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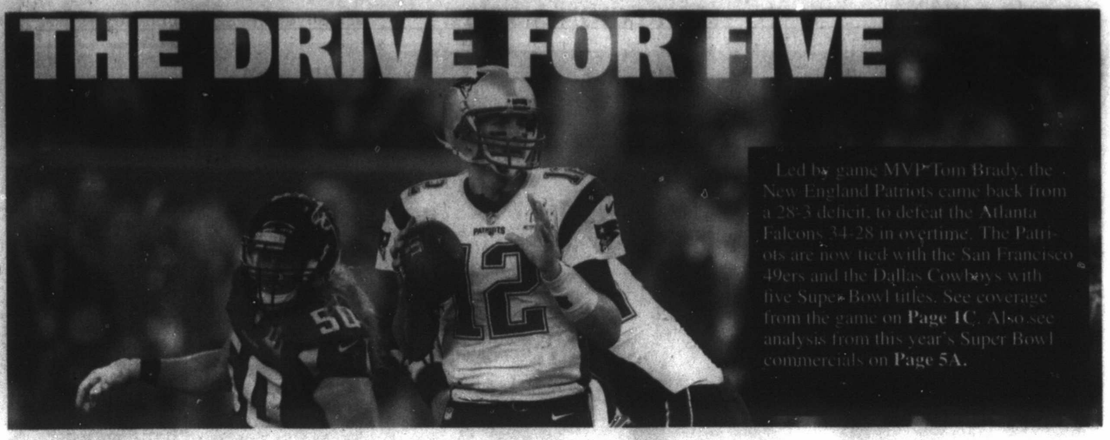

Led by game MVP Tom Brady, the New England Patriots came back from a 28-3 deficit to defeat the Atlanta Falcons 34-28 in overtime. The Patriots are now tied with the San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys with five Super Bowl titles. See coverage from the game on **Page 1C**. Also see analysis from this year's Super Bowl commercials on **Page 5A**.

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Refiner warns border tax would hike pump prices

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

A proposed border tax on imports would cause gasoline prices for American drivers to skyrocket as much as 40 cents a gallon, the chief executive of the nation's largest refiners said Friday.

Despite the shale-led boom in U.S. production, the nation still imports large amounts of crude from Canada, Latin America, the Middle East and other parts of world, all of which would be subject to the border taxes floated by House Republicans and President Donald Trump. With refining profit margins already tight, companies would unload as much of the additional tax burden on consumers as possible, said Greg Garland, CEO of Phillips 66 of Houston.

"It's going to get mostly passed through," he told analysts during an earnings call.

Phillips 66 isn't the only refiner warning of higher prices for consumers, should Congress enact a border tax. Gary Heminger, CEO of Ohio-based Marathon Petroleum Corp., recently told analysts that the effects of a border tax on refining companies' earnings would be minimal, since they would simply "pass the price on to the consumer."

The border tax — basically a tax on imports — is part of an overhaul of the U.S. tax code proposed by House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Rep. Kevin Brady of The Woodands, the top Republican on the House tax-writing committee. They say their plan would bring more jobs and manufacturing to United States by imposing a 20 percent tax on imports, cutting the corporate income tax from 35 percent to 20 percent, and excluding export revenues from taxable income.

Trump has supported some variation of a border adjustment tax.

Even though Texas oil production is on the rise, many Gulf Coast refineries import heavier crude oil from Canada, Mexico, Venezuela and other nations. Onshore U.S. oil fields produce lighter, less thick crude that refineries weren't originally built to process, U.S.

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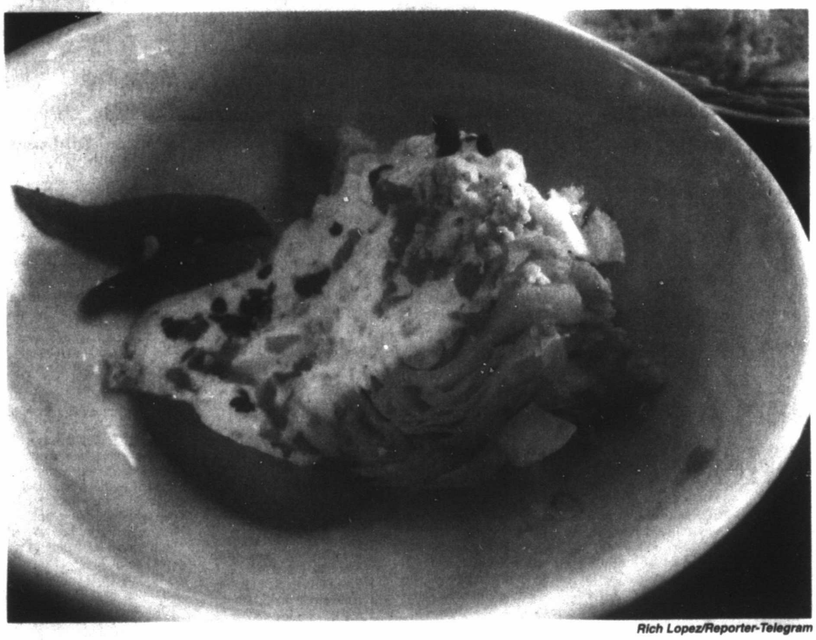
Opal's open for business



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The blue cheese iceberg salad with its tangy red wine vinaigrette and pickled okra.

The takeaway: Opal's Table mixes upscale dining experience with comfort food

By Rich Lopez
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Downtown Midland will be able to count another dining option in its fold when Opal's Table opens its doors on Wednesday. Chef Chip Hight, who owns Hight Foods, brings a mix of familiar dishes with elevated flavors into quarters that are both hip and cozy. He introduced some of the restaurant's offerings over three nights of previews this past Thursday through Saturday.

The restaurant is now accepting reservations. Before you go, here are our takeaways from the preview.

The space

Hight and his team created an incredible dining space in the corner of Midland Tower facing Colorado Street. Modern decor emphasized an eclectic point of view. The white subway tiled walls with green and wooden accents tie together with sophistication with a focus wall of green leafy blooms that adds dramatic effect.

The wait area is outside the restaurant in the fabulous art deco lobby of the tower which always felt grossly underused. With a bar window that faces into the lobby, patrons can order drinks and enjoy the slick waiting area while they wait for a text announcing an open table.

The service

The preview nights not only showed off the menu, but also were used to get the restaurant's service down pat. With a busy crowd both inside and waiting, the hosts were patient and efficient getting customers in queue. Servers were on top of checking their tables while also bringing out food and drinks in good time.

The menu

Hight offered a limited menu as is the case with most preview nights. The starter featured his signature pimento cheese which Hight Foods fans will likely recognize as well as a dish of pickled shrimp.

Two salads were offered. The blue cheese iceberg wedge was satisfying with its tangy red wine vinaigrette and pickled okra while his Farmer's Market salad combined roasted vegetables with a salad mix from Flying Y Farms and a perfect-size mini-scoop of goat cheese all which

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Abbott and Cruz hopeful for term limits on Congress

By Alex Samuels
Texas Tribune

As President Donald Trump casts his election victory as a rebuke against career politicians, the idea of imposing term limits on Congress has drawn renewed attention. Two Texas Republican leaders are pushing different approaches on how to get there.

Last month, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, proposed a constitutional amendment with U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis, R-Fla., that would limit members of Congress to serving a maximum of three terms in the House and two in the Senate.

"In one word, (the amendment) is excellent," said Philip Blumel, president of U.S. Term Limits, an organization that advocates for limiting the time elected officials serve at all levels of government. "It's simple, straightforward, and it's exactly the type of term limits amendment that polls show Americans are clamoring for."

In a December Washington Post op-ed, Cruz and DeSantis wrote that imposing term limits would "put an end to the cronyism that has transformed Washington into a graveyard of good intentions," something Trump previously said he supported as part of his anti-establishment bid for the White House.

"The American people have offered Republicans an opportunity to enact meaningful change," Cruz and DeSantis wrote. "They have rejected the status quo and put the Washington elites on notice that they will no longer accept the old way of doing business."

There are 88 current members of Congress who have served in their seats for 20 years or more, according to research from U.S. Term Limits. However, the average congressman only serves nine years in the U.S. House of Representatives and 10 years in the U.S. Senate.

Cruz previously backed a constitutional amendment that would place limits for both members of Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court, another move supported by Trump. However, legislation to enact term limits typically faces an uphill battle in Congress with members wary of limiting the amount of time they're allowed to serve. The U.S.

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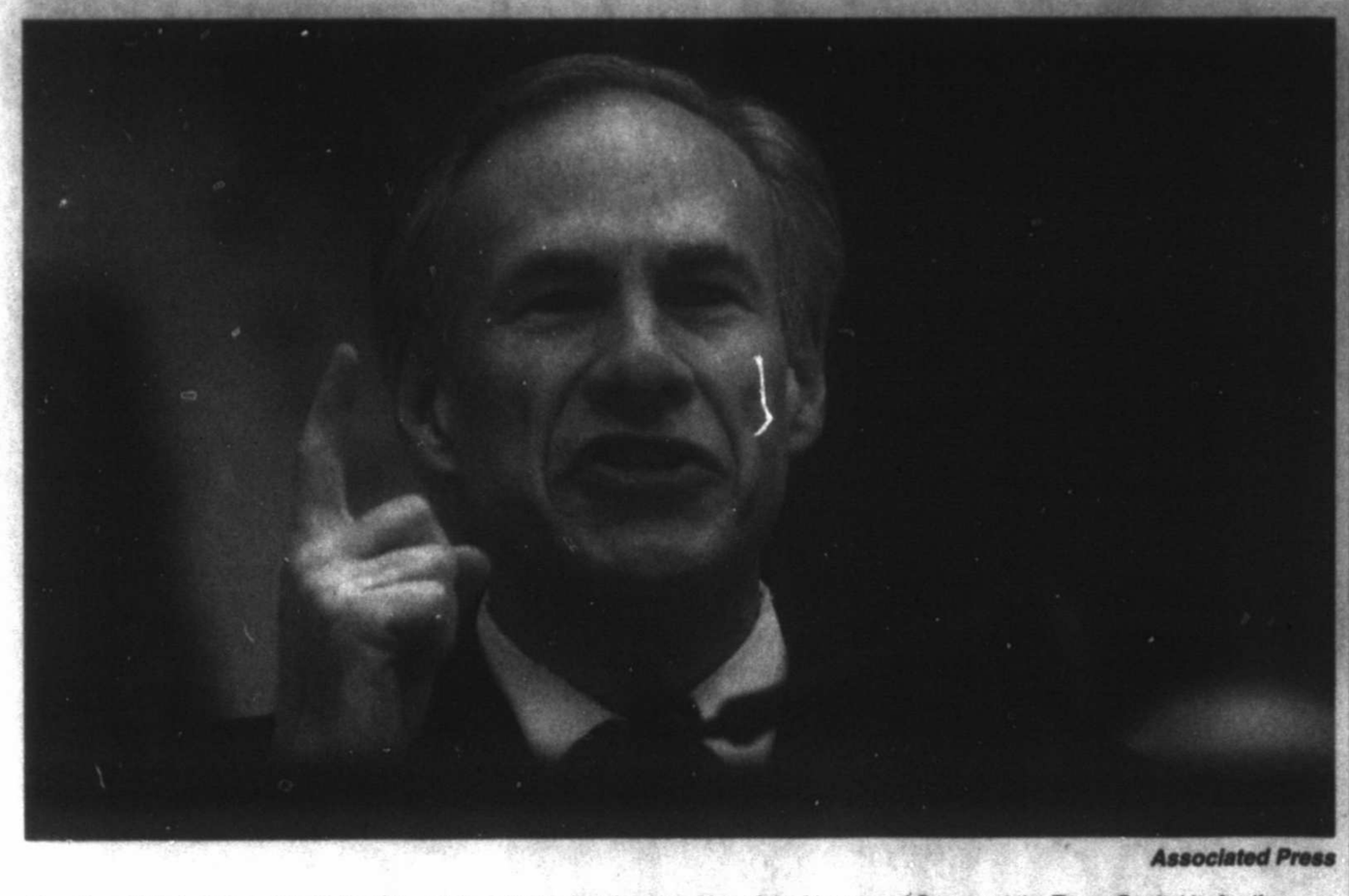

Associated Press

Gov. Greg Abbott delivers his State of the State address to a joint session of the House and Senate at the Texas Capitol in Austin. Abbott's headline-grabbing declaration of a state agency hiring freeze effective through August may not actually send shockwaves through state government given sizable exceptions. And even Abbott says it's only expected to save Texas $200 million, relatively little in a $106 billion budget.

What to Watch: Hiring freeze, ethics bill, sanctuary cities

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — It was a headline-grabbing declaration that could boost Gov. Greg Abbott's fiscally conservative credentials: An immediate state agency hiring freeze effective until the end of August.

But it's also an order not likely to send shockwaves through state government, or the budget that pays for it all.

Abbott's directive only applies to agencies under the governor's direction. That exempts those run by other statewide officials, like the Land and Agriculture Commissions.

On its surface, the freeze could still mean belt-tightening at places like the roughly 60,000-employee Health and Human Services Commission. But Abbott excused one of that agency's key arms, the Department of Family and Protective Services, as the state scrambles to hire new case workers and improve a foster care system so troubled that a federal judge has ruled it violates some youngsters' constitutional rights.

Also exempted are state positions directly affecting public safety. And, agencies can apply for waivers to get around the freeze on a case-by-case basis.

Abbott estimated in his State of the State address that the move should save Texas $200 million. That sounds impressive but gets less so when considering that the current state budget is worth around $106 billion.

Although awaiting the full extent of the hiring freeze fallout — or lack thereof — here are some other events in Texas politics likely to make news this week:

Ethics reform

On track to be perhaps the first piece of legislation approved by the Senate is a bill removing from office and stripping of their state pension elected officials convicted of a felony. Sponsored by Sen. Van Taylor, the proposal would also prohibit former members of the Legislature from immediately become lobbyists.

Passed out of the chamber's State Affairs Committee last week, it could hit the Senate floor in a matter of days. In addition to Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who has been indicted for defrauding investors, Democratic Rep. Dawnna Dukes of Austin is facing 15 counts of abuse of power and records tampering. She's accused of misusing campaign funds and ordering state staff to work on non-official business.

The bill might not affect either Paxton or Dukes should it become law, though.

In 2015, a sweeping ethics reform package that would have accomplished many of the same things stalled after versions approved in the Senate and House couldn't be reconciled because of disputes over a "dark money" provision that would have mandated that political nonprofits publicly disclose their largest donors. Abbott also vetoed another 2015 ethics bill that was approved by both chambers.

Taylor's bill avoids the "dark money" question, but the issue should roil the House as the lower chamber considers its own ethics reform proposals in coming weeks.

Sanctuary cities

On a similar fast-track but garnering far more attention is the Senate's hotly contested "sanctuary cities" bill.

The State Affairs Committee used a post-midnight vote to approve mandating police statewide to enforce federal immigration laws — despite hearing hours of sometimes tearful testimony from hundreds of Texans who warned that it would spark racial profiling and promote a culture of fear and law enforcement mistrust among the Latino community.

Similar proposals have stalled in the Legislature over the years. But with President Donald Trump vowing to get tough on immigration, Abbott offering his full-throated support and the bill set to hit the Senate floor this week, its chances of becoming law look stronger than ever.

UT Regents

Abbott's three new choices for the University of Texas System Board of Regents, former UT regent Janiece Longoria, ex-state Sen. Kevin Eltife and businessman Rad Weaver, have already cleared the Nominations Committee and are expected to win full Senate approval soon. That should come easily despite the chamber's only two black members objecting to the fact that the governor's picks contained no African-Americans.

Still, speedy approval might be fitting since a UT regents meeting is set for Wednesday and Thursday, and the trio won't be able to attend unless they've been confirmed.

Deming man's secret wealth benefits New Mexico university

By Walter Rubel
Las Cruces Sun-News

DEMING, N.M. — Cy Cress was a world traveler who visited exotic places and wrote stories about them for U.S. magazines in the years following World War II. He settled down in Deming in 1985, where he lived quietly until his death on Jan. 27 at age 96.

"I was going to try Silver City, and I didn't realize that the kids were coming into college then and rentals were pretty tough to find," he recalled. "So, I went down to Deming."

He lived in a home that had been converted into a duplex. The landlord used the front end for storage; Cy lived in the back. By all appearances, he was like so many others in Deming, living modestly on a fixed income. That was how he wanted it.

"He didn't want anybody to know who he was," said Jag Cheema of Wells Fargo Bank. "He had no TV and no phone. He just read a lot. He was just a very humble man. And, until the day he died, he was well alert."

But Cy had a secret. He had done quite well during his travels. So well, in fact, that in late 2014 he was able to make a $1 million contribution to the New Mexico State University Journalism Department.

He didn't want anybody to know about his wealth. So, when he met with the Sun-News to discuss his donation on Jan. 28, 2015, he did so only on the condition that we would keep his secret until his death.

An Illinois native who grew up in Colorado, Cy was serving in the Pacific during WWII when he made a fateful decision.

"I made a little prayer that if I ever got out OK, I would like to drive," he said. "I heard about the Pan-American Highway being built, and that sounded so darned good."

The bridges were in, but the road wasn't finished the first time Cy headed south of the border. He worked for a while in the late 1940s for the Mexican commission in charge of combating cattle disease.

"Mexico is an amazing place, I think. The things that they've built are every bit as amazing as the things in Egypt," Cy said. "The only bad part of their excellent civilization was tossing young virgins into volcanos." He was working for the Pineapple Research Institute in Hawaii when it achieved statehood.

During a trip to Costa Rica, Cy stopped at a cantina for a beer and heard two guys talking about a new penal colony.

"I thought, by golly, I'm going to check on that when I get into town. I went to see the head of the penal colony there and he said, 'yeah, sure, we'll send you over there,'" Cy said. "I just wandered around there, and it was surrounded by sharks in the water, so nobody could escape — I mean, without donating a foot or something."

His story was published on the cover of Argosy magazine.

"There were prostitutes that were allowed to come over and visit these guys, and that kind of curled up the toes of them at Argosy," he recalled.

He thought about settling down in Costa Rica, but continued travelling. He spent time in Honduras, New Zealand, New Guinea and the Philippines, sending back stories from each location.

"United Airlines had a 100,000-mile club, and I was in that in 1951," he said.

When asked how he had acquired his wealth, Cy responded, "I've been a saver, and I hit the stock market a few times.

"I just had some wonderful breaks, and I just met a lot of good folks along the way."

Deming Headlight Editor Bill Armendariz was Cy's neighbor. He had no idea how wealthy Cy was, but was well aware of his love of writing.

"In my conversations with that dear man, he was all about newspapers," Armendariz said. "He just loved everything about the written word. We would talk about his world travels. He just did so much, and was just fascinated about the written word."

"I could sit out there and chat with him for hours about newspapers."

Cy said his older sister, Lois Cress, was the women's editor at the Denver Post. They both shared a fascination with writing.

"In my personal view, the most abstract thing that mankind has ever been involved in is the written word," he said. "To try to transfer feelings or emotions — joy or comedy or happiness — into these little things that we have developed. Transfer the feeling to the person who is reading it is just an amazing thing. And, I hate to see any diminishing of the written word."

The Cy Cress Excellence in Journalism scholarship has been started at NMSU in honor of Cy's sister, said Hwiman Chung, head of the Journalism Department. Chung said the $1 million will help the university provide students with the technology they will need in the new world of journalism.

"We expect it will have a huge impact because our department is very equipment heavy, with computers and software. People think it's just writing," he said.

Chung said they plan to name the journalism multimedia center after Cress.

Cheema said that in addition to the donation, Cress left "a substantial amount" to the university.

Obituaries

John Robert Kramer

John Robert Kramer, 80, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

He was born April 6, 1936 in Skellytown, Texas to the late John Joseph and Stella Mae Kramer. John graduated from Southwestern Assemblies of God High School in Waxahachie, Texas.

He joined the United States Army serving his country in Germany (his father's birthplace) where he attended a cook and baker school and received a good conduct medal. John then served as a cook and baker for the military until his honorable discharge. He later moved to Midland in 1966 on what was intended to be a one day job and stayed until his death.

On January 9, 1967, John married Flora Maxine, his wife of 50 years. They raised a family of four children.

John was a member of the Board of Trustees at First Assembly of God, the church he attended for over 50 years. He was a leader in the Royal Rangers Program for boys, supported the church youth group, and was active in the Senior Adult Ministries.

He worked for nine years for Gulf Oil before opening his own successful business, John's Furniture and Swap Shop, in 1975. He operated it until 1994.

For 19 years, he volunteered at Texas Size Garage Sale, which supports Meals on Wheels. He managed and loved the tool and furniture sections.

John especially enjoyed working in the Victory Garden at Manor Park with Mr. Alan Hale.

His Godly love and teachings are a legacy found in his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Kramer; daughter, Georgetta Overstreet and her husband Rick; son, William Head and his wife Christina; daughter, Sheba Rotan and her husband Dwain; and son, Paul Kramer.

Also surviving is one brother, Merle Kramer; two sisters, Mary Jo Terry and Anna Marie Davis; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be his nephew, Marvin Kramer; grandchildren, Lance Overstreet, Casey Overstreet, Keith Rotan, Dustin Rotan, and Stephen Joiner; and great-grandchild, Kyle Overstreet.

Honorary pallbearers will be his granddaughter, Keyle Joiner, and his close friends - Cliff Roberson, David Gonzales, Adrian Madrid, and Sebastian Alonzo.

Visitation with the family will be Monday, February 6, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Services will be Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at First Assembly of God followed by interment at Resthaven Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be given to Senior Link (Meals on Wheels) at P.O. Box 80519, Midland TX 79708 or First Assembly of God-Foreign Missions at 100 W. Wadley, Midland, TX 79705.

Funeral service is 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 the website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Death Notices

Mary Alice Tidwell

Mary Alice Tidwell, 92 of Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at Fairmont Park Church of Christ on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

Private burial will take place at Quanah Memorial Park in Quanah, Texas.

Vickie Jane Williams

Vickie Jane Williams, 53, of Midland, Texas, passed away Thursday, February 2, 2017.

Services are pending with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Brad Williams; a son, Dylan Vaughn Williams; and by two daughters, Miranda Williamson and Ali Williams.

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SAN ANTONIO

Ex-convict commuted by Obama arrested on drug charge

A 68-year-old San Antonio man whose life prison sentence was commuted by President Barack Obama is back in jail after authorities say he crashed his car into another vehicle while fleeing from officers following a drug deal.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Henry Bemporad on Friday ordered Robert Gill held without bail pending a Feb. 16 hearing.

Gill was arrested in 1990, convicted and sentenced to life for cocaine and heroin distribution conspiracy. While in prison, he studied law and petitioned the president for a second chance. Obama commuted Gill's sentence in 2015, making him one of about 1,700 federal inmates commuted by Obama as part of a campaign to give relief to nonviolent offenders.

He'd been working as a paralegal at a San Antonio law firm, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

Gill now is charged with possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine.

Federal court records showed that hours after he met with a federal probation officer on Thursday, Gill bought 1 kilogram of cocaine, about 2 pounds. He'd been under surveillance since last month after authorities received information that he'd become involved in illegal drugs.

After an exchange in a parking lot where he received a black backpack, a Bexar County sheriff's deputy attempted to pull him over and he fled at high speed, according to court records.

If convicted, Gill now faces between five and 40 years in prison.

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

Songwriters group wants payments from Padre Island beach bar

The biggest beach bar in Texas is being sued by an association that represents songwriters and publishers complaining they haven't been paid for their songs played or performed there.

South Padre Island-based Clayton's beach bar is one of 10 establishments nationwide named in a federal lawsuit by the American Society of Composer, Authors and Publishers. The trade group, known as ASCAP, represents more than 600,000 independent songwriters, composers and music publishers.

The group's legal affairs vice president says the bar doesn't have an annual license, meaning songs by cover bands or DJs or being streamed at the bar violate copyright laws.

Clayton's Clayton Brashear tells The Brownsville Herald he hasn't been served with the complaint and pays a monthly license subscription fee to a streaming service to play music.

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Marjan Vayghan pauses for photos after an interview with The Associated Press in Santa Monica, Calif. Vayghan talks to her father, Hossein, after an interview with The Associated Press in Santa Monica, Calif. Vayghan's uncle Ali Vayeghan was stopped at the airport in Los Angeles even though he had an immigrant visa. U.S. authorities put him on a plane back to Iran, but lawyers intervened to get him returned to the United States so he could reunite with his wife and son and get his green card.

Iranian Americans feel stuck, confused, afraid of travel ban

By Amy Taxin
Associated Press

IRVINE, Calif. — Iranian-American supermarket supervisor Alan Tahmasebi voted for Donald Trump last year, hoping a businessman would be more trustworthy than a politician.

The 35-year-old now sorely regrets it, seeing the havoc wreaked upon his fellow countrymen — and his family — since the new president issued a temporary travel ban on refugees and citizens from seven Muslim-majority countries, including his former home.

Tahmasebi and his wife have spent more than $7,000 on green card applications for their parents. Now, their parents are in limbo overseas as the Irvine couple awaits the birth of their second child.

"It was a land of opportunity but now, I don't think so," he said. "They wish to come here and visit my new baby. They never worked with the army, with the government (in Iran) — I have no idea what is going on."

The ban has rattled Americans with ties to the listed countries, and its effects are perhaps most widespread among the country's thriving Iranian American community. The U.S. has nearly 370,000 Iranian immigrants, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, far more than the other countries targeted by the order.

Although Tehran and Washington have a lengthy history of friction, personal ties between residents of the two countries have held strong. Many Iranian Americans travel back to visit family or bring aging parents to join them in the U.S.

Since Trump imposed the travel ban, tension between the two governments has continued to rise.

On Friday, Iran barred U.S. wrestlers from an important international tournament. The same day, the Trump administration imposed sanctions on 13 people and a dozen companies in response to Iran's recent ballistic missile test, increasing pressure on Tehran without directly undercutting a nuclear deal with the country.

Later Friday, a federal judge temporarily blocked the travel ban following a lawsuit by Washington state and Minnesota that said Trump's order is causing significant harm to residents and effectively mandates discrimination.

A federal appeals court on Sunday denied a Justice Department request for an immediate reinstatement of the ban, meaning the legal fight will continue for days at least.

Iranian Americans said they are perplexed as to why Iran is even on Trump's list, noting the country is not mired in war like Syria and Yemen. In addition, many Iranians came to the United States after the 1979 Islamic Revolution in search of religious and personal freedom and continue to cherish those ideals.

"There's two things in my country — one is people, one is government," Tahmasebi said. "This new law is not for the government. It's for the people, who like the United States."

In the Southern California suburb of Irvine, a tidy strip mall hosts a pharmacy, bakery and dental office that cater to clients in English and Persian. At the supermarket, Tahmasebi said customers relish persimmon and other produce from Iran, but if relations between the countries sour further the store may have to bring in Pakistani or Chinese goods instead.

The vast majority of the country's Iranians and Iranian Americans live in California. The sizable community in Los Angeles — which includes members of diverse religious groups, including Muslims, Christians, Jews and Baha'i — has led some to adopt the nickname "Tehrangeles."

Jeannine Stepanian, a 32-year-old lawyer who helped travelers detained at Los Angeles International Airport last weekend, said she comes from a family of refugees. First, her Armenian grandparents fled to Iran. Then, her parents, who are Christian and were born in Iran, sought safe haven in the United States after the Islamic Revolution.

"I felt like it could have been any one of my relatives this could have been happening to," said Stepanian, adding she is outraged by

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Global warming skeptic Smith sets 'Make EPA Great Again' hearing

Editors Note: A Texas congressman has scheduled a committee hearing this week "to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's process for evaluating and using science during its regulatory decision making activities."

By Kiah Collier
Texas Tribune

Invigorated by the new climate change-doubting presidential administration, a Texas congressman known for his ardent denial of global warming — and early support for President Donald Trump — has scheduled a committee hearing this week "to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's process for evaluating and using science during its regulatory decision making activities."

Invited witnesses, including the head of an industry group, "will discuss how EPA can pursue environmental protection and protect public health by relying on sound science," according to a charter for Tuesday's hearing of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

The hearing, titled "Make EPA Great Again," will be the first time the committee has met since Trump took office and the 115th Congress convened.

The committee's chairman, San Antonio Republican Lamar Smith, has been an especially vocal skeptic about widely accepted science on climate change. In a 2015 op-ed in the Wall Street Journal, he described global temperature increases over the past 15 years as "negligible" and said links between climate change and worsening weather events had been debunked.

During the latter half of that year, he sparred with the head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration over the methodology of a study that agency scientists published in the journal "Science." (The study found that a widely publicized "lull" in the rate of global warming, a cornerstone of conservative arguments against climate change-related policies, resulted from faulty statistical methods.)

The 16-term congressman also has actively intervened on behalf of ExxonMobil amid high-profile investigations into what the oil giant knew about climate change and when. He convened a congressional hearing on the matter and demanded documents from the state attorneys general that would reveal the inner workings of their investigations.

Smith's office did not make him available for an interview.

In 2015, a group of Austin environmental activists presented Smith an award, in absentia, from "Flat Earth Foundation of Texas" to protest his efforts. Those efforts certainly weren't aided under the Obama administration, which made fighting climate change one of its top priorities.

Trump, on the other hand, has repeatedly called climate change a "hoax" and nominated climate skeptics to head several major federal agencies, including the EPA (Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, whom the Senate confirmed Thursday) and the Department of Energy (Former Gov. Rick Perry).

Various reports also indicate the administration is considering drastic cuts to the EPA budget.

Smith was the first member of Congress to donate to Trump in last year's presidential campaign and has made it clear he views the new administration as an ally in his efforts.

