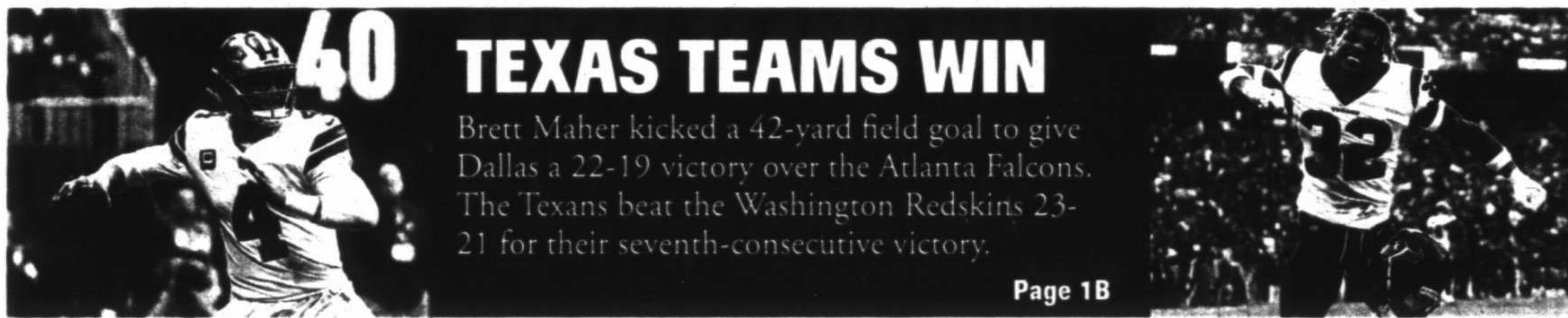


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Chairman: Fed must be transparent

Jerome Powell speaks in Dallas as part of lecture series

By Jeff Mosier
Dallas Morning News

The Federal Reserve Bank is often under a microscope from its fans and detractors. But for most of the population, it's a mysterious black box.

As part of an ongoing lecture series, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell came to Dallas last week to try to demystify the Fed. Dallas Fed Chairman Robert Kaplan hosted the public event attended by about 500 people, many of whom said they work in finance.

"Central banking can be pretty far from people's daily lives," Powell said. "... The public doesn't know that much, and that's not on them."

Both men said they wanted to shed some of the mystery of central banking and also field questions from the public on trade, the global economy and, indirectly, President Donald Trump. The Fed chairman's words are among the mostly closely followed and influential in the financial world.

"The No. 1 thing we've got to do is earn and sustain the trust of the public," Powell said. "And that means, be transparent about what we're doing and why we're doing it and speak in ways that the public can understand."

Donald Trump

Trump wasn't mentioned by name at

the event, but he still loomed large over the proceedings. Trump has been critical of Powell in recent months for raising the federal funds interest rate, characterizing those actions as "loco" and "out of control."

One audience member asked Powell about being "mentioned by political leaders over the past several months."

"Subtle," Kaplan said over audience laughter.

Trump previously wrote on Twitter that the Fed was penalizing the U.S. economy by tightening monetary policy. The president also said in a CNBC interview that he wasn't "thrilled" with the rate increases, although he described Powell as a "very good man." But later, he told Reuters:

"Am I happy with my choice? I'll let you know in four years."

Powell served in George H.W. Bush's Treasury Department but was appointed to the Federal Reserve Board of Governors by President Barack Obama. Trump nominated Powell to be Fed chairman in November 2017.

Although the Fed chairman is chosen by the president, Powell, throughout the evening, de-emphasized the White House's role in his job. He pointed out that the central bank was created by Congress and that the legislative branch has oversight.

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No Room AT THE INN



Family Promise of Midland's annual No Room At The Inn exhibit of Nativity scenes from around the world is shown Saturday at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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Craddick: Next speaker will be good for the Texas House

By Stewart Doreen
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If there is someone who can address whether a person is qualified to be speaker of the Texas House, it is Tom Craddick.

During his 50 years representing Midland County, Craddick has served under seven men who led the House, and for three sessions, he was the speaker. There is no one in the state with the institutional knowledge of the Midland Republican, and on Tuesday, Craddick told the Reporter-Telegram he isn't worried about Dennis Bonnen — the pro-business, conservative legislator from the Houston area community of Angleton — who likely will be the next speaker of the Texas House.

Reports indicate that Bonnen came forward last weekend to end the speakership hopes of many. Armed with pledges of a large number of Republicans and some Democrats, the former chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and former speaker pro-tempore has put an end to the speculation. One of those commitments came from Craddick.

Craddick said Tuesday that Bonnen has a great background, has been a committee chairman, is experienced in the process and knows the rules. "All those things that are important to making the House work."

Craddick also said he is a man of the House. Reports indicate Bonnen has a history of standing up for what is important to legislators in the House, even if that means being at odds with state leaders elsewhere. Craddick said there are difference in bills as they move into conference committees (which include members of the House and Senate), and that Bonnen is "known for standing up for the House" and the views of its members.

A man who can unify House members has been part of the reporting on Bonnen seen thus far. A Texas Tribune article on Monday reported Bonnen was "flanked by at least two members of the hardline conservative Texas House Freedom Caucus — Jeff Leach of Plano and Mike Lang of Granbury — and state Rep. Tom Craddick ... among other Republicans

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Midlanders have limited options on Thanksgiving

From staff reports

To pick up last minute items for the Thanksgiving feast, H-E-B will be open until 2 p.m. For those Midlanders who'd rather go out on the holiday, a few restaurants will be open on Thursday.

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and a stable financial system, Powell said. And he said he's done that in a "nonpartisan, professional way."

"We have the tools to do it, and we have the protections to allow us to do that without political involvement," Powell said. "That's our job. That's our sole focus. We don't try to control things we don't control."

But Powell accepted the fact that he's the focal point of any Fed criticism. Trump has said he'll keep the heat on the Fed as long as it continues raising interest rates.

"If we do something wrong, it's clearly my fault," Powell said, in one of the night's several laugh lines.

Housing

Real estate is a sector that follows the Fed's actions closely. Changes in the Fed's rate often have a widespread effect on consumer interest rates, including credit cards, car loans and mortgages.

In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, home prices have increased about 5 percent this year, or roughly half of last year's jump. There are also reports of the number of sales flattening or declining in some areas.

Powell said he's aware that builders are pointing to Fed rate increases as a reason for a real estate market slowdown. But he said that's just one element.

"There's a lot of factors weighing on home building," Powell said. "It's material costs. It's labor scarcity. It's difficulty in finding lots. It is rates as well."

Mortgage rates, although rising, are still at historically low levels. Powell joked that rates have been so low for so long that "some people have never seen a 5 percent mortgage." The last time the benchmark 30-year fixed mortgage rate hit 5 percent was in April 2011, according to Bankrate.com data.

But, as an interest-sensitive sector, Powell said he takes their concerns seriously.

"They're facing a softening environment," he said, "and so we're monitoring that."

Interest rates

There was no bombshell about interest rates, the issue most closely associated with the Fed.

Both Powell and Kaplan made cases for the continuation of "normalizing monetary policy." After about eight years without an increase, the Fed started gradually raising its rate in 2015.

The Fed has now raised its rate three times this year, most recently from 2 to 2.25 percent in September. And there is an expectation among observers that the fourth increase will come in December.

"We kept them (rates) low for quite a long time to give the economy every chance to breathe and recover, regain health," Powell said.

Now, he said, the unemployment rate is 3.7 percent with 3 percent economic growth. Inflation is also at the Fed's target.

Powell said the Fed's job now is to find that middle ground between keeping the rate low for too long, which could fuel inflation, or raising the rate too soon and "prematurely [terminating] an expansion."

"We haven't done that," Powell said. "We're at a point now where we have to

take both of those risks very seriously. That's why we've been raising rates again quite gradually."

Trade

When asked about trade — another sensitive political question — Powell spoke carefully and again elicited laughter. Trump's trade war with China includes about \$360 billion worth of products and has divided some White House advisers.

"We don't have responsibility for trade policy," Powell said. "That's outside of our lane."

And while Powell said trade is a positive for the U.S., he also emphasized that it "needs to be both free and fair."

"If this process that's going on right now winds up with lower tariffs and better observance of agreed trade rules, then that will be good for our economy and good for the world economy," Powell said.

But he said it'll hurt the U.S. economy if it leads to "widespread protectionism."

In the short term, however, he said: "In theory, you could see a little slower growth. And to the extent more and more products are subject to tariffs, you can see a little bit higher inflation and a little bit lower growth."

Financial worries

Powell was generally upbeat about the economy but pointed to a few areas of concern. He said that 2017 was a "good, strong year" for the global economy.

"There was a lot of optimism at the beginning of this year," Powell said. "This year has seen a gradual chipping away at that picture. You see a bit of a slowdown. Not a terrible slowdown. You still see solid growth, but you kind of see growing signs of a bit of a slowdown. And it is concerning."

He's also keeping a close watch on corporate borrowing, which has increased. In other areas, such as households and financial institution, debt is down.

Powell said the effects of the tax cuts and federal spending increases will wear off and affect growth. And he continues to be concerned about lagging U.S. educational performance, which he said "just flattened out" in the 1970s.

"The only way you can compete in this global economy is by having the best workers and the most educated workers with the skills and aptitudes to benefit from technology," Powell said.

And in the most emphatic statement of the night, Powell said the "U.S. is on an unsustainable fiscal path" when it comes to government debt.

"That has been true for a long time," he said. "That is associated with our uniquely expensive health care delivery system and our aging population."

But even those nagging concerns were overshadowed by what's been a booming economy.

"I want leave on a note of optimism about our economy," Powell said. "We've been through a difficult time, and we've faced difficult times before. We're in a good place now. I do believe our economy can grow and grow faster. I think you always want to be on the optimistic side of this economy."

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This September photo provided by Louis-Henri Merino shows Alaleh Azhir in Los Angeles. Azhir, a 21-year-old senior at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland, is among the latest crop of American Rhodes scholars, which has more women than any other single class. The New York City resident, who emigrated from Iran when she was 14 years old, hopes to eventually become a doctor and will be studying women's and reproductive health at Oxford.

Rhodes scholar class features plenty of women, immigrants

By Philip Marcelo and Deepthi Hajela
Associated Press

BOSTON — The latest crop of U.S. Rhodes scholars has more women than any other single class, and almost half of this year's recipients of the prestigious scholarship to Oxford University in England are either immigrants or first-generation Americans, the Rhodes Trust announced Sunday.

Among the 32 winners is Harvard University senior Jin Park, the first recipient covered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, the Obama-era program that shields young immigrants from deportation.

