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\$25 billion

projected in 2025

## Trump's perceived green light entices cannabis investors to spend billions

#### Trevor Hughes USA TODAY

DENVER – America's fast-growing marijuana industry appears poised for supercharged growth after winning what cannabis entrepreneurs see as approval from the Trump administration to forge ahead.

The market for legal marijuana already was growing exponentially despite fears of a federal crackdown under President Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions, but Trump's signal that he'll respect state legalization could swing open the floodgates by reassuring traditional investors, entrepreneurs and local lawmakers it's OK to jump in.

Across the nation, risk-takers have poured billions of dollars into the industry while knowing they could be arrested by federal agents at any moment.

They've built — largely unseen — a powerful network of businesses poised to take advantage of a more favorable

#### USA TODAY EXCLUSIVE

## Teacher's union quits Wells Fargo over guns

Organization's leader rails against bank's ties to NRA

Kevin McCoy and Nathan Bomey USA TODAY

Wells Fargo's financial relationship with gunmakers and the National Rifle Association has cost the bank its mortgage business with a major U.S. union.

The American Federation of Teachers notified the San Francisco-based financial giant Thursday that it is dropping the bank as a recommended mortgage lender for the national education union's 1.7 million members.

The action came after Wells Fargo spurned the union's call to cut lending ties with or impose new restrictions on firearms business partners after the mass shooting Feb. 14 that killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

Wells Fargo CEO Tim Sloan told AFT President Randi Weingarten in an April 3 letter obtained by USA TODAY the best route to combating gun violence "is through the political and legislative process." Although Sloan suggested a meeting or conference call to discuss the matter, the sides never got together.

AFT President Randi Weingarten told USA TODAY in an interview Thursday that Wells Fargo sent signals loud and clear through "radio silence."

And in a letter obtained by USA TO-DAY, Weingarten told Sloan on Thursday, "We can only assume that, in light of your silence and the NRA attacks, you have decided that the NRA business is more valuable to you than students and their educators are." The AFT's dropping of Wells Fargo represents a financial blow to the na-

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Documenting the event online is as important as the dance itself

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## Justice, Armstrong agree to settlement

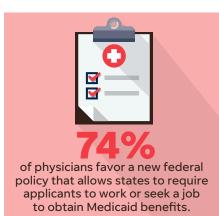
Former cyclist will pay \$5 million to settle lawsuit after PED use



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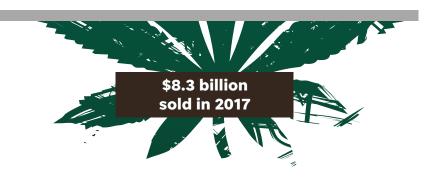


SOURCE Merritt Hawkins survey of 667 U.S. physicians MIKE B. SMITH, ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ/USA TODAY federal climate. That industry already has woven itself into the fabric of the states where pot is legal, providing tens of thousands of jobs and generating billions of dollars in new tax revenue.

Experts say those numbers are likely to rise rapidly thanks to Trump's promised hands-off approach and sup-

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"The American public does not want banks to decide which legal products consumers can and cannot buy," Wells Fargo said. GETTY IMAGES

## **Southwest survivors could collect millions**

#### Plane's maintenance is the expected target

#### John Bacon USA TODAY

Despite the praise Southwest Airlines is drawing from passengers for the valiant efforts of its crew during the deadly ordeal of Flight 1380, the airline probably still faces tens of millions of dollars in legal damages from the people on board, experts say.

The Dallas-bound Boeing 737 was not far out of New York when an engine blew apart, firing shrapnel along the fuselage and smashing a window. A heroic emergency landing in Philadelphia followed, but one passenger was killed, seven wounded and the rest rattled by the episode.

"The airline will be responsible for the maintenance of the aircraft," says Jonathan Johnson, an Atlanta lawyer who has handled aviation cases for 25 years. "Clearly there was a problem with the engine that was not rectified."

Johnson says lawyers for the passengers will most likely target Southwest Airlines and not other parties involved such as Boeing or the the engine's builder, a joint venture led by General Electric. By law, he said, Southwest has "We have been dealing with metal fatigue since the Copper Age. Fatigue starts with a crack and propagates. It takes time, it begins to fail, then it fails."

**David Katzman** Aviation lawyer and pilot

the "highest duty of care" toward the passengers they fly.

Southwest's insurance carriers likely will pay the bulk of any damages, he said.

David Katzman, a pilot and aviation

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## Senators slam military over misconduct

## Joint Chiefs of Staff promise culture change

#### Tom Vanden Brook USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Senators called out the Navy's top admiral and Marine Corps commandant Thursday for the bad behavior and inappropriate comments of officers under their command.

The chastised members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff acknowledged mistakes, first reported by USA TODAY, and vowed to improve their service cultures in appearances before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., raised the case of "Bad Santa," a former spokesman for Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations.

Cmdr. Chris Servello's drunken misconduct at a Pentagon Christmas party while wearing a Santa Claus suit triggered investigations and a preliminary conclusion that he acted in a predatory way toward young women subordinates.

Richardson allowed Servello to remain on his staff for nine months.

"Do you have a sense of what message members serving under you received from him being allowed to stay in that position, and have you changed your approach because of that incident?" Gillibrand asked Richardson.

Richardson responded that his first priority was to investigate competing claims, but he admitted that resolving the case took too long.

"I have become acutely aware that that may have sent a bad message, particularly to the survivors of the behavior," Richardson said. "So my radar has been completely retuned in terms of sensitivity to that message.

"I hope that we've arrived at a good place at the end of this event. It took longer, in hindsight, than it should have. And if I were to do it again, I'd move faster."

Rhode Island Sen. Jack Reed, the panel's ranking Democrat, asked Gen.



Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., criticized Navy Adm. John Richardson at a hearing Thursday for allowing a spokesman to remain on staff after allegations that he harassed women at a Christmas party. SUSAN WALSH/AP

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Adm. John Richardson Chief of naval operations

Robert Neller, the Marine Corps commandant, about "fake news" comments from Brig. Gen. Kurt Stein, whom Neller relieved Monday, citing a loss of confidence. Stein oversaw Marine and Family Programs, including those dealing with sexual assault and harassment prevention.

On April 6, Stein dismissed claims of sexual harassment by two civilian women in his command as "fake news" at a packed, all-hands meeting of his command. He joked about living vicariously through a Navy chaplain who was fired last month after being caught on video having sex outside a bar in New Orleans.

Reed asked Neller how he is "addressing a culture that might be contributing to this?"

Neller sought to assure Reed that officers such as Stein are exceptions, but he said the Marines need to do better. "They are not the majority," Neller said. "They are not even close to the majority. Yes, you should expect more from a senior officer.

"Are we where we want to be? Are we where you want us to be? No. Are we in a better place than we were a year ago? I believe we are. That's on me."

The sexual harassment case, which Neller ordered reinvestigated, as well as Stein's remarks and the chaplain's case, were first reported by USA TODAY.

Reed asked Neller whether his senior officers are getting the message.

"We're in a tough business," Neller said. "It's taken some people some adjustment. Those who can't adjust are going to have to get on board or get out."



## Wells Fargo

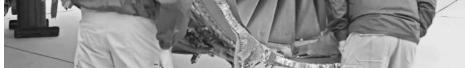
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tion's third-largest bank by assets. Wells Fargo's mortgage program had been featured in the Union Privilege program on the AFT website, and roughly 1,600 member families received mortgages from the bank in 2017. In all, more than 20,000 AFT members hold Wells Fargo mortgages. "We essentially said you can have the mortgage business ... or you can continue to value guns more than the people who serve in schools and the kids that have been affected by gun vi"We essentially said you can have the mortgage business ... or you can continue to value guns more than the people who serve in schools and the kids that have been affected by gun violence."

#### Randi Weingarten

President of the American Federation of Teachers

guns to anyone under 21. Dick's also ended sales of assault-style rifles,



Investigators have focused on possible metal fatigue in the blown engine. AP

## Southwest

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lawyer whose firm includes an office in Philadelphia, said the engine inspections will be a crucial component in determining what went wrong. The NTSB has focused on metal fatigue on a fan blade that broke in the engine.

Last year, Southwest Airlines opposed a recommendation by the engine manufacturer to require ultrasonic inspections of fan blades in the engines within 12 months, saying it needed more time to do the work.

Katzman says the blade would have started cracking, then would have taken time to break off. He wondered aloud how many times the plane flew after the initial crack. "We have been dealing with metal fatigue since the Copper Age," he said. "Fatigue starts with a crack and propagates. It takes time, it begins to fail, then it fails."

Avi Cohen, a lawyer in Nassau County, N.Y., says damages to the family of Jennifer Riordan, the flight's lone fatality, could run into eight figures — tens of millions of dollars.

Riordan was sucked halfway out a broken window, witnesses said. Two men pulled her back into the aircraft, but CPR failed to revive her.

"There are no apologies that would make the family of Jennifer Riordan whole again," Cohen said. "Nor will they be able to provide a defense for this gruesome death."

Lawyers generally must wait 45 days before reaching out to passengers involved in aviation accidents. Johnson, however, said he already has been contacted by a family on the flight. "They are telling me about the horrible symptoms they are facing. Nightmares reliving the incident, reactions to loud noises, things that can affect them the rest of their lives."

All passengers who walked away uninjured most likely suffer post-traumatic stress, he said. Based on past cases, Johnson suggested that could translate to \$250,000 or more per passenger. There were 144 passengers and five crew members aboard the flight.

The injured will be due more, Johnson said. He dismissed reports that that seven people suffered "minor injuries." Those can include broken bones and other wounds that can take a long time to heal, he said, and it can take days for bruises or internal injuries to reveal themselves.

"In a catastrophic airplane accident, usually if you can walk away from it they will often count it as a minor injury," Johnson said.

Many passengers have lauded the courage and calm of pilot Tammie Jo Shults and the flight attendants. But Cohen said the question will be the plane, not the crew.

"Kudos to the pilot for safely landing the plane," Johnson said. "But anyone on that plane will have been horrified, terrified by the experience."

Cohen said Southwest also could have handled the tragedy better. He noted CEO Gary Kelly expressed sympathies for our "deceased customer."

"Kelly did a decent job of showing remorse," Cohen said. "But Jennifer Riordan was a mother, a wife, a person. The response sounded more corporate than personal."

Contributing: Bart Jansen

olence," Weingarten said. Wells Fargo said in a statement that "we remain deeply committed to the financial success of teachers and all of our customers," but the bank declined to take action against gun interests.

"Wells Fargo wants schools and communities to be safe from gun violence, but changes to laws and regulations should be determined through a legislative process that gives the American public an opportunity to participate," the bank said. "We remain firm in our belief that the American public does not want banks to decide which legal products consumers can and cannot buy."

The severed ties between the union and the bank ups the ante in efforts to change businesses' policies toward gunmakers and retailers since the Florida high school shooting.

Amid calls and marches for stricter gun control, Wells Fargo's major banking rivals have announced they either would or already had taken action to limit their business exposure to the firearms industry.

JPMorgan Chase's chief financial officer said its business dealings with gunmakers "have come down significantly and are pretty limited." A Bank of America vice president said the company no longer would finance or underwrite military-style weapons. And Citigroup said it would require its business partners to bar firearm sales to customers under age 21, as well as those who have not passed background checks.

Several major companies have stopped deals for members of the NRA, including Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, Enterprise, Avis Budget, Hertz, TrueCar, MetLife and Symantec.

Retailers Dick's Sporting Goods and Walmart recently banned the sale of

which Walmart already had done, and vowed to back policies banning them nationwide.

The NRA, which did not respond to a request for comment for this story, has bashed companies that severed ties to the interest group in recent weeks.

The group said "the law-abiding members of the NRA had nothing at all to do with the failure of that school's security preparedness, the failure of America's mental health system, the failure of the National Instant Check System or the cruel failures of both federal and local law enforcement."

In addition to the move against Wells Fargo, Weingarten also called on pension asset managers to re-examine their investments by ruling out gun companies as too risky.

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# Salesman in chief Trump has a deal on drones for allies

Gregory Korte USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Trump loosened U.S. policy on arms sales to foreign governments Thursday in an effort to sell more American-made military equipment to allies.

At the top of that sales list: U.S.-made military drones, which defense contractors will be able to sell directly to foreign governments without going through the Pentagon.

At a meeting Wednesday with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Trump promised to streamline the sale of military equipment to allies. Throughout his presidency, he has rarely met with an ally without touting U.S. arms, which he calls "the best in the world by far."

Trump said arms sales too often are held up by red tape. "It would be, in some cases, years before orders would take place because of bureaucracy with Department of Defense, State Department. We are short-circuiting that. It's now going to be a matter of days," he said Wednesday.

Using a form of executive order for



President Trump says arms sales are too often mired in bureaucracy. "We are short-circuiting that," he says. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

national security, Trump instructed the State Department to come up with a plan to speed up those sales within 60 days. In a separate classified order, Trump lifted President Obama's 2015 ban on the direct sale of military drones to foreign governments.

Trump's trade adviser, Peter Navarro, called the ban "myopic," saying it put

the United States at risk of losing an advantage against global competitors — especially the Chinese. He cited China's Wing Loong II drone, which he called "a clear knockoff" of the Reaper drone — also known as a Predator B made by San Diego-based defense contractor General Atomics.

"The fact is our allies and partners want to buy American. They know American industries produce the most technologically sophisticated, accurate and effective defense systems in the world," Navarro said.

Critics said the policy will allow the sale of drones to countries that may not have the same safeguards in protecting civilian casualties from drone strikes. "The document itself talks a lot about economics and jobs and the defense industrial base. There's a couple of paragraphs about human rights, but it's a low bar," said William Hartung of the Center for International Policy, author of *Prophets of War: Lockheed Martin and the Making of the Military-Industrial Complex.* 

"Arms sales should be about security, not about promoting jobs," he said.



Surgeon General Jerome Adams looks over "The Pill Wall" memorial at the White House. The pills depict the faces of

## Cuba now is under a non-Castro president

#### 'Revolution continues,' Díaz-Canel declares

Alan Gomez

After six decades of rule by Fidel Castro and his brother Raúl, Cuba turned a new page Thursday when it named Communist Party loyalist Miguel Díaz-Canel president.

Cuba's National Assembly concluded a two-day session at which Raúl Castro stepped down after 10 years in the presidency and endorsed the election of Díaz-Canel, his handpicked successor. Castro will remain head of the Communist Party.

Cuban state TV showed the two men embracing after the historic vote as hundreds of National Assembly delegates cheered. Addressing the crowd, Díaz-Canel vowed to fight any attempts at subversion by capitalist forces, to defend the regime established by his predecessors and to continue "perfecting" the socialist model he inherited.

"The revolution continues," he said.

Though largely unrecognizable outside Cuba, Díaz-Canel is well-known inside the regime after spending years rising through the ranks of the Communist Party and convincing Castro he could be trusted to carry on the nation's revolutionary ideals.

Díaz-Canel, 57, represents a symbolic change for a regime that has been dominated by the guerrilla fighters who overthrew U.S.-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista and rode into Havana on New Year's Day 1959.

Díaz-Canel used much of his acceptance speech to praise the Castro brothers, focusing on Raúl, who sat in the front row, watching and nodding. Díaz-Canel called the younger Cas-



Communist Party loyalist Miguel

# **U.S. public health corps battles opioid scourge**

## President's criticism stings medical task force

Jayne O'Donnell USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – They're not military officers, but they can rightly accept the praise when strangers say, "Thank you for your service."

They're the U.S. Public Health Service's Commissioned Corps, a 6,500strong group of pharmacists, engineers, dentists and others who share a broad range of health expertise and a mission to serve their country, especially the most vulnerable. In their dress blue uniforms, they've been to places around the globe — such as Liberia to fight Ebola, Puerto Rico to help with hurricane recovery and Alaska to deliver babies for the Indian Health Service.

As the opioid epidemic kills more than 100 people a day, surpassing natural disasters, the corps is up against some challenges from within.

President Trump's budget proposal for 2019 criticized the corps for not keeping up with the "public health needs of the nation" and called for modernization.

"I don't like the word modernization, as it's probably code for cutting them and/or their budget," says Dana Fields-Johnson, program manager for health equity at the non-profit Prevention Institute. "Why would we talk about that when they have the leadership and expertise necessary to help these communities struggling to cope with the opioid epidemic?"

Surgeon General Jerome Adams and several Commissioned Corps members emphasized the importance of their role to USA TODAY during a visit to the "Prescribed to Death" opioid memorial near the White House this week.

The wall of pills signifies each of the 22,000 people who died because of opioids in 2015. The number of deaths from prescription opioids nearly doubled in 2016, and the final numbers for 2017 are likely to show another increase.

The corps has its own form of embeds in communities across the world.

Adams, an anesthesiologist and former Indiana health commissioner, says he relies on corps members to get the word out that family and friends of those at risk of overdose should carry the opioid antidote naloxone. Adams called for this April 5, when he issued the first surgeon general's advisory in 13 years. The previous one, in 2005, dealt with alcohol use during pregnancy.

The Commissioned Corps is one of the seven uniformed services tasked with "protecting, promoting and advancing the health and safety of the nation," according to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The other services are the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Corps members serve in HHS agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, in the Federal Bureau of Prisons and in state and local government agen"I don't like the word modernization, as it's probably code for cutting them and/ or their budget. Why would we talk about that when they have the leadership and expertise necessary to help these communities struggling to cope with the opioid epidemic?"

Dana Fields-Johnson Prevention Institute

cies to ensure communities get health and emergency services.

The corps has gone from fighting plagues, including yellow fever and smallpox, to maladies that are more behavior-related. Physical fitness, obesity and injury prevention are part of the mission, along with Zika, product tampering and homelessness.

Being disparaged in the president's budget in February stings for Jim Currie, executive director of the Commissioned Corps Association, who grumbles that some of the budget language was cribbed from a decades-old General Accounting Office report. "There's a tendency when something is more amorphous in appropriations to go after it as a source of funds," Currie says. Díaz-Canel, 57, promised to continue "perfecting" what he has inherited. ADALBERTO ROQUE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

tro the "best disciple of Fidel" and listed his accomplishments, from military successes during the revolution through his time as president after Fidel Castro stepped down because of illness. He even complimented Castro for re-establishing diplomatic relations with the United States.

He made clear that Raúl Castro would still guide the Cuban government in the years to some.

"I confirm to this assembly that Raúl Castro, as first secretary of the Communist Party, will lead the decisions about the future of the country," Díaz-Canel said.

Castro spoke next, providing the first glimpse into his thinking about his future and that of the regime. He expects Díaz-Canel to serve two fiveyear terms as president. He said he would hand over control of the Communist Party to Díaz-Canel in 2021.

"From that point on, I will be just another soldier defending this revolution," he said.

Thursday's succession coincided with the 50th anniversary of the failed U.S.-supported Bay of Pigs invasion and comes during a downturn in U.S.-Cuban relations. President Trump ordered most American diplomats out of Cuba after a series of unexplained "health attacks" against personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Havana. That move narrowed what had been a rare opening between the Cold War foes, a detente brokered between Presidents Barack Obama and Raúl Castro that led to Americans flooding the island to visit and more business opportunities between the countries.

Díaz-Canel is responsible for resolving Cuba's anemic economy and restless population by depending more on countries such as Russia, China, Iran and Venezuela.

## Stores anticipate '420' to be pot payday

## Denver's marijuana-loving masses light up in public

#### Trevor Hughes USA TODAY

DENVER – Marijuana stores across the country could sell more than \$1 billion worth of cannabis as pot enthusiasts celebrate the annual "420" holiday by lighting up in public across America.

April 20 has long been a day filled with civil disobedience by marijuana users, who gather in public to light up at 4:20 p.m. The phrase "420" is a code for marijuana users, who work it into dating profiles or post it on signs to show their shared interest.

Though it used to be a celebration held with a certain level of furtiveness, the rapidly expanding legalization of cannabis means more and more Americans no longer face significant, if any, punishment for smoking pot.

"It's holiday season for cannabis retailers right now," said Ryan Smith, the CEO of cannabis sales platform LeafLink. "Last year was the biggest day ever. This year will be the biggest day ever. And next year will be even bigger than this year."

"It's holiday season for cannabis retailers right now."

**Ryan Smith** CEO of LeafLink

Tens of thousands of people are likely to gather in Denver for the largest 420 celebration, filling hotel rooms and packing restaurants during what would otherwise be a quiet time of the year. Before the event, dozens of companies offered tours and arranged visits to commercial growing operations, aimed at tourists who flew in to partake in state-legal weed.

Denver's Mile High 420 Festival this year features performances by Lil Wayne and Lil Jon, along with dozens of food trucks.

"To us, this is a cultural celebration for a year in a life of cannabis," said Kyle Speidell, CEO of the Green Solution, a chain of 16 marijuana stores in Colorado. "It gives everybody the op-

## Marijuana

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port of some sort of federal solution. "Every day we wake up and build this industry. And every day we do that, it's a little harder to shut it down," said Daniel Yi, a spokesman for the California-based marijuana powerhouse MedMen.

There's no denying America's love affair with marijuana is accelerating across the nation as voters loosen laws and grow increasingly comfortable with a drug that has been forbidden for generations. Today, more than 60% of Americans believe marijuana should be legal, double its popularity in 2000, according to a January 2018 poll by the Pew Research Center.

But Trump's acceptance of popular state legalization reflects the reality and power of this increasingly important industry. Across the country, cannabis legalization is transforming communities in ways big and small, winning many converts among skeptical cops and local politicians as new tax dollars pour into schools and scholarships, pay for road paving and drug treatment, and, if advocates have their way, lift minority communities devastated by the war on drugs.

"It's really fun to see people's minds change," said Jen Lujan of the California-based marijuana firm Eaze.

Marijuana's economic impact in particular has helped keep the focus on the positives of legalization. Though most supporters agree marijuana taxes haven't been the boon many expected, the industry's economic power is undeniable.

At least 121,000 people are working directly in the nation's home-grownmarijuana industry, tending plants, trimming leaves and selling cannabis products to eager consumers, according to BDS Analytics and Arcview Market Research. For comparison, there are fewer than 50,000 coal miners, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Nine states — Alaska, California, Colorado, Oregon, Massachusetts, Maine, Nevada, Vermont and Washington, along with Washington, D.C. have legalized recreational pot use, although not all of them permit and tax sales. Those states selling pot have collected more than \$1.6 billion in taxes since their legalization programs began, and California's launch of legal sales earlier this year is expected to supercharge that number.

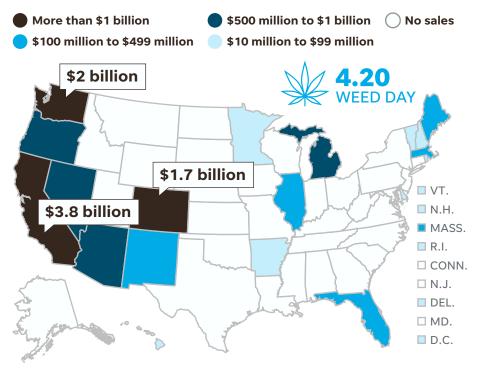
Medical and recreational cannabis sales will hit \$11.7 billion this year, predicts cannabis analytics firm New Frontier Data, increase by 25% in 2019 and hit \$25 billion in seven years. For comparison, wine sales in the United States were worth \$60 billion last year, according to the Beverage Information



A clerk at the Cannabaska marijuana store in Anchorage discusses the particulars of a strain of cannabis with a customer. TREVOR HUGHES/USA TODAY

#### Projected 2018 marijuana sales

Combined recreational and medical marijuana sales



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fighting a state-by-state battle against legalization on the grounds that increased access will lead to increased use. It supports increased access to drug treatment and a reduction or elimination of criminal penalties for minor marijuana consumption but opposes broad legalization.

