim hit the 17th green and two-putted from 45 feet, and he smashed another drive right down the middle.

The only drama at the end came from Ian Poulter, who was happy just to be here.

Poulter, who only two weeks ago was spared his full PGA Tour status because of a clerical oversight, was the only player to seriously challenge Kim until he ran out of holes. He pushed his approach to the 18th so far to the right that it caromed off hospitality tents and bounced off a cart path into a palmetto bush. He took a penalty drop, then hit wedge over the trees and nearly holed it, tapping in for par.

Poulter, who had gone 39 holes without a bogey until a crucial one at No. 12, closed with a 71. He tied for second with Louis Oosthuizen (73).

There was plenty of excitement Sunday.

Rafa Cabrera Bello of Spain hit 8-iron that bounded off the side of a bunker and into the cup for an albatross 2 on the par-5 16th. He followed that with a birdie on the 17th, and then holed a long par putt from just off the 18th green. That gave him a 70 and a tie for fourth with Kyle Stanley, a co-leader after 54 holes who shot 75.

The other co-leader was J.B. Holmes, and it was a horror show for the Kentuckian.

Holmes shot 40 on the front nine and still had hope until bogeys on the 14th and 15th holes. And then it turned ugly. He hit too shots into the water on the 17th and make a quintuple-bogey 8, then finished with a double bogey to close

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Garden City golfers anxious to compete at state tournaments

By Oscar LeRoy
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Garden City golf coach David Wood said his five boys golfers and daughter Logan have been getting anxious waiting round for their respective state tournaments to begin.

Logan Wood

While the boys golf team still has another week before its state tournament begins, Logan Wood gets started this morning in the Class 1A Girls State Golf Tournament at Austin's Lions Municipal golf course. Wood is scheduled to tee off today's first round at 8:45 a.m. The second round is scheduled for 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Wood qualified as a medalist after the surprising the field at the Region II-A Tournament last month at San Angelo's Bentwood Country Club as the freshman won the medalist title by shooting 100-99—199, winning it by 10 strokes over Robert Lee's Kelby Clawson.

David Wood said he's not surprised by how well his daughter performed on a big stage, considering she's been playing golf since she was 7 years old and has been in several tournaments. Still, winning a regional title as a freshman is quite an accomplishment and more than they orifinally expected.

"She never imagined she would be able to do that," David Wood said. "I told her, 'If you shoot 100, you'll go to state.' We never imagined that 100 and 99 would win the regional.

"In my opinion, I think it's best to get them playing in front of other kids in an early age to get used to it. Later on it's not as nerve-wracking, and so playing in these kind of tournaments doesn't bother her because she's done it before."

Wood is not placing too many expectations on his daughter but added that it would be nice to finish in the top 10.

The Garden City boys team of junior Trent McMillan, sophomore Hagan Halfmann, sophomore Zach Burnett, freshman Dakota Roberts and junior Scott Miller will likely be spending a lot of time on the driving range on the high school campus that was built for them this year.

Wood said that driving range has helped his golfers work on their game and it saves time driving about 30 minutes to Big Spring for practice.

The boys are making a return to state after finishing fifth last year.

The Bearkats shot 370-367—737 to finish second at the Region II-A Boys Golf Tournament last month in San Angelo.

Wood said after losing last year's No. 1 player, Tanner Davis, to graduation, the Bearkats were motivated to get back to state and even improved their performance from the 2016 regional tournament by seven strokes. Halfmann, Burnett and Miller are returning players from last year's state qualifying team.

"I think that experience is going to help them out," Wood said. "I heard them on the range, describing the whole experience to the other players who weren't

Please see GOLFERS/4C

'HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
Corpus Christi 4, Midland 0

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

INTERNET
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RECORDS
Midland 19-16
Corpus Christi 17-18

Sunday	Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Corpus Christi 4, Midland 0	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

CYCLING
Tour of California, Stage 2: Modesto to San Jose, 4:30 p.m., NBCSN

IIHF World Hockey Championships
Canada vs. Norway, 9 a.m., NHL
Russia vs. Latvia, 1 p.m., NHL
Sweden vs. Slovakia, 5 a.m., NHL

MLB
Houston at Miami, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP, ROOT
LA Dodgers at San Francisco, 9 p.m., MLB

MEN'S SOCCER
PL: Chelsea vs. Watford, 2 p.m., NBCSN, NBCU

NBA
Eastern Semifinal, Game 7: Washington at Boston, 7 p.m., TNT

NHL
Eastern Finals, Game 2: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS
WTA: Internazionali BNL D'Italia, Noon, beIN
WTA: Internazionali BNL D'Italia, 4 a.m., beIN
ATP: Rome, 4 a.m., TENNIS

ON RADIO

MLB
Houston at Miami, 6 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)

NHL
Eastern Final, Game 2: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., KJTV 950 AM

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

GOLF
Andrews girls at Class 4A State Tournament, Slick Rock Golf Couse at Horseshoe Bay, Marble Falls
Forsan girls at Class 2A State Tournament, Roy Kizer Golf Course Austin
Garden City's Logan Wood at Class 1A State Tournament, Lions Municpal Golf Course, Austin

Little League Baseball

American League City Tournament, 6:30 p.m., Mid City Little League
National League City Tournament, 6 p.m., Tower Little League

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled LHP Richard Bleier from Norfolk (IL). Optioned LHP Vidal Nuno to Norfolk.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned INF Cody Asche to Charlotte (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Placed OF Brandon Guyer on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 13. Designated OF-INF Michael Martinez for assignment. Recalled INF-OF Erik Gonzalez from Columbus (IL). Selected the contract of OF Daniel Robertson.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Recalled RHP Dayan Diaz from Fresno (PCL). Activated OF Teoscar Hernandez from the DL and optioned him to Fresno.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Reinstated 1B C.J. Cron from the 10-day DL. Optioned INF Jefry Marte to Salt Lake (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed LHP Aroldis Chapman on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 13. Recalled RHP Chad Green and INF-OF Rob Refsnyder from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled RHP Dan Altavilla from Tacoma (PCL). Placed RHP Ryan Weber on 10-day DL. Announced RHP Jean Machi cleared waivers and was sent outright to Tacoma (PCL).
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed C Chris Iannetta on the 7-day concussion DL, retroactive to May 13. Recalled RHP Silvino Bracho from Reno (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Activated RHP Jarred Cosart from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Kevin Quackenbush to El Paso (PCL).
American Association
CLEBURNE RAILROADERS — Signed RHP Jorge Martinez.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed RHP Grant Sides.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed LHP Joeanthony Rivera.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released LHP Joe Testa
COLLEGE
DELAWARE — Named Natasha Adair women's basketball coach.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Friday
Nashville 3, Anaheim 2, OT, Nashville leads series 4-0
Saturday
Ottawa 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT, Ottawa leads series 4-0
Sunday
Anaheim 5, Nashville 3, series tied 2-2
Today
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16
Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 17
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 18
Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 19
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 20
x-Nashville at Anaheim, 6:15 p.m.
Sunday, May 21
x-Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Monday, May 22
x-Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23
x-Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24
x-Nashville at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 25
x-Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	—
Washington	1	0	1.000	—
Chicago	0	0	.000	1
Connecticut	0	0	.000	1
Indiana	0	0	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Games
Washington 89, San Antonio 74
Dallas 68, Phoenix 58
Minnesota 70, Chicago 61
Seattle 87, Indiana 82
Today's Games
No games scheduled

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	7	1	4	25	20	11
Columbus	6	5	1	19	19	17
Orlando City	6	3	1	19	15	13
New York City FC	5	3	2	17	18	11
New York	5	6	1	16	12	18
Chicago	4	3	3	15	17	15
New England	3	4	4	13	18	16
Atlanta United FC	3	4	4	13	12	20
D.C. United	3	5	2	11	9	18
Philadelphia	2	4	4	10	15	14
Montreal	2	4	4	10	14	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	5	0	4	19	14	6
Houston	6	3	1	19	21	14
Kansas City	5	2	4	19	13	7
Portland	5	3	3	18	21	16
San Jose	4	4	3	15	12	13
Vancouver	4	5	1	13	13	14
Los Angeles	3	5	2	11	13	16
Minnesota United	3	6	2	11	7	26
Seattle	2	4	4	10	11	16
Real Salt Lake	2	7	1	7	9	22
Colorado	2	8	1	7	8	12

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Scores
Atlanta United FC 1, Portland 1, tie
Los Angeles 3, New York 1
New York City FC 1, FC Dallas 1, tie
Wednesday's Games
Houston at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Sporting Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
New York City FC at Real Salt Lake, 8 p.m.
Orlando City at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Thursday
At Casino Del Sol, Tucson, Ariz. (ESPN2), Diego De La Hoya vs. Erik Ruiz, 10, junior featherweights; D'Mitrius Ballard vs. Denis Douglin, 10, super middleweights.

Saturday
At Tokyo, Ganigan Lopez vs. Ken Shiro, 12, for Lopez's WBC World junior flyweight title; Juan Hernandez Navarrete vs. Daigo Higa, 12, for Navarrete's WBC World flyweight title; Hassan N'Dam vs. Ryota Murata, 12, for the vacant WBA World middleweight title.
At London (SHO), Gervonta Davis vs. Liam Walsh, 12, for Davis' IBF junior lightweight title; Ryan Walsh vs. Marco McCullough, 12, for Walsh's BBBofC British featherweight title; Chris Hobbs vs. Anthony Yarde, 12, for Hobbs' BBBofC Southern Area light heavyweight title.
At Oxon Hill, Md. (SHO), Gary Russell Jr. vs. Oscar Escandon, 12, for Russell's WBC World featherweight title; Jose Uzcategui vs. Andre Dirrell, 12, for interim IBF super middleweight title; Rances Barthelemy vs. Koryl Reilish, 12, super lightweights eliminator.
At Madison Square Garden, New York (HBO), Terence Crawford vs. Felix Diaz, 12, for Crawford's WBO/WBC junior welterweight title; Raymundo Beltran vs. Jonathan Maicelo, 12, lightweights.
At Energy Arena, Laredo, Texas (FS1), David Benavidez vs. Rogelio Medina, 12, super middleweights; Jorge Lara vs. Mario Briones, 10, featherweights.

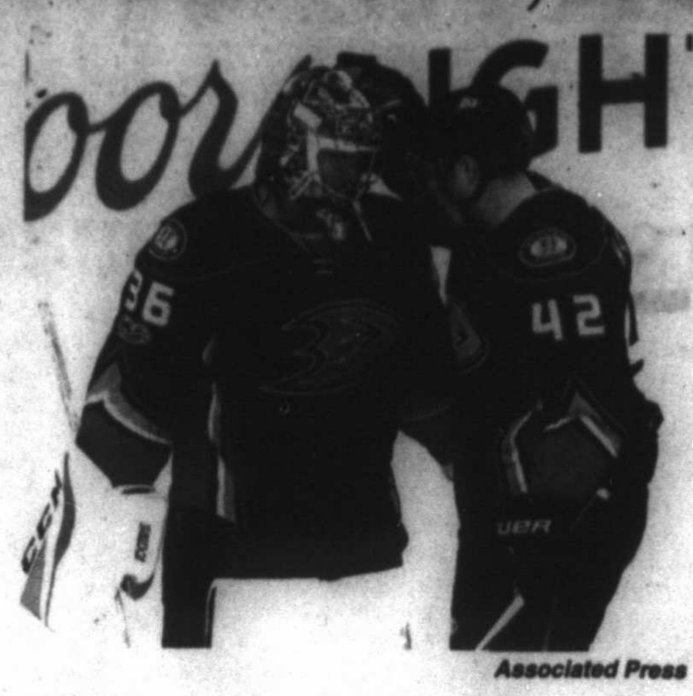
Sunday
At Tokyo, Naoya Inoue vs. Ricardo Rodriguez, 12, for Inoue's WBO junior bantamweight title; Akira Yaegashi vs. Milan Melindo, 12, for Yaegashi's IBF junior flyweight title.

May 26
At Monterrey, Mexico, Jose Argumedo vs. Gabriel Mendoza, 12, for Argumedo's IBF minimumweight title.

May 27
At Sheffield, England (SHO), Kell Brook vs. Errol Spence Jr., 12, for Brook's IBF welterweight title; George Groves vs. Fedor Chudinov, 12, for the vacant WBA Super World super middleweight title; Dave Allen vs. Lennox Thomas, 12, for the vacant Commonwealth heavyweight title; Jamie Cox vs. Lewis Taylor, 12, for the vacant WBA Intercontinental super middleweight title; Andy Townsend vs. Jon Kays, 10, super featherweights.
At MGM National Harbor, Oxon Hill, Md. (SHO), Gary Russell Jr. vs. Oscar Escandon, 12, for Russell's WBC World featherweight title; Andre Dirrell vs. Jose Uzcategui, 12, for the interim IBF super middleweight title.
At TBA, Mich., Callum Smith vs. Anthony Dirrell, 12, for the vacant WBC World super middleweight title.