Park, 22, of the New York City borough of Queens, arrived from South Korea with his parents when he was 7, studied molecular and cellular biology at Harvard, and founded a nonprofit to help undocumented students apply to college.

He hopes to become an immigrant advocate, saying it's important for him to use the opportunity to better others, not just himself.

"When you grow up as an undocumented immigrant in America, that understanding that your talents don't really belong to you in the traditional sense, that you have to share the fruits of your labor with others, that's just something you learn," Park said.

Alaleh Azhir, a 21-year-old senior at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, emigrated from Iran when she was 14 — and is also one of 21 female scholars named Sunday. The New York City resident hopes eventually to become a doctor and will study women's and reproductive health at Oxford.

"I'm just a passionate advocate for

women in general and that's mostly because of my background," she said. "I thought that the way I could advocate for women could be by advocating for their health."

At Chapman University in Southern California, Vidal Arroyo, 21, reflected on his unlikely path to becoming his school's first Rhodes Scholar.

"As a Latino, a first-generation college student, and a train commuter to college, winning this scholarship means so much to me because it sheds hope for students from backgrounds like my own who have to overcome multiple barriers in pursuit of a higher education and a better future," said Arroyo, who plans to study engineering science at Oxford.

And Eren Orbey, a 23-year-old senior at Yale University in Connecticut, whose parents emigrated from Turkey, hopes studying at Oxford will bring greater "context and clarity" to his writing. He is a regular contributor to The New Yorker magazine and is working on a book about his father, who was slain in Ankara when he was just 3, and the killer.

"I'm interested in studying the ethics of revenge and forgiveness," Orbey said Sunday by email. "I think that our culture and media coverage often condescend to immigrants and survivors of trauma. In my writing, I hope to recast tragedy and strife as occasions for growth and heroism."

The U.S. Rhodes scholars join a separate, international group of scholars representing more than 60 countries.

Rhodes Scholarships provide all expenses for at least two years of study at Oxford. They were created in 1902 in the will of Cecil Rhodes, a British businessman and Oxford alum who was a prime minister of the Cape Colony in present-day South Africa.

'Fantastic Beasts' flies to top of weekend box office

By Andrew Dalton
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" crawled, slithered and flew its way to the top of the weekend box office with a \$62.2 million opening in the U.S. and Canada, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The latest offering from the Harry Potter universe fell short of the opening of the first film in the Warner Bros. series, 2016's "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," which debuted with \$74 million in a similar November release and went on to earn \$234 million in the U.S. and Canada.

But all the Harry Potter films have had a broad international reach, and "Fan-

tastic Beasts" had a hearty worldwide weekend gross, bringing in \$191 million internationally for a total of \$253 million, according to the studio's estimates.

"Clearly it's a huge phenomenon globally," said Jeff Goldstein, president of domestic distribution for Warner Bros.

Last week's top film, "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch," was second with \$38.1 million, bringing its domestic tally to \$126 million for Universal Pictures after two weekends. It took in \$9.4 million more internationally.

"Bohemian Rhapsody," 20th Century Fox's Freddie Mercury biopic, is still rocking, taking third place with \$15.7 million for a total of \$127 million. It remains a global hit, bring-

ing in an additional \$45.5 million internationally.

"Fantastic Beasts," the second film in the series of Potter prequels written by J.K. Rowling and starring Eddie Redmayne, Johnny Depp and Jude Law, had a budget of \$200 million. Its reviews were largely lackluster, with critics saying Rowling's magical world is wearing thin after 10 films.

Globally the first nine films have earned \$8.5 billion, a total that this one's worldwide take will inflate.

"This is yet another example of a movie whose opening weekend skewed heavily into the international territories," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. "This happens a lot with bigger franchise movies."

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and Democrats.

A different article described the broad base of support, quoting Republican Drew Springer, who said, "We knew that Dennis ... could cross over to guys like (former House Speaker) Tom Craddick down to incoming freshmen like (Republican) Brad Buckley."

The Tribune reported "Bonnen sits close to the party's right-most flank — a political science professor's unofficial list ranks him the 126th most conservative of the 150-member chamber — and that former speaker Joe Straus picked Bonnen twice to be the chair of Ways and Means."

Bonnen's rise will mean the three most powerful seats in state government — governor, lieutenant governor and speaker — will have ties to Houston. Craddick doesn't believe that will have a negative impact on West Texas. He believes Bonnen will be able to work with each

legislator and see their needs. Craddick said the needs of the Permian Basin start with infrastructure and education.

"Funding for roads and infrastructure and a better situation for schools, that is my responsibility," Craddick said.

2 dead after WWII vintage plane crashes in Fredericksburg

Austin
American-Statesman

Two people who were flying in a vintage World War II fighter plane on Saturday afternoon are dead after the aircraft crashed into the parking lot of a Fredericksburg apartment complex, officials said.

Gillespie County sheriff's officials said they were called to the crash at 3:15 p.m., which occurred at the Friendship Place Apartments.

Two people were reported to be on board the aircraft, Federal Aviation Administration officials said. Texas Department of Public Safety officials said both died in the crash.

The victims have not been identified, but the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, which was hosting a reenactment show that appears to have featured the WWII vintage P-51D Mustang fighter plane, said on a tweet Saturday that one of the victims was a veteran.

Justin McDonald, who owns the company that manages Friendship Place Apartments, said no resi-

dents were injured in the crash. It was not clear immediately whether anyone else was injured.

The plane crashed against several vehicles parked at a carport. The FAA said the fighter plane was destroyed and several automobiles were damaged.

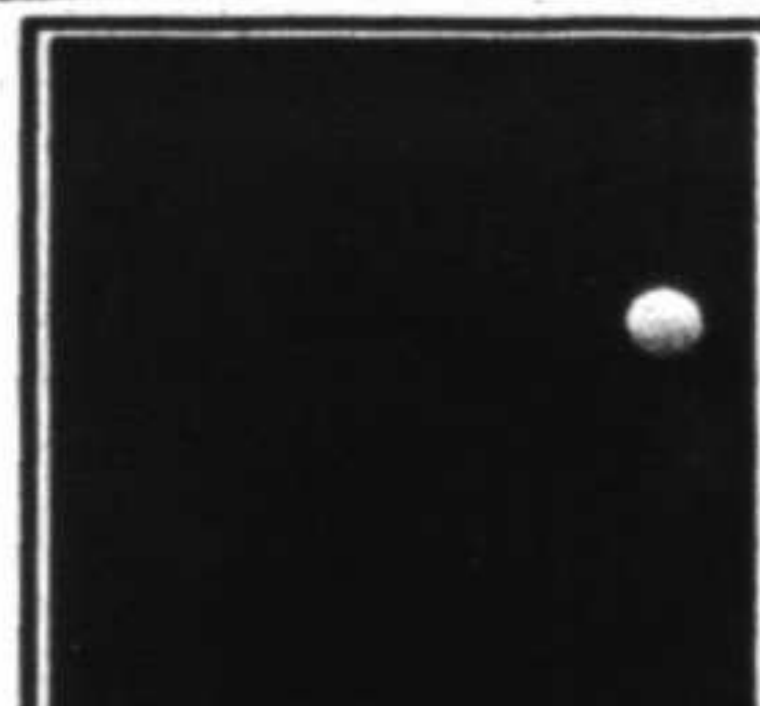
The Pacific War museum, which is about a mile away from where the crash happened, was hosting its November WWII Pacific Combat Program on Saturday. It included battlefield reenactments showcasing

the equipment and weapons used in the war.

Regina Vales, who drove from Austin to see the show, said the plane was part of the museum's program and had flown several times over the field where the reenactment took place.

Toward the end of the program, Vales said the plane did a 360-degree flip that looked forced. Then it dropped sharply into a nosedive until it disappeared behind a line of trees "and never came back up," she said.

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President Donald Trump talks with, from left, Gov.-elect Gavin Newsom, California Gov. Jerry Brown, Mayor of Paradise Jody Jones and FEMA Administrator Brock Long during a visit to a neighborhood destroyed by the wildfires on Saturday in Paradise, Calif.

Trump pondering Kelly's status, 3-5 Cabinet changes

By Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump isn't committing to a previous pledge to keep chief of staff John Kelly for the remainder of his term, part of widespread speculation about staffing changes that could soon sweep through his administration.

Trump, in a wide-ranging interview that aired on "Fox News Sunday," praised Kelly's work ethic and much of what he brings to the position but added, "There are certain things that I don't like that he does."

"There are a couple of things where it's just not his strength. It's not his fault. It's not his strength," said Trump, who added that Kelly himself might want to depart.

Asked whether he would keep Kelly in his post through 2020, the president offered only that "it could happen." Trump had earlier pledged publicly that Kelly would remain through his first term in office, though many in the West Wing were skeptical.

Trump said he was happy with his Cabinet but was thinking about changing "three or four or five positions." One of them is Homeland Security chief Kirstjen Nielsen, whose departure is now considered inevitable. Trump said in the interview that he could keep her on, but he made clear that he wished she would be tougher in implementing his hard-line immigration policies and enforcing

border security.

The list of potential replacements for Nielsen includes a career lawman, two military officers and former acting U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement head. But her eventual replacement will find there's no getting around the immigration laws and court challenges that have thwarted the president's hard-line agenda at every turn — even if there's better personal chemistry.

Trump also discussed the removal of Mira Ricardel, a deputy national security adviser who is being moved to another position in the administration after clashes with the East Wing culminated in an extraordinary statement from first lady Melania Trump that called for her removal. The president said Ricardel was "not too diplomatic, but she's talented" and downplayed the idea that his wife was calling the shots in the White House.

"(The first lady's team) wanted to go a little bit public because that's the way they felt and I thought it was fine," Trump said.

He also dismissed a series of reports that he had been fuming in the week after the Democrats captured the House, claiming instead that the mood of the West Wing was "very light."

The president also addressed a series of other topics.

■ He said he "would not get involved" if his choice for acting attorney general, Matt Whitaker, decided

to curtail special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into 2016 election interference and possible ties between the Trump campaign and Russia. Whitaker was previously a fierce critic of the probe, and Democrats have called for him to recuse himself from overseeing it. Trump said that "It's going to be up to him" and that "I really believe he's going to do what's right."

■ He downplayed a federal judge's decision to restore CNN reporter Jim Acosta's White House press pass but derided an alleged lack of "decorum" among reporters who cover the administration. Trump also reiterated that the White House was going to write up rules of conduct for reporters at news conferences, adding, "If he misbehaves, we'll throw him out or we'll stop the news conference."