"This reckless plan will not go unanswered," Sabet said.

Whether there really is a plan remains uncertain, and many marijuana largely attributable to the belief by marijuana businesses that Republicans who support states' rights are their best allies today.

But in the industry's increasing clout, legalization opponents see echoes of a time when Big Tobacco called the shots.

"Tobacco Road also hired a lot of people and kept a lot of people employed," said Deni Carise, an addiction expert and chief scientific officer at Recovery Centers of America. "I think (marijuana

portunity to unify at a time when we're really ostracized as an industry."

LeafLink predicted retailers will sell about \$1.17 billion worth of cannabis products for this year's 420 celebrations.

The Colorado State Patrol plans enhanced patrols around the 420 events.



Last year's 420 "was the biggest day ever," according to LeafLink, which expects this weekend to be even bigger. TREVOR HUGHES/USA TODAY

and Insights Group. For risk-taking entrepreneurs, cannabis holds the promise of a vast new industry that's entirely homegrown.

How the federal government acts could change that dramatically. President Obama's administration had promised it would leave well-run state marijuana programs alone, but Sessions rescinded that promise in January, throwing the industry into chaos. Many traditional investors have shied away from pouring their capital into the industry over fears they'd be treated like drug traffickers, and a strong sign of support from Trump over congressional action might provide the reassurance they're seeking.

Because legalization has happened almost entirely at state ballot boxes, the United States has so far avoided having a national conversation about the broader implications of increased use and availability. That troubles legalization opponents such as Kevin Sabet of Smart Approaches to Marijuana, the nation's leading anti-cannabis organization. SAM has been industry experts say they'll believe Trump only once there's a law in place. In dealing with a president who sets policy via Twitter, they want to see actual legislation.

"This is another head-spinning moment," said Oregon congressman Earl Blumenauer, a Democrat and leading voice for federal legalization. "We should hope for the best but not take anything for granted. Trump changes his mind constantly, and Republican leadership is still in our way."

A USA TODAY survey in January found hundreds of thousands of dollars flowing from the cannabis industry into campaign finance accounts of lawmakers and political action committees, with emphasis this year on congressional Republicans who control the agenda. Democrats typically have been the largest recipients of marijuana campaign money in the past, but Republicans are taking the lead in accepting those donations, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, which analyzed contributions at the request of USA TODAY. Experts say the shift is legalization) is going to cost our country a lot of money."

Adds Sabet: "It's one thing to let someone grow a little pot at home. It's another entirely to get Madison Avenue involved. This isn't something that Cheech and Chong would have ever envisioned. The people in suits have taken over."

Legalization supporters brush off those concerns, arguing that the war on drugs for too long has demonized a plant widely used by humans for thousands of years. They say it's about time national politicians recognize that marijuana legalization is the right thing to do. And they say that if the nation's economy can benefit, all the better.

"Now, finally seeing that momentum, seeing that shift, it's pretty amazing. And it's happening quickly, quicker than maybe even the regulators are ready for," said Dennis Hunter, founder of California-based premium marijuana supplier CannaCraft. "I don't think anybody realized how big this industry really is. Everybody's aware of it right now, but it's getting normalized, and in a couple years we'll all just accept it."

#### **IN BRIEF**

### Senate panel defies McConnell, plans vote on protecting Mueller

Despite opposition from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley said Thursday that his committee will vote next Thursday on a bill to protect special counsel Robert Mueller from being fired in the midst of the Russia investigation.

"The views of the majority leader are obviously important to consider, but they do not govern what happens here on the Judiciary Committee," said Grassley, R-Iowa.

McConnell said Tuesday on Fox News that he would not allow a Senate floor vote on the bipartisan bill, even if the committee approves it.

### Pittsburgh detectives to carry riot gear in case Mueller is fired

Leaders at the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police told detectives to carry riot gear in case of protests if President Trump fires special counsel Robert Mueller.

The directions came Wednesday, reported CBS Pittsburgh, in a memo from Pittsburgh Police Commander Victor Joseph. He wrote to detectives that the department received information on at least one possible demonstration.

### Syracuse fraternity suspended after racist videos released

Video showing a group of men laughing at performances involving racist language against blacks, Jews and Hispanics and simulated sex acts has resulted in the suspension of Theta Tau fraternity there.

Chancellor Ken Syverud said Wednesday that the professional engineering fraternity had been suspended for videos he described as racist, anti-Semitic, homophobic, sexist and hostile to people with disabilities.

#### Power largely restored across Puerto Rico after blackout

Puerto Rico's power company said Thursday that it has restored electricity to more than 80% of customers affected by an islandwide blackout that was caused by an excavator hitting a transmission line. But tens of thousands of families still remain without normal service seven months after hurricanes Maria and Irma.

#### Syrian rebels give up town near Damascus to government

The Syrian government took control of a town northeast of Damascus on Thursday after rebels evacuated to north Syria, the latest in a string of handovers by rebels.

Residents in Dumayr welcomed security forces in a triumphant show for the cameras of the state-affiliated al-Ikhbariya TV station.

There have been several handovers by rebels to the government in the capital region following a punishing offensive against the rebellious eastern Ghouta region earlier this year.

From staff and wire reports

VOICES

## Bush had faceted view of feminism

First lady was powerful presence, but she said family, children should come first



Susan Page Columnist USA TODAY

HOUSTON - Barbara Bush was blunt. To her husband, to her children, to campaign staffers, to friends. To journalists, too.

She was also gracious, and while her husband was president, they would host an annual summer picnic at their seaside home in Kennebunkport, Maine, for the reporters on duty covering them. (Full disclosure: It was not the worst assignment in the world.)

At the picnic in August 1990, when I was a White House correspondent for Newsday, I was trying with only moderate success to wrestle my 3- and 5-yearold sons into behaving. Bush came up to me, wearing casual garb and a broad straw hat. "How can you work when you have young children?" she demanded.

She wasn't smiling. She wasn't kidding. She was asking, and she thought I ought to have an answer. My stammered response clearly wasn't persuasive. If you're going to have children, she said, you have an obligation to focus on them first.

Barbara Pierce Bush, whose memorial service is Saturday, lived a life that spanned and reflected a social revolution in opportunities and expectations for women. She was born just five years after women won the right to vote in the USA. She dropped out of Smith College to wed George Bush when getting married and having children was the expected course for women. Her husband ended up running for re-election for vice president against the first woman nominated by a major party for national office. Two years before her death Tuesday, one of her sons sought the nomination that would have had him running against the first woman nominated by a major party for president.

In the White House, Barbara Bush looked like the most traditional of first



Generations of the Bush family celebrate Christmas with George and Barbara in 2008 at Camp David, Md. Barbara Bush said her children and grandchildren were her greatest legacy. ERIC DRAPER/GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

ladies, assuming a grandmotherly mien and promoting the uncontroversial cause of adult literacy.

She was succeeded in that job-without-a-description by Hillary Rodham Clinton, perhaps the least traditional of first ladies.

Bush at times felt belittled by those who seemed to dismiss the value and contribution of women who chose to be homemakers. "Mrs. Bush, people say your husband is a man of the '80s and you're a woman of the '40s. What do you say to that?" Jane Pauley demanded in an NBC interview during the 1988 campaign, a question that left her steaming.

When the all-female Wellesley College announced she would address the commencement in 1990, more than 150 students signed a petition protesting that she wasn't a suitable role model for

"How can you work when you have young children?"

Barbara Bush,

to Susan Page in 1990

a modern woman. She went anyway.

"At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal," she told them in her speech — the same point she would make to me two months later at the picnic. "You will regret time not spent with a husband, a child, a friend or a parent."

Bush had a complicated view of feminism. She never expressed regret or apology for the life choices she made, and she never stopped believing that mothers had a responsibility to put their children first. But she supported the Equal Rights Amendment when it was a litmus test for feminists and controversial in the Republican Party. She had strong opinions and wasn't afraid to express them. She was an influential adviser to both Presidents Bush, husband and son.

In interviews over the past six months for a biography, she told me her children and grandchildren were the greatest legacy she would leave the world.

She boasted in particular about the achievements of her granddaughters. Several of them are working mothers, she said proudly.

Washington Bureau chief Susan Page *is the author of* The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty, to be published by Twelve in April 2019.

## **Texans treasured their** 'first lady of Houston'

#### Bushes were devoted to community for 60 years

card and stayed focused on the game, Hernandez said.

Five years ago, she spotted the Bushes lunching in a cafe. She intro-

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#### **Rick Jervis** USA TODAY

HOUSTON - Barbara Bush and her husband, former president George H.W. Bush, were Houstonians at heart.

They left a lasting impact on the city they called home for the past six decades, Rice University political scientist Mark Jones said.

"If there was a first lady of Houston, it would be Barbara Bush," he said.

Barbara Bush died at her home here Tuesday. She was 92.

A public viewing is scheduled for Friday at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, a few blocks from the home where she and George H.W. Bush lived, followed by an invitation-only service Saturday. Later, a motorcade will carry her body 90 miles northwest to the George Bush Presidential Library Center on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station, near which she will be laid to rest.

Across Houston, people mourned her passing and celebrated her devotion to Texas' largest city. The Bushes moved 29 times during their marriage but settled in Houston in 1959, according to the National First Ladies' Library. It was here that George H.W. Bush began his career in politics, getting elected to Republican Party chairman of Harris County in 1962.

Ever since moving here, the couple have been a regular fixture around town, shopping at grocery stores or dining at eateries.

Avid baseball fans, the Bushes regularly attended Houston Astros games, arriving at Minute Maid Park during pre-game activities and sitting next to the owners' seats behind home plate. Barbara Bush made it a point to memorize the names of the employees who helped her to her seat or brought her peanuts, said Rosi Hernandez, a former Astros vice president who occasionally interacted with the Bushes.

Once the game started, everyone knew better than to bother Barbara: She meticulously kept score with a scoreduced her 5-year-old daughter, Andrea, who had a cast on her left arm from falling off a horse.

Barbara Bush asked Andrea if she was going to get back on that horse. "Yes!" Andrea said.

"That's what I wanted to hear!" the former first lady told her.

At Fuzzy's Pizza & Cafe on Houston's west side, diners could order the "First Lady Barbara Bush's Pizza" – chicken breast, spinach, mushrooms, artichokes and garlic.

Owner Fawaz "Fuzzy" Hajjar created the pizza as a homage to the former first lady. Barbara Bush would come alone or with her husband — hug the owners and order her namesake pizza.

The Bushes became good friends with Hajjar and his wife, Rita. Once, they visited the Hajjars at their home, where Hajjar's mom cooked everyone a Syrian meal of stuffed artichoke hearts and hummus (Hajjar is originally from Damascus).

"Her loss is really big for Houston," Hajjar said. "She supported Houston. She loved Houston. This was her home."

Bush was focused on improving others in the city. The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, started by her children five years ago, launched initiatives to deliver affordable books to thousands of children and produced television ads raising awareness on illiteracy.

In one of the ads, Bush, dressed in football pads and eye black smeared under her eyes, attempted to recruit Houston Texans star defensive end J.J. Watt on a literacy mission. "If we're going to tackle illiteracy here in Houston, J.J., we've got to get our game faces on," she said in the video. After the shoot, a friendship ensued between the nonagenarian and the star athlete.

Tuesday, Watt tweeted his condolences: "Rest In Peace Mrs. Barbara Bush. You were a beautiful light in this world and I am forever thankful for your friendship."

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## STATE-BY-STATE

NEWS

News from across the USA

#### **ALABAMA Birmingham:** Police are asking for help in finding Wesley Reed, 87, who has been missing for more than a week, AL.com reports.

ALASKA Anchorage: Joel Neimeyer, who coordinated the relocation of Alaska villages threatened by climate change, will step down when his term expires Friday.

**ARIZONA Yuma:** The City Council approved the purchases of a fire truck and two garbage trucks.

**ARKANSAS Van Buren:** Crawford County has granted pay raises for officials and county employees.

**CALIFORNIA San Diego:** A wayward tortoise that cracked its shell falling off a 10-foot wall is recovering after vets used screws, zip ties and denture material to repair it.

**COLORADO Colorado Springs:** The U.S. military has agreed to spend more than \$900,000 to buy water and take other steps for communities whose wells were tainted by chemicals from Peterson Air Force Base.

**CONNECTICUT** West Hartford: A West Hartford Board of Education survey asks families what time the school day should begin for students.

**DELAWARE Wilmington:** A former Virgin Islands pest control manager faces criminal charges of poisoning members of a Delaware family.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** Chadwick Boseman will give the keynote address at Howard University's commencement May 12.

FLORIDA Madeira Beach: A man who said he was injured when the letter "o" from a Hooters sign landed on his foot was charged with insurance fraud when video showed otherwise.

**GEORGIA Griffin:** Aubrey Jayce Carroll, who was 15 when he disappeared two years ago, has been found.

HAWAII Honolulu: State lawmakers are appropriating \$100 million to Kauai to help with flood relief.

**IDAHO Boise:** An audit found that Ada County Treasurer Vicky McIntyre used the county credit card to make personal purchases. McIntyre says she has paid back the county.

**ILLINOIS Springfield:** A former youth detention site has been reopened as a center to help offenders learn life skills after release.

INDIANA Terre Haute: Federal investigators say pilot error caused a small plane to clip a tree and crash into a home in 2016.

IOWA Oakland: The parents of a 16-year-old girl who died in a school bus fire have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the school district.

KANSAS Kansas City: The state is taking over 15 private nursing homes.

**KENTUCKY Frankfort:** Health officials recommend hepatitis A vaccinations for those in six counties. The outbreak includes 311 cases.

**LOUISIANA** Shreveport-Bossier City: A drive hopes to collect 1,000 books in the Shreve Memorial Library's summer reading program.

MAINE Augusta: The state auditor says Maine should stop using federal funds for the Riverview hospital.

MARYLAND Baltimore: Police say juvenile arrests in the city are down compared with last year.

MASSACHUSETTS Springfield: The state is owed more than \$15 million by out-of-state drivers who used the Massachusetts Turnpike without E-ZPass.

MICHIGAN Flint: A man, 79, was sentenced to five years' probation for embezzling nearly \$37,000 from St. Pius X Catholic Church and School.

MINNESOTA St. Paul: People in the trucking and busing industries are meeting to learn how to respond to suspected human trafficking.

MISSISSIPPI Greenwood: City residents are being urged to open their homes to the more than 1,000 cyclists expected for Bikes, Blues & Bayous in August.

**MISSOURI Fordland:** Officials are investigating the collapse of a 1,980foot TV tower that killed a worker.

MONTANA Missoula: Pearl Jam will play a "Rock2Vote" concert Aug. 13.

**NEBRASKA Omaha:** More than 20 nuns at the Sisters of Mercy are appealing state Medicaid cuts.

**NEVADA Ely:** An inmate serving up to life in prison for kidnapping, robberv and sexual assault has been stabbed to death in a fight.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE Rye:** Fishermen will gather along the seacoast this weekend for a beach cleanup.

**NEW JERSEY Trenton:** The state's judiciary will release a report that addresses "disturbing" practices at municipal courts.

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque: Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jeff Apodaca wants to expand the state's medical marijuana program.

**NEW YORK Albany: State Senate** Democrats reunited Tuesday for the first time since a 7-year schism helped give control to Republicans.

**NORTH CAROLINA** Winston-Salem: A review of cancer misdiagnoses at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center says three patients had treatments though they didn't have cancer.

**NORTH DAKOTA Bismarck: Officials** will dedicate about \$1.6 million to stabilize coal mines in the central and western parts of the state.

**OHIO Cuyahoga Falls:** A court ruled televangelist Ernest Angley did not violate labor laws in urging church members to work at his restaurant.

**OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City:** Jerry Drake Varnell, who was accused of trying to detonate a van at a bank, was indicted for trying to use a weapon of mass destruction.

**OREGON Salem:** Over 800,000 of the state's 2.6 million voters are not registered with any party.

PENNSYLVANIA Harrisburg: "Ablebodied" Medicaid recipients would

have to work at least 20 hours a week, look for a job or do job training under a bill passed by the House.

**RHODE ISLAND Providence:** State regulators are asking Rhode Island's Public Utilities Commission to reduce proposed rate hikes by National Grid.

**SOUTH CAROLINA Rock Hill:** Police say a man complaining that his pizza wasn't delivered slapped a Domino's worker and demanded a free pizza.

**SOUTH DAKOTA Sioux Falls:** Police responded to 38 crashes in a twohour period of snowfall Wednesday.

**TENNESSEE Cleveland:** A man has filed a \$5 million lawsuit against the Bradley County Sheriff's Office for injuries sustained from a K-9 deputy.

**TEXAS Houston:** Twenty-nine elementary students were taken to the hospital after two buses had an accident with a dump truck.

**UTAH Ogden:** Jacob Streeper, who was convicted of sexually abusing five young girls, was sentenced to at least 100 years in prison.

**VERMONT South Royalton:** Investigators say the fire that killed a woman was likely caused by a cigarette.

VIRGINIA Moseley: The company behind the Magnolia Green development was fined more than \$56,000 for violating permits.

WASHINGTON Burien: Deputies say a man is in critical condition after he was attacked by two men who were harassing a homeless man.

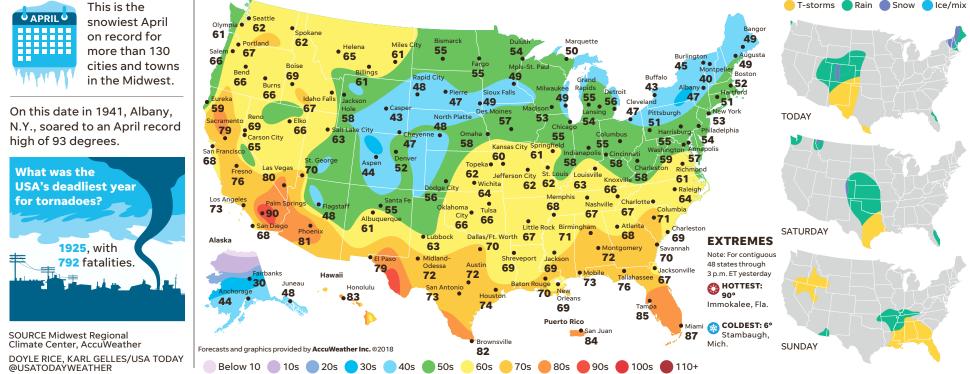
WEST VIRGINIA Lumberport: The state Department of Environmental Protection is monitoring a damaged dam that could fail.

WISCONSIN Madison: A Taylor County law enforcement officer is being prosecuted for releasing records of two unsolved murders to the TV show Cold Justice.

WYOMING Casper: The state's Department of Transportation says 11 vehicles blew over because of winds that reached more than 80 mph. From staff and wire reports

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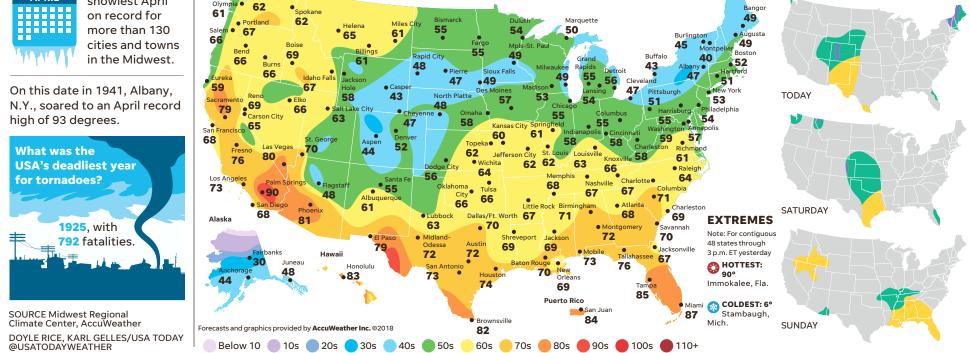


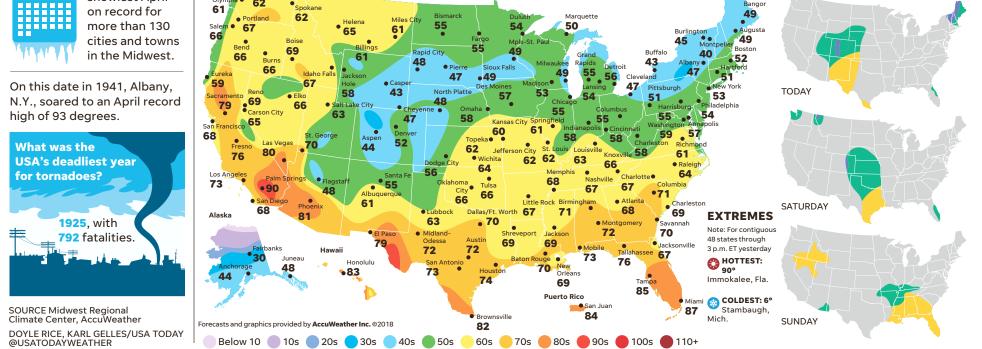
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FRI -O- Sunny, nice 68/46	FRI -O- Sunny, breezy 57/36	FRI 20 Windy 52/37	FRI Sunny 67/42	FRI -O- Mostly sunny 55/34	FRI Ö Partly sunny 70/51	FRI Contraction Rain, windy 52/31	FRI -0	FRI O Cloudy, breezy 83/73	FRI Constraints Partly sunny 74/59	FRI Warmer 80/61	FRI -O- Sunny, warmer 73/55
SAT -O- Mostly sunny 71/53	SAT -O Mostly sunny 61/38	SAT -O- Mostly sunny 53/36	SAT -O- Mostly sunny 71/46	SAT Control Partly sunny 55/38	SAT C Rain 61/48	SAT Rain, snow 50/33	SAT -O- Mostly sunny 56/36	SAT A little rain 84/73	SAT T-storms	SAT Sunny 85/66	SAT -O- Mostly sunny 80/58
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Albuquerque	61/39c	68/43s	Columbia, S.C.	71/43s	74/47s	Jackson, Miss.	69/47pc	74/58c	New Haven, Conn.	53/35w	55/37s	Shreveport, La.	69/50pc	70/57t	Buenos Aires	80/66t	80/64
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marillo, Texas	55/40t	53/33r	Corpus Christi, Texas	76/66c	77/64t	Jefferson City, Mo.	62/42pc	58/45pc	Oakland, Calif.	67/48s	72/50s	South Bend, Ind.	54/28s	56/34pc	Dubai, UAE	89/73s	92/76
naheim, Calif.	76/52s	84/55s	Dayton, Ohio	54/33s	56/39pc	Kansas City	60/42pc	54/41c	Oklahoma City	66/45pc	51/42r	Spokane, Wash.	62/44pc	55/34w	Frankfurt	81/57pc	79/56
Anchorage, Alaska	44/35c	47/37c	Daytona Beach, Fla.	75/64pc	75/66pc	Key West, Fla.	83/73s	85/74s	Omaha, Neb.	58/41pc	54/39c	Springfield, Mo.	62/44pc	57/47c	Hong Kong	80/73c	81/74
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Austin, Texas	72/56c	71/52t	El Paso, Texas	79/55w	78/56s	Lincoln, Neb.	60/41pc	54/37c	Pittsburgh	51/31s	55/35s	Syracuse, N.Y.	42/28c	48/26s	London	77/56pc	75/56
Bakersfield, Calif.	78/55s	87/60s	Fairbanks, Alaska	30/16sn	40/19c	Little Rock, Ark.	67/45pc	68/54c	Portland, Maine	51/35w	51/34pc	Tallahassee, Fla.	76/55s	77/59pc	Mexico City	81/54pc	82/57
Baton Rouge, La.	70/51pc	76/64c	Flagstaff, Ariz.	48/26sh	67/32s	Long Beach, Calif.	73/54s	80/57s	Portland, Ore.	67/48pc	61/42c	Tampa, Fla.	85/69s	84/68pc	Montreal	46/29c	48/28
Billings, Mont.	61/38c	70/42pc	Fargo, N.D.	55/35pc	58/38pc	Louisville, Ky.	63/39s	66/47s	Providence, R.I.	54/36w	55/35s	Toledo, Ohio	56/33s	57/33s	Moscow	56/45pc	61/38
Birmingham, Ala.	71/46pc	74/55s	Fort Myers, Fla.	88/68s	90/69pc	Lubbock, Texas	63/49w	62/40r	Raleigh, N.C.	64/39s	67/44s	Topeka, Kan.	62/43pc	53/40r	Mumbai, India	92/81h	93/81
Bismarck, N.D.	55/37pc	59/40pc	Fort Smith, Ark.	68/48pc	62/52r	Madison, Wis.	53/31pc	55/34pc	Rapid City, S.D.	48/36r	56/37c	Tucson, Ariz.	76/51s	85/58s	Paris	82/57h	81/58
Boise, Idaho	69/45s	69/41pc	Fort Wayne, Ind.	56/32s	58/35pc	Manchester, N.H.	53/37w	54/36pc	Reno, Nev.	69/43s	78/50s	Tupelo, Miss.	69/43pc	72/53pc	Rio de Janeiro	84/71h	84/70
Buffalo, N.Y.	43/28pc	49/31s	Fresno, Calif.	76/53s	85/57s	Memphis, Tenn.	68/46pc	70/54c	Richmond, Va.	61/39s	65/42s	Tulsa, Okla.	66/46pc	54/46r	Rome	75/55s	73/54
Burlington, Vt.	45/33sf	48/29pc	Grand Rapids, Mich.	55/32s	57/36s	Milwaukee	49/33s	50/36pc	Rochester, N.Y.	44/30pc	51/32s	Virginia Beach, Va.	55/40s	55/41s	Seoul	76/52s	77/52
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	57/36pc	55/38pc	Green Bay, Wis.	50/31s	54/30s	Mobile, Ala.	73/52pc	77/62c	Sacramento, Calif.	79/49s	82/52s	Wichita, Kan.	64/45pc	50/40r	Singapore	90/77t	88/79
Charleston, S.C.	69/49s	71/53s	Greensboro, N.C.	65/41s	67/45s	Modesto, Calif.	79/50s	83/55s	San Antonio	73/61c	74/57t	Wilmington, Del.	55/35s	60/38s	Sydney	77/66pc	75/65
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## **OPINION**

#### TODAY'S DEBATE: AVIATION

## **Our view:** Has complacency become a danger to air safety?

A historic record — more than nine years without a single fatality on a U.S. airline — was shattered in a split second this week by an engine that exploded midair on a Southwest Airlines flight, spewing shrapnel through a window and killing one passenger.