Ducks even Western finals, beat Predators

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press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Anaheim Ducks goalie John Gibson (36) celebrates with Josh Manson (42) after Game 2 of the Western Conference final in the Stanley Cup playoffs against the Nashville Predators on Sunday in Anaheim, Calif.

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Nick Ritchie scored the tiebreaking goal late in the second period, and the Anaheim Ducks roared back from an early two-goal deficit to even the Western Conference finals with a 5-3 victory over the Nashville Predators in Game 2 on Sunday night.

Jakob Silfverberg, Sami Vatanen and Ondrej Kase also scored while the Ducks cracked imposing goalie Pekka Rinne with a thrilling surge of four goals in less than 19 minutes. The Predators hadn't allowed four goals in any game during their excellent Stanley Cup playoff run before Anaheim finally got rolling for its sellout crowd.

John Gibson stopped 30 shots, and Antoine Vermette had an empty-net goal for the Ducks.

Ryan Johansen, James Neal and Filip Forsberg scored for the Predators

Game 3 is Tuesday night in Nashville.

Rinne made 22 saves for the Predators, who faced relatively little adversity while steamrolling Chicago and St. Louis in the first two rounds on the way to the first conference finals in franchise history.

Two days after Nashville's 3-2 overtime victory at Honda Center in the series opener, Johansen and Neal scored in the opening 8:32 of Game 2.

The Ducks finally awakened at the prospect of their second straight 0-2 series deficit and replied with high-octane hockey — and a few fortunate bounces — that was too much even for Rinne, who hadn't given up four goals in a game since March 13.

Ritchie, the power forward making his first career playoff run, scored the winning goal in Game 7 against Edmonton. Four days later, he got his next major goal on an exceptional high shot that appeared to glance off Rinne's mask on the way in.

Anaheim hung on through a frenetic third period, surviving a few mad scrambles before captain Ryan Getzlaf got his third assist of the night on Vermette's empty-netter. The Ducks also got several good saves from Gibson, who has raised his level of play from the first two rounds.

Although Honda Center was much fuller and louder than it was for the traffic-affected series opener, the Ducks' knack for slow starts at home remained constant.

After Johansen scored on a breakaway just 4:18 in, Neal doubled the lead on a power play with one of the easiest goals in recent history, escorting the puck unimpeded into the net when Gibson completely lost sight of the play.

The now-familiar ominous hush fell over Honda Center, but the Ducks got going in an unlikely scenario. Anaheim's power play was scoreless in 21 straight attempts dating to Game 2 of the second round against Edmonton, but Vatanen beat Rinne cleanly with a slap shot for his first goal of the postseason.

Silfverberg evened it in the opening minute of the second period, cashing in Rickard Rakell's pass on the back side of Rinne for the ninth goal of the Swede's outstanding postseason.

The Predators took another lead when Forsberg cashed in a rebound of a breakaway by speedy Viktor Arvidsson, who had two assists.

The Ducks pulled even again on the first career playoff goal for Kase, the aggressive Czech rookie, who slipped a puck through traffic.

NOTES: The Ducks kept veteran Jared Boll in their lineup over several young prospects to replace injured F Patrick Eaves, who missed his sixth straight game. Boll, who is scoreless in four postseason games, had no goals and three assists in 51 regular-season games. ... Getzlaf has 18 points in the postseason, trailing only Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin (19). ... Mike Trout crossed Katella Avenue to support the Ducks for the second time in three playoff games. The two-time AL MVP homered and stole two bases while the Angels beat Detroit 4-1 earlier in the day.

SPURS

From 1C

the next time down before Shaun Livingston's driving dunk.

Gregg Popovich lost to good friend and old pupil Mike Brown, filling in as Warriors acting coach for the ailing Steve Kerr — who played for Popovich.

Yet for much of the afternoon, the Spurs outplayed the mighty Warriors on both ends of the floor. They crashed the offensive glass as they so like to do — something Golden State stressed all week — going right at defenders in the paint and forcing the Warriors into tough shots. Even the open looks weren't falling.

The Warriors missed their initial five 3-point tries before Curry hit 5:05 before halftime to ignite a stunned-into-silence sellout crowd as Golden State got within 46-32.

The next sequence the Spurs managed three offensive rebounds before scoring.

San Antonio had six steals among the Warriors' initial nine turnovers and Golden State wasn't getting the kind of easy shots it was used to going almost untested the first two rounds.

Even when the Warriors did things right the Spurs answered.

Kerr watched the game from behind the scenes in the arena a day after returning to the practice floor for the first time in more than three weeks.

"He's gone through hell," Popovich said pregame. "I'm sure most people don't really know, and I'll leave that to him to describe as much as he wants to describe. But it's been very difficult for him. He's shown a lot of courage getting through what he's gone through."

NBA glance

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Sunday
Golden State 113, San Antonio 111, Golden State lead series 1-0
Tuesday
San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 20
Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 22
Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24
x-San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 26
x-Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 28
x-San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Tip-ins

Spurs: Patty Mills, a college star at nearby Saint Mary's, struggled in place of the injured Tony Parker — out for the remainder of the playoffs with a leg injury. Mills shot 1 for 8 and missed all six of his 3-point tries for five points. "I don't want to talk too much about Patty Mills because the more good things I say the more we're going to have to pay him," Popovich cracked before the game. ... Pau Gasol picked up two quick fouls and his third 5:18 before halftime.

Warriors: Green received his second technical of the postseason when he celebrated a third-quarter steal and referee Marc Davis penalized him. ... Golden State's 16 points in the first were its lowest-scoring quarter of the postseason. ... Andre Iguodala was limited by a sore left knee.

Pop off

Asked pregame whether the state of the world distracts him, Popovich went off again — without ever using President Donald Trump's name.

"Absolutely," he said.

Then, Pop popped off.

"It's got nothing to do with the Democrats losing the election. It's got to do with the way one individual conducts himself and that's embarrassing," the coach said. "It's dangerous to our institutions and what we all stand for and what we expect the country to be, but for this individual he's in a game show. And everything that happens begins and ends with him, not with our people or our country. Every time he talks about those things that's just a ruse. That's just disingenuous, cynical and fake."

LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

American League City Tournament
at Mid City Little League
Pool play (all games at 6:30 p.m.)
Monday, May 15
N1 Tigers vs. MC5 Astros, Field 1
MC1 Angels vs. N6 Marlins, Field 2
T1 Royals vs. N7 Cubs, Field 4
Tuesday, May 16
N2 A's vs. E3 Rangers Blue, Field 1
MC2 Rays vs. T3 Cardinals, Field 2
T2 Twins vs. MC3 Rangers, Field 3
E2 Rangers Red vs. N3 Rangers, Field 4
Wednesday, May 17
N1 Tigers vs. T4 Yankees, Field 1
MC1 Angels vs. N5 Astros, Field 2
T1 Royals vs. N4 Red Sox, Field 3
E1 Monarchs vs. MC4 Dbacks, Field 4
Thursday, May 18
N2 A's vs. MC5 Astros, Field 1
MC2 Rays vs. N6 Marlins, Field 2
T2 Twins vs. N7 Cubs, Field 3
E2 Rangers Red vs. N8 Nationals, Field 4
Friday, May 19
E3 Rangers Blue vs. T4 Yankees, Field 1
T3 Cardinals vs. N5 Astros, Field 2
MC3 Rangers vs. N4 Red Sox, Field 3
N3 Rangers vs. MC4 Dbacks, Field 4
Bracket Play
at Tower Little League
Monday, May 22
Game 1: Pool 1 No. 1 vs. Pool 3 No. 3, 6 p.m. Tower 3
Game 2: Pool 4 No. 1 bs. Pool 2 No. 2, 6 p.m. Tower 1
Game 3: Pool 2 No. 1 vs. Pool 4 No. 2, 8 p.m. Tower 3
Game 4: Pool 3 No. 1 vs. Pool 1 No. 2, 8 p.m. Tower 1
Tuesday, May 23
Semifinals
Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m. Tower 1
Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7 p.m. Tower 3
Championship
Thursday, May 25
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m., Tower 1

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

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OC eliminates Chaps from Region V tourney

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — Odessa College jumped out to a big lead and then held off Midland College to end the Chaparrals' season at the NJCAA Region V Baseball Tournament at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park on Sunday.

The Wranglers (46-12) took a 9-0 lead en route to a 10-6 victory over Midland College (40-19), which ended its season after going a disappointing 1-2 at the tournament.

Odessa chased MC starter Callan Johnson out of the game early after plating four runs in the first inning.

OC had a 9-0 lead before the Chaps finally answered with two runs in the bottom of the fifth.

MC eventually got to within 9-6 in the eighth inning before OC added an insurance run in the ninth.

Jordan Dray was the only Chap with multiple hits as he went 2-for-4 with a double, two RBI and a run scored. Braden Scrivner scored three runs for MC.

Kyler Castillo was one of three Wranglers with three hits as he went 3-for-6 with two doubles, two RBI and three runs scored; Chase Duncan was 3-for-5 with a solo home run, double and two runs scored; and Mitch Holding was 3-for-4 with a double, walk, RBI and a run scored.

Chandler Casey pitched a complete game for OC to get the win as he allowed six runs (five earned) on 10 hits, three walks and he struck out two.

Aaron Weseman did a good job in relief for the Chaps as he allowed just four hits, walked two and struck out one in 3 2/3 shutout innings.

ODESSA COLLEGE 10, MIDLAND COLLEGE 6

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Chandler Casey and Mitch Holding. Callan Johnson, Noel Solis (1), Jose Castro (2), Aaron Weseman (5), Law Hon (6) and Alex Salcido. W - Casey. L - Johnson. 2B - OC: Masen Hibbeler, Kyler Castillo 2; Angel Torres, Chadis Duncan. Holding; MC: Jordan Dray. HR - OC: Duncan.

Records: Midland College 40-19, Odessa College 46-12

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

HOOKS 4, ROCKHOUNDS 0
At Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

TOP HITTERS: Jon Singleton was 2-for-3 with a home run and two RBI to lead the Hooks. ... Yairo Munoz was 2-for-4 with a double for the RockHounds.

TOP PITCHERS: Cy Sneed earned his second win of the season for Corpus Christi after he allowed just three hits, walked one and struck nine in a 5 1/3 shutout innings. ... Jacob Dorris earned his second save of the season after he allowed just three hits and struck out four in 2 2/3 shutout innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: After scoring a run in the first inning on a passed ball in the first inning, the Hooks extended the lead to 3-0 in the sixth on a two-run home run to right by Singleton. ... The Hooks added an insurance run in the seventh on a Garrett Stubbs RBI single.

NOTES: Midland ended with a 2-2 series split with the Hooks and now head to Frisco to Frisco to begin a four-game series at 7:05 p.m. ... The RockHounds didn't have many opportunities to score on Sunday as they were just 0-for-5 with runners in scoring position.

HOOKS 4, ROCKHOUNDS 0

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus	ab	r	h	bi
Vertigan cf	4	0	2	0	Ferguson cf	4	0	1	0
Sportman lf	4	0	0	0	Stubbs c	4	0	1	1
Boyd dh	4	0	1	0	Davis 3b	3	2	0	0
Marincov rf	4	0	1	0	Singleton dh	3	1	2	2
Rosa 1b	3	0	0	0	Laureano rf	4	0	2	0
Schrock 2b	4	0	1	0	BoBoyd lf	4	0	0	0
Munoz ss	4	0	2	0	Muniz 1b	3	1	0	0
Raga c	4	0	1	0	Woodward 2b	3	0	1	0
Tarsovich 3b	3	0	0	0	Trompz ss	3	0	1	0
Totals	34	0	8	0	Totals	31	4	8	3

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Corpus Christi										100 000 21x —4

E - Tarsovich (5). DP - Midland 1; Corpus Christi 1. LOB - Midland 8; Corpus Christi 6. 2B - Munoz (3). HR - Singleton (6). CS - Trompz (1).

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Nalle L, 1-1	5.2	5	1	1	2	4
Seddon	2.1	3	1	1	0	5
Corpus Christi						
Sneed W, 2-3	5.1	3	0	0	1	9
Freeman	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Dorris S, 2	2.2	3	0	0	0	4

PB - Raga. WP - Dorris. HBP - by Seddon - Munoz.

T - 2:25. A - 3,801.

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas	18	16	.529	1
Springfield	18	16	.529	—
Tulsa	16	17	.514	½
Arkansas	14	21	.400	4½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	21	15	.583	—
Midland	20	16	.556	1
Corpus Christi	17	19	.472	4
Frisco	15	21	.417	6

Sunday's Scores
San Antonio 4, Frisco 3, 16 innings
Corpus Christi 4, Midland 0
Tulsa 10, Northwest Arkansas 2
Arkansas 8, Springfield 7
Today's Games
Tulsa at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

Rangers rally for 6th straight win

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — A sweeping comeback for the Texas Rangers, who suddenly have the longest winning streak in the major leagues.

Nomar Mazara had the tiebreaking RBI single, the second game in a row he had the go-ahead hit in the seventh inning, and the Rangers wrapped up a week filled with comebacks in a 6-4 win over Oakland on Sunday.