■ He also defended his incendiary attacks on the press, which include labeling reporters the "enemy of the people," a phrase more closely associated with authoritarian regimes. Trump suggested that his interviewer, Chris Wallace, was no "angel," and bristled when the host from Fox News, which generally gives him favorable coverage, said that the media was in "solidarity." Trump declared, "I am calling fake news, fake reporting, is what's tearing this country apart because people know, people like things that are happening and they're not hearing about it."

Trump suggests McRaven should have found Osama bin Laden faster

By Paul Sonne
Washington Post

President Donald Trump derided retired Adm. William H. McRaven as a "Hillary Clinton fan" and an "Obama backer" and suggested that the former head of U.S. Special Operations Command should have apprehended Osama bin Laden faster.

The comments, which the president made in an interview with Chris Wallace on "Fox News Sunday," represent the latest point of tension between Trump and a group of retired general officers who have criticized the commander-in-chief publicly for his handling of national security and military matters.

McRaven, a retired Navy SEAL, oversaw the 2011 operation that killed bin Laden at a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. After Trump revoked former CIA director John Brennan's security clearance in the summer, McRaven wrote an article in The Washington Post defending Brennan as a man of unparalleled integrity and asked the president to revoke his clearance, as well, in solidarity. McRaven also criticized Trump more broadly.

"Like most Americans, I had hoped that when you became president, you would rise to the occasion and become the leader this great nation needs," McRaven wrote. "A good leader tries to embody the best qualities of his or her organization. A good leader sets the example for others to follow. A good leader always puts the welfare of others before himself or herself."

"Your leadership, however, has shown little of these qualities," McRaven added. "Through your actions, you have embarrassed us in the eyes of our children, humiliated us on the world stage and, worst of all, divided us as a nation."

The commentary amounted to a rare public rebuke by a former flag officer, most of whom tend to stay quiet on political matters after retiring, and escalated calls for McRaven to run for public office.

On Sunday, about three months later, Trump fired back at the retired admiral when Wallace brought him up in the

interview.

"Bill McRaven, retired admiral, Navy SEAL, 37 years, former head of U.S. Special Operations, who led the operations, commanded the operations that took down Saddam Hussein and that killed Osama bin Laden, says that your sentiment is the greatest threat to democracy in his lifetime," Wallace said, as Trump interrupted him to call the former top commander a "Hillary Clinton fan."

Trump then accused McRaven of not finding bin Laden fast enough.

"Wouldn't it have been nice if we got Osama bin Laden a lot sooner than that, wouldn't it have been nice?" the president said. "You know, living — think of this — living in Pakistan, beautifully in Pakistan, in what I guess they considered a nice mansion, I don't know, I've seen nicer. But living in Pakistan right next to the military academy, everybody in Pakistan knew he was there."

McRaven didn't immediately respond to requests for comment on Sunday.

This isn't the first time that tension between Trump and retired military officers has spilled into public.

Earlier this month, Martin Dempsey, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, joined other retired military officers in hitting out at Trump's deployment of thousands of troops to the border with Mexico the week of the midterm elections. Dempsey called the operation, a show of force against the caravans of Central American migrants traveling north to the U.S. border, a "wasteful deployment of over-stretched Soldiers and Marines."

During the 2016 campaign, Trump attacked retired Marine Corps Gen. John Allen for supporting Clinton, describing the former commander of the NATO-led mission in Afghanistan as "a failed general."

McRaven served as chancellor of the University of Texas after leaving the military but stepped down this year over health concerns. He has chronic lymphocytic leukemia, a type of slow-growing blood cancer that he was diagnosed with in 2010 while in Afghanistan.

Trump on Khashoggi death tape: 'No reason for me to hear it'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said there is no reason for him to listen to a recording of the "very violent, very vicious" killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, which has put him in a diplomatic bind: how to admonish Riyadh for the slaying yet maintain strong ties with a close ally.

Trump, in an interview that aired Sunday, made clear that the audio recording, supplied by the Turkish government, would not affect his response to the Oct. 2 killing of Khashoggi, a columnist for The Washington Post who had been critical of the Saudi royal family.

"It's a suffering tape, it's a terrible tape. I've been fully briefed on it, there's no reason for me to hear it," Trump said in the interview with "Fox News Sunday." "I know everything that went on in the tape without having to hear it."

On Saturday, Trump said his administration will "be having a very full report over the next two days, probably Monday or Tuesday." He said the report will include "who did it." It was unclear if the report would be made public.

American intelligence agencies have concluded that the crown prince ordered the killing in the Saudi Consulate in Turkey, according to a U.S. official familiar with the assessment. The official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Others familiar with the case caution that while it's likely the crown prince was involved in the death, there continue to be questions about what role he played.

Trump noted to "Fox News Sunday" that the crown prince has repeatedly denied being involved in the killing inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

"Will anybody really know?" Trump asked. "At the same time, we do have an ally, and I want to stick with an ally that in many ways has been very good."

A Republican member of the Senate intelligence committee said that so far, there is no "smoking gun" linking the crown prince to the killing. Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri, who has received a confidential intelligence briefing on the matter, told ABC that "it's hard to imagine" that the

crown prince didn't know about the killing, but he said, "I don't know that we absolutely know that yet."

He said that Congress will await the Trump administration's report in the next two days and that the U.S. will need to be clear about the ramifications of sanctions, given Saudi Arabia's strategic role in the Middle East.

For his part, Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Trump ally, said the crown prince has been a "wrecking ball" in the relationship between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia.

"I hate to say that because I had a lot of hope for him being the reformer that Saudi Arabia needs, but that ship has sailed as far as Lindsey Graham's concerned," the South Carolina Republican told NBC's "Meet the Press."

"I have no intention of working with him ever again," said Graham, who is in line to be the next

chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Intelligence officials have been providing information to Trump for weeks about the death, and he was briefed again by phone Saturday by CIA Director Gina Haspel and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo as he flew to California. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders provided no details of his call but said the president has confidence in the CIA.

"The United States government is determined to hold all those responsible for the killing of Jamal Khashoggi accountable," the State Department said in a statement. "Recent reports indicating that the U.S. government has made a final conclusion are inaccurate. There remain numerous unanswered questions with respect to the murder of Mr. Khashoggi."

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Searchers in California wildfire step up efforts before rain

By Sudhin Thanawala
Associated Press

CHICO, Calif. — Volunteers in white coveralls, hard hats and masks poked through ash and debris Sunday, searching for the remains of victims of the devastating Northern California wildfire before rains that are forecast for this week complicate their efforts.

While the predicted downpours could help tamp down the blazes that have killed 76 people so far, they also could wash away telltale fragments of bone, or turn loose, dry ash into a thick paste that would frustrate the search.

A team of 10 volunteers went from burned house to burned house Sunday in the devastated town of Paradise, accompanied by a cadaver dog with a bell on its collar that jingled in the grim landscape.

The members of the team scrutinized the rubble in five-minute sweeps, using sticks to move aside debris and focused on vehicles, bathtubs and what was left of mattresses. When no remains were found, they spray-painted a large, orange "0" near the house.

Up to 400 people were involved in the overall search and recovery effort. Robert Panak, a volunteer on a different team from Napa County, spent the morning searching homes, but didn't find any remains.

Asked whether the job was tough, the 50-year-old volunteer said, "I just think about the positives, bringing relief to the families, closure."

He said his approach was to try to picture the house before it burned and think about where people might have hidden.

Nearly 1,300 names are on a list of people who are unaccounted for more than a week after the fire began in Butte County, authorities said late Saturday. They stressed that the long roster does not mean they believe all those on the list are missing.

Sheriff Kory Honea pleaded with evsuees to review the list of those reported as unreachable by family and friends and to call the department if those people are

known to be safe.

Deputies have located hundreds of people to date, but the overall number keeps growing because they are adding more names, including those from the chaotic early hours of the disaster. Honea said.

"As much as I wish that we could get through all of this before the rains come, I don't know if that's possible," he said.

Honea said it was within the "realm of possibility" that officials would never know the exact death toll from the blaze.

Hundreds of search and recovery personnel are involved in the effort, going to homes when they receive tips that someone might have died there.

But they are also doing a more comprehensive, "door-to-door" and "car-to-car" search of areas, said Joe Moses, a commander with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, who is helping oversee the search and rescue effort.

The search area is huge, Moses said, with many structures that need to be checked.

The fire also burned many places to the ground, creating a landscape unique to many search-and-rescue personnel, he said.

"Here we're looking for very small parts and pieces, and so we have to be very diligent and systematic in how we do our searches," he said Friday.

The remains of five more people were found Saturday, including four in Paradise and one in nearby Concow, bringing the number of dead to 76.

Among them was Lolene Rios, 56, whose son, Jed, tearfully told KXTV in Sacramento that his mother had an "endless amount of love" for him.

President Donald Trump toured the area Saturday, joined by California's outgoing and incoming governors, both Democrats who have traded sharp barbs with the Republican administration. Trump also visited Southern California, where firefighters were making progress on a wildfire that tore through communities west of Los Angeles from Thousand Oaks to Malibu, killing three people.



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Politics should be taken out of redistricting

■ Austin lawmaker files bill for 2019 legislative session, though it's unlikely to get a committee hearing

Though a noble goal, trying to take the politics out of redistricting is an elusive target.

After watching the decennial mess and resultant litigation that redistricting is in Texas, I think we have general consensus that this is not serving us well, unless you're a redistricting lawyer with visions of billable hours dancing in your head.

Time after time, census after census, redistricting after redistricting, we wind up with congressional and legislative boundaries drawn not only to benefit one particular party but often to benefit one particular member of one particular party.

There's got to be a better way. There's got to be a way to remove politics, as much as possible, from such a crucial and inevitably political task.

"Hey," some folks have said ad infinitum over the years, "let's have a commission do it instead of having the Legislature do it." Well, that's the beginning of a good idea. The challenge, of course, is picking the appointees and the appointers.

That's an especially vexing challenge in one-party-rule states, which Texas has been for many years. For a long time (and now it seems a long time ago), Democrats ruled and controlled the three branches of

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state government. Now the GOP has that control.

So who's going to select the members of a Texas Redistricting Commission? If it involves statewide elected officials, that has the distinct potential to guarantee maps that are as partisan as the ones the GOP-controlled Legislature would draw.

Now, again, comes state Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, with the first of what could be many attempts in the 2019 Legislature to rejigger how we rejigger districts, a task that will be done in the 2021 legislative session. Ever thoughtful, Howard has an idea on how to make this a bipartisan effort despite the unipartisan nature of Texas government as we now know it. She filed it into the bill hopper last week when bill filing began.