That accident, and a troubling 60 Minutes report Sunday citing an unusual spate of midair incidents on Allegiant Air, raise a troubling question: Has complacency become a danger to air safety?

Years without fatalities and a new generation of safer jetliners might have lulled the industry and its regulator, the Federal Aviation Administration, into a false sense of security.

Airline arrogance and lax oversight have had disastrous consequences in the past.

In 1996, a ValuJet plane plunged into the Florida Everglades, killing 110 people and revealing a virtual collapse of safety regulation. (One of ValuJet's founders and officers is now the CEO of Allegiant.) And in 2000, an Alaska Airlines crash that killed 88 revealed that the FAA had "failed miserably" in policing the airline.

No one — not airlines nor the FAA — wants to go there again. Both should be wary of signs that burst into sight this week.

Take Tuesday's Southwest incident, which could have been far worse if not for the pilot's heroic efforts to land the plane safely. "Engine failures like this should not occur, obviously," said Robert Sumwalt, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

But they have occurred, not once but twice on 737s flown by Southwest, despite the airline's otherwise impeccable safety record.

In August 2016, an engine exploded in midair when a fan blade snapped, sending debris into the plane's outer skin, leaving a gash in the fuselage. No-



Investigators examine the damaged Southwest jet. NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD VIA GETTY IMAGES

body was hurt. The National Transportation Safety Board found signs of "metal fatigue" on the blade, which should have spurred more meticulous inspections.

It didn't, despite a recommendation from the engine's maker that airlines using certain of these CFM56 engines conduct ultrasonic inspections to look for cracks. Last August, the FAA proposed similar inspections but never finalized its directive. Until now.

It should not have taken nearly two years and a death for the FAA to act.

Concerns about complacency were compounded by the 60 Minutes report that Allegiant — a profitable, fastgrowing low-cost carrier — had "an alarming number of aborted takeoffs, cabin pressure loss, emergency descents and unscheduled landings" over a 22-month period ending last October.

Three Democratic senators are demanding answers from the FAA about its safety oversight, with one calling for an investigation of its handling of Allegiant.

As USC aviation safety expert Michael Barr pointed out: "The lack of an accident is not an indicator of how safe an airline is."

### **Opposing view: We are very proud of our safety record**

#### **Maury Gallagher**

At Allegiant, we are very proud of our strong safety record. Safety is at the core of our operation — every team member, every flight, every day. A retraining and personnel to build for the future. We have a safety culture today that is ingrained in every Allegiant team member.

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## Even on Earth Day, plastic isn't evil

Fishermen are the ones destroying our oceans

#### David Mastio

I may be the most biased writer about plastic on the planet. When I was growing up, plastic was practically a sibling.

My father was an executive of Dow Chemical, then makers of dozens of kinds of plastic, including the Saran Wrap most readers have in their kitchen. When Dad saw an interesting piece of plastic, he'd reach out and reverently feel it, saying, "Hmmmm, polypropylene," or "I think that's linear lowdensity polyethylene."

Though he is long retired from the plastics-industry consulting firm he founded, his love affair continues. He wasn't the guy who gave one word of advice to Benjamin Braddock in *The Graduate*, but he could have been.

As a kid, I bristled when plastics turned into environmental enemy No.1. My dad was no planet-hater. Back then, the fear was that plastic was overrunning our landfills and we were running out of places to put trash. Those fears turned out to be overblown, and the outcry has largely died off.

This weekend, another plastic story is going to be on front pages and newscasts across the country. Earth Day's theme is "End Plastic Pollution." And the picture-ready poster children for the problem are giant floating trash piles in the middle of our oceans. As the Earth Day Network puts it in its "Plastic Pollution Primer and Action Toolkit," the problem is vast: "These huge concentrations of plastic debris cover large swaths of the ocean; the one between California and Hawaii is the size of the state of Texas. ... If nothing changes in our plastic consumption habits, by 2050 there will be more plastic in the oceans than there are fish." The images are pretty ghastly. What is the answer this Earth Day, according to the network? "The most important step we can take to limit the amount of plastic pollution that makes its way into our oceans is to reduce the amount of plastic we consume in the first place." The group then suggests we all audit our own plastic use and cut back on our plastic bags, straws and bottles, among other sins against nature.

But before Americans get too worked up about this latest blight on the reputation of plastics, there are a few facts about those vast piles of plastic floating in the ocean that you might not have heard:

■ They aren't made of plastic bags and straws; they're mostly made of abandoned fishing equipment.

The second biggest contributor wasn't man throwing things away, but a tsunami striking Japan and sweeping all kinds of things out to sea.

While thousands of tons of the plastic floating out there were thrown away, they weren't thrown away here. Asia is home to five out of the five biggest plastic polluters.

• Oh, and banning things such as single-use plastic bags and straws isn't among the best solutions to stopping the pollution of our oceans, but setting vast amounts of waste plastic on fire is. Seriously.

Don't take my word for it.

It was the peer-reviewed journal *Scientific Reports* that revealed the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch," in the words of *National Geographic*, is "mostly abandoned fishing gear" and debris from the tsunami that hit Japan in 2011.

Plastic-loving David Mastio isn't the guy who says Asian countries are destroying the world's oceans. The envi-

cent story called into question the safety of our airline and the effectiveness of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) oversight. Sadly, this one-sided and irresponsible piece has caused some concerns for the traveling public.

Some facts:

Since 2001, we have flown nearly 90 million passengers on more than 700,000 flights.

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In 2015, we were unhappy with the number of reliability issues we experienced, which inconvenienced our customers. These are issues that happen with every airline.

In response, we are modernizing our fleet and have invested in technology,

Nothing less is acceptable.

The most current release from the Department of Transportation shows that Allegiant is a leader in reliability, with the second-lowest rate of cancellations among all U.S. carriers. Further, per Flightstats.com, every month from October to March, Allegiant ranked first or second for the lowest rate of cancellation among major U.S. airlines.

Our work is never done when it comes to your safety. We are proud of our record and thankful for the words of support received from our family of passengers for whom we have made travel possible.

Maury Gallagher is chairman and CEO of Allegiant.

ronmental activists at Ocean Crusaders point the finger at China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Sri Lanka as the countries that dump the vast majority of plastic in our oceans.

It isn't the plastics industry that says burning old plastic for energy and getting developing countries to do a better job of putting trash in landfills are better ideas than plastic bag bans. It is the Ocean Conservancy.

It would be great to "End Plastic Pollution," as the Earth Day folks advocate, but while we do it, let's keep the facts straight and keep one thing in mind: "Most advances of human society over the past century have been facilitated by the use of plastics."

I didn't say that. The peer-reviewed scientific journal *Reviews on Environmental Health* did.

David Mastio is the deputy editorial page editor of USA TODAY.

#### **YOUR SAY**

#### Online stores need to pay taxes, too



People who conduct business out of their homes should be praised for their business and personal fortitude. However, if they are forced to collect individual state taxes, "there will be an app for that," or some reasonable way for them to do it without lawyers and accountants. It will be an extra burden but not one that will put them out of business.

States need the income, and it's not fair that brick-and-mortar stores (which already bear the costs of huge overheads) should also be the only ones who must be less competitive because others do not charge sales tax. I think it's so wrong for a consumer to go to a store, handle the merchandise, grill the salesperson with technical questions, and then leave the store to "think about it" when, in fact, they go home and order it online to save a few bucks. Do the right thing. Collect the sales tax and be a big boy like the rest of them. If you are a consumer and intend to purchase online, stay out of the store. **Thomas Reeber** Livingston, Texas

#### Ducey is a hypocrite on border security



I'm a resident of Arizona, and I live approximately 5 miles from the border with Mexico. Having seen, over the 20 years I've been here, a decrease in the amount of "illegal" traffic, I'm surprised to read the views of Gov. Doug Ducey.

First, I'd like to remind the governor that the "rancher slain by an illegal immigrant" may not, in fact, have been slain by an illegal immigrant. The person who murdered the local rancher has yet to be charged. Also, Ducey could have deployed the Arizona National Guard to the border at any time before, if he felt my safety was at risk. If it's so dangerous here, why didn't he act before now? If he wanted to wait for federal funds to pay for the deployment, maybe my safety isn't really all that important. **Melanie A. Mouras** Hereford, Ariz.

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#### P&G BUYS MERCK HEALTH BRANDS FOR \$4.2 BILLION

German pharmaceutical and chemical company Merck says it has agreed to sell its global consumer health business to Procter & Gamble for \$4.2 billion. The deal means Cincinnatibased Procter & Gamble acquires a business that saw 6% organic sales growth from 2015 to 2017. Merck products include nutritional supplements for pregnant women, cod liver oil capsules and back pain balm.

#### **'FEARLESS GIRL' MOVING TO NEW SPOT AWAY FROM BULL**

The "Fearless Girl" statue near Wall Street that has become a global symbol of female

can-do business spirit will be moved from her spot facing the "Charging Bull" to a location by the New York Stock Exchange. The ponytailed girl in a windblown dress became a tourist magnet last spring when the artwork popped



KRISTEN VISBAL

up confronting the famous bull. State Street Global Advisors, the firm that installed the "Fearless Girl" statue in March 2017, said Thursday that it will be moved by the end of the year.

#### **30-YEAR MORTGAGE RATE RISES SLIGHTLY TO 4.47%**

Long-term U.S. mortgage rates climbed upward this week, slightly worsening affordability for homebuyers. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday that the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 4.47% from 4.42% last week.



## FACEBOOK SAVE



#### Jessica Guynn USA TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO – Of all the information Facebook collects about you, nothing is more personal than your face. I With 2.2 billion users uploading hundreds of millions of photos a day, the giant social network has developed one of the single-largest databases of faces and — with so many images to train its facial recognition software — one of the most accurate. I The question of whether you should let Facebook save your face is gaining in urgency as it moves to expand its deployment of facial recognition. rolling it

## For teens, smartphones are a prom party crasher

'Enjoy what's going on,' some high-schoolers urge

#### Brett Molina

Smartphones have forever changed our lives. They also have forever changed the experience of the high school ritual of going to the prom.

And it doesn't stop with those epic promposals.

There is the flurry of texts to organize dinner. Perhaps calling an Uber. A FaceTime chat with the parents (who are probably tracking their promgoer's location by GPS). And then, of course, the social media: Instagram stories, Facebook updates, Snaps, tweets.

In this era, documenting the prom has perhaps become as important for teens as the prom itself. But being buried in your smartphone instead of rocking out on the dance floor — is it becoming too much? Are high-schoolers so focused on what to post on Snapchat they're not enjoying the moment?

With events such as prom, the intense focus on the phone can mean missing chances to socialize in person. Michael Krefft, 17, a senior who attends high school in Chicago, said while at prom, he noticed students focused more on getting Snaps or other pictures instead of soaking up the scene.

"I think we're more worried about getting it on our Snapchat and having others see what we're doing for the simple fact of not necessarily showing off, but showing that 'Hey, I'm here doing fun things, and I want to kind of brag about it, "Krefft said. At St. Francis High School in Mountain View, Calif., smartphones are a no-no at school dances. The one exception is prom. At the school's junior prom last weekend, students were allowed to use their smartphones to take pictures – but any students spotted sitting down using their smartphones were asked to put them away. "We explain to the kids that socializing is a big deal," said Margaret Miller, dean of students at St. Francis. "We want you to socialize, but we want you to be present to each other." Ana Homayoun, a school consultant and author of the book Social Media Wellness: Helping Tweens and Teens Thrive in an Unbalanced Digital World, said in many social situations, teens' smartphones can act as a shield. "They pull it out when they're waiting rather than having that uncomfortable silence or that moment of anticipation before somebody starts a conversation or they think of something to say," Homayoun said.

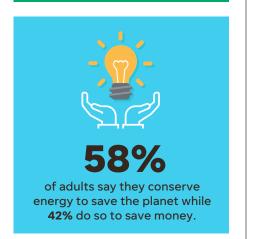
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SOURCE The Tylt.com survey of 2,072 Americans JAE YANG, VERONICA BRAVO/USA TODAY out in Europe, where it was scrapped in 2012 over privacy concerns and scanning and identifying more people in photos.

At the same time, the giant social network is attempting to quash efforts to restrict the use of facial recognition in the U.S., from legislation to litigation. And consumer groups are asking the Federal Trade Commission to investigate Facebook's widening use of the technology.

The biggest threat to Facebook's collection of facial recognition data is a class-action lawsuit in California brought by three Illinois residents who are suing Facebook under a state law, the Biometric Information Privacy Act, one of only two in the nation to regulate commercial use of facial recognition.

This week, a California federal judge ruled the case could proceed, potentially exposing Facebook to billions of dollars in damages.

Facebook is reviewing Monday's ruling, spokeswoman Genevieve Grdina said in an emailed statement. But the company believes the kind of facial recognition it performs is not covered by the Illinois law.

"We continue to believe the case has no merit and will defend ourselves vigorously," she said.

Should people trust Facebook with one of their most sensitive data points which, unlike a credit-card number, can't — or at least can't easily — be changed?

Distrust over how Facebook treats its customers' personal data has jumped after 87 million users had their data pilfered by Cambridge Analytica, the British political firm with ties to Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign.

A survey taken after Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg's congressional testimony last week showed a sharp decline in public confidence. Some 27% of respondents agreed



Facial recognition is used by major tech companies around the world. JOERG KOCH/AP

with the statement, "Facebook is committed to protecting the privacy of my personal information," down from 79% in 2017, according to think tank the Ponemon Institute.

Most forms of tracking target the technology you use. Cookies on your computer. Digital fingerprints your browser leaves behind. GPS on your smartphone. What makes this technology different: It tracks the most identifiable part of your body.

"You can delete cookies, you can change browsers and you can leave your smartphone at home," says facial recognition expert Alvaro Bedoya, executive director of Georgetown Law's Center on Privacy & Technology. "But you can't delete your face, and you can't leave it at home."

Facebook's facial recognition technology analyzes photos and videos to create a unique "template" to identify you. The technology is a

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Focusing on the phone can cause you to miss out on socializing. GETTY IMAGES

## Egg farm faulted for filth, rodents, unsanitary workers

#### Company has recalled more than 200M eggs

#### Vic Ryckaert and Holly V. Hays The Indianapolis Star USA TODAY NETWORK - INDIANA

**INDIANAPOLIS – Federal inspectors** say they found dozens of rodents and poor worker hygiene at a North Carolina chicken farm operated by an Indiana egg producer that last week recalled more than 200 million eggs.

Inspectors found "unacceptable rodent activity" and dirty equipment at the Rose Acre Farms egg operation in Pantego, N.C., during visits from March 26 to April 11, according to a U.S. Food and Drug Administration report. They also noted employees touching dirty floors, equipment and their bodies without washing their hands.

The unsafe conditions allow "for the harborage, proliferation and spread of filth and pathogens," inspectors said.

The inspectors' observations in the report included:

Dozens of live and dead rodents, including baby mice, in chicken houses and manure pits.

Employees skipping steps in the cleaning process by wiping off detergent before allowing it to soak in the eggs.

Condensation dripping onto crack detectors, egg graders and other production equipment.

Water pooling on floors and forklift pathways.

Grimy, dirty floors, pallets and equipment.

Farm workers touching dirty equipment and trash cans as well as their face, hair and "intergluteal cleft," meaning their butts, before touching eggs or handling equipment that touches eggs without washing hands or changing gloves.

In an emailed statement, Seymourbased Rose Acre Farms said the inspection report "is based on raw observations and in some cases lack proper context.'



Rose Acre Farms said some of the findings "lack proper context." The company urged people to wait for all facts before "rushing to judgment." DEBBIE WILSON

operation without proper perspective or a chance to formally respond to an incomplete representation of a massive facility that houses more than three million hens," the company said.

The company said it will make public its response to the inspection, which is due April 26.

"Until then, we would urge everyone to wait until all the facts are presented before rushing to judgment," the company said.

The company, one of the nation's largest egg producers with 17 facilities in eight states, announced Friday it was voluntarily recalling more than 200 million eggs because of possible salmonella contamination. It was the country's largest egg recall since 2010.

The FDA said at least 23 illnesses have been reported. The eggs were distributed to consumers in Colorado, Florida, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

FDA spokesman Peter Cassell declined to comment specifically about "It's unfair to be judged on the farm's the Rose Acre Farms inspections but

said the facility must correct the issues before the next inspection or face repercussions. Consequences could include product seizures or, in a more serious step, shutting down the facil-

Cassell encouraged shoppers not to assume that they are not exposed to the recall because they are not geographically near the states where cases have been reported.

"Consumers should look for the brands and the lot numbers we provided," he said. "We want to make sure that people are getting the right information."

The recall involved eggs sold under the brand names Country Daybreak, Crystal Farms, Coburn Farms, Sunshine Farms, Glenview and Great Value. Also included were eggs sold at Walmart and Food Lion stores.

The cartons were stamped with plant number P-1065 and the Julian date range of 011 through 102.

The company's Hyde County Egg facility in North Carolina produces 2.3 million eggs a day.

## **Facebook**

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shortcut that scans photos to suggest names of friends to tag.

The company says it has no plans to make people's facial recognition data available to advertisers or outside developers. But the more Facebook can glean from users' photos about their interests, activities and social circles, the more precisely it can target advertising.

Facebook says it has tight control over its database of people's likenesses. Even if someone were to obtain a "template," it does not function like other face recognition systems.

"When we provide our biometric information to Facebook, we don't know where that information is going," Electronic Frontier Foundation senior attorney Jennifer Lynch said. "Facebook says: 'Trust us to keep it safe.' But Facebook has shown time and time again that it makes the wrong choices when it comes to protecting users' data."

Facial recognition, sometimes called faceprinting, is used by major technology companies around the globe. Apple last year replaced its fingerprint reader with a camera that uses your face to unlock the iPhone.

In December, Facebook expanded the scope of its technology with the announcement that it would let users know when someone posts a photo of them, even if they aren't tagged in it. The tech informs you if someone uses a photo of you in their profile picture to help detect impersonations. It also makes it possible for the visually impaired to have screen readers tell them who's tagged in friends' photos.

What may seem harmless - allowing Facebook to create an impression of your face — can be more telling than some people think. And soon it could reveal even more, including the state of your health, privacy experts say. The technology is becoming so sophisticated that Facebook can recognize people in photos and videos even if their faces are obscured, picking up clues from posture and body shape.

"This technology is powerful in a way that our society isn't really used to," Bedoya says.

On Wednesday, Facebook announced changes to how it asks users for permission to collect their personal data - including facial recognition data — to comply with strict new European privacy rules coming next month. Facebook says it has made it easy for users to understand their choices and to turn off the facial recognition feature, but critics say the process is rigged to nudge them not to. It's on by default; users need to go into settings to turn it off.

Privacy experts have been sound-



Critics have raised concerns whether smartphones are ultimately good for teens' mental health. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

### **Prom**

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There's no argument that the smartphone has changed how today's teens interact. With social media, hanging with friends goes beyond school grounds, extending to nearly all hours of the day and night.

As a result, critics have raised concerns whether smartphones are ultimately good for teens' mental health. Last year, researchers from San Diego State and Florida State universities found nearly half of teens who spent five or more hours in front of screens daily experienced thoughts of suicide or prolonged periods of hopelessness or sadness.

Kaia Opalinski, 17, a junior from Delaware, said she spent her prom having fun with friends, only using her phone to take pictures or talk with family. "There is a certain place and time to use a phone," Opalinski said. "When I'm in the company of others, especially my friends, I tend to stay off and enjoy what's going on."

Nic Nash, 18, a senior who attends high school in Little Rock, feels the same way about using his phone. He said he'll answer a text or take a Snap but would rather spend time hanging out with friends during prom.

'When I'm with people, I like to interact with them, build memories with them," Nash said. "Nothing is more valuable than personal connections."

Prom can become a high-anxiety experience for teens, Homayoun said, and parents should have more compassion for teens having new experiences with the layer of documenting it online. "We haven't really given them the guidance and tools they need to start reflecting and making good, intentional, behavioral choices," Homayoun said.

Homayoun also advises teens to "figure out your why" when deciding whether it's worth using your smartphone. "There is a difference between capturing a moment versus just spending the entire time taking different poses because it prevents you from actually interacting."

At the same time, smartphones and online technology are a key way teens communicate.