"We're seeing some results now," Mazara said after the three-game sweep of the Athletics that gave the Rangers six wins in a row.

"We believe everything is back on track," shortstop Elvis Andrus said. "We knew as a team we weren't playing the way we know how we know we can play."

Mazara's two-out single that made it 5-4 came right after Andrus' tying RBI double, both off reliever Ryan Madson (0-3).

Since coming home after an 11-0 win at San Diego last Tuesday, the Rangers have come from behind to win their last five games. That included game-ending three-run homers Thursday and Friday before Andrus and Mazara had consecutive two-RBI hits in the seventh inning Saturday night against the A's.

"Anytime you put wins together, there's a lot of momentum. There's a lot of feel-good," manager Jeff Banister said. "We knew that this offense would get going at some point."

Carlos Gomez had three hits, including a single to start the seventh, but left the game with a right hamstring strain after scoring from second base on Delino DeShields' two-out infield single that chased Oakland starter Kendall Graveman.

Astros tee off Tanaka for 10-7 win, DH split

Associated Press

NEW YORK — George Springer and Alex Bregman paid tribute to Derek Jeter in their own way — with memorable first-inning home runs off Masahiro Tanaka.

Springer led off with a drive run into Monument Park just after Jeter's No. 2 was retired there in a pregame ceremony, and Bregman capped a six-run first inning with a grand slam that propelled the Houston Astros to a 10-7 win over the New York Yankees on Sunday night and a doubleheader split.

Josh Reddick homered off the facing of the right-field second deck a pitch after Springer's first homer. Springer also homered leading off the second and Carlos Beltran hit an RBI double against Tanaka (5-2), who left trailing 8-0 after 1 2/3 innings and set career highs for runs and home runs allowed.

Backed by a 9-0 lead, Charlie Morton (5-2) gave up four runs in 5 2/3 innings, including Matt Holliday's three-run homer in a four-run fifth. Morton had 10 of the 16 strikeouts by Astros pitchers, including seven in a row, as Houston took three of four in the series and improved to a big league-best 26-12.

Astros closer Ken Giles got the final out in a three-run ninth, retiring Aaron Hicks on a comebacker with two on.

Bregman, who wears No. 2 in honor of the former Yankees captain, hit his first homer of the season. Springer raised his total to nine.

New York announced before the opener that closer Aroldis Chapman will be out at least a month because of left shoulder inflammation. The Yankees then overcame Luis Severino's poor start to rally for an 11-6 win, stopping their three-game slide and the Astros' five-game winning streak.

Looking pretty in pink in special Mother's Day uniforms, the AL East leaders trailed 3-1 before Starlin Castro's tying, two-run homer off Mike Fiers in the fourth. Aaron Judge followed with his major league-leading 14th homer, a 441-foot drive off the padding above the center field restaurant behind Monument Park.

Houston took a 6-4 lead in the seventh against Adam Warren (1-0), but New York came right back in the bottom half when Holliday hit a run-scoring infield single against Will Harris (1-1) and Castro tied it with an opposite-field double to right off Devenski. Judge was intentionally walked, Didi Gregorius struck out on three pitches and Headley sent a hanging changeup rolling to the right-center wall.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

ANGELS 4
TIGERS 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Angels star Mike Trout homered in his third straight game and Alex Meyer pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning.

Danny Espinosa hit a tiebreaking homer off Justin Verlander, helping the Angels to just their fourth win in 12 games.

Andrelton Simmons added an RBI single to chase Verlander (3-3) in the seventh as the Angels split four games with the Tigers, who haven't won a series in Anaheim in eight tries since 2009.

With a first-inning shot to left for his 11th homer, Trout homered in three straight games for the third time in his career, also accomplishing the feat in September 2013 and June 2016.

ROYALS 9
ORIOLES 8

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mike Moustakas homered and drove in four runs to help Kansas City rally for the win.

Jorge Soler and Drew Butera also connected for the Royals. Soler's 464-foot shot to center leading off the seventh was the longest by a Kansas City player this season.

The Royals have won four straight, matching a season high, and six of seven since moving Alcides Escobar to the leadoff spot.

BLUE JAYS 3
MARINERS 2

TORONTO — Kevin Pillar homered with two outs in the ninth inning to give Toronto a sweep of the four-game series.

Pillar delighted the Mother's Day crowd of 42,030 with a blast to left off Edwin Diaz (1-2), his fifth.

Justin Smoak hit a two-run homer for Toronto, which has won five straight and seven of eight. The Blue Jays lead the majors with 21 homers in May.

The Mariners have lost four straight following a four-game winning streak.

Ryan Tepera (3-1) pitched 2 1/3 innings for the win.

RAYS 11
RED SOX 2

BOSTON — Steven Souza Jr. hit a three-run homer, Jesus Sucre drove in three runs and Tampa Bay beat Boston for just the sixth time in the last 20 meetings.

The Rays won for the second time in three games, a day after striking out 16 times in a loss. At 4 hours, 32 minutes, it was the longest nine-inning game in Rays history.

INDIANS 8
TWINS 3

CLEVELAND — Jason Kipnis homered twice and drove in four runs, helping the Indians snap a three-game losing streak.

Kipnis finished with four hits Carlos Santana and Lonnie Chisenhall also homered for Cleveland, which had scored one run in 24 innings going into the game.

National League

BREWERS 11
METS 9

MILWAUKEE — Manny Pina hit a three-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning, capping Milwaukee's comeback from a six-run deficit.

The Brewers swept the three-game series from struggling New York. The Mets have lost four straight.

Pina hit a 3-2 slider from Addison Reed (0-2) over the wall in left. The Brewers scored 10 runs over their final three innings, teeing off on the Mets bullpen after a solid start by Jacob deGrom.

MARLINS 3
BRAVES 1

MIAMI — Tyler Moore hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning to spoil a shutout bid by R.A. Dickey, and the Marlins broke a five-game losing streak.

It was Moore's first homer of the year, and the fourth pinch-hit shot of his career.

Kyle Barraclough (1-0) pitched out of a bases-loaded situation in the seventh by retiring Kurt Suzuki. A.J. Ramos pitched around a leadoff walk in the ninth for his fourth save.

Atlanta had eight hits and six walks but stranded 12 runners.

GIANTS 8
REDS 3

SAN FRANCISCO — Brandon Belt homered again, helping San Francisco to its first three-game winning streak of the season.

Belt hit his third home run in four games. Joe Panik and Eduardo Nunez each drove in two runs and Buster Posey had two hits for the Giants.

Scooter Gennett drove in two runs for the Reds, who lost their third straight. Tim Adleman (2-2) gave up four runs and was taken out after the first inning because of a neck strain.

PIRATES 6
DIAMONDBACKS 4, 10 INNINGS

PHOENIX — Jose Osuna hit a two-run homer for Arizona with two outs in the 10th inning, and Tony Watson escaped a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the inning.

Osuna hit a 3-1 pitch from Tom Wilhelmsen (0-1) out to right-center field, forcing a split of a four-game series. It was Osuna's second career homer.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Baseball

REGION I BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Class 5A
Area
Arlington Martin (25-5, W4) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (19-15, T2), Hoskins Field, Wichita Falls
Game 1: Frenship 2, Martin 0; Game 2: Martin 5, Frenship 3; Game 3: Martin 3, Frenship 1
Arlington Martin wins series, 2-1
Arlington Lamar (17-14, F4) vs. El Paso Socorro (23-10, T1), Pressly Field, Odessa
Game 1: Socorro 4, Lamar 0; Game 2: Socorro 7, Lamar 6; El Paso Socorro wins series, 2-1
San Angelo Central (24-10-1, W8) vs. Flower Mound (25-9, R5), Georgetown HS
Game 1: Flower Mound 8, Central 7. Game 2: Flower Mound 7, Central 3. Flower Mound wins series, 2-0
South Grand Prairie (24-7-1, W7) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (22-11, T5)
Game 1: Marcus 8, South Grand Prairie 0. Game 2: Marcus 10, South Grand Prairie 0
Flower Mound Marcus wins series, 2-0
Midland High (20-16, W2) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (25-11, R3), Hunter Field, Hardin-Simmons University
Game 1: Fossil Ridge 7, Midland High 1, 8 innings; Game 2: Midland High 3, Fossil Ridge 2; *Game 3: Fossil Ridge 7, Midland High 5. Fossil Ridge wins series 2-1
El Paso Montwood (25-6, W1) vs. Weatherford (18-14, T3), McCanlies Field, Odessa
Game 1: Montwood 2, Weatherford 1. Game 2: Montwood 8, Weatherford 1. El Paso Montwood wins series 2-0.
Allen (22-10, W6) vs. Killeen Harker Heights (14-13-1, T8), Corsicana HS
Game 1: Allen 4, Harker Heights 0; Game 2: Harker Heights 1, Allen 0; Game 3: Allen 2, Harker Heights 1. Allen wins series 2-1
Southlake Carroll (24-10-1, W5) vs. Waco Midway (21-9-1, R8), Glen Rose HS
Game 1: Carroll 3, Midway 2; Game 2: Carroll 6, Midway 1. Southlake Carroll wins series 2-0
Regional quarterfinal
Arlington Martin (27-8, W4) vs. El Paso Socorro (25-10, T1), TBA
Flower Mound (27-9, R5) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (24-11, T5), TBA
Keller Fossil Ridge (25-11, R3) vs. El Paso Montwood (27-4, W1), TBA
Allen (24-11, W6) vs. Southlake Carroll (26-10-1, W5), TBA

Class 4A
Area
Greenwood (21-6-1, W4) vs. Denver City (17-4, T3), Lubbock Cooper HS
Game 1: Denver City 6, Greenwood 0; Game 2: Greenwood 9, Denver City 0; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Monahans (13-14-1, F4) vs. Pampa (15-9, T1), Lubbock Christian University
Game 1: Pampa 4, Monahans 1; Game 2: Pampa 6, Monahans 4. Pampa wins series 2-0.
Godley (24-3-1, W8) vs. Graham (19-11-1, T6)
Game 1: Godley 7, Graham 3. Game 2
Godley 4, Graham 1. Godley wins series 2-0
Stephenville (20-7-2, F8) vs. Sweetwater (11-17, T5), Abilene Christian University
Game 1: Stephenville 10, Sweetwater 5. Game 2: Stephenville 8, Sweetwater 6. Stephenville wins series 2-0
Levelland (28-4, W2) vs. Andrews (10-15-2, T4), Hobbs, NM
Game 1: Levelland 13, Andrews 4. Game 2: Levelland 5, Andrews 3. Levelland wins series 2-0
Bushland (24-6, W1) vs. Pecos (13-16, R4), Snyder HS
Game 1: Bushland 6, Pecos 2. Game 2: Bushland 8, Pecos 4. Bushland wins series 2-0
Iowa Park (19-7-3, W6) vs. Alvarado (17-10-1, T8), Gratford HS
Game 1: Iowa Park 2, Alvarado 0. Game 2: Alvarado 13, Iowa Park 3. Game 3: Alvarado 7, Iowa Park 5. Alvarado wins series 2-1
Abilene Wylie (26-1, W5) vs. Midlothian Heritage (21-6, R8), Brock HS
Game 1: Wylie 8, Heritage 0. Game 2: Wylie 6, Heritage 5. Abilene Wylie wins series 2-0
Regional quarterfinal
Greenwood (23-7-1, W4) vs. Pampa (17-9, T1), TBA
Godley (26-3-1, W8) vs. Stephenville (22-7-2, F8), TBA
Levelland (30-4, W2) vs. Bushland (26-6, W1), TBA
Alvarado (19-11-1, T8) vs. Abilene Wylie (26-1, W5), TBA

Class 3A
Area
Wall (22-1-1, W4) vs. Idalou (11-17, T2), McMurry University, Abilene
Game 1: Wall 17, Idalou 0; Game 2: Wall 10, Idalou 6. Wall wins series 2-0
Alpine (11-13-1, W3) vs. Littlefield (12-14, T2), Greenwood HS
Game 1: Alpine 5, Littlefield 1; Game 2: Littlefield 2, Alpine 1; Game 3: Littlefield 11, Alpine 9. Littlefield wins series 2-1
Jacksboro (18-10-2, W8) vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (17-12, R5)
Game 1: Jacksboro 9, Jim Ned 8. Game 2: Jacksboro 15, Jim Ned 9. Jacksboro wins series 2-0
Brock (24-3-1, W7) vs. Early (17-12, R6), Eastland HS
Game 1: Brock 11, Early 1. Game 2: Brock 10, Early 2. Brock wins series 2-0
Presidio (13-7-2, R3) 3, Shallowater (21-5-1, W2), 1
Childress (20-5-1, W1) vs. Reagan County (19-7, R4), Lubbock Cooper HS
Game 1: Childress 4, Reagan County 3
Game 2: Reagan County 5, Childress 3. *Game 3: Reagan County 6, Childress 4. Reagan County wins series 2-1
Comanche (18-8, W6) vs. Peaster (22-6-1, R7), Glen Rose HS
Game 1: Peaster 11, Comanche 0. Game 2: Comanche 1, Peaster 0. Game 3: Comanche 3, Peaster 2. Comanche wins series 2-1
Clyde (28-0, W5) vs. Holliday (23-8, R8), Mineral Wells HS
Game 1: Holliday 8, Clyde 5. Game 2: Clyde 10, Holliday 6. Game 3: late
Regional quarterfinal
Wall (24-1-1, W4) vs. Littlefield (14-15, T2), TBA
Jacksboro (20-10-2, W8) vs. Brock (26-3-1, W7), TBA
Presidio (14-7-2, R3) vs. Reagan County (21-8, R4), TBA
Comanche (20-9, W6) vs. Holliday/Clyde, TBA

