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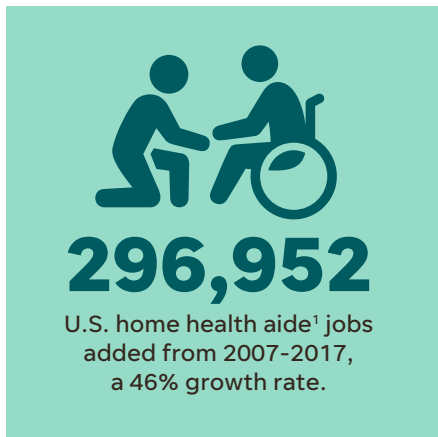


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WHERE THE MEGA-RICH AND DIRT-POOR COLLIDE

In L.A., today's Gilded Age shows its dark underbelly



Los Angeles police officer Rusty Redican looks over a homeless encampment in the hills of Pacific Palisades that was cleared out.

Rick Hampson

USA TODAY

LOS ANGELES — When she became president of the Beverly Hills/Greater Los Angeles Realtors Association, Robin Greenberg wanted to do something for people who couldn't afford any home, much less one like hers in the golden hills of Bel Air.

Every month for eight years, she and colleagues went to skid row or elsewhere downtown to feed the homeless.

Last December, she learned the homeless had come to her.

Before dawn Dec. 6, a wildfire raced out of a parched ravine in Bel Air, scorching 422 acres, destroying or damaging 18 homes and forcing the evacuation of about 700 others — including Robin Greenberg's.

The fire was caused by a portable stove at a homeless encampment.

The wildfire is an instructive tale of America's second Gilded Age, when the excesses and extremes that once seemed consigned to U.S. history have come roaring back.

The homeless camp where the wildfire started in December was only a mile from a new hilltop mansion twice the size of the White House that's for sale for \$500 million.

In this Gilded Age, like the one at the end of the 19th century, the gap between rich and poor is widening; monopolies have more power over business, business has more power over politics, and politics are close-fought and hyper-partisan. The pace of change — technological, cultural, social — is dizzying.

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Fredreka Schouten

USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Lobbying firms managed by former campaign aides, fundraisers and others with ties to President Trump and Vice President Pence have collected at least \$28 million in federal lobbying fees since Trump assumed the presidency, a USA TODAY analysis found.

Leading the way: Ballard Partners, overseen by Brian Ballard, a veteran Florida lobbyist who raised money for Trump's campaign and inauguration. Its leadership includes Susie Wiles, who ran Trump's winning 2016 campaign

in Florida.

Although Trump campaigned on a pledge to "drain the swamp" of Washington special interests, his former political aides and other figures in his orbit are building larger profiles in the world of influence he criticized.

In all, registered lobbyists with ties to Trump and Pence have leadership roles in at least 10 firms in Washington, a USA TODAY review shows. Other federal lobbyists with growing client lists and ties to the administration include Pence's former chief of staff Bill Smith, whose clients include AT&T; Victor Smith, who served as Pence's commerce secretary in Indiana; and Barry Bennett, a former Trump campaign aide who built a firm with a roster of domestic and deep-pocketed international clients.

Their lobbying is legal, and a spending surge is common when a new president enters the White House.

Trump's personal attorney Michael Cohen faces scrutiny about the big sums his shell company, Essential Consultants, received from blue-chip firms for insights into the administration. Since Trump's election, Cohen has received more than \$2.3 million in payments from corporate clients, including \$600,000 from telecom giant AT&T and \$1.2 million from Swiss-based drugmaker Novartis.

Cohen, the target of a criminal investigation in New York about his business dealings, is not registered as a lobbyist and instead cast himself as a

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First comes love, then marriage, then ...



Big day is almost here: Prince Harry and Meghan Markle will be married Saturday. KARWAI TANG/WIREIMAGE

Maria Puente and Andrea Mandell

USA TODAY

When Prince Harry and Meghan Markle tie the knot Saturday, the world will be watching.

And there will be questions. Oh, so many questions.

Where will they live, and what will their new jobs be in the royal firm? How long will it take for Duchess Meghan to become a British citizen, not to mention accustom herself to driving on the other side of the road? Will she be able to stay

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above politics, as is the royal rule?

"There are three legs of the stool for royals: Their official duties on behalf of the queen, their philanthropic activities and their family life," says Sally Bedell Smith, the American royal biographer. "For Harry, family life has always been

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Church staff accuse officer of intimidation

Accounts differ on latest cases of harassment problems at Quantico

Tom Vanden Brook
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – The commander of the Marines’ famed base at Quantico, Va., stormed the altar after Catholic Mass in January at the base chapel and confronted the choir director with an “I will kill you” face, according to interviews and documents obtained by USA TODAY. The actions by Col. Joseph Murray on Jan. 14 — and another incident in October in which Murray sent Marine criminal investigators to interrogate a contract priest at his off-base home about a roster of parishioners — sparked internal investigations by the Marines. An inspector general’s inquiry found merit in choir director Marie DeSilva’s complaint that Murray had intimidated her when he confronted her in a rage but could not determine if he had broken the law. The Marines also found “no probable cause supporting any misconduct” by Murray or the investigators in the case of Father Kieran Mandato, according to a Marine Corps spokesman. The church flap joins a growing list of



Col. Joseph Murray U.S. MARINE CORPS

problems at Quantico, known as the “Crossroads of the Marine Corps,” involving allegations of sexual harassment and a toxic work environment. The base is about 30 miles south of Washington. DeSilva and Mandato, a retired Navy chaplain and former contract priest at Quantico, said in interviews that Murray’s actions had terrified them. The incidents arose from disputes about payments to Mandato, a roster of parishion-

ers he had at his home and perceived personal slights from the pulpit. DeSilva in her complaint to the inspector general said, “While it may be appropriate for every Marine to have an ‘I will kill you face,’ it is not appropriate to use that face on a 52-year-old female choir director in church.” “I feared for my life,” Mandato said. DeSilva believes comments she made after the sermon triggered Murray’s outburst. She took offense at a reference by another priest she believed was aimed at her and others in a church group, branding their actions “un-Christian.” Instead of announcing the final hymn, DeSilva told the priest, “You shouldn’t be calling people names during Mass.” She submitted her complaint about Murray on Jan. 16, according to the Marine Corps. “A review was conducted, which found there was no indication of credible criminal misconduct” on Murray’s part, said Rex Runyon, a Marine Corps spokesman. Mandato, the former Navy chaplain, said his relationship with Murray had soured over a dispute about payments for services he performed outside the scope of his contract. Mandato’s last Mass at Quantico was on Sept. 10, 2017. At the end of the service, Mandato told

the congregation that Murray had not allowed him to compete for the new contract. Around the same date, the Marine Corps received an allegation that Mandato had fraudulently acquired a roster of church members that contained personally identifiable information, according to Runyon. Murray referred the matter to the Marines Criminal Investigation Division, Runyon said. On Sept. 13, plain clothes officers arrived at the door of Mandato’s home, off the base, according to the Marines and Mandato. The Marine Corps and Mandato disagree about much of what happened next. Mandato did not return a “professional and respectful” phone message from investigators, Runyon said. So the investigators showed up on his doorstep, knocked and Mandato did not answer. Mandato said the officers called him 19 times and “almost broke down the door.” Their visit, he said, was designed to intimidate him. On Sept. 14, the criminal investigators obtained the roster and found it did not contain any sensitive information, Runyon said. They closed the case without further action and cleared Murray and the investigators.



Harry and Meghan attend a women’s empowerment event in London last month. CHRIS JACKSON/AP

Wedding

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the missing leg of the stool. Now they will have that.” Let’s take a look at what might be in store for the new royal star couple:

Meet the new Fab Four

That’s the new moniker for Will and Kate and Harry and Meghan, the leading members of their generation of young royals. Smith says William and Harry have been a team since childhood, unlike their father and his siblings. “Prince Charles and his (three siblings) always worked in separate silos, as it were, so when Kate joined the family, they became a trio, and now they’ll be the Fab Four, as the tabloids call them,” Smith says. “They are going to do a lot of things together.”

Royal philanthropists

The modern raison d’etre for royals is to prove their worth through philanthropy and public service. In Markle, Harry has found the perfect mate for a life of humanitarian work; she was an active campaigner for good causes long before she met Harry in summer 2016. “She’s walked the walk for years,” says Leslie Carroll, author of *American Princess: The Love Story of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry*. “She’s built wells in Rwanda, she’s been an ambassador for women, she went to India to advocate for separate bathrooms and sanitary pads for teen girls. ... This is all stuff she was raised to do.”

When do babies arrive?

Too soon for bassinet talk? We know Harry, 33, is a baby whisperer who’s good with kids and they love him. There are countless pictures of him playing with children he has befriended through Sentebale, the African charity he helped found. Yes, his bride will be 37 on Aug. 4, but pregnancy is no longer just for young women.

The ‘American’ royal couple

There’s the X factor: How much time will they spend in the USA? “This is pure guessing, but Harry loves America; he’s had adventures here. So I wouldn’t be surprised if they spend some amount of time in California,” Smith says. “Her mother is there, her father is close, she has friends there. She’s a California girl.”

Lobbyists

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consultant in reaching the closed-door deals. White House officials did not respond to a request for comment Thursday about the lobbying activity. Of Trump allies who went the lobbying route, Ballard has been among the most successful. His firm has pulled in nearly \$14 million in lobbying fees since it began its Washington operations in February 2017 and has represented more than 70 federal lobbying clients, including online retail giant Amazon, reports filed with Congress show. Ballard Partners ranks as Washington’s 11th-largest lobbying operation by revenue, according to the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics and boasts several well-known Democrats on staff, including former Florida congressman Robert Wexler. Ballard, who counted Trump among his longtime Florida lobbying clients, said his firm sells expertise, not access. “I’m proud of our association with the administration,” Ballard told USA TODAY. “But we strive diligently to prove our worth based on merits, not on who did what during the campaign. That’s in the past.”

Qatar flexes lobbying muscle

In addition to its growing roster of domestic clients, Ballard’s firm attracts international attention. Records maintained by an arm of the Justice Department that monitors foreign lobbying activity show Ballard’s firm signed a one-year contract worth as much as \$2.1 million with the government of Qatar. Ballard said the work is focused mostly on potential Qatari investments in Florida. Bennett, a former Trump campaign adviser who oversees a lobbying firm and global consultancy, earns even more from Qatar through a contract he signed last July as tensions between Qatar and its neighbors worsened. Qatar waged an intense lobbying campaign to win over the Trump administration amid a regional dispute with Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and its other neighbors. Federal records show Qatar agreed to pay Bennett’s firm \$150,000 a month — or \$1.8 million over a year. The government boosted that to \$500,000 a month for a four-month period late last year, delivering \$2 million to Bennett’s Avenue Strategies Global from September to December. Bennett, who helped manage Ben Carson’s presidential campaign before joining Trump’s camp, said he provides Qatar and its royal family with strategic advice about navigating the U.S. government.

Last June, Trump sided with Saudi Arabia and three other Gulf nations in their efforts to isolate Qatar. In tweets, Trump indicated that his push to end the funding of “radical ideology” prompted the four-state embargo against the oil-rich Qatar. Bennett said he was meeting with Qatari officials in Doha when Trump’s tweets landed. “It freaked them out,” he said. “It



President Trump praises Qatar as an ally against terrorism April 10 during a meeting with Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

was a baptism. I just calmed them down and said, ‘This is bark, not bite.’” As Qatar’s lobbying efforts intensified, Trump’s views softened. Last month, he praised the country as a partner in the fight against terrorism during a White House meeting with its leader, Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. In an interview with USA TODAY, Bennett defended his work as a lobbyist, saying he is transparent about his activity — unlike Cohen, who made secret deals. Under federal rules, people who make more than one contact with a federal official on behalf of a client and spent at least 20% of their time on lobbying in a three-month period are required to register as a lobbyist. “If you are going to do the work, report it,” Bennett said. Neither Cohen nor his attorney Steve Ryan responded to an interview request. Last week, the Public Citizen watchdog group filed complaints against Cohen, arguing that he violated federal ethics and lobbying laws by failing to register as a lobbyist. Fred Wertheimer, who oversees the watchdog group Democracy 21, said the race to make money off Trump connections mirrors the president’s decision to retain ownership of his real estate and branding empire while serving in the White House.

“When the tone is ‘I’m going to make money off my administration,’ how can I complain about anyone else doing it?” he said. White House officials said Trump remains committed to his “drain the swamp” promise and did not take action to benefit Cohen’s clients. Last week, when asked about Cohen’s closed-door deals with corporations, White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders singled out the Justice Department’s move to block a merger between AT&T and Time Warner as proof Trump isn’t unduly influenced by special interests. AT&T’s agreement with Cohen sought his advice on the proposed \$85 billion merger, which Trump denounced on the campaign trail in 2016. “It’s pretty clear that the Justice Department opposed the merger, and so certainly the president has not been influenced or his administration influenced by any outside special interests,” Sanders said.

Lobbying’s ‘cyclical’ nature

The USA TODAY review shows Barnes & Thornburg, where longtime Pence ally Bob Grand serves as managing partner, seeing big growth in the Trump era. The firm took in nearly \$5.5 million in lobbying fees last year — the most it has earned in Washington lobbying in a single year and more than double its lobbying receipts from 2016, according to data compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics. Clients, ranging from U.S. Steel to the drug industry’s trade association, paid \$1.6 million to the firm during the first three months of this year, congressional records show. Grand is slated to appear with Pence at a fundraiser this week that will benefit Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate. In an interview Thursday, Grand attributed the rise in lobbying activity to the “cyclical” nature of lobbying, rather than any special advantage the firm enjoys. “Does your business go up in some sense?” Grand said about the surge in business. “Yes, because it’s a Republican administration.”

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IN BRIEF

Senate confirms Gina Haspel as first woman to head CIA

The Senate voted Thursday to confirm veteran CIA official Gina Haspel. Senators voted 54-45 to confirm Haspel, who has served 33 years at the CIA. Six Democrats voted for her, and two Republicans voted against her. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who opposed Haspel, is being treated for brain cancer and was absent.

Trump donates his first-quarter salary to Veterans Affairs

President Trump is donating his first-quarter salary to the Department of Veterans Affairs, as his search continues for a nominee to lead the agency. Press secretary Sarah Sanders presented a check from the president to acting VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. Trump has pledged to return his entire salary to the federal government.

School bus collides with truck in N.J., killing 2, injuring dozens

A school bus taking children on a field trip in New Jersey collided with a dump truck Thursday, ripping the bus apart and killing a teacher and a student, officials said. More than 40 people were taken to area hospitals.

‘Major game changer’: Ebola spreads to Congo city Mbandaka

Congo’s Ebola outbreak has spread to a crossroads city of more than 1 million people. “This is a major, major game-changer,” Peter Salama, a World Health Organization emergency response official, warned Thursday. One case of Ebola was confirmed in Mbandaka, a provincial capital.

Syrian leader Assad travels to Russia to meet with Putin

The Kremlin says Syrian President Bashar Assad has met with President Vladimir Putin in Sochi. A transcript of Thursday’s meeting quoted Assad as saying that Syria is making progress in fighting “terrorism,” which “opens the door to the political process.”
From staff and wire reports

Sessions adding 300 prosecutors – DOJ’s biggest boost in decades

Christal Hayes
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions is adding more than 300 prosecutors around the nation to fight the opioid epidemic, violent crime and immigration violations.