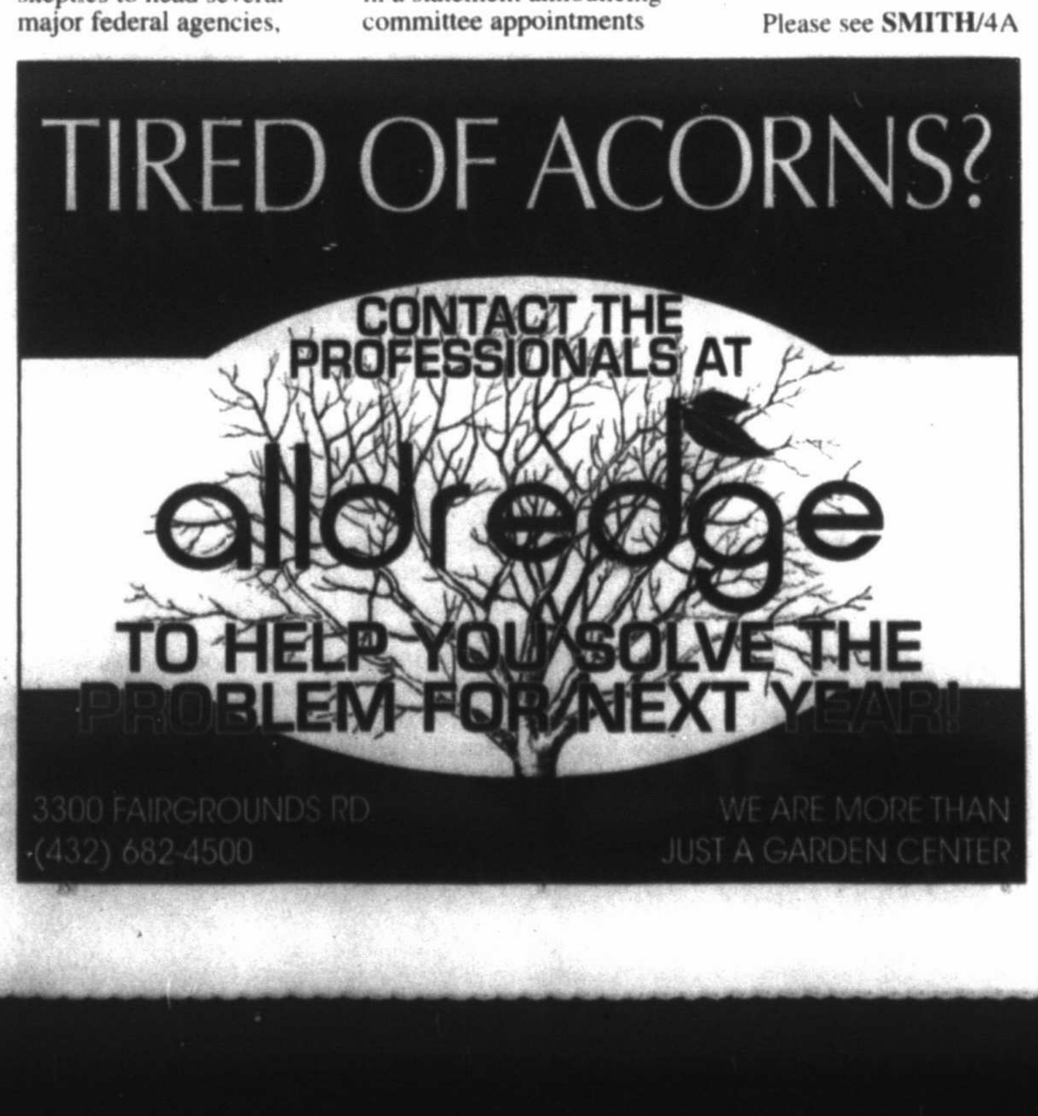
"With this new administration, the Science Committee has an enhanced opportunity to create and implement policies that inspire innovation, generate jobs, and keep America competitive," Smith said in a statement announcing committee appointments for the 115th session of Congress.

"Emphasizing sound science at EPA" is Smith's No. 1 priority for the committee, according to a news release.

As part of that, he plans to "revisit" bills he filed during the previous congressional session, which ended in early January, that "further highlight the (EPA's) need to use sound science and transparent data to justify its rules and regulations." That legislation includes the Science Advisory Board Reform Act and the Secret Science Reform Act, which passed the U.S. House but not the Senate.

"EPA has long been on a path of regulatory overreach, and the committee

Please see **SMITH**/4A



TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7206, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. permianbridgeclub.com.

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

Meetings

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

Midland ISD
5:30 p.m.
Administration Building - Room 101
■ 615 W. Missouri Ave.

Wall Street closed

Wall Street will be closed to all traffic between Main Street and Loraine Street starting Thursday, Feb. 2 for approximately two weeks. Drivers can use Texas Avenue or Missouri Avenue as alternate routes and are asked to use caution in this area.

'Tail Cop' to speak at Stonegate

Officer Jermaine Galloway will address teen drug/alcohol use in a presentation today at Stonegate Fellowship.

His remarks about prevention, awareness and education will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Stonegate Building F. Parents and other members of the community are invited to attend and learn about the latest trends regarding drugs and alcohol.

School uniform drive

3:11 Ministries is organizing a school uniform drive for children in Midland ISD and is sponsoring a student contest to raise funds to purchase uniforms.

The nonprofit is in need of khaki pants sizes 4 through 20 and white or gray polo shirts in sizes XS through XXL. The clothes may be dropped off at The Pottery, both locations of Midland Affordable Storage and Midland Bible Church until Feb. 10.

To enter the contest, parents would need to fill out a form at the ministry's website — 3:11ministries.org. Students who raise the most funds will be eligible to win a skating party at KC Nutty Rollers and gift cards, according to the nonprofit.

For more information, visit 3:11ministries.org or call 631-1383.

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: KOCV (FM 91.3)

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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.

How to submit

■ Births: Have information and a picture about a newborn son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter you want in the paper? Call Managing Editor Mary Dearen at 687-8852.

■ Engagement, wedding anniversary or quinceanera announcements: email write-up and photo to weddings@mrt.com. For more information, call 682-6222.

■ Business and oil industry news: contact Oil Editor Mella McEwen at 687-8860 or mmcewen@mrt.com.

■ Items of local interest: contact Editor Stewart Doreen at 687-8856 or sdoreen@mrt.com.

■ Letters to the editor: email to letters@mrt.com or mail to 201 E. Illinois Ave., 79701. For more information call 687-8852.

Today in history

On this date:

In 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Illinois.

In 1943, a Los Angeles jury acquitted actor Errol Flynn of three counts of statutory rape.

In 1995, the space shuttle Discovery flew to within 37 feet of the Russian space station Mir in the first rendezvous of its kind in two decades.

Today's birthdays: Former NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw is 77. Rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) is 55.

AP file photo

Monty Nye, a retired Meridian Township, Mich., firefighter still active in the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union and the International Association of Fire Fighters, poses in his office at the Michigan AFL-CIO in Lansing, Mich. Michigan is making a push to cut retiree health care and potentially move new public workers from pensions to 401(k) plans.

Michigan leads effort to shift workers away from pensions

By David Eggert
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Struggling under the weight of pension and health care obligations, Michigan lawmakers appear ready to take another whack at public employee benefits — a move that reflects renewed determination to shift workers to 401(k)-style retirement systems, even if it happens in baby steps.

Other states have made more modest changes, but the latest push shows that conservatives want to approve big reforms 20 years after Michigan became the first state to close pensions to future state workers. Republican Gov. Rick Snyder is pressing to address $14 billion in unfunded liabilities, mostly from retiree medical costs, spread across more than 330 communities.

"As a state, we cannot get ahead if too many of our local communities have problems," he said.

The proposals could serve as a national blueprint, and they will provoke a pitched battle with public unions that are desperate to preserve traditional benefits.

Michigan is taking a leading role because of its size and the fact that GOP legislators and Snyder turned what was once a stronghold of organized labor into a right-to-work state. They also forced teachers and state employees to contribute a portion of their paychecks to avoid receiving smaller pensions in retirement.

After ending pensions for new state workers in the late 1990s, Republican legislators are now considering moving all newly hired teachers and local government workers to 401(k)-type plans and cutting municipal retiree health benefits. Just one other state, Alaska, has ended teacher pensions.

The governor, a former accountant and venture capitalist, has not outlined specific retirement proposals other than to be cool to shifting new teachers away from pensions because of the large upfront costs. But he warns that if nothing is done, retiree obligations — especially medical costs — will squeeze city budgets further and jeopardize basic services.

Influential conservatives point to Detroit, where thousands of people had their pensions cut by 4.5 percent in the bankruptcy. Annual cost-of-living increases were eliminated, and health coverage was replaced with a monthly stipend to buy insurance through the federal exchanges.

"If any more of the cities go bankrupt, their workers are not going to get what they were promised. That's just not fair," said John Kennedy, president and CEO of Autocam Medical in Grand Rapids, who led an informal task force that Snyder formed to study the issue. He is also a board member at the West Michigan Policy Forum, a group of business leaders and GOP donors that has listed unfunded retirement costs as its top priority.

Municipal officials are eager to see changes, too.

"This is essentially a mortgage crisis. We can't afford our payments, and they're ballooning," said Port Huron City Manager James Freed, who worries that his town of 29,000 people an hour's drive outside of Detroit will have to cut spending by up to 20 percent in coming years if nothing is done.

"We've already gone through 10 years of budget cuts," Freed said. "At this point we're not talking about cutting services. We're talking about eliminating services."

Options that may be considered in the Legislature include prohibiting retiree health benefits from being a subject of collective bargaining, capping how much local governments pay toward retiree medical insurance and eliminating traditional coverage in retirement for new workers in favor of contributions toward tax-deferred accounts, which is already in effect for new teachers and state employees.

Critics say the state should not intervene in local labor contracts and describe the push as an attack on police and firefighters who risk their lives and typically must retire earlier than other workers.

"We thought what we had was bought and paid for," said 56-year-old Monty Nye, who retired from the Meridian Township Fire Department outside Lansing two years ago.

An officer in the statewide union, Nye said some new hires have already ceased to qualify for health care in retirement and will receive smaller pensions. Veteran firefighters agreed to smaller pay raises to keep intact the size of their pension, he said.

Nye said he pays $800 a month for his family's health insurance — half of the premium. He also challenged a contention by Republicans that millennial workers prefer 401(k) systems because the plans are portable from job to job.

"That might be people that are looking to move around in the corporate world," Nye said. "But the people that go to fire departments go there for the stability of the job."

A pension, he said, lets first responders retire no matter how the stock market is faring.

"You don't want some 65-year-old firefighter trying to drag your butt out of a burning house," he said.

Oklahoma and Alaska are the only other states besides Michigan where new state employees are in mandatory 401(k)-style plans, which have been common in the private sector for many years.

LIMITS

From 1A

House of Representatives took up a measure to impose term limits on Congress in 1997, but it fell short of the support needed for passage. In 2012, the U.S. Senate also rejected a congressional term limits measure.

Gov. Greg Abbott wants to circumvent Congress altogether by invoking the other method for amending the U.S. Constitution: assembling a convention of states. By law, if 34 states ask for a constitutional convention, they may meet to consider changes. Any amendment would require the support of at least 38 states to become law.

"What we need is states to lead the way in proposing constitutional amendments because you know that the president-elect himself has called for one of the constitutional amendments that we are calling for, which is to put term limits on members of the United States Congress," Abbott said in December at a convention of states gathering.

Although his own party controls both the White House and both houses of Congress, Abbott has made assembling a convention of states to amend the U.S. Constitution one of the top priorities of his governorship, with the goal of limiting the power and reach of the federal government.

In early December, a convention-of-states resolution was filed in the Texas House by state Rep. Rick Miller, R-Sugar Land, and in the Senate by Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury. Abbott has declared the issue one of four emergency items for the session.

However, not everyone supports limiting how long members of Congress can serve. Democrat Ted Kaufman, who served only two years in the U.S. Senate representing Delaware, told the Tribune that he thinks term limits will do more harm than good.

"When you come in brand new, it's like that high school student that comes to college and wants to talk about how great they were in high school. That's the way most of the new members who spout term limits sound like," Kaufman said. "If the whole Congress was made up of people like this, nothing would get done."

Kaufman added that term limits weaken Congress because they take power away from senior legislators. He adds he "doesn't think there's any chance" the constitutional amendment proposed by Cruz and DeSantis will ever pass.

"Do you really want to put someone in charge of the tax code who's been there for six years?" Kaufman said. "The senior members usually make the most sense, because they have a deeper understanding of what the policy considerations are."

If a term limits measure were ever passed, DeSantis said he'd prefer it went through Congress, which is how the 27 existing amendments to the U.S. Constitution were all approved, rather than Abbott's convention-of-states approach.

"The benefit of doing (the amendment) through the Congress is that this is the traditional route that has been used through the years," DeSantis told the Texas Tribune. "The drawback is that doing an Article V amendment-convention has never been done before and there would be some apprehension about how it would work in practice."

However, Tamara Colbert, the co-director of Texas' Convention of States Project, believes amending the constitution to enact term limits through a convention of states has the better chance of success. She described Cruz's and DeSantis' proposed amendment as "pushing a big, fat rock uphill."

BORDER

From 1A

consumption of petroleum products — about 20 million barrels a day — is still more than double crude production, according to the Energy Department.

Phillips 66's Garland noted that the tax proposal has pros and cons for his company. It would mean higher taxes on refining, but also lower taxes on corporate profits and the company's petrochemical exports. The proposal also could cause oil prices to rise and boost profits for U.S. exploration and production companies.

Refiners, who benefited from rock bottom oil prices, have seen profits fade as a glut of gasoline pushes prices lower while crude prices began to rise. Phillips 66 said Friday its refining business lost $95 million for the quarter, but those losses were offset by higher profits in the chemical and specialty products markets.

Phillips 66's profit in the fourth quarter fell 75 percent to $163 million from a year earlier. For all of 2016, Phillips 66 had a $1.56 billion profit, down from $4.23 billion in 2015.

Fuel prices, meanwhile, are rising again, and a border tax would only amplify such hikes, said Dan McTeague, an analyst for GasBuddy, which tracks North American fuel pricing and refining activity.

"A good number of refiners have reason to be concerned, and consumers should too," McTeague said.

Even without a border tax, GasBuddy projects U.S. gasoline spending to rise by 20 percent in 2017 as crude prices climb, after an agreement by OPEC, Russia and other major oil producers to cut output. Oil settled Friday in New York at $53.83 a barrel, more than double the $26-a-barrel low early last year.

Nationally, gasoline is expected to average nearly $2.50 a gallon in 2017, up from $2.13 last year, according to GasBuddy.

U.S. refining companies struggled through a "rather dismal" 2016 as oil prices rose and fuel prices were slower to catch up, shrinking their profit margins, McTeague said. But refiners should have a better second half of 2017 as supply and demand balance out, leading to higher fuel prices.

OPAL

From 1A

raised the bar on a leafy salad opener.

The main courses featured Hight's Duroc pork chop with roasted vegetables, micro greens and a sorghum gastrique. The pork was dense and perhaps slightly too thick but nonetheless cooked nicely with the gastrique that added a lovely punch of sweetness.

The ribeye with green beans and "mashers" was Hight's take on the ultra-comfort of steak and potatoes. The medium-cook steak had the right touch of pink and tendered for easy cutting. Potatoes were subtle but flavorful while the haricot verts brought the plate alive with fresh green color.

Dessert was a simple chocolate cake with vanilla ice cream that ended the meal with a welcome simplicity.

Chef Hight has posted the full menu on the restaurant's Facebook page.

The environment

The setting of the restaurant was eye-catching in decor, but it's small-ish quarters gave it a rare intimacy that seems to be sparse in other Midland dining establishments. Opal's should be considered upscale but not inaccessible. Servers were casual in attire but cohesive in matching shirts. Business casual is encouraged. The bar area was inviting for those willing to wait inside for tables or to just enjoy a drink. Valet parking was available for the night, but there is no word on if that will be perpetual.

Opal's Table is located at 223 W. Wall St. and will offer lunch and dinner service. Lunch served 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Dinner served 4:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 4:30-10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. For reservations, call 432-687-1152 or visit opalstable.com.

TRAVEL

From 3A

the ban.

Trump's order placed a temporary halt on visitors and refugees from Iraq, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen. But citizens of these countries who are legal permanent residents in the United States initially were held for long hours at airports, and those who have immigrant visas also were denied entry.

Ali Vayeghan was stopped at the Los Angeles airport even though he had an immigrant visa. U.S. authorities put him on a plane back to Iran, but lawyers intervened to get him returned to the United States so he could reunite with his wife and son and get his green card.

His niece, 32-year-old artist Marjan Vayghan, said her friends have been nervously asking each other since the ban whether they have green cards or U.S. citizenship.

"There is this sense of, 'Are you a citizen, or do we need to Anne Frank you in our homes?' This is a situation where everybody is afraid," she said. "We don't know who among us is safe."

Now, many Iranians — even those who are legal permanent residents or American citizens — are rethinking their plans.

Mehran Sahraeian, a 51-year-old pharmacy technician, said he's been pleading with his mother not to visit his sister in Canada lest she face problems returning.

Eli Majd, a 37-year-old mother of two, said her husband is visiting family in Iran and she worries about him being able to return — even though he is an American. Sam Yebri, a 35-year-old lawyer, said his family probably won't vacation abroad for now because although he is a U.S. citizen, his passport lists his birthplace as Tehran.

"I have no problem with the security apparatus. There are concerns just about being an Iranian American at this time, I think, until cooler heads prevail," Yebri said.

At the Irvine supermarket, 45-year-old Iranian American Mary Far said she hasn't returned to Iran in two decades. She was hoping to go this summer to visit her brother and sister, whom she hasn't seen since she left the country. But with the travel ban, she isn't sure she'll make the trip.

"It affects a lot of people," she said. Then she burst into tears.

SMITH

From 3A

will use the tools necessary to put EPA back on track," the release said, noting the panel also will examine the "Social Cost of Carbon," a measure EPA has used to calculate the climate impacts of various environmental regulations.

It "has been previously used by the federal government to push a costly climate agenda with little transparency or accessibility by the American public," the release said.

Associated Press

This photo provided by Kia Motors America shows a scene from the company's spot for Super Bowl 51, between the New England Patriots and Atlanta Falcons. Melissa McCarthy humorously takes on political causes like saving whales, ice caps and trees, each time to disastrous effect, in Kia's 60-second third-quarter ad to promote the fuel efficiency of its 2017 Niro crossover.

Super Bowl commercials go political in a big way

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Messages about America, inclusiveness — and, yes, even "four years of awful hair" — kept bubbling up in Super Bowl 51 ads from Airbnb, the NFL and a line of personal care products. But there was still plenty of escapism and light humor for those who weren't into the politics.

As the New England Patriots edged out the Atlantic Falcons on the field in Houston, Airbnb touted inclusiveness with an ad showing faces of different ethnicities and the copy: "We all belong. The world is more beautiful the more you accept." Coca-Cola aired a previously run ad in the pre-game in which people sing "America the Beautiful" in different languages. Even a hair care brand dipped into politics: The "It's a 10" hair brand indirectly referenced Donald Trump famously unruly do in its Super Bowl spot.

It's tough to be a Super Bowl advertiser in during any year. But this year, a divisive political climate has roiled the nation since President Donald Trump took office in January, making it even tougher for advertisers.

Paying $5 million for 30 seconds to capture more than 110 million expected viewers, advertisers had to walk the line with ads that appealed to everyone and didn't offend. Some were more successful than others.

"Anxiety and politics just loom over this game, so anybody who gives us the blessed relief of entertaining with a real Super Bowl commercial wins," said Mark DiMassimo, CEO of the ad agency DiMassimo Goldstein.

Several ads aimed for just that. Tide, for instance, offered a humorous ad showing announcer Terry Bradshaw trying frantically to remedy a stain while he goes "viral" online, with the help of New England Patriot Rob Gronkowski and actor Jeffrey Tambor.

Walking the political line

Advertisers were treading carefully when it came to political themes.

"When it comes to politics, most brands prefer to stand on the sidelines, for good reason," said Kelly O'Keefe, a marketing professor at Virginia Commonwealth University. "Brands used to worry about whether their ad could be interpreted as right or wrong. Now they have to worry about whether it will be interpreted as right or left."

But there were still plenty of ads that walked the line.

An NFL ad conveyed what all advertisers hope the Super Bowl becomes: a place where Americans can come together. "Inside these lines, we may have our differences, but recognize there's more that unites us," Forest Whitaker intoned in a voiceover as workers prepped a football field and gridiron scenes played.

"The Super Bowl is shaping up as a counterpoint to the divisiveness in the United States," said Tim Calkins, a marketing professor at Northwestern University. Airbnb's ad was one of the more overtly political, showing a variety of different faces with the tagline "We accept."

Some thought the ad was a hit. "Kudos to them for making a strong statement," said O'Keefe. But others, such as Villanova University marketing professor Charles Taylor, thought it didn't have a clear enough link to the brand and risked coming off as a "purely political statement."

Some advertisers took the safest route possible by re-airing ads they've used before — an unusual, though not unprecedented, move. Coca-Cola, Google and Fiji water aired rerun ads.

During the pre-game show, Coca-Cola ran "It's Beautiful," an ad featuring people around the country drinking the fizzy beverage and singing "America the Beautiful" in different languages.

Suprises

A debut Super Bowl spot by the "It's a 10" hair care brand introduced its line of men products by joking about Donald Trump's hair.

"America, we're in for four years of awful hair, so it's up to you to do your part by making up for it with great hair," a voiceover states, showing black-and-white photos of people with a wide array of hairstyles. "Do your part. ... Let's make sure these next four years are 'It's a 10.'"

Snickers got tons of press by airing a live ad In the third quarter. On a Wild West set, Adam Driver seems to not know the ad is live. The set falls apart (on purpose). "You ruin live Super Bowl commercials when you're hungry," the ad's tagline reads.

"It went by so fast, I almost missed it," DiMassimo said. "Not sure it was worth the trouble of doing it live."

Light humor plus celebs

Ads with light humor and stuffed with celebrities were popular. Honda's ad made a splash by animating the yearbook photos of nine celebrities ranging from Tina Fey to Viola Davis. They make fun of their photos — Jimmy Kimmel is dressed in a blue tux and holding a clarinet, for example — and talk about "The Power of Dreams," Honda's ad slogan.

"It was a really good message and it was entertaining," said Mirta Desir, a New Orleans native who works in education and was watching the game on Long Island. The Tide ad with Terry Bradshaw was a hit with some viewers because of the way it tricked viewers by seeming to be part of the broadcast. "

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MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016

EXHIBIT C-3

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	National School Brkfast/Lunch	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	$ 209,354,215	$ 3,397,755	$ 19,702,748	$ 47,357	$ 202,993	$ 232,705,068
5800	State Program Revenues	14,057,359	57,816	236,094	—	4,722,364	19,073,633
5900	Federal Program Revenues	4,062,794	6,937,076	—	—	9,327,014	20,326,884
5020	Total Revenues	227,474,368	10,392,647	19,938,842	47,357	14,252,371	272,105,585
	EXPENDITURES:						
	Current:						
0011	Instruction	114,359,654	—	—	—	9,367,472	123,727,126
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,500,650	—	—	—	34,747	2,535,397
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	5,314,804	—	—	—	2,101,336	7,416,140
0021	Instructional Leadership	3,182,536	—	—	—	545,064	3,727,600
0023	School Leadership	12,250,137	—	—	—	289,653	12,539,790
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	6,341,031	—	—	—	1,548,866	7,889,897
0032	Social Work Services	324,789	—	—	—	—	324,789
0033	Health Services	2,192,420	—	—	—	—	2,192,420
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	6,875,747	—	—	—	111,462	6,987,209
0035	Food Services	—	12,553,923	—	—	112,583	12,666,506
0036	Extracurricular Activities	4,061,485	—	—	—	—	4,061,485
0041	General Administration	6,340,421	—	—	—	53,388	6,393,809
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	21,106,908	—	—	3,289	—	21,110,197
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	1,609,427	—	—	—	—	1,609,427
0053	Data Processing Services	5,144,892	—	—	—	—	5,144,892
0061	Community Services	356,036	—	—	—	84,019	440,055
	Debt Service:						
0071	Principal on Long Terms Debt	—	—	7,550,000	—	—	7,550,000
0072	Interest on Long Term Debt	—	—	9,979,032	—	—	9,979,032
0073	Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	—	2,977,169	—	—	2,977,169
	Capital Outlay:						
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	—	—	—	19,677,220	166,010	19,843,230
	Intergovernmental:						
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	47,529,168	—	—	—	—	47,592,168
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/ Member Districts of SSA	35,353	—	—	—	—	35,353
6030	Total Expenditures	239,588,458	12,553,923	20,506,201	19,680,509	14,414,600	306,743,691
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(12,114,090)	(2,161,276)	(567,359)	(19,633,152)	(162,229)	(34,638,106)
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7911	Capital Related Debt Issued-Refunding	—	—	38,495,000	—	—	38,495,000
7915	Transfer In	2,826,371	800,000	—	364,903	—	3,991,274
7916	Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	—	—	3,519,627	—	—	3,519,627
8911	Transfers Out (use)	—	—	—	—	(2,325,007)	(2,325,007)
8949	Other (Uses) - Refunding	—	—	(41,538,611)	—	—	(41,538,611)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2,826,371	800,000	476,016	364,903	(2,325,007)	2,142,283
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	(9,287,719)	(1,361,276)	(91,343)	(19,268,249)	(2,487,236)	(32,495,823)
0100	Fund Balance--September 1 (Beginning)	51,193,404	2,903,027	4,282,175	22,648,812	2,573,877	83,601,295
3000	Fund Balance--August 31 (Ending)	$41,905,685	$1,541,751	$4,190,832	$3,380,563	$86,641	$51,105,472

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Trump acts presidential with Gorsuch pick

■ The left won't be happy, but the president could have done worse

KATHLEEN PARKER

Washington Post Writers Group

To review the left's reaction to Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch is to infer he's the spawn of Dracula — a cruel and bloodless beast who shrinks from the light and plays havoc with history.

Among the many distortions: Gorsuch is against clean water, consumers, women's health, dying people and workers. The liberal Alliance for Justice declares him worse in some ways than Justice Antonin Scalia, whose seat Gorsuch would assume if confirmed. People for the American Way claims he's an ideologue "far outside of the judicial mainstream who has a record of warping the law to serve the powerful over the interests and constitutional rights of ordinary Americans."

Or, one could argue that he is courageous in protecting the people and the Constitution by adhering to text and original intent without concern for his popularity.

As background, Gorsuch has served since 2006 on the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, where his reputation as a brilliant jurist and writer gained national attention. A graduate of Harvard Law School, he also earned a doctorate from Oxford in legal philosophy. His dissertation was on euthanasia, which has raised flags among those fighting for death-with-dignity laws. If Gorsuch opposes assisted suicide for the terminally ill, goes the thinking, then he must also oppose a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy.

Gorsuch has said that human life has intrinsic value and that no other human has a right to destroy another's, which seems on its face to be manifest. He has never written or ruled specifically on abortion, so this remains a hazy correlative. He is, indeed, an originalist, as was Scalia, and his rulings might not differ much from his conservative predecessor's.

Fundamental to his approach is the understanding that legislatures, and not courts, should create laws. This position also extends to administrators and bureaucrats. Liberals have sometimes preferred to fashion law through the courts, rather than navigate the legislative process, which is burdensome, stubborn and slow. It's so much easier to create law in the courts and let people adapt.

This view would seem almost Trumpian but for his selection of Gorsuch, who is of the opposite inclination. After two dizzying weeks of confounding (Mexico), outrageous (travel ban) and absurd (Australia) first acts, Trump's naming of Gorsuch brought a welcome pause. Yes, it was showmanship — prime time and all that — but, seriously, who cares? It was far and away the most presidential performance we've thus far witnessed, notwithstanding Trump's nearly separating Gorsuch's arm from its socket during a handshake.

Should Gorsuch be approved, the court's composition obviously doesn't really change. The balance would remain the same, with Justice Kennedy, for whom Gorsuch clerked, as the swing vote. It's the next seat for which Democrats should save their fire, lest they be viewed as intractable as the Republicans were the past eight years. No one wins this war.

Democrats are entitled to their indignation over Republicans' refusal to consider Merrick Garland, President Obama's choice for Scalia's seat. But their energies will be spent for naught — and they could do far worse. Besides, there's no real knowing how a justice will rule. Philosophical temperament is a factor, but it's not the only one. Individual cases present facts and circumstances that can lead to unexpected conclusions. One needn't look far for examples.

Chief Justice John Roberts shocked conservatives when he ruled favorably on the Affordable Care Act, but his decision was double-edged. By deciding that the penalty in Obamacare, intended for people who refused to buy insurance, was really a tax, Roberts also exposed the dishonesty in the Obama administration's presentation of the health care plan. Throughout the legislative process, the administration insisted that it was *not* a tax.

Though cold comfort to conservatives, the ruling bolstered arguments that Obamacare was based on false pretenses and the assumption, as one of the law's architects later boasted, that people would be too stupid to know the difference.

The upcoming debate should be scintillating theater as it strikes at the heart of a judge's role. Gorsuch has made himself clear on this. In a 2016 concurrence, he wrote: "Ours is the job of interpreting the Constitution. And that document isn't some inkblot on which litigants may project their hopes and dreams for a new and perfected tort law, but a carefully drafted text judges are charged with applying according to its original public meaning."

I wouldn't wish on anyone the task of proving that wrong.

OUR VIEW

Evidence not there to call for an end to straight-ticket voting

On the surface, the idea of eliminating straight-ticket voting is a noble one.

People should go down the ballot, look at each race and make an informed choice on each and every race based on their study of the candidates. What could be wrong with that?

In the past, the Reporter-Telegram has called for people to vote and make informed choices at the ballot box. So when we read that Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht would like to see an end to straight-ticket voting in judicial elections, we took notice. And then when we saw House Speaker Joe Straus wants to end straight-ticket voting in all elections, we wondered if they were on to something.