Class 2A
Bi-district
Post (21-3, W4) 3, Lockney 2
Gruver (15-6, R1) 7, Wellington 3
Floydada (15-8, W3) vs. Tahoka (14-8, F4), Lubbock Cooper HS
Game 1: Floydada 11, Tahoka 1. Game 2: Tahoka 11, Floydada 10. Game 3: Floydada 13, Tahoka 3. Floydada wins series, 2-1
Memphis (R2) vs. Sanford-Fritch (7-11, T1), Potter County Memorial Stadium, Amarillo
Game 1: Sanford-Fritch 5, Memphis 3. Game 2: Memphis def. Sanford-Fritch; Game 3: Sanford-Fritch 11, Memphis 10. Sanford-Fritch wins series, 2-1
Albany (14-2-2, W8) 10, San Saba 4
McCamey (14-7, R5), bye
Anson (9-10, F8) 7, Miles 5
Anthony (T5), bye
Clarendon (19-0-1, W2) 20, Boys Ranch 0
New Deal (14-4, R3) 9, Smyer 6
Stinnett West Texas (19-1, W1) 2*, Claude 0
Sundown (12-3, R4) vs. Abernathy (13-10, T3)
Game 1: Sundown 16, Abernathy 6. 6 innings. Game 2: Sundown 7, Abernathy 1. Sundown wins series, 2-0
Forsan (19-5, W6) 9, Fort Hancock (4-10, F5) 0
De Leon (17-4, R7) vs. Stamford (16-6, T8)
Game 1: De Leon 6, Stamford 4. Game 2: Stamford 8, De Leon 6. Game 3: De Leon 15, Stamford 8. De Leon wins series, 2-1
Van Horn (5-13, W5), bye
Hawley (13-12, R8) vs. Goldthwaite (18-6, T7), Bangs
Game 1: Hawley 17, Goldthwaite 16. Game 2: Hawley 4, Goldthwaite 3. Hawley wins series, 2-0
Area
Post (22-3, W4) vs. Gruver (16-6, R1)
Game 1: Gruver 7, Post 5. Game 2: Post 5, Gruver 1. Game 3: Post 8, Gruver 7. Post wins series, 2-1
Floydada (17-9, W3) vs. Sanford-Fritch (9-12, T1)
Game 1: Floydada 16, Sanford-Fritch 3. Game 2: Floydada 12, Sanford-Fritch 2. Floydad wins series 2-0
Albany (15-2-2, W8) vs. McCamey (14-7, R5), Ballinger HS
Game 1: Albany 6, McCamey 0. Game 2: Albany 17, McCamey 2. Albany wins series 2-0
Anson (10-10, F8) 15, Anthony (T5) 0
Clarendon (20-0-1, W2) vs. New Deal (15-4, R3)
Game 1: Clarendon 8, New Deal 7. Game 2 7 p.m. Saturday at Hemleigh HS. *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Stinnett West Texas (22-2, W1) vs. Sundown (14-3, R4), Wayland Baptist University
Game 1: West Texas 2, Sundown 0. Game 2: Sundown 3, West Texas High 2. *Game 3: West Texas 9, Sundown 4. West Texas wins series 2-1
Forsan (19-5, W6) vs. DeLeon (17-4, R7)
Game 1: DeLeon 9, Forsan 0. Game 2: DeLeon 16, Forsan 6. DeLeon wins series 2-0
Van Horn (5-13, W5) vs. Hawley (13-12, R8), Stanton HS
Game 1: Hawley 7, Van Horn 0. Game 2: Hawley 8, Van Horn 5. Hawley wins series 2-0
Regional quarterfinal
Post (24-4, W4) vs. Floydada (19-9, W3), TBA
Albany (17-2-2, W8) vs. Anson (11-10, F8), TBA
Clarendon/New Deal vs. West Texas Stinnett (24-3, W1), TBA
DeLeon (19-4, R7) vs. Hawley (15-12, R8), TBA

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	22	13	.629	—
Baltimore	22	14	.611	½
Boston	19	18	.514	4
Tampa Bay	19	21	.475	5½
Toronto	17	21	.447	6½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	19	15	.559	—
Cleveland	19	17	.528	1
Detroit	18	18	.500	2
Chicago	17	18	.486	2½
Kansas City	16	21	.432	4½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	26	12	.684	—
Texas	19	20	.487	7½
Los Angeles	19	21	.475	8
Seattle	17	21	.447	9
Oakland	16	21	.432	9½

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	24	13	.649	—
New York	16	20	.444	7½
Philadelphia	14	21	.400	9
Miami	14	22	.389	9½
Atlanta	13	21	.382	9½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	21	15	.583	—
Milwaukee	21	17	.553	1
Cincinnati	19	18	.514	2½
Chicago	18	19	.486	3½
Pittsburgh	16	22	.421	6
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	24	15	.615	—
Los Angeles	22	16	.579	1½
Arizona	21	18	.538	3
San Francisco	15	24	.385	9
San Diego	14	25	.359	10

Scores and Schedules

American League
Sunday's Scores
Toronto 3, Seattle 2
Cleveland 8, Minnesota 3
Tampa Bay 11, Boston 2
N.Y. Yankees 11, Houston 6, 1st game
Chicago White Sox 5, San Diego 3
Kansas City 9, Baltimore 8
Texas 6, Oakland 4
L.A. Angels 4, Detroit 1
Houston 10, N.Y. Yankees 7, 2nd game
Today's Games
Tampa Bay (Archer 3-1) at Cleveland (Carrasco 4-2), 5:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Colon 1-4) at Toronto (Bolsinger 0-1), 6:07 p.m.
Houston (Musgrove 2-3) at Miami (Koehler 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Putney 0-3) at L.A. Angels (Chavez 2-5), 9:07 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 1-2) at Seattle (Gallardo 1-3), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Sunday's Scores
Miami 3, Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 4, Washington 3, 1st game
Chicago White Sox 9, San Diego 3
Milwaukee 11, N.Y. Mets 9
St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 0
Colorado 9, L.A. Dodgers 6
San Francisco 8, Cincinnati 3
Pittsburgh 6, Arizona 4, 10 innings
Washington 6, Philadelphia 5, 2nd game
Today's Games
Atlanta (Colon 1-4) at Toronto (Bolsinger 0-1), 6:07 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 2-2) at Arizona (Godley 1-0), 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 2-0) at San Diego (Perdomo 0-0), 9:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 3-0) at San Francisco

(Cam 2-1), 9:15 p.m.

Texas boxes

RANGERS 6, ATHLETICS 4

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Ra Davis cf	5	1	1	0	DSheilds lf-cf	4	2	2	1
Joyce rf	5	1	3	2	Andrus ss	4	2	3	2
Lowrie 2b	5	0	1	0	Mazara rf	4	0	2	1
Alonso 1b	4	0	0	0	Lucroy c	4	0	1	0
Healy dh	4	0	1	0	Odor 2b	3	1	0	0
Plouffe 3b	3	1	1	1	Napoli dh	4	0	0	0
Vogt c	3	0	2	0	C.Gomez cf	3	1	3	0
Pinder pr	0	0	0	0	Kozma 1b	1	0	1	1
Maxwell c	0	0	0	0	Gallo 3b	2	0	0	0
Canha lf	4	0	1	0	Ruis 1b-lf	3	0	0	0
Rosales ss	3	1	1	1					
Totals	36	4	11	4	Totals	33	6	12	5

Oakland										010 030 000—4
Texas										200 000 31x—6

DP—Oakland 3, Texas 2. LOB—Oakland 8, Texas 5. 2B—Ra Davis (6), Andrus (8), C.Gomez (11). HR—Joyce (4), Plouffe (6), Rosales (3). SB—DeShields (7), Odor (4), C.Gomez (5). CS—Kozma (1).

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Graveman	6 2-3	9	4	4	1	2
Madson L,0-3	1-3	2	1	1	0	0
Wahl	1-3	1	1	1	1	1
Coulombe	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Griffin	5	7	4	4	3	3
Jeffress	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Alvarez W,2-0	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Dyson	1	2	0	0	0	0
Bush S,4-5	1	1	0	0	0	0

Griffin pitched to 2 batters in the 6th
WP—Graveman 2.
T—2:51. A—35,157 (48,114).

YANKEES 11, ASTROS 6

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Springer cf	4	1	1	0	Gardner lf	5	3	3	1
Reddick rf	4	1	2	0	Ellsbry cf	5	1	1	0
Altuve dh	4	2	0	0	Hilliday dh	4	2	1	2
Correa ss	4	1	1	1	S Castro 2b	5	2	2	3
Gattis c	5	1	2	2	Judge rf	3	2	1	1
Ma Gnza 2b	3	0	1	2	Gregrius ss	4	0	1	0
Y Gmez 1b	3	0	2	1	Headley 3b	4	1	1	3
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	Carter 1b	3	0	1	1
Aoki lf	3	0	0	0	Au Rmne c	4	0	0	0
Totals	34	6	9	6	Totals	37	11	11	11

Houston										000 000 300— 6
New York										100 300 01x—11

E—S.Castro (4), Correa (3), Y.Gurriel 2 (3). DP—New York 2. LOB—Houston 8, New York 5. 2B—Gardner (6), Ellsbury (3), S.Castro (7), Gregorius (3), Carter (2), 3B—Headley (1). HR—Gardner (7), S.Castro (7), Judge (14). SF—Y.Gurriel (1).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fiers	5 2-3	4	4	4	2	7
Feliz	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Harris L,1-1 H 6	1-3	3	3	3	0	0
Devenski	1	3	3	1	1	1
Sipp	1 1-3	1	1	1	0	2
New York						
Severino	2 1-3	6	3	3	3	2
Green	3 2-3	1	0	0	1	3
Warren W,1-0	2	2	3	2	1	1
Holder	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Severino (Springer). WP—Fiers. T—3:20. A—41,150 (49,642).

Sunday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 8, TWINS 3

Minnesota										000 002 100 —3 9 0
Cleveland										104 002 00x —8 13 1

Santiago, Wilk (3), Breslow (7), Haley (8) and Gimenez; Bauer, S.Shaw (7), A.Miller (8), Allen (9) and R.Perez. W—Bauer 3-4. L—Santiago 4-2. HRs—Minnesota, Polanco. Cleveland, Kipnis 2, Chisenhall, Santana.

BLUE JAYS 3, MARINERS 2

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Toronto										000 002 001 —3 7 1

Miranda, Pazos (6), Vincent (7), Rzepczynski (8), Zych (8), Diaz (9) and Ruiz. A.Sanchez, Leone (6), Tepera (7) and Maile W—Tepera 3-1. L—Diaz 1-2. HRs—Seattle, Dyson. Toronto, Smoak, Pillar.

ROYALS 9, ORIOLES 8

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Kansas City										000 521 10x —9 14 0

Gausman, Bleier (4), Givens (6), Hart (8) and C.Joseph; Chris Young, Strahm (4), Albuquerque (6), Minor (7), Moylan (7), Soria (8), K.Herrera (9) and Butera, W—Strahm 1-2. L—Bleier 0-1. Sv—K.Herrera (8). HRs—Baltimore, Joseph, Davis. Kansas City, Moustakas, Soler, Butera.

RAYS 11, RED SOX 2

Tampa Bay										110 100 107 —11 16 1
Boston										100 010 000 —2 6 1

Andriese, E.Ramirez (6), Alvarado (8), Stanek (8), Colome (8), Farquhar (9) and Sucre; Pomeranz, B.Taylor (4), Abad (6), Barnes (6), Ross Jr. (7), Hembree (9) and Vazquez. W—Andriese 3-1. L—Pomeranz 3-3. HRs—Tampa Bay, Souza Jr.

ANGELS 4, TIGERS 1

Detroit										000 000 000 —1 4 0
Los Angeles										100 100 20x —4 5 0

Verlander, Greene (7), Hardy (7), Rodriguez (8) and McCann; Meyer, Parker (7), Hernandez (8), Norris (9) and Gratacet. W—Meyer 2-1. L—Verlander 3-3. Sv—Norris (7). HRs—Los Angeles, Trout, Espinosa.