For Opalinski, smartphone use is all about balance. "It's OK to pull it out sometimes but not consistently."

ing the alarm over the potentially invasive uses of facial recognition for years as cameras proliferate and the technology advances.

Consumers frequently don't realize their faces can be scanned and connected to their identity including income, education, demographics and other data, according to the ACLU.

In fact, very little is known about how extensive these practices already are. There is no federal law governing the use of facial recognition technology, and only two states — Illinois and Texas — regulate it.

During his testimony on Capitol Hill, Zuckerberg said Facebook is committed to getting "affirmative consent" from users for sensitive technologies such as facial recognition.

Yet Facebook has aggressively pushed back against limits that states have considered imposing on commercial uses of facial recognition, according to the Center for Public Integrity, an investigative non-profit.

Of legislation that would have created new privacy protections for facial recognition proposed in 2017, all failed but one, and then only after the scope was limited, according to the group. Facebook keeps its fingerprints off the bills by relying on trade groups for stealthier pushes on legislation that would hand users more control over how their likenesses are used, the Center for Public Integrity said, citing interviews with lawmakers and records. Facebook declined to comment.

The law requires companies to get permission from consumers before collecting biometric data such as fingerprints, iris scans and images of faces. Now, just as the company is embroiled in a potentially costly class action, Illinois lawmakers are considering an amendment that would substantially weaken the law. Facebook denies having lobbyists or outside groups advocate on its behalf. But it has tried to get the 10-year-old biometric law changed before.



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## **Better use your Bon-Ton** gift card now, experts say

**Rick Romell** and Paul Gores Milwaukee Journal Sentinel USA TODAY NETWORK - WISCONSIN

A memo to holders of gift cards from Boston Store, Younkers and other outlets in the chain of bankrupt Bon-Ton Stores Inc.: Get to the cosmetics counter, men's department or furniture section sooner, rather than later.

In fact, go now, Consumers Union senior staff attorney Christina Tetreault suggests.

"Run — don't walk — to use your gift card," she said.

Courts often allow retailers to continue to accept gift cards after a bankruptcy filing – and plenty of retailers have filed lately – but they're not required to do so, Tetreault said. That potentially can leave gift-card holders waiting in a long line of companies and individuals with claims against a bankrupt company, perhaps with little chance of receiving more than pennies on the dollar.

Court documents indicate the liquidators who submitted the winning bid for Bon-Ton in a bankruptcy auction Tuesday will honor gift cards for at least the first 10 days of the going-out-ofbusiness sales across the chain's more than 200 remaining stores.

Still, promptness is advisable.

"I always believe if you can get them honored, use them as soon as possible," bankruptcy attorney Timothy Nixon of Milwaukee law firm Godfrey & Kahn said.

Jerad Albracht, spokesman for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, said there are no specific regulations that oversee a business closure, so consumers who have outstanding cards are advised to use them as soon as possible.



Bon-Ton's liquidation sales could last until late August. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

As for any Bon-Ton warranties on previous purchases, forget it.

"They'll be worthless," said Marquette University Law School professor Ralph Anzivino, whose teaching areas include creditor-debtor law and business bankruptcy.

"Those warranties have no value," he said. "They're converted into a claim, an unsecured claim."

Even before the auction of Bon-Ton to liquidators, the company — using a different firm - was conducting going-out-of-business sales at 42 of its weakest-performing stores. So far, three clearance centers and one department store have closed, but all 42 are slated to be shut down by the end of April.

The start of the going-out-of-business sales for the rest of Bon-Ton's locations has not been announced. The companywide liquidation sale is expected to run 10 to 12 weeks but could last as long as until Aug. 31.

Bon-Ton operates co-headquarters in Milwaukee and York, Pa. Along with Boston Store and Younkers, it operates stores under the Bergner's, Bon-Ton, Carson's, Elder-Beerman and Herberger's brand names.



"It's not just a black people thing. This is a people thing," said Rashon Nelson, left. He and Donte Robinson, right, were arrested April 12 in Philadelphia. AP

## 2 men arrested at Starbucks hope it inspires 'true change'

#### **Zlati Meyer** USA TODAY

The two black men arrested at a Philadelphia Starbucks last week, speaking out Thursday for the first time, said they hope the racial-bias incident that sparked a furor and calls for boycott will result in change.

"It's not just a black people thing. This is a people thing," Rashon Nelson said in appearing with Donte Robinson on ABC's Good Morning America. "And that's exactly what we want to see out of this, and that's true change. ... Put action into place."

They said the case, in which store personnel ordered them to leave as they waited for a friend without buying food or drinks, is about basic fairness.

"Rules are rules, but what's right is right and what's wrong is wrong. That's in any situation whether there's race involved or anything," Robinson

said. "I want to make sure that this situation doesn't happen again, so what I want is for ... young men to not be traumatized by this and instead motivated, inspired."

The pair arrived at the coffee shop in the Center City neighborhood of downtown Philadelphia at 4:35 p.m. Thursday for a 4:45 p.m. meeting about a real estate deal they'd been working on for months, according to the interview. Nelson asked to use the bathroom but was told it was for paying customers only, so the two men sat down to wait for the business associate. An employee then came over to ask if they wanted to order anything, but because they had bottled water with them, they declined. The 911 call was placed at 4:37 p.m.

Robinson said the police officers didn't read them their Miranda rights.

"It didn't really hit me what was going on, that it was real, until I'm being double-locked and my hands are behind my back," Robinson said.

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### Relirees lace medical bills of \$280,000

Adam Shell USA TODAY

Got a spare quarter-million bucks sitting around?

If you're a 65-year-old couple retiring this year you'll need even more than that to cover health care and medical expenses throughout retirement, according to Fidelity Investments' annual cost estimate.

Fidelity estimates it will cost a couple \$280,000 to cover their health care costs in retirement, up 2% from last year and 75% since its 2002 estimate of \$160,000. The math assumes a couple retires at 65 and is eligible for Medicare. The cost for care for males in retirement is an estimated \$133,000, while the tab for women, who tend to live longer than men, is \$147,000.

"Covering health care costs remains one of the most significant, yet unpredictable, aspects of retirement planning," said Shams Talib, executive vice president and head of Fidelity Benefits Consulting. "It's important for individuals to ... take steps while working to ensure they are prepared to address these costs. Otherwise, people risk having to dip into more of their savings than originally anticipated."

The financial pain could be more acute for Americans who retire early. Fidelity recently polled 1,000 people between 50 and 64 who have retired in the past three years and found that while almost all had some form of health insurance, 36% were paying \$500 a month or more in health care premiums.

When early retirees were asked how they were paying for out-of-pocket premiums, co-pays and insurance plan deductibles, about half (49%) said they were "dipping into personal savings."

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nStanle	• <b>Morgan Stanley (MS)</b> Favorable political environment in strong sec		+1.44	+2.7	+4.3
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SOURCE Bloomberg and The Associated Press

Industrials	75.93	-0.21	+2.9%	+0.3%
Financials	27.87	+0.42	+0.8%	-0.1%
Health care	82.53	-0.70	+1.4%	-0.2%
Materials	59.32	-0.67	+3.8%	-2.0%
Telecom	58.47	-0.25	+3.3%	-3.4%
Utilities	50.76	-0.03	+2.0%	-3.6%
Consumer staples	51.35	-1.53	-0.3%	-9.7%

#### **MARKET NOTEBOOK**

Issues	NYSE	NASDAG
Advancing	872	1,044
Declining	1,956	1,762
Unchanged	148	221
Total	2,976	3,027
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New 52 Week High	77	72
New 52 Week Low	85	47
Share Volume		
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Advancing	1,254,472,929	520,988,914
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Unchanged	92,561,709	35,674,986

#### **TOP 10 EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS**

ETF, ranked by volume	Ticker	Close	Chg.	% Chg	%YTD
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	SPY	268.89	-1.50	-0.6%	+0.8%
SPDR Financial	XLF	27.87	+0.42	+1.5%	-0.1%
iShs Emerg Mkts	EEM	47.86	-0.28	-0.6%	+1.6%
CS VS 2x Vix ShTm	TVIX	7.14	+0.18	+2.6%	+28.9%
PowerShs QQQ Trust	QQQ	164.91	-1.53	-0.9%	+5.9%
VanE Vect Gld Miners	GDX	23.06	+0.08	+0.3%	-0.8%
iShs China Large Cap	FXI	47.08	+0.16	+0.3%	+2.0%
Barc iPath Vix ST	VXX	41.19	+0.65	+1.6%	+47.5%
ProShs Ultra VIX ST	UVXY	14.92	+0.33	+2.3%	+46.1%
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdi	tn XOP	38.98	-0.08	-0.2%	+4.8%

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Commodities	Close	Prev.	Chg.	% Chg.	% YTD
Cattle (lb.)	1.18	1.19	-0.01	-1.0%	-4.2%
Corn (bushel)	3.82	3.83	-0.01	-0.3%	+8.9%
Gold (troy oz.)	1,346.801	,351.20	-4.40	-0.3%	+3.1%
Hogs, lean (lb.)	.70	.70	unch.	+0.4%	-2.3%
Natural Gas (Btu.)	2.66	2.74	-0.08	-2.9%	-9.9%
Oil, heating (gal.)	2.11	2.09	+0.02	+0.9%	+1.6%
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Silver (troy oz.)	17.22	17.23	-0.01	-0.1%	+1.0%
Soybeans (bushel)	10.37	10.42	-0.05	-0.4%	+9.0%
Wheat (bushel)	4.77	4.75	+0.02	+0.3%	+11.7%

Currency per dollar	Close	Prev.	6 mo. ago	Yr. ago
British pound	.7103	.7040	.7602	.7822
Canadian dollar	1.2672	1.2635	1.2488	1.3488
Chinese yuan	6.2836	6.2745	6.6279	6.8869
Euro	.8106	.8079	.8453	.9328
Japanese yen	107.41	107.26	112.65	108.70
Mexican peso	18.4298	18.0668	18.8722	18.8458

#### **FOREIGN MARKETS**

Country	Close	Prev.	Change	%Chg.	YTD %
Frankfurt	12,567.42	12,590.83	-23.41	-0.2%	-2.7%
Hong Kong	30,708.44	30,284.25	+424.19	+1.4%	+2.6%
Japan (Nikkei)	22,191.18	22,158.20	+32.98	+0.2%	-2.5%
London	7,328.92	7,317.34	+11.58	+0.2%	-4.7%
Mexico City	48,745.28	49,090.74	-345.46	-0.7%	-1.2%

SOURCE Morningstar, Dow Jones Indexes, The Associated Press

## 5 ways to tell if your business can succeed



**Small Business** Rhonda Abrams USA TODAY

Almost every time I give a speaking engagement, a wanna-be entrepreneur approaches me with a great idea for a new small business.

Often, it's a new product. Sometimes it's a new kind of service or an innovative app.

What they all have in common is the "this-can't-fail" enthusiasm. But how do you know if your idea for a small business - or one day maybe a big business - is any good?

By keeping the following five things in mind, you'll get a better insight about whether your idea has what it takes to succeed.

#### 1. An idea isn't enough

Nobody pays the rent just by coming up with ideas. No matter how good your idea is, success is a matter of execution. Is your idea one that you can build a business on, and are you willing and able to do so?

Businesses take hard work, persistence, cash management, etc. Solid business operations beat great business ideas every day of the week. An idea is just an idea until you do something with it. Execution is key.

#### 2. You don't need a great new idea to be successful

Lots of people who want to own a small business think they need a new idea. In fact, most good, profitable businesses are developed from existing, rather mundane ideas.

Yes, it may have taken a Levi Strauss to invent blue jeans, but you can have a profitable online e-commerce store selling jeans without coming up with anything particularly new or exciting.

Most of us don't want huge, multinational businesses. We just want solid, profitable companies.

#### 3. Your idea can be too new

"It's easier to get a piece of an existing market than to create a new one." That was the advice of my old friend and



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Byers and one of the "Traitorous Eight" that are considered the founders of Silicon Valley.

Kleiner often preferred investing in companies that were "second" because creating a new market is risky, difficult, time-consuming and expensive.

Remember, the person or company who first invents a new product or service spends a lot of time and money figuring it all out. They work out the kinks, find suppliers, build a market. You can take advanoffer improvements.

You'll find it much easier and cheaper to get established if there's already an infrastructure — such as suppliers, distributors, trade organizations and so on.

#### 4. "Make sure the dog will eat the dog food"

That's another "rule" from Kleiner that's quoted often when it comes to evaluating new ideas or new products.

What Kleiner meant was

your product or service.

Entrepreneurs, especially those creating new products or new technologies, often become so excited about the product that they aren't focused on the realities of their market. Before sinking a fortune in a new endeavor, get out there and test whether customers respond.

#### 5. A really bad idea is deadly

While a good idea doesn't guarantee success, a really bad idea is almost certain to lead to failure.

Yet some of these ideas do get launched, even raising millions of dollars in funding, such as the company that created Juicero, a pricey, Internet-connected juice press that delivered juice pouches to customers.

No one wanted to shell out \$400 for a gadget that just squeezed juice out of a packet, a job you could do as well with your own hands.

No matter how well you run a business, you can't make money selling something people don't want to buy.

There's an old saying, "Success is 90% perspiration, and only 10% inspiration." I'd say that's giving inspiration too much credit.

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## **11-year-old gives Nintendo Labo high marks**

#### But box of do-it-yourself fun doesn't come cheap



Personal Tech Edward C. Baig USA TODAY

If Nintendo is going to make a splash selling the creative Nintendo Labo cardboard gaming kits that become available Friday, Labo must appeal to gradeschoolers such as my 11-year old son Samuel, not to mention dads and moms. Judging by Sam's high praise, Nin-

tendo has a hit on its hands.

"Good job, Nintendo," Sam told me. "Nintendo is amazing. It's addictive."

At the same time, while Sam was engaged as we built and subsequently ran a remote-control car made of cardboard, I can't predict if his enthusiasm will wane over time.

Given a choice to play with Labo or with his smartphone, he chose the latter on two separate occasions. But he also pushed me to play after finishing his homework one evening. And told me he wanted to play again the next night.

Nintendo Labo is a bit difficult to pigeonhole, but think of it as a first-of-itskind product that marries Nintendo's Switch portable video gaming system with pieces of cardboard that a child can bend and fold into various so-called "Toy-Con" projects, including a miniature piano (that can play real notes), fishing rod and robot.

You get to make the toys guided by helpful step-by-step animations that appear on the required Nintendo Switch. Then, after creating the toys, you have the satisfaction of playing with them and along the way can discover how the tech comes together.

None of this comes cheap. The required Nintendo Switch lists for \$299.99, and the Labo cardboard is pricey too: \$69.99 for a variety pack with five projects, or \$79.99 for the robot kit.

Labo isn't likely to turn your kid into a coding whiz, and there isn't what I'd call an overabundance of education. But you and your youngsters will get a healthy dose of do-it-yourself enrichment, and there is a "Toy-Con Garage" mode that neither Sam nor I graduated



Sam Baig plays with Nintendo Labo, which marries Nintendo's Switch system with a cardboard building set. USA TODAY

#### The bottom line:

#### Nintendo Labo

\$69.99 or \$79.99, www.nintendo.com

**Pro:** Engaging projects let kids build, play, learn and have fun. Excellent instructions help them construct the projects.

**Con:** Requires Nintendo Switch, so overall investment is expensive. Cardboard is fragile.

to that promises to "introduces basic principles of technology in a fun way" and teach very simple programming.

One possible cause of concern is the cardboard itself; I fret about its long-term durability. And you have to be careful removing various pieces off the perforated cardboard sheets. Depending on the project, there are other items to keep track of — rubber bands, washers, stickers — and the game card you must insert into the Nintendo Switch.

You also might have to charge your Switch in the middle of everything, which can be frustrating.

The first thing Sam and I built together was a simple cardboard housing for one of the Switch's removable "Joy-Con" controllers, a project that didn't take long and was more of an exercise to get us comfortable with Labo.

We then moved on to create the aforementioned car, placing both Joy-Con controllers into compartments inside this cardboard vehicle so that it could move wirelessly via touch controls on the Switch display. The car took about 15 minutes to build and brought joy to Sam. The vehicle even has a camera — that is, there's an infrared camera on one of the controllers. From the screen on the Switch, we could see what the car saw as it drove along our floor.

Building the fishing rod proved to be more difficult — somehow, we couldn't seem to match up the cardboard pieces with the diagrams on the Switch screen and wondered if we had inadvertently removed a piece we shouldn't have. But that didn't stop us from starting on an even more ambitious exercise, the robot project, Sam's favorite challenge. We won't finish the project ahead of this review, but Sam is eagerly pressing on.

Meanwhile, as a parent, I think Nintendo has struck the right tone for kids. The onscreen instructions supply encouragement (e.g.: "Push it through the opening as far as it will go. (It might be difficult, but you can do it."))

Sam and I appreciated that you can easily manipulate the touch screen to view animated instructions from different angles and easily rewind or skip ahead as necessary.

The good news for Nintendo, I suppose, is that lots of people already own the Switch, which Nintendo said at the end of last year was the fastest-selling home video game in U.S. history. As of December, U.S. sales of Switch were north of 4.8 million units; Nintendo has sold more than 10 million units worldwide. Labo gives some families a good reason to purchase a Nintendo Switch and others another reason to use the one they have.

Sam's final grade reflects his enthusiasm: "I think it's going to be the hottest new craze."

## Lyft plans to fight global warming with carbon credits

Marco della Cava USA TODAY of countries, while Lyft has focused its efforts largely on the U.S., with recent



SAN FRANCISCO – Cars and trucks contribute nearly a third of the nation's greenhouse gases, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

If that pains you, Lyft is offering a salve. Starting Thursday, the pollution produced by every vehicle on Lyft's platform will be offset by a self-imposed carbon tax, co-founders John Zimmer and Logan Green announced in a blog post on Medium.

That payment is expected to run "in the millions" of dollars this year and will go toward a variety of U.S.-based initiatives working to reduce levels of carbon dioxide scientists say play a key role in global warming, Lyft President John Zimmer told USA TODAY.

"This isn't just about buying (carbon) credits to feel good about yourself, it's about investing in projects that otherwise wouldn't happen, whether it's a wind farm in Oklahoma or reducing emissions from an auto parts plant in Michigan," he said. "And this is just the beginning."

Carbon credits, also referred to as carbon offset, are a tool that allows companies that produce greenhouse gases to offset that carbon dioxide production by financially supporting projects that emit very low or no emissions.

While Lyft remains a distant second to Uber in the ride-hailing game, the company has made gains — largely by presenting itself as a feel-good outfit with a conscience — since Uber's *annus horribilis* last year, which saw co-founder Travis Kalanick removed in the wake of cultural and business scandals.

For example, Lyft has a feature that allows riders to round up their fare to the nearest dollar and donate the difference to charity. And the company always has allowed riders to tip drivers; Uber added that feature last year as part of an initiative aimed at repairing its often fractious relationship with drivers.

Last fall, Lyft hit 500 million rides total, which compares to Uber's 5 billion to date. But Uber has a presence in dozens inroads into Canada.

Dubbed the Green Cities Initiative, Lyft's carbon credit move comes on the heels of the company joining We Are Still In, a group started last year by former New York mayor Michael Bloomberg and California Gov. Jerry Brown that has rallied 2,600 signatories who support continuing to meet environmental goals laid out by the Paris Climate Accord. President Trump pulled the U.S. out of the accord last year.

Currently, EPA chief Scott Pruitt is working to roll back Obama-era tighter mileage standards in favor of automakers. "Irregardless of politics, we'd have done this (tax), but it does highlight the importance of taking action," Zimmer said. "We want to show that companies can do good, financially, by their employees and for their customers."

In the blog post, Zimmer and Green pay tribute to early environmentalist mentors — including *Ecology of Commerce* author Paul Hawken, who recently joined Lyft as an advisor on green matters — and noted that a third-party administrator, 3Degrees, will be allocating Lyft's millions.

Green said the carbon tax would be levied based on mileage driven and not cars on the road. According to the EPA, burning 1 gallon of gasoline creates roughly 20 pounds of carbon dioxide.

While Zimmer was keen to talk about Lyft's ramped-up focus on leveraging its growing platform to try and offset some of the negatives created by transportation, he also weighed in on two hot-button topics facing his industry.

After a self-driving Uber car killed a pedestrian in Arizona last month, debates have surfaced over whether autonomous technology should continue to be tested on public roads.

"That was a tragedy, and everyone should take pause," Zimmer said. "Selfdriving cars have the promise of cutting into the roughly 100 deaths that happen every day in the U.S., but it's not appropriate to bring tech to market before it's ready."

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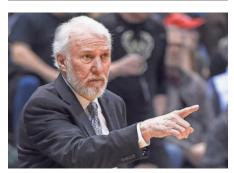
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#### **FIRST WORD**

**6 Coach Popovich - I join the** NBA family and countless fans across the country who are thinking of you, Jill, and Micky tonight as you mourn the loss of your Erin.

Former president Bill Clinton on Twitter about the death of Erin Popovich, wife of San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. She died Wednesday. According to the San Antonio *Express-News*, she had a long battle with a respiratory illness. The team said Gregg Popovich was not coaching Thursday's playoff game against Golden State.

#### **NOTABLE NUMBERS**

**55** Points by Jazz guard Donovan Mitchell in his first two playoff games after scoring 28 Wednesday, eclipsing the NBA rookie record of 53 set by Michael Jordan in the 1984-85 season, according to Elias Sports Bureau.

**34/35** Pregame and postgame ages for the Twins' Joe Mauer and Zach Duke after Minnesota defeated the Indians 2-1 in 16 innings. The game that started Wednesday night lasted 5 hours, 13 minutes, ending at 12:23 a.m. Thursday. The two were born April 19, 1983.

## **10** games we can't wait to see

#### Lorenzo Reyes USA TODAY

The NFL schedule for the 2018 season was set Thursday night, so you can start circling dates on your calendar. Potential playoff and Super Bowl previews, scintillating quarterback showdowns and reunion games are among the highlights.

Here are the 10 matchups we're most excited to see (in order of date):

#### **NFL** schedules online

The NFL complete schedule was not released in time for this edition. Go to nfl.usatoday .com for full coverage. The schedule also is planned for Monday's USA TODAY print edition.

#### **49ers at Vikings**

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triguing quarterback subplots. Kirk Cousins signed with Minnesota in March, though it was once believed he would reunite with Kyle Shanahan in San Francisco. Instead, Jimmy Garoppolo is in charge after joining the Niners in a trade last October. He impressed in six games, going 5-0 as a starter, but a challenge against a stout Vikes defense should be captivating.

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**TWEET OF THE DAY** 

#### @BrunoMars

Sending love and prayers to Bruno Sammartino's family. He was such a gentleman when I met him & really meant a lot to my father & I. RIP

Entertainer Bruno Mars who, according to *Billboard*, was nicknamed Bruno by his father in honor of the wrestler Bruno Sammartino, who died this week at 82.

#### LAST WORD

I can't imagine what Coach
 Popovich is going through,
 but I am lifting up prayers you and
 your family"

The Warriors' Stephen Curry on Twitter about the death of Gregg Popovich's wife.