After all, 40 other states don't allow straight-party voting. And, it was argued, the elimination of straight-ticket voting would encourage voters to look more closely at down-ballot races. Again, what could be wrong with that? On the surface, nothing.

However, in application, there is one thing that trumps an argument for the need for change. That is a lack of evidence that eliminating straight-ticket voting would do any good. We prefer to not change the current system because no one has provided evidence that doing away with straight-ticket voting would create an electorate that suddenly would care more about down-ballot races. There are no guarantees people wouldn't still vote for candidates of their favorite party or take more seriously those down-ballot races.

This issue is so aggravating because whether one talks about straight-ticket voting or an alternative, we all know that votes are being cast without a person knowing the information on each candidate — Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, Green Party or other. Still, there is no reason to for government to change an established system on the hunch it might create a more educated voter.

We know Texans have the following choices when they vote in a general election:

■ voting straight ticket;

■ voting straight ticket and then changing a few races in which they might select a candidate from another party;

■ opting not to vote straight ticket and then going up and down the ballot picking their favorite candidate, no matter the party; and

■ casting a vote in selected races but not others because of a lack of interest or information.

It would be easy to side with straight-ticket voting in Midland County, because voters here like to vote straight ticket. Of the 49,698 people who voted in November's general election, 28,957 voted straight ticket, according to the Midland County Elections Office website. That is better than 58 percent.

Would the elimination of straight party voting have created different outcomes? It is hard to think it would matter. In fact, it might have made the Republican landslides even greater. A look at the results in November showed Democratic Party candidates benefited from straight-party voting more than any other party the farther down a person went on the ballot (comparing the percentage of straight-party voters).

Still, to make a pretty drastic change in our election process, we want to see evidence that eliminating straight-ticket voting would create a more engaged voter. Until that evidence comes forward, Texans should have all the choices they currently have at the ballot box.

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Trump's policies aren't 'un-American'

■ The president is the latest carnival barker to take advantage of the anxiety that the sons and daughters of the immigrants of yesteryear feel toward the immigrants of today

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If I hear one more of President Trump's critics say that the administration's crackdown on immigrants and refugees is "un-American," I'm going to lose it.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, who managed to keep his composure while President Obama deported 3 million people over eight years, teared up after 109 people were detained under a temporary travel ban that the Democrat called "mean-spirited and un-American."

Is Schumer even the least bit familiar with America? Because the country I love has never truly loved foreigners, regardless of whether they come here looking for opportunity or hoping for sanctuary. That's just what it says in the brochure.

People who argue otherwise say that the United States takes in about 1 million legal immigrants each year. So what? In a country of 324 million people, which is supposedly a "nation of immigrants," letting in less than 1 percent of our population annually is awfully weak.

Cracking down on immigrants and keeping out refugees — usually because we consider them inferior to those who are already here — is as American as schnitzel, chow mein, shepherd's pie, spaghetti, bagels, tacos and falafel.

Check out this paradox. Although many Americans boast that our cultural diversity is our strength, this hasn't stopped many of us from reacting intolerantly to those with what some consider weird languages, strange religions and peculiar customs.

This tradition began in the mid-1700s, when Benjamin Franklin attacked German immigrants. An Englishman born in Boston, Franklin warned that Pennsylvania was becoming "a colony of aliens who ... will never adopt our language or customs, any more than they can acquire our complexion." Franklin feared the newcomers would "Germanize us instead of our Anglifying them."

Then there was the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. Concerned that arrivals from the Far East who had migrated to the American West to do the dangerous work of building the railroads were "unassimilable," Congress decided to close the door. It wasn't until 1943 that the law was repealed, and a yearly quota of Chinese immigrants was established.

In the 20th century, nativism ran like a virus through U.S. immigration policy. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses" quickly degenerated to "There goes the neighborhood."

In 1905, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts warned that immigrants (read: the Irish) were "diminishing the quality of our citizenship."

A couple decades later, declaring that "America must remain American," President Calvin Coolidge signed the Immigration Act of 1924. The law — which could have been called the "No More Italians Act" — set quotas for each country based on how many people it had sent to the United States in earlier decades. The Germans and Irish were fine, but the Italians were out of luck.

It wasn't until the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 that Congress scrapped this ghastly quota system based on national origin. In its place, it created a fairer, though still not perfect, system that put more emphasis on immigrants' skills and family reunification.

Today, most immigrants to the United States come from Asia and Latin America, and many are greeted with the same mixture of intolerance and ignorance that earlier waves encountered.

Trump can be shameful, but he's not terribly original. He is just the latest carnival barker to take advantage of the anxiety that the sons and daughters of the immigrants of yesteryear feel toward the immigrants of today.

And despite what some people like to believe, Americans don't just have a problem with those who come to this country illegally. Legal immigrants are also a target. Just look at what's coming next.

According to The Washington Post, the Trump administration is now contemplating closing the door to would-be immigrants who are likely to require public assistance and deporting current green-card holders who depend on welfare and other government programs. There are also plans to limit visas so that American workers can be spared the indignity of competing for jobs with foreigners.

This is bad policy that amounts to protectionism for American workers. But, like the refugee ban and the wall that Trump promises to build on the U.S.-Mexico border, it can't very well be called un-American. In fact, it's perfectly American. And that's the misery of it.

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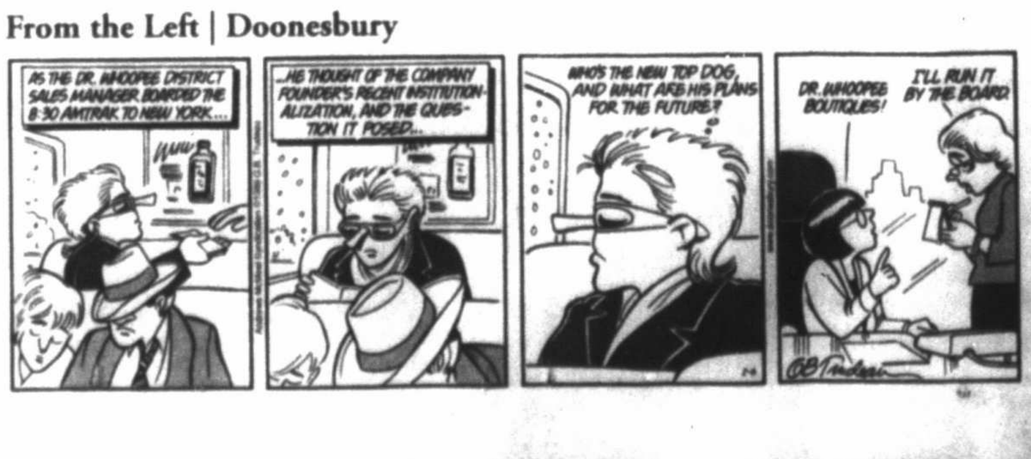

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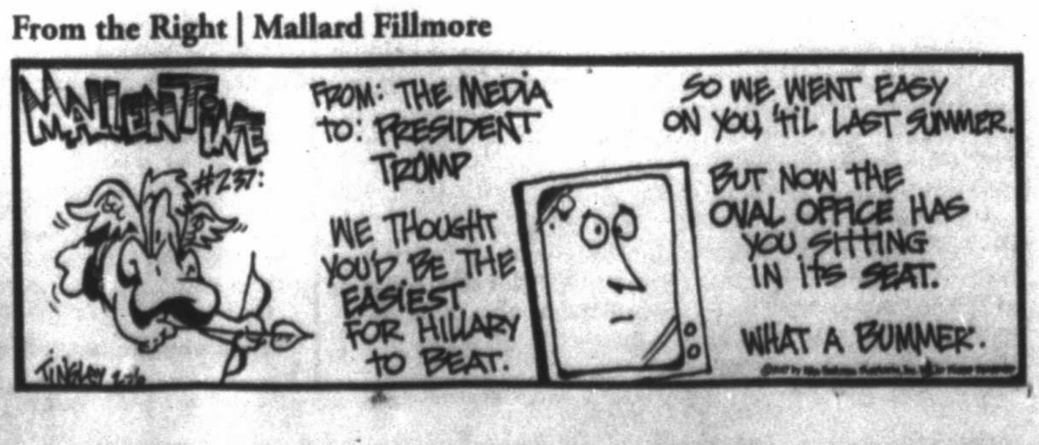

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On Jan. 20 President Donald Trump, flanked by Vice President Mike Pence and Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, signs his first executive order on health care in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. After years of objecting to President Barack Obama's use of executive power to work around Congress, President Donald Trump and Republicans allies have all-but abandoned their public complaints about checks-and-balances and embraced the go-it-alone strategy to fast-track their dismantling of President Barack Obama's policies.

President Trump's go-it-alone strategy carries its own risks

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Like his predecessor, President Donald Trump seized on a go-it-alone strategy for fast-tracking his agenda. It took him two weeks to run into the nation's system of checks and balances.

The legal battle over his executive order on immigration and refugees is a surprisingly early demonstration of a lesson all presidents learn eventually. Governing by executive action may appear easier and faster, but it carries its own legal and political risks.

President Barack Obama was confronted with that reality late in his tenure when, thwarted by the GOP-controlled House, he used what he called a "pen and phone" strategy to advance his agenda. He ultimately found one of his most sweeping actions, the expansion of a program deferring deportation for some immigrants, blocked by the courts, while Republicans blasted him for what they said was an abuse of power.

Republicans have been notably quiet as Trump has taken a similar approach, particularly taking advantage of the precedent giving the president broad leeway when it comes to immigration.

A federal judge's order in Seattle on Friday evening blocking Trump's ban on admitting travelers from seven predominantly Muslim countries showed the limits of the president's powers and the role of checks and balances among the three branches of government. The administration appealed the judge's order, but the higher court denied its request for an immediate stay that would have enabled Trump to reinstate the ban.

The State Department cancelled visas for about 60,000 people from the affected countries; the legal setbacks had many rushing to restore their documents and find flights to the United States over the weekend. Trump isn't alone in trying to maximize executive muscle. Presidents rarely voluntarily restrict their own power. And recent presidents also have used a burst of unilateral action to spur progress at the start of their administrations and to set a tone for Congress, where legislation often moves slowly.

Trump's opening weeks have shown he's likely to rely on the Republicans who hold a majority in Congress to pass top agenda items like overhauling the "Obamacare" law, changing the tax code and repairing aging roads and bridges.

The president has also signed a blitz of actions on border security, health care and financial regulation, showing few signs of slowing down.

On Friday, Trump's administration imposed sanctions on companies and individuals in response to Iran's recent ballistic missile test — after months of bitter criticism of Obama's landmark nuclear deal with Tehran.

Still, his actions stand out for their sweep and haste. On some issues, Trump didn't just leapfrog Congress, where his own party is in control, he cut Republicans out of the consultations and rollout of his plans.

"I think that Trump has been unusually aggressive in the scope of what he is trying to do and also I think remarkably casual in issuing orders and other actions that don't appear to have gone through what would be a typical process of reviewing and vetting and consideration," said Kenneth Mayer, a University of Wisconsin professor who has studied executive actions by presidents.

Since Inauguration Day, Trump has signed 20 memoranda and executive orders. That number is in line with Obama's first two weeks. One of his orders directly reversed one of Obama's early orders: The former president signed a memorandum in his first week in 2009 rescinding a ban on providing federal money to international groups that perform or provide information on abortions. Trump reinstituted the regulation, known as the "Mexico City Policy," on his first day in office.

In this, Mayer said Trump's use of unilateral powers has shown some similarities to a general pattern set in 1993, 2001 and 2009 — when the White House switched parties.

But he added that "there's a big qualification." None of those incoming presidents sparked the controversy that Trump did last week. Chaos at airports and concern around the world quickly followed Trump's signing of the executive order to temporarily ban all refugees and also travelers from seven Muslim-majority countries.

The president said quick, forceful action was needed to reduce the threat of terrorist attacks.

The executive actions on immigration have led to lawsuits. Interest groups also have vowed to challenge any unilateral efforts to curtail Obama's environmental regulations and other rules. Despite his initial flurry of action, Obama became more reliant upon executive orders during his second term, when he faced opposition from Republicans. "I've got a pen and I've got a phone," he declared at one point, promising public orders and personal efforts to build support. When he acted unilaterally on immigration in 2014, providing temporary legal status to millions living in the U.S. illegally, Republicans insisted he was acting illegally.

The House speaker at the time, John Boehner, accused him of acting like a king or an emperor.

This time, with full control of the White House and Congress, Republicans have been largely muted in their assessments of Trump's executive actions.

A notable exception has been Arizona Sen. John McCain, who warned Trump not to allow the resumption of enhanced interrogation techniques such as waterboarding following reports that the new administration was planning a review.

"The president can sign whatever executive orders he likes. But the law is the law. We are not bringing back torture in the United States of America," McCain said. Democrats are broadly and bitterly opposed to Trump's proposals — on the health care law, oil pipelines and the border wall — as well as the unilateral way he's going about pursuing some of them.

"What he is doing is reprehensible to them in most cases," said Steve Elmendorf, a Democratic strategist and former aide to former House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt. The go-it-alone approach, Elmendorf said, is "going to inflame the base of the party and make it hard for Democrats to work with him on other issues."

A look at how a president can exercise his authority

President Donald Trump has taken 19 executive actions since being sworn into office on Jan. 20. Some of the papers he signed were executive orders that dealt with building the wall he promised along the U.S.-Mexico border; temporarily banning entry to the U.S. by refugees and people from seven majority-Muslim nations; and beginning to chip away at the Affordable Care Act.

For other actions, he signed presidential memoranda that covered withdrawing the U.S. from a multinational, Pacific-Rim trade agreement; giving his defense secretary a month to deliver a plan to defeat the Islamic State group; and advancing a pair of stalled but controversial oil pipeline projects.

The total doesn't reflect proclamations, since they are ceremonial.

A look at an "executive order," a "presidential memorandum" and an "executive action."

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive orders are one of the ways a president can exercise his authority. Presidents use the orders to establish policies and manage federal government operations, and they are binding only on the executive branch.

Executive orders are numbered and published in the Federal Register, the government's daily publication of proposed and final regulations, meaning anyone can look them up.

Most executive orders last for years or decades without being rescinded. Some orders that are more ideological in nature sometimes are put in place by presidents of one party and rescinded by presidents from the opposing party.

Some of the orders Trump signed are intended to undo actions taken by his predecessor, Barack Obama, such as on health care. On the Affordable Care Act, an executive order Trump signed shortly after being sworn in to office gives executive branch agencies broad leeway to chip away at parts of the health care law that they oversee.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

Not all of a president's executive authority comes by way of an executive order. They sometimes issue presidential memoranda, which still amount to orders from the president.

Presidential memoranda carry the same weight as an executive order, but tend to be more regulatory in nature.

They are not numbered, but are sometimes published in the Federal Register, which gives the paperwork a little bit more status.

PROCLAMATION

Proclamations are mostly ceremonial in nature. For example, upon the death of a public figure, presidents may issue a proclamation to order that U.S. flags on federal property be flown at half-staff. Presidents also issue proclamations to declare special days, weeks or months, such as National Public Lands Day, Save Your Vision Week and National Family Caregivers Month.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Executive action is an umbrella term used to include executive orders, presidential memoranda and proclamations.

White House predicts courts will reinstate travel ban

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rebuffed in its bid for a quick reversal, the White House said Sunday it expected the courts to reaffirm President Donald Trump's executive power and reinstate a ban on refugees and travelers from seven predominantly Muslim countries from entering the United States.

The case promised to extend into Monday at least, when fresh legal filings were due, and observers had no doubt the Supreme Court ultimately will have a say.

The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in a brief order overnight, denied the administration's request to set aside a Seattle judge's ruling that put a temporary hold on the ban nationwide.

The lawsuit by Washington state and Minnesota said Trump's order harmed residents and effectively mandated discrimination. Their lawyers had until 1:59 a.m. CST today to submit briefs opposing the government's request. The Justice Department then had a 6 p.m. EST deadline to respond.

"We'll accomplish the stay and will win the case on the merits," Vice President Mike Pence said.

Members of Trump's Republican Party scolded him for Twitter attacks on U.S. District Court Judge James Robart, appointed by President George W. Bush, and accused Trump of stepping over the line that separates the executive from the judiciary. To Trump, Robart is a "so-called judge" whose "ridiculous" ruling "will be overturned."

Trump renewed his Twitter attacks against Robart on Sunday. "Just cannot believe a judge would put our country in such peril. If something happens blame him and court system. People pouring in. Bad!"

He followed with another tweet saying he had instructed the Homeland Security Department to check people coming into the country but that "the courts are making the job very difficult!"

Vice President Mike Pence defended Trump, saying "the president can criticize anybody he wants." Pence added that he believes the American people "find it very refreshing that they not only understand this president's mind, but they understand how he feels about things."

At issue is the legality of a presidential action undertaken in the name of national security. Whatever the outcome and however the case drags on, a president who was used to getting his way in private business is finding, weeks in to the jobs, obstacles to quickly fulfilling one of his chief campaign pledges.

"The president is not a dictator," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "He is the chief executive of our country. And there is a tension between the branches of government."

The government had told the appeals court that the president alone has the power to decide who can enter or stay in the United States, an assertion that appeared to invoke the wider battle to come over illegal immigration.

Congress "vests complete discretion" in the president to impose conditions on entry of foreigners to the United States, and that power is "largely immune from judicial control," according to the court filing.

"We don't appoint judges to our district courts to conduct foreign policy or to make decisions about the national security," Pence said.

Feinstein, the top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, predicted the appeals court would not have the last word. "I have no doubt that it will go to the Supreme Court, and probably some judgments will be made whether this president has exceed his authority or not," she said.

In his ruling, Robart said it was not the court's job to "create policy or judge the wisdom of any particular policy promoted by the other two branches," but to make sure that an action taken by the government "comports with our country's laws."

Trump's order applied to Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen — Muslim-majority countries that the administration said raise terrorism concerns. The order had caused unending confusion for many foreigners trying to reach the United States, prompted protests across the United States and led to multiple court challenges.

Trump's criticism of Robart echoed campaign comments against a federal judge of Mexican heritage who was overseeing a lawsuit against Trump University. Justice Department lawyers could be called upon to answer for Trump's words as the travel ban case makes it way through the courts.

"We all get disappointed from time to time at the outcome in courts on things that we care about," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "But I think it is best to avoid criticizing judges individually." Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., was blunter: "We don't have so-called judges. We don't have so-called senators. We don't have so-called presidents. We have people from three different branches of government who take an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution."

The State Department said last week that as many as 60,000 foreigners from those seven countries had had their visas canceled. After Robart's decision, the department reversed course and said they could travel to the U.S. if they had a valid visa.

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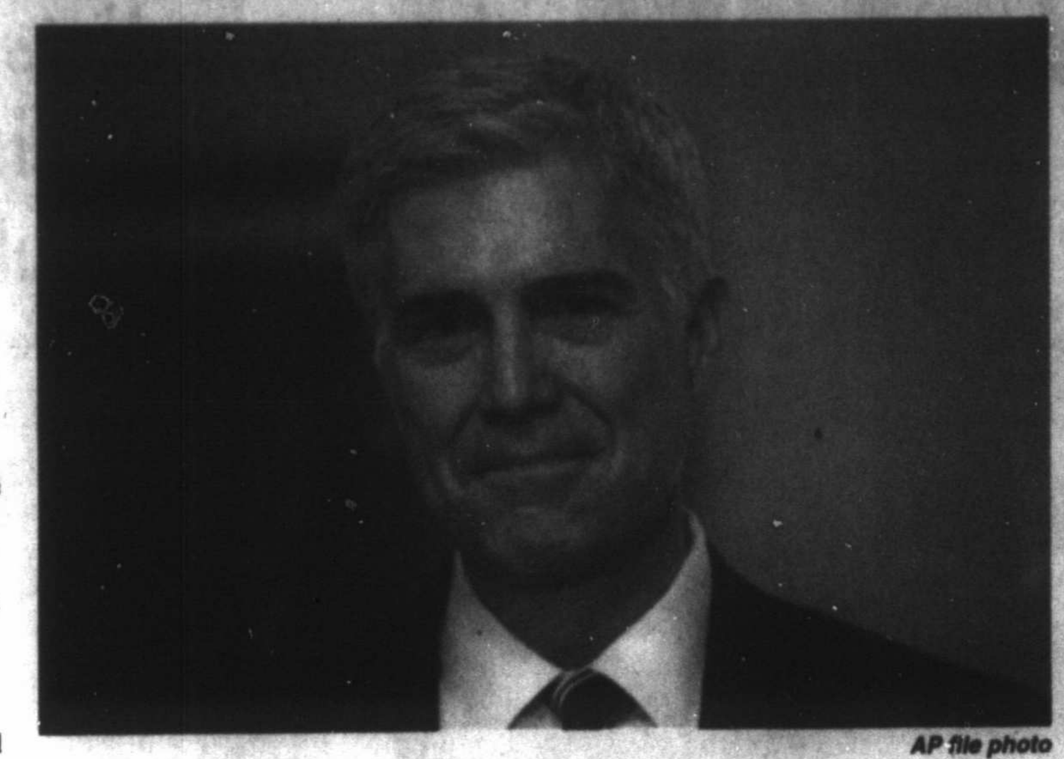
Trump's Supreme Court pick wary of 'politicians with robes'

By Denise Lavoie and Michael Tarm
Associated Press



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In this Feb. 1 file photo, Supreme Court Justice nominee, Neil Gorsuch is seen on Capitol Hill in Washington. President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Judge Neil Gorsuch, has made his judicial philosophy clear through written opinions, speeches and other writings. He is widely described as a federalist and an originalist.

Judge Neil Gorsuch recalls being blinded by tears in the middle of a ski run after someone rang his cellphone with news of the unexpected death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. The reaction illustrates not only the depth of Gorsuch's admiration for his mentor but also how thoroughly he has modeled his conservative constitutionalist views after Scalia.

"I immediately lost what breath I had," Gorsuch, who sits on the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, said in a speech last April. "And I am not embarrassed to admit that I couldn't see the rest of the way down the mountain for the tears."

One year later, the 49-year-old Colorado native is President Donald Trump's pick to replace Scalia as the Republican leader heeded calls by many conservatives to find someone as near to a Scalia philosophical clone as possible.

Like Scalia, Gorsuch believes judges must focus primarily on the text of the 230-year-old Constitution and resolve legal disputes by following the Founding Fathers' intentions. Gorsuch has said that if judges factor in personal beliefs, societal changes or calculations about maximizing social welfare, they risk becoming "little more than politicians with robes."

Gorsuch, who once went fly-fishing with Scalia, said Scalia helped remind Americans about the roles of judges and lawmakers. In a speech last year at Case Western Reserve University, Gorsuch said that message was that "legislators may appeal to their own moral convictions and to claims about social utility to reshape law. ... But that judges should do none of these things in a democratic society."

Scalia, who died last February, was a leading proponent of originalism, an approach that seeks to resolve constitutional disputes by focusing on the document's text, its historical context and the framers' intentions. Originalism often is viewed as a conservative philosophy, but adherents can often hold strong civil libertarian views. Scalia, for example, held that flag burning was protected speech.

Scalia frequently complained that the concept of originalism was misunderstood. He explained that an emphasis on text and historical context is flexible enough to be applied to modern phenomena like radio and the internet. And he said originalism left open avenues for change, including through constitutional amendments and legislation. "You want to create new rights and/or destroy old ones?" Scalia asked in a 1996 speech. "A legislature and the electoral franchise are all that you need. The only reason you need a constitution is because there are some things which you don't want a majority to be able to change."

Originalism's critics say judges should treat the Constitution as a living, breathing document that's able to encompass society's evolving values. An example of this approach is the 2015 Supreme Court ruling that says constitutional rights to due process and equal protection supports a right to same-sex marriage. In his dissent, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. wrote that the Constitution "had nothing to do with" that ruling by the court majority.

In his 2016 speech, Gorsuch also quoted Scalia as saying that, to be a good judge, "you have to resign yourself to the fact that you're not always going to like the conclusions you reach. If you like them all the time, you're probably doing something wrong."

Despite his adherence to a conservative legal philosophy, Gorsuch has also warned against rigidity. When asked at his 2006 confirmation hearings for the appeals court about the kind of judge he considers unacceptable, Gorsuch answered: "Someone who is not willing to listen with an open mind to the arguments of counsel, to his colleagues, and to precedent."

But Gorsuch's tendency to harken back to the framers is reflected in his sharp criticism of the Chevron doctrine, which holds that judges should defer to federal departments and agencies to fill in the blanks of certain laws, including on immigration and the environment. The framers, Gorsuch wrote last year, intended for lawmakers to make the laws, executives to execute them and judges to decipher their meaning.

"A government of diffused powers, they knew, is a government less capable of invading the liberties of the people," he wrote.

Gorsuch incorporated wariness of executive power in a dissent after the full 10th Circuit declined to rehear a three-judge panel's ruling that a sex offender should comply with detailed rules about registering as a sex offender. Those rules were set not by Congress, but by the U.S. attorney general.

"If the separation of powers means anything, it must mean that the prosecutor isn't allowed to define the crimes he gets to enforce," Gorsuch wrote in 2015.

If political leaders differ with judges over existing law, Gorsuch wrote, politicians always had a clear constitutional remedy: "It's called legislation. ... Admittedly, the legislative process can be an arduous one. But that's no bug in the constitutional design: It is the very point of the design." Originalists such as Gorsuch also apply their philosophy to resolve disagreements over laws crafted by Congress or state legislatures, focusing on the text and intention of the lawmakers.

A look at Supreme Court nominee's judicial philosophy

President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Judge Neil Gorsuch, has made his judicial philosophy clear through opinions, speeches and other writings. He is widely described as a federalist and an originalist.

A look at those judicial philosophies, opposing ones and an excerpt from Gorsuch's writings on the concepts:

Originalism

A term coined in the 1980s to describe a judicial philosophy focusing on the text of the Constitution and the Founding Fathers' intentions in resolving legal disputes. Originalists argue that new legislation, rather than new interpretations of the Constitution, is the best way to bring about social change and safeguard minority rights. Originalists say relying on text doesn't mean they can't grapple with contemporary phenomena, such as the radio or Internet.

Living constitution

Sometimes referred to as "loose constructionism" or "modernism," this judicial philosophy considers the Constitution to be a living document, able to encompass society's changing, evolving values. Judges who approach decisions this way are sometimes called "activist judges" by critics.

Originalist view, in his own words

"In the legislative arena, especially when the country is closely divided, compromises tend to be the rule of the day. But when judges rule this-or-that policy unconstitutional, there's little room for compromise. One side must win, the other must lose. ... It is a warning sign that our judiciary is losing its legitimacy when trial and circuit-court judges are viewed and treated as little more than politicians with robes." — Gorsuch writing in National Review, 2006.

Federalism

Favors the power of states to run their own affairs. Gorsuch has repeatedly favored extended greater power to states, counties, towns and American Indian tribes and has railed about what he views as government overreach, sometimes by the courts. Supporters of a strong federalist system say it's important for policies such as school standards to be set by local and state governments rather than federal authorities.

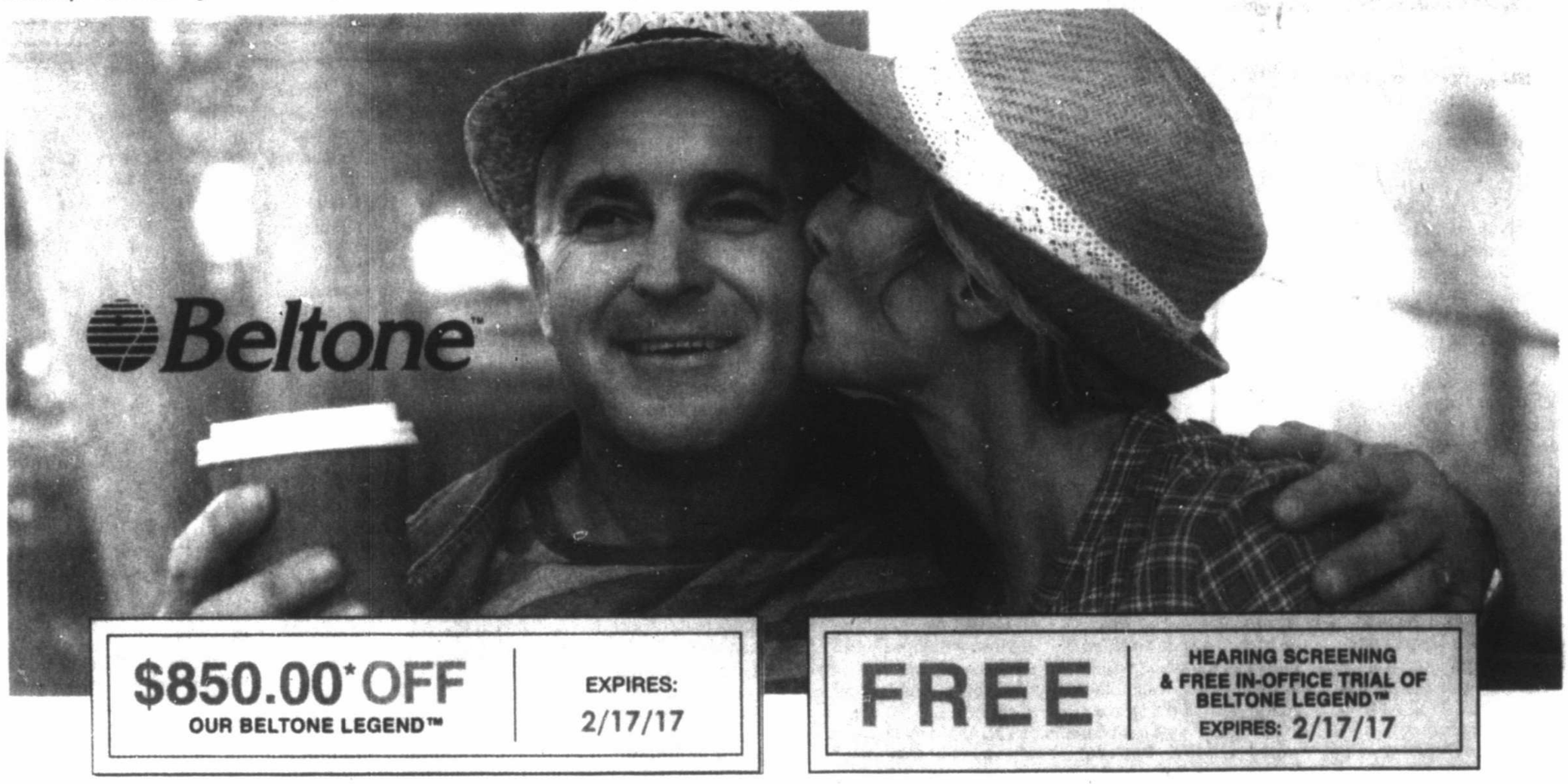
Centralism

This belief favors concentrating power in a national government and promotes uniform laws and standards across state lines. In landmark rulings on topics including school desegregation and same-sex marriage, federal courts have set nationwide policy.