Stick with me on this. It gets a bit complicated and would require legislative approval and voter approval of a constitutional amendment. The Howard plan calls for a seven-member commission.

Here's how commissioners would be

appointed: The longest-serving members of the Texas House and Senate each would be one member. So that's two. Two more would be picked by the longest-serving House and Senate members who are of a different political party than the aforementioned House and Senate members. So now we're up to four, two picked by Republicans and two by Democrats.

The four members selected by the above process would then pick a fifth member via a vote. This could get tricky and pivotal, but it could work. So that's five of the seven members.

That fifth member (who'd be the presiding member) would appoint two members, which gets us to the full seven. But wait, there's more. Those two final members must be retired federal judges who were appointed to the bench by presidents of different political parties.

Feel free to read that all again if needed to comprehend it. I had to peruse Howard's House Joint Resolution 25 several times to digest it. I think I've got it right.

And there would be restrictions on all members of the commission. They'd have to be Texas residents. And they could not be in an elected or appointed public office, a political party office or employed by a public official, legislative or congressional candidate or "entity whose principal purpose is to support or oppose" such candidates.

Also, it would take votes of five of the

seven members to adopt a map. There's much more detail in the proposal, including parameters concerning how the districts are drawn.

Good on Howard for obviously giving this some thought. Previous similar efforts — including by her — have gone nowhere in previous Texas legislatures. Her proposal didn't even get a committee hearing in the 2017 session. I'm not sure there's much reason to assume any such effort, by Howard or anyone, will go any further in this next Texas Legislature.

To a large extent, it would be asking the GOP (the party in power) to commit an unnatural act, forfeiting its stranglehold on redistricting, arguably the most consequential thing the Legislature does. And it asks lawmakers of both parties to put their political future in potential jeopardy because we'd be undoing the system that put them in office.

But one can hope.

Or we could go with the Probably Patently Unconstitutional Herman Redistricting Plan. It goes like this: We draw the lines. We never change them. We require everybody to live in mobile homes. We move them to where we need them to maintain districts that could withstand courthouse scrutiny.

All in favor, vote aye. See you at the mobile home park.

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GUEST VIEW

New House speaker should focus on state's real needs

The drama over the competition to be the next speaker of the Texas House of Representatives didn't last long. In fact, it never really got started. Just days after House Republicans started seriously considering who their next leader might be, state Rep. Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, ended the discussion. He says he has enough votes to be the next speaker, and no one is saying that he doesn't. The upcoming vote on the first day of the new session next year appears to be a formality.

The good news for all Texans is that Bonnen did attract some Democratic support. Republicans lost 12 House seats in this month's election but still have an 83-67 margin in the chamber. Most Republicans pledged their support for Bonnen, but so did 31 Democrats.

Bonnen needed only a simple majority of 76 votes, which he apparently had from his fellow Republicans. But the additional votes from the other party are telling. That means those Democrats either truly supported Bonnen for speaker ... or feared an even more conservative candidate.

This vote, like many involving GOP voters or candidates, pitted conservative Republicans against really conservative Republicans. Bonnen got the victory, but it may be hard to figure out how he will wield his power as speaker.

He was a top ally to outgoing Speaker Joe Straus, a moderate and voice of reason in the last session of the Legislature. But Bonnen also got support from 10 of 11 members of the House Freedom Caucus, made up of the most conservative Republicans. Bonnen is a 20-year House member, so he should be able to realize what happened this month.

Republicans kept their majorities in the state House and Senate, but still lost seats in both, and the U.S. House. All statewide GOP candidates won re-election, but only Gov. Greg Abbott had the kind of huge margin that Republicans have come to expect. Republican judges were swept out in wholesale changes in the state's biggest cities.

Texas is still a red state, but the shade isn't quite as dark. Bonnen would do well in the upcoming session to focus on the state's real needs and avoid petty distractions such as Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's obsession with a "bathroom bill." The soon-to-be-former Speaker Straus did that in the last session, which is one of the main reasons he's soon to be the former speaker. But Straus saved Texas a lot of grief with his common-sense approach to governing, and the Legislature needs that again.

The math is clear: House Republicans will require Democratic votes to get some bills through, more so than in the last session. Bonnen should encourage the mutual respect and pragmatism in the House that can make that happen.

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GOP has to bridge class divide in 2020

■ Whatever president says, and does will dictate party's strategy the next two years

Disappointed after the midterm elections, Republicans are trying to decide which voters should be the party's top priority.

In recent elections, they have been losing votes from white college graduates, often in the suburbs, while gaining votes from whites without college degrees. Should Republicans go further down the road of working-class populism, perhaps trying to expand its appeal beyond white voters? Or should they try to reverse their losses among suburban moderates?

Eric Cantor, a Republican and former House majority leader, puts his emphasis on winning back the college-educated voters, especially women, who have recently defected. He recommends that his party push to make paid maternity leave more available and child care more affordable to appeal to these voters.

The conservative political analysts Henry Olsen and Reihan Salam, however, argue that Republicans would be better off trying to build on their gains among working-class voters, especially those who went from supporting Barack Obama in 2012 to supporting Donald Trump in 2016, via policies such as wage subsidies and immigration control. These voters have not all shifted to the GOP in down-ballot races. Whether they will stay Republican in 2020, or when Trump is no longer on the ballot, is an open question.

Olsen and Salam both say, however, that the party would ideally win over more voters of both types. It's that point I'll emphasize here: Republicans should not think of this strategic choice as a stark one.

It may, for one thing, be possible to promote policies that make Republicans more appealing to both groups. Cantor pitches his ideas for helping parents as a way to regain the support of suburban moderates. But paid leave may be even more appealing to working-class voters.

A Republican pitch to the working class that addresses this kind of economic concern might also allow the party to pull back a little from the we're-real-Americans-and-you're-not cultural messaging that alienates many college-educated voters.

Parties that are on the upswing typically make

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gains that are diffused, albeit unevenly, among many demographic groups. After Mitt Romney lost the presidential election in 2012, many Republicans concluded that to win the next time they would have to do markedly better among Hispanics, getting 40 percent of their votes. Others wondered whether Republicans could win just by boosting their share of the white vote.

Republicans didn't come close to getting 40 percent of Hispanics in 2016. But they slightly improved their percentage of the two-party vote among Hispanics — and among whites, Asians and African-Americans. Those gains, and their geographic distribution, were enough to deliver them the White House.

If Republicans do better in 2020 than they did this fall, it will probably be because they improve their performance a bit among both Romney-Clinton and Obama-Trump voters (although if I had to bet, I would expect a bit more improvement in the second group). If Republicans don't improve on both fronts, on the other hand, they are unlikely to win a governing majority.

A coalition that includes the suburban defectors, the new populists and traditional conservatives would require constant tending by Republican leaders in the best of circumstances. Whether the party's current leadership is suited to building and maintaining it is also, at best, an open question.

Which brings us to another reason Republicans should not put too much of their mental energy into figuring out whether to target voters with or without college degrees. Whatever individual Republicans want, the party's strategy over at least the next two years will largely consist of whatever the president chooses to do and say — and that series of choices is going to be guided more by who he is and what he wants than by any grand theory of the electorate.

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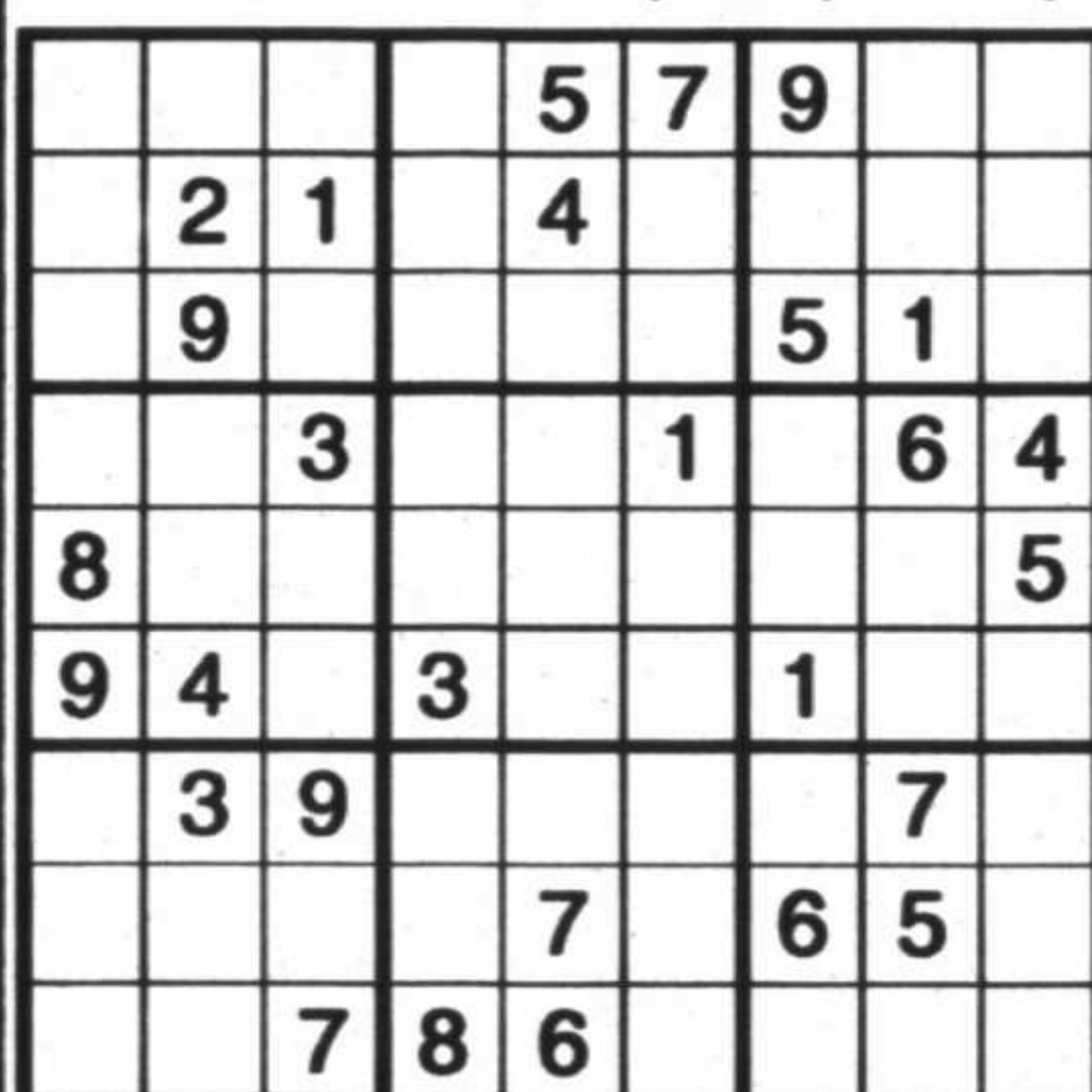