INTERLEAGUE
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Nadal beats Thiem in Madrid, wins 3rd straight title

By Tales Azzoni
Associated Press

MADRID — Rafael Nadal defeated Dominic Thiem 7-6 (8), 6-4 Sunday in the Madrid Open final to win his third straight title and continue his good form heading into the French Open.

Nadal withstood a tough challenge from the ninth-ranked Thiem, converting on his fourth match point to earn his 15th straight victory on clay and tie Novak Djokovic's record of 30 career titles in Masters 1000 events.

The triumph at his home tournament gave Nadal his 72nd career title, and 52nd on clay.

It was Nadal's second straight win against the 23-year-old Austrian, coming two weeks after the Barcelona Open final when the fifth-ranked Spaniard cruised to victory in straight sets.

Nadal also won in Monte Carlo last month.

"These last few weeks have been very special. I'm very happy for what I achieved," Nadal said. "It means a lot to me to win at home, it's always a special place for me."

Nadal had easily defeated Thiem in Barcelona, losing only five games in a two-set victory, but was forced to work a lot harder on Sunday.

In an even first set, Nadal had to save two set points in the tiebreaker. The Spaniard converted his fifth set point of the match to take that tiebreaker and go one set up. Nadal broke early in the second set but was not able to pull away, and needed to save four break points in the final game before closing out the match.

"Anything could have happened at the end of the first set, but I think I played well the important points at the end," Nadal said. "I saved a few set points playing some good shots with my forehand. After that I went for it."

Thiem was trying to win his ninth title, and the first since winning the Rio de Janeiro tournament in the beginning of the year. It was his first final in a Masters 1000 event.

"It was a good fight out there. I was much, much better and much closer than in Barcelona," Thiem said. "Sometimes against the best players in the world, you even lose when you play well."

Nadal has a tour-leading 34 victories in what has been a superb season following lean years for the 14-time Grand Slam champion. He also made it to three finals, losing two of them to Roger Federer, including at the Australian Open.

Nadal, who was out for much of last year because of a wrist injury, has won 30 of his last 32 sets going into the tournament in Rome this week. Then he will try to win his 10th title at Roland Garros, where he won his last Grand Slam title three years ago.

He defeated Djokovic in the semifinals in Madrid, snapping a seven-match winless streak against the second-ranked Serb.

It was Nadal's fifth title in eighth Madrid Open finals, and the first since 2014. His other titles came in 2005, 2010 and 2013.

Andrews

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The experience itself is a major part of that task.

"There's no way to recreate the internal pressure, the puking sensation when they call your name on the first tee," Burgen said. "I have seven back from last year and having that experience (at the state tournament) is invaluable. We're trying to prepare the best we can."

But old fashioned hard work is arguably as important as experience and Burgen added that he's confident this year's teams have duly noted the examples set by their former state champion teammates.

"I'd like to think they've seen some of the players who have graduated recently," Burgen said. "I think they've seen extra sacrifice at this time of year. I feel like we're battle tested and we're always prepared and I feel comfortable with our preparation."

Another key element of a successful team is its leader -- a No. 1 player -- and someone who personifies that blend of experience, talent and toughness. It's something Burgen had been searching for throughout the season. But he believes he has found it in the form of junior Rachel Huffman, whose growing consistency has been key for the Lady Mustangs over the last few weeks.

Huffman is the reigning District 4-4A champion who also finished fourth at the Region I-4A tournament. Last season as a sophomore, she placed seventh individually at state with a 80-73--153 total.

Huffman, entering her second state tournament, said she has carved out a leadership role through her steady work habits.

"I feel like I really am starting to take a leadership role by example," Huffman said. "I feel like lately, a lot of my hard work has paid off. I'm going to keep working hard to ensure I keep my spot."

Added Burgen: "She has been our most consistent player for most of the year. She has been in that No. 1 spot for six weeks now. She's taken on extra commitment of becoming more consistent. I think it sends a quiet message to the rest of the team that 'Hey, Rachel is going to play well today.'"

Huffman, who posted Andrews' second lowest score behind Walinder on last year's championship team, said she and her teammates will have to earn their seventh consecutive state title over the next two days.

But in a precedent the Lady Mustangs have established over the last six years, they know they belong among the state's best.

"I think it's (about) not focusing on the score and understanding that we're meant to be there," Huffman said.

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Golfers

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there, so they're familiar with the course and the tournament."

FORSAN GIRLS AT STATE AGAIN: The Forsan girls golf team will be making its second straight appearance at the Class 2A state golf tournament, which takes place today and Tuesday at Austin's Roy Kizer Golf Course.

The team of Razyl Yanez, Jillian Jones, Sierra Darling, Alexis Stercks and Alysa Le qualified after winning the Region I-2A title last month in Odessa.

The Lady Buffaloes shot 345-358—703 to beat Wellington by four strokes.

Last year, Forsan finished fifth at the state tournament.

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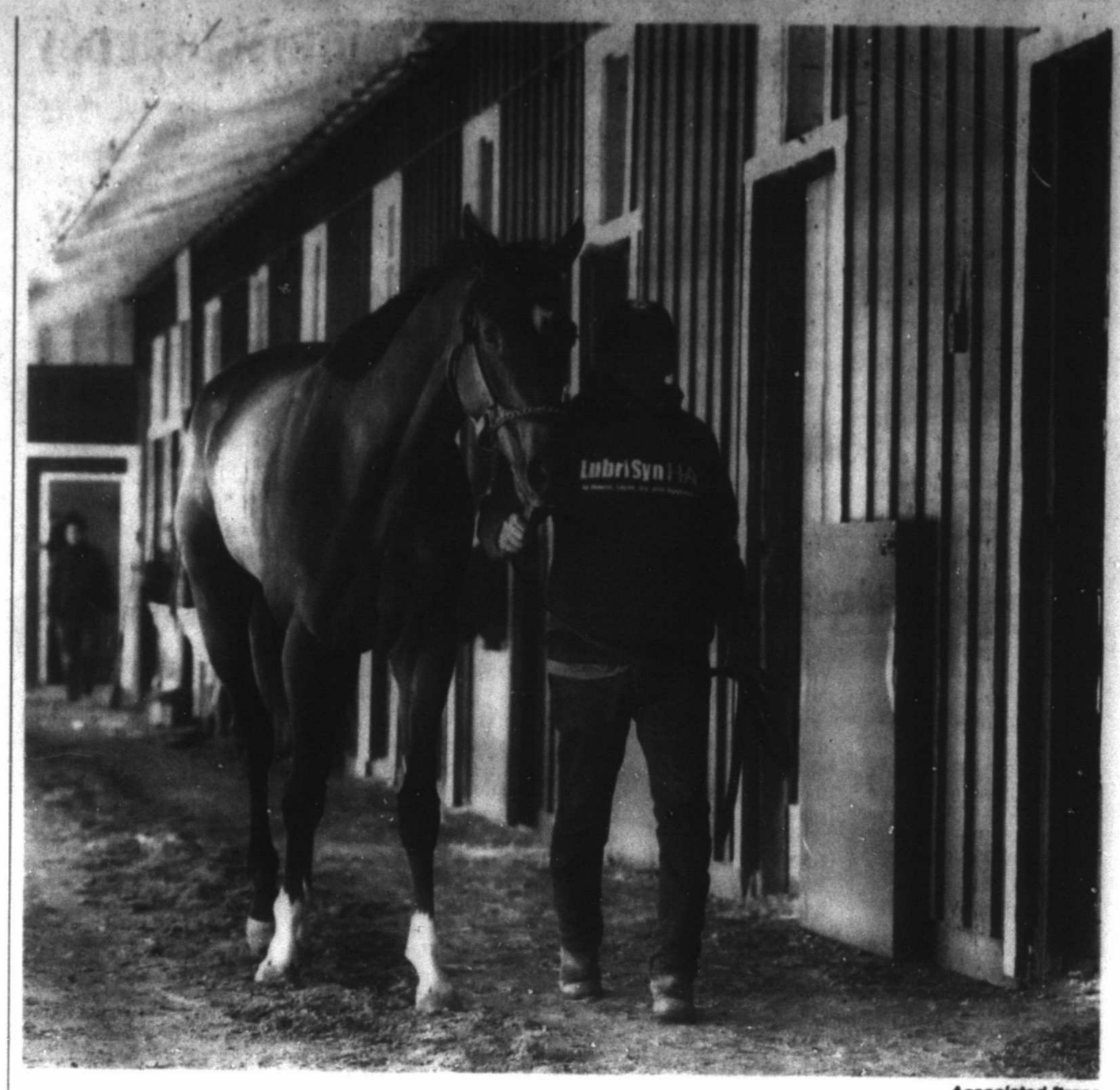

Associated Press

Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming walks alongside a groom in a barn at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore on May 9. The Preakness Stakes horse race is scheduled to take place May 20.

New horses among Preakness challenges facing Always Dreaming

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

After Always Dreaming's win in the Kentucky Derby as the favorite, the colt will be running in the Preakness with a bulls-eye on his back.

With a victory, Always Dreaming would head to the Belmont Stakes in New York three weeks later with a shot at winning the Triple Crown. Two years ago, American Pharoah ended a 37-year drought by winning the Triple Crown. Before that, California Chrome in 2014 and I'll Have Another in 2012 followed up their Kentucky Derby victories by winning the Preakness to set up Triple tries. Neither pulled off the feat.

The 142nd Preakness is shaping up to have 11 runners. Entries are due Wednesday, when post positions will be drawn.

Always Dreaming figures to be the clear favorite. After starting the year without a victory, he's won four in a row by a combined 23 1/4 lengths.

Always Dreaming arrived in Baltimore three days after winning the Derby by 2 3/4 lengths on a sloppy track. Trainer Todd Pletcher wanted to give the dark bay colt plenty of time to adjust to his new surroundings since Always Dreaming proved difficult to train in the days leading up to the Derby. His behavior forced Pletcher to adjust his equipment and use a different exercise rider in the mornings.

The colt has been, well, like a dream since he left Kentucky.

"We like what we're seeing so far," Pletcher said. "All the indications are he's bounced out of the race quickly. I was pleasantly surprised at how quickly he cooled down after the race and recovered so well even the evening of the Derby. All the indications since then have been great."

Pletcher traditionally skips the Preakness because he's not a fan of running horses back two weeks after a stressful race like the Derby. Instead, the New York-based trainer often gives his Derby runners five weeks' rest and points them toward the 1 1/2-mile Belmont Stakes, the third and longest leg of the Triple Crown.

"It's really a tremendous respect for the Preakness," Pletcher said. "It's something I'd love to win. It's just in a lot of cases we felt like that our horses need a little more time to recover, and not all of them have bounced out of the Derby as well as it seems like Dreaming has so far."

The 49-year-old trainer is 0 for 8 in the race. His best finish was third with Impeachment in 2000. Always Dreaming will be just his second Preakness starter in seven years.

Pletcher has decided Always Dreaming won't have a timed workout — known as a breeze — before the Preakness.

"He's putting plenty of energy into his gallops and I just don't see the need for a breeze," he said. "I'm just trying to focus the two weeks on kind of refueling the tank a little bit, and hopefully he can show us at the Preakness all that he has and be ready to go."

Always Dreaming faces different challenges in the Preakness. Unlike the traffic-choked 20-horse field in the 1 1/4-mile Derby, the second leg of the Triple Crown is limited to 14 horses running a shorter distance of 1 3/16 miles.

Always Dreaming faces new shooters, too. Several horses that skipped the Derby have the advantage of being rested, including Cloud Computing, Conquest Mo Money, Multiplier, Senior Investment and Term of Art. Lancaster Bomber, from the barn of Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien, finished fourth in the English 2000 Guineas on May 6, the same day as the Derby.

Some of Always Dreaming's Derby competition is back to take a shot at knocking him off, including fourth-place finisher Classic Empire.

"I'm running him because we feel he's the best horse and we want to prove it," trainer Mark Casse said. "We sure didn't change our mind given the results of the Derby."

Also returning from the Derby are second-place Lookin At Lee, seventh-place Gunnevera and 11th-place Hence.

"I've tasted what it's like to think we are going to win the Kentucky Derby," said Corey Lanerie, who rides Lookin At Lee. "Now hopefully we can get the job done in the Preakness."

The Preakness lost a potential starter on Sunday when Royal Mo suffered a career-ending injury during a five-furlong workout at Pimlico.

Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens was aboard Royal Mo when he said he heard a pop while turning into the stretch.

Trainer John Shirreffs said X-rays showed a fractured sesamoid bone in the colt's right front ankle. Royal Mo was taken to the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center.

The Southern California-based colt was on the eligible list for the Derby but didn't draw into the field.

Championship

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with an 84.

He was tied for the lead at the start of the day and finished in a tie for 41st.

It was the worst finish by a 54-hole leader in tournament history, a record that previously belonged to Graeme McDowell (2011) and Alex Cejka (2009), who both shot 79.

Holmes wasn't alone. Defending champion Jason Day closed with an 80, keeping very much in tact the streak of no winner ever repeating in the Players. Rickie Fowler, who won the year before, closed with a 79.