Jeff Sessions

The 311 new assistant attorney positions will mark the biggest addition of prosecutors in decades, the Department of Justice said. The prosecutors will be deployed throughout the U.S., with 190 focused on violent crimes, 86 on civil enforcement and 35 on immigration-related crimes.

“Under President Trump’s strong leadership, the Department of Justice is going on offense against violent crime, illegal immigration, and the opioid crisis — and today we are sending in reinforcements,” Sessions said in a statement.

Sessions said the multimillion-dollar endeavor was made available by cutting “wasteful spending” within the department. The department’s 2018 budget laid out \$1.5 billion in funding redirections and \$702 million in program eliminations and reductions, all of which would have helped pave the way for the hirings.

“I have personally worked to repurpose existing funds to support this critical mission, and as a former federal prosecutor myself, my expectations could not be higher,” Sessions said. “These exceptional and talented prosecutors are key leaders in our crime fighting partnership.”

Sessions said many of the positions in civil enforcement will be focused on his department’s newly created task force targeting opioids.

Opioid distributors and manufacturers have been a focus of the department since startling statistics showed an alarming increase in drug-related deaths. In 2016, more than 42,000 people died of overdoses from opioids.



Orlando Corpuz of the Hawaiian Air National Guard signals a sulfur dioxide reading of zero. TREVOR HUGHES/USA TODAY

It may be months before lava subsides for cleanup

Nature’s tantrum continues as volcano blows more ash skyward

Trevor Hughes
USA TODAY

PAHOA, Hawaii – Big Island residents whose homes have been destroyed and neighborhoods filled with lava face a long road to recovery that can’t begin until the volcano cools off.

The lava leaking from Kilauea has forced the evacuation of nearly 2,000 people and destroyed at least 36 structures, including 26 homes in the rural Leilani Estates neighborhood area about 35 miles from Hilo, the island’s largest city.

Two weeks after cracks began opening beneath the area, the lava shows no sign of stopping. Kilauea erupted again Thursday, blasting a plume of ash and debris 30,000 feet into the air and putting Big Island residents on further notice that a bigger blast could be percolating in the volatile crater.

Residents eager to return to their homes in Leilani Estates, about 25 miles from the crater, have built a tent city at the community center’s

parking lots and playing fields. Authorities allow them to check on their homes every day. They line up each morning and trickle back out in the evening. There’s no estimate for when the lava flows will slow or when Kilauea will return to its normal low level of activity, but county officials are preparing for a months-long event.

“We’ve made a home away from home,” said evacuee Dennis Gillespie, 58, as he lounged on a cot in the tent equipped with a propane fireplace, a big-screen TV and a generator for charging cellphones. “We accept where we are now, but we are looking forward to getting home.”

No injuries from the flows had been reported, but the lava’s inexorable march across the area demonstrated how powerless humans are when Mother Nature reshapes the landscape.

Recovery can begin only after the lava cools and hardens to a relatively soft basaltic rock. Those who can afford it will hire contractors with heavy equipment to clear the hardened lava.

How many roads will be cleared and repaired remains uncertain. In 1990, a similar lava flow engulfed the nearby town of Kalapana, destroying nearly 200 homes and covering the roads leading to them. Some residents of the area scratched bumpy tracks across the lava

flow to reach their homes, but most people never rebuilt.

In Leilani Estates, few of the homes are elaborate, although all are beloved. Most are single-story structures fitted with solar panels and rain-catching systems since there’s no municipal water supply in the area.

Tiny homes are popular, especially because clearing larger lots is such a backbreaking process: Aside from having to gouge out holes for septic systems, homeowners must battle back the jungle that closes in, fire ants in tow.

“I think they know and understand ... that Madame Pele decides who will be impacted,” Gov. David Ige said, referring to the Hawaiian volcano goddess.

In the heart of the Leilani Estates, the lava has flowed over streets at depths up to 20 feet. In other areas, huge gullies and chasms have split roads painstakingly cut through the thick jungle.

“I just planted flowers,” resident Dana Donovan said, throwing her arms into the air.

April Buxton has removed most of her valuables from her home, although she refuses to empty it entirely. That, she said, would be inviting trouble from the volcano goddess.

“I’m not giving up my house to Pele. In my mind, if I empty it, she’ll take it. And if it goes, I’ll lose everything.”

Funds running out on VA program that 1 million rely on for health care

Donovan Slack
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – More than a million veterans annually rely on a Department of Veterans Affairs program to get private-sector medical care at VA expense, a program set to run out of funding in two weeks, according to data provided to USA TODAY.

Populous states with large veteran populations, such as Texas, California, Florida and Arizona, notched the highest numbers of veterans who have used the Choice program since it was created in 2014 after veterans died waiting for medical care at the Phoenix VA hospital.

More rural or remote states, such as Alaska, Hawaii and Montana, showed higher percentages of their veterans relied on Choice, which allows veterans to get VA-funded health care in the private sector if they have to wait longer than 30 days for a VA appointment or live more than 40 miles from a VA health care facility.

In all, 2 million veterans have used the program since its inception, including 550,000 this year.

The House passed legislation Wednesday that would make the program permanent and provide the necessary funding, and the Senate could take the measure up next week.

The bill drew opposition from Rep. Tim Walz of Minnesota, the highest-ranking Democrat on the House VA

“This legislation kicks the door wide open to VA privatization, no matter what its supporters claim.”

David Cox
American Federation of Government Employees

committee, who said it could undermine the VA by diverting money to the private sector. But more than 100 Democrats joined Republicans to pass the bill.

The legislation would combine the Choice program with six others that allow veterans to get private-sector medical care at government expense and task the VA with creating rules for obtaining outside care. It would create a commission to assess VA assets and make recommendations about which medical facilities are worth repairing, where new ones might be needed and where others might be shuttered and private-sector care provided.

Montana Sen. Jon Tester, the highest-ranking Democrat on the Senate VA committee, said he supports the measure. So do more than two dozen veterans’ groups, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

“We strongly encourage the U.S. Senate to pass this important legislation swiftly,” said Denise Rohan, national commander for the Legion.

Federal employee unions are dead set against the bill and urged lawmakers to reject it.

“This legislation kicks the door wide open to VA privatization, no matter what its supporters claim,” American Federation of Government Employees President David Cox said.

If the measure passes the Senate, which is likely, it would be a significant legislative victory for President Trump, who repeatedly promised during his campaign to overhaul the VA and expand veterans’ options to get VA-funded care from the private sector.

“Who will stand with our Great Vets, caregivers, and Veterans Service Organizations?” Trump tweeted before the House vote Wednesday. “Must get Choice passed by Memorial Day!”

If the legislation fails, Congress could pass a stopgap measure to keep the program funded past May 31, when it is expected to run out of money. Lawmakers have passed two such measures in the past year.

If they don’t, the Choice data from recent years illustrate how many veterans could be stuck waiting again or traveling long distances for VA care without the program.

Though the VA was able to accommodate veterans within 30 days at its medical facilities for 92% of appointments as of March 1, more than 740,000 veterans waited longer than a month for VA appointments, according to VA statistics.

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Wells Fargo Retail Bank compensation plan eliminates product sales goals

Wells Fargo has put in place a new compensation program for retail bank team members to focus on the customer experience within its branches. The new compensation program took effect on Jan. 1, 2017, and applies to all branch team members, including managers, tellers, and personal bankers.

Wells Fargo eliminated product sales goals in its branches on Oct. 1, 2016, following settlements with regulators and the city of Los Angeles related to improper sales practices. The company pledged to make things right for customers as well as identify and fix operational and cultural problems that may have contributed to these practices.

“This plan is another step in our journey to restore trust with our team members and our customers, and makes delivering a great customer experience our highest priority,” said Mary Mack, who runs the Community Bank. “Our future success depends most of all on our ability to make the changes that will restore that trust, and this new plan is an important one of those changes.”

The plan was designed by an integrated team of Wells Fargo leaders with input from front-line branch team members from around the country. The compensation team engaged independent expert Mercer Consulting to provide advice and perspective on the plan design. Mack gathered input on the design during a listening tour that included visits to more than 20 cities and meetings with about 3,000 Community Bank team members. Front-line retail bankers expressed their desire for a compensation plan that creates the type of positive environment they can go into every day to serve their customers.

“The charge to the design team was to create a plan that puts the focus squarely on customer experience, includes greater oversight and controls than ever before, and helps foster an engaging environment for team members where they can succeed,” said Steve Bond of Corporate Compensation, who leads compensation planning and implementation for the Community Bank.

“The team was passionate about achieving those goals, and we have a very strong plan. We will spend time throughout 2017 coaching the team to ensure we successfully achieve the objectives of the plan.”

Wells Fargo raising its minimum hourly pay rate

Effective Jan. 8, Wells Fargo is increasing its minimum hourly pay rate, as part of its commitment to competitive compensation for U.S.-based employees to \$13.50 – \$17.00 an hour, depending on factors such as experience and geography.

This is a 12 percent increase from the company’s current minimum hourly rate. As a reference point, the federal minimum wage is \$7.25.

“At Wells Fargo, we know that our team members are our greatest assets,” said Michael Branca, head of Wells Fargo Compensation. “That’s why an important part of our compensation philosophy is to combine market-competitive pay with a broad array of benefits and career development opportunities for team members. As part of this, we consistently monitor trends in compensation and make adjustments to ensure that our team members are earning a competitive wage.”

Team members are Wells Fargo’s core strength and most valuable resource — because of this, competitive compensation for all employees is a key focus. It enables the company to attract and retain the best talent, and it is just one of the ways Wells Fargo shows how much it values and supports its employees. Wells Fargo invests in its employees in a number of other ways in addition to market-competitive pay:

- Average annual investment in benefits programs is \$12,000 per employee.
- 99 percent of U.S.-based employees are benefits-eligible.
- For U.S. employees, on average, Wells Fargo pays 75 percent of the medical premium.
- Wells Fargo’s health care benefits cover more than 515,000 lives (including team members and their dependents).
- 82 percent of the U.S. benefits-eligible population participates in the company’s 401(k) plan.

Wells Fargo will continue to monitor pay rates and adjust them to maintain competitive compensation.

Wells Fargo names new independent Board of Directors

The Wells Fargo Board of Directors has named six new directors in 2017 and a total of eight new independent directors since 2015. On Jan. 1, 2018, the average tenure of the board’s directors will fall to slightly less than five years from 8.4 years at the company’s 2017 annual meeting of shareholders. The three new directors, each of whom will join the board on Jan. 1, 2018, are:

- Celeste A. Clark, former chief sustainability officer and global public policy and external relations officer of Kellogg Company, where she led Kellogg’s global Corporate Communications, Public Affairs, Sustainability and Philanthropy functions.
- Theodore F. Craver, Jr., former chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Edison International, one of the nation’s largest electric utilities. Prior to joining Edison, Craver spent 23 years in banking and was corporate treasurer of First Interstate Bancorp, a Wells Fargo predecessor company.
- Maria R. Morris, who most recently was interim head of the U.S. Business and head of the Global Employee Benefits business of MetLife, Inc.,

where she previously was head of Technology and Operations.

“The board’s composition has changed significantly as it remains focused on being responsive to shareholders, enhancing oversight and creating value for shareholders,” said Elizabeth A. “Betsy” Duke, vice chair, who becomes chair on Jan. 1, 2018.

“Through a thoughtful and deliberate process that was informed by the board’s annual self-evaluation conducted earlier this year and feedback from shareholders and other stakeholders, Wells Fargo’s board has enhanced its overall capabilities and expertise and at the same time maintained an appropriate mix of tenure, experience and diversity,” Duke said.

The board’s new directors include distinguished leaders with relevant experience in financial services, risk management, technology, consumer, retail, finance, accounting, human capital management, public policy and marketing as well as environmental, social and governance matters.

Among the six new directors named in 2017, three are women and two are ethnically diverse.

Re-inventing how we serve you

2000 new risk managers hired in the last 2 years at Wells Fargo

Applying key learnings from our investigation into sales practices, Wells Fargo has made significant changes to the way management escalates risk issues and reports them to the board. The company has focused on examining business practices across the company by using third-party experts to conduct independent reviews of business and risk practices. In addition, where we identify an issue, management is conducting a root cause analysis, holding individuals accountable when appropriate, changing processes (and in some cases, changing business models), and most important, assessing and remediating customer harm. The board has set clear expectations that, as issues are identified, they will be reported promptly to the board and our regulators. With greater oversight of risk, we have created more consistency and have a better enterprise view of how we are managing risk. As we refine and build upon this work, we

are expanding our efforts in 2018 with a focus on compliance and operational risk management, consistent with the Federal Reserve consent order. We want to ensure we have a fully integrated, cohesive, and companywide approach to risk management.

The bank is building a strong, industry-leading compliance program within the Corporate Risk organization and have welcomed Mike Roemer, who has 27 years of financial services industry experience, as our new chief compliance officer. The enhancement of our compliance program will positively affect many other areas. We also welcomed Mark D’Arcy as chief operational risk officer and Sarah Dahlgren to the newly created role of head of regulatory relations. More than 2,000 external team members have been hired to risk roles to strengthen our capabilities during the past two years.

Female Chair at Wells Fargo, a first for a top U.S. bank

Wells Fargo Chair Betsy Duke has forged a career of firsts, culminating with being named the first female chair of a major U.S. bank. The 65-year-old native of the Virginia Beach, Virginia, area said she has drawn from that and other experiences in taking on the job of Wells Fargo’s independent board chair. On Jan. 1, roughly three years after joining the board, Duke succeeded the retiring Stephen Sanger — and became the first woman to chair one of the largest banks in the country.

Duke is stepping into her new role at a key juncture for Wells Fargo, as it navigates one of the most challenging eras in its history and enters the second full year of rebuilding trust amid sales practices issues.

The new role also marks the latest in a career of firsts for Duke: She was the first woman to head the Virginia Bankers Association (1999) and the American Bankers Association (2004). In 2008, she was appointed to the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, joining the Fed as the financial crisis exploded and the stock market crashed. She was the seventh of nine women to have ever been appointed to the Fed in its history.

Duke’s expertise and decision-making influence at the Fed during that extraordinary and controversial period helped establish her credentials on a national scale, drawing

praise from some top leaders in the financial services industry.

Duke said being a veteran of crises has equipped her well for leading Wells Fargo’s board during this period. She promised heightened oversight of the company, but also gave a vote of confidence in its commitment to address its problems, implement solutions, work to compensate customers, and rally team members.

After only a month on the job, however, Duke faced some new challenges for Wells Fargo as it agreed to a cap on asset growth as part of an enforcement action by the Federal Reserve Board.

Amid the latest developments, Duke said the company must redouble its efforts to fix the problems, while not allowing them to overshadow the real progress Wells Fargo is making in dealing with mistakes of the past and building a better bank for now and the future.

“There should be no doubt about the commitment of our board and company leaders to meet the highest expectations of regulators, shareholders, customers, team members, and the community,” she said. “Every change we’ve made to date is geared to reflect that commitment.”

New Wells Fargo structure focuses on customer experience “Change for the Better”

After a successful pilot in select locations across the U.S., Wells Fargo branches have rolled out the first phase of changes designed to transform the customer and team member experiences.

One of those changes is to put in place a new compensation program for retail bank team members to focus on the customer experience and the strengthening of risk management and oversight within its branches. The changes have also simplified complicated processes, replaced required questions with tips and suggestions relevant to customers, eliminated sales pressure, and allowed bankers and tellers to simply talk to their customers, ask questions, listen, and meet their financial needs by offering the right products and services or referring them to the right partners.