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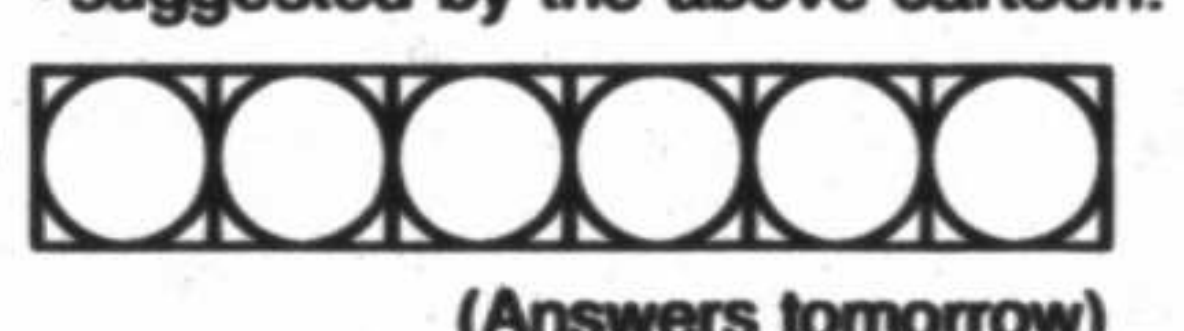
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- 13 Puts money away, as for retirement
- 15 Opposite of WNW
- 16 Actress Longoria
- 17 "Kids' recreational garb
- 19 Revolutionary British soldiers
- 21 John of "Fawcety Towers"
- 22 ... lot: stuffs oneself
- 23 "Two-person log cutter
- 24 Little chess piece
- 26 Genetic initials
- 28 UFO passengers, presumably
- 29 On the house
- 32 Elicit
- 35 Put on TV
- 36 "Soar
- 38 Dickens pen name
- 41 City hall bigwig
- 42 Opposite of cruel
- 44 Artist's dog
- 46 Moscow's land: Abbr.
- 48 App symbol
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- 52 Practical joke
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- 56 Mom's and dad's duds
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- 61 Set a price of
- 62 Miners dig it
- 63 Sides of an issue
- 64 Michael of "SNL"
- 65 Snake's sound
- 66 Bogs
- 67 London's Gardens