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## SCHERZER VS. KERSHAW

### L.A. SHOWDOWN HIGHLIGHTS DYING BREED OF ACE

#### Jorge L. Ortiz

USA TODAY

They won't be taken out of the game just because the opposing lineup is about to get a third crack at them.

throw a lot of innings. They face each other Friday. BRAD MILLS/USA TODAY SPORTS

That's one of the certainties of Friday evening's scintillating matchup between three-time Cy Young Award winners Max Scherzer of the Nationals and Clayton Kershaw of the Dodgers in Los Angeles. The metrics-driven Dodgers are known for their reluctance to allow even effective starters face batters a third time in a game, relying on stats that indicate trouble tends to lurk in those situations. But they accord Kershaw the benefit of letting him go deeper into games, given his status as arguably baseball's top pitcher.

As for Scherzer? Rookie manager Dave Martinez knows

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## Former cyclist Armstrong reaches \$5M settlement with government

#### Brent Schrotenboer USA TODAY

Former cyclist Lance Armstrong has agreed to pay \$5 million to the federal government to settle the government's civil fraud lawsuit against him just weeks before the case was scheduled to go to trial with nearly \$100 million at stake, Armstrong's attorney confirmed Thursday to USA TODAY.

As part of the settlement, Armstrong also will pay \$1.65 million to Floyd Landis, his legal enemy and former cycling teammate. Landis' attorney, Paul Scott, confirmed Landis and his legal team will receive \$2.75 million total from the deal, including \$1.1 mil-



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lion of the government's \$5 million recovery from Armstrong as the whistleblower who brought this case to the government's attention in 2010.

The Justice Department issued a statement Thursday saying, "No one is above the law." The trial was scheduled to begin May 7 in Washington, D.C.

"A competitor who intentionally uses illegal (performance-enhancing drugs) not only deceives fellow competitors and fans, but also sponsors, who help make sporting competitions possible," said a statement from Chad Readler, acting Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Civil Division.

The federal government had sued Armstrong in 2013, a few months after he admitted to extensive use of performance-enhancing drugs and blood transfusions. The government filed the suit on behalf of the U.S. Postal Service, which paid \$32.3 million to sponsor Armstrong's cycling team from 2000-04.

Armstrong said in a statement he's happy to have "made peace with the Postal Service," whose jersey he wore at the height of his fame in pro cycling.

## NFL

## One player's unique road to draft

From factory job to Division II, NFL in sight for Shepherd

Tom Schad USA TODAY

The printers were massive, Nathan Shepherd said. Probably 25- or 30-feet long, whirring as they spit out 50 hot strips of cardboard in a row — flattened cartons so sharp they would leave thin cuts on his forearms.

His job at this MeadWestvaco packaging facility in Toronto was to stack the folded-down boxes into towers more than 6 feet high, move them off the line, bundle them in plastic wrap and get them ready to be loaded onto trucks. They were often the future homes of 24packs of Coca-Cola, or the beginnings of a six-pack of beer.

"Bud Light, Miller Light, Corona, whatever it might be," Shepherd said

This wasn't the only job Shepherd had in his two years away from football, but it was probably the most difficult. He said he was working 12-hour shifts, sometimes overnight from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. He was living with his parents in a suburb of Toronto — biking to work, lifting weights, saving money and waiting for another opportunity to play football.

Now, a little less than four years later, he's emerged as a projected second- or third-round pick in the NFL draft.

Though he's a relative unknown even among football fans, Shepherd has arguably the most winding journey of any of this year's prospects.

He worked full-time at a plant nursery and electrical construction company in British Columbia. He paid his own way and walked on at Fort Hays State University, a Division-II school in western Kansas. And then he kept working, bouncing at bars after home games and working other odd jobs to stay financially afloat.

"The number-one question the NFL asks (is), 'Do you love football?'" said Fort Hays wide receivers coach Al McCray, who recruited Shepherd. "Read this kid's story and you tell me if this kid loves football or not."

#### From nursery to packaging factory

Shepherd didn't just want to play football; he wanted to play American football.

So nearly seven years ago, he decided



For Nathan Shepherd, his shot at playing in the NFL has been a long journey. GLENN ANDREWS/USA TODAY SPORTS

school in Canada, even though it was more than 2,700 miles from Toronto.

He redshirted in 2011 and showed promise in nine games in 2012, but he had to leave the team — and withdraw from school — in 2013 because of what he described as financial issues.

So he did what anyone else would do. "I started working at a plant nursery," Shepherd said.

His brief seasonal job at NATS Nursery amounted to packing up orders of potted plants, transporting them on a dune buggy and loading them onto an 18-wheeler, Shepherd said.

When winter arrived, he said he switched to electrical construction, working on the wiring in new townhouse developments.

Then, a little less than a year after entering the workforce, Shepherd decided to move back home with his parents to cut costs. Paul Watkins, a family friend and personal trainer, said Shepherd was "broken."

"His dream was to play football, and it didn't work out at Simon Fraser," said Watkins, who helps run Football In Training, a training group outside Toronto. "It seemed like that was the end of football for him."

But Shepherd said his mindset never wavered. Even as he picked up shifts at the packaging factory in April and took online classes through Northeast Texas Community College, he was still in the gym with Watkins, who offered to train Shepherd for free. "All the other dreams or passions that I might have had were things that could be pursued after football," Shepherd said. "Football is a blink of an eye. I'm like, 'You're going to regret if you don't go back. So let's go back and give it our best shot.' "

#### A one-way plane ticket

McCray first got a call about Shepherd from a friend who is a junior-college coach. The school loved him, McCray's friend told him, but it wasn't prepared to risk a scholarship on someone who hadn't played football in two years.

McCray watched Shepherd's twoyear-old film from Simon Fraser and some video clips on Facebook of the 6-5, 315-pounder lifting weights in Watkins' gym. It was enough for McCray. He offered Shepherd the chance to walk on at Fort Hays and pay his own way for a semester, with the chance of earning a scholarship after that.

Within a few weeks, Shepherd had purchased a one-way ticket to Hays, Kansas — population 21,027.

"People talk about, 'Oh they love football, they love football, they love football,' "McCray said. "This kid ... from Toronto ... bought his own plane ticket to come to *Hays, Kansas*. Sight unseen."

Shepherd said he used savings from the previous two years to cover tuition,

encountered one unforeseen cost: health insurance.

"I'd never had to (pay for) that before," the Ajax, Ontario, native said.

Shepherd said it didn't make sense for him financially to take out student loans because "there would've been a lot of hoops that I had to jump through" as a Canadian citizen at a U.S. school. He didn't ask his parents for help because his younger sister, Janessa, was also getting ready to go to college.

"I felt like if I wanted to pursue this dream, I needed to be the one to invest in myself," Shepherd explained. "And if I could do that, that's how I knew it was real for me."

As he carved out a role for himself on the field, eventually earning a scholarship that covered tuition, Shepherd continued to work random jobs to pay for food and rent. He got a job on the school's custodial staff. He worked the concession stands at basketball and volleyball games on campus. He spent one semester as a resident-assistant. He moved furniture for cash. And he even worked security at local bars, concert halls and a dirt racetrack on the outskirts of town, sometimes even bouncing after home games.

"It was literally anything," said Wyatt Parker, his former teammate and close friend. "It could've been pumping sewage and Nate would be like, 'I'm there."

Shepherd juggled his various responsibilities by working as many hours as he could during the spring and summer, then scaling back during football season. He recorded 12½ tackles for a loss and four sacks last year, earning conference defensive player of the year honors despite being routinely double-teamed.

"He kind of looked at football like it's a job," Parker said.

Unsurprisingly, McCray said, Shepherd has prepared for the draft much like any other employee would prepare for a job interview. When scouts visited him, he'd ask for their business cards. If he knew he was going to be meeting with a specific scout, he'd research his or her background.

"Like, who does that?" McCray said. "That's Nate. Everything about him is business."

Shepherd will turn 25 during his rookie season, making him one of the oldest prospects in this draft class.

And regardless of when he's drafted, he will become just the sixth player from Fort Hays to make it to the NFL since 1938.

It will be a moment of validation and relief, seven years in the making — and

to enroll at Simon Fraser University because it was the only NCAA-affiliated housing, food and international student fees during that first semester. He also it's clear he won't take his new job for granted.

### **Must-see**

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offensive fireworks that should make this year's installment fascinating particularly given both squads' defensive upgrades. Having two of the game's top young passers in Wentz and Jared Goff doesn't hurt, either.

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#### **Patriots at Steelers**

These might be the two best teams in

the AFC, so playoff implications are a virtual given. Throw in last season's controversial finish in which Pittsburgh tight end Jesse James appeared to snatch a game-winning touchdown only to have it overturned on replay — it would count under the newly revised catch rule — could give this rivalry an added shot of drama.

#### Saints at Vikings

A rematch of last season's thrilling divisional round showdown — the socalled "Minnesota Miracle," in which Vikes receiver Stefon Diggs won the game on a walk-off 61-yard TD catch after New Orleans safety Marcus Williams failed to tackle him — this figures to be another back-and-forth battle. These are both likely playoff teams, so it could have huge NFC seeding implications once the season wraps up.

#### **49ers at Seahawks**

This one is all about cornerback Richard Sherman's return to Seattle to play his former team. He's not one to shy away from expressing his opinion and will certainly be out to prove the Seahawks were wrong for their decision to cut him, so look for Sherman to be gunning for a pick of former teammate Russell Wilson.

#### Saints vs. Falcons

These teams don't like each other. The NFC South was so competitive last season that an underrated rivalry shouldn't disappoint in either of its iterations, which could very well carry massive playoff implications. And a Matt Ryan-Drew Brees faceoff — along with all the dynamic skill position players on both sides — makes it that much better.

#### **Cowboys at Texans**

Not only is this a battle for bragging rights in the Lone Star State, it involves two of the game's most exciting, young quarterbacks in Dallas' Dak Prescott and Houston's Deshaun Watson, who's coming back from reconstructive knee surgery. The Cowboys should also enjoy a full season from Ezekiel Elliott, while the Texans will be get J.J. Watt back from another injury-shortened campaign.

#### **Jaguars vs. Eagles**

Finally, the fans in London can feast on a savory matchup. The Jags are the UK's unofficial team, and with their trash-talking swagger and 2017 trip to the AFC Championship Game, there has never been a more exciting time to watch them. Some questions linger about whether Jacksonville's rise was a fluke, but a test against the defending Super Bowl champs at Wembley Stadium on Oct. 28 should serve as a fine measuring stick.

#### **Raiders' home opener**

New (and former) Oakland coach Jon Gruden has said he wants to bring the game back to 1998. Well, with his regular-season return to the Black Hole sideline after a nine-year hiatus, we'll get to see how Chucky plans on shaping his club's identity.



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## **AUTO RACING**

#### NASCAR

## Kyle Busch tries to match Harvick

Busch going for third win in a row at Richmond

#### **Mike Hembree**

USA TODAY

Ford Motor Co. announced this week that it will field the Mustang model in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series next season.

The move had been rumored in NAS-CAR garages for months. Of the three car manufacturers racing in the Cup series, Ford has the "oldest" entry in the Fusion.

In a bit of irony, the Fusion has been out front much of this season. Ford drivers have won four of the first eight races leading into Saturday's Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond Raceway (Fox, 6:30 p.m. ET).

Kevin Harvick, who will be among Saturday's favorites, has three of those victories. He said the three-quartermile track changes from day to night and from moderate to cool temperatures. The race is scheduled to start at 6:30 and temperatures are expected to range from the high 50s to the mid-40s during the 400-lap race. (Unlike last weekend at Bristol, no snow is expected).

"Richmond is a racetrack where you have to have a plan," Harvick said. "When I say you have to have a plan, you have to know that it's going to be 50 degrees or high 40s as we go into the night and into the race. As you go from daytime practice where it always seems like the car is pushing, then you'll go into the night and the car will start turning better. The next thing you know you're



Kyle Busch has had a great start to the season and will be driving for his third win in a row this week. MICHAEL SHROYER/USA TODAY SPORTS

starting to get loose off the corner.

"You have to anticipate where the racetrack is going to go because of the fact the tires wear out so fast. You're going to have a certain condition of tight throughout the practice sessions, the tires wear out fast and it only seems to get tighter with the cycles on the tires. It's a very difficult place to practice on, and you have to have a notebook that tells you what the racetrack has done consistently over the past few years."

Adding to the challenge for the rest of the field is the fact that Kyle Busch seems to have taken control of the series. Over the past six races, his finishes have been second, second, third, second, first, first. A victory Saturday — he has won four times at Richmond would give Busch the second "hat trick" of his Cup career.

Busch has an average finish of 7.4 at the track, best among active drivers. He last won at Richmond in 2012.

"We've kind of lost a little bit of what our handle was there a few years ago when we were really good," Busch said of his Joe Gibbs Racing team. "More rule changes to create parity takes away advantages, and that kind of knocked us back a little bit. We haven't quite figured out what it takes to get some of that back."

Busch came on strong late in the race to win Monday at Bristol in a race that stretched across two days because of weather conditions.

A short preparation week — teams stayed in Bristol an extra day and they'll be racing a day earlier than in most weeks — probably will strengthen the advantages of veteran drivers and quality teams at Richmond.

Denny Hamlin, Busch's teammate, has scored three wins at Richmond and will be racing for his first victory of the season. He has led 1,653 Richmond laps, best among active drivers.

Hamlin has run well this season but has been shut out of victory lane. He finished third in the Daytona 500 and has three other top-six runs, but he also has finished out of the top 10 four times.

Hamlin is among a relatively long list of key drivers who haven't won this season. Among those still looking are Joey Logano, Brad Keselowski, Kyle Larson, Kurt Busch, Jimmie Johnson and Chase Elliott.

Also on the waiting list for a win is Ryan Blaney, who led early at Bristol but was caught up in a crash while in front. He has three top-fives.

Darrell Wallace Jr. created a burst of excitement late in the Bristol race by leading six laps in the Richard Petty Motorsports No. 43. It marked Wallace's first time in the lead in a Cup race, but he faded late and finished 16th.

"We are still coming down from Bristol and that roller-coaster ride," Wallace said. "We're a small team but making big gains on our program. We wish we could have closed on that deal, but we're headed to Richmond."

Scheduled to make his Cup debut this weekend is Xfinity Series regular Daniel Hemric, who will drive a Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet.

## 90-year-old driver set to run in 2 Tucson races

## McGriff has been around since NASCAR's infancy

#### Mike Hembree

Hershel McGriff Jr., 61, is scheduled to drive in the multi-race program at Tucson Speedway in Arizona on May 5.

For those who might be surprised that a 61-year-old will be driving a race car, consider this: Also racing at Tucson that night will be Hershel McGriff Sr.,



McGriff says he's racing at Tucson, a three-eighths-mile paved oval, because he got an offer he couldn't refuse. Bill McAnally, who owns several cars that run in the West Series and is a longtime friend of McGriff's, offered the driver a one-race ride as a "gift" for his 90th birthday.

"It's a birthday present," McGriff said. "How can I turn that down? There are a lot of young kids in the series now, but I think I'll be able to keep up with them."

McAnally, whose current West Series

Hershel Jr.'s 90-year-old father.

The number is not a misprint. McGriff turned 90 in December and plans to race in two 100-lap races as part of the K&N Pro Series West schedule at Tucson.

McGriff has not yet been approved by NASCAR to compete at Tucson. He is scheduled to have an on-track test this week.

McGriff, who last raced in 2012, has a notable motor sports history. Among other accomplishments, he drove in the first Southern 500 NASCAR Cup Series race in 1950 at Darlington Raceway, won the Pan American cross-Mexico race (also in 1950) and scored four Cup series

Hershel McGriff Sr. is hoping to drive in a NASCAR regional series race this year at 90. STEVE DYKES/2009 GETTY IMAGES FOR NASCAR PHOTO

victories in the 1950s.

McGriff was named one of NASCAR's 50 greatest drivers in 1998 and has been nominated for the NASCAR Hall of Fame several times.

A longtime resident of Oregon who now lives near Tucson, McGriff's racing roots go back to the early days of NAS-CAR. He works out regularly and looks younger than his years, but, racing at 90? Really?

"How many guys are driving at my age?" McGriff asked. "I don't know anybody. I was 84 the last time I raced, and I was going pretty strong. I feel about the same now. Nobody would know how old I am unless somebody tells them. I try to keep up with the group." driver lineup includes 16-year-old Hailie Deegan, said he is happy to provide a car for McGriff and added he isn't concerned about a "very senior" citizen competing.

"He's not trying to win a bet or impress a girl," McAnally said. "It's something he wanted to do. It's been a while since he raced, but he's working out and getting ready."

Will this be McGriff's last race?

Probably, he said, but he's not willing to make a definitive retirement statement.

"Why do I need to say that?" he asked. "If I don't say it, then I'm open to anything."

#### **VERIZON INDYCAR SERIES**

## Parity at the top of the leaderboard after three races

#### Jim Ayello

The Indianapolis Star | USA TODAY Network

Winning a race in the Verizon Indy-Car Series has never been more difficult. That's the biggest takeaway from the first three events of the 2018 campaign, said a man with 32 career victories on his résumé.

"Right now is the most competitive, talented group of drivers the series has seen," said Will Power, who sits ninth all time in Indy car triumphs. "When you look at how (Alexander) Rossi has come on and the rookies who are here this year, guys like (Robert) Wickens and so on, it just gets harder. It gets harder and harder, and the common body kit I think was a really, really good idea. ... To win and be on the pole these days, you've just got to get it so right."

Three different teams have invaded victory lane, as no one seems to own an edge. That being the case, it wouldn't be the least bit surprising to find another new team in the winner's circle come

#### USA TODAY COMMENTARY

Sunday's Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama (3:30 ET, NBCSN), though that's not how I see things unfolding. Here is what I think:

The standings foretell a fascinating year. You want competitive balance? After three races, six different teams occupy the top six on the leaderboard: Andretti Autosport (Rossi), Team Penske (Josef Newgarden), Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing (Graham Rahal), Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan (Sebastien Bourdais), Schmidt Peterson Motorsports (James Hinchcliffe) and Chip Ganassi Racing (Scott Dixon).

"You have talent across the entire board," Rossi said. "I think it creates a very good show for the fans, and ... it demands perfection and it demands us to be on top of our game."

Rossi keeps clicking on all cylinders. It's hard to imagine a better start to the 2018 campaign for the budding superstar. Three races and three podiums, and twice (Phoenix, Long Beach) he's easily been the fastest man on the track. Heading into Barber, he's a strong bet to make it 4-for-4 in podium finishes. Not only do driver and team looked locked in, but Rossi has shown a recent penchant for road and street courses.

"He's definitely what I'd call the standout of the field right now in every respect," Power said. "I mean, even when we saw him at Phoenix on the oval, as well."

Simon Pagenaud's nightmare needs to end. For as good as Rossi's start has been, that's how bad it's been for the 2016 champion. A slip in pit lane cost him a top-five finish or better at Phoenix before Rahal's first-lap blunder cost him the whole race at Long Beach. Immediately afterward, Rahal apologized to Pagenaud for the mistake, but it was likely of little solace to Pagenaud, whose IndyCar-leading streak of races completed came to an end at 22. Fortunately for Pagenaud, he has reason for optimism heading to Alabama. Not only is he a former race winner there, but Penske looked strong in the mid-March open test. Though the test was abbreviated because of weather, Penske teammate Newgarden paced the field, while Power and Helio Castroneves (preparing for his Indy return) ran second and third. Pagenaud was ninth, but considering his car has had pace so far this season, he has every reason to expect a bounce-back this weekend.

**Power wins the Grand Prix of Barber**. The Penske superstar checks all the boxes as a likely victor. He's won at Barber twice (2011, 2012); he'd be a threetime winner if not for the flat tire; he's sat on the pole four times (2010, 2011, 2014, 2017); he was quick at the March open test; and he's been fast all season.

While Penske already has a victory this year (Newgarden, Phoenix), Power would be the fourth different winner, which seems in keeping with how the 2018 season is shaking out.

## **McGlinchey tops charts at tackle**

### Notre Dame lineman has good technique and could be asset in locker room

Lorenzo Reyes USA TODAY

The top offensive tackle prospects entering the NFL draft:

1. Mike McGlinchey, Notre Dame (6-8, 309 pounds): He is quite athletic for his size and played tight end in high school. McGlinchey is a sound blocker but should probably add a bit more bulk. Not a dominant finisher, his best assets are proper technique and natural form. He has plenty of experience on both sides of the line. A two-time captain, he ought to be a valuable addition to his next locker room. McGlinchey is a cousin of Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan. Proiected: Round 1

2. Connor Williams, Texas (6-5, 320): A relatively short wingspan could cause some teams to consider moving him to guard. Perhaps more concerning was a dip in his play, evident on game film from 2017. Still, Williams provides plenty of power and excellent technique, displaying a solid understanding of leverage and hand placement to finish blocks. But he'll have to quickly prove he can handle speedy edge rushers to make a living on the blind side at the next level. Projected: Round 1-2

**3. Kolton Miller, UCLA (6-9, 309):** He should reap the benefits after a strong performance at the scouting combine. Miller's tape, however, sometimes shows him struggling against strong and quick pass rushers, and he might not have the athleticism — despite his nifty feet — to survive on the left side in the NFL. Projected: Round 1-2

4. Brian O'Neill, Pittsburgh (6-7, 297): A basketball player in high school, his football background includes stops at defensive end and tight end, providing an idea of the athleticism he brings. Pitt coaches even used him as a running back, and O'Neill scored two touch-



Notre Dame's Mike McGlinchey, a solid blocker, could be the first offensive tackle to be taken in the draft. BRIAN SPURLOCK/USA TODAY SPORTS

downs in his college career. He has prototypical size for an NFL tackle but will need to get stronger. His best traits are most evident when he can get into space and use his mobility to engage blockers at the second level. What's concerning, however, is O'Neill's tendency to abandon his technique when he struggles. **Projected: Round 2** 

**5. Tyrell Crosby, Oregon (6-5, 325):** Injuries limited him to three games in 2017, so there might be some rust to knock off when he gets to rookie minicamp for his NFL team. But Crosby is strong, boasts long arms (35¼ inches) and offers experience at both left and right tackle. **Projected: Round 2** 

6. Orlando Brown, Oklahoma (6-8, 360): He labored through one of the worst combine performances ever, generating significant concerns about his subpar athleticism. After running a 5.85-second 40-yard dash and repping 225 pounds 14 times in Indianapolis, Brown managed only slight improvement to his depressed stock at the Sooners pro day. Still, he has ideal size and length — and he used them at times to compensate for poor technique and sloppy footwork. If he can redistribute

his weight and take to NFL coaching, Brown could develop into a solid pro like his father, Orlando "Zeus" Brown. **Projected: Round 2-3** 

7. Geron Christian, Louisville (6-6, 318): His 35-inch arms give him the requisite length to fend off pass rushers. Another former basketball player, Christian's footwork is fluid and natural, and he's well-balanced in his stance. Though he played on Lamar Jackson's blind side for the Cardinals, Christian likely projects to start on the right side, with the potential to eventually blossom into a reliable left tackle in the NFL. However, his experience blocking for a mobile quarterback could serve him well in a place such as Seattle. And after snapping to Jackson during their pro day, maybe Christian can fill in at center in a pinch. Projected: Round 2-4

#### Teams in need of offensive tackles

**1. Texans:** They struck out in their bid to get Nate Solder in free agency. The need remains, especially with QB Deshaun Watson on the mend from knee surgery, but Houston might have to get creative given the team's first pick is in the third round (68th overall).

**2. Browns:** With five of the draft's top 64 picks, ample opportunity to find retired Joe Thomas' successor.

**3. Patriots:** With Solder gone, good chance they use one of their two first-rounders on a new blind-side sentinel for soon-to-be-41-year-old Tom Brady.