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Year of transformation at Wells Fargo

In a letter published in the 2017 Wells Fargo Annual Report, CEO Tim Sloan had this to say about the past year:

“This was a year of transformation at Wells Fargo. We achieved a great deal in 2017 and look forward to building on our momentum in the months ahead. Our top priority remains rebuilding the trust of our customers, team members, communities, regulators, and shareholders. We have made foundational changes to identify and fix problems so they do not happen again and achieved significant progress in our commitment to make things right for our customers and build a better bank. Our transformation is grounded in our vision of satisfying our customers’ financial needs and helping them succeed financially. While we have more work to do, I assure you that the Operating Committee and I are fully committed to building on our accomplishments. In addition, we take very seriously the consent order we entered into with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in February 2018, and we will work diligently, yet

swiftly, to meet the requirements. In response to feedback from our team, we introduced a streamlined Vision, Values & Goals of Wells Fargo in late 2017 — replacing what previously was a 37-page expression of our culture. Today the wallet-sized booklet focuses exclusively on our guiding principles and goals, clearly expressing the beliefs that guide every team member as we work together to build the best Wells Fargo possible:

- Our consistent vision of helping customers succeed financially.
- Our five values, which articulate what’s most important to us: what’s right for customers, people as a competitive advantage, ethics, diversity and inclusion, and leadership.
- Our six goals: becoming the financial services leader in customer service and advice, team member engagement, innovation, risk management, corporate citizenship, and shareholder value. Our Operating Committee is committed to ensuring that our Vision, Values & Goals are embedded in everything we do and in every decision we make, and more

than 260,000 team members bring it all to life.

During the past year, I have been asked many times, “Tim, why are you so optimistic?” My answer is, “How can I not be?” Wells Fargo is a strong company with a rich, 166-year history. We have overcome challenges many times during our history. We have a solid foundation, exceptional businesses, and an outstanding team. Our more than 260,000 team members are dedicated, talented, and committed — and, without a doubt, they are our most important resource. We are working every day to rebuild trust with our stakeholders, and I am confident that we will achieve our six goals. Thank you for placing your trust in Wells Fargo and for your support. Our commitment to you is unwavering as we continue our transformation into a better, stronger company.

STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA

ALABAMA Clay: A senior prank involving eggs and spray paint at a high school caused up to \$10,000 in damage, and officials say more than 20 students will be banned from participating in graduation.

ALASKA Soldotna: One of the state's three remaining Blockbuster Video stores is closing.

ARIZONA Phoenix: A new law will allow the state to grow industrial hemp.

ARKANSAS Little Rock: Rep. Rick Crawford has deactivated his office Facebook page after expressing concern about social media privacy.

CALIFORNIA Palm Desert: A swarm of bees left one person in critical condition and three others with minor injuries.

COLORADO Denver: The Denver Zoo will send money and staff to help save 11,000 critically endangered tortoises in Madagascar.

CONNECTICUT Hartford: Boat dealers say a new sales tax reduction on vessels is boosting business.

DELAWARE Bear: A man has been charged after authorities say he stole nearly \$90,000 worth of property from apartments vacated after fire damage.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: The CEO of *Washingtonian* magazine apologized for the lack of diversity in a new ad campaign. The "I Am Not a Tourist" campaign showcased area residents, but none were African Americans.

FLORIDA Panama City: Seven people were injured when a boat crashed into jetties along a Panhandle beach.

GEORGIA Acworth: Two teenagers are charged with aggravated animal cruelty for beating a mother possum to death with a baseball bat and killing her four babies by pouring bleach and ammonia on them.

HAWAII Honolulu: The number of firearms registered in the state decreased by nearly 24% last year.

IDAHO Mountain Home: The Air Force Thunderbirds will headline the Gunfighter Skies air show in early June.

ILLINOIS Springfield: Gov. Bruce Rauner says the state set a record with nearly 114 million visitors in 2017.

INDIANA Rockville: A man has been sentenced to 90 years in prison for setting fires that destroyed one covered bridge and damaged another.

IOWA Iowa City: The University of Iowa has frozen pay increases for teachers and other staff members.

KANSAS De Soto: Congressional delegates are pushing for faster environmental cleanup at a former ammunition plant. The target date for completion is 2028.

KENTUCKY Louisville: A food trail was launched at nine state parks featuring popular regional dishes such as burgoo, soup beans, fried potatoes and bourbon cake.

LOUISIANA Baton Rouge: Lawmakers want to require judges to delay slander lawsuits filed against people who allege sexual assaults.

MAINE Portland: The Portland Science Center is shutting down.

MARYLAND Fredrick: Residents have been asked to limit water use amid "historic flooding."

MASSACHUSETTS Lowell: A lawmaker has been accused of choking a political challenger during a chance encounter at a restaurant.

MICHIGAN Grass Lake Township: A large white cross that's been up since 1950 has been removed after a complaint that it stood on state-owned land.

MINNESOTA Duluth: The city experienced a record-high temperature for May 16 at 88 degrees.

MISSISSIPPI Oxford: The city has filed an annexation petition to acquire about 12 square miles of Lafayette County.

MISSOURI Crane: Prosecutors have upgraded charges to first-degree murder, child abuse and neglect against a woman whose baby died last September.

MONTANA Missoula: Big Sky High School has banned the Confederate flag at the school.

NEBRASKA Lincoln: University of Nebraska officials say switching health insurance companies would save the school around \$12.3 million next year.

NEVADA Las Vegas: George Thomas has become the third bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Vegas.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Loudon: A judge has approved a three-day country music festival at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in 2019.

NEW JERSEY Manchester Township: Found human remains were identified as those of William Schmidbauer, a New Jersey man who went missing in 2007.

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque: A hospital has begun offering pancreas transplants, a procedure that previously was not available in the state.

NEW YORK New York: U2 will play an invitation-only show at the Apollo Theater on June 11.

NORTH CAROLINA White Lake: Officials have concluded an algae bloom killed fish in a lake, not the chemical used to treat the outbreak.

NORTH DAKOTA Parshall: The search has ended for a container of ammunition that fell off a Humvee. The explosives have not been found.

OHIO Cleveland: Goodwin McNeal has driven for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority for 40 years, logging an estimated 1.2 million miles without causing an accident, Cleveland.com reports.

OKLAHOMA Tulsa: A Muslim woman who alleges she was denied entry into a courthouse because of her hijab is suing the county sheriff.

OREGON Bend: Residents will choose their first elected mayor in November.

PENNSYLVANIA Towamensing Township: Ten wells are being tested for a contaminant believed to be gas.

RHODE ISLAND Providence: The state is on pace to finish the current fiscal year with a \$32 million budget surplus. A \$60 million deficit was projected in November.

SOUTH CAROLINA Mount Pleasant: Emergency repairs were made after a cable snapped on the James Edwards Bridge.

SOUTH DAKOTA Sturgis: Residents are being assured that a proposed gun range is safe amid concerns over noise and the field of fire.

TENNESSEE Memphis: The University of Memphis is going to freeze tuition for the 2018-19 academic year.

TEXAS Fort Worth: The DMV rejected more than 2,000 proposed personalized license plates last year. Among them: GOTWEED, NOTRUMP and NOBAMA.

UTAH Salt Lake City: An audit found widespread drug use at a homeless shelter that's been marked for closing after a spate of violence nearby.

VERMONT Shelburne: A policeman is facing charges of soliciting prostitution and obstruction of justice.

VIRGINIA Abingdon: The state is set to study whether to add more tolls to Interstate 81.

WASHINGTON Vancouver: A bald eagle was hit by a passing vehicle while diving for prey. The bird was rescued and is recovering.

WEST VIRGINIA Huntington: Interim police chief Hank Dial has been recommended for the job permanently.

WISCONSIN Madison: State residents have until July 2 to apply online for a \$100 per-child tax rebate.

WYOMING Powell: Twins Hattie and Rhett Pimentel of Powell High School were named Presidential Scholars. *From staff and wire reports*

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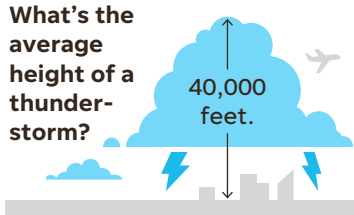


FRONT & CENTER

Ongoing showers and thunderstorms are forecast to drench Florida for the rest of May.

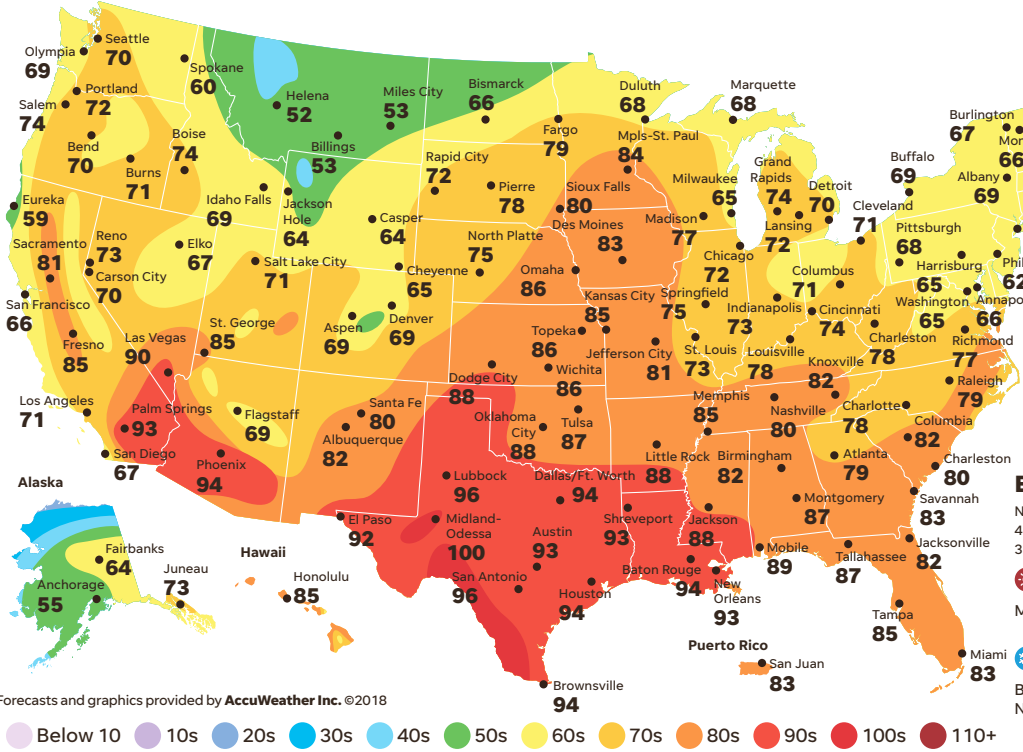


On this date in 1902, a tornado roared into Goliad, Texas, killing 114 people.



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TODAY'S HIGH TEMPERATURES

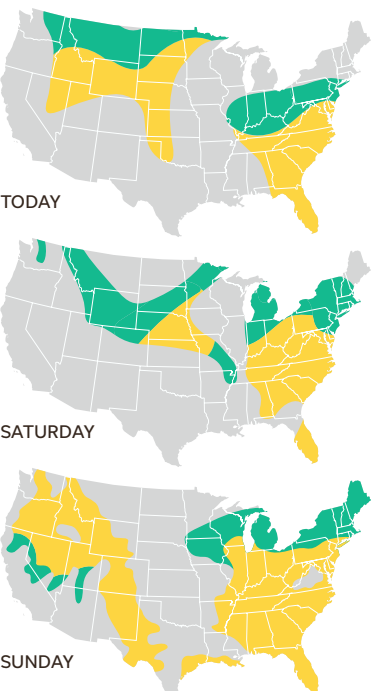


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● T-storms ● Rain ● Snow ● Ice/mix



EXTREMES
Note: For contiguous 48 states through 3 p.m. ET yesterday
● HOTTEST: 100° Midland, Texas
● COLDEST: 18° Bodie State Park, N.M.

TOP TRAVEL CITIES

Air quality index (AQI)											
ATLANTA	BALTIMORE	BOSTON	CHARLOTTE	CHICAGO	DALLAS/FT. WORTH	DENVER	DETROIT	HONOLULU	HOUSTON	LAS VEGAS	LOS ANGELES
FRI ☁ T-storms 79/68	FRI ☁ Rain 64/56	FRI ☁ Cooler 56/49	FRI ☁ T-storms 78/67	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 72/54	FRI ☁ Mostly sunny 94/73	FRI ☁ Severe t-storm 69/46	FRI ☁ Not as warm 70/55	FRI ☁ Mostly sunny 85/72	FRI ☁ Mostly sunny 94/73	FRI ☁ Mostly sunny 90/71	FRI ☁ Turning sunny 71/58
SAT ☁ Shower, t-storm 82/69	SAT ☁ Rain 74/64	SAT ☁ Rain 55/53	SAT ☁ T-storm 80/67	SAT ☁ Partly sunny 71/55	SAT ☁ Mostly sunny 92/72	SAT ☁ Showers around 53/41	SAT ☁ A few showers around 71/58	SAT ☁ Partly sunny 85/74	SAT ☁ Mostly sunny 92/73	SAT ☁ Partly sunny 92/71	SAT ☁ P.M. sun 70/60
SUN ☁ T-show-er 85/69	SUN ☁ Shower, t-storm 86/65	SUN ☁ Shower 75/57	SUN ☁ T-storm 85/66	SUN ☁ A.P.M. Partly sunny 66/54	SUN ☁ Partly sunny 90/71	SUN ☁ Partly sunny 63/46	SUN ☁ Shower 76/55	SUN ☁ Showers around 85/73	SUN ☁ Shower, t-storm 92/73	SUN ☁ Partly sunny 92/71	SUN ☁ Mostly cloudy 74/60
AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Moderate	AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Moderate	AQI Good
MIAMI	MPLS-ST. PAUL	NEW ORLEANS	NEW YORK	ORLANDO	PHILADELPHIA	PHOENIX	SALT LAKE CITY	SAN DIEGO	SAN FRANCISCO	SEATTLE	WASHINGTON
FRI ☁ T-storms 83/72	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 84/60	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 93/72	FRI ☁ A little rain 62/52	FRI ☁ T-storms 85/70	FRI ☁ Rain, breeze 62/53	FRI ☁ Sunny 94/69	FRI ☁ T-storm 71/52	FRI ☁ Turning sunny 67/61	FRI ☁ Clouds to sun 66/54	FRI ☁ Partly sunny 70/55	FRI ☁ Rain 65/59
SAT ☁ T-storms 82/72	SAT ☁ Not as warm 75/52	SAT ☁ Mostly sunny 93/74	SAT ☁ Rain 63/59	SAT ☁ T-storm 83/70	SAT ☁ Rain 69/63	SAT ☁ Sunny 96/70	SAT ☁ Shower, t-storm 72/52	SAT ☁ P.M. sun 68/60	SAT ☁ P.M. sun 65/54	SAT ☁ Partly sunny 73/53	SAT ☁ Rain 78/71
SUN ☁ T-storm 83/75	SUN ☁ Rain 73/52	SUN ☁ Mostly sunny 92/73	SUN ☁ T-storm 80/64	SUN ☁ T-storms 80/70	SUN ☁ Shower, t-storm 84/66	SUN ☁ Plenty of sun 98/71	SUN ☁ Shower, t-storm 71/55	SUN ☁ Mostly cloudy 67/61	SUN ☁ Mostly cloudy 64/54	SUN ☁ Partly sunny 70/52	SUN ☁ Partly sunny 84/69
AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Moderate	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Moderate	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good

c Cloudy f Fog i Ice r Rain sf Snowflurries sn Snow w Windy dr Drizzle h Haze

pc Partly cloudy s Sunny sh Showers t Thunderstorms

U.S. CITIES

	TODAY	SAT
Akron, Ohio	70/56r	76/62t
Albany, N.Y.	69/51pc	60/57sh
Albuquerque	82/53s	83/56pc
Allentown, Pa.	63/52r	66/60r
Amarillo, Texas	91/55s	89/50t
Anaheim, Calif.	73/58pc	73/59pc
Anchorage, Alaska	55/46r	56/43sh
Aspen, Colo.	69/36s	64/36pc
Atlantic City, N.J.	62/55r	68/64r
Augusta, Ga.	82/64t	86/64pc
Austin, Texas	93/71s	93/72s
Bakersfield, Calif.	85/64s	88/63s
Baton Rouge, La.	94/72pc	92/71pc
Billings, Mont.	53/40sh	55/40pc
Birmingham, Ala.	82/65t	89/69pc
Bismarck, N.D.	66/39t	66/38pc
Boise, Idaho	74/49pc	75/53pc
Buffalo, N.Y.	69/57pc	75/60sh
Burlington, Vt.	67/46h	62/56r
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	79/57pc	76/61c
Charleston, S.C.	80/71t	82/71t
Charleston, W.Va.	78/64t	82/64t
Cheyenne, Wyo.	65/40t	46/36sh