Federalist view, in his own words

"Ours is not supposed to be the government of the 'Hunger Games' with power centralized in one district, but a government of diffused and divided power, the better to prevent its abuse." — Gorsuch writing in 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals opinion, 2015.

Associated Press



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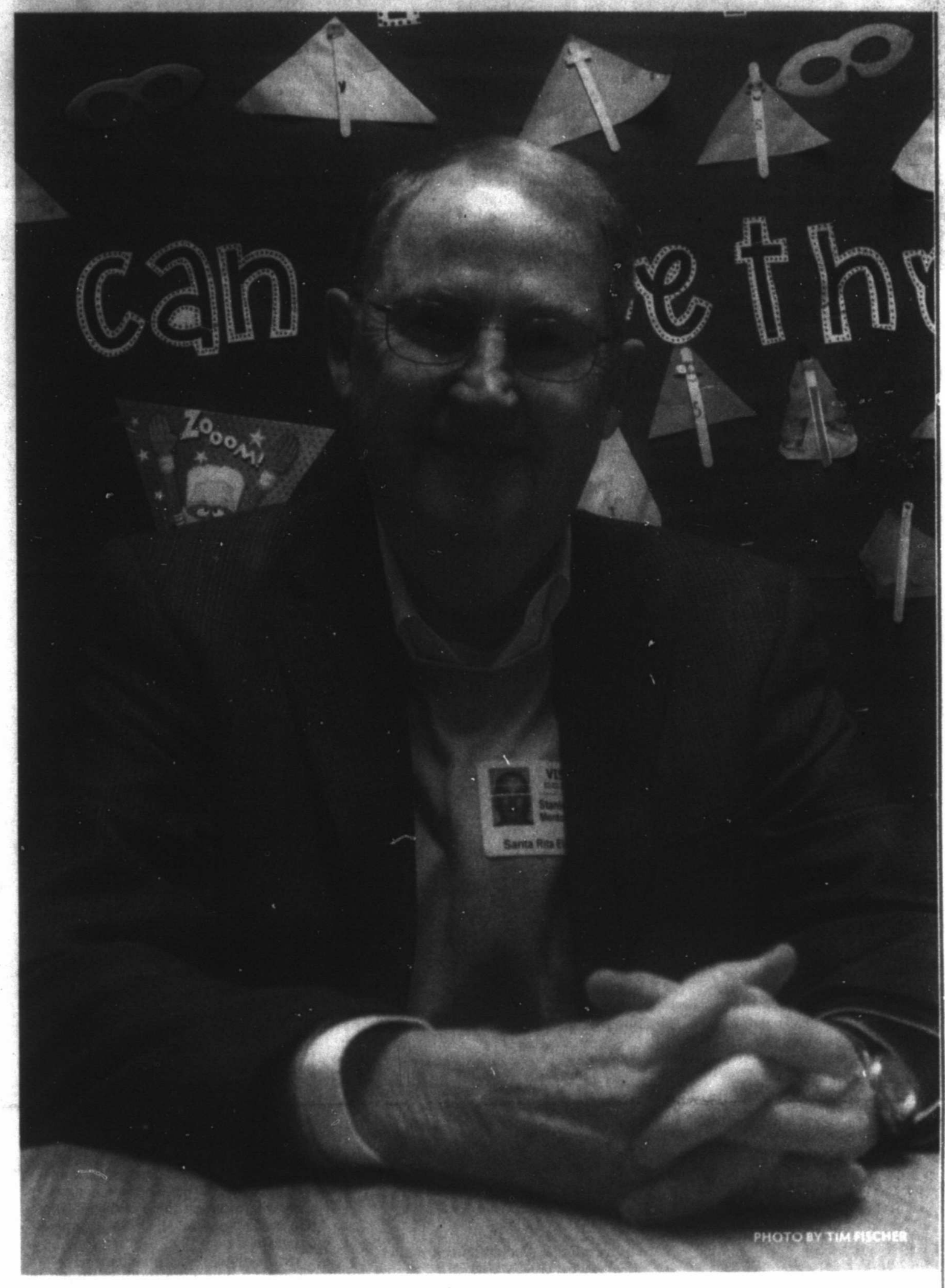

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STAN JACOBS

MIDLAND ISD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND CASA DE AMIGOS

Professional and community involvement: I retired from Midland College in 2012. I was associate vice president of Instruction, Academic and Transfer Studies, supervising four academic divisions. I currently teach one class in art history and classes in cartooning for the Kid's College summer program. My volunteer work includes Kids Hope at Santa Rita and Sam Houston, Big Brothers/Big Sisters at Ben Milam, Homework Help at Casa de Amigos, Culver Detention Center and Christian overseas missions. I have been a member of Christ Church (Anglican) since 1975.

How did you decide to serve the community as a volunteer at Santa Rita and Casa de Amigos? I strongly endorse the missions of both institutions (Kid's Hope and Casa de Amigos). I have volunteered at Santa Rita since 2010 when the program started and have worked with more than a dozen boys and girls since then. The mission of Kid's Hope is to provide one-on-one personal assistance during school hours to children who are identified by the school counselors as needing special attention with school work, interpersonal development and similar issues. Volunteers are asked to be role models, mentors and friends. The Casa de Amigos homework help program has a similar purpose, but it is provided for children in a group setting after school. I believe that there is no greater need in our community, and I want to do what I can with as many children as I can, one at a time.

What talents and skills do you share with the community through your volunteer roles and at Midland College? I have taught all forms of visual arts to all ages since 1970. I have also been a practicing artist in sculpture, ceramics and drawing. Most recently, I completed 14 Stations of the Cross in clay, which will be cast in bronze this spring. My next project will be a stone carving in Texas limestone. From the time I was a freshman in college, I have especially enjoyed drawing caricatures.

What unexpected lesson have you learned while serving as a volunteer and through your nonprofit work? I have learned to simply be myself. I have learned never to be afraid to share my skills and experiences with children. I have also learned to enjoy every moment, whether it is planned or totally unexpected. I have also learned that in this kind of "work," the rewards are ongoing. They never end.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? I have lived in Midland since 1971, when I was employed by Midland College to start the art department. I never intended to stay in Midland more than three years, but it seems that every two or three years, something good or special has happened to entice me to stay. Since 2012 when I officially retired, my wife, Carole, and I decided that of all the wonderful places we have been, we would not want to live anywhere but Midland. Our friends are here and our families are nearby.

What else would you like our readers to know about you? We love to travel. I have visited more than 50 foreign countries and have now seen all the seven wonders of the world. ... I know bits and pieces of six or seven languages.

"DR. JACOBS IS A VERY KIND AND CARING INDIVIDUAL"

Stan Jacobs has been a mentor at Santa Rita Elementary for more than five years.

This mentor goes above and beyond for the students and at the campus. Dr. Jacobs visits with his students once a week and participates in several different events held on the campus. Stan Jacobs is a familiar face with the majority of students and staff.

Stan Jacob uses his art and creativity to capture the attention of the students. Dr. Jacobs also volunteers in different agencies throughout the community.

Dr. Jacobs is a very kind and caring individual who is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children.

Yvette Lozano, *Santa Rita Elementary School counselor*

"HE IS COMMITTED TO THE CHILDREN SERVED AT CASA DE AMIGOS"

Matthew 6:21 tells us: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." It is apparent Stan Jacobs treasures children. He looks at a child and instantly sees their potential, and his goal is to cherish their youthful vision and mentor their creativity.

Dr. Jacobs is a longtime friend to Casa de Amigos. For more than a decade, he has mentored countless children through Youth Education. Though he served on the board briefly during the early 2000s, "his heart was always with the children," according to Lael Cordes-Pitts, previous executive director. He teaches character, creativity and kindness.

Dr. Jacobs was one of the first volunteers I met when I became the executive director in late 2014. I have truly enjoyed getting to know Dr. Jacobs and have asked his advice on many occasions.

The children we serve are valued and precious, and his opinions and suggestions are respected. He is committed to the children served at Casa de Amigos. He opens their eyes to the world and what they can accomplish. He fills their spirit with hope and allows them to dream. And he does this while helping them with their homework!

Not only does Dr. Jacobs serve children here in Midland, he serves children all over the world through mission work. It is fascinating to hear his stories of children in Russia he has come in contact with through missions.

Dr. Jacobs is a "giver." He gives of his time and of his heart to children.

Tonya Eckert, *Casa de Amigos executive director*

Dr. Jacobs is amazing how he works with the kids. He would always read with them, which is so important. The kids knew he wanted to help them and that he wanted to be there.

Paul Brooks, *Casa de Amigos , retired education director*

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FB pushes 'live' video to keep users engaged

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — From billboards to TV ads to endless notifications, Facebook is furiously promoting its live video feature as it tries to get more users to shoot and watch such videos.

But will it be a big business for the social network? The prospects for advertisers are uncertain, and even when users do "go live" — broadcasting their toddler's first steps to family or showing footage from protests around the world, for instance — their friends often don't see it until after the fact, just like any other recorded video.

So why all the big fuss?

Fishing for users

Some analysts believe it's just another in Facebook's ongoing efforts to keep people attached to its service as long as possible. "It's a usage thing — keeping them engaged, keeping them on Facebook, giving them an avenue to share," says eMarketer analyst Debra Aho Williamson. "As long as Facebook can be successful with that, it can show ads to them."

As is its custom, the company is first pushing the service to as many of its 1.8 billion users as possible. Users get special notifications when their friends go live, and ads prompting them to do the same have been prevalent in the last few weeks.

But making money off live streams isn't easy, starting with the fact that they offer few opportunities to display video ads. But that's OK, Williamson says, arguing that now is the time for marketers to experiment with the feature.

Some are already doing just that — not by advertising on other live broadcasts, but by streaming themselves. General Motors, for example, was the first automaker to livestream on Facebook, rolling out its Chevy Bolt EV at the 2016 Consumer Electronics Show.

Live from everywhere

Mobile video, especially live video, is already transforming how we experience the world online, whether that means puppies and kittens or witnessing crime , social unrest and other world events. We can stream official channels and news, as well as individual people's perspectives in a way that was not possible just a few years ago.

Last October, Facebook started an ad campaign featuring real users doing weird, quirky but generally upbeat stuff live with the goal of introducing more, possibly reluctant users to the feature. Think: pile of

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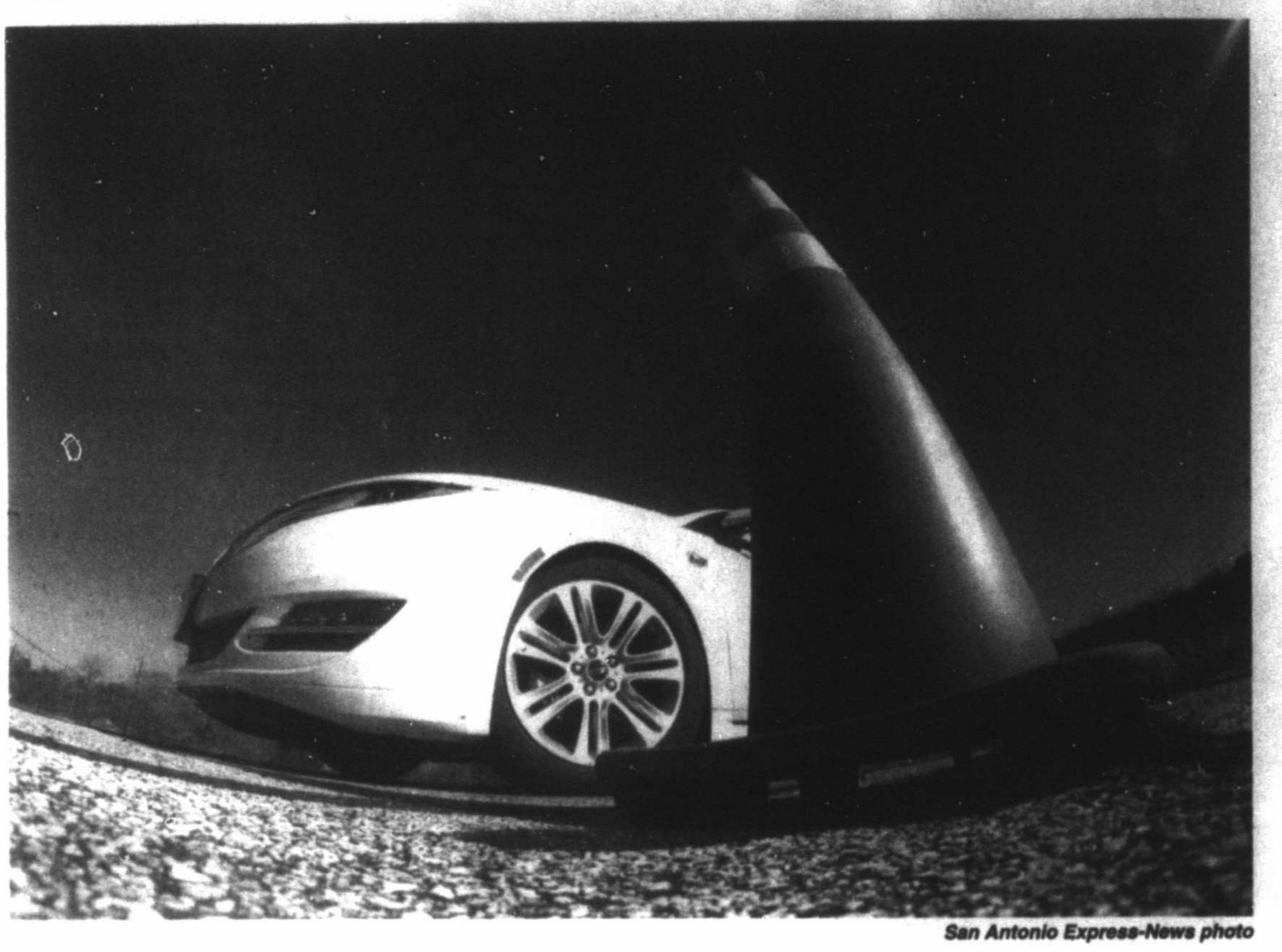
AP file photo

This Nov. 16, 2016, photo shows a Facebook Live billboard on the side of a building near New York's Penn Station. From billboards to TV ads to endless notifications, Facebook is furiously promoting its live video feature as it tries to get more users to shoot and watch such videos.

THE FUTURE IS ... NOW?



San Antonio Express-News photo

A self-driving Lincoln MKZ hybrid navigates a course at Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio on Jan. 31.

Self-driving cars get on track in San Antonio

By Rye Druzin
San Antonio Express-News

Senior research analyst Marc Alban sat behind the wheel of a Lincoln MKZ hybrid as it smoothly made figure-eight loops while maneuvering through the Southwest Research Institute's cone test track.

There was nothing all that unusual about the drive, except that the car was driving itself.

"This one I've crept through real slowly and not hit anything," Alban said as the vehicle's steering wheel rolled back and forth, the car driving itself deftly through the narrow cone track at about 15 mph.

The San Antonio-based nonprofit research institute is one of the nation's few "proving" grounds chosen Jan. 24 by the U.S. Department of Transportation to test autonomous vehicles.

SwRI engineers have been working more than a decade on the new technology. Automated vehicles currently are being tested on SwRI's campus, while VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority soon will be testing some of the technology on buses running along its Primo route on Fredericksburg Road and Medical Drive.

The DOT chose 10 different proving grounds — Texas being one of them — to collect data and help develop guidelines for integrating autonomous vehicles into the country's transportation infrastructure.

An alliance of groups including SwRI, the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, the University of Texas at Austin's Center for Transportation Research as well as 32 municipal and regional partners across Texas — including Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin and El Paso — will test and tweak advance autonomous vehicle technology in Texas.

Work on autonomous vehicles at SwRI started in 2006, when the institute committed $5 million to jump start the research.

It's the most money SwRI has committed to any one specific research project, said Chris Mentzer, SwRI's manager for research and development of unmanned systems.

The program initially involved half of SwRI's 10 divisions, 15 employees and a Ford Explorer named MARTI, which stands for Mobile Autonomous Robotics Technology Initiative.

Since then, it has grown to a workforce of about 40 and 20 vehicles ranging from MARTI and the autonomous Lincoln MKZ hybrid to multi-ton military transport trucks and a red semi-trailer truck (without the trailer) that the engineers nicknamed "Big Red."

"We're really, at the end of the day, we're an engineering-for-hire company," Mentzer said. SwRI is a nonprofit and doesn't mass produce its inventions for sale. "We're not going to sell you products, so we have to be smart and quick and do things that they can't do on their own."

Project manager Mike Brown said SwRI has been working to create a "South-Central Texas research triangle" between SwRI, UT and Texas A&M to combine their resources, and that the U.S. DOT Proving Ground designation will improve collaboration.

The entire SwRI campus — with more than 7 miles of paved roads, dirt tracks and off-road areas — has been used as a test bed by the autonomous team

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With NextVR, NBA viewer can experience courtside

By Hayley Tsukayama
The Washington Post

One of the promises that virtual reality offered was that we would all be able to watch "courtside" sporting events without having to leave our couches. Organizers including those from the Rio Olympics and soccer's English Premier League have touted the new technology as a way to be there without having to deal with the expense, travel and crowds of an in-person game.

But is it any good? To find out, I tried watching a basketball game using NextVR, a company that broadcasts one National Basketball Association game a week, as part of the NBA's League Pass package. (Plus the cost of either a Samsung Gear VR or Google Daydream and a compatible smartphone.) Last month, the company offered its weekly game free, so I watched the San Antonio Spurs crush the Minnesota Timberwolves from a just-about courtside vantage point.

In the interest of full disclosure, the Wolves are my hometown team, so I already had an interest in watching.

That aside, there is a lot to like about the experience. You do feel very close to the action, and the cameras replicate the vantage point you would get from a close seat. Plus, you get a sense of scale when you're watching — the height of the players, the baskets, the video board — which adds a sense of presence you do not get on television.

You are not so close to the action that you cannot see everything at once, as that would somewhat defeat the purpose of watching a game. And because you are sitting at the fixed camera's vantage point, you don't necessarily see the game as you would see it: At 5-foot-2, I actually got to be taller watching the broadcast than I would have been in a courtside seat. But I felt far more engaged - even more, I would say, than when I bought a ticket to see the Wolves play in person a couple of months ago, because this view was better than the seats I could afford.

David Cole, the company's co-founder, said he thinks of this sort of programming as "prescription-strength media"— a broadcast that has the power to be more engaging than a traditional televised game. Anecdotally, Cole said that he has heard from NextVR customers who say they have memories of sitting courtside at games they attended virtually.

"That's impactful — and a very tiny bit scary," Cole said in an interview. "It shows, at the danger of using hyperbole, that we're connecting the content to the nervous system of our viewer."

On the flip side, you do not get close-ups of players' faces — meaning personalities will not always come through as clearly as they might on a typical broadcast. But once, while watching, I was wondering what Spurs Coach Gregg Popovich's face looked like after a particular play. Then I remembered I was essentially standing next to him, and I was able to turn my head to see for myself.

To pull off the immersive broadcast, Cole said the company swoops into town with the other crews and sets up several cameras along with microphones that let them pick up ambient noise, such as the squeak of a player's sneaker.

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Artificial intelligence gamble pays off

By Steven Overly
Washington Post

For a fleeting moment, the humans thought they had a chance.

Four professionals poker players were convinced they found a flaw in the sophisticated artificial intelligence software that was beating them in a tournament of no-limit Texas Hold 'em. If they bet in odd sizes, it seemed to trip up the computer. Within a day or two, though, that weakness vanished — and hope of beating the machine went with it.

"It became very demoralizing showing up everyday and losing this hard," said Jason Les, who has played professional poker for a decade.

And a hard loss it was. When the 20-day tournament was done, the artificial intelligence, called Libratus, won a princely $1,766,250. All four professional players — Dong Kim, Daniel McAulay, Jimmy Chou and Les — finished in the negative.

The win demonstrates the increasing sophistication of artificial intelligence software as computer scientists work to digitally replicate, and ultimately improve upon, the human thought process. In this case, scientists demonstrated that AI can outwit the human brain in situations where at least some of the information needed to make smart decisions is unknown.

Artificial intelligence systems have mastered and beaten humans at other strategy games, such as Go or chess, where both players have a full view of the game board. But poker is tricky; it doesn't know the hand an opponent has been dealt, or what decisions he or she will likely make as a result.

In this way, poker is more reflective of the decisions people face every day — using just the information available to them and their experience to make their decisions while also trying to account for the decisions that others will make in response. In economics and social science, it's a discipline called game theory.

Games with imperfect information have made it hard for artificial intelligence to outwit the human brain. AI has beaten players at limit Texas Hold 'em, which has more rules and structure, but not the more freewheeling no-limit Texas Hold 'em poker. That changed Monday night with Libratus's win at the Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh.

Fortunately for the professional players, no money will change hands. The tournament was conducted for research purposes by the computer science department at Carnegie Mellon University. Professor Tuomas Sandholm and doctoral student Noam Brown hope Libratus can ultimately be used in a number of game theory scenarios, such as business negotiations, cybersecurity attacks or military operations. Basically, any situation in which two parties with different objectives and incomplete information need to find a resolution.

In particular, the artificial intelligence developed at Carnegie Mellon was able to assess and revise its strategy each time an opponent made a move so that its decisions were optimized based on the most recent information. Past AI software did not adapt as quickly or as often while a hand was being played.

Even still, real-world decision-making is more complex than a game of heads-up Texas Hold'em poker.

The tournament proved artificial intelligence can be successful in one-on-one competitions — each of the professionals played solo against the machine — but it becomes less effective when there are multiple actors to take into consideration. What's more, poker is a zero-sum game with a defined hierarchy of outcomes - a royal flush always beats a full house. Real-world decisions, on the other hand, often require compromise, and whether one outcome is more or less desirable than another may depend entirely on the player's perspective, said Vincent Conitzer, a computer science professor at Duke University.

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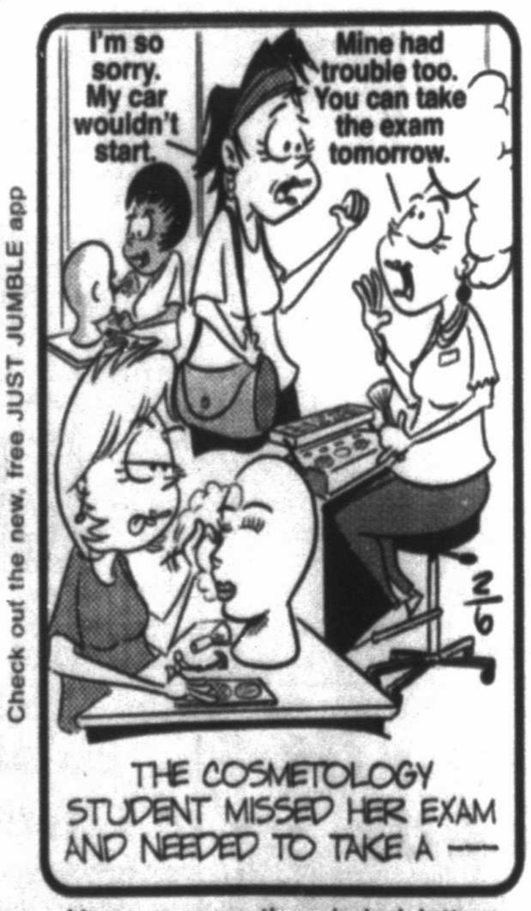

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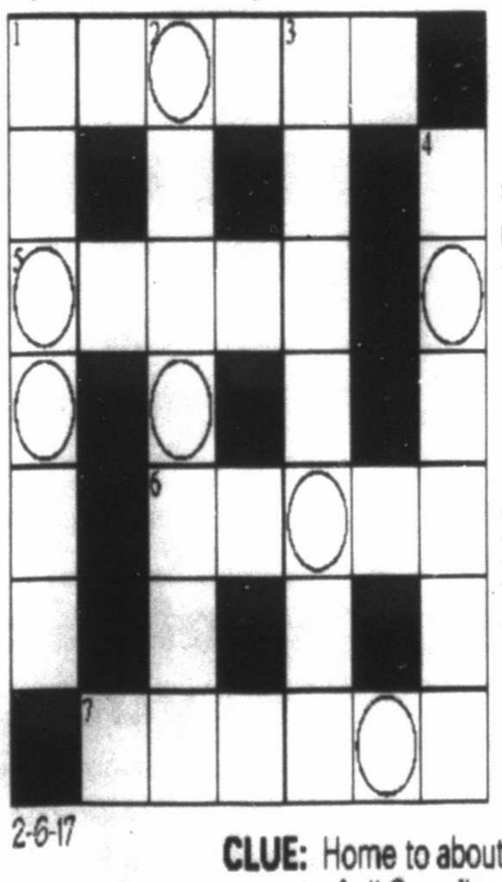

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7. Insist, declare	RSETSA

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2. Affliction	SLISNLE
3. Get better	PEIVORM
4. Sincere	SH_OEN

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ANSWERS: 1-Cream 6A-Tire 7A-Assert 1D-Frame 2D-Illness 3D-Improve 4D-Frisbee 5D-Clam

VIDEO

From 2B

teddy bears, girl singing with a guitar, someone recording lightning in the distance.

Although the company isn't disclosing data on how many users have gone live or watched a live video, anecdotally at least it seems to be catching on — somewhat. The company says people comment more than 10 times more on live videos than on regular ones, and that the number of people broadcasting live at any given minute has grown by fourfold since last May. Facebook gave regular users the ability to create live videos in April.

News outlets live streamed the presidential debates, as well as election night and Donald Trump's inauguration and Tuesday's Supreme Court nomination. Users, meanwhile, are broadcasting from sports events, protests and their living rooms.

Live video provides "an immediate, synchronous conversation experience," says Forrester Research analyst Melissa Parrish. Tools that increase the "immediacy of interaction," such as messaging platforms, are growing more and more popular.

At the same time, live videos that have gotten outsize attention — those showing police shootings, for instance — are not exactly good PR for the company. Although the vast majority of live streams don't involve violence or crime, Williamson says the negative connotations are "definitely a red flag and could cause advertisers to take a second look on whether it makes sense for them."

CARS

From 2B

over the past decade as it developed better ways for autonomous vehicles to navigate the environment.

The autonomous vehicles use LiDAR, a surveying system that maps the environment around an autonomous vehicle and detects objects with which it might collide as well as SwRI's in-house-developed Ranger system for enhanced location detection.

The Ranger system uses a ground-facing camera underneath the car and algorithms to provide the vehicle with location accuracy up to 2 centimeters. The SwRI researchers discovered that road surfaces are as unique as fingerprints, and the camera uses photographs of the road surface, to accurately locate where the vehicle is even in the absence of GPS.

Although self-driving systems still are in development, many modern cars are equipped with preemptive braking, multiple collision sensors and other detection and avoidance systems.

For San Antonio, improving public transportation safety became a priority in 2015 when the City Council passed its "Vision Zero Initiative" to eliminate vehicle-pedestrian fatalities.

The hotbed of testing for the city will be VIA's Primo bus route that was established in 2012 and uses communication technology between buses and traffic signals to improve travel times.

If certain parameters are met, buses can change signals from red to green to expedite their travel said Jeffrey C. Arndt, president and CEO of VIA.

In 2014, there were more than 45,000 motor vehicle crashes in San Antonio, 138 of which were fatal, according to the Vision Zero Initiative webpage. Fifty-four pedestrians were killed while walking, while another person was killed while biking.

For Arndt, improving safety means integrating technology into VIA buses to better detect vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

"If you think about it, you drive a car today that is giving you a whole lot more information about what's happening around it and around you that allows you to be a safer driver than a car that you bought five or 10 years ago," Arndt said.

He looks forward to collaborating with technical experts from SwRI, UT and A&M and the testing work they can do "off road" at their facilities to ensure systems work properly before being applied to real-world situations.

The technology on the Primo buses and VIA's proliferation throughout the city meant tapping into their expertise was natural, the city's Leilah Powell said.

"VIA has been a real backbone to getting this moving forward," said Powell, the chief of policy in Mayor Ivy Taylor's office. "VIA has a fleet of vehicles that they already are using advanced technology. We have signal transponder technology on some of their bus routes already, so they have more experience in this area than almost any other partner that we could choose."

NEXTVR

From 2B

It takes about the same amount of time for their crews to set up as it does for a traditional film crew. For basketball broadcasts, there are cameras behind each basket, at center court and above the crowd — so you get a sense of the atmosphere of the arena. Cole said they also have two "floater" cameras that can pick up sideline action as needed.

As a viewer, it's nice to have more control over which part of the game you watch. To make sure you don't miss the action, NextVR hires its own commentators to go along with its broadcast, which is useful because they can remind viewers to look left for an incoming drive, or pan right to follow a surprising pass. Cole said they put their commentators through a training camp of sorts to develop those skills.

That makes up, in part, for the loss of editorial direction you would get from a television broadcast, and ensures that viewers aren't missing key parts of the game.