- 3 "Economic conflict often involving tariffs
- 4 "Papa Bear" of football
- 5 Gamer's game face
- 6 "Curious George" creators Hans and Margret
- 7 Corner PC key
- 8 Chips in a garden
- 9 Order
- 10 Repurposes to replace, as a tool
- 11 Stitch again
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- 20 Ray Charles' "I ... Stop Loving You"
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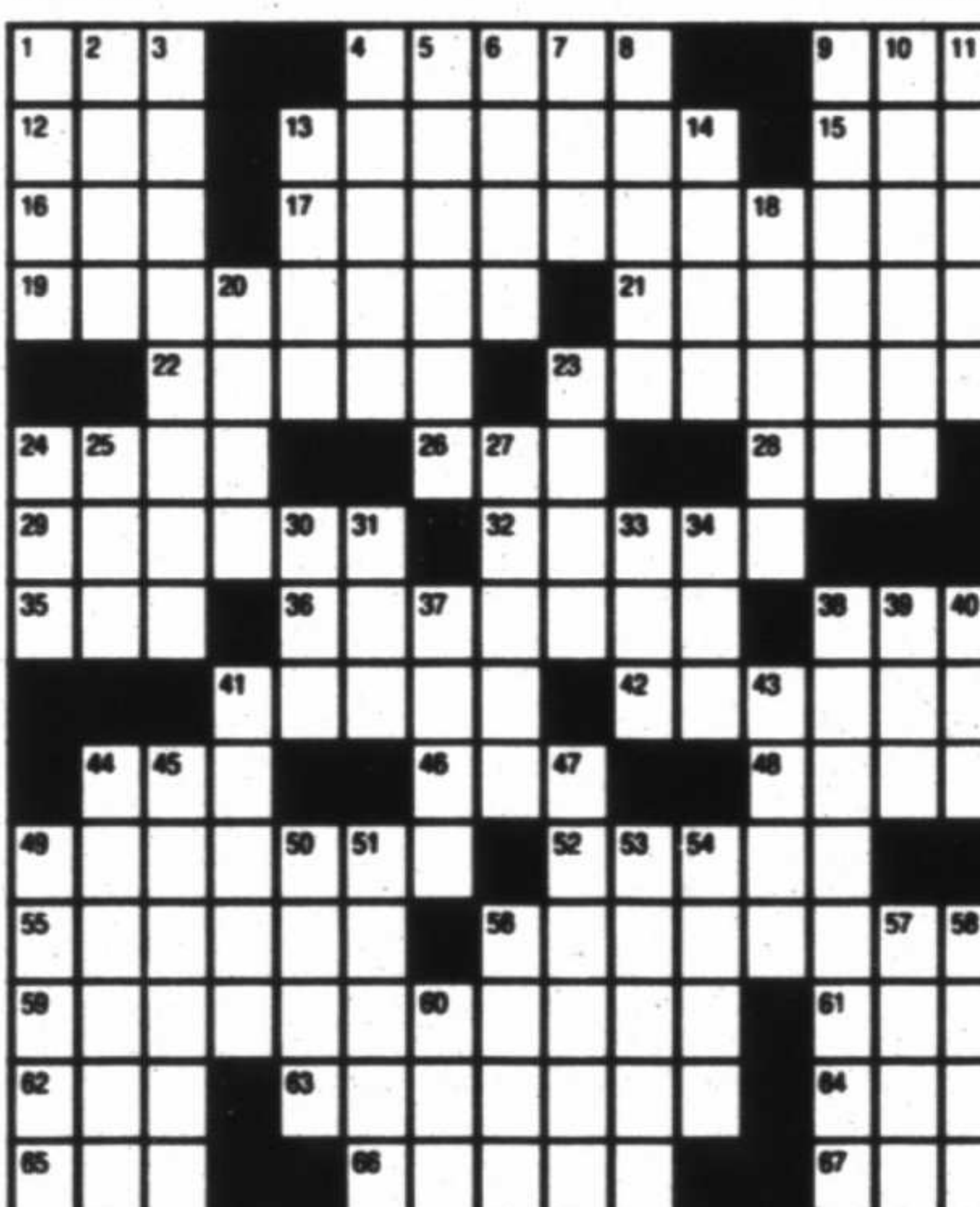
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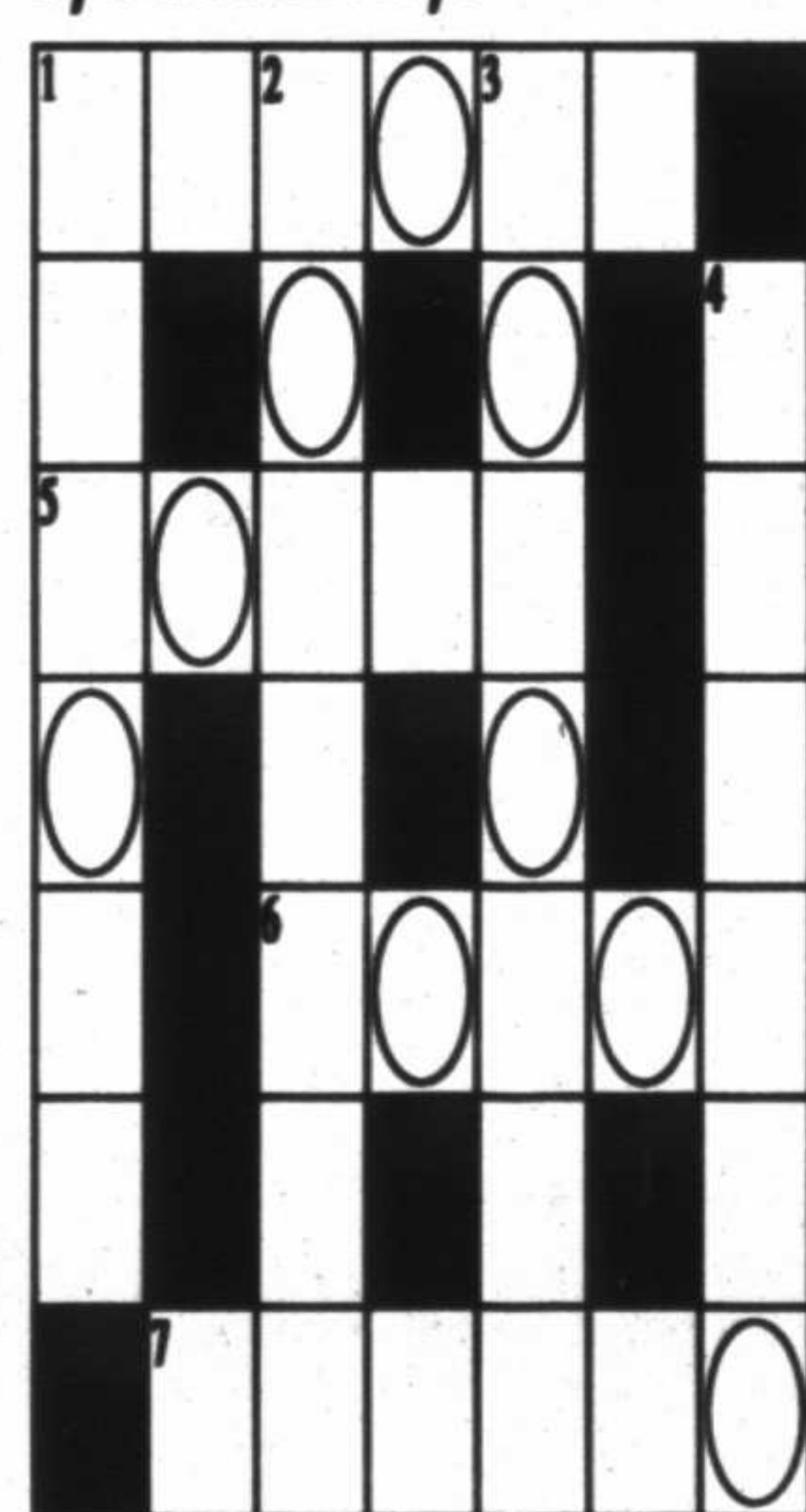
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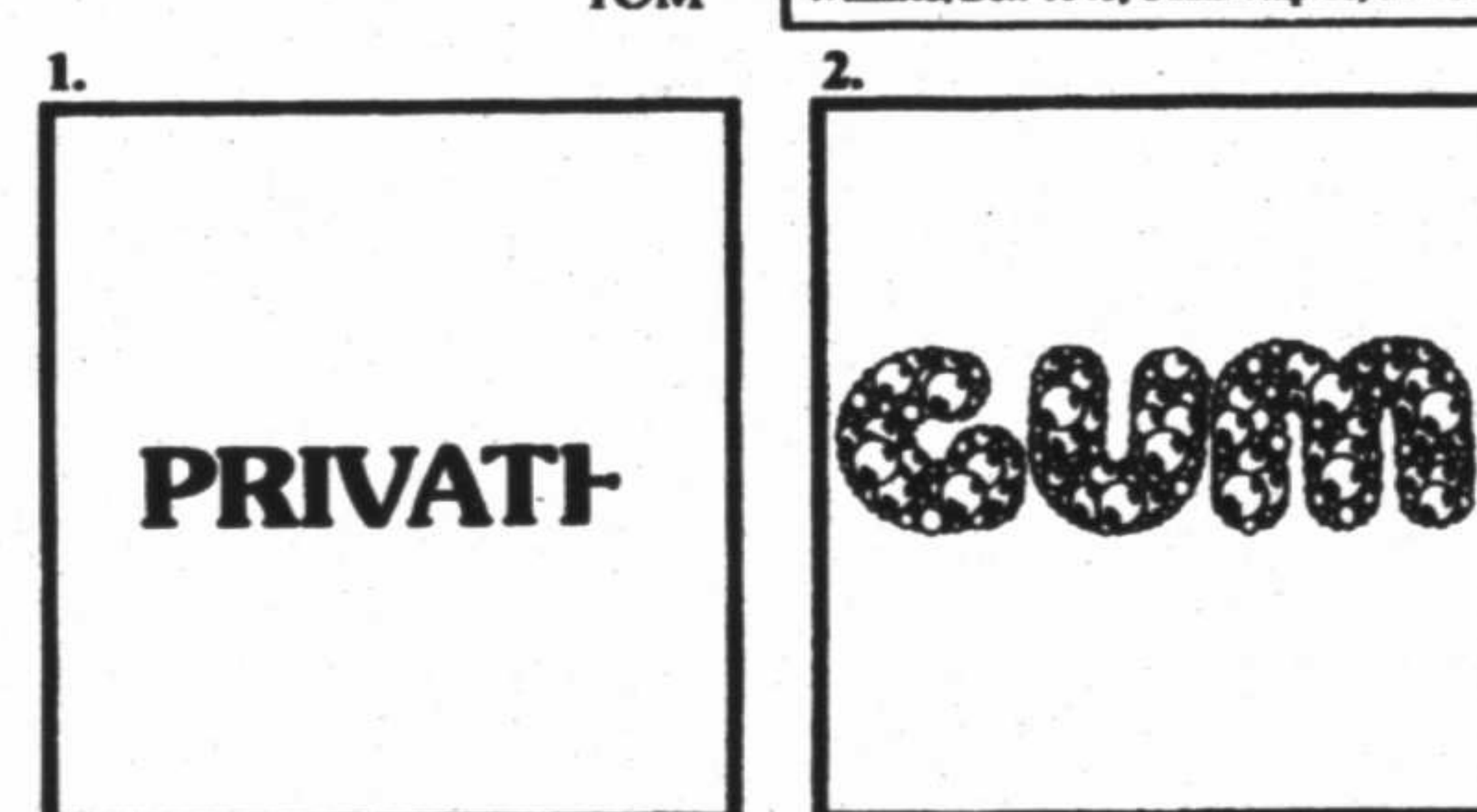
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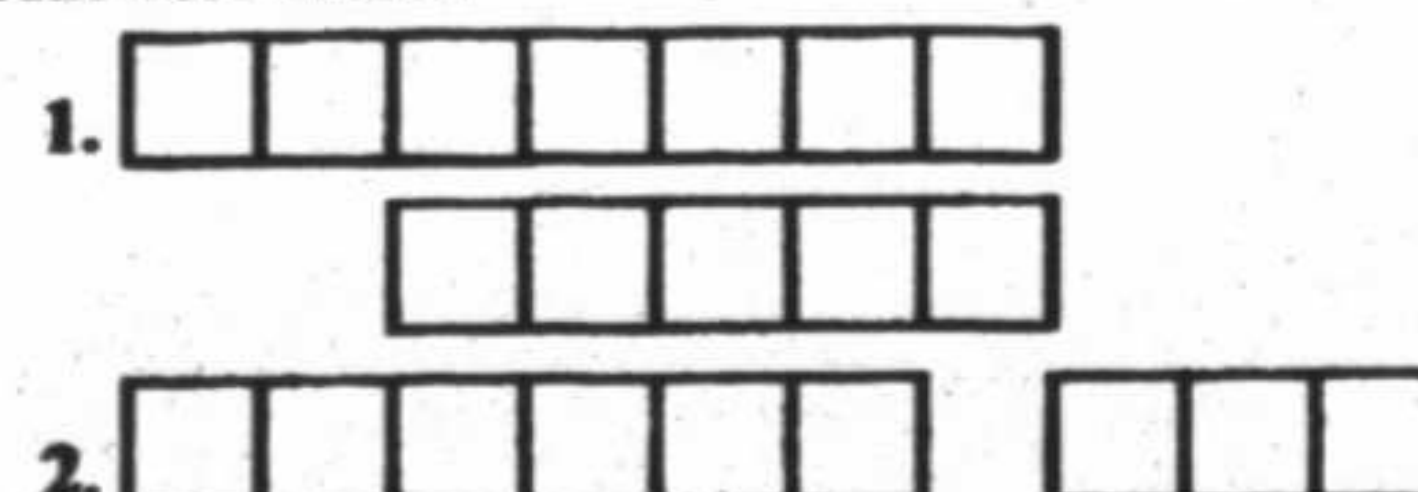
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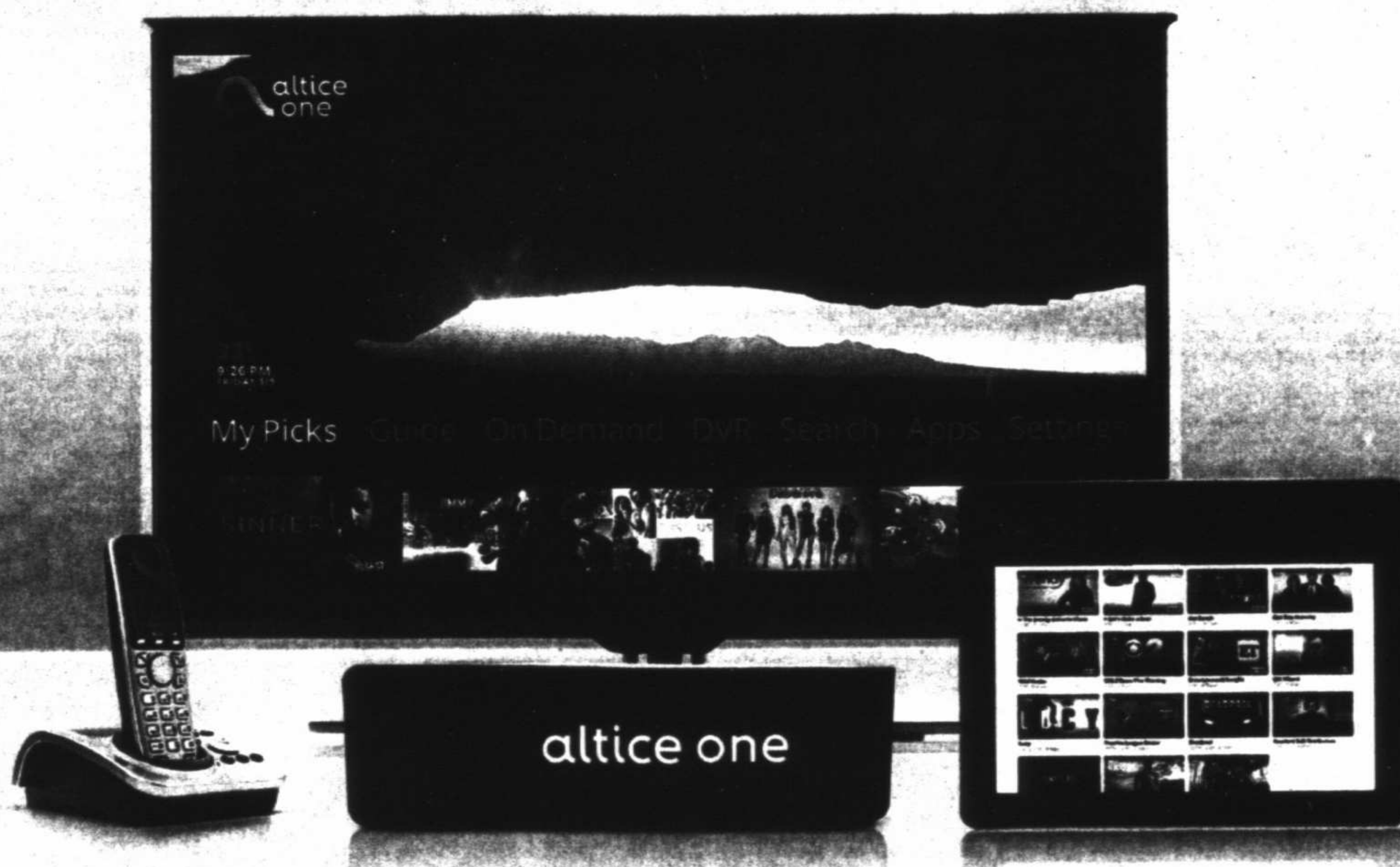
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Joey Logano spoils Big Three party to win title

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Joey Logano busted up The Big Three and captured an improbable first NASCAR title by soundly beating a trio of champions.

Logano won the season finale Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway to grab his first Cup championship in a season in which he barely contended until the playoffs began. The year was dominated by Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick and reigning series champion Martin Truex Jr., with Logano calling the final four field "The Big Three and Me." But Logano kicked it into another gear to steal the title. He passed Truex with 12 laps

remaining and pulled away to win for Roger Penske, the car owner who celebrated this year his election into the NASCAR Hall of Fame, a 17th victory in the Indianapolis 500 and now a second title in NASCAR's top series.

It marked the first championship for Ford since 2004.