	TODAY	SAT
Cincinnati	74/68t	79/65pc
Cleveland	71/58r	77/59t
Colorado Springs	73/48pc	68/44c
Columbia, S.C.	82/68t	85/70t
Columbus, Ohio	71/61t	79/64t
Corpus Christi, Texas	93/74s	91/74pc
Dayton, Ohio	71/62t	79/62t
Daytona Beach, Fla.	81/68t	81/70t
Des Moines, Iowa	83/60pc	80/64c
Duluth, Minn.	68/53pc	60/37r
Durham, N.C.	77/67t	78/68t
El Paso, Texas	92/63s	91/60pc
Fairbanks, Alaska	64/47pc	66/41t
Flagstaff, Ariz.	69/35s	72/36s
Fargo, N.D.	79/46t	85/41c
Fort Myers, Fla.	86/71t	64/70t
Fort Smith, Ark.	89/69pc	93/70pc
Fort Wayne, Ind.	66/56sh	77/58sh
Fresno, Calif.	85/60s	87/57s
Grand Rapids, Mich.	74/56s	72/58pc
Green Bay, Wis.	72/52pc	71/49pc
Greensboro, N.C.	75/66t	79/67t
Greenville, S.C.	76/66t	79/66t
Harrisburg, Pa.	65/54r	70/67r

	TODAY	SAT
Hartford, Conn.	64/48c	61/56r
Indianapolis	73/64t	79/65pc
Islip, N.Y.	59/52r	63/60r
Jackson, Miss.	88/67c	93/70s
Jacksonville, Fla.	82/68t	84/68t
Jefferson City, Mo.	81/60pc	88/67pc
Kansas City	85/62pc	85/62t
Key West, Fla.	84/75pc	83/75t
Knoxville, Tenn.	82/65t	85/67t
Laredo, Texas	104/75s	100/77pc
Lexington, Ky.	78/66t	80/67pc
Lincoln, Neb.	83/60pc	78/57r
Little Rock, Ark.	88/68pc	94/68pc
Long Beach, Calif.	71/59pc	71/60pc
Louisville, Ky.	78/68t	84/70pc
Lubbock, Texas	96/63t	96/59t
Madison, Wis.	77/52s	73/53pc
Manchester, N.H.	66/47pc	59/54r
Memphis, Tenn.	85/69sh	93/74t
Milwaukee	65/50s	66/57c
Mobile, Ala.	89/71pc	91/71pc
Modesto, Calif.	84/55s	83/53s
Montgomery, Ala.	87/69t	90/69t
Myrtle Beach, S.C.	76/70t	78/71t

	TODAY	SAT
Nags Head, N.C.	76/70c	77/70r
Nashville, Tenn.	80/65t	89/68pc
Newark, N.J.	62/53r	64/62r
New Haven, Conn.	62/51c	61/57r
Norfolk, Va.	80/70t	81/71r
Oakland, Calif.	64/53pc	63/53pc
Oklahoma City	88/69pc	90/62t
Omaha, Neb.	86/60pc	81/57r
Palm Springs, Calif.	93/68s	96/69s
Pensacola, Fla.	90/76pc	90/74pc
Pierre, S.D.	78/46r	56/43r
Pittsburgh	68/55r	79/63t
Portland, Maine	60/42h	56/49r
Portland, Ore.	72/54pc	77/54pc
Providence, R.I.	60/50c	59/56r
Raleigh, N.C.	79/67t	79/68t
Rapid City, S.D.	72/39pc	49/38c
Reno, Nev.	73/51pc	73/52pc
Richmond, Va.	77/66t	79/69r
Rochester, N.Y.	66/54pc	73/60sh
Sacramento, Calif.	81/54s	79/52pc
San Antonio	96/71s	93/73s
San Jose, Calif.	71/54pc	70/52pc
Santa Fe, N.M.	80/42s	80/46c

	TODAY	SAT
Sarasota, Fla.	83/69t	86/69t
Savannah, Ga.	83/69t	84/69t
Scottsdale, Ariz.	92/67s	94/68s
Shreveport, La.	93/68t	92/67s
Sioux Falls, S.D.	80/57c	63/47r
South Bend, Ind.	72/55pc	71/55c
Spokane, Wash.	60/49sh	69/50pc
Springfield, Mo.	85/63pc	90/65pc
Springfield, Ill.	75/60sh	85/64pc
St. Louis	73/62c	87/68pc
St. Petersburg, Fla.	86/73t	87/71t
Syracuse, N.Y.	70/51pc	66/59sh
Tallahassee, Fla.	87/69t	87/69pc
Tampa, Fla.	85/72t	86/71t
Toledo, Ohio	65/55sh	74/58sh
Topeka, Kan.	86/63pc	89/62t
Tucson, Ariz.	92/59s	93/62s
Tupelo, Miss.	85/65t	92/70s
Tulsa, Okla.	87/71pc	91/68t
Virginia Beach, Va.	76/70t	79/71r
Wichita, Kan.	86/69pc	92/58t
Wilmington, Del.	64/54r	73/67t
Winston-Salem, N.C.	76/66t	78/67t
Worcester, Mass.	57/45pc	56/53r

WORLD CITIES

	TODAY	SAT
Beijing	82/57s	78/58c
Buenos Aires	62/44sh	60/42s
Cancun, Mexico	82/75t	84/74t
Dubai, UAE	94/81s	98/83s
Frankfurt	68/50pc	70/53pc
Hong Kong	90/82c	91/80t
Istanbul	79/66pc	78/64pc
Jerusalem	92/69s	93/68s
Johannesburg	67/44s	65/44c
London	65/46s	69/47s
Mexico City	84/59pc	83/58pc
Montreal	62/42pc	62/54r
Moscow	75/57t	68/53t
Mumbai, India	91/83h	92/84h
Paris	65/45s	66/49s
Rio de Janeiro	84/72s	86/69t
Rome	74/56pc	75/58s
Seoul	70/53pc	74/53s
Singapore	87/80c	90/80c
Sydney	67/52s	67/50s
Toronto	61/48h	60/53sh
Tokyo	80/69pc	76/56r

OPINION

TODAY'S TOPIC: ROYAL WEDDING

Our view: What critics of Meghan’s family don’t get

Though a product of a bygone era, the British monarchy continues to make itself oddly compelling.

Witness this weekend’s wedding of Prince Harry and the American actress Meghan Markle. Markle is a divorced, American, biracial older woman. She also — as the British tabloid press has breathlessly reported — comes with a royal coach-load of family baggage.

Not long ago, this would have been unthinkable. Harry’s father, Prince Charles, was all but forced into a loveless marriage to the former Diana Spencer, who was 13 years his junior and probably not ready to make a life-changing decision. As far as the royal family was concerned, she met the two criteria that mattered: She was noble and, most likely, a virgin.

Now we see how far the monarchy has come. It took a small step toward modernity in approving the marriage of the future King William V to commoner Kate Middleton. And it has taken a great leap — a long overdue one — in approving Harry’s marriage to Meghan. It should be commended.

The British media, particularly its tabloid press, however, are another matter. They seem to have appointed themselves as the defenders of the disgruntled traditionalists discomfited by the fact that the Windsors are about to commingle their royal blood with that of some American ruffians.

They can’t get enough of the fact that Markle’s father — who divorced her mother in 1987 — has been behaving erratically, blowing hot and cold over whether he’d attend the wedding and staging a paparazzi encounter in what was apparently a botched attempt to garner sympathy.

They have taken even greater delight in going after Markle’s half siblings, who’ve thrust themselves into the spotlight to criticize her, promote themselves and — in some cases — try to cash in on the situation.

Piers Morgan, the tabloid editor and television personality who once worked for CNN, called Markle’s family “the worst kind of vile, dysfunctional money-grubbing misfits.”



Fans outside Windsor Castle on Thursday. WILL OLIVER/EPA-EFE

One wonders why all this intense criticism. Is it to put these wayward relations in their place?

Hardly. Granting them a platform and repeatedly drawing attention to them does just the opposite.

More likely, considering the smugness and the judgmental tone, the purpose of the put-downs is to underscore what is undeniable but should be unremarkable: Neither Markle nor her family is perfect.

The tabloid press doesn’t seem to understand that many of its readers identify with Markle, maybe even more so after all the reportage. They look at her mixed racial heritage, divorced parents, failed first marriage and dysfunctional family and say — Yes! That’s me.

The world is full of people like Markle. They come from broken, blended, reassembled, modern and unconventional families. They might have varied racial and economic backgrounds. And they might have relations they would not want over for Easter dinner.

What they have in common is they know that what matters most is what they make of their own lives.

It’s funny how the British monarchy, whose primary historical purpose has been to confer status and legitimacy through birth, seems to understand this. It’s both sad and funny that the self-appointed guardians of culture that reside in the British media do not.

princess of all hearts and can do no wrong; nobody would be so coarse as to print a picture of her at the gym, or reading a how-to on the correct usage of British titles. Yet the terms have been set: Everything you do, they know about it. ... Everything your relatives do, they have caught on camera. It’s rosy now, sunshine, but wait until they’re bored five years down the line and they find out that you once shouted at a maid; or were spotted in John Lewis looking at buggies; or went to a club without your husband and didn’t get home till five past 12.”

Micheline Maynard, Australian Broadcasting Corp. News:

“Meghan will marry her prince at a time when the world is divided about almost everything, including her. Unwittingly, that makes her the perfect royal bride for our times.”



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‘13 Reasons Why,’ more doc visits on suicide

Anupam B. Jena, Josh Gray and Cass R. Sunstein

On March 31, 2017, Netflix released the series *13 Reasons Why*, a program documenting events leading to the suicide of a fictional teen. The series generated enormous debate over whether its graphic content could spur self-harm among vulnerable viewers.

And rightly so. One study demonstrated a 19% rise in Google searches related to suicide after the show’s release, including “how to commit suicide,” “commit suicide” and “how to kill yourself.” The study suggests that the show could have led some people to actively contemplate suicide.

With the arrival of Season 2 today, is there renewed cause for concern? We believe so, based on our study of millions of doctors’ visits by 14- to 20-year-olds during the weeks before and after the release of Season 1.

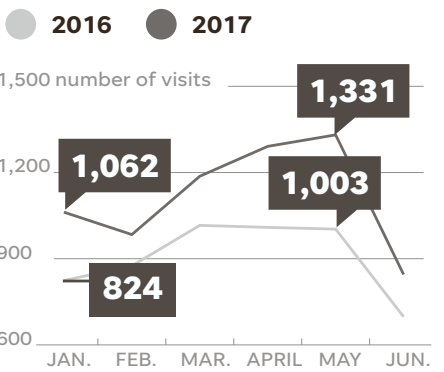
Using electronic data from AthenaHealth, an information technology company that supports more than 4,500 physician practices nationally, we analyzed the proportion of doctor visits for suicidal ideation. We hypothesized that these visits would increase in the months following the release of *13 Reasons Why* (we compared January-March 2017 with April-June 2017). We studied the same periods in 2016.

The proportion of visits involving suicidal ideation was stable from January to March 2017 (about 0.19% of all visits). Following the release of *13 Reasons Why*, such visits increased sharply to 0.27% in April and 0.29% of visits in May — a more than 40% relative increase. A similar pattern wasn’t observed in 2016.

These findings are worrisome. To be sure, they could reflect an increase in the number of teens seeking help as a result of viewing the show. Even so, taken together with the documented jump in online searches for ways to commit suicide, the alternative explanation of contagion in suicidal thinking is impossible to ignore. Unfortunately, national mortality statistics lag by several years, so we don’t know whether actual suicides increased after the show’s 2017 release.

The World Health Organization has recognized the importance of careful depictions of suicide by the media and

Visits by patients ages 14-20 who were diagnosed with suicidal thoughts



SOURCE Analysis of doctor visits by patients in more than 4,500 practices supported by athenahealth.com, an information technology company.

RAMON PADILLA/USA TODAY has published suicide prevention guidelines that specifically oppose realistic portrayals of suicide.

To its credit, Netflix responded to these and other concerns by commissioning research to produce a better understanding of how teens and parents related to the original *13 Reasons Why* series — and to inform how Season 2 could be most safely presented.

Among several initiatives, cast members in Season 2 will come out of character at the start of the season to discuss issues of depression, suicidal thinking and how to get help.

That’s good, but not enough. Health care providers, particularly those caring for vulnerable teens, should be aware of the Season 2 release and the impact it might have on suicidal thinking and behavior. Some have recommended that at-risk youth not view the show. That could be good advice.

Everyone should agree that better data are also critical. We do not yet know whether Season 1 actually increased suicides or suicide attempts. But the current evidence, including our own, offers reason for concern. It justifies a general warning for both disseminators and viewers of shows of this kind: Handle with extreme care.

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YOUR SAY

Orders from Israel prompted Gaza deaths

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As hundreds gathered Monday in Jerusalem to celebrate the move of the U.S. Embassy, about 62 miles away, Israeli forces fired on Palestinian demonstrators protected by the fence separating Israel from Gaza. They killed more than 50 people and injured well over 1,000 with live fire, according to Gaza’s Health Ministry.

Israeli forces have shot dead over 100 Palestinians in demonstrations in Gaza since March 30, including 12 children, and injured over 3,500 with live fire.

These staggering casualty levels are neither the result of justifiable force nor of isolated abuses, but foreseeable results of senior Israeli officials’ orders on the use of force.

Palestinian demonstrators in Gaza have challenged Israel’s half-century occupation. Sweeping Israeli restrictions on the movement of people and goods into and out of Gaza, exacerbated by Egypt’s sealed border on the south, have crippled the economy, fed a humanitarian crisis and snuffed out young people’s hope for a brighter future.