**4. Bills:** Besides losing C Eric Wood and G Richie Incognito to retirement, Buffalo traded LT Cordy Glenn to Cincinnati to move up the draft board.

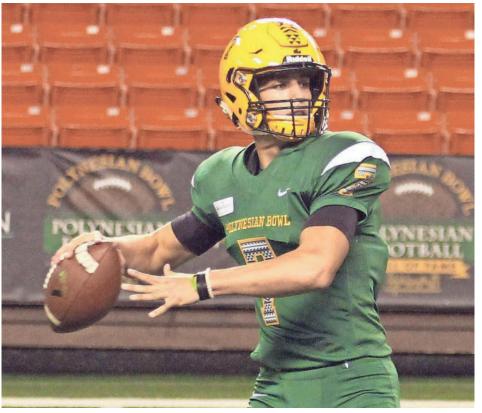
**5. Jets:** They're certain to take a quarterback with the draft's No. 3 pick. They'll need to think about protecting their new franchise passer, though GM Mike Maccagnan's next pick doesn't come until the third round.

## **QB recruit who picked Princeton over Alabama**

#### Paul Myerberg USA TODAY

LANCASTER, Calif. – It's hard to be miserable in Cancun, especially when you're in the Mexican resort city for your 18th birthday, as Brevin White was in late July. But surrounded by family and friends, shimmering water and sandy beaches, White was just that: miserable.

Or uptight, maybe. Stressed. He was



And they still were shattered. Alabama was just a whole other level."

It wasn't the first time White had been tempted by a scholarship offer. He was offered before his sophomore year by Arizona State, where his brother, Brady, played before transferring to Memphis, and gave the Sun Devils heavy consideration. Likewise with Washington. Minnesota and head coach P.J. Fleck made a furious push for White last fall, even drawing a visit for the Golden Gophers' win against Nebraska. Alabama was different, White admitted. But he stuck with his commitment to Princeton. After returning home from his Alabama visit, White mapped out the pluses and minuses for each school. Princeton had the education: Alabama the football program. The Ivy League afforded network opportunities; the Crimson Tide had their straight line to national championships and the NFL. He asked himself: What checks the most boxes for me? "Brevin is going to be successful wherever he goes," Paraclete High School principal John Anson said. "What a level-headed, great kid to be able to put it into perspective like that. I think he's really at peace with that. He could go play anywhere. He certainly has that skill set. But I think that he really valued the word that he gave, and he didn't want to go back on that." White spoke with former Princeton quarterback Jason Garrett, the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, who eased his nerves in one respect: If you're good enough, the NFL will find you. The league found me, he said. That, combined with the doors opened by a Princeton degree – White spoke of a "40-year plan" as a factor in his decision convinced him to stick with Princeton. That's how this unique recruitment played out: White will enroll this summer as one of five quarterbacks on Princeton's roster and the only one who could have gone anywhere, including the top program in the country, but chose the Ivy League. "Both schools are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. Not a lot of people get to visit Alabama, let alone play football there. Not a lot of people get accepted into Princeton and get to have that experience there and play football," White said. "At the end of the day, it was Princeton. I just knew that Princeton was still where I wanted to be."

making his family miserable, at least. The four-star quarterback from Paraclete High School, located in this charter city in the Antelope Valley of Southern California, was constantly checking his phone in search of updates from his future college program of choice — awaiting word from the head coach that he'd been accepted into the school, which would free him to make his non-binding verbal commitment.

The call came on July 25, with White in a hotel room joined by his parents and the coach on speakerphone to break the news: You're approved. We're ready whenever you want to make the next step.

White looked at his parents. Let's do it, he said. I want to commit right now.

Then, in true Cancun fashion, the family celebrated at Senor Frogs, that ubiquitous warm-weather chain of party-hard restaurants.

The school?

Princeton.

No, not Southern California or UCLA, two schools within 90 minutes of Lancaster, nor another program along the West Coast. Not to a program in the Big Ten Conference, the Big 12 Conference, any league in the Power Five — White committed to the Ivy League, which has produced 15 presidents yet only six firstround NFL draft picks.

"I finally had the world's weight lifted off me," White said. "A lot of people aren't able to pass up on opportunities that come. It was hard for me to turn down schools and wait for the right opportunity to come and the right school to come around. But ultimately it did, and it paid off."

It already was one of the more distinctive stories of this or any recent recruiting cycle: White was a consensus four-star recruit, one of just a handful at the position in his recruiting class, and your random top-flight quarterback recruit will always go for glitz and glamour over an Ivy League institution's classical education.

Then Alabama called, and things

Quarterback Brevin White turned down a chance to play at Alabama to play at Princeton. MICHAEL SULLIVAN/AP

got interesting.

For another recruit, maybe, a late scholarship offer from Alabama would alter the equation in one way — making the prospect consider the fit, the coaching staff and the opportunity. For White, the offer led to a question unique to his recruitment: Do I attend the top business school in the country or play for the nation's top football program, maybe the greatest dynasty in the sport's history?

"I committed a while ago, but the whole story blew up with the whole Alabama thing," he said. "Nobody just turns down Alabama like that. If the No.1 football school in the country is after you, you're going to show them the love back. So I was interested."

The first rush of calls from the Alabama coaching staff began in the week leading into the Crimson Tide's matchup with Clemson in the Sugar Bowl, as defensive coordinator Tosh Lupoi followed up those calls with an in-home visit with White and his family in early January. A second visit followed, along with more calls, and Lupoi persuaded White to take an official visit to Tuscaloosa on the first weekend of February.

He was hosted by sophomore Tua Ta-

govailoa, the hero of Alabama's championship-game win against Georgia. He took note of the waterfall, the support system for academics, the facilities, even the new dining center currently in construction. On his first full night on campus, his mother attended a cocktail party at the Saban residence and saw Saban do the "wobble." White watched Alabama take on Oklahoma in basketball.

He drew formations and plays for the Alabama coaching staff. They'd ask for his favorite play; he'd go up to the board and map it out. During a dinner hosted on the suite level of Bryant-Denny Stadium, White, a fan of country music, was walking past the 50-yard line when *Sweet Home Alabama* came on the loudspeakers. He got chills.

That Sunday morning, White went to Saban's home with the six other recruits on campus and toured the property checking out the palatial estate, its bevy of Mercedes and off-road golf carts. Saban pulled him aside. We want you to enroll on Feb. 12, he said, in eight days.

"You're feeling good about yourself when you're driving to the Birmingham airport," White said. "My expectations were as high as expectations could go.

## **Murray rebounds at Texas Open**

#### After struggling at RBC Heritage, takes early 1st-round lead with 67

#### **FROM STAFF REPORTS**

A week after missing the cut in the RBC Heritage, Grayson Murray shot an opening 5-under-par 67 to take the early lead in tough conditions in the Valero Texas Open on Thursday.

Murray, a 24-year-old who played at Wake Forest and Arizona State, had seven birdies and a double bogey on the par-3 seventh hole on the Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio. Since turning pro in 2015, Murray has one PGA Tour victory, the 2017 Barbasol Championship. The tournament, which was in Opelika, Ala., last year, is played the same week as the British Open.

At Hilton Head last week, Murray said he struggled with poor ball-striking while missing the cut in the RBC Heritage. He worked on his swing Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and it paid off.

"I'm starting to strike it a lot better," he said. "Last week I was hitting one club, I mean I was hitting each club 10 yards shorter than I normally do, and you can't play like that because your caddie is trying to give you a number and a club and you keep hitting these bad shots or keep coming up short.

"I got back to kind of the basics with the setup and



Grayson Murray shot 5-under-par 67 in the Valero Texas Open at TPC San Antonio on Thursday. MICHAEL REAVES GETTY IMAGES

the takeaway, got my club in a better position at the top, which kind of frees my downswing, then I can start going at it."

The wind continued to pick up as Murray's round progressed.

"I was playing with Aaron Baddeley and Graeme McDowell and it seemed like we all three would kind of back off of shots and kind of restart," said Murray, who teed off at 7:50 a.m. local time. "It was tough to kind of get over the ball and feel confident that you knew you had the right club in your hand."

Chesson Hadley, who also played in the morning, was one shot behind Murray with a 68.

Murray, who is ranked No. 108 in the world, has been inconsistent at times this season, tying for eighth in the Pebble Beach Pro-Am in February and missing the cut in his next two starts.

"When I get off, it's never far off, but it seems like I'm always searching for something and then I start compensating and then I create a new bad habit," he said. 'Ball striking for me gives me confidence with every other club in my bag when it comes to putting or chipping or anything. I know if I hit it well, those parts of the game are going to be good, too."

Park leads: Carding four consecutive birdies, Inbee Park shot 5-under-par 66 to take the early lead in the LPGA's Hugel-JTBC Championship in Los Angeles. Playing alongside Park and Anna Nordqvist, American Lexi Thompson was among players who shot 68.

Park, who has 19 career LPGA victories, tied for second in the ANA Inspiration, the first major of the season. Last week she tied for third in the Lotte Championship.

#### FOR THE RECORD

#### NBA

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Friday, April 20: Toronto at Washington, 8

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Thursday's Sports Transactions BASEBALL

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president positions. American League CLEVELAND INDIANS – Optioned OF Greg Al-len to Columbus (IL). NEW YORK YANKEES – Placed RHP Luis Cessa on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 18. Rein-stated LHP CC Sabathia from the 10-day DL. TEXAS RANGERS – Signed OF Julio Pablo Mar-tinez as an international free agent. National League National League

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#### <u>SPORTS ON TV</u>

Times Eastern. Programs live unless noted. Check local listings.

#### Friday

AUTO RACING: NASCAR Xfinity Series, ToyotaCare 250, final practice (Fox Sports 1, 8:30 a.m.); Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, Toyota Owners 400, practice (Fox Sports 1, 11 a.m.); Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, Toyota Owners 400, final practice (Fox Sports 1, 12:30 p.m.); NASCAR Xfinity Series, ToyotaCare 250, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 4 p.m.); Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, Toyota Owners 400, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 5:30 p.m.); NASCAR Xfinity Series, Toyota-Care 250 (Fox Sports 1, 7 p.m.)

GOLF: European PGA Tour, Trophee Hassan II, second round (Golf Channel, 6:30 a.m.): European PGA Tour, Trophee Hassan II, second round (Golf Channel, 10:30 a.m.); PGA Tour Champions, Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge, first round (Golf Channel, 12:30 p.m.): PGA Tour. Valero Texas Open, second round (Golf Channel, 3:30 p.m.); LPGA, HUGEL-JTBC Championship, second round (Golf Channel, 6:30 p.m.)

GYMNASTICS: Women, NCAA Championships, first semifinal (ESPN2, 1 p.m.); Women, NCAA Championships, second semifinal (ESPNU, 7 p.m.)

MLB: Kansas City at Detroit (MLB Network, 1 p.m.); Regional coverage, Cleveland at Baltimore OR Toronto at N.Y. Yankees (MLB Network, 7 p.m.)

NBA PLAYOFFS: Eastern Conference, first round, Game 3, Cleveland at Indiana (ESPN, 7 p.m.); Eastern Conference, first round, Game 3, Toronto at Washington (ESPN2, 8 p.m.); NBA playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 3, Boston at Milwaukee (ESPN, 9:30 p.m.)

NHL STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS: Eastern Conference, first round, Game 5, Philadelphia at Pittsburgh (NBCSN, 7 p.m.); Western Conference, first round, Game 5 Minnesota at Winnipeg (USA Network, 7:30 p.m.); Western Conference, first round, Game 5, Colorado at Nashville (NBCSN, 9:30 p.m.)

SOCCER: Bundesliga, Borussia Monchengladbach vs. Wolfsburg (Fox Sports 2, 2:20 p.m.)

#### Saturday

AUTO RACING: Verizon IndyCar Series, Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 4 p.m.); Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, Toyota Owners 400 (Fox, 6:30 p.m.)

BOXING: Premier Champions, Adrien Broner vs. Jessie Vargas, junior welterweights; Jermall Charlo welterweight vs. Hugo Centeno Jr., for interim WBC middleweight title; Gervonta Davis vs. Jesus Cuellar, super welterweights (SHO, 9 p.m.)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Notre Dame Blue and Gold Game (NBC Sports Network, 12:30 p.m.); Alabama spring game (ESPN, 2 p.m.); Georgia spring game (ESPN, 4 p.m.)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL: Washington at UCLA (ESPN2, 4 p.m.)

GOLF: European PGA Tour, Trophee Hassan II, third round (Golf Channel, 8 a.m.); PGA Tour, Valero Texas Open, third round (Golf Channel, 1 p.m.); PGA Tour, Valero Texas Open, third round (CBS, 3 p.m.); PGA Tour Champions, Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge, second round (Golf Channel, 3 p.m.); LPGA, HUGEL-JTBC Championship, third round (Golf Channel, 6 p.m.)

GYMNASTICS: Women, NCAA Championships, finals (ESPNU, 7 p.m.)

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS: UFC Fight Night, prelims (Fox Sports 1, 8 p.m.); UFC Fight Night, Edson Barboza vs. Kevin Lee (Fox Sports 1, 10 p.m.)

MLB: Regional coverage, Toronto at N.Y. Yankees OR Kansas City at Detroit (MLB Network, 1 p.m.); Cleveland at Baltimore (Fox Sports 1, 4 p.m.); Regional coverage, Washington at L.A. Dodgers OR Boston at Oakland (MLB Network, 9 p.m.)

MOTOR SPORTS: AMA Monster Energy Supercross (Fox, 3 p.m.)

NBA PLAYOFFS: Eastern Conference, first round, Game 4, Philadelphia at Miami (TNT, 2:30 p.m.); Western Conference, first round, Game 4, Portland at New Orleans (TNT, 9 p.m.); Western Conference, first round, Game 3, Houston at Minnesota (ESPN, 7:30 p.m.); Western Conference, first round, Game 3, Oklahoma City at Utah (ESPN, 10 p.m.)

NHL STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS: Eastern Conference, first round, Game 5, New Jersey at Tampa Bay (NBC or NBC Sports Network, 3 p.m.); Eastern Conference, first round, Game 5, Columbus at Washington (NBC or NBC Sports Network, 3 p.m.); Eastern Conference, first round, Game 5, Toronto at Boston (NBC, 8 p.m.)

RUNNING: London Marathon (NBC Sports, 3:30 a.m. Sunday)

SOCCER: Bundesliga, Hannover vs. Bayern Munich (Fox Sports 1, 9:30 a.m.); Bundesliga, Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Hertha Berlin (Fox Sports 2, 9:30 a.m.); English Premier League, Watford vs. Crystal Palace (NBC

Sports, 10 a.m.); FA Cup, semifinal, Manchester United vs. Tottenham (Fox, noon); Bundesliga, Borussia Dortmund vs Bayern Leverkusen (Fox Sports 1, 12:30 p.m.); NWSL, Utah at North Carolina (Life, 3:30 p.m.)

TRACK AND FIELD: Grenada Invitational (ESPN2, 6 p.m.)

#### Sunday

AUTO RACING: Verizon IndvCar Series. Honda Indv Grand Prix of Alabama (NBC Sports Network, 3:30 p.m.)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL: Tennessee at Alabama (ESPN2, 3 p.m.)

DRAG RACING: NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series, Spring Nationals, finals (Fox Sports 1, 2 p.m.)

GOLF: European PGA Tour, Trophee Hassan II, final round (Golf Channel, 8 a.m.); PGA Tour, Valero Texas Open, final round (Golf Channel, 1 p.m.); PGA Tour, Valero Texas Open, final round (CBS, 3 p.m.); PGA Tour Champions, Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge, final round (Golf Channel, 3 p.m.); LPGA, HUGEL-JTBC Championship, final round (Golf Channel, 6 p.m.)

MLB: Regional coverage, Cleveland at Baltimore OR Toronto at N.Y. Yankees (MLB Network, 1 p.m.); Regional coverage, Chicago Cubs at Colorado OR Seattle at Texas, games joined in progress (MLB Network, 4 p.m.); Washington at L.A. Dodgers (ESPN, 8 p.m.)

NBA PLAYOFFS: Eastern Conference, first round, Game 4, Boston at Milwaukee (ABC, 1 p.m.); Western Conference, first round, Game 4, Golden State at San Antonio (ABC, 3:30 p.m.); Eastern Conference, first round, Game 4, Toronto at Washington (TN, 6 p.m.); Eastern Conference, first round, Game 4, Cleveland at Indiana (TNT, 8:30 p.m.)

NHL STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS: Eastern Conference, first round, Game 6 (if necessary), Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (NBC or NBCSN); Western Conference, first round, Game 6 (if necessary), Nashville at Colorado (NBC or NBCSN); Western Conference, first round, Game 6 (if necessary), Winnipeg at Minnesota (NBC or NBCSN)

SOCCER: English Premier League, Arsenal vs. West Ham (NBC Sports Network, 8:30 a.m.); Bundesliga, Augsburg vs. Mainz (Fox Sports 2, 9:20 a.m.); FA Cup, semifinal, Chelsea vs. Southampton (Fox Sports 1, 10 a.m.); English Premier League, West Bromwich Albion vs. Liverpool (NBC Sports, 11:30 a.m.); Bundesliga, Koln vs. Schalke (Fox Sports 2, noon); MLS, Minnesota at Seattle (ESPN, 4 p.m.); MLS, N.Y. City FC at Portland (Fox Sports 1, 6 p.m.)

## BASEBALL

## Reds are now stuck going nowhere

Once proud franchise off to worst start ever



**Bob Nightengale** Columnist USA TODAY

It was nine years ago when Bryan Price received adulation and respect throughout the baseball industry, abruptly resigning as pitching coach from the Arizona Diamondbacks when they fired manager Bob Melvin.

Price didn't want to stay in an organization that he believed wronged his friend, who was fired after 29 games, so Price walked away from his paycheck.

Now, here we are, 17 games into the 2018 season, and Price is fired even quicker by the Cincinnati Reds.

Really, only the timing is the surprise. If the Reds had fired him in 2015, his second year on the job, it would have been understandable, with the Reds finishing last in the National League Central with a 64-98 record.

It would have made sense in 2016 when they finished last with 94 losses. Or again in 2017 when they again lost 94 games.

The Reds kept bringing him back, saying their miserable record wasn't Price's fault, but three weeks into this season, they changed their minds.

The Reds fired him late Wednesday in St. Louis after they dropped to 3-15 and announced it to the world Thursday morning, promoting bench coach Jim Riggleman to be their interim manager. The Reds fired pitching coach Mack Jenkins too.

Yet no one on the Reds staff resigned. Nobody else was reassigned. It was Price and Jenkins alone taking the fall for a franchise stuck in reverse.

"At this time, we felt a change needed to happen in order to begin the process of getting this team back on the right track," Reds GM Dick Williams told reporters. "We realize it is early in the season but feel it is important to be proactive. We will continue to examine all aspects of baseball operations to ensure we are doing everything we can to improve."

In an era when the Houston Astros and Chicago Cubs have proved that tanking works, the Reds exemplify a rebuild that backfires.



Bryan Price took the fall for the Reds' worst start in franchise history, but he was only part of the problem. DAVID KOHL/USA TODAY SPORTS

sion when the Reds finally become World Series champions again.

"We're very focused on creating a sense of urgency for these guys to win now," Williams told Cincinnati reporters. "We talk about rebuilding and there are things going on away from the field and in the farm system and investments in the franchise that are part of that rebuilding process. But when guys show up for work every day, they need to have a sense of urgency to win that day.

"Nobody here feels that Bryan or Mack is a scapegoat for what happened. It's just that's the first step in the process of making this right and trying our This is a franchise that has had major league-leading 32 players make their major league debut the past three seasons and a rookie pitcher start 254 of 504 games the past four years, but no great signs of development, keeping them mired in last place.

Go ahead, you try to name any player on the team outside Joey Votto, a proud franchise steeped in tradition that drew just 65,000 fans last week for their fourgame series against the Cardinals, where they were swept, losing 27-10.

The Reds don't need cosmetic change but a full-scale makeover, entrusting Williams to make the most vital deciIf he wants a man with a glossy résumé, the two logical choices are John Farrell, fired last year by the Boston Red Sox, and Joe Girardi, fired by the Yankees. Farrell is already in the organization as a scout, and Girardi is on the MLB Network, each with World Series championship rings in their jewelry box.

If they want a man who could not only be valuable on the field but a huge asset in scouting and development, it would be Yankees vice president Tim Naehring, GM Brian Cashman's righthand man. Naehring, a Cincinnati native, is so well-respected in the Yankees organization that Cashman has basical-

They might have the sixth-best farm system, according to ESPN's rankings, but you need a telescope to find the light at the end of this tunnel.

The NL Central still runs through the powerful Cubs. The St. Louis Cardinals are a perennial contender. The Milwaukee Brewers are contending and building at the same time. And the Pittsburgh Pirates, who just traded away 2013 NL MVP Andrew McCutchen and All-Star ace Gerrit Cole, are sitting in first place.

Somehow, the Reds misplaced the blueprint.

Hunter Greene, their first-round pick of a year ago, might be drawing his pen-

best to fix things."

Well, they could bring Sparky Anderson, Connie Mack, Joe McCarthy and Walter Alston back to life, and it's not going to change this team's fate.

The Reds, off to their worst start since the Great Depression, have the league's worst pitching staff and have scored the second-fewest runs in the NL, outscored by a league-high 46 runs. Injuries have left them without prized starter Anthony DeSclafani, third baseman Eugenio Suarez and right fielder Scott Schebler; left-handed starter Brandon Finnegan has been limited to one start. sion since he became GM in 2016.

He is turning to Jim Riggleman for now, a 65-year-old baseball lifer whose first major league managerial gig was 26 years ago in San Diego and is now managing his fifth major league team. It figures to be just an interim job.

The betting favorite and the sexiest name for the permanent job is clearly Barry Larkin, the Hall of Fame shortstop who's a special assistant to Williams.

Larkin has no managerial experience, but then again, neither did Aaron Boone, Alex Cora, Mickey Callaway or Gabe Kapler, all hired as managers in the offseason. ly told him he could have any job in the organization he desires.

So it breaks down this way:

People's choice: Larkin.

Safest choice: Girardi or Farrell.

Up-and-coming choice: David Bell, farm director of the San Francisco Giants and son of Reds senior adviser Buddy Bell.

Easiest choice: Riggleman.

Smartest choice: Naehring, if they can somehow talk him into it.

Stay tuned. It promises to be a long summer in Cincinnati, but for the first time in years, it's about to be interesting.

#### Aces

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better than to yank him before he's done, lest the fiery staff ace bark at him to get off the mound.

This rare duel matching two of the majors' true aces should be a treat for anybody who yearns for the days when starters determined a game's outcome and left little for the bullpen to decide.

Starters' innings have steadily declined over the past several years, as the concept of a workhorse becomes almost obsolete.

In 2005, 50 major league pitchers reached the 200-inning mark. That figure was down to 28 a decade later and 15 last season.

The division of workload reflects that trend as well, with the starting staffs averaging 971 innings in 2005 and 938 a decade later. In 2017, big-league rotations turned in an average of 893 innings. For relievers, those figures grew from 470 to 506 to 549.

Chances are, Kershaw and Scherzer will stick around for a while in the mano-a-mano. Both rank among the National League's top four in innings pitched and have begun the season as Scherzer and Kershaw cross paths as the only active threetime Cy Young winners, as well as top-five finishers in the ballot each of the past five seasons.

would be expected for last year's 1-2 finishers in the Cy Young race, which Scherzer won for the second year in a row.