Overall, I had a more direct connection to the game than I have watching other broadcasts. I will not recall the game in the future as if I were courtside, but I was definitely more into it than I have been for other, more important, games. Being so close to the action was a big part of the immersion. But so was the mere fact that by wearing a headset I was not able to look at my phone or get otherwise distracted. I didn't even eat snacks; Cole joked that "beer-finding" technology is on the road map.

I'm not prone to motion sickness in VR, but I had my moments watching this game — perhaps from following all the ball movement. The shots are static, however, so it's probable that any motion sickness was because of my phone not being placed right in the headset or because of the focus. I certainly didn't notice any latency issues. Even when I had to put it down, however, I was able to listen to the audio, so I did not have to interrupt the flow of the game. Cole said that NextVR rarely receives complaints about motion sickness.

The biggest drawback, of course, is not being able to watch along with another person at the same time. Part of the fun is pointing out a pretty pass or debating a dirty foul to the person next to you on the couch and seeing their reaction. Maybe if you had two headsets, it would be fun — you could both see the game close-up and still trade observations.

I would still say, ultimately, that it's still an experience best suited to watching by yourself. That way, you don't have to share your headset.

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FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Books

iBook charts for week ending Jan. 29:

Paid Books

1. 1984 by George Orwell - 9780547249643 - (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
2. The Room Mate by Kendall Ryan - No ISBN Available - (Kendall Ryan)
3. Just Friends by Billy Taylor - 9781530511518 - (Billy Taylor)
4. Never Never by Candice Fox & James Patterson - 9780316434720 - (Little, Brown and Cmpany)
5. The Whistler by John Grisham - 9780385541206 - (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)
6. The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw - 9780375504624 - (Random House Publishing roup)
7. The Girl Before by J.P. Delaney - 9780425285053 - (Random House Publishing Group)
8. Picture Perfect by Jodi Picoult - 9781101147139 - (Penguin Publishing Group)
9. Fifty Shades Darker by E L James - 9781612130590 - (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)
10. Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance - 9780062300560 - (Harper)

Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending Jan. 29:

Top Paid IPhone Apps:

1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
3. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
4. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
5. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
6. Five Nights at Freddy's: Sister Location, Scott Cawthon
7. Scanner for Me - PDF Scanner for Documents, Apalon Apps
8. Pixelmator, Pixelmator Team
9. Tabs & Chords by Ultimate Guitar - learn and play, Ultimate Guitar
10. MONOPOLY Game, Electronic Arts

Top Free IPhone Apps:

1. Bitmoji - Your Personal Emoji, Bitstrips
2. Pokémon Duel, The Pokemon Company
3. Paper.io, Voodoo
4. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
5. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
6. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
7. YouTube - Watch and Share Videos, Music & Clips, Google, Inc.
8. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
9. 8 Ball Pool, Miniclip.com
10. Google Maps - Navigation & Transit, Google, Inc.

Top Paid IPad Apps:

1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. Scribblenauts UnlimitedWarner Bros.
3. Five Nights at Freddy's: Sister Location, Scott Cawthon
4. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
5. Bloons TD 5 HD, Ninja Kiwi
6. Goat Simulator, Coffee Stain Studios AB
7. Scribblenauts Remix, Warner Bros.
8. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon
9. My Town : Car (wash, fix & drive cars), My Town Games LTD
10. Splitter Critters, RAC7 Games

Top Free IPad Apps:

1. Pokémon Duel, The Pokemon Company
2. Paper.io, Voodoo
3. YouTube - Watch and Share Videos, Music & Clips, Google, Inc.
4. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
5. WWE: Champions - Free Puzzle RPG, Scopely
6. My Talking Hank, Outfit7 Limited
7. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
8. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
9. Google Chrome - The Fast and Secure Web Browser, Google, Inc.
10. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending Jan. 29:

iTunes Movies US Charts:

1. Trolls
2. Inferno
3. The Accountant (2016)
4. The Girl On the Train (2016)
5. Keeping Up With the Joneses
6. Sully
7. Anthropoid
8. Hell or High Water
9. Deepwater Horizon
10. Jack Reacher: Never Go Back

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:

1. Loving
2. A Man Called Ove
3. I Am Michael
4. The Dressmaker
5. Captain Fantastic
6. The Intervention
7. Christine (2016)
8. First Girl I Loved
9. The Lobster
10. The Autopsy of Jane Doe

Music

iTunes' Official Music Charts for the week ending Feb. 2:

Top Songs

1. I Don't Wanna Live Forever (Fifty Shades Darker), ZAYN & Taylor Swift
2. Shape of You, Ed Sheeran
3. Body Like a Back Road, Sam Hunt
4. Bad and Boujee (feat. Lil Uzi Vert), Migos
5. Bad Things, Machine Gun Kelly & Camila Cabello
6. Paris, The Chainsmokers
7. Play That Song, Train
8. 24K Magic, Bruno Mars
9. All Time Low, Jon Bellion
10. Down, Marian Hill

Top Albums

1. Culture, Migos
2. The Devil Don't Sleep , Brantley Gilbert
3. SweetSexySavage, Kehlani
4. La La Land (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
5. After All These Years, Brian Johnson & Jenn Johnson
6. N 'w That's What I Call Music, Vol. 61, Various Artists
7. Trolls (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
8. Three Stripes, Bell Biv DeVoe
9. Hamilton, Original Broadway Cast of Hamilton
10. Cleopatra, The Lumineers

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More people question safety of e cigarettes

By Lyden Odukwu, MD

LYDEN ODUKWU, M.D.

E-cigarettes have been touted as a safer alternative to traditional cigarettes, but the public is becoming more and more skeptical according to a recent survey. The survey was conducted by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins compiled nationally representative surveys from 2012-2014. Three thousand smokers, former smokers and non-smokers were interviewed each year by the U. S. National Cancer institute.

Over that time period awareness of e-cigarettes increased from 77 percent to 94 percent.

In 2012 opinions were evenly divided, with half believing they were not as dangerous as regular cigarettes. By 2014 that number had dropped to 43 percent.

And while studies so far have been mixed, the FDA has recently announced its intent to regulate e-cigarettes. The first result will be to limit their sale to adults 18 and older. And the Surgeon General has recommended everyone avoid them.

Currently about four percent of the populace uses these devices, which use battery power to convert nicotine liquid into a vapor. They have been marketed as a safe alternative to cigarettes because e-cigarettes contain no tobacco.

Experts worry, however, that they could lead to the smoking of regular cigarettes, noting that tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death worldwide.

There have been confirmed reports of e-cigarettes' batteries overheating and exploding, occasionally causing serious injury.

Plus, the study authors noted, e-cigarette products containing a chemical known as diacetyl may be linked with certain lung conditions. One condition, called bronchiolitis obliterans, causes scarring of the lungs that leads to thickening and narrowing of the airways.

Please think long and hard before making a decision about e-cigarettes.

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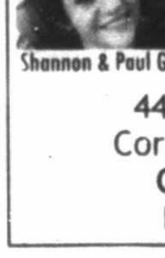
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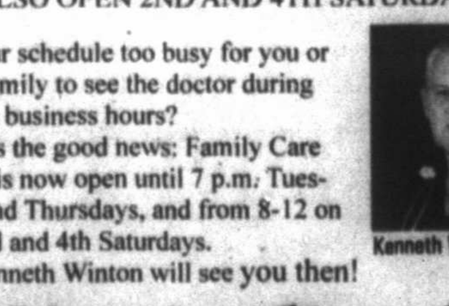

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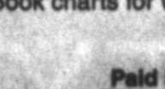
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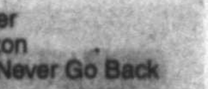
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MVP pulls through

Brady leads biggest comeback, Patriots win Super Bowl

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tom Brady led one of the greatest comebacks in sports history highlighted by an unbelievable Julian Edelman catch that helped lift New England from a 25-point hole against the Atlanta Falcons to the Patriots' fifth Super Bowl victory, the first ever in overtime.

The Patriots scored 19 points in the final quarter, including a pair of 2-point conversions, then marched relentlessly to James White's 2-yard touchdown run in overtime to beat the Atlanta Falcons 34-28 Sunday night.

Brady, the first quarterback with five Super Bowl rings, guided the Patriots (17-2) through a tiring Atlanta defense for fourth-quarter touchdowns on a 6-yard pass to Danny Amendola and a 1-yard run by White, which came with 57 seconds remaining in regulation. White ran for the first 2-pointer and Amendola did the deed with a reception on the second.

Brady, winning Super Bowl MVP for a record fourth-time, finished 43 for 62, the most attempts in Super Bowl history, for 466 yards, also a record, and two touchdowns.

"You know, we all brought each other back," Brady said. "We never felt out of it. It was a tough battle. They have a great team. I give them a lot of credit. We just made a few more plays than them."

Before the stunning rally — New England already held the biggest comeback in the final period when it turned around a 10-point deficit to beat Seattle two years ago — the Falcons (13-6) appeared poised to take their first NFL championship in 51 seasons. Having never been in such a pressurized environment, their previously staunch pass rush disappeared, they stumbled on offense and Brady tore them apart.

"Deflategate" far behind them, Brady and coach Bill Belichick won their 25th postseason game, by far a record. The Falcons added to Atlanta's long history of pro sports frustration.

Belichick became the first coach with five Super Bowl crowns.

The Patriots won the coin toss for overtime and it was no contest. Brady completed six passes against an overmatched Falcons secondary. A pass interference call took the ball to the 2, and White scooted to his right and barely over the goal line.

His teammates streamed off the sideline to engulf White as confetti streamed down from the NRG Stadium rafters.

It was almost an impossible dream for the Patriots a bit earlier. But helped by Matt Ryan's fumble on a sack, a Edelman's catch off of a defender's shoe, and Brady's passing, they never stopped coming.

White scored three touchdowns and had 14 receptions for 110 yards, but Brady hit seven different receivers.

Until the Patriots took charge with their late surge, league MVP Ryan was outplaying Brady. It didn't last.

Atlanta's string of touchdowns on its opening drive ended at eight, though Devonta Freeman sprinted for 37 yards on the Falcons' first offensive play. The drive was

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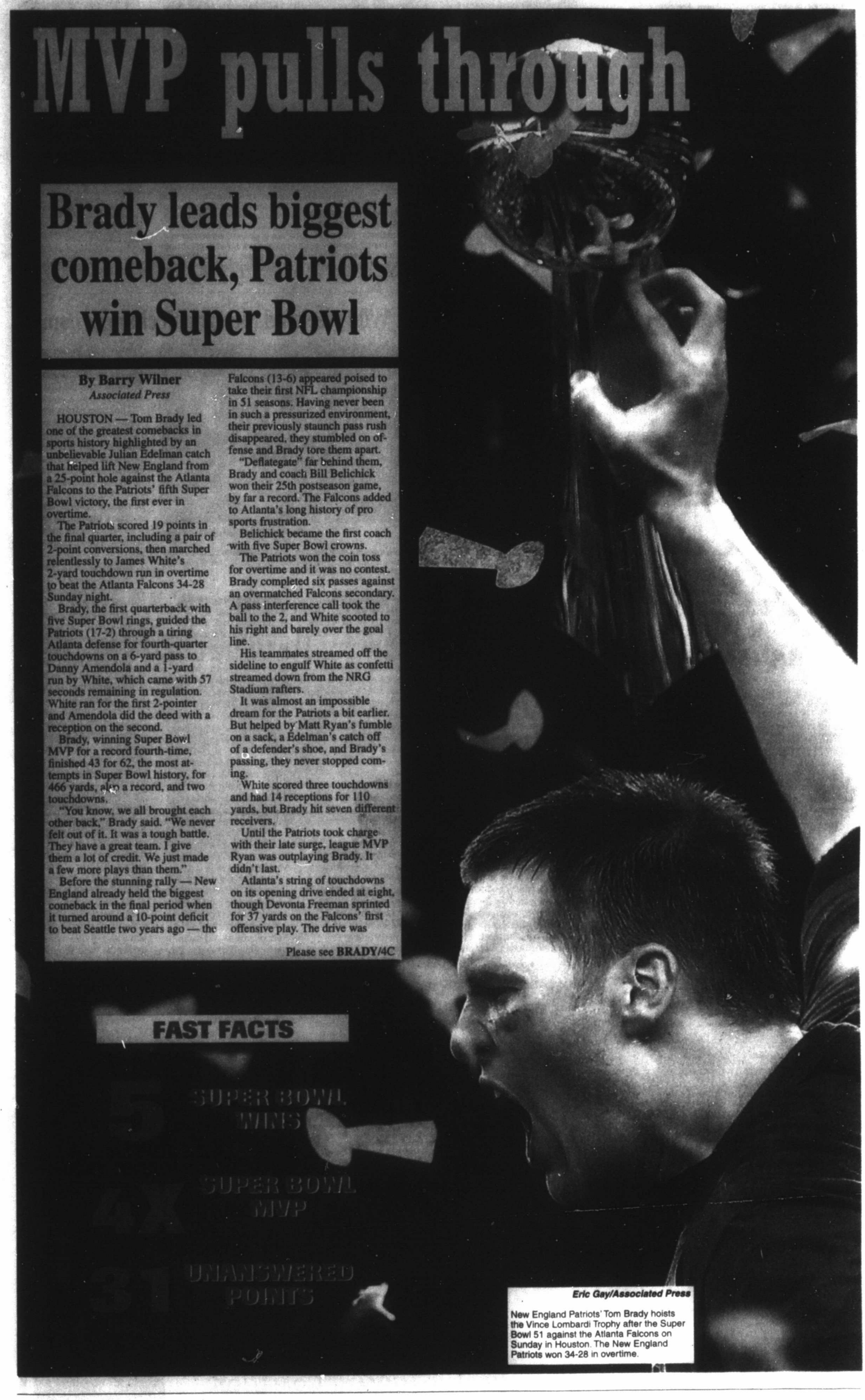

Eric Gay/Associated Press

New England Patriots' Tom Brady hoists the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the Super Bowl 51 against the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday in Houston. The New England Patriots won 34-28 in overtime.

Brady earns 4th Super Bowl MVP trophy in epic comeback

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The greatest quarterback in NFL history led the biggest Super Bowl comeback to be the MVP on Sunday night.

Tom Brady rallied New England from a 25-point third-quarter deficit for a 34-28 win over the Atlanta Falcons in the first overtime game in Super Bowl history to earn his fifth Super Bowl title and fourth MVP trophy.

Brady threw touchdown passes of 5 and 6 yards in the second half and tied things at 28 when he connected with Danny Amendola on a 2-point conversion with 57 seconds left.

He then directed the drive in overtime which ended with a 2-yard run by James White to make the Patriots the first team to win a Super Bowl after trailing by more than 10 points.

"We all brought each other back," he said. "We never felt out of it. It was a tough battle."

His 466 yards passing are a Super Bowl record, surpassing the 414 yards Kurt Warner had 17 years ago.

He is the first to play in seven Super Bowls and the victory ties him with Charles Haley for most Super Bowl rings.

It's a triumphant end to a difficult season for

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They owed 'em one: Edelman collects on crazy catch for Pats

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

HOUSTON — You could say the Super Bowl owed 'em one. Julian Edelman was the man to collect.

The Patriots receiver made a catch for the highlight reels Sunday — a once-in-a-lifetime grab that punctuated New England's record-setting Super Bowl comeback, and one every bit as amazing as what David Tyree of the Giants did nine years earlier to break all those Patriots' hearts.

The catch was the highlight of New England's 91-yard drive that tied the game on the way to a come-from-behind 34-28 overtime win over Atlanta.

Edelman somehow got his hands pinned up against, and then underneath, a Tom Brady pass that bounced off Atlanta cornerback Robert Alford's hands, hit off his knee, his shin, then tried to hit the turf.

Only it didn't.

Review upheld the 23-yard reception, the video clearly showing Edelman, with his red-gloved hands, first pinning the ball against Alford's foot, then getting his hands underneath the pigskin as it bounced off the defender.

It gave New England the ball at the

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National Basketball Association
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Louisville at Notre Dame, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Ole Miss at Florida, 6 p.m., SEC
Miami-FL at Florida State, 6 p.m., FSSW+
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HS SWIMMING

ANDREWS' JOINER GOING TO STATE

LUBBOCK — Andrews freshman Avery Joiner qualified for the state meet with her second-place finish (24.98 seconds) in the girls 50-yard freestyle at the Region I-5A Swimming Championships, Saturday at Pete Ragus Aquatic Center.

Joiner advances to the UIL Class 5A State Swimming and Diving Championships, Feb. 17-18 in Austin.

Andrews just missed automatic bids in two events, as junior Brycen White placed third in the boys 50 freestyle (22.18) and the Andrews girls 400 freestyle relay -- of Joiner, Mackenzie Ortiz, Sirai Olivas and Hannah Hackett -- finished third (3:56.87).

Andrews could still receive invitations to the state meet in both events if the times rank among the top eight non-qualifier times at eight Class 5A regional sites.

LOCAL GOLF

HODGES ACES AT GTCC

Tim Hodgens had a hole-in-one at Green Tree Country Club's at hole No. 5 north on Sunday. Witnesses were Brad Miller, Kerry Blair and Gary Stoltz. Hodgens used a 2 Hybrid for the 205-yard shot.

TRANSACTIONS

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalled F Dryden Hnt from Manchester (ECHL) to Springfield (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned D Karl Stollery to Albany (AHL).

ST LOUIS BLUES — Recalled LWs Magnus Paajarvi and Kenny Agostino from Chicago (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned F Jakub Vrana to Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

ROCKFORD ICEHOGS — Recalled Fs Tyler Barnes and Evan Mosey from Indy (ECHL).

ONTARIO REIGN — Recalled F Quentin Shore from Manchester (ECHL).

ECHL

BRAMPTON BEAST — Loaned G Andrew D'Agostini to Toronto (AHL).

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Loaned D Alexx Privitera to Ontario (AHL).

NHL GLANCE

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	54	30	16	8	68	158	134
Ottawa	50	27	17	6	60	137	135
Boston	55	26	23	6	58	143	149
Toronto	50	24	17	9	57	155	149
Florida	52	23	19	10	56	124	143
Detroit	52	22	21	9	53	132	152
Buffalo	51	21	20	10	52	125	143
Tampa Bay	53	23	24	6	52	144	157

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	53	36	11	6	78	175	114
Pittsburgh	51	33	13	5	71	184	147
Columbus	51	33	13	5	71	170	127
N.Y. Rangers	52	33	18	1	67	177	139
Philadelphia	53	26	20	7	59	144	162
Carolina	51	24	20	7	55	138	146
N.Y. Islanders	50	22	18	10	54	147	148
New Jersey	53	22	21	10	54	125	152

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	51	34	12	5	73	172	119
Chicago	54	32	17	5	69	152	141
Nashville	52	25	19	8	58	142	135
St. Louis	52	25	22	5	55	147	162
Winnipeg	55	25	26	4	54	161	172
Dallas	53	21	22	10	52	147	169
Colorado	49	14	33	2	30	99	168

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	53	33	17	3	69	144	121
Anaheim	54	28	16	10	66	141	135
Edmonton	55	29	18	8	66	156	141
Los Angeles	53	27	22	4	58	132	128
Calgary	55	27	25	3	57	146	157
Vancouver	52	23	23	6	52	123	150
Arizona	51	17	28	6	40	116	161

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Sunday's Scores
Washington 5, Los Angeles 0
Edmonton 1, Montreal 0, SO
N.Y. Rangers 4, Calgary 3

Today's Games
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES

NEW MEXICO

Angel Fire — Sat 9:32 pm MG machine groomed 22 - 32 base 71 of 78 trails
91% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p; Sun: 9a-4p;
Pajarito — Sun Reopen 02/08 packed powder machine groomed 30 - 54 base 42 of 44 trails
95% open, 5 of 7 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun;
Red River — Sun 6:47 am MG machine groomed 50 - 50 base 60 of 60 trails
100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Sandia Peak — Sun Reopen 02/10 variable 29 - 29 base 39 of 39 trails
100% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun;
Sipapu — Sun 4:49 am packed powder machine groomed 36 - 42 base 43 of 43 trails, 100% open
6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Apache — Tue No Recent Information MG machine groomed 61 - 68 base 55 of 55 trails, 100% open, 10 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Santa Fe — Sun 6:58 am packed powder machine groomed 49 - 85 base 83 of 83 trails
100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Taos — Sun 5:18 am packed powder machine groomed 92 - 92 base 110 of 110 trails, 100% open
1294 acres, 15 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Enchanted Forest XC — Operating, no details

COLORADO

Arapahoe Basin — Sun 5:54 am 1 new powder machine groomed 62 - 62 base 108 of 109 trails, 99% open, 960 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Aspen Highlands — Sun 7:10 am packed powder 57 - 76 base 122 of 122 trails
100% open, 1053 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Aspen Mountain — Sun 7:09 am packed powder 47 - 47 base 75 of 76 trails
99% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Beaver Creek — Sun 5:20 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 49 - 49 base 150 of 150 trails, 100% open, 1831 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Breckenridge — Sun 5:23 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 56 - 56 base 186 of 187 trails, 99% open, 2901 acres, 34 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Buttermilk — Sun 7:11 am packed powder 34 - 35 base 39 of 44 trails
89% open, 434 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Cooper — Sun 12:02 am packed powder machine groomed 50 - 54 base 38 of 39 trails, 97% open
26 miles, 400 acres, 3 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Copper Mountain — Sun 6:19 am 1 new powder machine groomed 49 - 65 base 134 of 143 trails, 94% open, 2337 acres, 23 of 23 lifts,
Crested Butte — Sun 5:30 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 73 - 73 base 110 of 121 trails, 98% open, 1167 acres, 15 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Echo Mountain — Sat Reopen 02/07 MG machine groomed 12 - 24 base 6 of 8 trails
75% open, 1 of 2 lifts, sm Tue-Fri 11a - 9p; Sat/Sun 9a - 9p; Open Tue-Sun Feb 20: 9a-9p;
Eldora — Sun 5:11 am MG machine groomed 42 - 42 base 57 of 57 trails, 100% open
680 acres, 11 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Irwin — Wed No Recent Information powder machine groomed 86 - 86 base 100 of 100 trails, 100% open Mon-Fri: 8a-5p; Sat/Sun: 8a-5p;
Keystone — Sun 5:21 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 49 - 49 base 127 of 127 trails
100% open, 3087 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Loveland — Sun 4:57 am 2 new packed powder 58 - 58 base 94 of 94 trails
100% open, 1800 acres, 10 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Monarch — Sun 6:50 am hard packed machine groomed 82 - 82 base 61 of 62 trails, 98% open
800 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Powderhorn — Sun 5:01 am packed powder machine groomed 54 - 55 base 42 of 42 trails
100% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Purgatory — Sun 5:05 am packed powder machine groomed 61 - 65 base 94 of 94 trails
100% open, 1525 acres, 9 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Silverton Mountain — Sun Reopen 02/09 powder 70 - 140 base 69 of 69 trails, 100% open, 1 of 1 lift Thu/Fri: 9a-3p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3p
Open Thu-Sun;
Ski Granby Ranch — Sun 5:46 am variable machine groomed 30 - 30 base 40 of 40 trails
100% open, 406 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p
Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Hesperus — Sun 8:33 am packed powder machine groomed 51 - 51 base 26 of 26 trails
100% open, 1 of 1 lift Mon: 2p-9pTues-Fri: 4p-9p; Sat: 9a-9p
Sun: 9a-4p;
Snowmass — Sun 7:10 am packed powder 42 - 67 base 91 of 91 trails
100% open, 3342 acres, 18 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Steamboat — Sun 5:12 am 1 new packed powder 64 - 75 base 165 of 165 trails
100% open, 2965 acres, 16 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4:30p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4:30p;
Sunlight — Sun 5:02 am packed powder machine groomed 45 - 50 base 67 of 67 trails
100% open, 680 acres, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Telluride — Sun 5:26 am MG machine groomed 55 - 55 base 142 of 147 trails
97% open, 1932 acres, 16 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Vail — Sun 5:17 am packed powder machine groomed 50 - 50 base 195 of 195 trails, 100% open
5289 acres, 31 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p;
Winter Park — Sun 5:34 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 57 - 64 base 134 of 143 trails, 94% open, 2721 acres, 23 of 25 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Wolf Creek — Sun 11:06 am packed powder machine groomed 111 - 116 base 77 of 77 trails
100% open, 42 miles, 1600 acres, 7 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4:p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4:p;
Ashcroft XC — Wed No Recent Information powder machine groomed 72 - 84 base 12 of 20 trails, 14 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Aspen Snowmass XC — Operating, no details
Crested Butte XC — Operating, no details
Snow Mountain XC — Operating, no details
Vail Nordic Center — Operating, no details

UTAH

Alta — Sun 6:08 am 1 new packed powder 102 - 102 base 116 of 116 trails
100% open, 12 of 12 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:15a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:15a-4:30p;

MC BASKETBALL TODAY

WOMEN

CLARENDON COLLEGE AT NO. 19 MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 12-8, 3-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Clarendon College 11-13, 0-8

Last WJCAC game: South Plains College 91, Midland College 57; Howard College 96, Clarendon College 49

Notes: Midland College is in must-win mode as the Lady Chaparrals are in fifth place in the WJCAC standings after dropping their third straight game. ... MC could not match South Plains' shooting on Thursday as the Lady Texans shot 58 percent from the floor. MC shot 42 percent but was just 8 of 21 from 3-point range and 5 of 19 from the free-throw line. Alexandrea Washington led MC with 11 points, while Teneshia Dixon added 10 in a losing effort. ... MC defeated Clarendon in the first meeting in Clarendon on Dec. 3, 59-53. ... Clarendon is coming off a blowout loss to Howard College as the Lady Bulldogs shot just 34.7 percent. Mia Castaneda, a 5-foot-5 freshman guard, had 14 points and 5-9 sophomore G Rae'Shawn Jones added 10 points for Clarendon.

Next: Frank Phillips College at Clarendon College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday; Midland College at Howard College, 5:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13

Women's WJCAC standings

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	7	1	19	1
New Mexico JC	7	1	18	4
South Plains	6	2	21	3
Howard College	4	4	8	14
Midland College	3	5	12	8
Frank Phillips	2	5	13	6
Western Texas	2	5	9	9
Clarendon College	0	8	11	13

Thursday's Scores
South Plains College 91, Midland College 57; New Mexico JC 74, Odessa College 71; Howard College 96, Clarendon College 49; Frank Phillips College and Western Texas College were open

Monday's Games
Clarendon College at Midland College; New Mexico JC at Western Texas College; South Plains College at Frank Phillips College; Howard College and Odessa College are open

MEN

CLARENDON COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: 7:45 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 12-11, 3-6 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Clarendon College 11-12, 2-7

Last WJCAC game: Midland College 112, South Plains College 87; Howard College 78, Clarendon College 68

Notes: Midland College looks to end a four-game slide tonight against Clarendon. ... The Chaparrals will probably need to win out if they expect to reach the Region V Tournament as MC has fallen to seventh place in the standings and two games out of fourth place. ... MC is coming off a loss to WJCAC juggernaut and No. 1-ranked South Plains College. MC actually had one of their better shooting games at 45.8 percent but could not slow down the Texans, who shot 57.9 percent. Juan Cardenas had a game-high 27 points and 10 rebounds for MC, Jachai Simmons had 25 points off the bench, Jordan Jackson had 13 and Daven Joseph added 12 for the Chaps. ... MC defeated Clarendon in the first meeting, 94-90, at Clarendon on Dec. 3. ... The Bulldogs are in an even worse slump, having lost six straight, including a blowout loss to Howard College on Thursday. Reece Brooks, a 5-foot-9 freshman guard, led Clarendon with a game-high 21 points, 6-4 sophomore forward Xavier Trent had 14 and 6-1 freshman guard Marcus Burwell added 13 in the loss.

Next: Frank Phillips College at Clarendon College, 7:45 p.m. Thursday; Midland College at Howard College, 7:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13

Men's WJCAC standings

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	9	0	21	0
Odessa College	8	1	19	3
Western Texas	5	3	13	8
New Mexico JC	5	4	17	6
Howard College	4	5	15	8
New Mexico Military	4	5	9	14
Midland College	3	6	12	11
Clarendon College	2	7	11	12
Frank Phillips	0	9	11	12

Thursday's Scores
Midland College 112, South Plains College 87; Odessa College 81, New Mexico JC 63; Howard College 78, Clarendon College 68; New Mexico Military Institute 56, Frank Phillips College 54; Western Texas College was open

Monday's Games
Clarendon College at Midland College; Odessa College at New Mexico Military Institute; New Mexico JC at Western Texas College; South Plains College at Frank Phillips College; Howard College is open

- Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

AP Top 25 Rewind: Wild weekend means poll changes coming

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

Gerry Broome/Associated Press

North Carolina's Isaiah Hicks, left, and Notre Dame's Bonzie Colson chase the ball during the second half of an NCAA basketball game Sunday in Greensboro, N.C.

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Second-ranked Baylor and No. 3 Kansas entered the week preparing for a marquee matchup that could play a role in whether one — or both — earn a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

They both ended the week losing at home to unranked opponents, part of a wild Saturday that saw six of the top 10 teams in the AP Top 25 stumble, a reminder that even the country's best teams are going to have to fight their way to the regular-season finish line.

Baylor, which lost 73-68 at Kansas on Wednesday, lost at home to Kansas State after nearly rallying from 19 down to tie it late. Kansas lost 92-89 in overtime to Iowa State the same day, snapping a 51-game winning streak at Allen Fieldhouse.

It marked the first time in the 69-year history of the AP poll that the Nos. 2 and 3 teams have lost at home to unranked opponents on the same day, according to ESPN Stats.

"You are going to lose some and you just have to learn from them," Jayhawks center Landen Lucas said, "so while it's tough, we just have to make sure we are a better team after this."

A long list: No. 5 Arizona, No. 7 West Virginia, No. 8 Kentucky and No. 9 Virginia joined the list of Saturday's upsets.