Israeli officials have rejected the in-

ternational law standard, saying they are justified in firing with live ammunition to prevent violent demonstrators from penetrating the border and attacking Israelis in nearby towns. They have ordered soldiers to fire on anyone who enters an expansive “no go” area inside Gaza, “instigates” demonstrations, or damages security infrastructure. These orders have effectively turned the “no-go” zone into a free-fire zone. Israel has not claimed that any soldiers or citizens have been seriously injured or killed during demonstrations.

Bloodshed on this scale results directly from these open-fire orders that greenlight the firing on demonstrators irrespective of the threat they pose,

along with Israel’s decades-long failure to hold accountable soldiers who violate their already lax open-fire orders. As criticism of this predictable bloodbath pours in from leaders around the world, the Trump administration is blaming Hamas alone, giving Israel a green light to continue killing and maiming.

Omar Shakir, Israel & Palestine director based in Jerusalem Human Rights Watch New York

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Gilded Age

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In his presidential campaign, Donald Trump simultaneously evoked two Gilded Age types: the plutocrat and the populist. “Trump is the perfect figure for the new Gilded Age. He’s like something out of Mark Twain” (who coined the term “Gilded Age” in 1873), says David Nasaw, a biographer of Gilded Age industrialist Andrew Carnegie. “Exaggeration is his essence.”

The most striking feature shared by the two Gilded Ages is growing economic inequality.

In Los Angeles, hundreds of encampments have sprung up on beaches, in riverbeds and in canyons as the homeless population has exploded and expanded beyond its boundaries.

The homeless camp where the wildfire started in December was only a mile from a new hilltop mansion twice the size of the White House that’s for sale for \$500 million. It destroyed the \$5.5 million house of former NBA star Andrei Kirilenko, singed some vines at Rupert Murdoch’s Moraga winery and forced celebrities such as Paris Hilton and Chelsea Handler to flee.

“I’m not a fire-and-brimstone, end-of-the-world kind of guy,” says Bert Muto, a formerly homeless man who saw a fire at another camp threaten multimillion-dollar houses. “But the biblical stuff is a reminder of what it feels like today. Where’s it gonna stop?”

The Gilded Age began about a decade after the end of the Civil War and ended around 1901, when President William McKinley was assassinated and Teddy Roosevelt took office.

It was an era of robber barons such as Rockefeller, Carnegie and Vanderbilt; of state legislatures (which at the time elected U.S. senators) controlled by railroads and other special interests; of giant industrial monopolies known as trusts; of financial crises, including the panics of 1873, 1893 and 1907; and of a populist reaction against all of the above.

Tycoons built 70-room marble oceanfront “cottages” they occupied for only four to eight weeks a year. A New York couple spent \$400,000 — more than \$9 million today — to throw a costume ball at the Waldorf Hotel. Sociologist Thorstein Veblen called the phenomenon “conspicuous consumption.”

Home of the ‘giga-mansion’

The city that epitomized the first Gilded Age was New York, site of the greatest houses, most glittering social events and the mightiest banks. It was home to the social elite — the so-called Four Hundred (the number that could fit into Mrs. Astor’s ballroom). Its slums, bearing names such as Bandit’s Roost and Misery Row, were the subject of Jacob Riis’ book *How the Other Half Lives*.

The capital of America’s second Gilded Age is Los Angeles, where hilltop homes worth tens of millions of dollars look out over a city in which even the middle class struggles to afford shelter and the number of homeless increases daily. The city’s famed sprawl cannot isolate Angelinos from disorienting contrasts many Americans assumed had disappeared after the changes of the Progressive Era, the New Deal and the Great Society.

The heart of Gilded Age Los Angeles is Bel Air, a community of curving lanes and hillside mansions where a Hollywood legend lurks behind every hedge and gate. One may purchase “giga-mansions” with names such as The One (\$500 million); Chartwell, the setting for *The Beverly Hillbillies* TV show (\$295 million); Billionaire, which has an ornamental helicopter on the roof (\$188 million, down from \$250 million); and The Manor, once home of producer Aaron Spelling (\$200 million).

(These prices are more aspirational than rational; the \$110 million for which Hard Rock Cafe co-founder Peter Morton’s Malibu home sold last month broke the L.A. record of \$100 million set two years ago by the Playboy Mansion and another house.)

In Bel Air, a house is considered a mansion only if it’s 30,000 square feet — 12 times as large as the average American single family house.

Many of Bel Air’s steep, narrow lanes are construction zones. “There’s a saying here,” says Jeff Hyland, head of the city’s leading high-end real estate agency. “If the house is 10 years old, it’s a candidate for a remodel. If it’s 20 years old, it’s a candidate for a tear down.”

Once, the rich built their own dream houses. In the second Gilded Age, developers such as Nile Niami, a former B-movie producer, will do it for them.

Niami is the builder of The One, the USS Enterprise of the new class of spec houses. It sits on a 4-acre hilltop lot with 360-degree views, including the downtown skyline and the Pacific.



Real estate developer Nile Niami is building The One, the most expensive home (bowling alley and moat included) in the country. ROBERT HANASHIRO/USA TODAY



America’s first Gilded Age was epitomized by New York City, site of the William K. Vanderbilt House. BETTMANN ARCHIVE VIA GETTY IMAGES

The One has 20 bedrooms, seven pools (including a moat) and five elevators. It has a nightclub, casino, flower room, spa, gym, beauty salon, 45-seat theater, four-lane bowling alley and a four-oven commercial kitchen. There is a lounge where the walls are glass tanks filled with iridescent jellyfish. There is parking for 30 vehicles.

The master bedroom suite — 5,500 square feet, more than twice the average house — has its own office, kitchen and pool.

If The One were to sell for even a third of its asking price after it’s finished next year, it still would set a U.S. record by about \$30 million.

No one needs such houses, so buyers must be made to want them by creating what Niami’s architect, Paul McClean, calls “an emotional connection.” Hence, amenities: swings suspended from the ceiling, or a jellyfish room.

Buyers who want such a place want it now, not in the three to four years it takes to build one. Many mansions are sold in move-in condition — fully furnished, decorated and supplied, down to the champagne.

“All the decisions have been made for you. The lifestyle is there for you,” McClean says. “All you have to do is move in.” As Niami puts it, “The day they buy it, they’re ready to have a party.”

The market is global. The world has more than 1,500 billionaires, a third of whom are Americans.

None of Niami’s potential buyers seeks a primary or full-time residence. Most have five or six homes. The One, like other giga-mansions, will be a *pied-à-terre*, or a place to entertain and impress. In a metro area with 58,000 homeless people, The One will be empty much of the time.

Its isolated hillside perch and skyline views provide an escape from such vertiginous contradictions. McClean, the architect, talks about how his houses separate their occupants from the “day-to-day life of the city.”

They also break down the distinction between indoors and outdoors. Trading on the benign climate, McClean uses glass walls and doors to create a sense of being outside when you’re inside. The ironic result is housing for the rich that seems to disappear even as, for the poor, it actually is disappearing.

The poorest of the poor

Homelessness has achieved a special distinction in Los Angeles. Having increased 50% during the past five years, “it’s supplanted traffic as the topic everyone talks about,” says Tom Waldman, spokesman for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

The homeless are as visible as the Hollywood sign. More than two years after Mayor Eric Garcetti declared a “state of emergency,” about 41,000 are “unsheltered” — sleeping in cars, outside City Hall, under freeway overpasses. The *Los Angeles Times* calls it “a human tragedy of extraordinary proportions.”

The homeless are blamed for every-

homeless, and of keeping them out.

Robin Greenberg says the homeless won’t resettle in the canyons and instead will stay closer to services. She plans to keep going to skid row to help: “I like interacting with them. I like it when people say, ‘Thank you.’ I’ve brought my grandchildren.”

Nickie Miner, another longtime resident, says that in an arid landscape subject to high winds, homeless camps are a threat to public safety. She says some of the homeless don’t want help: “They want be survivalists, and they want to do it in our hills.”

Residents have been going on a social networking site to report homeless sightings. A man was seen walking in the street near traffic, apparently “off his meds.” One resident raised the possibility of deploying a drone to spy on potential campsites.

A bud beginning to grow

The extremes of the Gilded Age were moderated in the Progressive Era that followed. But the seeds of change — the income tax, antitrust laws, limits on working hours and child labor — were planted in the Gilded Age.

Such seeds may be there today, if we look for them. Consider the experience of Bel Air’s similarly affluent neighbor to the west, Pacific Palisades.

In November 2015, a man in a homeless encampment, using a lit paper bag as a flashlight, started a fire that endangered several homes. Police ejected all the homeless, including Victor Jimenez, who’d lost his home after losing his job as a videographer at a law firm.

A Pacific Palisades residents’ committee privately raised \$125,000 to hire two social workers to connect the homeless — defined as Palisades “residents” if they’d been in town for six months — with housing and services.

One worker helped Jimenez, 49, get a job and an apartment downtown. He’s grateful but is under no illusions about what prompted it: “After the fire, the money was there.”

Homelessness has been a sort of conflagration for greater Los Angeles.

In 2016, voters approved a \$1.2 billion city bond to build housing for the homeless. Last year, they passed a county sales tax to fund homeless services.

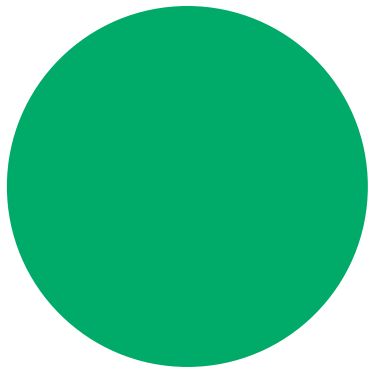
On the scorched hillsides of Bel Air, the flowers known as “fire followers” are beginning to bloom.

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WALMART'S ONLINE SHOPPING PICKS UP STEAM

Walmart's battle with Amazon continues to intensify. Walmart revealed online sales didn't just grow last quarter, they soared, with e-commerce sales in the U.S. up 33%, topping online purchases made at Walmart.com during the holiday quarter by 10%. Store traffic was up slightly less than 1%, and sales at U.S. stores open at least a year increased 2.1%.



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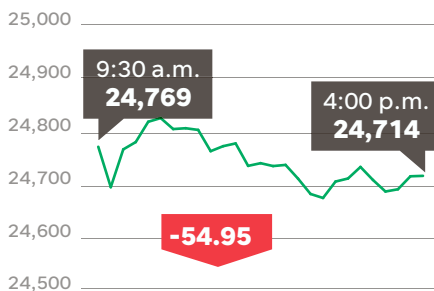
\$85M CONDO COMES WITH A FREE TRIP TO OUTER SPACE

A New York condo has gone up for sale with an out-of-this-world marketing gimmick — a trip for two to outer space. For a mere \$85 million, not only can you pick up a 45th-floor condo with breathtaking New York views, but you also get a yacht, a pair of Rolls-Royce Phantoms, a Lamborghini, dinner for two weekly at swanky Restaurant Daniel, a Hamptons summer rental, a chef and butler for a year and, yes, a trip to outer space.

J.C. PENNEY STOCK SINKS AS COLD WEATHER ZAPS SALES

Cold weather had a chilling effect on J.C. Penney's latest quarter, plunging the retailer's stock. The company reported a net loss of \$78 million in the quarter ended May 5, with just 0.2% growth in sales at stores open at least a year. J.C. Penney blamed a cold April. Its stock dropped more than 11% Thursday.

Dow Jones Industrial Avg.



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S&P 500	2720.13	▼ 2.33
T-note, 10-year yield	3.11%	▲ 0.02
Oil, light sweet crude	\$71.57	▲ 0.05
Gold, oz. Comex	\$1290.30	▼ 0.40
Euro (dollars per euro)	\$1.1799	▼ 0.0003
Yen per dollar	110.75	▲ 0.50

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Investors eye Apple's race to \$1T

401(k) owners have big stake in iPhone maker

Adam Shell

USA TODAY

Investors with 401(k)s have a lot at stake in Apple's race to become the first company with a \$1 trillion market value.

Just like a bettor with cash riding on Kentucky Derby winner Justify in Saturday's Preakness, there's real money on the line. Apple, worth roughly \$916.4 billion according to Bloomberg data through May 16, is the world's most-valuable company, giving it some serious economic horsepower.

Not only do tens of millions of Americans use Apple products such as the iPhone and iPad, the stock is also one of the most popular and frequently traded. The company's swelling market value now accounts for 4.1% of the Standard & Poor's 500, the biggest weighting in the large-company stock index. That means investors who don't own an iPhone or never bought a single share of Apple on their own, but who have S&P 500 index funds or exchange traded funds in their 401(k)s, still have big exposure to the company.

And that exposure could soon get bigger as the company approaches the \$1 trillion dollar market cap. Each share of Apple, which fell 0.6% Thursday to close at \$186.89, would need to climb to

about \$197.24, or another 5%, to reach the historic milestone.

Mutual fund giant and leading index-fund provider Vanguard owned nearly 349 million Apple shares at the end of 2017, or roughly 7% of all outstanding shares — the most of any financial firm. BlackRock, the world's largest money manager and a major player in the ETF business, owned 6.3% of the company.

So if an investor can't come up with \$186.89 to buy a single share of Apple for their own brokerage account, they will still own Apple stock if they invest in index funds that do own shares.

"So many investors have skin in the game with Apple," says Chris Rupkey,

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Good weather is key to a farmer's income. Colin Johnson, a farmer near Agency, Iowa, struggled last year with parched corn crops. But in Wisconsin this year, farmers have the opposite problem: flooding. USA TODAY NETWORK

Farmers being forced to quit as income dives

Recent trade disputes worsening uncertainty over commodity prices

Rick Barrett USA TODAY

MILWAUKEE — Farm income this year could be the lowest since 2006, a reflection of low commodity prices, exporting issues and in some places, lousy weather.

Nationwide, net farm income has fallen by more than half since 2013, and it's expected to drop another 6.7% this year — to the lowest level since 2006, according to the Department of Agriculture.

Farmers are facing unrivaled income volatility, coming off high commodity prices five years ago, the USDA says.

Now, "the prices that farmers have been receiving for their products aren't paying the bills, and too many people are being forced to give up farming," said Roger Johnson, president of the National Farmers Union.

For every dollar consumers spend on food, the farmer receives just 14.8 cents — the lowest "farm share" since the USDA began reporting the figures in

14.8 cents

How much a farmer receives for every dollar spent on food

22 cents

How much beef producers received in April for every dollar spent, compared with 44 cents four years earlier

30 cents

How much dairy farmers received for every dollar spent, down from 51 cents in April 2014

12 cents

The average amount a wheat farmer receives on a \$3.49 loaf of bread

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Fox News promotes Scott to first female CEO

Veteran also will lead Fox Business Network

Mike Snider

USA TODAY

21st Century Fox has named its first woman CEO, Suzanne Scott, to oversee the Fox News Channel and Fox Business Network.

Scott, who has been with Fox News since its inception in October 1996, had been serving as president of programming for both networks. She will report to company founder Rupert Murdoch and Lachlan Murdoch, both executive chairmen of 21st Century Fox.

"Suzanne has been instrumental in the success of FOX News and she has now made history as its first female CEO," Lachlan Murdoch said in a statement. "Her vision and innovation have helped create some of the most popular and lucrative primetime programs on cable."

This week, Lachlan Murdoch was named co-chairman, along with Rupert Murdoch, of the new Fox company expected to emerge from a sale of many Fox assets to the Walt Disney Co. "As we embark on the era of the proposed New Fox, I am confident that Suzanne's leadership will ensure the dominance of both Fox News & FBN for years to come," he said.