Kershaw, who got a total of three runs of support in his first three starts, notched his first win of the season Sunday when he struck out 12 Diamondbacks in seven innings of one-run ball, ending Arizona's spell of 11 consecutive wins over the Dodgers.

"I can't say enough about that outing and how much we needed it," L.A. manager Dave Roberts said after a 7-2 victory that started the Dodgers' current four-game winning streak.

Kershaw is carrying a 1.73 ERA and might get an even longer leash than usual with closer Kenley Jansen enduring surprising struggles. His two blown saves are one more than he had all last season.

At 33, Scherzer is three years older than Kershaw but aging gracefully. Whereas the Dodgers star has missed extended stretches with back injuries and failed to reach 200 innings each of the past two years — he still led the league in ERA for the fifth time in 2017 — Scherzer keeps getting better.

Last season, his fifth in a row throwing at least 200 innings, he registered career-best marks in ERA (2.51) and WHIP (walks and hits per inning pitched) at 0.902. This year he's 3-1 with a 1.33 ERA and, in shutting out the Braves 2-0 on April 9, even threw in his first career stolen base.

"He's gung-ho. He loves to play the game," said Martinez, who gave Scherzer the green light while pleading, " 'Please, don't get hurt sliding.' He said, 'I've got the best pop-up slide in baseball.' And he showed it."

Scherzer and Kershaw cross paths as the only active three-time Cy Young winners, as well as top-five finishers in the ballot each of the past five seasons, credentials that will burnish their Hall of Fame cases. Of the 10 pitchers to claim three Cy Youngs, the only one eligible for the Hall without a plaque in Cooperstown is Roger Clemens, who has been dogged by accusations of steroid use.

Kershaw, with a 145-66 record and a 2.35 ERA that ranks as the best among all qualified active pitchers, is already regarded as a shoo-in now that he has played in the requisite 10 seasons. Scherzer, who's 144-76 with a 3.27 ERA, has fortified his case in recent years.

Both stand a solid chance of notching more than 200 career wins, but the magical 300 number — last achieved by Hall of Famer Randy Johnson in 2009 seems unattainable. The frequent use of relievers and shorter innings for starters, even staff aces, limit their chances to earning decisions.

By the time Kershaw and Scherzer are on the ballot — possibly along with the likes of Justin Verlander, Chris Sale, David Price, Madison Bumgarner, Corey Kluber, Zack Greinke and Felix Hernandez — 200 wins might be considered the new standard, and advanced metrics will continue to influence voters' decision-making.

Still, starters who don't get to face hitters a third time through the order probably won't stand much of a chance. Some standards don't change.





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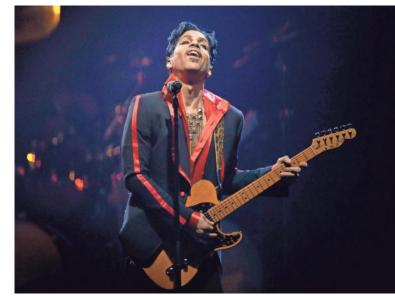


Ava DuVernay INVISION/AP

#### AWARDS TRACKER CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

Kristen Stewart and Ava DuVernay will serve on the Cannes Film Festival jury that will choose this year's Palme d'Or winner, the French festival announced Wednesday. The French film festival Wednesday announced the jury that will serve under Cate Blanchett. Joining them are filmmaker Denis Villeneuve, French actress Léa Seydoux, Chinese actor Chang Chen, French director Robert Guédiguian, Burundian singer Khadja Nin and Russian director Andrey Zvyagintsev.

## Prince didn't know he was taking drug that killed him



Prince was found dead April 21, 2016, at age 57. High levels of the painkiller fentanyl were found in his body. DIRK WAEM/EPA

#### Maria Puente USA TODAY

Music superstar Prince died two years ago because he thought he was taking the common painkiller Vicodin when, unbeknownst to him, it was laced with deadly fentanyl, authorities said Thursday.

"He thought he was taking Vicodin and not fentanyl," Carver County Attorney Mark Metz said at a news conference in Prince's home county.

Just short of two years after Prince's death, Metz announced that no one will be charged with a crime because there's no evidence showing how he got fake Vicodin laced with fentanyl and no evidence he knew that's what it was.

Metz, the top prosecutor in the suburban Minneapolis county, told reporters results of a "painstaking and thorough" two-year investigation found that Prince did not know he had become addicted to fentanyl, and neither did anyone around him.

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EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION/AP

HOW WAS YOUR DAY? CHADWICK BOSEMAN

The Black Panther is returning to his alma mater, Howard Univer-



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sity, to give the commencement address. The university announced Wednesday that Boseman, who graduated in 2000 with a bachelor of fine arts degree in theater, will give the keynote address May 12 for Howard's 150th commencement ceremony. News outlets report Boseman will be presented with an honorary doctor of humane letters, the university's highest honor.



#### IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY WHO'S CELEBRATING TODAY

Miranda Kerr is 35. Jessica Lange is 69. George Takei is 81.

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Thandie Newton, Evan Rachel Wood, James Marsden and "Westworld" go back to the future Sunday. ROBERT HANASHIRO/USA TODAY

# Robots take charge in 'Westworld'

## Where control once ruled, chaos and free will now reign

#### Bill Keveney USA TODAY

Get ready for *Westworld* Season 2.0: More parks, more personalities, more scheming and more blood, much of it of the human variety.

HBO's critically praised sci-fi drama returns Sunday (9 ET/PT) with the futuristic Westworld theme park in a state of rebellion after suddenly sentient android host Dolores Abernathy (Evan Rachel Wood) murdered park founder Robert Ford to close Season 1.

The series expands in timeline and place, paying homage to the 1973 film by giving viewers a peek at areas beyond the Western theme park's

Dolores (Wood) and Teddy (Marsden) maintain an emotional connection even without programmed narratives. JOHN P. JOHNSON/HBO boundaries, including Shogun World.

"It's so much bigger than people expect," Wood says. "I had an existential crisis at the end of (filming) this season. The first season made us question a lot of things about our own reality, and this one really does."

Season 2 opens brimming with mayhem after the murder of Ford (played by



Anthony Hopkins in Season 1).

It tracks hosts Dolores, leader of an android uprising, and Teddy Flood (James Marsden), who remains devoted to her if not as enthusiastic about the enterprise; Maeve Millay (Thandie Newton), a conscious, increasingly powerful host searching for her longlost robot daughter; and Bernard Lowe (Jeffrey Wright), a conflicted android and park programmer confused about timelines and loyalties.

"If the first season was about control ... the second is about chaos (and) free will. Once you have it, what do you do with it?" says Jonathan Nolan, who created the series with his wife and fellow executive producer, Lisa Joy.

On the human side, Delos Inc. enforcer Karl Strand (series newcomer Gustaf Skarsgård) arrives to tamp down the host rebellion as executive

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#### **TV PREVIEW**

## Smarter, bigger 'Westworld' returns with a vengeance



Kelly Lawler Columnist USA TODAY

It feels good to be back in the wild, wild *Westworld*. Sixteen months after HBO's sci-fi Western concluded its first season, the series is back with a bigger, bloodier Season 2 (Sunday, 9 ET/PT,  $\star \star \star \star$ ) that manages to take the excellent groundwork the show laid in 2016 and change it into something more mature, more emotional and more assured. The second season feels less like a freewheeling experiment and more like a TV show that knows what it's doing and where it's going.

When we left the notoriously complex and twisty series, Dolores (Evan Rachel Wood) and many of the "awakened" hosts had started a rebellion, killing Ford (Anthony Hopkins) and laying waste to the human guests at a swanky board gala. The new season doesn't pick up precisely where it left off — the timeline is still a bit fuzzy — but the new season's main arc is the fallout from the hosts rising up and freeing themselves of their programmed "narratives," both within and outside the park.

Dolores is now the leader of a bloody revolution. Maeve (Thandie Newton) is still looking for her daughter, now with the help of Sizemore (Simon Quarterman). William, aka the Man in Black (Ed Harris), is having the time of his life now that the stakes are real. Many of the other characters, both human and host, made it through the firefight, but it would be too much of a spoiler to reveal their paths.

Just like last season, the most compelling plot is Maeve's, and Newton continues to turn in career-best work as the park's most conscious host, turning her emotions on a dime and making her sometimes-lessthan-ethical character sympathetic and appealing. Unfortunately, the second season gives Dolores the least-interesting plot, and her scenes in the park feel sluggish and dull compared with the new locations, characters and technologies many of the characters discover.

The first season felt like a 10-hour pilot, as the writers took their sweet time setting up every chess piece for the inevitable robot rebellion to begin. Now that the hard work is over, the series is more assured, fasterpaced and easier to watch. The characters feel more lived-in, and the dialogue, music and settings can be self-referential. Each scene conveys more meaning.

Perhaps the best part of the new season, at least in the five episodes made available for review, is that it's



Bernard (Jeffrey Wright) and Charlotte (Tessa Thompson) confer on "Westworld." HBO

far less of a frustrating puzzle. While plenty of fans enjoy analyzing each scene for big clues, it has only made *Westworld* stronger that the writers don't seem all that interested (at least not yet) in pulling one over on the audience. Of course, there are mysteries and twists galore, but they feel more in tune with the overall narrative than, say, all that time-line trickery in Season 1.

And don't worry, the astute fans on Reddit will likely still predict where the story will go, as they did last time with the Man in Black reveal, but the show has finally evolved enough so that the twists aren't to borrow a term from the robotic hosts —its "cornerstone" anymore. The new season proves that while *Westworld* may be known for its twists, that's not the only part of the series worth tuning in for anymore.

Second seasons can make or break a series, especially one as high-concept and mythology-driven as *Westworld*. The drama could have turned far too out-there and wild to top the spectacle of Season 1. And while there's still at least as much violence and nudity, *Westworld* is more focused, more characterdriven and more thought-provoking.

And isn't that the kind of beauty you want to see in this world?

### Westworld

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Charlotte Hale (Tessa Thompson) alludes to ulterior Delos motives as she tries to retake park control. And the Man in Black (Ed Harris), Westworld's majority shareholder and a theme park master player, finally has the life-or-death stakes he has always desired.

"There is a question of Delos' real interests in the park," Nolan says. "What are they really after? (It's) an enormously expensive theme park for wealthy people to indulge their darker sides, but, as with every Silicon Valley start-up, there's always a secondary business model."

Besides adjusting to free will, some hosts — and many viewers — face a more basic challenge: figuring out when and where they are as the show doubles down on alternate timelines, a Season 1 surprise that's now a featured element of the show's structure.

Bernard, in particular, struggles with memories and a sense of now, much of it the result of mechanical damage suffered after Ford ordered him to shoot himself last season.

"His synthetic brain is not invulnerable to bullet holes," Wright says.

In addition to those struggles, Bernard, as an android in park management, has a conflict. "He's trying to decide where his allegiances lie."

Dolores, despite being more advanced than other hosts in comprehending reality, still faces a big challenge: synthesizing her sweet rancher's daughter persona with her vengeful alter ego, Wyatt, who has a passion for shooting humans.

"Seeing her duality and how she struggles with it is part of her journey," Wood says. "But it's brutal."

It may be a challenge for Teddy, too, who remains committed to Dolores emotionally, even after the park's programming no longer controls his behavior.

"I think he'll follow her to the grave, but that's not to say there won't be challenges as far as what her objective is and what his is," Marsden says. "She is a different Dolores this time around."

Maeve, gaining access to more knowledge and power, also experienced non-programmed feelings at the end of last season, causing her to abandon plans to leave Westworld and return to search for her daughter, a robot from an earlier park narrative.

"She was sitting on a train opposite a human mother and daughter, and she recognizes something in their interaction that she herself has felt. That's an in instinct she simply has to scratch," Newton says.

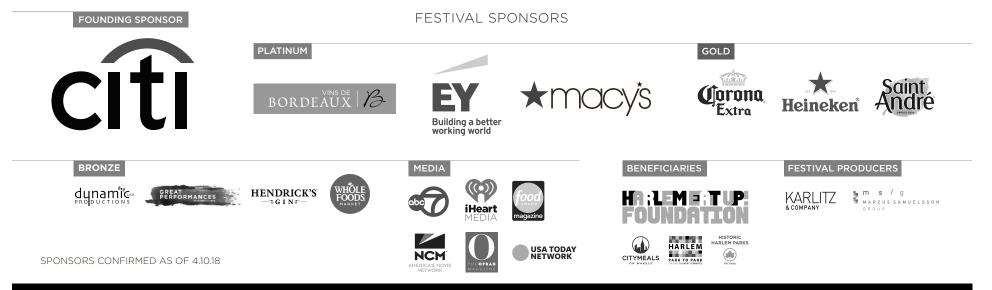
"Maeve's choice to go back to the park is an example of the best of humanity: to go to great lengths because of love, even if that love wasn't organic in nature," Joy says.

But there's another side to the androids' emerging consciousness, she says. "Humanity is often associated with good things, but it has meant a lot of bad things, as well. So, the question is, when the hosts are able to choose their attributes, what will they choose?"





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## TRAVEL



The gas pumps outside Hackberry General Store haven't worked in more than 20 years, but a car still pulls up on occasion.



Route 66 brings thousands each year, many of them visitors from other countries who are keen to see the American West.

## **ROUTE 66'S NOSTALGIA STOP: HACKBERRY GENERAL STORE**

Scott Craven Arizona Republic USA TODAY NETWORK

HACKBERRY, Ariz. – Shortly after noon on a crisp day, the winter sun hanging low in the sky, a solitary Toyota speeds past a building that appears cobbled together from the wood and rusted metals that pile up on the shoulders of lonesome highways.

Taillights blaze as the sedan makes a U-turn, the two-lane ribbon of Route 66 asphalt just wide enough to permit it.

The car glides over a patch of desert smoothed by a thousand tires. It stops next to a building held up by faith and rusty nails.

A brother and sister more than 5,000 miles from home climb out of the sedan, eager to explore what they had realized while speeding by was one of their target destinations along historic Route 66.

#### **Hackberry General Store**

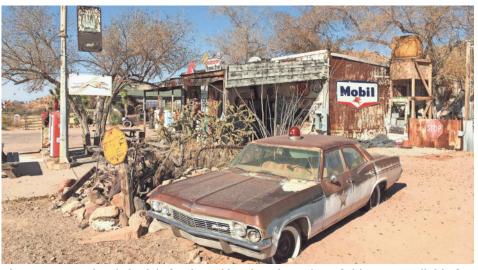
Hackberry General Store is a mustsee destination for Sergio and Andra Goder of Barcelona, in the midst of a four-month American vacation.

Sergio says getting kicks on Route 66 is a rite of passage for Spaniards visiting the American West. Friends expect to see his social media posts filled with iconic images from the famous highway.

As he and his sister sped along a lonely stretch of blacktop carved through the high Arizona desert, Sergio blinked, nearly missing one of the highway's most emblematic stops. Because at 65 mph, the store and former garage appears to have lost its battle against time.



Owner Amy Franklin has left Hackberry General Store largely untouched since taking over in January 2016, an ode to times past when you could get your kicks on Route 66 through Arizona. PHOTOS BY SCOTT CRAVEN/USA TODAY NETWORK



prime coincided with that of Route 66. Vintage gas pumps, still in their broken-down state, went up outside, as did metal signs that years ago had lost their battle with the elements, bullets or both. Pritchard installed his ode to a 1950s diner. Like Waldmire, he left the exterior as is, hardly ready for its close-up unless it was with a wrecking ball. But that was the key to the store's charm. The rundown look was a beacon to nostalgiaseeking travelers, as was Pritchard's '57 Corvette parked outside.

Yet nothing could be further from the truth.

"It came out of nowhere," Sergio says as he browsed the store's large selection of Route 66 license plates, signs and T-shirts. "If we had missed it, that would have been bad."

He noticed two things as he sped by: the Hackberry General Store sign, and the fact that its patchwork structure was free of the chain-link fencing that sealed off some structures he'd seen.

If not for a reclusive artist, a nostalgic businessman and a retiree who couldn't let an icon slip away, the Hackberry General Store might have been another victim of Interstate 40, which for years made Route 66 irrelevant.

The store not only survives, it thrives. Despite appearances to the contrary.

### At the crossroads of 'middle' and 'nowhere'

Hackberry General Store is the only sign of civilization for miles. Its rusted signs boasting of things that haven't been there for decades (gas, oil, the Greyhound bus) seem to serve a dual purpose — setting the mood and holding up the building.

The store hunches quietly behind two vintage gas pumps whose state of disrepair is not obvious enough to keep some visitors from pulling up to them. Before this was a general store, it was a service station and garage.

Inside the store, vintage and modern license plates upholster the ceiling, with room remaining for the additions mailed or delivered in person by patrons.

Patches and currency from around the world blanket one wall, workers taking time each month to post the latest additions. Europe is heavily represent-

The post-apocalyptic look is furthered by signs boasting of things unavailable for decades (gas, the Greyhound bus) that set the mood *and* hold up the building.

ed. A recent surge in South American tourists has been noticed.

Visions of a vibrant Route 66 burn brightly amid the photos, paintings and other decor on the nostalgia-bearing walls. A re-creation of a 1950s diner with polished chrome furniture, a jukebox and black-and-white-tile flooring reminds travelers of a time when America's lifeblood pulsed along the highway.

Visitors captivated by a bygone era browse shelves filled with tremendously popular souvenirs. Nine out of 10 customers hail from outside the USA. They snap up items representing this likely once-in-a-lifetime trip.

But they didn't come just for T-shirts and magnets and license plates. They want to experience a slice of Americana, where the open road promises a journey between destinations.

#### A dilapidated roadside gem

John Pritchard has lost count of the times he had driven his 1957 red Corvette past the dilapidated outpost while visiting his vacation home in Lake Havasu City. For 15 years the oddity caught his eye but it seemed just another roadside stop worn down by inattention.

Until one day in the late 1990s when he noticed someone inside. That's when he met Bob Waldmire, an artist/cartographer/historian who had purchased the property years earlier, reopening the business in 1992 offering Route 66 souvenirs as well as tourist information. Given Waldmire's roots his father ran a hot-dog stand on Route 66 in Illinois — he preserved the store in its ramshackle state.

For Pritchard and his wife, Kerry, it was love at 30th or 40th sight. After some negotiation, the couple were the proud owners of the only store within 10 miles.

Armed with the perfect motive to retire, Pritchard moved his wife and two sons from Tacoma, Wash., to Arizona. The store provided the two things Pritchard was looking for: a hobby and plenty of space for his expansive collection of Route 66 memorabilia.

It seemed like destiny for the Class of '66 graduate and longtime fan of the Mother Road.

#### **Fueling a passion**

When Pritchard opened the Hackberry General Store in 1998, it was part souvenir stand, part museum and all passion. He covered the walls with black-and-white photos of stars from the Golden Age of Hollywood, whose It wasn't long before Hackberry General Store attracted all sorts of attention.

"We had a *Playboy* photo shoot," Pritchard says. "American Airlines did a travel story on us. We were on the *Arizona Highways* TV show. It got so famous in that first year or two."

#### The decision to sell the store

When Pritchard decided it was time to retire, his employee and friend Amy Franklin made an offer neither could refuse. She named a price and Pritchard stuck out his hand.

"I knew the books," Franklin says. "He knew I knew the books. Deal."

When Franklin entered the store on Jan. 4, 2016, she had the same thought she did when she saw the store for the first time 17 years before.

"Oh my God, this is so cool," she thought in 1999. Now she added, "And I own it."

Her appreciation for the ramshackle station deepened as she greeted customers from all over the world. Franklin saw the wonder in their eyes as they told her how they had saved for years to drive Route 66.

Franklin retains the charming postapocalyptic look that visitors expected. Where time, at least over a few acres, remains frozen for those who enjoy a rare peek into the rear-view mirror.

#### If you go

11255 Route 66, Kingman, Ariz. hackberrygeneralstore.com



Wisecracking Deadpool (Ryan Reynolds, front) runs into an old pal, X-Men powerhouse Colossus (Stefan Kapicic), in "Deadpool 2." 20TH CENTURY FOX

## Fans on Fandango list their must-sees

#### Bryan Alexander USA TODAY

*Deadpool 2*'s Ryan Reynolds and Chris Pratt, who stars in both *Avengers: Infinity War* and *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*, are looking to rock your summer movies.

Both stars dominate a survey of most-anticipated summer movies and stars by Fandango.com for USA TODAY. The ticket site surveyed more than 4,500 visitors who described themselves as frequent moviegoers and asked them to weigh in on films out between April 27 and Labor Day.

Marvel's superhero extravaganza Avengers: Infinity War (out April 27) easily earned the top spot as mostanticipated movie of summer.

Deadpool 2 (May 18), Reynolds' follow-up to his 2016 hit, finished second on the list, even beating out Solo: A Star Wars Story (May 25), which was third. Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (June 22), the second installment of Pratt's dinosaur mega-franchise, was fourth, followed by Pixar's Incredibles 2 (June 15).

Reynolds won the poll's fan-favorite actor, followed by Pratt, Denzel Washington (starring in *The Equalizer 2*, out July 20) and *Infinity War*'s Robert Downey Jr. and Chris Evans.

One surprise: Sandra Bullock (*Ocean's* 8, June 8) as favorite actress. She topped *Infinity War's* Scarlett Johansson and Zoe Saldana (No. 2 and 4), *Solo's* Emilia Clarke (third) and Melissa McCarthy (fifth) in *Life of the Party* (May 11).

Projects led by women were shut out of the summer blockbusters but reigned among most-anticipated live-action comedies, topped by Mila Kunis and Kate McKinnon's *The Spy Who Dumped Me* (Aug. 3), *Crazy Rich Asians* (Aug. 17) and *Book Club* (May 18).



Alden Ehrenreich is the young Han Solo in "A Star Wars Story." JONATHAN OLLEY/LUCASFILM

#### **Rising male movie star**

1. Alden Ehrenreich (Solo: A Star Wars Story)

2. Justice Smith ( *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*)

3. Ashton Sanders (*The Equalizer 2*)

4. Lakeith Stanfield ( *Sorry to Bother You*, July 6)

5. Josh Hamilton ( *Eighth Grade*, July 13)

#### Fan favorite actress

1. Sandra Bullock ( Ocean's 8, June 8)

2. Scarlett Johansson ( *Avengers: Infinity War*)

3. Emilia Clarke ( Solo: A Star Wars Story)

4. Zoe Saldana (*Avengers: Infinity War*)

5. Melissa McCarthy ( *Life of the Party*, May 11)

#### Fan favorite actor

#### MOVIES

## Today, Ratajkowski can laugh off the 'dumb' stuff

#### Bryan Alexander USA TODAY

Emily Ratajkowski used to get angry when people judged her supermodel looks and assumed she couldn't possibly be intelligent.

"There was definitely a period where it made me feel bad about myself, as crazy as that sounds, and it made me kind of mad," says Ratajkowski, 26. "But I'm able to laugh about it now."

More than that, the *Gone Girl* actress is using the experience of dealing with misconceptions about her glamorous life to get laughs and make a point, playing alongside Amy Schumer in the social-message-filled romantic comedy *I Feel Pretty* (in theaters Friday).

Renee (played by Schumer) instantly idolizes Mallory (Ratajkowski) after the two meet in a SoulCycle class, feeling certain that her new pal doesn't suffer normal problems with men or life. In a pivotal scene, Renee finds Mallory in tears after being dumped and makes a joke about wanting to "punch you right in your dumb face right now" for expressing insecurities.

Mallory shoots back that she hates the word "dumb," because it's a "trigger word for me." The scene was improvised by Schumer and Ratajkowski, who ad-libbed the exchange about "dumb," sparking an instant reaction.