As for the winner? That was rarely in doubt over the back nine. Even though Kim only hit eight greens in regulation, he went six straight holes on the back without facing a par putt over 2 feet. Kim bumped a fairway metal to just over 3 feet on the final hole and rapped in the par putt to being the celebration.

"I still can't believe I'm the champion, and I'm the youngest champion," Kim said. "I'm looking forward to working hard from now on."

Kim said he wasn't nervous because of his victory last year in the Wyndham Championship, which gave him a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour. This victory comes with perks beyond the $1.89 million first prize. He now gets a five-year exemption on the PGA Tour, and a three-year exemption to the Masters.

The previous youngest champion of The Players was Adam Scott, who was 23 when he won in 2005.

Kim becomes the second player from South Korea to win The Players Championship, joining K.J. Choi in 2011.

"From that moment, I was dreaming that I really want to be in this tournament," Kim said through a translator. "And I'm very glad I could practice with him. He gave me a lot of advice. That's why I could do well."

Just over four years ago, Kim came over to America to play the final version of PGA Tour's qualifying school. He earned a card at age 17, but he could not become a PGA Tour member until he turned 18 the following June. That card effectively went to waste, and Kim spent the next two years on the developmental tour until earning his card back to the big leagues.

Now he's here to stay for at least the next five years, and based on his game, probably much longer.

GOLF SCORES

Players Championship

Sunday
At TPC Sawgrass, Players Stadium Course
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
Purse: $10.5 million
Yardage: 7,189; Par: 72
Final

Si W. Kim (600), $1,890,000	69-72-68-69—278	
L. Oosthuizen (270), $924,000	69-66-73-73—281	
Jon Rahm (270), $924,000	72-67-71-71—281	
R. C. Bello (135), $462,000	69-70-73-70—282	
Kyle Stanley (135), $462,000	69-66-72-75—282	
L. Glover (90), $339,938	70-70-73-70—283	
F. Molinari (90), $339,938	69-74-69-71—283	
Adam Scott (90), $339,938	70-72-71-70—283	
B. Steele (90), $339,938	69-71-75-68—283	
Alex Noren, $263,500	68-71-72-73—284	
E. Grillo (77), $252,500	72-71-67-75—285	
D. Johnson (66), $212,625	71-73-74-68—286	
S. Kaufman (66), $212,625	74-67-76-69—286	
Chris Kirk (66), $212,625	74-72-69-71—286	
Cameron Tringale (21), $50,667	70-71-76-73—290	
Harold Varner III (21), $50,667	71-70-77-72—290	
Aaron Baddeley (14), $36,750	70-73-76-72—291	
Tommy Fleetwood, $36,750	74-67-76-74—291	
Tyrrell Hatton, $36,750	70-72-71-74—291	
J.B. Holmes (14), $36,750	68-69-70-84—291	
Billy Hurley III (14), $36,750	71-72-76-72—291	
Phil Mickelson (14), $36,750	70-72-76-71—291	
Steve Stricker (14), $36,750	72-70-73-76—291	
Brandon Grace (10), $26,712	71-75-73-73—292	
Cody Gribble (10), $26,712	69-75-74-74—292	
Zach Johnson (10), $26,712	72-73-71-76—292	
Rod Pampling (10), $26,712	72-74-74-72—292	
Bo Hoag (10), $26,712	70-76-73-73—292	
Brian Harman (7), $24,430	71-75-71-76—293	
Ryan Moore (7), $24,430	73-72-74-74—293	
D. Summerhays (7), $24,430	69-73-75-76—293	
Roberto Castro (6), $23,625	71-71-76-76—294	
Kevin Kisner (6), $23,625	71-75-73-75—294	
Chez Reavie (6), $23,625	68-72-79-75—294	
Jimmy Walker (6), $23,625	71-74-75-74—294	
Keegan Bradley (5), $22,680	75-69-75-76—295	
Jason Day (5), $22,680	70-72-73-80—295	
Jason Dufner (5), $22,680	73-71-77-74—295	
Rickie Fowler (5), $22,680	70-74-72-79—295	
Michael Kim (5), $22,680	72-74-73-76—295	
Ricky Barnes (4), $21,735	70-74-76-76—296	
Daniel Berger (4), $21,735	69-72-77-78—296	
Justin Rose (4), $21,735	74-71-71-80—296	
Lee Westwood, $21,735	70-75-76-75—296	
David Hearn (3), $21,000	70-69-80-78—297	
Martin Kaymer, $21,000	72-72-75-78—297	
G. McDowell (3), $21,000	71-72-74-80—297	

Made cut did not finish

David Lingmerth (3), $20,370	69-75-78—222
Jon Rahm (3), $20,370	68-72-82—222
Kevin Streelman (3), $20,370	72-73-77—222
Jamie Lovemark (3), $19,635	75-70-78—223
Brian Stuard (3), $19,635	73-73-77—223
Justin Thomas (3), $19,635	73-71-79—223
Gary Woodland (3), $19,635	70-75-78—223
Alex Cejka (2), $18,900	75-70-79—224
Ben Crane (2), $18,900	71-75-78—224
Grayson Murray (2), $18,900	74-72-78—224
Matt Kuchar (2), $18,480	73-71-81—225
Bernd Wiesberger, $212,625	75-71-69-72—286
Wayne Barber (54), $152,250	70-76-72-69—287
M. Hughes (54), $152,250	67-75-74-71—287
Brooks Koepka (54), $152,250	74-69-71-73—287
Webb Simpson (54), $152,250	71-69-77-70—287
Vijay Singh (54), $152,250	70-68-70-79—287
Henrik Stenson (54), $152,250	73-70-74-71—287
Patrick Cantlay (40), $92,138	69-70-72-77—288
Paul Casey (40), $92,138	71-69-77-71—288
Kyle Ikeda, $92,138	73-69-72-74—288
H. Matsuyama (40), $92,138	72-71-70-69—288
William McGirt (40), $92,138	67-75-71-75—288
Seung-Yul Noh (40), $92,138	73-69-75-71—288
Pat Perez (40), $92,138	74-72-69-73—288
Patrick Reed (40), $92,138	72-73-74-69—288
Sergio Garcia (28), $65,205	73-71-67-78—289
Adam Hadwin (28), $65,205	71-72-76-70—289
Charley Hoffman (28), $65,205	74-72-72-71—289
Sung Kang (28), $65,205	71-73-72-71—289
Ben Martin (28), $65,205	71-70-73-75—289
Kevin Chappell (21), $50,663	72-72-73-73—290
Russell Henley (21), $50,663	75-69-73-74—290
Jim Herman (21), $50,663	71-75-72-72—290
Rory McIlroy (21), $50,663	73-71-71-75—290

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Martin Truex Jr. living sublimely after his Kansas Speedway win

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Joe Garone thought he'd seen Martin Truex Jr. lose in every conceivable way at Kansas Speedway, whether it was pit strategy or bad restarts or a bizarre problem during a late tire change that did in his chances of winning last season.

Truex

Then, he watched Erik Jones — the other car in their two-car Furniture Row Racing stable — go for a spin late in Saturday night's race, forcing a restart after Truex had established a big lead.

"I was like, 'Here's a new way to lose it,'" said Garone, the team's president. "The 77 is going to do it for us."

Only this time, things worked out in the end.

Truex roared away from Ryan Blaney and Kevin Harvick on a late restart, then did it again when Jimmie Johnson spun out with two laps to go. And after so many fits at Kansas Speedway, Truex and the Furniture Row Racing team had finally found their way to victory lane.

"I'm not going to lie to you: As a racer, you don't forget," Truex said. "You don't forget those days, the ones that got away or you screw up and gave one away or anything like that. You never forget those. They always stick with you."

Truex called last year "the biggest heartbreaker," when he had several seconds on the field and came in to pit with 54 laps to go. The stop went flawlessly save for the right front tire, which was on crooked and causing an intense shaking because of a bolt that got jammed behind it.

"To have the craziest thing happen that you could ever imagine — an eight-second lead just gone. I don't remember where we finished because it was so heartbreaking," Truex said. "I feel like it's been a long time coming, and we definitely earned it, that's for sure."

Indeed, Furniture Row Racing has earned just about everything it has gotten.

The only team headquartered west of the Mississippi, Barney Visser's two-car outfit has managed to challenge powerhouse teams such as Hendrick and Penske with regularity. It survived money problems and poor results early on, thanks primarily to dogged determination, and slowly built itself to the point where established drivers such as Kurt Busch were taking the team to the front.

Truex came aboard before the 2014 season, when Busch headed to Stewart-Haas Racing, and rookie crew chief Cole Pearn's arrival the following year sent the team on an upward trajectory.

Truex reached victory lane once in 2015 and made the final four at Homestead, finishing fourth in the championship race. And he finished second at the season-opening Daytona 500 and won four times last season, including a stretch of three wins in five races late in the year.

His other win? The Coca-Cola 600, where Truex led a record 392 of 400 laps.

"The first year with Martin, as you know, was pretty tough. We didn't know exactly what we had, and he didn't know exactly what he had, and it's just been golden ever since," Visser said. "He is definitely the pick, when we lost Kurt, that Cole and Joe and all the guys wanted, and we were able to land him. He's just been outstanding. You saw it (Saturday night) on those restarts.

"He drove like a champion, and that's where we think we're headed. That's the goal," Visser said with a smile. "And we've got a driver that can do it."

Truex has been the model of consistency this season. He was eighth at Atlanta before winning the following week at Las Vegas, then ran fourth a couple weeks later at California. He also had back-to-back eighth-place runs at Texas and Bristol and was in the top 10 at Richmond.

In fact, the only time he's finished outside the top 16 this season came at Talladega, when a late-race wreck ended his day. Otherwise, he's been right in the mix at every stop.

IndyCar teams turn attention to preparing for Indy 500

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — IndyCar team owner Sam Schmidt started plotting Indianapolis 500 strategy even before Saturday's race ended.

He certainly wasn't alone.

With Will Power dominating practice, qualifying and the IndyCar Grand Prix for his first win of the season, just about everyone else in Gasoline Alley began looking ahead to Monday's opening practice for the Indianapolis 500.

"Since we had such a crappy grand prix, I think (our focus) shifted 30 minutes ago," Schmidt said shortly after the race ended. "Maybe even as much as an hour ago. We know we have good cars for the 500 and hopefully we can be as good as we were last year. Right now is when we start working on the cars for the 500."

There's no time to waste for anyone.

In less than 48 hours, speedway workers must convert the track from the 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course into the traditional 2.5-mile oval.

Crew members will scramble to change the cars to perform on four distinct corners and at speeds nearing or topping 230 mph.

Strategists will plan when to run in qualifying trim, when to run in race trim and how weather could affect next week's two qualification rounds and the May 28 race.

Drivers will have to contend with much more traffic, with 33 cars expected to fill the traditional 11-row, three-car starting grid.

And numbers crunchers will get ready for the data influx that comes only once a year.

It's all part of the biggest month in racing.

"It's definitely a different deal," said Power, who is still looking for his first 500 win. "You (have to) get in a groove — you have plenty of time to get in that grove. You just run so many miles around this place that you know it too well, but you can't get too comfortable."

The Australian drives for powerhouse Team Penske, which has won the 500 a record 16 times, three of the four road races in Indy and two of the last three series titles.

But since Brazil's Helio Castroneves became the first foreign-born three-time winner in 2009, Penske's team has won one 500 — in 2015, when Colombia's Juan Pablo Montoya captured his second win. Another win would put Castroneves in the four-win club, which only has three members: A.J. Foyt, Al Unser and Rick Mears.

The always-energetic Castroneves, now 41, couldn't contain his excitement. Just 15 minutes after a fifth-place finish in the grand prix, he was already talking about his next mission — scaling Indy's catch-fence one more time.

"They (the crew) will take about 12 hours to convert the car from road course to oval — they're already going to start making some changes," he said. "We're going to take a little bit of time to focus, start setting the strategy for the week and hope for the best."

Another major change for the IndyCar regulars: dealing with the number of one-off racers that will be on the track Monday, including the highly anticipated arrival of two-time Formula One champion Fernando Alonso.

After finishing 12th in Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix, the Indy rookie flew to the United States, where he will stay through race day.

NASCAR KANSAS GO BOWLING 400 RESULTS

Saturday
At Kansas Speedway
Kansas City, Kan.
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (3) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 267
2. (17) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 267
3. (8) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 267
4. (1) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 267
5. (5) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 267
6. (9) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 267
7. (15) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 267
8. (12) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 267
9. (30) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 267
10. (16) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 267
11. (4) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 267
12. (14) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 267
13. (35) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 267
14. (22) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 267
15. (31) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 267
16. (11) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 267
17. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 267
18. (20) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 267
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NASCAR's Almirola out of hospital after fracturing vertebra

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — NASCAR driver Aric Almirola was released from the University of Kansas Medical Center on Sunday, a day after he fractured a vertebra during a fiery wreck at Kansas Speedway.