At Fox News, Scott oversaw the re-vamping of the channel's prime-time lineup — in the wake of the dismissal of Bill O'Reilly in April 2017 under allegations of sexual harassment — with *Tucker Carlson Tonight* (8 p.m. ET), moving *Hannity* to 9 p.m., and adding *The Ingraham Angle* at 10 p.m.

Scott, 52, was promoted in May 2017 after the resignation of network co-president Bill Shine, who had been mentioned in lawsuits filed against Fox News for allowing a workplace culture in which sexual harassment and racial discrimination developed.

Last fall, Scott expanded the network's schedule with 20 hours of live programming, including more women anchors and hosts on shows she co-created, such as *Outnumbered Overtime/Harris Faulkner*, *The Story with Martha MacCallum* and *The Daily Briefing w/ Dana Perino*.

As for new Fox, 21st Century Fox agreed to sell many of its prized assets — including the Fox movie and TV studios, one-third stake in Hulu and its 22 regional sports networks — to Disney for \$52.4 billion last December. But that deal could face another hurdle with Comcast reportedly planning a \$60 billion offer to outbid Disney.



Suzanne Scott



The Xbox Adaptive Controller, \$99.99 when released later this year, with various accessories plugged in. MICROSOFT

Microsoft's Xbox courts gamers with disabilities

Adaptive Controller lets you customize for comfort

Eli Blumenthal
USA TODAY

Microsoft is introducing a new kind of controller to allow gamers with disabilities to play Xbox and PC games in whatever way works best for them.

Called the Xbox Adaptive Controller, the new \$99.99 device looks and feels different from the standard gaming remotes designed for two-handed use. There are no directional pads, colorful A/B/X/Y buttons or triggers on this controller. Instead, the remote is a white slab with two large black buttons, two USB ports and a bevy of 3.5mm accessibility ports on the back.

All of this is designed to allow gamers to customize the controller to exactly what they need in order to play in the way most comfortable to them. It can be placed on the floor to allow gamers to use the two buttons with their feet and features screws on the bottom for mounting onto wheelchairs or tables. The device, to be released later this year, can be charged through its USB-C port.

"In the U.S. we estimate that 14% of Xbox One gamers have a temporary mobility limitation and that 8% of gamers have a permanent mobility limitation,"

said Navin Kumar, director of product marketing for Xbox accessories. "We felt like we needed to do more for this audience."

For Steven Spohn, a volunteer who also serves as chief operations officer of Washington, D.C.-based AbleGamers, the creation of the Adaptive Controller presents a possible game-changer.

The non-profit previously developed its own custom accessible controller for the Xbox that it gave away to those who needed it. That custom controller, optimized to an individual's needs, would often cost hundreds of dollars to create, significantly more than Microsoft's target price.

The Adaptive Controller "will be in what we like to call the 'presents range,'" Spohn says. "This thing plus a couple of switches will be in the range where basically, with friends and family help, you can always raise enough money to be able to afford the whole device."

The Adaptive Controller, developed out of an internal Microsoft hackathon in 2015, uses the 3.5mm standard for accessibility peripherals. It can work with a range of available accessories including bite switches, single-handed joysticks and foot pedals (accessories are sold separately from the controller). Each slot on the back is labeled for its corresponding traditional button, making setting up the controller as simple as

"plug and play."

Since it is seen by the Xbox as a regular controller, gamers can play any Xbox One game just as they would with the traditional remote. Like the regular controller, there is also a headphone jack so gamers can trash-talk friends and competitors online. "Everything that a standard controller can do, this controller can do," Kumar says.

Microsoft partnered with a number of organizations while developing the Adaptive Controller, including The AbleGamers Charity, The Cerebral Palsy Foundation, SpecialEffect, Warfighter Engaged and Craig Hospital to ensure it was properly optimized.

Spohn's group has helped beta test the controller in recent months, playing various Xbox games including *Sea of Thieves* and *Fortnite*. Spohn — who suffers from spinal muscular atrophy, a disease that affects muscle movement and physical strength — tested the controller with the PC using ultralight switches that require little physical pressure to activate.

"When a company as big as Microsoft starts introducing devices like the Xbox Adaptive Controller ... it gives me another tool to do my work," Spohn says. "The fact they are able to mass produce this device and make it very affordable for the average gamer is just amazing."

Farmers

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1993, according to Johnson.

In April, beef producers received just 22 cents of the retail food dollar compared with 44 cents four years earlier, NFU figures showed. Dairy farmers received 30 cents, down from 51 cents in April 2014.

Wheat farmers average just 12 cents on a loaf of bread that retails for \$3.49.

These figures "strike a chord with family farmers and ranchers who are dealing with the sharpest decline in net farm income since the Great Depression," Johnson said.

"Most consumers do not fully realize the volatility and risk associated with farming or the economic despair many family farmers are enduring," he added. "However, when you consider that what you're paying at the grocery store continues to drop, and you see the farmers' share continue to drop, you can imagine that it's hard to earn a decent living in agriculture right now."

'Playing in the mud'

Low prices aren't the only problem. Some farmers have seen a tough break when it comes to the weather, such as the flooding that has socked parts of Wisconsin.

"We are playing in the mud," said Ross Bishop, a beef cattle and crops farmer in Washington County, Wis. "I have two-thirds of my corn planted, but probably 5 acres of that is under water."

Bishop said he's losing about \$200 for every steer he raises for slaughter. His prices have fallen because there's a glut of animals on the market, even though consumer demand for beef re-



Some farm economists are predicting a recovery in commodity prices next year or in 2020, especially if foreign trade issues are settled. PDPW

mains strong.

Many farms, not prepared for the sharp and prolonged downturn, have folded.

"I knew this was coming, so I haven't bought anything new, and I don't have a lot of debt," Bishop said.

Some farm economists are predicting a recovery in commodity prices next year or in 2020, especially if foreign trade issues are settled and global markets become more predictable.

But a turnaround also depends on the weather and the growing season in the U.S. and other countries that produce massive amounts of corn, soybeans, other crops, livestock and dairy products.

"Farmers have no way of influencing prices. Their only way of trying to increase their income is to produce more," Johnson said.

Exports hang in the balance

Trade disputes have created uncertainty, with China canceling U.S. soybean shipments and Mexico turning to

South America for soybeans over concerns about the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"The trade tit-for-tat could ultimately end up shutting the door on millions of pounds of pork, over 3,000 tons of beef and \$14 billion of soybeans meant to be sold around the world," Kevin Skunes, president of the Corn Board of the National Corn Growers Association, wrote in a column.

"The expanded list of tariffs on exports is making America's farmers the first casualties of the trade war between the U.S. and China. If the U.S. withdraws from NAFTA, there will be severe consequences for America's farmers, and for our regional, national and global economies," Skunes wrote. It's hard to say what's "normal" in agriculture, since markets and prices are always changing. Still, many farmers have been pummeled by back-to-back years of fallen profits.

It never feels "normal" when you are stuck in a low period, said Jim Holte, president of Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.

Apple

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chief financial economist at MUFG, a New York-based financial firm.

Many Wall Street analysts, including Angelino Zino of New York-based research firm CFRA, see Apple making history soon. Zino said he sees Apple's share price rising to \$210 in the next 12 months, which would push its value above \$1 trillion.

Its closest challengers, Amazon, Alphabet, and Microsoft, are still about \$250 billion shy of the mark.

Working in Apple's favor are an array of bullish drivers, including record earnings in the first quarter, its plans to buy back \$100 billion of its own shares and a lineup of products, from the iPhone to its iCloud service, with strong future earnings power, says Thorne Perkin, president of New York investment firm Papamarkou Wellner.

Apple also recently received a ringing endorsement from billionaire investor Warren Buffett, who bought 74.2 million more Apple shares in the first quarter and told CNBC he would "love to own 100% of Apple stock."

Here's a few key things 401(k) investors need to know about Apple's impact on its own bottom line:

■ **The index effect:** Investors who own funds such as the Vanguard 500 Index Fund or the SPDR S&P 500 ETF — funds that mimic the S&P 500 stock index and match its returns — should be aware that Apple has the biggest impact on fund performance. The reason: The S&P 500 is a price-weighted index, which means stocks with the biggest market values move its daily price the most.



Apple is worth roughly \$916.4 billion, according to Bloomberg.

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"Your fortunes are more tied to this company than any other," says Christian Thwaites, chief strategist at investment advisory firm Brouwer and Janachowski in Mill Valley, Calif. Investors who own individual shares of the stock and index funds have even more tied up in Apple.

■ **Sign of a top?** Just as there's talk of a market top when the Dow Jones industrial average hits a level such as 25,000, the same holds true when a company such as Apple hits a milestone Wall Street has never seen before.

It's the type of event that can get investors squeamish about a potential peak in a stock or the broader market, Thwaites warns. It could become a reason why some investors will want to take Apple and the market back down, he adds.

On the flip side, Apple topping the trillion-dollar mark could be a bullish trigger, Perkin counters.

"It's something to cheer, and it could encourage further investment," Perkin says.

■ **Is it a reason to sell?** Market value alone isn't a big enough signal to call a top in an individual stock, says Michael Farr, president and CEO of money-management firm Farr, Miller & Washington in Washington, D.C.

"I can't imagine setting a market cap as a trigger for sale (of a stock)," Farr says. "Market cap doesn't make something expensive."

What does make a stock expensive is when its price relative to earnings climbs much higher than historical norms and it becomes much more expensive relative to the broad market, he adds. Right now, Apple is trading at 18.2 times its earnings over the past four quarters, which is cheaper than the S&P 500's price-to-earnings ratio of 19.5, according to Thomson Reuters.

There's no reason to sell, Farr says, if the stock isn't overly expensive or having other problems.

Still, Apple's ascent toward \$1 trillion in market value is a sign that it has grown so large that keeping up its rapid growth pace could get more difficult.

And that, MUFG's Rupkey says, is a risk.

"At some point soon, it just isn't going to grow as fast, and that increases the danger that investors are paying too much for future earnings," Rupkey explains.

Six types of annoying co-workers in your office

Steve Strauss
Special to USA TODAY

Question: I have a co-worker who is constantly smacking her gum. The worst part is that she is the boss’ daughter, so I can’t really complain to anyone. How do I handle such an annoying co-worker? — Charmaine

Answer: A long time ago, in a work-place far, far away, I worked in an evil kingdom of two-faced liars, jerk bosses and mostly incompetent co-workers.

Other than that, it was a lovely place to work.

One of these geniuses really liked to say the word “like” a lot. It drove us all crazy. That is, until the day that we plotted our revenge — err, solution. We decided that every one of us would also drop the word “like” into our conversations with him, like, well, so many likes.

“Like, wow Gerry, that is like, so rude of our manager to ask you to, like, work late.” Gerry caught our drift quickly and while he clearly didn’t like it, it solved the problem pronto.

Here are six other common types of annoying co-workers:

1. Nopey

Back in the day there was a claymation cartoon called Gumby. Gumby had a dog named Nopey. The only thing Nopey could ever say was, “No!” “Hey Nopey, wanna go for a walk?” “No!” “Nopey, would you like this new bone to chew on?” “No!”

Personally, I find the most common reason that people enjoy saying no is that it gives them a (false) sense of power. By denying you what you want, they simultaneously avoid having to do extra work while also maintaining their sad little fiefdom.

2. The pig

This annoying co-worker is generally found in the break room. The guy who secretly eats your lunch (a very, very common office pet-peeve.) The gal who refuses to wash her dishes.

3. The hoarder

I had the best grandfather in the



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world. One of his tricks was something he called “The Magic Box.” Pop kept it in the trunk of his car, and whenever he would come over to visit, he would have all the kids on the block come over to his car. Then he would open the trunk and ceremoniously open the Magic Box for us. Somehow, every time, it was always full of candy, and no matter how much we took, it was full the next time he came over too. Magic!

Hey, what can I say? I was 8.

In any case, the point here being that there are a few employees out there who think that the supply closet at work is the grown-up version of the Magic Box. It never seems to run dry, and they never seem to tire of pilfering it for personal use.

4. The gossip

Is there anyone more injurious to a cohesive workforce than the gossip? Makes no difference if it’s true or false, just as long as he or she gets to wag their tongue about someone behind their back.

5. Mr. Clueless

Mr. Clueless talks too loud. Or he smells bad. Or he cuts out too early. Or he YELLS WHEN HE EMAILS. Or he thinks his presentation is supposed to incorporate every single oddball Power-Point trick he has ever learned.

6. The cheapskate

How can it be that that round of drinks he always promises to buy never occurs, or the place he picks when it’s your turn to buy is super nice?

Do any of these sound like someone you know? Probably. Let’s just hope it’s not you.

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Coca-Cola + Bluetooth = personalized beverages

Zlati Meyer
USA TODAY

You use your smartphone to do everything from booking concert tickets to hailing a cab. Now you'll be able to use it to fill a cup with Coca-Cola.

Coca-Cola is unveiling a new fountain drink machine this weekend that lets you use Bluetooth technology to prepare your drink precisely the way you want it with a few taps on your smartphone.

Like your Diet Coke mixed with Diet Sprite? No problem. Want some vanilla flavor in your Fanta? You got it.

While a Coke dispenser might seem like a strange place to find innovation, it's the kind of move that could give the Atlanta-based soft-drink giant an advantage in the hyper-competitive beverage market. Smartphones make sense for drink ordering, because they will not only allow you to order exact percentages of different mixtures or flavor addition but also remember your preference for next time.

Empowering people to customize their creations — in this case, over ice — helps companies build long-lasting relationships with them, according to consumer behavior experts. That translates into more frequent and larger purchases.

"A greater level of customization really allows companies to connect with consumers, especially when it's what they're looking for and making them feel special," said Charles Lindsey, an associate professor of marketing at the University at Buffalo.

The upgraded machine, called the Freestyle 9100, also

has some new, but not yet activated, features Coca-Cola expects to need in the future. With the activation of a microphone, for instance, it could mix drinks from voice commands.

The new Freestyle, with its 200 mix-and-match beverage choices, will be revealed at the National Restaurant Association's trade show in Chicago this weekend.

"Consumers want to customize their beverages and are into variety. That's only growing," said Chris Hellmann, vice president and general manager of Coca-Cola's Freestyle platform.

The previous iteration customized drinks using QR codes, but that required a more cumbersome process on a phone app. More than 50,000 of the machines were installed. The new machine arrives next year.

Coca-Cola also uses information from the fountain machines to gain insight into what consumers want, Hellmann said. For example, the idea for Sprite Cherry and Sprite Cherry Zero, introduced in packaged form last year, came from that data.

Bottled water has bumped soda to become Americans' favorite drink. In 2016, Americans bought 12.8 billion gallons of H2O vs. 12.4 billion gallons of carbonated soft drinks, according to Beverage Marketing, a research and consulting company.

Coca-Cola's new Freestyle machine, with its 200 mix-and-match beverage choices, will be revealed this weekend. COCA-COLA



Google woos more listeners with YouTube Music revamp

Jefferson Graham
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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Because Google knows where you go every day, when your next flight is and what websites you visit when you're at home, it hopes to sell you on a new kind of music subscription service.