"Maybe the first 10 profiles ever written about me were like, 'I met her and she knew about politics and had read a book before,' " says Ratajkowski, who acknowledges that she still gets "feisty" when people are surprised by her smarts.

"It's like: 'Damn, what did you expect? Why did you chalk me up to so little initially?'"

Abby Kohn, who wrote and directed *I Feel Pretty* with Marc Silverstein, calls casting Ratajkowski as the outwardly perfect person a "no-brainer."

"We learn in the movie that everyone, no matter how successful or what their shape, has these insecurities," Kohn says. "It's clear (Mallory's) body



Emily Ratajkowski's Mallory may be beautiful, but she's no stranger to insecurity in "I Feel Pretty." STXFILMS

and beauty get her a lot of stuff. But that doesn't mean she lives a charmed life, no different than Amy's character dealing with her self-esteem issues."

The movie is about seeing the person behind the prejudged image, Ratajkowski says.

"Truth is, we're all completely struggling with our self-image and worrying about what people think of us. Every day is a different day for me. Some days, it's like I am the absolute best; I cannot believe I exist on this planet. Then other days, you really don't want to leave the house."

The model and actress is thriving professionally with roles in the upcoming thrillers *In Darkness* (out May 25) and *Welcome Home* (expected this year). Ratajkowski's own home life has changed since she married producer Sebastian Bear-McClard at New York City Hall on Feb. 23. She had intended to keep the occasion private.

"It was about me and my husband enjoying celebrating our commitment to each other," she says. "That's as honest as I can be."

But when journalists got wind of the nuptials, she posted Instagram images.

"How I decided to do my wedding was just for me and my husband and the world we have built with our friends. We had four magical hours before anyone found out."



#### And the favorites are ...



"Avengers: Infinity War" brims with superheroes. MARVEL STUDIOS

#### Most-anticipated summer blockbuster

- 1. Avengers: Infinity War (April 27)
- 2. Deadpool 2 (May 18)
- 3. Solo: A Star Wars Story (May 25)
- 4. Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (June 22)
- 5. Incredibles 2 (June 15)

### Most anticipated summer family film

- 1. Incredibles 2
- 2. Christopher Robin (Aug. 3)
- 3. Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (July 13)
- 4. Show Dogs (May 18)
- 5. Teen Titans GO! to the Movies (July 27)

#### **Rising female movie star**

- 1. Zazie Beetz (Deadpool 2)
- 2. Phoebe Waller-Bridge ( *Solo: A Star Wars Story*)
- 3. Lily James ( *Mamma Mia! Here We* Go Again, July 20)
- 4. Hannah John-Kamen (*Ant-Man and the Wasp*, July 6)
- 5. Awkwafina ( Ocean's 8)

- 1. Ryan Reynolds ( Deadpool 2)
- 2. Chris Pratt ( *Avengers: Infinity War, Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*)
- 3. Denzel Washington (*The Equalizer* 2, July 20)
- 4. Robert Downey Jr. ( *Avengers: Infinity War*)
- 5. Chris Evans ( Avengers: Infinity War)

#### Fan pick for summer sleeper

- 1. Crazy Rich Asians
- 2. Sorry to Bother You (July 6)
- 3. Blindspotting (July 27)
- 4. Eighth Grade (July 13)
- 5. Hereditary (June 8)

## Most anticipated live-action comedy

- 1. The Spy Who Dumped Me (Aug. 3)
- 2. Crazy Rich Asians (Aug. 17)
- 3. Book Club (May 18)
- 4. *Tag* (June 15)
- 5. Life of the Party



Best pals Morgan (Kate McKinnon) and Audrey (Mila Kunis) get caught up in an international conspiracy in "The Spy Who Dumped Me." HOPPER STONE/SMPSP

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## LISTEN UP

**SONG OF THE WEEK** 

#### 'Quiet, the Winter Harbor' by Mazzy Star

Twenty-five years have passed since seminal dream pop duo Mazzy Star released their breakthrough album So Tonight That I Might See. Yet, listen to the band's new



song Quiet, The Win*ter Harbor*, from their forthcoming EP Still (out June 1), and try to hear any discernible change in singer Hope Sandoval's lethargic, lilting vocals. It's difficult to find any trace of the passage of time on *Quiet*, which has the same sepia-toned wistfulness as Mazzy Star's other very best songs. – Maeve McDermott

#### **PLAYLIST**

<b>Don't Desert Me</b> Floating Action	A perennial favorite. (Frontman) Seth Kauffman has a supernatural knack for simple, effective arrangements. His recordings are always an inspiration.
<b>Jordan River</b> Maxie and Glen	Seth also turned us on to this one. I love the sticky, stilted grove and that dusty organ limping along.
<b>Sound &amp; Color</b> Alabama Shakes	I love the layering of these subtle elements on this record, especially the viibraphone intro.
<b>Chances Are</b> Bob Marley & the Wailers	This song is so beautiful and transcendent with the way Peter Tosh's bass vocal dances around Bob's lead.
<b>Great Lover</b> William Oyeabor	This song always makes me feel so happy, and the feel has that playful janky vibe I just can't get sick of.
Love Survive Michael Nau	These are some of the best lyrics I've heard written in quite some time.
<b>My Guiding Star</b> Horace Andy	This song always takes me to another world, and his light effortless style of singing is so dope.
<b>Fallin' Rain</b> Link Wray	This is the kind of song that only has one flaw — it ends. It should go on forever.
The Guns of Brixton The Clash	Only The Clash could throw in goofy cartoon spring sound effects and still make this one of the most badass songs ever recorded.
<b>Puno</b> Woima Collective	Heavy rhythm section, tight groove, far-out organ playing, great horn melodies. I could hang with this track all night.

POINTS

23.952

22,624

21,524

20,510



RYAN MCMACKIN

Philadelphia five-piece Dr. Dog reinvents its sound with Critical Equation, out Friday. To celebrate the album's release, the band's keyboardist, Zach Miller, shares a decades-spanning playlist of inspirations with USA TODAY.

### **USA TODAY AIRPLAY CHARTS**

#### **COMPILED BY MEDIABASE**

Increase in Spins T This week Debut L Last week

T	DP	40		
т	L	ARTIST	SONG	SPINS
1	1	ZEDD/MAREN MORRIS/GREY	The Middle	18,400
2	4	CAMILA CABELLO	Never Be The Same	15,437
3	2	BEBEREXHA f/FLORIDAGEORGIALINE	Meant To Be	15,115
4	3	BRUNO MARS & CARDI B	Finesse	12,657
5	7	THE WEEKND & KENDRICK LAMAR	Pray For Me	12,256
6	8	DRAKE	God's Plan	11,714
7	5	G-EAZY & HALSEY	Him & I	10,479
8	6	NF	Let You Down	10,410
9	9	DUALIPA	New Rules	9,945
10	10	ED SHEERAN	Perfect	9,230
11	11	IMAGINE DRAGONS	Whatever It Takes	9,226
12	12	MAROON 5	Wait	8,989
13	14	BAZZI	Mine	7,430
14	13	MARSHMELLO & ANNE-MARIE	Friends	7,417
15		SHAWN MENDES	In My Blood	6,798

#### URBAN

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т	L	ARTIST	SONG	SPINS
1	1	DRAKE	God's Plan	5,905
2	3	BLOCBOY JB f/DRAKE	Look Alive	5,484
3	2	MIGOS	Stir Fry	4,779
4	4	RICH THE KID f/KENDRICK LAMAR	New Freezer	4,132
5	6	DJKHALED f/JAY Z/FUTURE/BEYONCÉ	Top Off	3,496
6	8	JAY ROCK/KENDRICK/FUTURE	King's Dead	3,187
7	9	BALL GREEZY	Nice & Slow	2,868
8	13	ELLA MAI	Boo'd Up	2,788
9	11	SZA	Broken Clocks	2,737
10	14	RAESREMMURD	Powerglide	2,556
11	5	BRUNO MARS & CARDI B	Finesse	2,476
12	12	H.E.R.	Focus	2,460
13	15	CHRIS BROWN	Tempo	2,451
14		DRAKE	Nice For What	2,371
15	7	CARDI B f/21 SAVAGE	Bartier Cardi	2,315

#### **COUNTRY** T L ARTIST SONG 1 2 JORDAN DAVIS Singles You Up 2 3 BEBEREXHA f/FLORIDAGEORGIALINE Meant To Be 3 4 JASON ALDEAN You Make It Easy 4 1 LUKE BRYAN Most People Are Good 5 5 BRETT ELDREDGE The Long Way

5	5	BRETT ELDREDGE	The Long Way	20,412
6	6	KANEBROWN	Heaven	20,397
7	7	HIGH VALLEY	She's With Me	17,826
8	8	DARIUS RUCKER	For The First Time	16,286
9	9	BLAKE SHELTON	I Lived It	13,951
10	11	LUKE COMBS	One Number Away	13,804
11	10	DIERKS BENTLEY	Woman, Amen	13,307
12	12	DAVID LEE MURPHY/KENNY CHESNEY	Everything's Gonna Be Alright	12,958
13	14	MORGAN WALLEN f/FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE	Up Down	11,076
14	13	BRANTLEY GILBERT	The Ones That Like Me	10,652
15		JAKE OWEN	I Was Jack (You Were Diane)	10,027

#### **RHYTHMIC**

т	L	ARTIST	SONG	SPINS
1	2	DRAKE	God's Plan	6,046
2	1	THEWEEKND & KENDRICK LAMAR	Pray For Me	6,011
3	3	KENDRICK LAMAR & SZA	All The Stars	5,818
4	5	POST MALONE f/TY DOLLA \$IGN	Psycho	5,479
5	4	MIGOS	Stir Fry	5,261
6	7	BLOCBOY JB f/DRAKE	Look Alive	4,535
7	8	BAZZI	Mine	4,116
8	6	BRUNO MARS & CARDI B	Finesse	3,842
9	9	OFFSET & METRO BOOMIN	Ric Flair Drip	3,031
10	10	DJKHALED f/JAY Z/FUTURE/B	Top Off	2,912
11	12	LOGIC & MARSHMELLO	Everyday	2,829
12	14	CAMILA CABELLO	Never Be The Same	2,548
13	15	RAESREMMURD	Powerglide	2,367
14		DRAKE	Nice For What	2,160
15	11	G-EAZY & HALSEY	Him & I	2,118
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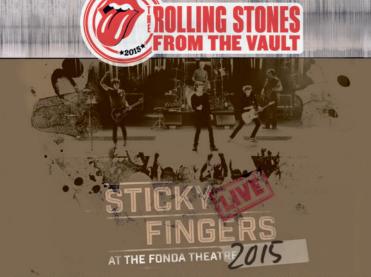
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#### **ADULT CONTEMPORARY**

SPINS

т	L	ARTIST	SONG	SPINS
1	1	ED SHEERAN	Perfect	2,760
2	2	P!NK	What About Us	2,439
3	3	SHAWN MENDES	There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back	2,278
4	4	PORTUGAL. THE MAN	Feel It Still	2,272
5	5	THE CHAINSMOKERS & COLDPLAY	Something Just Like This	1,990
6	6	CAMILA CABELLO f/YOUNG THUG	Havana	1,823
7	7	MAX f/GNASH	Lights Out	1,604
8	10	BON JOVI	When We Were Us	913
9	9	IMAGINE DRAGONS	Thunder	843
10		CALUM SCOTT	You Are The Reason	623



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Τ.	2	BEBEREXHA f/FLORIDA GEORGIALINE	Meant Io Be	6,510
2	3	ED SHEERAN	Perfect	6,121
3	1	MAX f/GNASH	Lights Down Low	5,984
4	4	ZEDD/MAREN MORRIS/GREY	The Middle	5,914
5	5	IMAGINE DRAGONS	Whatever It Takes	5,584
6	8	MAROON 5	Wait	4,179
7	6	P!NK	Beautiful Trauma	3,891
8	9	IMAGINE DRAGONS	Thunder	3,522
9	10	JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE f/CHRIS STAPLETON	SaySomething	3,380
10		MEGHAN TRAINOR	No Excuses	3,115

#### **URBAN ADULT CONTEMPORARY**

т	L	ARTIST	SONG	SPINS
1	1	CHARLIE WILSON	Chills	1,858
2	3	TANK	When We	1,819
3	4	DANIEL CAESAR f/KALI UCH	<b>IS</b> Get You	1,787
4	2	BRUNO MARS & CARDI B	Finesse	1,773
5	6	DVSN	Mood	1,518
6	8	KHALID	Location	1,504
7	7	CHILDISH GAMBINO	Redbone	1,500
8	10	NE-YO	Good Man	1,412
9		ENVOGUE	Rocket	1,372
10	5	SZA f/TRAVIS SCOTT	Love Galore	1,351

#### **CHRISTIAN**

т	L	ARTIST	SONG	SPINS
1	1	TENTH AVENUE NORTH	Control (Somehow You Want Me)	1,898
2	5	CORYASBURY	Reckless Love	1,892
3	2	TAUREN WELLS	When We Pray	1,861
4	4	TOBYMAC	I Just Need U	1,838
5	3	CROWDER f/TAUREN WELLS	All My Hope	1,668
6	8	CASTING CROWNS	God Of All My Days	1,617
7	6	SIDEWALK PROPHETS	Come To The Table	1,567
8		ZACH WILLIAMS	Fear Is A Liar	1,467
9	10	JORDAN FELIZ	Witness	1,466
10	9	MICAHTYLER	Different	1,463

#### **ALTERNATIVE**

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т	L	ARTIST	SONG	SPINS
1	3	LOVELYTHEBAND	Broken	3,258
2	2	IMAGINE DRAGONS	Whatever It Takes	3,086
3	1	PORTUGAL. THE MAN	Live In The Moment	3,024
4	4	FOSTER THE PEOPLE	Sit Next To Me	2,699
5	5	MUSE	Thought Contagion	2,653
6	8	THIRTY SECONDS TO MARS	Dangerous Night	2,156
7	9	AWOLNATION	Handyman	2,136
8	10	WALKTHEMOON	One Foot	1,906
9	6	AJR	Sober Up	1,869
10		VANCE JOY	Saturday Sun	1,780

#### **ACTIVE ROCK**

т	L	ARTIST	SONG	SPINS
1	1	THREE DAYS GRACE	The Mountain	2,089
2	2	FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH	Gone Away	1,822
3	6	BAD WOLVES	Zombie	1,686
4	4	GODSMACK	Bulletproof	1,634
5	5	SHINEDOWN	DEVIL	1,629
6	7	NOTHING MORE	Do You Really Want It?	1,467
7	3	BREAKING BENJAMIN	Red Cold River	1,460
8	9	RISE AGAINST	House On Fire	1,095
9	8	GRETA VAN FLEET	Safari Song	1,060
10		RED SUN RISING	Deathwish	963

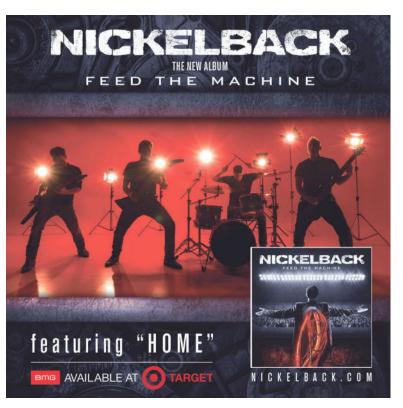
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т	L	ARTIST	SONG
1	1	DECEMBERISTS	Severed
2	2	NATHANIEL RATELIFF/NIGHT SWEATS	You Worry Me
3	4	VANCE JOY	Saturday Sun
4	3	BRETT DENNEN	Already Gone
5	7	JADEBIRD	Lottery
6	8	ANDERSON EAST	Girlfriend
7	9	LEON BRIDGES	Bad Bad News
8	6		Whatever It Takes

Silver Lining

The Joke

#### LATIN

т	L	ARTIST	SONG	SPINS
1	1	DADDY YANKEE	Dura	2,275
2	3	CALIBRE 50	Mitad Y Mitad	2,205
3	4	BANDA LOS RECODITOS	Tiempo	1,919
4	2	ENRIQUE IGLESIAS f/BAD BUNNY	El Bano	1,904
5	9	RAYMIX	Oye Mujer	1,791
6	6	GERARDO ORTIZ	El Aroma De Tu Piel	1,743
7	5	LA ADICTIVA BANDA SAN JOSE	Esta Es Tu Cancion	1,743
8	10	BANDA SINALOENSE MS SERGIO	Tu Postura	1,595
9	8	REGULO CARO	Como Vuelvo A Enamorarte	1,587
10	7	LUIS FONSI & DEMI LOVATO	Echame La Culpa	1,569



#### **ALBUM OF THE WEEK**

## Shaggy, Sting bring baffling joy to '44/876'



**Maeve McDermott** Columnist USA TODAY

For the first minute of 44/876, the new collaborative album from Shaggy and Sting that is hotly anticipated if only for its novelty, it sounds like the two musicians may just pull this thing off.

44/876 (out Friday) opens with its title track, beginning with a sunny verse from Shaggy celebrating his island roots over charmingly of-the-moment tropical-pop beats, hinting that the joining of forces between the English rocker and the Jamaican dance hall star may not be a total bust.

Then, Sting starts singing.

"It shakes me to my soul with a positive vibration, I start dreaming of Jamaica, the Caribbean nation," he begins, the clunkiest possible introduction to the album's "Sting does reggae!" concept, which gets only more amusing when he invokes "the ghost of Bob Marley that haunts me to this day" with all the nuance of a clueless tourist getting his hair cornrowed on an island holiday.

It's a hilariously unfortunate introduction to an album that has its bright spots. Morning is Coming, the album's second track, is a better introduction to Sting's relative talents on 44/876, his lilting vocals a better match for the song's gentle roots reggae. Of course, Sting is no rookie when it comes to the sounds of Jamaica, drawing from reggae and ska over the course of his career with the Police and in his solo work.

His pairing with Shaggy, best known for his 2000s run of singles including the Steve Miller-interpolating hit Angel and the novelty classic It Wasn't Me, works best when the singers meet each other halfway between their respective comfort zones rather than step too far into each other's worlds. That works both ways, as heard on Shaggy's clunky attempts to match Sting's cadences on the poppier Gotta Get Back My Baby.

The album's lighthearted songwriting verges on treacly at points, mostly when Sting goes on storytelling tangents, jauntily quoting Lewis Carroll on Just One Lifetime – "The time has



Shaggy and Sting, performing at the 2018 Grammys, prove an unlikely musical duo. THEO WARGO/WIREIMAGE

**Only in America could** this gonzo pairing of two stars at various levels of geezer-dom truly make sense.

come," Shaggy said, "to talk of many things" - and role-playing a prisoner in front of Shaggy's judge on Crooked *Tree* before singing about "making the sweetest love" to a woman he nicknames "Sad Trombone" on the song of the same name.

He also seems quite keen to make his political opinions known, dedicating his first verse on 44/876 to complaining about how the "politics of this country is getting to me," like a party guest determined to harsh the buzz.

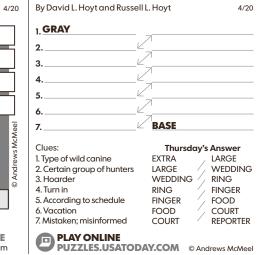
Save for Sting's more meandering moments, the album is mostly enjoyable, from its pleasant lead single *Don't* Make Me Wait to Dreaming in the U.S.A, the two singers' Springsteen-in-Jamaica ode to the American dream.

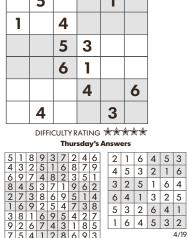
44/876 may get its name from the phone country codes for the artists' two home countries, England and Jamaica, but there's something distinctly American-feeling about the album, which sees both its creators as expats, with Shaggy pining for his island home and Sting unimpressed with the politics of Britain today.

Plus, only in America could this gonzo pairing of two stars at various levels of geezer-dom truly make sense. And while the world wasn't exactly clamoring for this album, the end product is more lucid than many probably expected.

If anything, 44/876 is proof that both Shaggy and Sting can keep evolving into the later era of their careers and maintain a sense of humor about it in the process.

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### **Prince**

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"To actively charge a crime requires probable cause and a reasonable likelihood of conviction. The bottom line is that we simply do not have sufficient evidence to charge anyone," Metz said.

Metz said there was no evidence that pills found at Prince's home laced with fentanyl were prescribed by a doctor.

He said Prince had long suffered from "significant" pain and had been prescribed other kinds of opioids but, as an "intensely private person," he did not want anyone to know he was addicted or that narcotics were prescribed in his name. His friends and doctor followed his wishes, Metz said.

Despite the high profile of the case and Prince's worldwide fame, Metz said he could not factor that into a charging decision. As a county attorney, he said, he is obliged to follow rules based on evidence sufficient to prove a crime beyond a reasonable doubt.

"There's no doubt that actions of individuals around (Prince) will be criti-

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cized in coming days, but suspicion and innuendo are categorically insufficient to support bringing charges," Metz said. The what of Prince Rogers Nelson's

death — high concentrations of fentanyl were found in his body — has been known since shortly after he was found unresponsive in an elevator at Paisley Park, his home/studio complex in Chanhassen, Minn., on April 21, 2016. He was 57.

But the why has been a mystery: Was there a crime committed in connection with Prince's death, and if so, who was responsible? That has been the subject of two years of investigation by the Carver County Sheriff's Office, working with federal agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The news that the famously cleanliving Prince had died of a drug overdose was a shock to the music world. Immediately, questions swirled.

Why was Prince taking fentanyl? Who gave it to him or sold it to him? Did he obtain it illegally? Did he know it was fentanyl? Did a doctor prescribe it, and if so, why? And where did it come from?

Last month, local police presented their case to prosecutors to review. On

Tuesday, Peter Ivy, chief deputy county attorney, told USA TODAY an announcement was planned in "the very near future."

A year after Prince's death, search warrants and affidavits from the investigation were made public, showing that narcotic medications were found throughout Paisley Park, most of which he did not have prescriptions for, some in the name of Kirk Johnson, and some hidden in over-the-counter aspirin bottles.

Johnson was a sometime drummer for Prince, a friend since the 1980s and his bodyguard. He was the best man at Prince's first wedding and the estate manager at Paisley Park. One of the few people who had unrestricted access to the complex, he was among those who discovered Prince's body.

More than 100 white capsules labeled "Watson 853" — a mixture of acetaminophen and hydrocodone, a prescription drug classified as a narcotic — were hidden in Aleve and Bayer Aspirin bottles and found in numerous rooms inside Paisley Park. CVS prescription bottles under Johnson's name were found in the dressing room and mirror room; each bottle contained several different kinds of controlled substances.

But the search warrants shed no light on the mystery of where Prince got the fentanyl that killed him.

The medical examiner's one-page report on his death said only that Prince died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl, a powerful painkiller that has played a role in a national surge in opioid deaths.

In March, a toxicology report from Prince's autopsy, obtained by The Associated Press, showed he had an "exceedingly high" concentration of fentanyl in his body.

But the full report on Prince's autopsy remains sealed under Minnesota law, so it's not clear whether Prince had any medical conditions that contributed to his death.

Famous for his abstemious approach to living — he said he didn't use drugs and didn't drink — how could he end up dead of a drug overdose? His fans wondered: Was Prince a secret drug addict?

We don't know, and we may never know if Prince's family declines to release the full report, which they have the right to keep secret for another 28 years. *Contributing: The Associated Press* 

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