Almirola was trailing Joey Logano and Danica Patrick when a broken brake rotor on Logano's car sent him and Patrick into the wall entering the first turn. Almirola had no time to check up and plowed into Logano's car, the force of the impact lifting his No. 43 car into the air and nearly flipping it over.

Safety crews removed the top of Almirola's car so they could remove him, and he was placed on a backboard and taken to the infield care center. He was then airlifted to the hospital, conscious and alert, and doctors there diagnosed a compression fracture of his T5 vertebra.

Richard Petty Motorsports said in a statement Sunday that Almirola was mobile and returning to his home in North Carolina. He will be examined further by doctors in Charlotte.

The wreck with 67 laps remaining in Saturday night's race, which was won by Martin Truex Jr., cast such a debris field that the race was red-flagged for nearly 30 minutes. That gave plenty of other drivers a chance to contemplate the carnage that had taken place along the wall.

"That was scary," Clint Bowyer said. "You hate to see anybody that you race against and know, know their kids and everything else, get cut out like that. It's scary for everybody."

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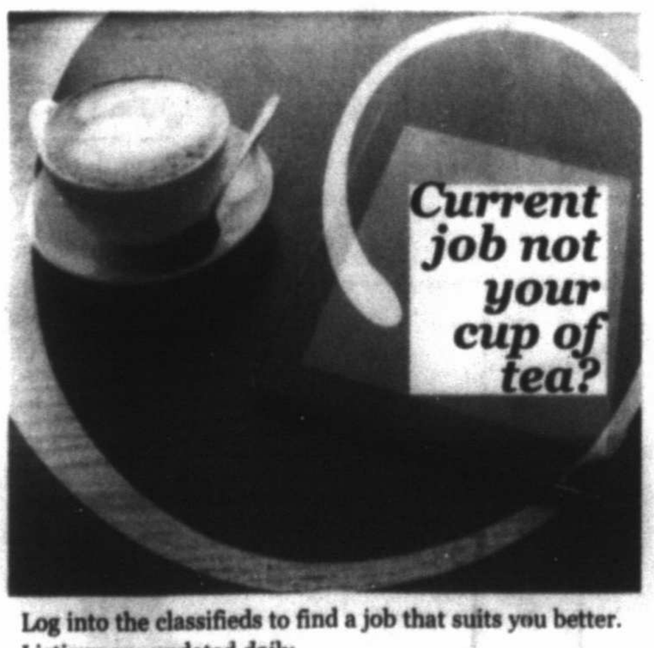

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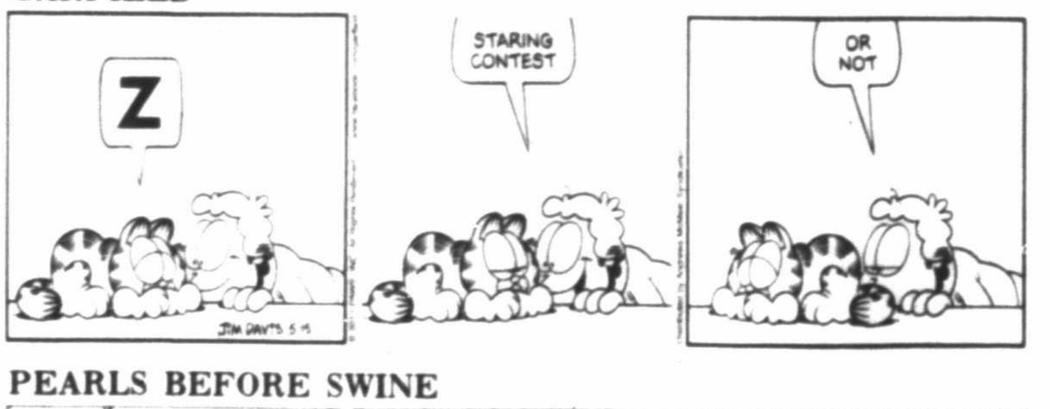

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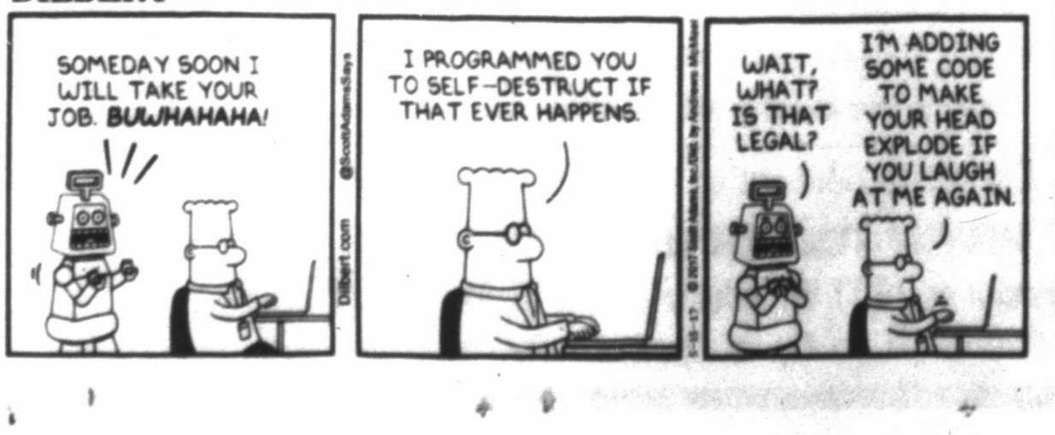

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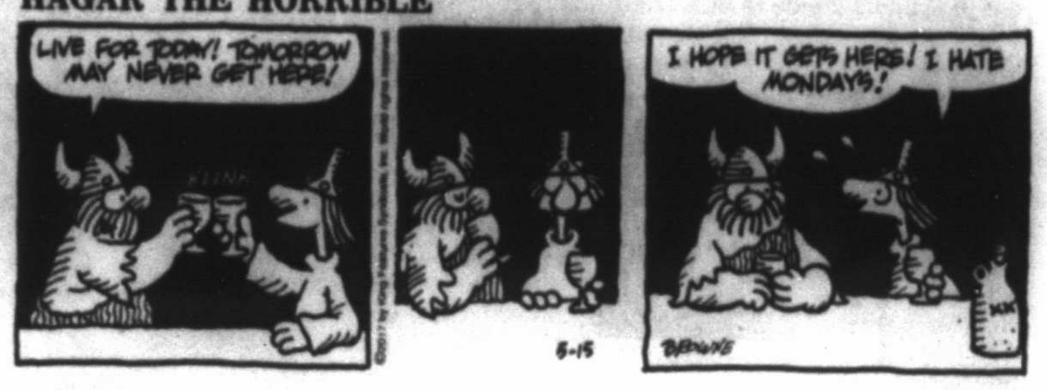

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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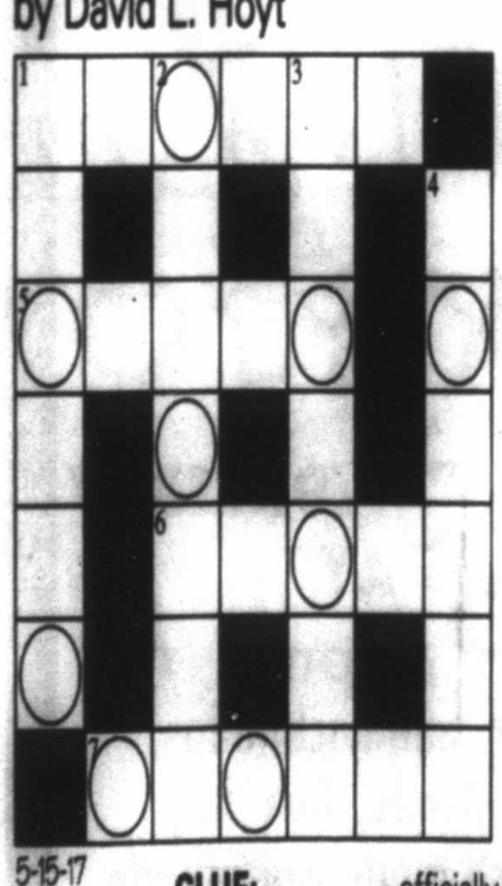

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ board	DELREA
5. ___ inches	UCCIB
6. Run off to get hitched	EPOEL
7. ___ test	RSTSES

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Crop killer	ULOTCS
2. Surrounding	ENMATIB
3. Corral	SONELEC
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ACROSS
1 Beach sidler
5 Heroic exploit
9 Donald Duck, to his nephews
13 Prefix for an intoxicating weed
14 "Republic" philosopher
15 Modernists, informally
16 Part of NYSE: Abbr.
17 "Handyman's forte
19 Rich person's suffix
20 __ about: circa
21 Sty calls
22 *Sports industry mogul
24 Kitchen invader
25 Youthful bar patrons are usually asked for them
26 Cows' milk glands
29 Whence chocolate
32 Has lunch, say
35 Organ knob
36 Gray hue
37 *Frolic unrestrained
40 Mandela's land: Abbr.
41 Old Italian coin
43 Jazz singer James
44 Arthritis detectors
46 For the most part
48 Soul automaker
49 Phys. or entom.
50 *Where the biggest headlines are
56 "__ we meet again"
58 Gambling city near Tahoe
59 Trampled (on)
60 Game one for season ticket holders ... or, literally, what each word in the answers to starred clues can have
62 Responsibility
63 Algerian seaport
64 Bleak, in verse
65 Take the bus
66 "... why __ thou forsaken me?": Matthew
67 Experience, as emotions
68 Ball-balancing circus animal

DOWN
1 Soccer shoe's turf grabber
2 51-Down's "Chicago" role
3 Capital of Ghana
4 Czech Republic region
5 Mercury Seven astronaut John
6 How "The Raven" poet signed some of his letters
7 Drummer Ringo
8 You, in French
9 Kicks back
10 Colorful aquarium fish
11 Wine stopper
12 Questions
14 Ship fronts
18 "__ trip!": "Let's travel!"
23 Smell
26 Take advantage of
27 Optimistic
28 Restful resorts
29 Not windy
30 Tibet's continent
31 "Holiday Inn" holiday
32 Tolkien tree creature
33 Back at sea?
34 __-la-la
38 Driver's one-eighty
39 Leave the stage
42 Really old
45 Hawks and eagles
47 Stitch's movie pal
48 Big name in packaged soup
50 French brother
51 "Chicago" co-star Zellweger
52 Shaq of the NBA
53 Golf great with an "army"
54 Mild Dutch cheese
55 Ford flop
56 "Here comes trouble!"
57 Romance novelist Roberts
61 Adobe file format

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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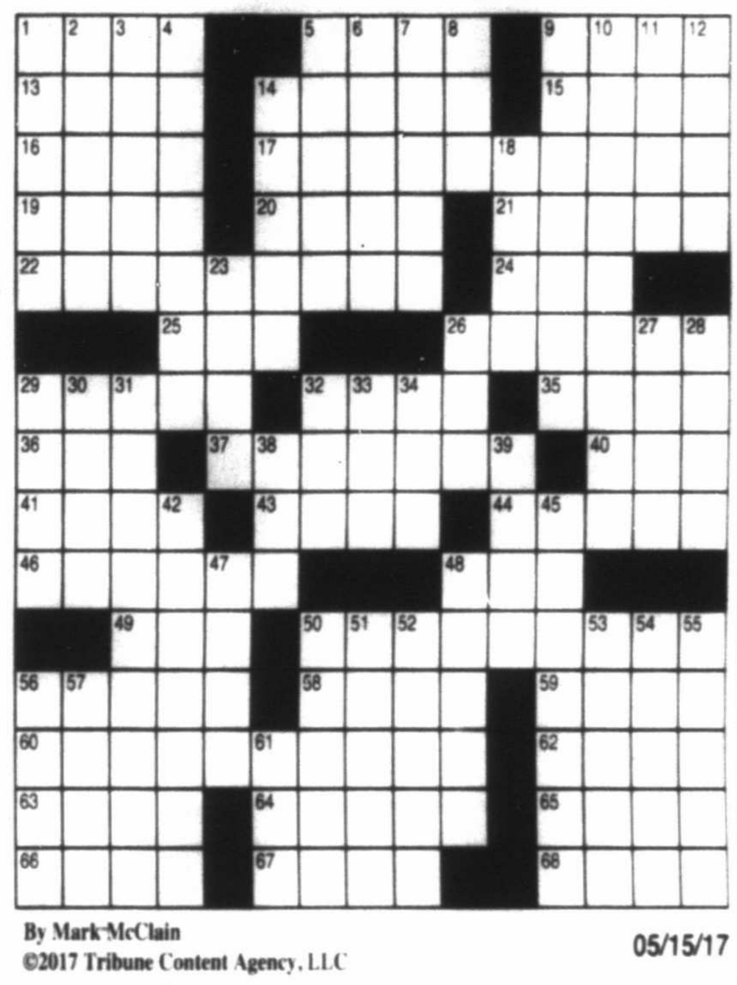