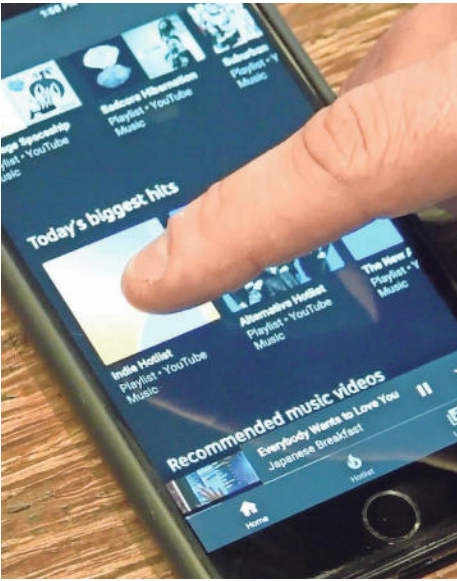
Google is launching a revamped version of YouTube Music, its free music service, on Tuesday. The new, fee-based YouTube Music (\$9.99 monthly) will eventually replace Google Play Music. That's Google's current music subscription service, which has been in the shadow of Spotify, Apple Music and Amazon Music. There is also a free, ad-supported version.

The idea is that with the Google Assistant, Google's smartphone app that uses artificial intelligence to help guide your life, subscribers to the new YouTube Music will find a service that makes smarter suggestions on what music to listen to.

YouTube currently is the No. 1 home for online music, but most of the 1.5 billion monthly visitors use it to listen for free, via music videos. Ad-supported YouTube also has deals with the major record labels to run complete albums and has a larger catalog of music than rivals, with more live, independent and band-uploaded material.

But YouTube has lagged in attracting paying subscribers. Spotify is the No. 1 paid music subscription service with 75 million subscribers, followed by Apple's 50 million.

Google execs Lyor Cohen and T. Jay Fowler wouldn't give an exact timetable on when Google Play will go away — it could be next year, Fowler said. In the interim, subscribers to Google Play will get to enjoy the former service and the new YouTube Music, which will



YouTube Music, which will cost \$9.99 a month, eventually will replace Google Play Music. JEFFERSON GRAHAM/USA TODAY

roll out gradually beginning Tuesday and become available to most of the United States within a few weeks.

That's not the only change coming to YouTube. The YouTube Red subscription service, which for \$9.99 monthly had offered original video programming, a free subscription to YouTube Music and Google Play Music and the ability to listen to music in the background, ad free, is getting a new name — YouTube Premium — and new pricing.

Current subscribers to Google Play and YouTube Red will continue to pay \$9.99 monthly, but new subscribers signing up for the service will pay \$11.99. YouTube Premium subscribers will get access to the original, ad-free YouTube and a complimentary subscription to YouTube Music. Subscribers who want Premium without the Music won't have the option.

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WHAT TO WATCH

Small stocks are proving to be big gainers

Adam Shell
USA TODAY

Move over tiny houses, Wall Street investors are now tuning into tiny stocks.

Indeed, the small-is-better trend has made its way to Wall Street. Small stocks are putting up bigger gains than their large-company counterparts.

In the clearest sign of the shift in investors' affections, the small-company Russell 2000 is the first major U.S. stock index to break out to a record high following the stock market's first 10% correction in two years in February. On Thursday, the small-fry index gained 0.55%, while the Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq all finished with losses.

The average market value of stocks in the Russell 2000 is \$2.5 billion, according to index provider FTSE Russell. Compare that to Apple, the most valuable stock in the large-company S&P 500 index that is closing in on a market value of \$1 trillion.





















Top holdings in the small-cap index include biotech drug maker Nektar Therapeutics and online food delivery service GrubHub.

Alex Young, managing director of global markets research at FTSE Russell, cites a few factors driving the better performance of small stocks. One benefit is small companies get the bulk of their revenue from within the U.S.

That shields them from headwinds faced by big companies in the S&P 500, which get nearly half of sales from overseas.

Small stocks are less impacted by a stronger dollar, which makes U.S. goods sold abroad more expensive. They also suffer less turbulence due to geopolitical and trade fears.

S&P 500'S BIGGEST GAINERS/LOSERS

GAINERS	Company (ticker symbol)	Price	\$ Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg
	Marathon Petroleum (MPC) Oil refiner earnings estimates ahead of consensus.	80.71	+3.98	+5.2	+22.3
	Andeavor (ANDV) Petroleum company shares in energy industry optimism.	146.81	+6.10	+4.3	+28.4
	Valero Energy (VLO) Fitch rates company's senior unsecured notes as "BBB."	119.71	+4.72	+4.1	+30.2
	EOG Resources (EOG) Energy firm advances nearly 4%, double the sector.	126.15	+4.65	+3.8	+16.9
	Allergan (AGN) Pharmaceutical company may face investor activism.	160.23	+5.70	+3.7	-2.0
	Concho Resources (CXO) Oil producer rises on energy exploration hopes.	154.92	+5.59	+3.7	+3.1
	Express Scripts (ESRX) Time Warner/AT&T ruling may affect pharmaceuticals.	76.35	+2.62	+3.6	+2.3
	Apache (APA) Software firm rises in heavy options trading.	44.01	+1.35	+3.2	+4.2
	Phillips 66 (PSX) Energy giant rebounds from refinery flares.	121.87	+3.71	+3.1	+20.5
	Pioneer Natural Resources (PXD) Oil driller CEO sells \$1 million worth of shares.	212.31	+6.23	+3.0	+22.8
LOSERS	Company (ticker symbol)	Price	\$ Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg
	Nektar Therapeutics (NKTR) Pharmaceutical firm hurt by cancer treatment results.	79.23	-6.57	-7.7	+32.7
	CBS B (CBS) Media giant down as Redstone dispute continues.	51.61	-2.22	-4.1	-12.5
	Cisco Systems (CSCO) Tech company falls on Q3 earnings report.	43.46	-1.70	-3.8	+13.5
	Micron Tech (MU) Semiconductor maker down despite hedge fund popularity.	54.70	-1.80	-3.2	+33.0
	Wyndham Worldwide (WYN) Hotel company down after hotel/time share split.	109.27	-3.39	-3.0	-5.7
	Discovery A (DISCA) Media firm down in heavy options trading.	23.02	-.67	-2.8	+2.9
	Discovery C (DISCK) Media firm down in heavy options trading.	21.82	-.63	-2.8	+3.1
	Under Armour C (UA) Sportswear retailer sinks after recent gains.	17.84	-.47	-2.6	+33.9
	IPG Photonics (IPGP) Laser/optics firm announces overseas expansion.	246.74	-5.73	-2.3	+15.2
	Coty (COTY) Cosmetics firm wins court battle over mesothelioma claim.	14.18	-.33	-2.3	-28.7

SOURCE Bloomberg and The Associated Press

MARKET PERFORMANCE BY SECTOR

Sector	Close	Chg.	4wk ¹	YTD ¹
Energy	78.72	+1.17	+6.9%	+8.9%
Technology	69.16	-0.36	+3.0%	+8.1%
Consumer discret.	105.00	-0.35	+0.9%	+6.4%
Financials	28.18	-0.06	+1.1%	+1.0%
Health care	82.99	+0.03	+0.6%	+0.4%
Industrials	74.89	+0.29	-1.4%	-1.0%
Materials	59.78	+0.14	+0.8%	-1.2%
Utilities	48.98	-0.40	-3.5%	-7.0%
Telecom	56.00	-0.25	-4.2%	-7.5%
Consumer staples	49.85	+0.17	-2.9%	-12.4%

MARKET NOTEBOOK

Issues	NYSE	NASDAQ
Advancing	1,541	1,701
Declining	1,302	1,105
Unchanged	127	202
Total	2,970	3,008
Issues at		171
New 52 Week High	148	49
New 52 Week Low	50	
Share Volume		
Total	3,436,782,887	1,926,176,458
Advancing	1,900,249,088	870,024,521
Declining	1,441,638,119	964,926,100
Unchanged	94,895,680	91,225,837

TOP 10 EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

ETF, ranked by volume	Ticker	Close	Chg.	% Chg	%YTD
iShs Emerg Mkts	EEM	46.46	-0.72	-1.5%	-1.4%
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	SPY	272.01	-0.23	-0.1%	+1.9%
SPDR Financial	XLF	28.18	-0.06	-0.2%	+1.0%
CS VS 2x Vix ShTm	TVIX	5.07	-0.21	-4.0%	-8.5%
iShares Brazil	EWZ	39.08	-1.50	-3.7%	-3.4%
Barc iPath Vix ST	VXX	34.87	-0.94	-2.6%	+24.9%
PowerShs QQQ Trust	QQQ	168.33	-0.65	-0.4%	+8.1%
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdtm	XOP	43.52	+1.29	+3.1%	+17.1%
VanEct Gld Miners	GDX	22.19	-0.10	-0.4%	-4.5%
SPDR Consum Staples	XLP	49.85	+0.17	+0.3%	-12.4%

INTEREST RATES

Type	Close	6 mo ago
Prime lending	4.75%	4.25%
Federal funds	1.70%	1.16%
3 mo. T-bill	1.90%	1.27%
5 yr. T-note	2.93%	2.06%
10 yr. T-note	3.12%	2.35%

MORTGAGE RATES

Type	Close	6 mo ago
30 yr. fixed	4.56%	3.78%
15 yr. fixed	3.98%	3.14%
1 yr. ARM	3.92%	3.34%
5/1 ARM	4.40%	3.43%

SOURCE: BANKRATE.COM

COMMODITIES

Commodities	Close	Prev.	Chg.	% Chg.	% YTD
Cattle (lb.)	1.03	1.02	+0.01	+1.2%	-16.2%
Corn (bushel)	3.95	3.99	-0.04	-1.0%	+12.7%
Gold (troy oz.)	1,288.20	1,290.20	-2.00	-0.2%	-1.4%
Hogs, lean (lb.)	.76	.76	unch.	+0.8%	+6.6%
Natural Gas (Btu.)	2.86	2.82	+0.04	+1.6%	-3.2%
Oil, heating (gal.)	2.28	2.27	+0.01	+0.5%	+9.9%
Oil, lt. swt. crude (bar.)	71.49	71.49	unch.	unch.	+18.3%
Silver (troy oz.)	16.41	16.30	+0.11	+0.7%	-3.8%
Soybeans (bushel)	9.95	10.00	-0.05	-0.5%	+4.5%
Wheat (bushel)	4.97	4.94	+0.03	+0.7%	+16.5%

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Currency per dollar	Close	Prev.	6 mo. ago	Yr. ago
British pound	.7403	.7416	.7566	.7718
Canadian dollar	1.2800	1.2789	1.2762	1.3628
Chinese yuan	6.3660	6.3757	6.6269	6.8910
Euro	.8475	.8473	.8477	.8968
Japanese yen	110.75	110.25	112.13	111.11
Mexican peso	19.6967	19.6117	18.9270	18.6806

FOREIGN MARKETS

Country	Close	Prev.	Change	%Chg.	YTD %
Frankfurt	13,114.61	12,996.33	+118.28	+0.9%	+1.5%
Hong Kong	30,942.15	31,110.20	-168.05	-0.5%	+3.4%
Japan (Nikkei)	22,838.37	22,717.23	+121.14	+0.5%	+0.3%
London	7,787.97	7,734.20	+53.77	+0.7%	+1.3%
Mexico City	45,787.90	46,419.77	-631.87	-1.4%	-7.2%

SOURCE Morningstar, Dow Jones Indexes, The Associated Press

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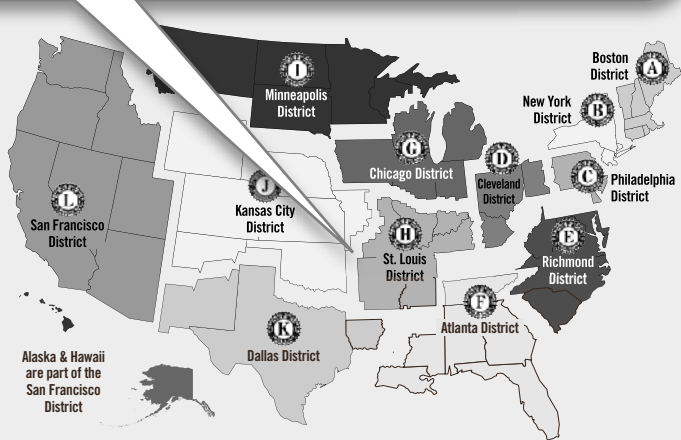
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AUTOS

REVIEW

Nissan turns a new (and improved) Leaf

Mike Hanley
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With more conventional styling and a longer range, the redesigned 2018 Nissan Leaf all-electric hatchback is more mainstream and practical than ever. But Nissan missed an opportunity to fix some of its glaring shortcomings.

The latest Leaf joins the Chevrolet Bolt EV and Hyundai Ioniq Electric in keeping the focus on value and affordability. Plus, the new Leaf has a lower starting price and longer range than its predecessor.

But shoppers who want a driving range of more than 200 miles still need to look elsewhere for now, though a more powerful — and more expensive — longer-range version of the Leaf is slated to arrive as a 2019 model.

When it debuted as a 2011 model, the Nissan Leaf brought the possibility of all-electric driving to the masses.

The redesigned 2018 Leaf starts at \$30,875, including an \$885 destination charge. That’s \$690 less than the outgoing Leaf. And perhaps best of all, its EPA-estimated driving range has increased from 107 to 151 miles on a full charge.

Leaf buyers remain eligible for a federal tax credit of up to \$7,500, and many states and municipalities offer separate incentives tied to the purchase, driving, charging and parking of EVs.

One of the biggest changes for 2018 is how the Leaf looks.

The original Leaf hatchback had a distinctive, bulbous shape that was different from most everything else on the road, communicating to your fellow drivers that this was not some ordinary gas-powered car. Now, the Leaf could be mistaken for one of Nissan’s conventional hatchbacks.

Even if you’re new to electric cars, the Leaf’s driving experience should seem familiar — and, apart from a few unique characteristics, rather ordinary. This, however, is a good thing, as we’ve been in more than a few alternatively-pow-



The new Leaf has a lower starting price (around \$31,000) and longer range (151 miles) than its predecessor. NISSAN VIA AP

2018 Nissan Leaf

- **What:** A compact electric hatchback.
- **When:** On sale now.
- **What makes it go:** Electric motors equal to 147 horsepower combined with a battery pack good for up to 151 miles of range per charge.
- **How long to a full charge:** 7.5 hours on 220-volt power; 35 hours on household 110-volt power.
- **How big:** 14.7 feet.
- **How much:** Starts at \$30,875, including a \$885 destination charge. Eligible for \$7,500 federal tax credit.
- **Overall:** The original Leaf was revolutionary. This one is a nice evolution and a solid player among EVs.

ered cars with various driving quirks.

In its Normal drive mode, the Leaf accelerates smoothly and builds speed quickly enough. Other editors thought

the Bolt EV felt quicker, but the Leaf doesn’t have trouble keeping pace with traffic. The Leaf’s braking response is smooth and predictable.

I was, however, disappointed in the Leaf’s ride quality. The suspension tuning is firm, but there is a harshness in its response that is out of place in a modern car. The ride can also feel choppy on certain surfaces, such as concrete. That said, another editor thought it rode better than the Bolt EV.

With the higher-capacity battery comes longer charging times. On 220-volt electrical service, the battery takes as little as 7.5 hours for a full charge, Nissan says. On a 110-volt household outlet, it will take about 35 hours.