The Wildcats had been surging with the recent addition of Allonzo Trier after a long suspension, but they fell flat in Saturday's visit to preseason Pac-12 favorite Oregon. The No. 13 Ducks won 85-58 and extended their home winning streak to a school-record 40 games, now the nation's longest active streak after Kansas' loss.

The Mountaineers lost 82-75 at home to unranked Oklahoma State while the Wildcats lost 88-66 to No. 24 Florida.

As for the Cavaliers, they lost 66-62 at Syracuse — which is 6-0 at home in Atlantic Coast Conference play.

In that game, Orange coach Jim Boeheim earned what would have been his 1,000th career win, though he sits at 899 wins officially after the NCAA stripped him of 101 wins as part of the punishment handed down in 2015 after a multiyear investigation of the school's athletic department.

Welcome back: Speaking of Hall of Fame coaches, No. 21 Duke has Mike Krzyzewski back after he missed roughly a month following back surgery. He was on the sideline for Saturday's 72-64 win against Pittsburgh, then took a few bows of gratitude to the Duke fans at midcourt afterward.

Gonzaga still winning: The nation's last unbeaten is still rolling along. Top-ranked Gonzaga (24-0) beat BYU 85-75 and Santa Clara 90-55 this week.

Purdue's big week: No. 23 Purdue could have a healthy jump when the new poll is released Monday.

The Boilermakers beat No. 25 Northwestern 80-59, then went to league-leading Maryland and rallied from 12 down to beat the No. 17 Terrapins 73-72 for their first road win against a ranked opponent since 2013.

Relocation: No. 12 North Carolina still had a home-crowd advantage for Sunday's 83-76 win against No. 20 Notre Dame despite playing an ACC home game 50 miles from the Chapel Hill campus.

The game was postponed from Saturday night and relocated to Greensboro after the water system supplying the UNC campus and surrounding area instructed its 20,000 customers not to drink or use the water because of critically low supplies, brought on by a water-main break and the shutdown of a treatment plant.

Highlight reel: There were no shortage of watch-and-rewatch moments in college basketball — and some of the most impressive individual performances came in a game that didn't even feature a ranked team.

Syracuse's John Gillon certainly stood out as his team rallied from 16 down to beat North Carolina State 100-93 in overtime Wednesday night. He finished with a career-high 43 points that included a 9-for-10 showing from 3-point range — including a last-second one to answer a go-ahead shot by Maverick Rowan only seconds earlier to force OT.

In that same game, N.C. State star freshman Dennis Smith (13 points, 11 rebounds and 15 assists) became the first player in ACC history to have two triple-doubles in league play in the same season.

And in the Big 12, Oklahoma State's Davon Dillard had a high-flying moment in the win at West Virginia.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

SOUTH
Florida St. 109, Clemson 61
North Carolina 83, Notre Dame 76

MIDWEST
Iowa 81, Nebraska 70
Wisconsin 65, Indiana 60

FAR WEST
California 77, Colorado 66

EAST
Boston U. 75, Lafayette 58
Temple 83, South Florida 74
Yale 78, Cornell 71

Top 25 fared

1. Gonzaga (24-0) beat BYU 85-75; beat Santa Clara 90-55.
2. Baylor (20-3) lost to No. 3 Kansas 73-68; lost to Kansas State 56-54.
3. Kansas (20-3) beat No. 2 Baylor 73-68; lost to Iowa State 92-89, OT.
4. Villanova (22-2) beat Providence 66-57; beat St. John's 92-79.
5. Arizona (21-3) beat Oregon State 71-54; lost to No. 13 Oregon 85-58.
6. Louisville (19-4) beat Boston College 90-67.
7. West Virginia (18-5) beat Iowa State 85-72; lost to Oklahoma State 82-75.
8. Kentucky (18-5) beat Georgia 90-81, OT; lost to No. 24 Florida 88-66.
9. Virginia (17-5) beat Virginia Tech 71-48; lost to Syracuse 66-62.
10. Wisconsin (20-3) beat Illinois 57-43; beat Indiana 65-60.
11. UCLA (21-3) beat Washington State 95-79; beat Washington 107-66.
12. North Carolina (21-4) beat Pittsburgh 80-78; beat No. 20 Notre Dame 83-76.
13. Oregon (21-3) beat Arizona State 71-70; beat No. 5 Arizona 85-58.
14. Cincinnati (21-2) beat Tulsa 57-55; beat UConn 82-68.
15. Florida State (20-4) beat Miami 75-57; beat Clemson 109-61.
16. Butler (18-5) lost to No. 22 Creighton 76-67.
17. Maryland (20-3) beat Ohio State 77-71; lost to Purdue 73-72.
18. Saint Mary's (21-2) beat Pacific 74-70; beat San Diego 71-27.
19. South Carolina (19-4) beat LSU 88-63; beat Georgia 77-75.
20. Notre Dame (17-7) lost to No. 21 Duke 84-74; lost to No. 12 North Carolina 83-76.
21. Duke (18-5) beat No. 20 Notre Dame 84-74; beat Pittsburgh 72-64.
22. Creighton (20-4) beat No. 16 Butler 76-67; lost to Xavier 82-80.
23. Purdue (19-5) beat No. 25 Northwestern 80-59; beat No. 17 Maryland 73-72.
24. Florida (18-5) beat Missouri 93-54; beat No. 8 Kentucky 88-66.
25. Northwestern (18-5) lost to No. 23 Purdue 80-59.

Women

SOUTHWEST
South Carolina 79, Arkansas 49
Texas A&M 66, Auburn 61

SOUTH
Clemson 78, North Carolina 67
Coll. of Charleston 59, Towson 54
Duke 70, Virginia 51
Elon 66, UNC-Wilmington 56
Georgia 81, Tennessee 78
Georgia Tech 87, Virginia Tech 81
Kentucky 71, Vanderbilt 63
LSU 48, Alabama 41
Mississippi St. 70, Missouri 53
Richmond 67, Rhode Island 51
Temple 76, Tulane 50
Wake Forest 57, Pittsburgh 48

MIDWEST
Bradley 54, Indiana St. 41
DePaul 86, Seton Hall 60
Drake 73, Evansville 48
Illinois St. 63, Loyola of Chicago 51
Maryland 92, Indiana 56
Michigan 72, Iowa 70
Missouri St. 65, Wichita St. 60
Penn St. 74, Northwestern 58
Purdue 72, Illinois 64
S. Illinois 64, N. Iowa 59
Saint Joseph's 66, Saint Louis 63
St. John's 82, Marquette 72
TCU 80, Kansas 68

EAST
Creighton 67, Georgetown 59
Drexel 54, Delaware 44
Duquesne 76, George Mason 57
Fairfield 50, St. Peter's 38
Hofstra 64, William & Mary 61
James Madison 67, Northeastern 49
Syracuse 72, Boston College 45
UConn 96, Tulsa 50
Villanova 61, Providence 43

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 68, Oregon 63
California 63, Southern Cal 56
Oregon St. 65, Arizona 57
Washington 79, Colorado 75
Washington St. 61, Utah 55

Top 25 fared

1. UConn (22-0) beat Tulsa 96-50. Next: at Cincinnati, Tuesday.
2. Baylor (23-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Texas, Monday.
3. Maryland (23-1) beat Indiana 92-56. Next: vs. Illinois, Thursday.
4. South Carolina (20-2) beat Arkansas 79-49. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
5. Mississippi State (23-1) beat Missouri 70-53. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.
6. Florida State (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Miami, Monday.
7. Notre Dame (21-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Louisville, Monday.
8. Stanford (20-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 UCLA, Monday.
9. Louisville (20-5) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Notre Dame, Monday.
10. Washington (22-3) beat Colorado 79-75. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
11. Oregon State (22-2) beat Arizona 65-57. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.
12. Texas (18-4) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Baylor, Monday.
13. UCLA (17-5) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Stanford, Monday.
14. Ohio State (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, Sunday.
15. Duke (20-4) beat Virginia 70-51. Next: vs. No. 24 Syracuse, Friday.
16. Miami (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Florida State, Monday.
17. DePaul (20-5) beat Seton Hall 86-60. Next: at Xavier, Friday.
18. Oklahoma (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 West Virginia, Tuesday.
19. N.C. State (17-6) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Thursday.
20. South Florida (18-3) at Memphis. Next: at East Carolina, Wednesday.
21. Green Bay (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Cleveland State, Thursday.
22. West Virginia (16-7) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Oklahoma, Tuesday.
23. Arizona State (15-8) beat Oregon 68-63. Next: at Washington State, Friday.
24. Syracuse (17-7) beat Boston College 70-47. Next: at No. 15 Duke, Friday.
25. Kentucky (16-8) beat Vanderbilt 71-63. Next: at Georgia, Thursday.

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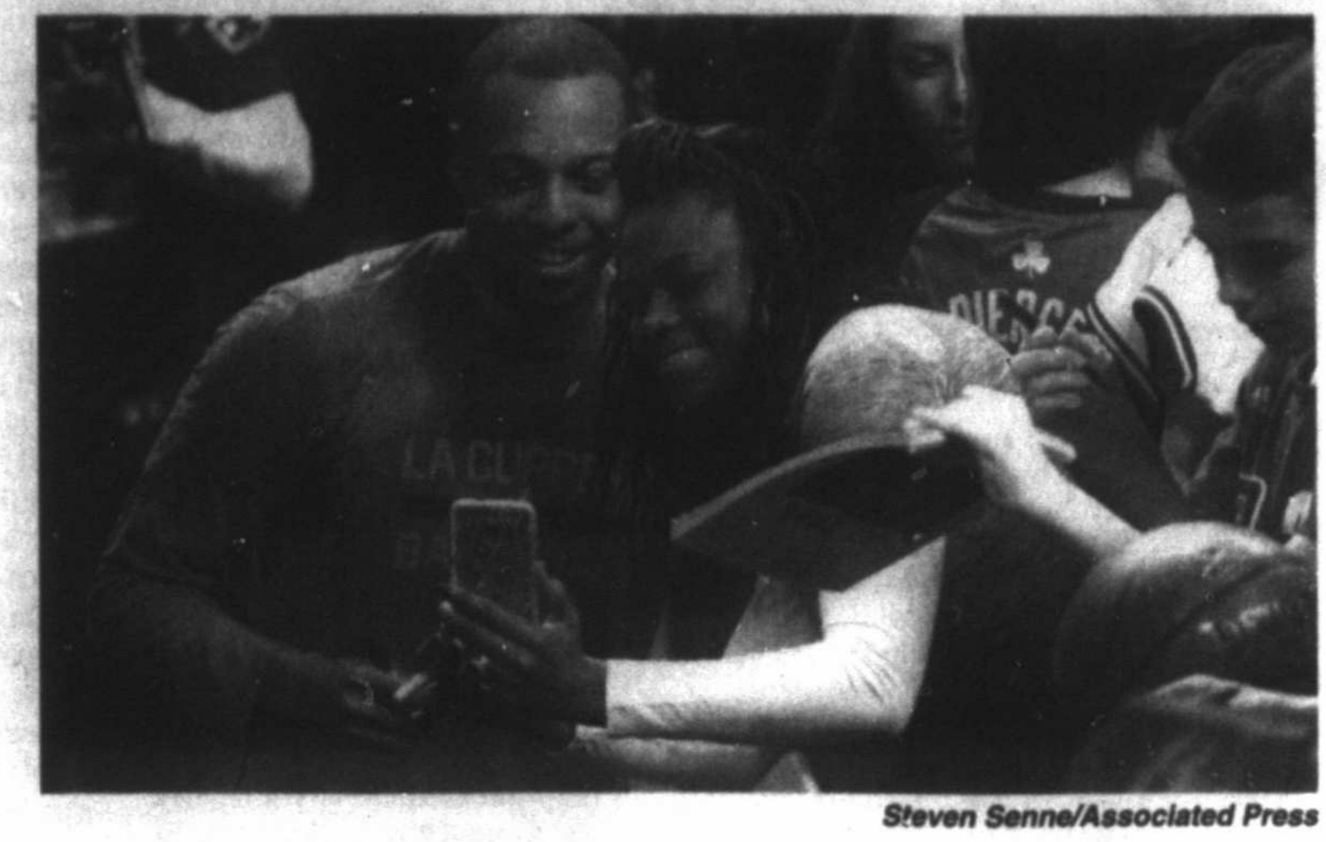
Clippers' Paul Pierce starts in emotional Boston farewell

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press



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Los Angeles Clippers forward Paul Pierce, left, poses for a photo with a fan before an NBA game against the Boston Celtics on Sunday in Boston. Pierce, a former Celtics player, is to play in what is expected to be his final game Sunday in Boston.

BOSTON — Paul Pierce walked back onto the parquet floor one last time, dropped to his knees at center court and gave the Boston Celtics leprechaun logo a big kiss.

"Lucky's been through it all with me, the ups and downs. He helped me out on a couple of occasions," the former Celtics captain said. "It's the last time I'm going to touch this floor as a player. I'm sure I'll be back as a fan."

With a deafening cheer and a shout of "Let's go, Pats," Pierce was back in Boston on Super Bowl Sunday to give Celtics fans one last chance to celebrate the player who helped the NBA's most-decorated franchise return to the top of the league.

Restored to the Los Angeles Clippers' starting lineup by current and former coach Doc Rivers, Pierce was greeted with a long and loud ovation at his introduction , when the new Boston Garden rang out again with his nickname: The Truth. A highlight video at the first timeout appeared to bring him to tears.

"Fans really showered me with a lot of love," Pierce said after the Celtics won 107-102. "You really don't know what you've meant to a team while you're playing. It hit me a lot tonight, but I'm sure it's going to hit me a lot more when I'm done playing."

After starting the game — his first appearance for the Clippers since New Year's Eve, Pierce sat on the bench until the game was out of reach. But in the final seconds, with the fans already standing and cheering, Pierce launched a 3-pointer for one final eruption.

"I'm glad I was able to cap it off, my last game in the Garden," he said. "At least I can just say I put one last bucket in at the end of the game."

A first-round draft pick out of Kansas in 1998, Pierce toiled in Boston through the down years of M.L. Carr and Rick Pitino, watching as the once-proud team lost a franchise-record 18 games in a row while he was injured in 2006-07. The next year, after the Celtics acquired Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen, Boston won its NBA-record 17th championship.

But as the New Big Three aged, general manager Danny Ainge traded them — and Rivers — off for the draft choices that would help them rebuild. Pierce spent time in Brooklyn and Washington before reuniting with Rivers in Los Angeles.

Having announced that he will retire at the end of the season, Pierce's last visit to Boston became a must-see event.

He spent Saturday visiting some old Boston favorites and recording it — including a chance encounter with current Celtics all-star Isaiah Thomas — on Instagram. In the final seconds, Thomas shared the spotlight with him again , backing off to allow the 2008 NBA Finals MVP a clean shot.

"If you give it your all here and win a championship they will love you," Thomas said. "It drives me a lot. I want to be like that: give my blood, sweat and tears and come back and play your last game here. That type of love is unforgettable."

Pierce's No. 34 Celtics jerseys filled the crowd — more visible even than the Patriots shirts worn by fans looking to rush home after the game to watch the Super Bowl. (During a silent moment in national anthem, a shout came from the stands: "Let's go, Pats!")

Pierce played the first five minutes and missed the first shot of the game. He was still 0 for 1 when went to the bench at the first timeout. (He did not return in the first half, and early in the second the Garden crowd broke into a chant of "We want Paul!")

But that didn't dampen the emotion of the highlight video that followed him from Kansas to the draft, showing him posing with Celtics patriarch Red Auerbach, hitting game-winning baskets and raising the NBA championship and finals MVP trophies.

The sold-out Garden stood and cheered for more than a minute. Pierce waved, blew kisses to the crowd and appeared to lose his composure, taking several deep breaths and wiping his eyes with a towel.

Rivers said he told his players before the game to pay attention.

"When you finish your career, remember what's going to happen in five minutes," Rivers recalled telling them. "All of you aren't going to be Hall of Famers, but just remember that when you finish your career, you're empty and you can walk away with no regrets. That's what Paul's doing tonight."

Rivers, who was the Celtics coach in both the depths of the 2006-07 season and when they won it all the next year, said he had a plan for Pierce to return at the end but wanted to win the game, too.

"Him making that shot just, I don't know what the heck that is," Rivers said. "That only happens here."

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	33	18	.647	—
Toronto	31	21	.596	2½
New York	22	30	.423	11½
Philadelphia	18	32	.360	14½
Brooklyn	9	42	.176	24

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	30	20	.600	—
Atlanta	30	21	.588	½
Charlotte	23	28	.451	7½
Miami	21	30	.412	9½
Orlando	20	33	.377	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	15	.694	—
Indiana	28	22	.560	6½
Chicago	25	26	.490	10
Detroit	23	28	.451	12
Milwaukee	22	28	.440	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	39	11	.780	—
Houston	37	17	.685	4
Memphis	31	22	.585	9½
Dallas	20	30	.400	19
New Orleans	19	32	.373	20½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	32	19	.627	—
Oklahoma City	30	22	.577	2½
Denver	22	28	.440	9½
Portland	22	30	.423	10½
Minnesota	19	32	.373	13

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	43	8	.843	—
L.A. Clippers	31	20	.608	12
Sacramento	20	31	.392	23
L.A. Lakers	17	36	.321	27
Phoenix	16	35	.314	27

Sunday's Scores

Toronto 103, Brooklyn 95
Boston 107, L.A. Clippers 102
Oklahoma City 105, Portland 99

Today's Games

Cleveland at Washington, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New York, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Indiana, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Hideki Matsuyama wins Phoenix Open playoff — again

By John Nicholson
Associated Press

Ross D. Franklin/Associated Press

Hideki Matsuyama, of Japan, waves to the crowd after his playoff victory against Webb Simpson during the final round of the Waste Management Phoenix Open golf tournament Sunday in Scottsdale, Ariz.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Hideki Matsuyama won the Waste Management Phoenix Open on the fourth hole of a playoff for the second straight year, outlasting Webb Simpson on Sunday at TPC Scottsdale.

Matsuyama won with a 10-foot birdie putt on the short par-4 17th, the same hole where the 24-year-old Japanese star finished off Rickie Fowler a year ago.

Matsuyama closed with a 5-under 66, parring the final three holes to match Simpson at 17-under 267.

Simpson birdied three of the last four for a 64, the best round of the day.

The tournament drew an estimated 58,654 fans Sunday to shatter the weekly record with 655,434.

The previous mark of 618,365 was set last year. A record 204,906 packed the grounds Saturday.

Matsuyama took advantage of third-round leader Byeong Hun An's back-nine collapse.

Three strokes ahead of Matsuyama, An bogeyed the first two holes on the back nine and closed with two more.

The South Korean player had a 73 to finish sixth at 14 under.

Matsuyama won his second PGA Tour title of the season and fourth overall.

He has won five worldwide events in the last 3 1/2 months, also taking the WGC-HSBC Champions in China, two events in Japan and Tiger Woods' Hero World Challenge.

He's the sixth player to successfully defend a title in the event and the first to do it at TPC Scottsdale.

The other five are Hall of Famers Ben Hogan (1946-47), Jimmy Demaret (1949-50), Lloyd Mangrum (1952-53), Arnold Palmer (1961-63) and Johnny Miller (1974-75).

The Japanese player also is the first to win a playoff in an event two straight years since Nick Faldo at the Masters in 1989-90.

Matsuyama and Simpson matched pars on the first three extra holes, playing the par-4 18th twice and the par-4 10th before heading to 17.

Simpson's drive on 332-yard hole ended up on the right edge of the green, with a bunker blocking his path to the hole. Instead of trying to hit a wedge over the bunker, he putted and left himself a 25-footer that burned the right edge.

Simpson and Matsuyama each eagled the par-5 third, with Simpson hitting a 272-yard shot to 5 feet, and Matsuyama a 254-yarder to 2 1/2 feet.

Louis Oosthuizen finished a stroke back after a 65.

The South African birdied Nos. 14, 15 and 17, then hit in the right bunker on 18 and scrambled to save par.

Fowler also shot a 65 to match J.J. Spaun (67) at 15 under.

Phil Mickelson tied for 16th at 10 under after a 71. He made a run with four front-nine birdies, then played the back nine in 4 over with a double bogey on 17, four bogeys and two birdies.

The 46-year-old former Arizona State star played his 100th round in the event he won in 1996, 2005 and 2013.

Fellow former Sun Devils player Jon Rahm had a 70 to also finish at 10 under.

Last week, the Spaniard won at Torrey Pines for his first PGA Tour victory.

Phoenix Open Scores
Sunday
At TPC Scottsdale
Scottsdale, Ariz.
Purse: $6.7 million
Yardage: 7,266; Par 71
Final
(x-won on fourth playoff hole)

x-H.Matsuyama (500), $1,206,000	65-68-68-66—267
W. Simpson (300), $723,600	67-71-65-64—267
L. Oosthuizen (190), $455,600	68-67-68-65—268
R. Fowler (123), $294,800	67-68-69-65—269
J.J. Spaun (123), $294,800	71-64-67-67—269
B. Hun An (100), $241,200	66-66-65-73—270
Daniel Berger (88), $216,075	71-66-66-68—271
Martin Laird (88), $216,075	67-66-65-73—271
G. DeLaet (75), $180,900	67-69-65-71—272
Matt Kuchar (75), $180,900	64-69-69-70—272
Jordan Spieth (75), $180,900	70-68-67-67—272
Adam Hadwin (59), $135,675	71-66-70-66—273
Zach Johnson (59), $135,675	70-66-70-67—273
Sung Kang (59), $135,675	68-65-74-66—273
John Peterson (59), $135,675	66-72-63-72—273
Russell Henley (46), $90,953	71-69-66-68—274
Shane Lowry (46), $90,953	69-68-66-71—274
Phil Mickelson (46), $90,953	68-70-65-71—274
Kevin Na (46), $90,953	68-70-68-68—274
Jon Rahm (46), $90,953	70-69-65-70—274
Brendan Steele (46), $90,953	65-67-70-72—274
Brian Stuard (46), $90,953	71-67-68-68—274
D. Summerhays (46), $90,953	71-65-71-67—274
Brian Harman (30), $49,580	69-67-70-69—275
C. Hoffman (30), $49,580	72-67-69-67—275
J.B. Holmes (30), $49,580	67-70-71-67—275
Billy Horschel (30), $49,580	70-71-65-69—275
Michael Kim (30), $49,580	69-66-66-74—275
Marc Leishman (30), $49,580	68-69-65-73—275
William McGirt (30), $49,580	69-67-66-73—275
Troy Merritt (30), $49,580	74-66-65-70—275
O. Schniederjans (30), $49,580	71-67-70-67—275
Camilo Villegas (30), $49,580	71-68-65-71—275
John Huh (22), $37,018	70-67-70-69—276
Chris Kirk (22), $37,018	66-74-70-66—276
M. Hoffmann (18), $30,876	69-67-70-71—277
G. Murray (18), $30,876	72-67-67-71—277
R. Garrigus (18), $30,876	66-70-69-72—277
Lucas Glover (18), $30,876	68-72-65-72—277
Matt Jones (18), $30,876	72-69-70-66—277
Kyle Stanley (18), $30,876	72-69-69-67—277
Wesley Bryan (12), $23,450	72-69-68-69—278
Mark Hubbard (12), $23,450	69-69-71-69—278
Brooks Koepka (12), $23,450	67-73-71-67—278
Cameron Smith (12), $23,450	69-70-68-71—278
Steve Stricker (12), $23,450	67-70-70-71—278
Bud Cauley (9), $17,715	72-69-69-69—279
Ben Crane (9), $17,715	69-70-72-68—279
Brian Gay (9), $17,715	71-69-73-66—279
Sean O'Hair (9), $17,715	71-69-68-71—279
Geoff Ogilvy (9), $17,715	70-68-69-72—279
Jonas Blixt (7), $15,624	72-64-75-69—280
Jason Bohn (7), $15,624	72-68-66-74—280
Scott Brown (7), $15,624	66-70-68-76—280
Vaughn Taylor (7), $15,624	68-71-71-70—280
Boo Weekley (7), $15,624	70-68-68-74—280
Jon Curran (5), $14,941	75-66-71-69—281
Harris English (5), $14,941	73-66-74-68—281
Patton Kizzire (5), $14,941	71-70-67-73—281
Seung-Yul Noh (5), $14,941	70-71-71-69—281
Ken Duke (5), $14,539	69-72-71-70—282
Ryan Moore (5), $14,539	71-69-71-71—282
Chad Collins (4), $14,204	68-71-72-72—283
Emiliano Grillo (4), $14,204	72-69-70-72—283
Hunter Mahan (4), $14,204	71-70-70-72—283
Charlie Beljan (4), $13,869	68-73-71-72—284
J.J. Henry (4), $13,869	70-70-72-72—284
A. Johnston (3), $13,534	73-68-71-73—285
Patrick Reed (3), $13,534	71-68-70-76—285
Harold Varner III (3), $13,534	70-71-75-69—285
Jamie Lovemark (3), $13,199	72-69-71-75—286
T. Van Aswegen (3), $13,199	70-70-72-74—286
Scott Piercy (3), $12,998	71-65-78-73—287
Alex Cejka (3), $12,864	67-73-78-71—289
Kevin Chappell (3), $12,730	71-70-76-75—292

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ANDREWS GIRLS DOMINATE 4A STATE PREVIEW

From staff reports

HORSESHOE BAY —The Andrews girls golf team won its second tournament of the spring semester with a 63-shot win at the 4A State Preview at Slick Rock Golf Course on Saturday.

Andrews shot 346-339—685 to finish ahead of El Paso Eastwood (366-382—748).

At the boys 4A State Preview tournament at Apple Rock Golf Couse, Argyle won after shooting 332-335—667. Monahans (351-357—708) finished in third place, while Andrews (384-382—766).

Girls 4A State Preview
at Slick Rock Golf Course, Horseshoe Bay
Saturday's final results

Team standings — 1. Andrews 346-339—685. 2. El Paso Eastwood 366-382—748. 3 (tie) Seminole 382-374—756; El Paso Coronado 377-379—756. 5. Monahans 371-389—760. 6. Sweetwater 384-377—761. 7. Lampasas 383-279—762. 8. Snyder 397-374—771. 9. Georgetown 403-398—801. 10. La Vernia 412-408—820. 11. Wimberley 452-483—935

Medalist standings — 1. Shawnee Allen, La Vernia, 74-72—146. 2. Kensi Chowning, Sweetwater, 78-79—157. 3. Katelynn Savell, Andrews, 86-82—168. 4. Maddi Olsen, Abilene Wylie, 84-85—169. 5. Rachel Huffman, Andrews, 87-84—171. 6. Kinzee McAllister, Andrews, 85-87—172. 7. (tie) Bailey McCarver, Andrews, 88-86—174. Niki Terry, 86-88—174. 9. Courtney Velasquez, Snyder, 85-90—175. 10. (tie) Daniella Uribarri, Eastwood, 89-92—181. Alyssa Garcia, Seminole, 90-91—181

Area team results

Andrews (685) — Savannah Pinson 91-93—184. Rachel Huffman 87-84—171. Katelynn Savell 86-82—168. Kinzee McAllister 85-87—172. Bailey McCarver 88-86—174

Seminole (756) — Lauren Franco 93-89—182. Alyssa Garcia 90-91—181. Juliana Klassen 95-90—185. Lacy Jackson 104-104—208. Mallone Duncan 104-104—208

Monahans (760) — Summer Hummel 98-94—192. Ozlyan Juarez 94-110—204. Kenadi Iglehart 90-98—188. Jordan Strickland 89-97—186. Lauren Salazar 110-100—210

Boys Class 4A State Preview
at Apple Rock Golf Course, Horseshoe Bay
Saturday's final results

1. Argye 332-335—667. 2. Waco Robinson 338-366—704. 3. Monahans 351-357—708. 4. Salado 361-349—710. 5. Libery Hill 368-371—739. 6. Snyder 373-370—747. 7. Rockdale 388-362—750. 8. Andrews 384-382—766

Medalist standings — 1. Logan Diomede, Argyle, 78-81—149. 2. Luke Griggs, 80-77—157. 3. Jake Leatherwood, Snyder, 80-78—158. 4. Parker McCurdy, Liberty Hill, 84-80—164. 5. Aaron Robledo, Seminole, 83-82—165. 6. (tie) Luke Cooley, Andrews, 84-85—168. Colton McCoy, Waco Robinson, 82-86—168. 8. Walker Crane, Rockdale, 86-83—169. 9. (tie) Joey Kirk, Monahans, 85-86—171. Bailey Kirk, Waco Robinson, 80-91—171

Area team results

Monahans (708) — Joe Kirk 85-86—171. Cameron Eddings 85-88—173. Dante Griner 90-88—178. Ryan Hedges 97-95—192. Braden Nelms 91-96—187

Andrews (766) — Luke Cooley 84-85—168. Kade Moore 102-94—196. Hayden Rochell 97-107—204. Nick Salcido 101-96—197. Ryan Flores 103-114—217

Garcia completes win at Dubai Desert Classic

Associated Press

Kamran Jebreili/Associated Press

Sergio Garcia of Spain plays a shot on the 9th hole during the final round of the Dubai Desert Classic golf tournament Sunday in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Sergio Garcia shot a final-round 3-under-par 69 to win the Dubai Desert Classic on Sunday after holding the tournament lead since the opening round.

The Spaniard, who had never posted a top-10 finish in his previous seven Desert Classic appearances, finished on a 19-under 269, three strokes ahead of Open champion and top-ranked European Henrik Stenson (69).

Denmark's Lasse Jensen, whose 65 was the low round of the day, finished tied for third with England's Tyrrell Hatton (67).

It was Garcia's first European Tour win since the 2014 Qatar Masters. In the interim, he also won the Byron Nelson Classic on the PGA Tour last year.

With his 12th European Tour victory, Garcia became the sixth wire-to-wire winner of the Desert Classic and the sixth Spaniard to lift the "Dallah" trophy.

Garcia is expected to move up to No. 9 from his current 15th place when the rankings are released Monday.