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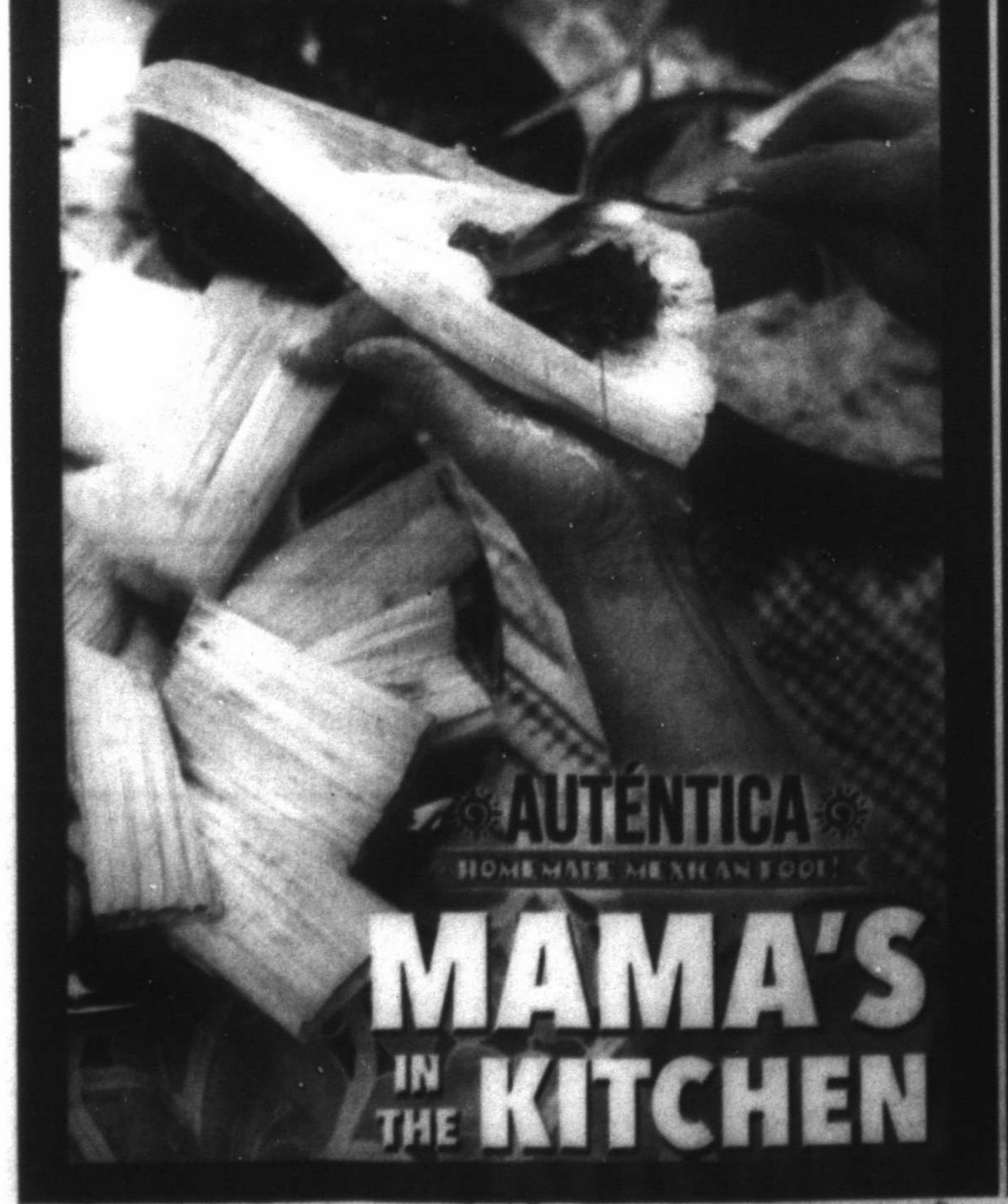

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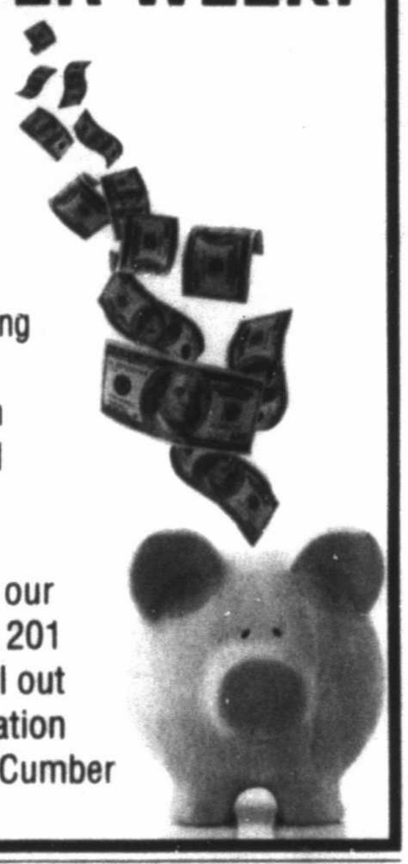

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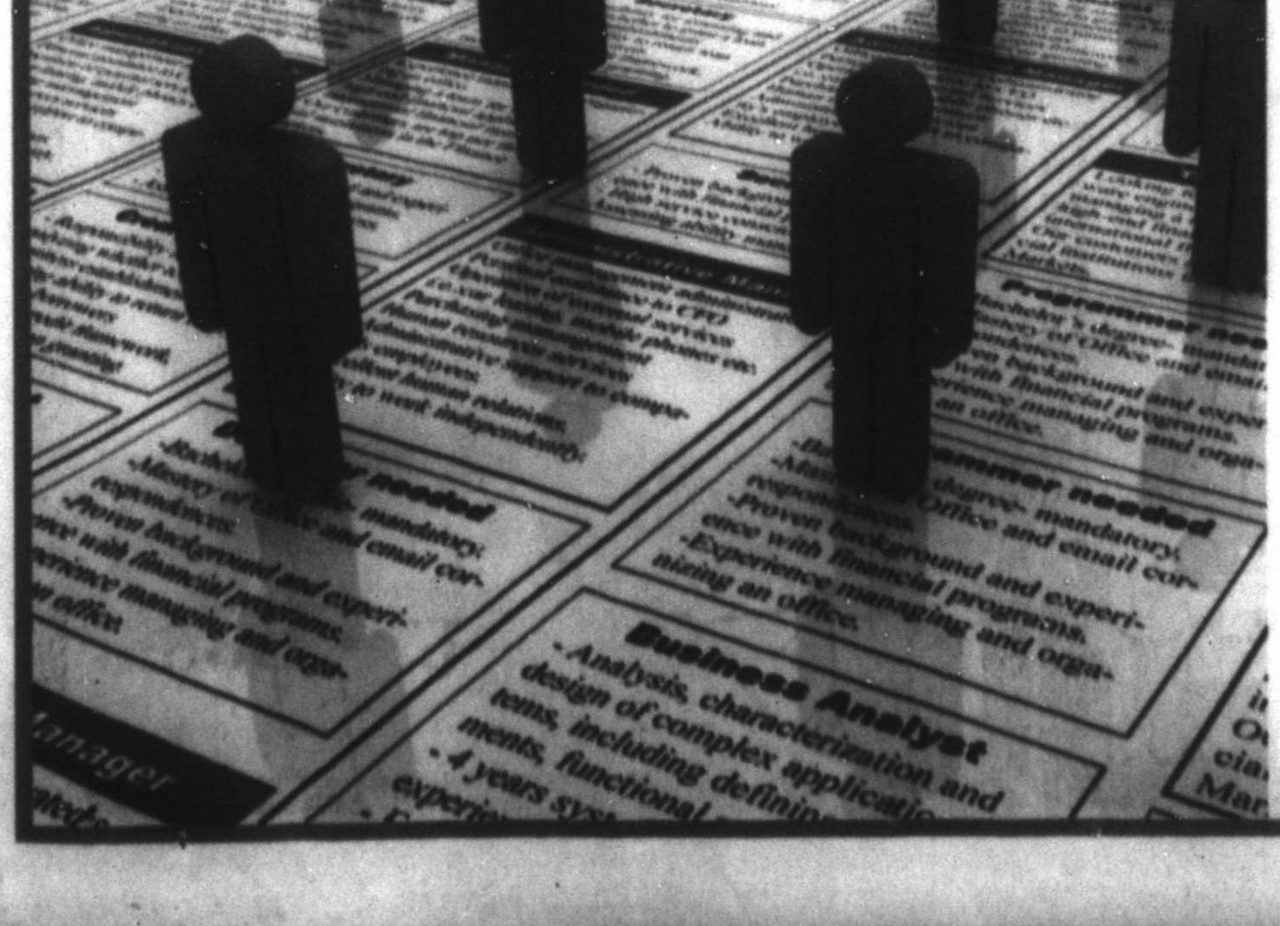

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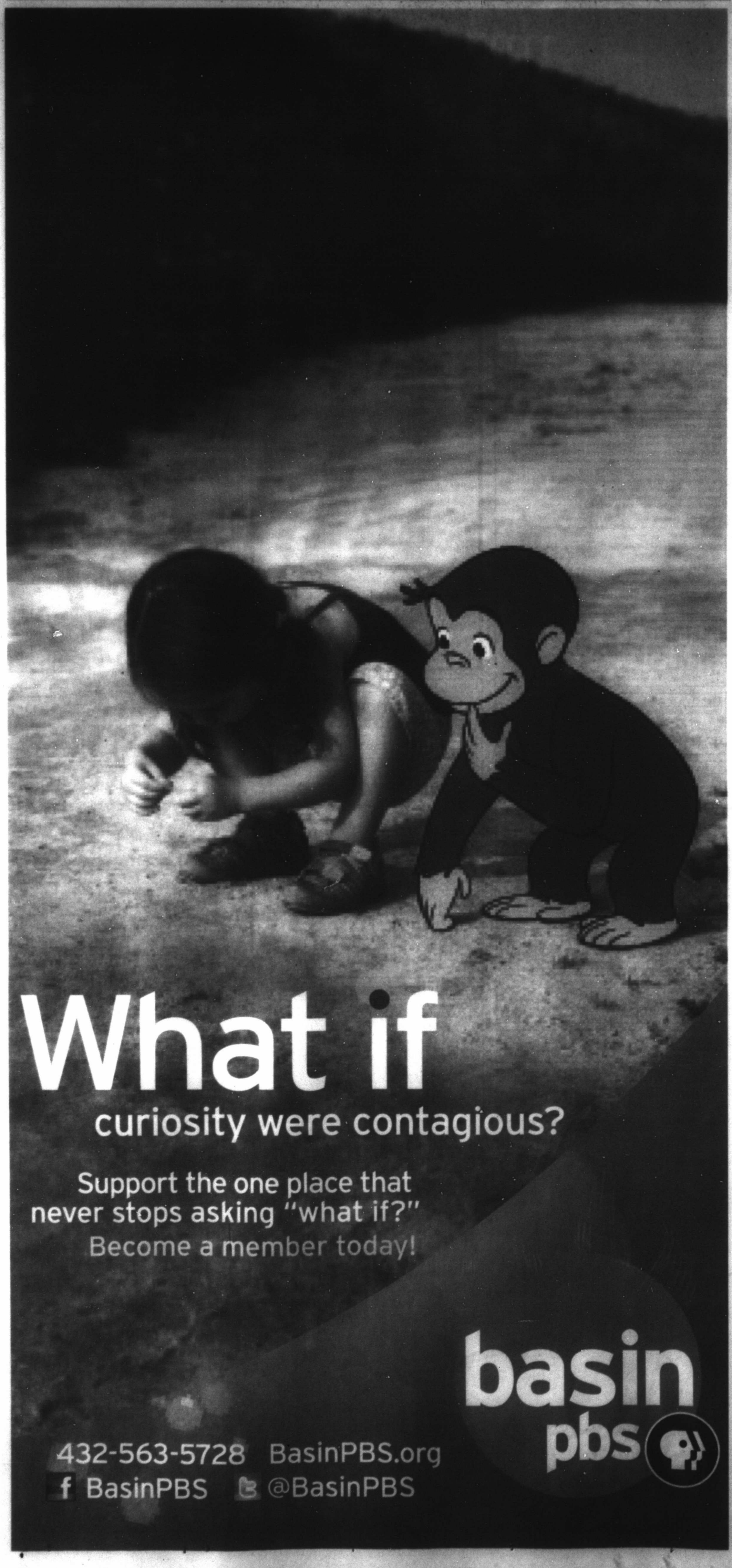
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RV Vehicles

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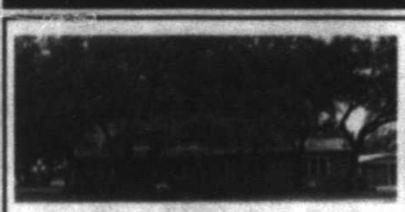
Lots and Land



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Lots and Land

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Lots and Land

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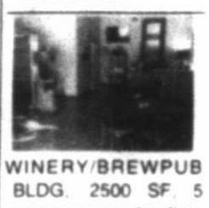

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