Truex finished second in his final race with Furniture Row Racing. The team is closing because it lost its primary sponsor midway through Truex's championship reign.

"It's a tough night, a tough way to lose," Truex said. "I had nothing for him at the end. That's just the way it goes. I don't know what else to say. It hurts a little, and I'm going to miss all of the guys."

Harvick was third and Busch

fourth as the title contenders followed each other across the finish line.

"We weren't even close," said Busch, who used strategy to keep up with the other title contenders.

But it was Logano who took the checkered flag, climbed to the roof of his car and was embraced by his Penske crew.

Logano had to move Truex out of his way in the final turn at Martinsville Speedway last month to earn his berth in the championship race. The 28-year-old Connecticut racer was criticized for his aggressiveness, and Truex promised he'd prevent Logano from winning the Cup, but Logano insisted he made the necessary move

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Joey Logano, second from right, holds the trophy with Steve Phelps, president of NASCAR, after winning the Cup Series Championship at the Homestead-Miami Speedway on Sunday in Homestead, Fla.

Last-second victory



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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott reacts to scoring a touchdown on a quarterback keeper past Atlanta Falcons safety Damontae Kazee during the fourth quarter Sunday in Atlanta.

Cowboys defeat Falcons 22-19

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Brett Maher got another shot on the final play of the game.

This time, he made it count.

Maher's 42-yard field goal as time expired Sunday gave Dallas a 22-19 victory over the Atlanta Falcons after the resurgent Cowboys squandered a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter.

A month ago, Maher clanked a 52-yarder off the left upright that would've forced overtime in a 20-17 loss to Washington. And he had to shake off a missed extra point earlier Sunday that gave the Falcons an opening to tie it up.

"I was confident," Maher said. "Every time I step on the field, the goal is to go one for one. Everyone in here is doing so much for our team. For the offense to be able to drive the ball down the field and get us in position again, and L.P. (snap-

per Louis-Philippe Ladouceur) and Chris (Jones, the holder) coming through like they always do, I was just happy to do my part."

The Cowboys (5-5) have won two straight on the road and trail Washington by only one game in the NFC East after the division leaders lost at home to Houston, 23-21. The teams meet on Thanksgiving Day with first place on the line.

"We've got a big one against as big a rival as there is in sports," Dallas owner Jerry Jones said. "We have a lot at stake there."

Atlanta (4-6) dropped its second in a row and now faces long odds to reach the postseason — especially playing in the NFC South, where the Falcons trail New Orleans and Carolina.

"It's aggravating," cornerback Robert Alford said. "We've got to learn to finish games."

Ezekiel Elliott had a huge day for the Cowboys in what was a defensive

slugfest until a wild fourth quarter, with the teams combining for 26 points over the last 15 minutes. He had 122 yards rushing on 23 carries, including a 23-yard touchdown, and led the team with seven catches for 79 yards.

Matt Ryan threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to Julio Jones for Atlanta's only touchdown with 1:52 remaining to tie the game. But Dallas drove 51 yards in 10 plays, setting up Maher's winning kick as time expired.

After a field goal battle between Maher and Atlanta's Matt Bryant left the Falcons with a 9-6 lead heading to the final period, Dak Prescott and Elliott scored on a pair of runs to push the Cowboys to a 19-9 lead.

Grinding for every yard, Dallas needed 14 plays to cover 75 yards leading to Prescott's 4-yard scoring run after the quarterback faked a handoff to Elliott.

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Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle

Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) scrambles out of the pocket during the third quarter against Washington at FedEx Field on Sunday in Landover, Md.

Texans beat Redskins 23-21, extend winning streak

By Stephen Whyne
Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Justin Reid returned an interception 101 yards to help the Houston Texans overcome a mistake-prone Deshaun Watson and beat the Washington Redskins 23-21 on Sunday for their seventh consecutive victory.

Washington's loss came at a significant price when quarterback Alex Smith suffered a gruesome ankle injury on a sack in the third quarter.

Smith's right ankle turned the wrong way as he was sacked by Kareem Jackson and J.J. Watt on a play eerily similar to Joe Theismann's broken leg that came exactly 33 years ago to the day.

Colt McCoy replaced Smith and threw for a touchdown pass and led a long scoring drive for Washington (6-4), which likely will have to rely on the journeyman quarterback the rest of the way.

Adrian Peterson's touchdown that put the Redskins up 21-20 early in the fourth quarter was the first lead change in a game involving the Redskins all season.

Watson threw for a touchdown and had two interceptions, completing 16 of 24 passes and taking three sacks. Houston (7-3) turned the ball over three times, but kept its winning streak going after Redskins kicker Dustin Hopkins missed a 63-yard field-goal attempt with 3 seconds left.

Please see TEXANS/3B

Hat is back: Miles signs 5-year contract to coach Kansas

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Les Miles walked confidently to the podium and slipped on a familiar white hat.

This one had "KU" embroidered across the front.

The quirky and energetic coach who led LSU to the 2007 national title, after building a consistent winner at Oklahoma State, is back in the Big 12. His task this time is to turn around a long-suffering program at Kansas, where years of losing have left fan apathy at historically high levels.

"When I first came to Kansas," Miles recalled during his introductory news conference Sunday, "I looked around and said, 'Man, it's beautiful. It's green. It's a spectacular place. I said, 'Why aren't they more successful?' I promise you, I carried that thought with me as we went."

It was a thought that accompanied him to Lawrence once more.

Miles signed a five-year contract that will pay him \$2,775,000 annually with retention bonuses of \$775,000 due in November 2020 and \$500,000 in November 2022. The deal includes several other incentives in a sign that athletic director Jeff Long plans to invest heavily in the program.

"Even though I knew Coach Miles, in the end you don't know until they sign on the dotted line," Long said. "You have a number of coaches you're talking to because you have to talk to them. You don't know who is going to jump in the boat with you to tackle this project until they do."

The 65-year-old Miles was considered the front-runner for the Jayhawks' job from the moment David Beaty was told he would not be retained two weeks ago. Miles has a close relationship with Long dating to their days together at Michigan, and Miles made

it clear he wanted back in coaching.

The path toward a deal became much easier last week, when LSU announced Miles had agreed to a lump sum of \$1.5 million of the remaining \$6.5 million he was owed under terms of his buyout.

"Absolutely," Miles said, when asked whether he always planned on coaching again. "The further I got away from it the more I desired it. I was prepared for a lifetime to be a coach, and 10,000 hours supposedly makes you an expert. I think I'm closing in on that 10,000 hours."

The Jayhawks, who lost to sixth-ranked Oklahoma on Saturday to leave Beaty with a 6-31 record in three-plus seasons, will finish out their year under their former coach Friday against Texas.

"I'm around," Miles said, "but I'm not going to be a distraction."

Miles has been out of coaching since 2016, when he was fired by LSU after a 2-2 start that left him with a 114-34 record with the Tigers. His support among Tiger fans had waned considerably in a span of just a



Miles

few years, even though Miles won at least 10 games in seven of his 11 full seasons, twice reached the national title game and beat Ohio State for the '07 championship.

The most common criticism was Miles had been unable to keep up with the times, sticking to an unexciting and often-stagnant attack during college football's offensive explosion.

"I did very much look to myself and what I needed to change to make me more successful as an offensive coach," Miles said. "We did have an inspection but did not take a negative view."

Miles had inherited a winner when he was chosen by LSU to succeed Nick Saban in 2005, but he had proven with Oklahoma State he could also build from scratch.

The Cowboys had just one winning season in 12 years before Miles, their program in similar shape to the Jayhawks. But the longtime college and pro assistant thrived in his first head job, finding some overlooked prospects, developing them and eventually reaching three straight bowl games.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV Listings
College Basketball
 Auburn vs. Xavier, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2
 Duke vs. San Diego State, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2
 Richmond vs. Loyola-Chicago, 5:30 p.m., FS1
 St. John's vs. Cal, 6 p.m., ESPN2
 Missouri State vs. Nebraska, 6 p.m., ESPN2
 Eastern Michigan at Rutgers, 6 p.m., BTN
 Wyoming vs. Boston College, 8 p.m., FS1
 Iowa State vs. Arizona, 8 p.m., ESPN2
 Texas Tech vs. USC, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2
 Arizona State vs. Mississippi State, 10 p.m., ESPN2
 Gonzaga vs. Illinois, 10:30 p.m., ESPN2
Curling
 European Championships: Sweden vs. Italy, 8 a.m., OLYHD
Men's Soccer
 UEFA Nations League: Czech Republic vs. Slovakia, 1:30 p.m., ESPNNews
 UEFA Nations League: Germany vs. Holland, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2
Women's Soccer
 CONCACAF U-20: Mexico vs. Panama, 4:30 p.m., UDN
 CONCACAF U-20: Honduras vs. USA, 7:30 p.m., UDN
National Basketball Association
 Phoenix at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., NBA TV
 Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m., FSSW
 San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m., FSSW
 Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 9 p.m., NBA TV
National Football League
 Kansas City at LA Rams, 7:15 p.m., ESPN, ESPNNews, ESPN2
National Hockey League
 Dallas at NY Rangers, 6 p.m., FSSW
Women's College Basketball
 Clemson at Alabama, 6 p.m., SEC
RADIO
National Basketball Association
 Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
 San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Boys Basketball
 Denver City at MCA, 8 p.m.
 Presidio at Greenwood, 2:30 p.m.
HS Girls Basketball
 Leo at El Paso Coronado, 3 p.m.
 San Angelo Lake View at

TRANSACTIONS

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 LOS ANGELES KINGS — Recalled F Austin Wiegman from Ontario (RHL). Assigned G Cole Miller to Ontario.
 NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned F Vinn

AP TOP 25 COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLL

The Top 25 teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pv
1	Alabama (81)	11-0	1525	1
2	Clemson	11-0	1455	2
3	Rutgers	11-0	1412	3
4	Michigan	10-1	1327	4
5	Georgia	10-1	1288	5
6	Ohio State	10-1	1182	6
7	Washington St.	10-1	1149	7
8	LSU	9-2	1094	8
9	UCF	9-2	1054	9
10	Ohio St.	10-1	1019	10
11	Texas	9-3	858	11

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	13	4	.765	—	Golden State	12	5	.706	—
Philadelphia	11	7	.611	2 1/2	L.A. Clippers	10	7	.588	1 1/2
Boston	9	7	.563	3 1/2	L.A. Lakers	9	7	.563	2 1/2
Brooklyn	7	9	.438	5 1/2	Sacramento	8	8	.500	3 1/2
New York	4	13	.238	9 1/2	Phoenix	3	12	.200	8 1/2

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE					NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	9	8	.529	—	Portland 112, Washington 109	10	7	.588	—
Charlotte	6	9	.400	3 1/2	Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m.	—	—	—	—
Memphis	5	11	.313	5 1/2	Cleveland at Charlotte, 8 p.m.	—	—	—	—
Atlanta	2	13	.133	8 1/2	Phoenix at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.	—	—	—	—

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	T	Pts	Team	W	L	T	Pts
Tampa Bay	20	14	5	39	Edmonton	19	9	1	39
Toronto	20	14	0	28	Anaheim	19	9	1	39
Buffalo	20	12	2	26	Los Angeles	19	9	1	39
Buffalo	20	11	3	25	San Jose	18	10	2	38
Montreal	20	11	3	25	San Jose	18	10	2	38
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FIGHT SCHEDULE

Nov. 30
 At Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, N.J. (NBC), Dmitry Sholov vs. Jason Payton, 12, for Sholov's WBA light heavyweight title; Sholov vs. Payton, 10, for the WBA interim light heavyweight title.
Nov. 30
 At Caesars, Las Vegas, 12, for CP Freshwater WBA super lightweight title; Tashiro Lopez vs. Alvin Hernandez, 10, lightweights.
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LATE COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 13 TEXAS 24
NO. 16 IOWA STATE 10
 AUSTIN — Sam Ehlinger ran for a touchdown and passed for another before leaving with a shoulder injury, and Texas smothered Iowa State's freshman quarterback Brock Purdy.