The 37-year-old started the day with a birdie and increased his lead to four shots, a cushion that seemed necessary given how tough the front nine of the golf course was playing due to cross winds. He held his nerve throughout before making a critical par save on the eighth hole after hitting his tee shot into the right desert, and then made another birdie on the tough par-4 ninth to ensure he stayed four ahead of Stenson.

The Swede made his move on the back nine, with three birdies and a bogey on the first five holes, while Garcia kept churning out pars. Heading to the 15th tee, Garcia's lead was down to two shots.

But the Spaniard held firm on the par-3 15th hole. He hit a stunning tee shot to two feet for a birdie, while Stenson hit his over the green and failed to make an up-and-down for a bogey and a two-shot swing.

Stenson then got a closing birdie while Garcia missed his from 12 feet, narrowing the gap to three shots.

"I've been fortunate to have some really good ball-striking tournaments," said Garcia, who led the greens in regulation stats for the week and was second in driving accuracy. "This definitely was one of them. I felt like my iron play was really, really good. Obviously my driver was very good, a couple of shots here and there. But you know, on a course of 72 holes, it's going to happen.

"Nobody can go without missing a shot but this week was definitely a week where I felt very comfortable with my game. I felt like I was in good control of what I wanted to do with my ball flight and stuff. So I guess it showed up."

Stenson, who won the tournament in 2007, said: "Obviously, I was chasing all day and I was trying to push, even though I didn't play my best.

"With that birdie on 14, I was hoping I was going to be able to make it a bit interesting coming into the last couple of holes. If you're one or two behind, with 17 and 18, a lot of things can happen . you can eagle and someone else can end up in trouble.

"We picked the wrong wind and I hit the wrong shot at the same time. Airmailed the green on 15 and led to bogey. And Sergio hit a good shot to three feet and then it was pretty much game, set, match."

After completing its desert swing, the European Tour next moves to Kuala Lumpur for the Maybank Championship.

Omega Dubai Desert Classic Leading Scores
Sunday
At Emirates Golf Club
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Purse: $2.65 million
Yardage: 7,328; Par: 72
Final

Sergio Garcia, Spain	65-67-68-69—269
Henrik Stenson, Sweden	68-68-67-69—272
Tyrrell Hatton, England	72-70-65-67—274
Lasse Jensen, Denmark	69-70-70-65—274
Matthew Fitzpatrick, England	69-72-68-67—276
Peter Uihlein, United States	69-68-70-69—276
George Coetzee, South Africa	66-70-70-71—277
Brandon Stone, South Africa	70-69-70-68—277
Magnus Carlsson, Sweden	71-68-71-68—278
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland	72-71-69-66—278
Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain	71-69-69-70—279
Nacho Elvira, Spain	67-68-72-72—279
Raphael Jacquelin, France	70-71-66-73—280
Graeme McDowell, N.Ireland	68-72-68-72—280
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	70-71-73-67—281
Prom Meesawat, Thailand	69-68-68-76—281
Chris Paisley, England	71-66-70-74—281
Ian Poulter, England	67-71-67-76—281
Also	
Chris Wood, England	70-72-68-72—282
Martin Kaymer, Germany	71-69-69-74—283
Lee Westwood, England	71-74-67-71—283
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	73-70-70-71—284
David Lipsky, United States	67-72-70-77—286
Danny Willett, England	71-74-73-70—288

A magical night for Brady and the Patriots

TIM DAHLBERG

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The fans who made it seem like a home game for the New England Patriots never lost hope, roaring at the smallest piece of good fortune even when all really did seem lost. They had Tom Brady, after all, and anything seemed possible, even the biggest comeback in Super Bowl history.

For it to unfold the way it did Sunday night was astonishing, sure. But there was Tom Brady leaping in the air in unbridled joy as the glitter began falling, and suddenly it didn't seem so astonishing after all.

This was a game football coaches will show their players for years to come, with the lesson that nothing is impossible. This was a game that forever cemented the legacy of the greatest quarterback ever to play and the best coach ever to prowl the sidelines.

Yes, they needed a holding call and an inexplicable play-calling decision by the Falcons to pull it off. A trick play to score the first 2-point conversion didn't hurt either.

The biggest coin flip in football history went their way, too.

But it was really just a case of Brady and his receivers finally finding their rhythm at just the right time that made it all possible. Time and time again he found them and they delivered after the catch as the Patriots marched up and down the field in a furious rally unmatched in 50 previous Super Bowls.

"This is unbelievable," Brady said, and he's never been more right.

This was a script Hollywood would have rejected, a comeback from 25 points down to force the first overtime in the history of the Super Bowl, and give Brady and Belichick a record fifth ring. If it could be even sweeter, it was made so by Roger Goodell having to swallow his pride and present owner Robert Kraft the trophy that New England fans swore he was trying to steal from them.

Want another reason to remember this one for a long time? You'll see it replayed every time the NFL's greatest moments are on display.

Nine years ago, the Patriots had a Super Bowl taken away from them by a catch David Tyree of the New York Giants made against his helmet. This time a circus catch by Julian Edelman against a defender's foot while smothered by defenders helped them take one away from the Falcons.

"We've been on the other end of a few of those catches," Brady said. "It was one of the greatest catches I've ever seen. I don't know how he caught it."

For the better part of three quarters, the Patriots had seemed old and slow. The dynasty they built in New England seemed on the verge of collapse.

No way the Falcons could blow a 28-3 lead. No freakin' way, even if the fans continued to believe.

Not behind Matt Ryan, so cool under pressure that he got the nickname Matty Ice. Not after the usually automatic Stephen Gostkowski hit the goal post on an extra point after the Patriots finally scored their first touchdown late in the third quarter.

Not when an onside kick failed and time finally seemed to be running short on a coach and quarterback in search of ring No. 5.

Somehow, though, they found a way to make magic one more time.

"It's the microcosm of our life, our season," Edelman said. "Mental tougness, believe, do your job, work hard and we'd be champions in the champion game."

The Patriots never led in regulation, and needed everything they had to somehow get the game to overtime. Once there, there wasn't anyone in the stadium wearing either team jersey that didn't believe they were going to go all the way to score a winning touchdown when given the ball.

Not with No. 12 behind center, and a group of receivers who kept catching everything thrown their way.

"He was the same as he always is, cool, calm and collected," receiver Danny Amendola said of Brady. "He's the leader, the general, the best ever, and that is the end of the story."

It was hard to argue with that before the game, and now there will be no argument at all. Five rings and four Super Bowl MVP titles put the issue to rest for good, and the way this one was won simply adds an exclamation point to it all.

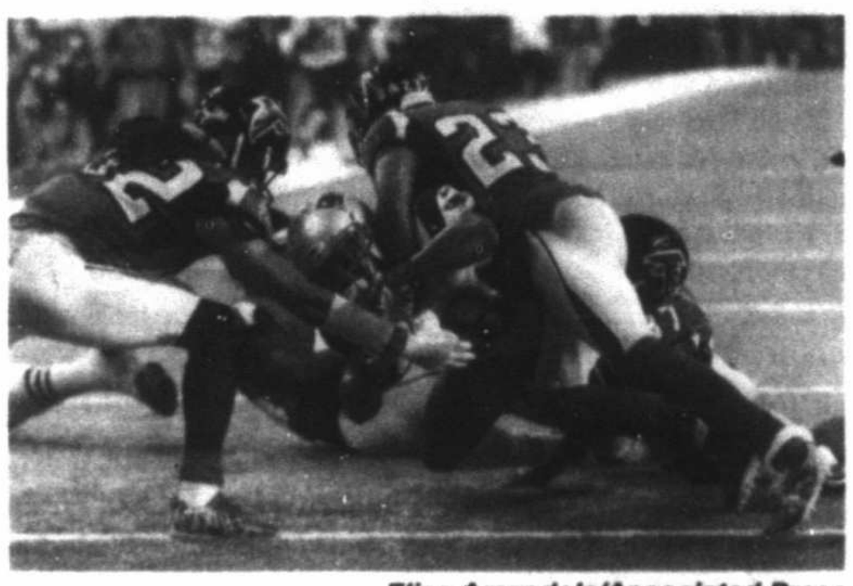
In the end, it won't be a game remembered because the Falcons gave it away, though the Patriots wouldn't have won without a crucial fumble by Ryan and a decision to pass while in field goal range may have cost them a field goal that would have put it away.

No, this was simply Brady and Belichick in all their glory. They were simply unwilling to lose when all seemed lost.

On a magical night in Houston, the fifth one was the sweetest of them all.

Falcons' flop a new low for Atlanta's sad sporting history

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press



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New England Patriots' James White scores the winning touchdown between Atlanta Falcons' Jalen Collins, left, and Robert Alford during overtime of the NFL Super Bowl 51 on Sunday in Houston.

ATLANTA — Well, Atlanta, there's nothing left to say.

The city once known as "Loserville" was cruising toward its first Super Bowl championship, leading Tom Brady and the mighty New England Patriots by 25 points.

TWENTY-FIVE!

Back in Atlanta, the city was all ready to bust loose in a celebration like no other, seemingly assured of finally putting to rest its history of sports flops.

Then, it happened.

The greatest flop of them all.

This one will take a long, long time to get over.

Brady engineered a stunning comeback, guiding the Patriots to a pair of touchdowns and a pair of 2-point conversions that sent the Super Bowl to overtime for the first time.

At that point, it was a mere formality.

The Patriots won the coin toss.

Of course.

The Patriots drove right down the field for the championship-winning touchdown.

Of course.

The final: New England 34, Atlanta 28.

This one will go down as one of the greatest title games in NFL history.

That's little consolation to Atlanta.

In the A-T-L, this will join the Braves blowing a 6-0 lead in Game 4 of the 1996 World Series, the Hawks squandering a chance to eliminate Larry Bird and the Boston Celtics in the 1988 NBA playoffs, Danny White leading the Dallas Cowboys back from 10 points down in the fourth quarter to beat the Falcons in a 1981 playoff game.

But, really, nothing comes close to this level of sporting disappointment.

The Falcons spent 2½ quarters playing with the swagger and confidence of a team that wasn't the least bit concerned about their city's history.

Even in the closing minutes, after the Patriots made a game of it, Atlanta was in position to put the victory away when Julio Jones made a stunning catch along the sideline, going to rip the ball away from a defender and somehow getting both feet down before tumbling out of bounds at the New England 22.

With under 5 minutes remaining and the Falcons still up 28-20, all they needed to do was run three more plays and set up for a field goal by Pro Bowl kicker Matt Bryant that would finally put the Patriots away.

Devonta Freeman was thrown for a 1-yard loss, but that was OK.

But then, instead of another run, Ryan dropped back to pass.

He was thrown for a 12-yard loss and, just like that, the Falcons were on the fringe of Bryant's range.

Any hope for a field goal was lost when Jake Matthews was called for a holding penalty that set Atlanta back another 10 yards.

Ryan followed with an incomplete pass, and the Falcons were forced to punt it back to Brady and a Patriots team that was suddenly brimming with bravado.

It wasn't the least bit shocking when they marched right down the field, 91 yards, for James White's short touchdown run.

It wasn't the least bit shocking when Brady hooked up with Danny Amendola on a 2-point pass that tied the game with 57 seconds remaining.

It wasn't the least bit shocking when the Falcons, without any timeouts, failed to muster anything on their final offensive possession.

It wasn't the least bit shocking when the Patriots won the toss and drove down the field one more time, 75 yards in just eight plays, and finished off the Falcons with a 2-yard touchdown run.

The city of Atlanta had seen it all before.

SUPER BOWL BOX

PATRIOTS 34, FALCONS 28, OT

New England .... 0 3 6 19 6—34
Atlanta .... 0 21 7 0 0—28

Second Quarter

Atl—Freeman 5 run (Bryant kick), 12:15.
Atl—Hooper 19 pass from M.Ryan (Bryant kick), 8:48.
Atl—Alford 82 interception return (Bryant kick), 2:21.
NE—FG Gostkowski 41, :02.

Third Quarter

Atl—T.Coleman 6 pass from M.Ryan (Bryant kick), 8:31.
NE—White 5 pass from Brady (kick failed), 2:06.

Fourth Quarter

NE—FG Gostkowski 33, 9:44.
NE—Amendola 6 pass from Brady (White run), 5:56.
NE—White 1 run (Amendola pass from Brady), :57

Overtime

NE—White 2 run, 11:02.

A—70,807.

	NE	Atl
First downs	37	17
Total Net Yards	546	344
Rushes-yards	25-104	18-104
Passing	442	240
Comp-Att-Int	43-63-1	17-23-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-24	5-44
Punts	4-41.5	6-47.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-23	9-65
Time of Possession	40:31	23:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Blount 11-31, White 6-29, Lewis 6-27, Brady 1-15, Edelman 1-2. Atlanta, Freeman 11-75, T.Coleman 7-29.

PASSING—New England, Brady 43-62-1-466. Edelman 0-1-0-0. Atlanta, M.Ryan 17-23-0-284.

RECEIVING—New England, White 14-110, Amendola 8-78, Mitchell 6-70, Edelman 5-87, Bennett 5-62, Hogan 4-57, Lewis 1-2. Atlanta, Ju.Jones 4-87, Gabriel 3-76, Hooper 3-32, Freeman 2-46, Sanu 2-25, DiMarco 2-12, T.Coleman 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS

2017 — New England (AFC) 34, Atlanta (NFC) 28, OT
2016 — Denver (AFC) 24, Carolina (NFC) 10
2015 — New England (AFC) 28, Seattle (NFC) 24
2014 — Seattle (NFC) 43, Denver (AFC) 8
2013 — Baltimore (AFC) 34, San Francisco (NFC) 31
2012 — N.Y. Giants (NFC) 21, New England (AFC) 17
2011 — Green Bay (NFC) 31, Pittsburgh (AFC) 25
2010 — New Orleans (NFC) 31, Indianapolis (AFC) 17
2009 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 27, Arizona (NFC) 23
2008 — N.Y. Giants (NFC) 17, New England (AFC) 14
2007 — Indianapolis (AFC) 29, Chicago (NFC) 17
2006 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 21, Seattle (NFC) 10
2005 — New England (AFC) 24, Philadelphia (NFC) 21
2004 — New England (AFC) 32, Carolina (NFC) 29
2003 — Tampa Bay (NFC) 48, Oakland (AFC) 21
2002 — New England (AFC) 20, St. Louis (NFC) 17
2001 — Baltimore Ravens (AFC) 34, N.Y. Giants (NFC) 7
2000 — St. Louis (NFC) 23, Tennessee (AFC) 16
1999 — Denver (AFC) 34, Atlanta (NFC) 19
1998 — Denver (AFC) 31, Green Bay (NFC) 24
1997 — Green Bay (NFC) 35, New England (AFC) 21
1996 — Dallas (NFC) 27, Pittsburgh (AFC) 17
1995 — San Francisco (NFC) 49, San Diego (AFC) 26
1994 — Dallas (NFC) 30, Buffalo (AFC) 13
1993 — Dallas (NFC) 52, Buffalo (AFC) 17
1992 — Washington (NFC) 37, Buffalo (AFC) 24
1991 — N.Y. Giants (NFC) 20, Buffalo (AFC) 19
1990 — San Francisco (NFC) 55, Denver (AFC) 10
1989 — San Francisco (NFC) 20, Cincinnati (AFC) 16
1988 — Washington (NFC) 42, Denver (AFC) 10
1987 — N.Y. Giants (NFC) 39, Denver (AFC) 20
1986 — Chicago (NFC) 46, New England (AFC) 10
1985 — San Francisco (NFC) 38, Miami (AFC) 16
1984 — L.A. Raiders (AFC) 38, Washington (NFC) 9
1983 — Washington (NFC) 27, Miami (AFC) 17
1982 — San Francisco (NFC) 26, Cincinnati (AFC) 21
1981 — Oakland (AFC) 27, Philadelphia (NFC) 10
1980 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 31, L.A. Rams (NFC) 19
1979 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 35, Dallas (NFC) 31
1978 — Dallas (NFC) 27, Denver (AFC) 10
1977 — Oakland (AFC) 32, Minnesota (NFC) 14
1976 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 21, Dallas (NFC) 17
1975 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 16, Minnesota (NFC) 6
1974 — Miami (AFC) 24, Minnesota (NFC) 7
1973 — Miami (AFC) 14, Washington (NFC) 7
1972 — Dallas (NFC) 24, Miami (AFC) 3
1971 — Baltimore Colts (AFC) 16, Dallas (NFC) 13
1970 — Kansas City (AFL) 23, Minnesota (NFL) 7
1969 — N.Y. Jets (AFL) 16, Baltimore Colts (NFL) 7
1968 — Green Bay (NFL) 33, Oakland (AFL) 14
1967 — Green Bay (NFL) 35, Kansas City (AFL) 10

SUPER BOWL MVPS

2017—Tom Brady, QB, New England
2016—Von Miller, LB, Denver
2015—Tom Brady, QB, New England
2014—Malcolm Smith, LB, Seattle
2013—Joe Flacco, QB, Baltimore
2012—Eli Manning, QB, N.Y. Giants
2011—Aaron Rodgers, QB, Green Bay
2010—Drew Brees, QB, New Orleans
2009—Santonio Holmes, WR, Pittsburgh
2008—Eli Manning, QB, N.Y. Giants
2007—Peyton Manning, QB, Indianapolis
2006—Hines Ward, WR, Pittsburgh
2005—Deion Branch, WR, New England
2004—Tom Brady, QB, New England
2003—Dexter Jackson, FS, Tampa Bay
2002—Tom Brady, QB, New England
2001—Ray Lewis, LB, Baltimore
2000—Kurt Warner, QB, St. Louis
1999—John Elway, QB, Denver
1998—Terrell Davis, RB, Denver
1997—Desmond Howard, KR, Green Bay
1996—Larry Brown, CB, Dallas
1995—Steve Young, QB, San Francisco
1994—Emmitt Smith, RB, Dallas
1993—Troy Aikman, QB, Dallas
1992—Mark Rypien, QB, Washington
1991—Ottis Anderson, RB, N.Y. Giants
1990—Joe Montana, QB, San Francisco
1989—Jerry Rice, WR, San Francisco
1988—Doug Williams, QB, Washington
1987—Phil Simms, QB, N.Y. Giants
1986—Richard Dent, DE, Chicago
1985—Joe Montana, QB, San Francisco
1984—Marcus Allen, RB, L.A. Raiders
1983—John Riggins, RB, Washington
1982—Joe Montana, QB, San Francisco
1981—Jim Plunkett, QB, Oakland
1980—Terry Bradshaw, QB, Pittsburgh
1979—Terry Bradshaw, QB, Pittsburgh
1978—Randy White, DT and Harvey Martin, DE, Dallas
1977—Fred Biletnikoff, WR, Oakland
1976—Lynn Swann, WR, Pittsburgh
1975—Franco Harris, RB, Pittsburgh
1974—Larry Csonka, RB, Miami
1973—Jake Scott, S, Miami
1972—Roger Staubach, QB, Dallas
1971—Chuck Howley, LB, Dallas
1970—Len Dawson, QB, Kansas City
1969—Joe Namath, QB, N.Y. Jets
1968—Bart Starr, QB, Green Bay
1967—Bart Starr, QB, Green Bay

Mistakes can't keep Patriots from 5th Super Bowl title

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The New England Patriots developed a reputation for playing nearly mistake-free football in winning four Super Bowl rings during the Bill Belichick/Tom Brady era.

That brand took a beating against the Atlanta Falcons, as the Patriots fell behind 28-3. But even that could not deny them a fifth Super Bowl title.

"There were a lot of plays that coach talks about, you never know which one is going to be the Super Bowl winner," Brady said. "There were probably 30 of those plays tonight and any one of those were different, the outcome could have been different."

New England's 34-28 overtime win was the largest fourth-quarter comeback in NFL history, and broke the Patriots' own record for the biggest deficit overcome in a Super Bowl.

One of the most efficient teams in the NFL this season, New England's calling card was blitzing opposing defenses with an offense that took care of the ball and exploited vulnerability.

But early on Sunday it was a complete role reversal as turnovers, dropped passes, a missed extra-point, an inability to handle the Falcons' pressure and poor clock management relegated New England to desperation mode for most of the second half.

It nearly was enough to wash away the Patriots' hopes. Not quite.

The Patriots entered the night 1-5 in the Brady/Belichick era when they trailed by 14 or more points at any point in a playoff game. Their lone win was in the 2014 divisional round against the Ravens.

Trailing 28-12, linebacker Dont'a Hightower got a free hit on quarterback Matt Ryan, causing a fumble. Alan Branch recovered for the Patriots and quickly marched 25 yards to close within 28-20.

"Man, I'm just doing what my teammates expect me to do," Hightower said.

The Falcons punted, and New England took over on its own 9. Brady did what Brady has done so many times, marching his team 91 yards in just 10 plays. Brady then connected with Danny Amendola on a 2-point conversion pass to tie it up.

The drive included several incredible catches, the biggest being an 11-yard grab by Julian Edelman in which he was able to balance the ball on the foot of Robert Alford before getting his hands under the ball.

"We've been on the other end of a few of those catches," Brady said. "But tonight we came up on the other end of it. ...It was one of the greatest catches I've seen. I don't know how the hell he caught it."

That momentum carried into overtime as Brady and the Patriots offense picked apart the Falcons secondary. He was 5 of 7 passing on the drive to set up a James White's game-winning, 2-yard touchdown run.

BRADY

From 1C

stunted when Ryan was sacked by Trey Flowers, New England's leader in that category.

Then it was Atlanta's D that went sacks-happy, getting two on the Patriots' next drive in what would be a scoreless opening quarter. Who expected that? Well, New England has not scored a point in the first 15 minutes in Brady's seven Super Bowls.

It sure looked as if the Patriots would get on the board immediately in the second period as Brady and Edelman connected twice for 40 yards. But Blount's fumble turned the momentum to the Falcons, who then took their biggest lead in a Super Bowl — yeah, we know, they have been here only twice — on Freeman's 5-yard run to cap a quick 71-yard drive on which Jones came alive.

Jones showed why he is an All-Pro receiver with a tough leaping catch over the middle for 19 yards, then got open on the sideline for 23. Freeman did the rest.

Before New England could catch its breath, Ryan had the Falcons up by 14. Using the no-huddle attack to perfection, he threw for 51 yards on a 52-yard drive, hitting Hooper with a pinpoint pass in the left side of the end zone.

Then Brady was victimized by his own poor decision, a rarity on the big stage. Atlanta was called for defensive holding three times on third downs to keep the drive alive. From the Falcons 23, under pressure Brady tried to squeeze a throw to Danny Amendola. Alford stepped in and sprinted, then glided 82 yards for the second-longest pick-6 in a Super Bowl — and Brady's first.

Shockingly, it was 21-0.

New England gathered its wits for a 52-yard drive to Stephen Gostkowski's 41-yard field goal. Still, it was 21-3 when Lady Gaga took the stage.

There was smoke hanging over the field when both teams had three-and-outs to open the third quarter. It was a mirage regarding Ryan and Co., who marched 85 yards to Coleman's 6-yard TD catch on a swing pass. While New England scored the next nine points on James White's 5-yard TD reception — the extra point was missed by Gostkowski, who later made a 33-yard field goal.

MVP

From 1C

Brady, who missed the first four games because of his "Deflategate" suspension and dealt with his mother Galynn Brady suffering through an undisclosed illness. The Super Bowl was the first game she's attended all season.

"They're all happy," he said. "It's nice to have everybody here and it's going to be a great celebration tonight."

Brady also collected the MVP trophy in 2001, 2003 and 2014.

His incredible second half and overtime came after a first half where the Patriots managed just three points and he threw an interception which Robert Alford returned 82 yards for a touchdown.

EDELMAN

From 1C

Atlanta 41 with 2:03 left in regulation, and the rest of this game almost felt academic.

The Patriots, who trailed 28-3, scored the last five times they had the ball, including on James White's game-winning 2-yard run to cap an easy 75-yard drive on the first possession of overtime.

It gave Brady and the Patriots title No. 5 — a number that would've been bigger had it not been for what the Giants did to them nine seasons ago.

Then, it was Eli Manning somehow breaking away from a sack and heaving the ball downfield to Tyree, the near-forgotten receiver who somehow pinned the ball against his helmet and came down for the catch. That was the highlight play of the winning drive that ended New England's quest for an undefeated season and kept the Patriots stuck on three titles.

They got No. 4 two years ago, courtesy of Malcolm Butler's game-saving interception at the goal line. This time, something nobody could draw up. Title No. 5 in Houston came courtesy of Edelman, who joined the Patriots two years after that disappointment against the Giants.

He finished with five catches for 87 yards, none more impactful than the 23 he gained on his catch that gave New England the momentum for good.

Russia hopes for swift end to track and field doping exile

By James Ellingworth
Associated Press

MOSCOW — More than a year into Russia's exclusion from international track and field, high jump world champion Maria Kuchina feels like she's stagnating.

"I need emotion, I need competition, I need rivals," Kuchina said.

That's all missing because Russian track and field exists in limbo, banned since November 2015 as a series of investigations revealed widespread doping and alleged government officials helped to cover it up.

Sunday saw Russia's biggest meet of the year so far, though it featured only Russians, with very mixed quality in many events. Kuchina easily won her event in Moscow, but her result of 1.91 meters was far below her best.

However, after a string of false starts, Russia is inching closer to a return.

On Monday, track's world governing body, the IAAF, will hold a council meeting with the stated aim of drawing up a road map for Russia's return though, in some ways, the process has quietly begun.

Over the winter, the IAAF has been accepting applications from top Russian athletes who want to compete in international events as neutral athletes, rather than representatives of Russia's still-suspended track federation.

As of Wednesday, 33 Russians had applied, sending off forms listing their drug-test history under newly relaxed IAAF rules which no longer insist on Russian athletes training outside their home country. If the IAAF accepts all of them, Russia will have close to a full team at next month's European indoor championships in Serbia, just without a flag.

That's good news for Daria Klishina, the long jumper who was allowed to be Russia's only representative in track and field at last year's Rio Olympics because she has long trained in Florida, rather than in the Russian system.

"I don't want to be in that situation again, never," Klishina said Sunday, recalling how she found it tough to be on her own at the Olympics, where she finished ninth. If more Russians get permission to compete this season, "I'll feel a lot better, because I didn't like competing alone with that huge responsibility."

Competing as neutrals, not Russians, is a sensitive issue.

Many fans support the athletes who have submitted applications to the IAAF, though some Russian nationalists accuse them of betraying their country.

"There's more support because people who I know understand what sport means to me," Kuchina said. "I try never to read online comments because they could destroy anyone's wellbeing."

Middle-distance runner Elena Korobkina, however, said she'll refuse a place at major championships if it means competing as a neutral, though she will take part in other meets. "Even if they let me, I won't compete at the Europeans because I want to race under my own flag," she said.

Even as Russia nears a return, there have been setbacks.

Documents released in December as part of a World Anti-Doping Agency inquiry showed eight unnamed Russians from the national track and field team had given suspicious samples ahead of the 2014 world indoor championships, but most were recorded as clean. The IAAF is looking into the issue.

In another blow, a German TV channel broadcast footage showing national-team runner Artyom Denmukhametov appearing to train with coach Vladimir Kazarin, who is suspended over alleged steroid use by several of his other athletes. Denmukhametov was in action at Sunday's meet, coming second in the 400m. He hasn't applied to the IAAF to compete as a neutral, according to Russian track federation records.

Until the IAAF either reinstates Russia or allows its top athletes to compete as individuals, Russian track will remain in suspended animation. Kuchina doesn't know if she'll be able to defend her world title in London in August.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

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You can email it to sports@mrt.com.

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Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6106

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For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com.

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reed's Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W. Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
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Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Golf

Midland College Golf Program Player Reunion Event golf tournament
Benefiting the Midland College golf program and celebrating the career of coach Delnor Poss
When/where: March 6, Green Tree Country Club
What: 5 person scramble. Each 4-person team will be paired with an ex Midland College Golfer. The ex players will be paired with ex players, who will be auctioned off during Sunday night's dinner.
Entry fee: $150 per player, $600 per team. Payment is due at registration
For more info and to register: Contact Brian McKinley at 432-694-7726 or email pgapro@greentreecc.com

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
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For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

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Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
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COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
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Ages: All ages
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What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
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Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 954-707-0622 or email jmalcolmtexas@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

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For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-697-4310, email gary.petersen@mygrande.net or visit midland-walkabout.wordpress.com

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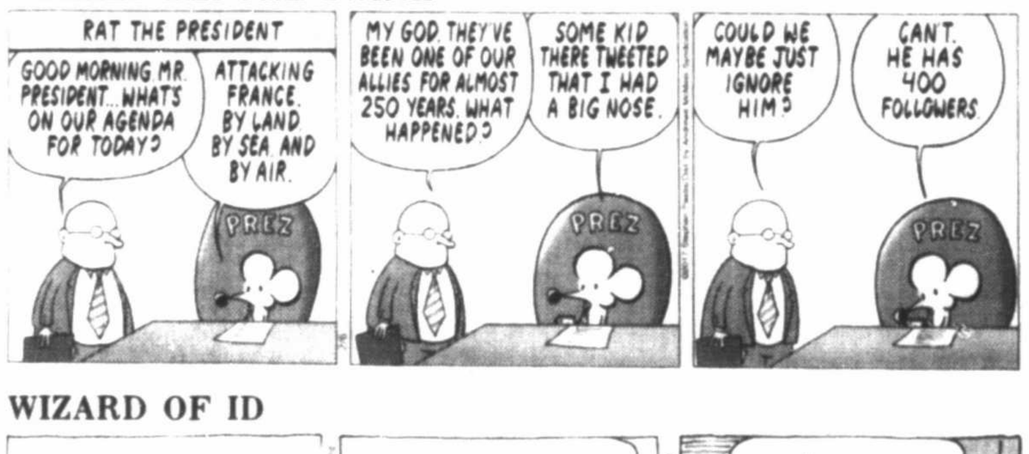

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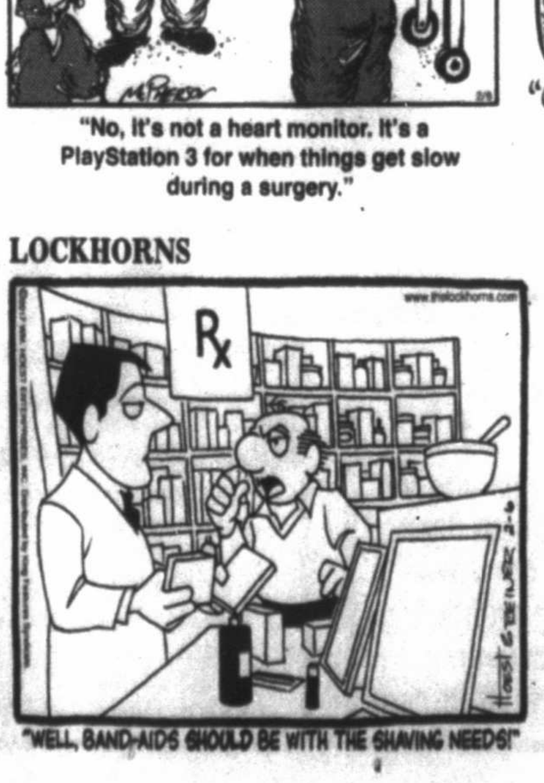


"WELL, BAND-AIDS SHOULD BE WITH THE SHAVING NEEDS!"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"No, really, you'll hafta come back later and pester me. I'm liking this book so far."

TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 80 Low: 47

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 78 Low: 48

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 75 Low: 40

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 65 Low: 44

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 75 Low: 49

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 81 Low: 49

Local forecast

A red flag warning is in effect for Midland, according to the National Weather Service. The expected high should be around 80 degrees, nearly 20 degrees above normal for this time of year. The NWS also expects gusts reaching 30 mph all day. The warmer temperatures and gusty conditions are expected to continue again on Tuesday. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The record high for Feb. 5 is 81, set in 2006. The record low is 10, set in 1909. On Feb. 5 of last year, the high was 58 and the low was 32.

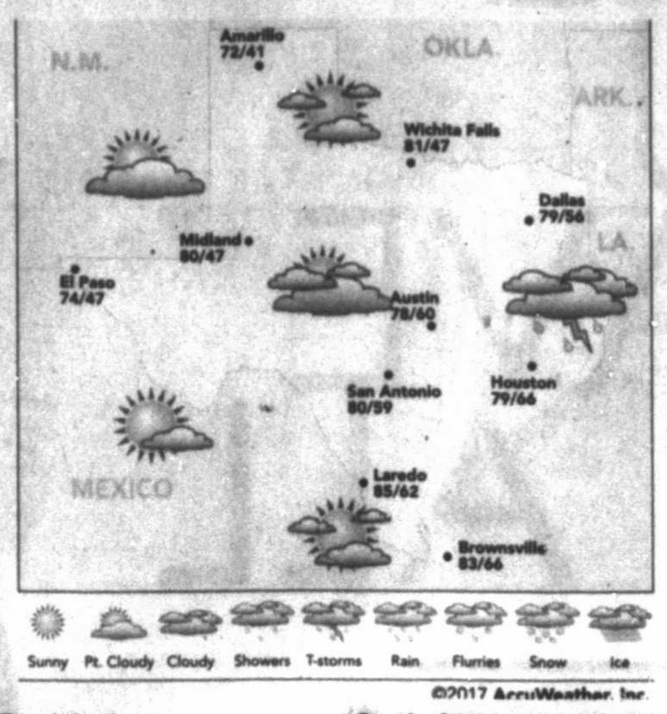
Environment brief

Oklahoma forestry officials warn of increasing wildfire risk

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma forestry officials are warning of an increasing risk for wildfires in the state this week.

Fire Management Chief Mark Goeller said Sunday that there is the potential for "near-critical fire weather conditions" early in the week.

The National Weather Service says warm, dry weather and southwesterly winds Monday will create critical fire weather conditions in western Oklahoma with near-critical conditions in much of the remainder of the state.



Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	1.12 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.68 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	79
Low	33
Normal high	60
Normal low	33
Sunrise	7:38 a.m.
Sunset	6:28 p.m.

National weather

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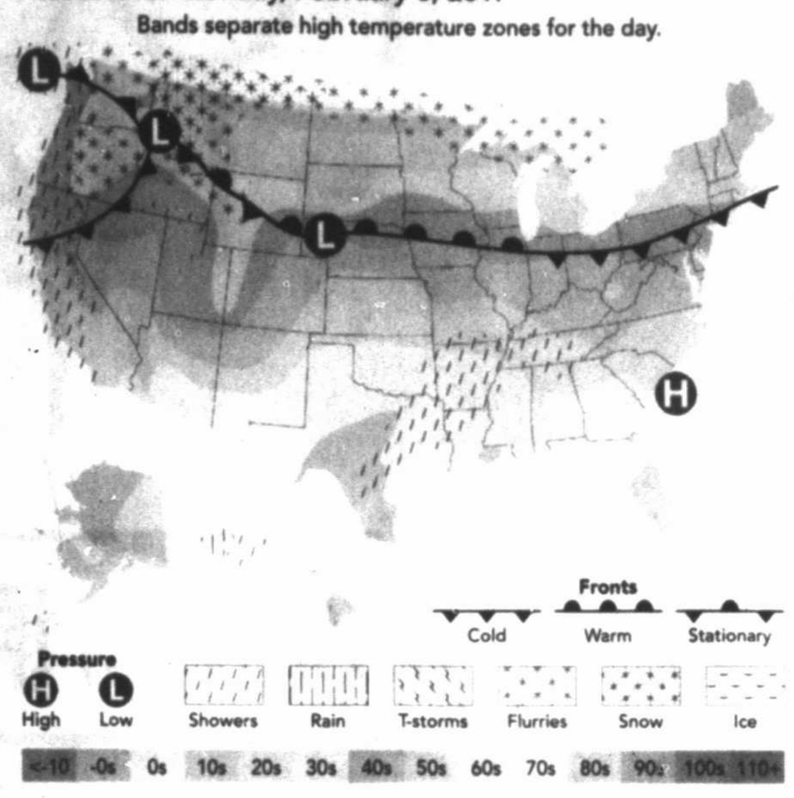
Forecast for Monday, February 6, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Fronts: Cold, Warm, Stationary

Pressure: H High, L Low

Showers, Rain, T-storms, Flurries, Snow, Ice

<-10, -0s, 0s, 10s, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 100s, 110+

Wedding is not the stage for ex-best friends' drama

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: One of my best friends just got engaged and I'm invited to the wedding. My problem is, my ex-best friend is in the bridal party, and I don't know how to act if I see her and have to talk to her. She terminated our friendship without giving me a reason. Not only that, she has been spreading lies about me to mutual friends, some of whom now refuse to talk to me.

I have no idea what I did or didn't do. No one knows why she is spreading rumors, and I don't want there to be drama at my friend's wedding and bachelorette party. What can I do? — **UNSURE IN THE WEST**

DEAR UNSURE: If your former best friend is unwilling to explain why she ended the friendship and has been spreading false rumors, you can't force her. Obviously, her malicious lies haven't had any effect on the bride.

Go to the party and the wedding, mingle with those who haven't chosen sides, be gracious and steer clear of the nasty bridesmaid, if you can. That way, if there is any drama at either function, you won't be the person who created it, and the person who will look bad will be the troublemaker.

DEAR ABBY: Could you please explain why so many people blow their noses at the supper table? You would think older folks would know better, but it seems like they are the worst offenders. I see a lot of this in restaurants or the cafeteria. I not only consider it rude but also gross.

Why can't people excuse themselves from the table and leave the room to do it? I generally go to the ladies room or, if I'm home, go into another room. My mother and brother do this — and it's disgusting! What is your view on this? Mcybe you could teach some of these folks some manners. — **GROSSED OUT IN FLORIDA**

DEAR GROSSED OUT: Please don't think you are alone with your frustration because I'm asked this question a lot. I agree that listening to someone honk like a migrating goose is unpleasant. That's why the rule of etiquette states that those who need to clear their heads excuse themselves from the table. If someone must perform this function at the table, it should be limited to tiny dabs with a tissue to prevent a drip.

DEAR ABBY: I am the mom of two sons, ages 13 and 14. When I took them for their annual physical last summer, their pediatrician said this would be the last year I would be in the room while he examined my sons.

I don't understand why I should have to leave if my children are OK with my being there.

My sons are comfortable with me, and I am an only parent. It seems to me that more and more rights are being taken away from parents. Am I out of line for feeling this way? — **EXAM ROOM OFF-LIMITS**

DEAR OFF-LIMITS: Yes, if you trust your sons' doctor, which I hope you do. By ages 13 and 14, your sons are maturing into manhood. As their hormones and bodies change, they may have questions and concerns they would be more comfortable — and less embarrassed — talking to a male doctor about than their mother. Privacy in the examination room would give them the chance to do that.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 6, 2017:

This year an opportunity comes along that you might decide to nix. The good news is if this opportunity appears before August, it is likely that you'll have a second chance at it later in the year. You'll want to be in situations that provoke and encourage creativity. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone who is a free thinker. This relationship could become significant to your life. If you are attached, your more romantic side emerges. Entice your sweetie as if you just met. You could be more flirtatious than you have been in the past. GEMINI proves to be a good time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You suddenly might sense that someone has changed his or her mind and/or feels differently about a situation. This change could make you uncomfortable, but you will adjust. Know that this is simply the process of an evolving relationship. Tonight: Speak your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Your spending becomes an issue for you. You might want to change a pattern, though it is likely to involve more self-discipline. Your optimism helps you proceed, despite the fact that you feel slightly irritated by what has occurred. Tonight: Pay bills and revise your budget.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You bring about many changes just by being yourself. You might want to hold off making a decision for a while, as you could change your mind. Words said will be impossible to take back, so be careful when choosing your words. Tonight: You are the cat's meow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Understand that you might need to pull back and rethink a decision involving a family member. You seem to be quite content with a domestic or personal matter, but you also recognize the need for a change. Go along with the moment. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ News seems to come flying in from out of left field. You might wonder what is really going on. Phone calls and/or emails contain a hidden message that you could miss. The unexpected occurs and forces you to rethink a situation. Tonight: Return a friend's call.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You could be looking around to see where your good luck charm has gone. The good news is that you are likely to find it in a day or two. You have been given an opportunity to stop and appraise a situation. As a result, you might change your tune. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your energy opens up many people and causes them to be more responsive than they have been. Nevertheless, you'll see where you might need to make an adjustment in order to encourage someone to come in closer. Tonight: You might not expect the results you get.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You can count on your intuition coming through for you right now. You are likely to find that you are intrigued by many different options. In such a case, be sure to survey the potential paths with an eye on the end results. Tonight: A loved one seems quite grounded.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Others tend to give you a lot of flak, as you often don't want to agree or give in. You will want to reach out to a friend who gives you important and meaningful feedback. You will get the results you desire because of your perseverance. Tonight: Do not worry so much.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Be aware of a self-imposed limitation. You could feel as if you can't break through it, much less be aware that it is you who created it. Touch base with your needs, and do not impose your will on another person. A family member might surprise you. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You will see a personal matter open up more than you had thought possible. You could be surprised by someone else's response. Be more aware of what this individual has to offer. Pressure builds from two different sources. Tonight: Open up to a new opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You could feel as if you are heading in a different direction from which you had originally thought. Tension builds between a real-estate matter and what you really want to do. Think twice before taking a leap of faith. Seek out more information. Tonight: Stay close to home.

BORN TODAY

Former U.S. Vice President Aaron Burr (1756), singer/songwriter Axl Rose (1962), baseball player Babe Ruth (1895)

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Bidding Quiz

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

♠ 8 ♡ A 10 9 2 ◇ K Q 10 9 5 ♣ A Q 5

Partner opens two spades, weak, and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A — Pass, quickly. Maybe left-hand opponent will bid. Don't go chasing a miracle three no-trump. You'll go minus 10 times for every success.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q 9 8 7 ♡ 9 8 6 4 2 ◇ Q 7 ♣ 7

Right-hand opponent opens one no-trump, 15-17. What call would you make?

A — Should you and your partner have a conventional bid that shows both majors, this would be a good time to use it. Failing that, the spade suit is too weak to bid. Pass.

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

♠ A 8 7 5 3 ♡ A K J 10 3 ◇ 5 3 ♣ K

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	4♡*	Pass

*Splinter bid, a raise to game with at least four spades and at most one heart. What call would you make?

A — There are things to like about this hand, but weak trumps and most of your strength opposite a singleton are good reasons to go low. Bid four spades.

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

♠ 10 6 ♡ 8 5 3 ◇ J 9 ♣ A Q J 8 7 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1NT	Pass	Pass	?

What call would you make?

A — Should two clubs be available as a natural bid, by all means bid it. Most pairs, however use a two-club bid over one no-trump as conventional. If that's the case with you, pass.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Most musicals have two
5 Start to faceted or purpose
10 Modern organizers, for short
14 Countenance
15 In front
16 Wine prefix
17 First chip in the poker pot
18 Football with scrums
19 Songwriter Kristofferson
20 Player who shoots par regularly
23 Malted relative
24 Magnolia State school, familiarly
27 Baseball misplays
31 Calendar page
32 Floppy disk backup device
35 Forest official
36 Angsty rock genre
37 Michelangelo statue
39 R&B's __ Hill
40 Changes gears
43 Ballad for a valentine
46 Start of a Poitier film title
47 Seek ambitiously
48 O. Henry works
50 Mexican dip
54 Virtually zero, and where the ends of 20-, 32- and 43-Across are literally situated
58 Slick-talking
60 Jokes and such
61 Cupid
62 Save for binge-watching, say
63 '50s nuclear trial
64 Dressed in
65 River of Hades
66 Barcelona babies
67 Joint commonly replaced

DOWN

1 Accumulate, as a fortune
2 Easy-peasy task
3 Aquarium fish
4 Moved stealthily
5 Artist Chagall
6 "Nah"
7 __ Mason: investment giant
8 No-nos
9 Poem of rustic life
10 Critters hunted with a hugely popular 2016 mobile app
11 Heroic exploits
12 Young Darth's nickname
13 Distress signal at sea
21 La. or Dak., once
22 Disaster relief org.
25 Titanic rear end
26 "So what" shoulder gesture
28 Fabric flaws
29 Egg: Pref.
30 Fishing line holders
32 Thin citrus peels
33 Words spoken by a sweater?
34 Plant responsible for much itching
35 Sitarist Shankar
38 High side
41 Locomotive furnace
42 Cereal coveted by a silly rabbit
44 Former "formerly"
45 Seattle football pro
47 Sharp as a tack
49 Wharton's Frome
51 Chihuahua citrus fruit
52 Boring lecture, for example
53 Share the same opinion
55 Dark clouds, perhaps
56 Aroma detector
57 Leftover bits
58 Classic sports cars
59 Set fire to

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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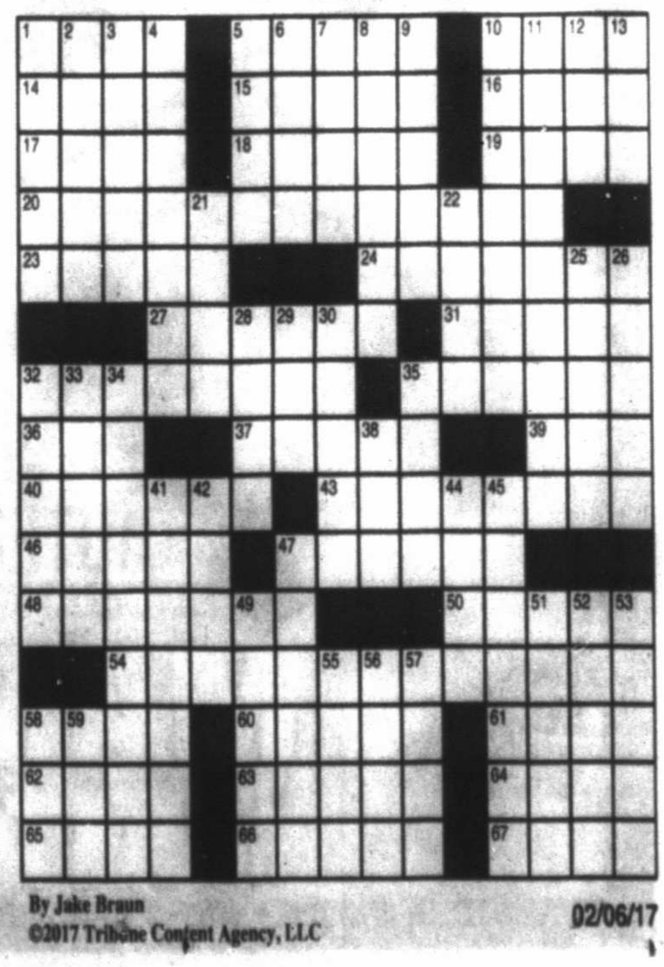

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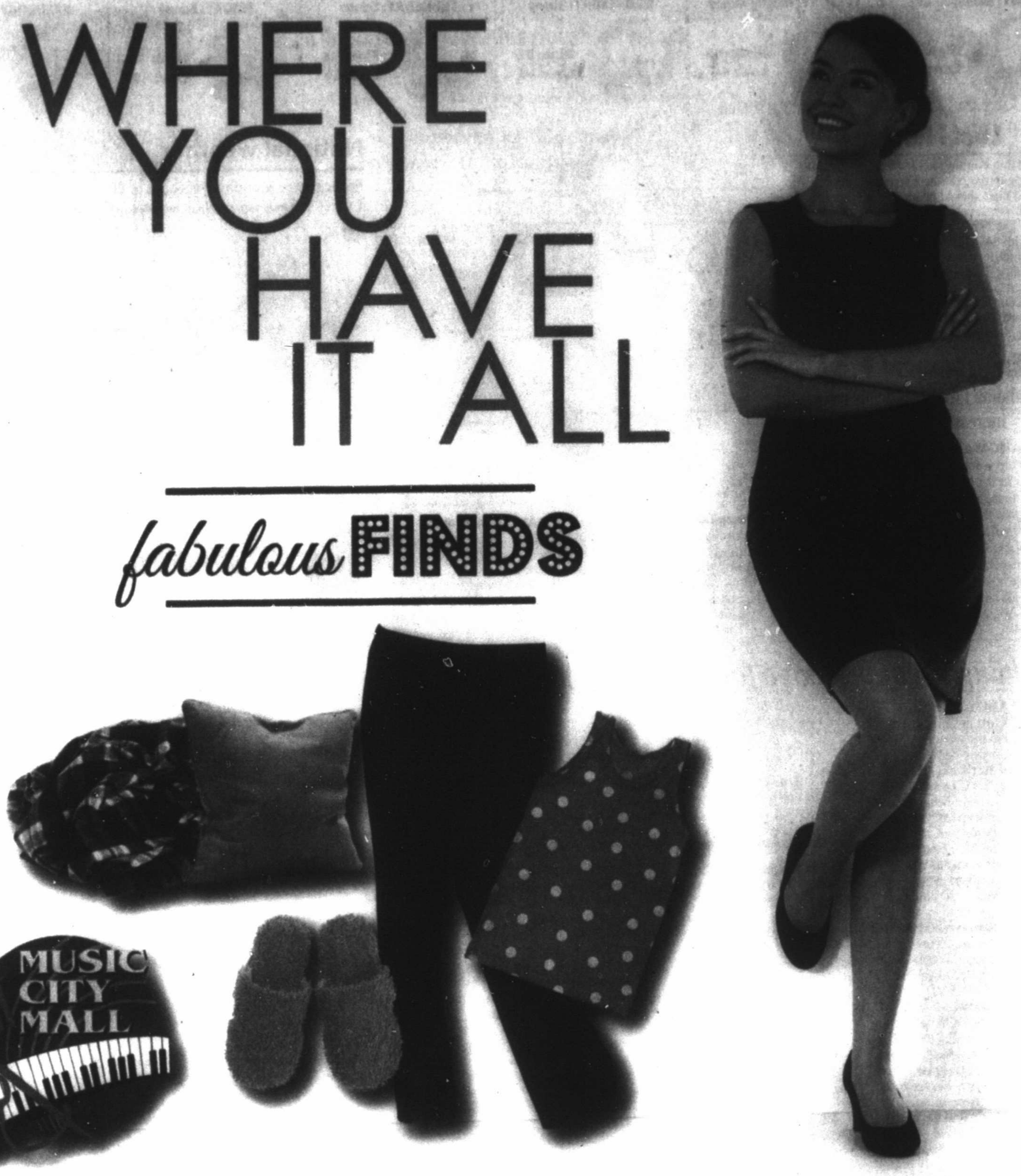

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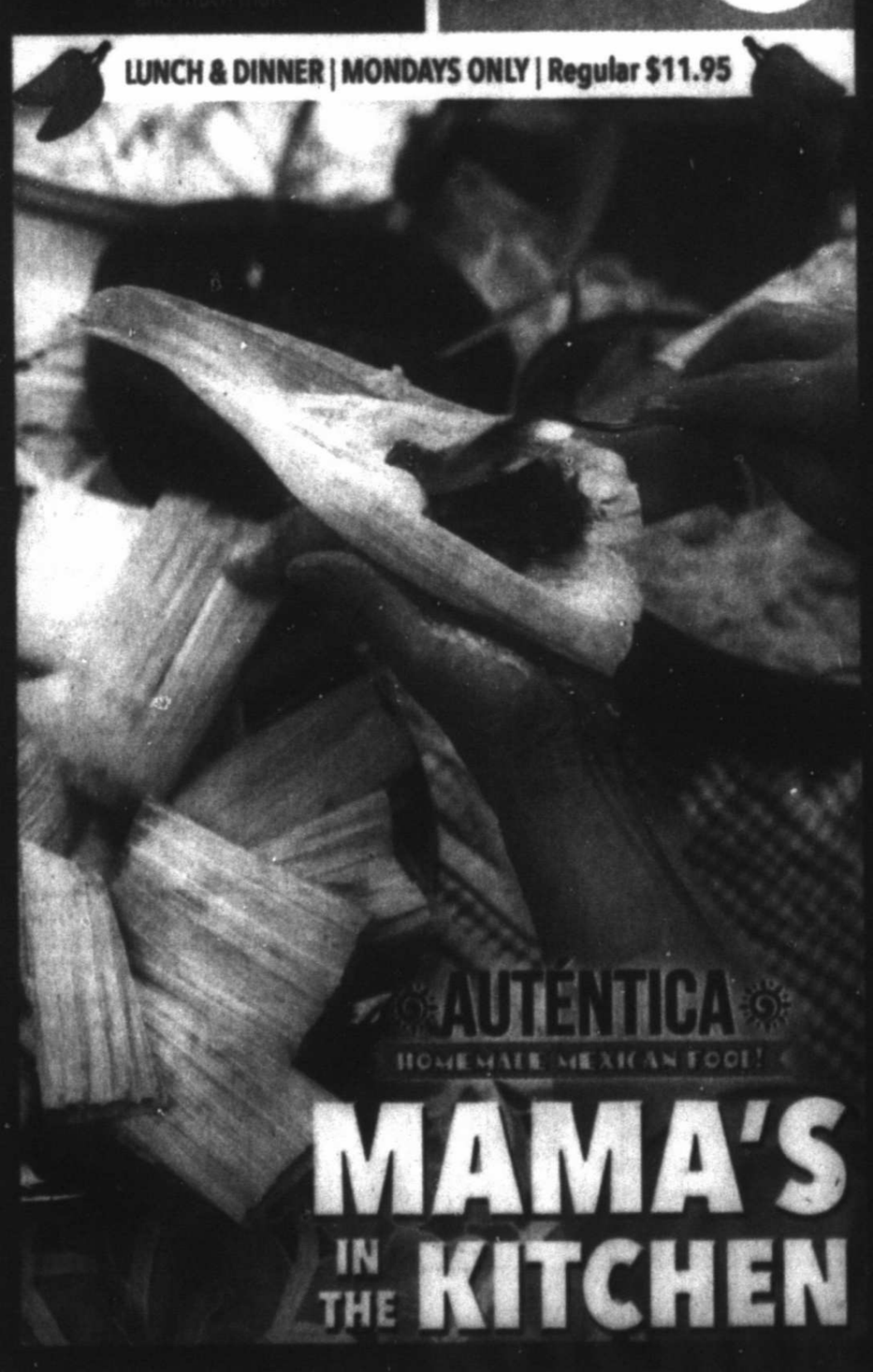

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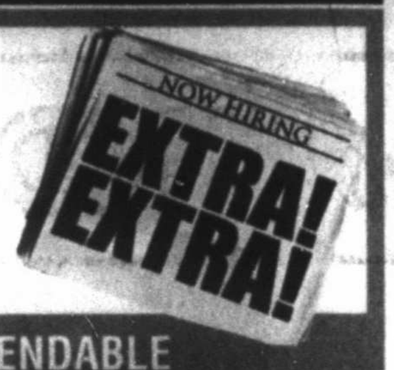

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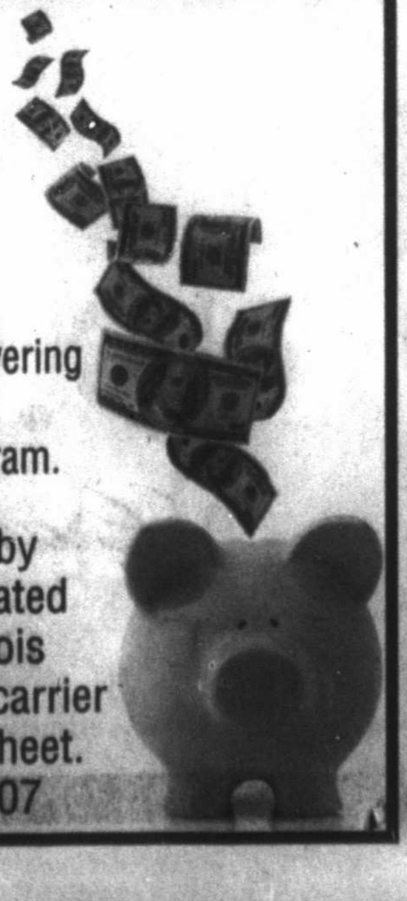

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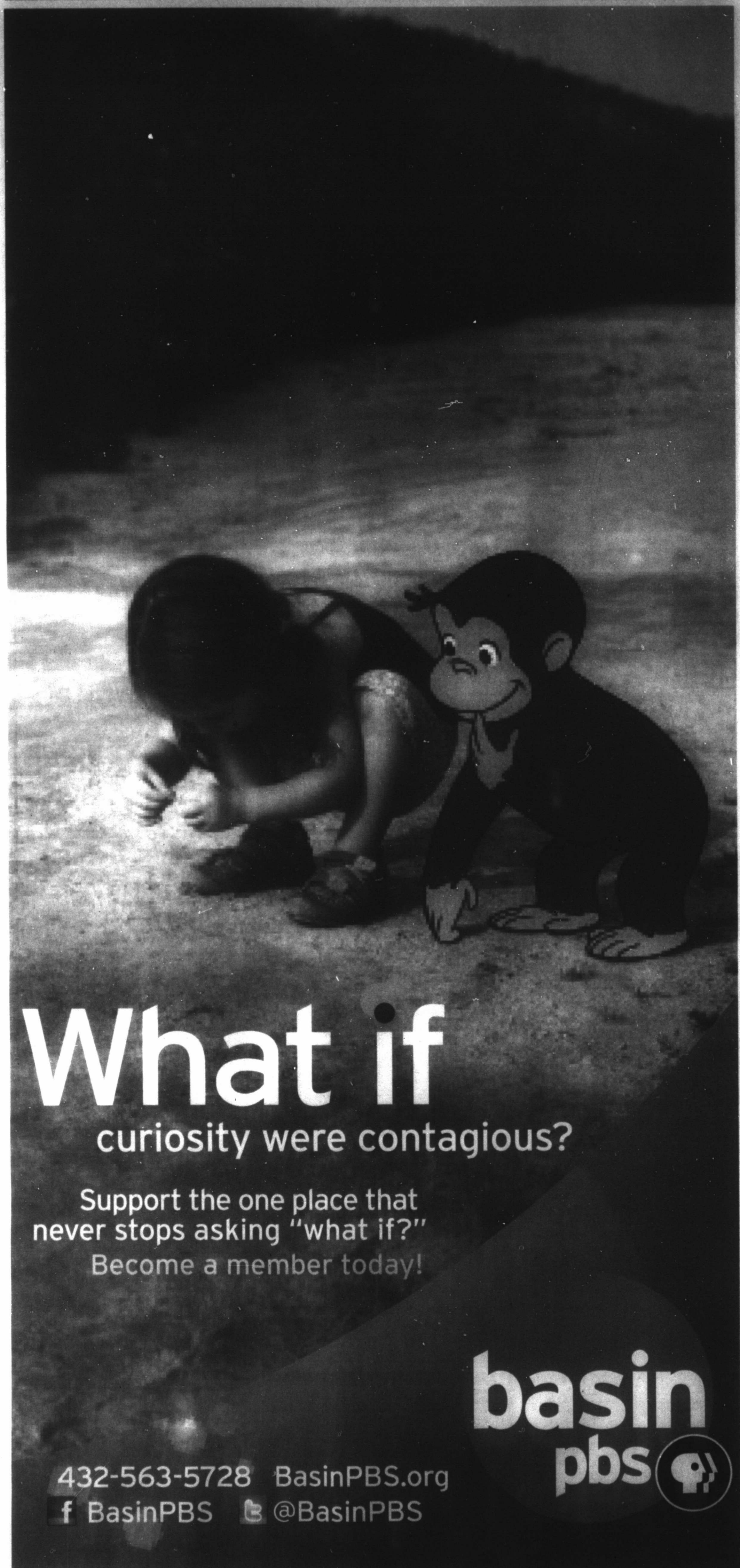
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The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting the City of Midland at (432) 685-7247. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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