Texas (8-3, 6-2, No. 15 CFP) is in second place in the Big 12 and on track to play in the league title game if it wins at Kansas next week. Texas hasn't won the Big 12 since 2009.

Texas had given up 114 points and 1,675 yards in its previous three games. The Longhorns allowed Iowa State just 224 total yards.

Shane Buechele took over for Ehlinger after halftime and his 27-yard touchdown pass to LJ Jordan Humphrey with 36 seconds left in the third quarter put the game out of reach.

The No. 18 Cyclones (6-4, 5-3, No. 16 CFP) played the first half without running back David Montgomery, who was suspended for throwing a punch against Baylor a week earlier.

TEXAS A&M 41

UAB 20
COLLEGE STATION — Trayvon Williams ran for 167 yards and two touchdowns to lead Texas A&M to the 41-20 victory that snapped the Blazers' school-record eight-game losing streak.

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Eric Gay/AP

Texas defensive lineman Brocklyn Hager (44) celebrates the team's win over Iowa State with teammates Saturday in Austin.

Things went wrong for the Blazers immediately, with Andre Wilson fumbling the opening kickoff, which was recovered by Larry Pryor and returned 17 yards for the score.

UAB bounced back on the next possession, using a 10-play, 75-yard drive, capped by a 9-yard touchdown reception by Wilson to tie it at 7-7.

The first touchdown by Williams, a 9-yard run, put Texas A&M back on top 14-7 with about six minutes left in the first quarter.

Nick Vogel's first missed field came after that, with the 43-yard attempt clanging off the left upright and sailing right back at him.

The Aggies were up 17-7 early in the second quarter when Vogel missed again, this time his 44-yard attempt was blocked by Jayden Poevy.

NO. 6 OKLAHOMA 55

KANSAS 40
 NORMAN, Okla. — Kyler Murray accounted for two of his five touchdowns in the fourth quarter to help Oklahoma survive Kansas' freshman running back Poole Williams Jr.'s big game.

Oklahoma (10-1, 7-1 Big 12, No. 6 CFP) moved closer to a spot in the conference championship game, and Murray boosted his Heisman Trophy campaign in likely his final home game.

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NASCAR

From 1B

Busch and Harvick ended the season with eight wins each, while Truex had four. Logano's third win came at Homestead, where the champion has won the race to win the title since this format was introduced in 2014. Logano was the favorite to win the 2015 title but missed the finale, was the championship runner-up in 2016 and a penalty kept his No. 22 out of last season's playoffs.

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Obsession with politics turns friendship into one-way street

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who constantly talks about all the negative politics going on today. I'm sick of hearing it. It's not because I don't care or disagree, but it has become the topic of every conversation. She's extremely depressed, has major anxiety issues and, despite seeing a therapist, her condition has not only not improved, but has gotten worse.

I feel it has become a one-way conversation, and she's not interested in listening to me. This is extremely upsetting because my husband passed away two years ago, and she doesn't want to hear about it. She thinks it is less important since it "only affects me," and I "should have gotten over it by now." My husband and I were married 30 years, and his death was sudden and unexpected. Please help me get through this difficult time. — **OVERWHELMED IN IOWA**

DEAR OVERWHELMED: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your husband. Because you are still grieving, and your friend is unable to help you cope with your sadness, it might help you to join a grief support group in which you can air those feelings with others who understand.

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.



As to your friendship with the troubled individual you wrote about, it might be healthier for you to step back for a time. You are not equipped to handle — or help her handle — her anxiety and depression. That's her therapist's job, and unless you can pry her off the topic of politics and on to something more neutral, your time would be better spent with people who are better balanced.

DEAR ABBY: I have one sister, who is 10 years my junior. I have always lived in a big city; she lives on a ranch near a small town. I'm widowed now and recently moved to another town to be near my son.

On two occasions my sister has come to help me with unpacking and has overruled many of my decisions regarding what I will keep or sell, where to put things, etc. When I objected, she became emotional and left in a huff. She and her husband were

coming to help again, but beforehand she had already told my son how they were planning to get things done. Any time there's even a hint of a problem, she calls my son and tells him about it, and obviously, only from her point of view.

I'm afraid irreparable damage has been done to our relationship, and I don't know what to do. I have no other relatives. Please advise. — **BROKENHEARTED IN TEXAS**

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: I'm sorry you are brokenhearted, but with time your broken heart will heal. From your description of her, your sister appears to be overbearing and loose-lipped. Unless you are willing to live according to her rules, what you should do is hire someone to help you unpack and begin cultivating relationships outside the family that are less high-maintenance than the one you have with your sister. If you do, I'm sure you will be much happier.

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With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

- Q1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠KQK84♦AQ842♣K952
- As dealer, what call would you make?
- A — This would have been a silly question for decades. New rules now allow a 1NT opening with this hand.
- Bid 1D, as it will be easy to show your two suits.
- Q2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠K1054♥9♦J103♣Q9842
- Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent bids 2D. What call would you make?
- A — This hand is not strong enough to enter the auction at the two level.
- Pass.
- Q3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠A105♥K54♦K65♣A1042
- Right-hand opponent opens 4H. What call would you make?
- A — Double at this level is more card showing than pure takeout. Double is OK, but this is the rock bottom for that action.
- Q4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠A42♥KQ1082♦Q♣A152
- SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
- 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
- 2♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
- What call would you make?
- A — This hand is worth one more try.
- Bid 2S and see if that excites partner.



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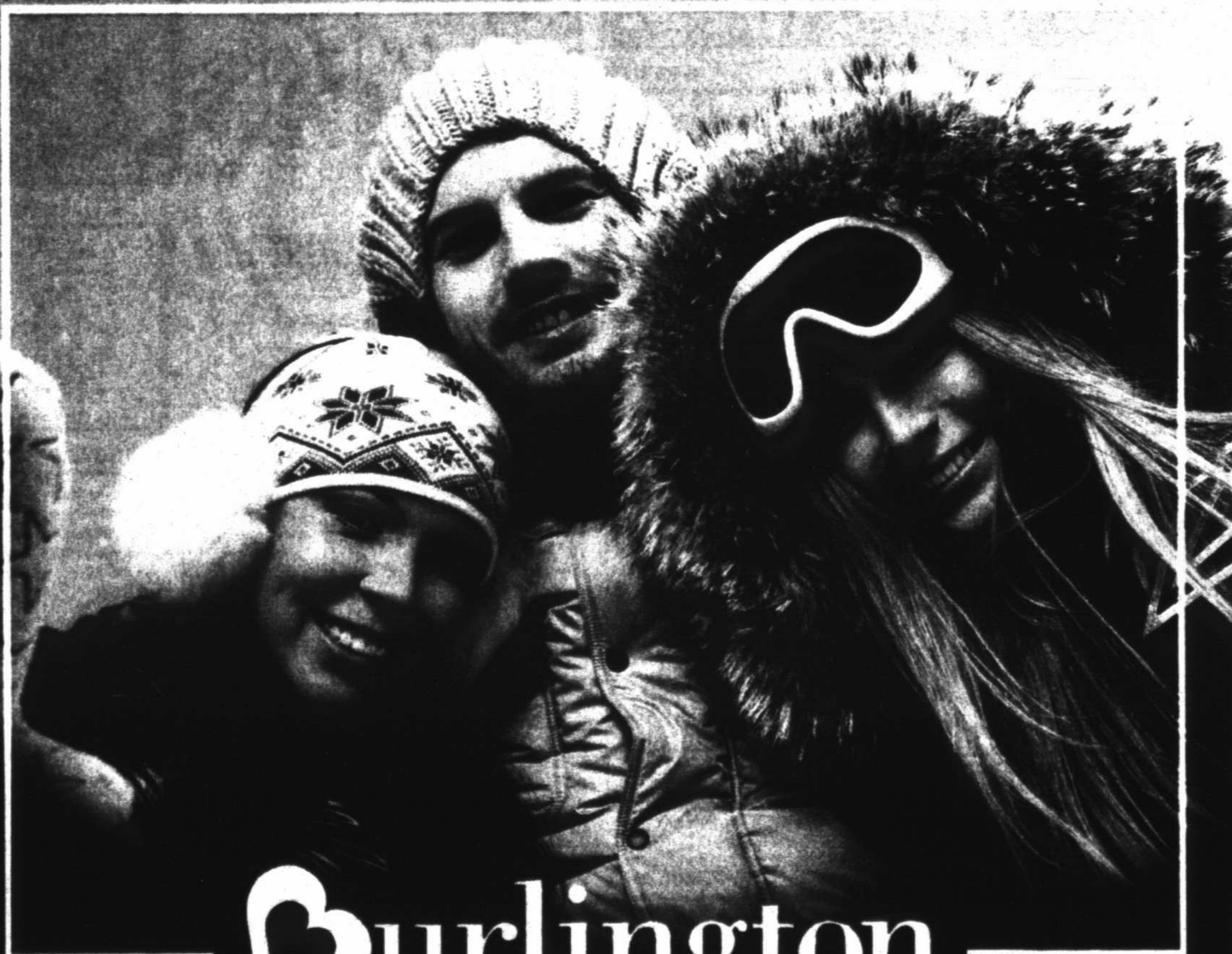
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