I quick-charged the 2018 Leaf during a lunch break, and my 30-minute charging session cost \$11.15 and brought the battery pack to 75% capacity. That was good for an additional 79 miles of driving range, as reported by the instrument panel’s range display.

Given the Leaf’s significant styling and drivetrain updates for 2018, it’s sur-

prising that some of the prior generation’s biggest shortcomings remain.

Tilt-and-telescoping steering wheels are commonplace in new cars, but the 2018 Leaf, like its predecessor, still has only tilt adjustment. Meanwhile, the position of the rear bench seat relative to the floor results in an uncomfortable knees-up seating position for adults, as was the case in the old Leaf.

Likewise, the huge ledge between the cargo floor and the folded back seat is even more disappointing now than it was in the first-generation Leaf. It significantly reduces the versatility of the Leaf’s hatchback shape by preventing large cargo from lying flat on an extended floor.

Even though Nissan missed a few opportunities, the 2018 Leaf’s longer driving range makes it a viable choice for more eco-minded shoppers, where its predecessor wasn’t.

If you’re looking to make the move from gas-car ownership to electric-car driving, a 2018 Leaf should make the switch relatively pain-free.

‘Where we’re going, we don’t need roads’: The most iconic cars in film

Mark Phelan
USA TODAY

Want to start an argument?

The folks at British insurance-shopping website GoCompare have created a list of the movies’ most iconic, popular and frequently seen cars.

It shows the timeless Ford-Chevy rivalry is in full swing onscreen. Ford got the nod as the brand most frequently seen in movies and for the top two models: Mustang and the Crown Victoria. Chevrolet notched spots 3 and 4 with the Impala and Caprice.

Top 10 models

1. Ford Mustang (*Death Race*, *Gone in 60 Seconds*, *Bullitt*)
 2. Ford Crown Victoria (*Taken 3*, *Seven Pounds*, *Superbad*)
 3. Chevrolet Impala (*Jeepers Creepers*, *Raising Arizona*, *Saturday Night Fever*)
 4. Chevrolet Caprice (*The Dukes of Hazzard*, *Se7en*, *Point Break*)
 5. Ford Econoline (*Enemy of the State*, *Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers*, *Dumb and Dumber*)
 6. Mercedes-Benz S-Class (*The Fate of the Furious*, *21 Jump Street*, *The Bourne Identity*)
 7. Chevrolet Camaro (*Transformers*, *Spring Breakers*, *2 Fast 2 Furious*)
 8. VW Golf (*The Guilt Trip*, *Notes on a Scandal*, *Home For The Holidays*)
 9. Toyota Land Cruiser (*Safe House*, *The Mist*, *Unfaithful*)
 10. Lincoln Town Car stretched limousine (*The Hangover Part III*, *Desperado*, *The Bodyguard*)
- The rankings aren’t based solely on the number of times a car or brand is seen in movies. The car had to be featured prominently or used by a main character on screen. GoCompare then factored in movie website IMDb.com’s rating of the films’ popularity.
- What’s that mean? One *Bullitt*, in which Steve McQueen essentially co-starred with a Mustang fastback, outranks a thousand cabs dropping characters off at a hotel. Robert DeNiro’s de-



Steve McQueen co-starred with a 1968 Mustang GT Fastback in “Bullitt.” Its car chases are thought to be some of the best ever filmed. WARNER HOME VIDEO

ranged *Taxi Driver* should’ve got Checker back in the game, but apparently not enough people love Martin Scorsese’s dark masterpiece.

Top 10 most frequently used models

1. Ford, 8,988 movies (Mustang, Crown Victoria, Econoline)
2. Chevrolet, 5,513 movies (Impala, Caprice, Camaro)
3. Mercedes-Benz, 4,176 movies (S-Class, E-Class, SL)
4. Volkswagen, 2,726 movies (Golf, Passat Variant, Beetle1200)
5. BMW, 2,340 movies (5 series, 3 series, 7 series)
6. Dodge, 2,287 movies (Diplomat, Ram, Coronet)
7. Fiat, 2,161 movies (Panda, 500 F, Ducato)
8. Cadillac, 2,031 movies (Fleetwood 75, Series 62 Convertible, Sedan Deville)
9. Toyota, 2,026 movies (Corolla, Hilux, Crown)
10. Citroen, 1,758 movies (DS 19, ID 19, CX)

Most iconic car by decade

- It’s hard to dispute the No. 1 model on the list of iconic vehicles: The DeLorean DMC-12 in *Back to the Future*.
- Iconic cars by decade:
- 1960s: Aston Martin DB5 (*Goldfinger*)
 - 1970s: Ford Falcon (*Mad Max*)
 - 1980s: DeLorean-DMC 12 (*Back to the Future*)
 - 1990s: DeLorean-DMC 12 (*Back to the Future III*)
 - 2000s: Ford Gran Torino (*Gran Torino*)
 - 2010s: Tatra 815-7 truck (*Mad Max: Fury Road*)

What’s missing

A few inclusions and omissions are baffling:

- Dodge has no individual model winners, despite being the No. 6 brand and repeated star turns by the 1970 Charger in the *Fast and Furious* series.
- The Audi A8 makes the list in the 2000s for *Transporter 2* but not the ’90s for *Ronin*.

Ford to resume production of popular F-150 pickup

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USA TODAY

Defying predictions of weeks-long delays, Ford said production of America’s best-selling vehicle, the F-150 pickup, will resume Friday.

The production line of the popular truck will restart after shutting down May 9 following a fire at the factory of a key supplier.

The start-up will bring the Dearborn, Mich., Truck Plant back on line Friday, the automaker said. It will be followed by a resumption of F-150 production at the Kansas City Assembly Plant and of the heavy-duty version, called the Super Duty, at the Kentucky Truck Plant, on Monday, Ford executives announced Wednesday.

Besides the F-150 and Super Duty, the fire at Meridian Magnesium Products in Eaton Rapids, Mich., also affected SUV production, including the Expedition, Explorer, Flex and Lincoln Navigator and MKT, the company said in a statement.

Ford described a huge effort to restart production of the key components idled by the fire. Teams removed 19 dies from Meridian’s badly damaged facility. They also chartered a Russian-built Antonov An-124, one of the world’s largest cargo jets, to move an 87,000-pound die from Eaton Rapids to Nottingham, England, over the span of just 30 hours.

In addition, Meridian is producing truck parts again in the undamaged portions of its Eaton Rapids factory.

After the fire, some experts and officials predicted the Meridian plant could be closed for several weeks.

The disruption affected the jobs of 7,600 Ford workers in Dearborn and Missouri.

The massive fire not only disrupted Ford, but production for General Motors, Fiat Chrysler and Mercedes as well. It triggered unplanned layoffs throughout the U.S.



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“Girls are quicker, faster and stronger than you, so while it may look like it’s open, they can close that gap with such a quickness that you always have a countermove. But I give it all to Coach (Dawn) Staley, she really prepped me for this level so I’m not super far off with things.”

A’ja Wilson, first overall pick in this year’s WNBA draft by the Las Vegas Aces, on the difference between the pro and college game at South Carolina. The WNBA season begins Friday.

NOTABLE NUMBERS

\$600 million

Spent on the five-year transformation of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y., home of the U.S. Open. The new Louis Armstrong Stadium, with a roof, will be finished in late August in time for this year’s Open.

LAST WORDS

“I always felt like he was there guiding me. It’s rare that you meet someone in life like that. It’s just a really sad day.”

Quarterback Joe Callahan, who signed with the Eagles last week after spending most of the previous two seasons with Green Bay, on Mike Drass, his coach at Division III Wesley College in Delaware. Drass, 57, died suddenly this week. A cause has not been released. In 25 seasons, he led Wesley to 14 playoff berths, including three semifinals. Drass’ record is 229-69-1.

“Alabama probably has one or two national championships they claim that weren’t necessarily recognized by everybody.”

Nebraska coach Scott Frost to KETV in Omaha in response to Alabama coach Nick Saban telling USA TODAY that Central Florida’s “self-proclaimed” national championship is “not the same as actually earning it.” Frost, who coached Central Florida last season, was alluding to the fact that of the 17 national championships Alabama’s football program claims, some came before the modern polling systems started.

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Career three-pointers made by the Mercury’s Diana Taurasi, who could become the first player in WNBA history to reach 1,000 this weekend.

NOTE The Phoenix Mercury host the Dallas Wings in the WNBA season opener Friday night. SOURCE WNBA
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PREAKNESS HOME NOT AGING WELL

Laurel may be alternative if fixing Pimlico costly

Dan Wolken
Columnist
USA TODAY

BALTIMORE – The track that hosts one of the most famous horse races in the world is kind of a dump. You can soften that description however you want, shower it with euphemisms such as “historic” and even pretend there’s some charm left at Pimlico Race Course as it prepares to host the 143rd Preakness Stakes on Saturday. But “Old Hilltop,” as they call this place, isn’t aging gracefully. From the back of the grandstand,

whose facade looks so drab and worn down even the Soviets would have been embarrassed to construct it, to the plumbing that broke down on Preakness Day in 2015 causing a number of bathrooms to close down, the potential issues when 140,000 people or so cram in there one day a year are endless. When you walk around the place, what with its dilapidated concourses and rickety grandstands, you get the feeling Maryland Jockey Club officials are just crossing their fingers every year that they can actually pull it off without major incident.

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“It’s going to come down to dollars and cents, I think. Who’s paying for what.”

Sal Sinatra
VP-GM of the Maryland Jockey Club

Justify works out at Pimlico on Thursday.
GEOFF BURKE/USA TODAY SPORTS

Sportsbooks may avoid some states due to costs

A.J. Perez
USA TODAY

One New Jersey racetrack set Memorial Day as the target date to accept the state’s first bets after the Supreme Court ruling that cleared the way for sports gambling nationwide. The estimated \$150 billion a year illegal sports gambling industry, however, isn’t going away anytime soon. One need only look to Pennsylvania — one of a handful of states that passed legislation in anticipation of the decision to overturn the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA) — to see a major reason why. “There is a huge black market that pays zero tax,” said Greg Carlin, CEO of Rush Street Gaming, whose company operates two casinos in Pennsylvania. “If legal sports betting is go-

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Brewers pitcher Josh Hader says he’s an “out-getter.” JEFF HANISCH/USA TODAY

Ultimate weapon Hader ‘coolest guy out there’

Bob Nightengale
Columnist
USA TODAY

PHOENIX – Josh Hader has the look of a Southern California surfer with the dirty-blond, shoulder-length hair and ink-stained arms, but he’s from a

small village in Maryland. He’s a big-time hunter and avid fisherman who just happens to love hockey. He’s a skinny, 6-0, 180-pound left-handed, 24-year chill dude, but instead of listening to rap, hip-hop or country, he rolls with classic rock, with his walk-up song hitting the charts back when

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‘Hard Knocks’ no boon for Browns

2 of the last 4 coaches featured on show were fired by end of season

Lindsay H. Jones
USA TODAY

As if the Browns didn’t face a big enough challenge as they try to rebound from last year’s 0-16 season, now they’ll face the *Hard Knocks* Effect, which might be on the way to replacing the *Sports Illustrated* Jinx in the NFL.

Hard Knocks, HBO’s Emmy-award winning documentary series that annually chronicles an NFL training camp, is heading to Cleveland this summer.

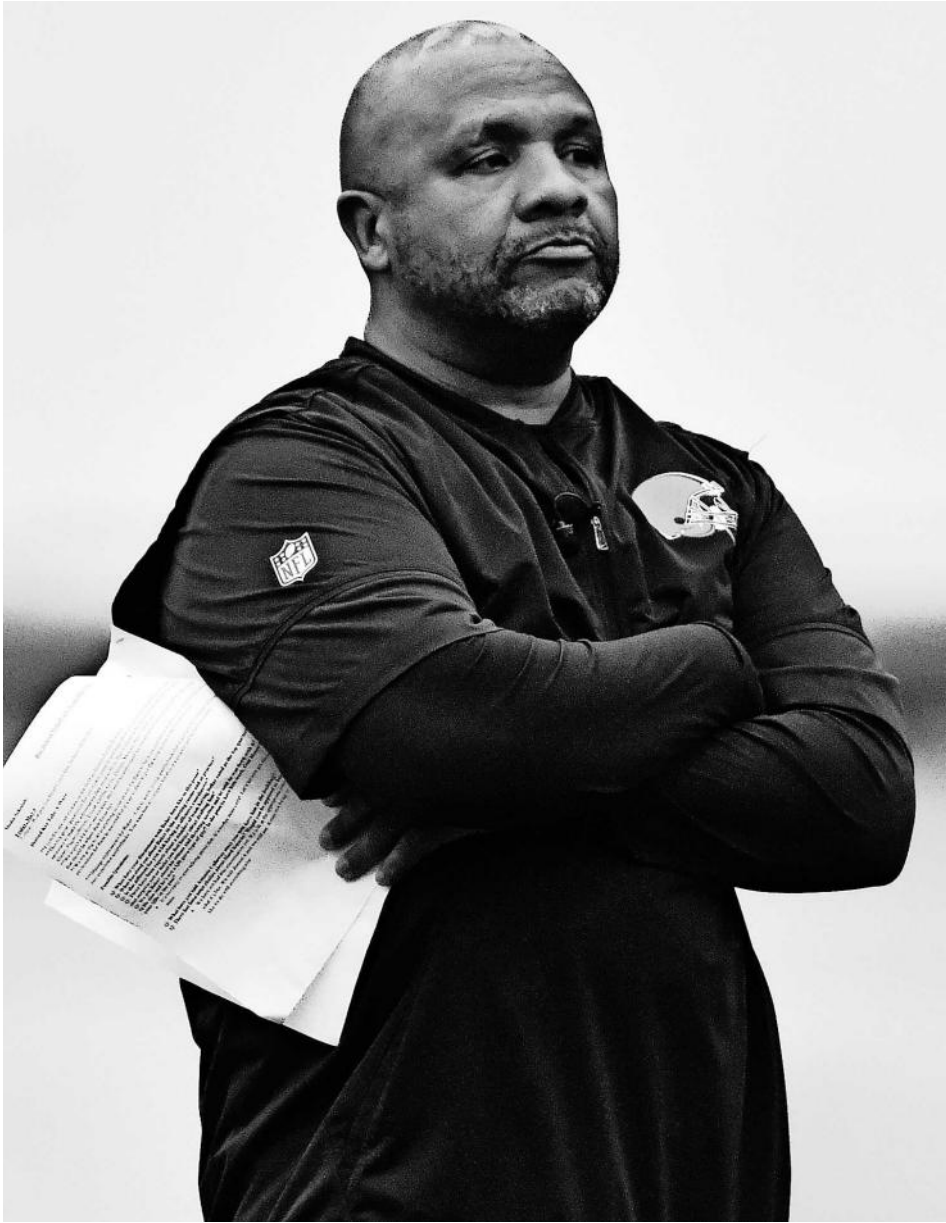
While that’s great news for fans — who doesn’t want an inside look at the start of No. 1 pick Baker Mayfield’s career? — it might not be good news for the Browns themselves. And head coach Hue Jackson should be especially wary.

Two of the last four head coaches (Mike Smith, Jeff Fisher) featured on *Hard Knocks* were fired by season’s end, while only five of the 12 teams that have appeared on the series made the playoffs. Neither of the last two *Hard Knocks* playoff teams, the 2013 Bengals and 2015 Texans, made it out of the wild-card round. None of the last three teams (Texans, Rams and Buccaneers) improved upon their previous season’s record — though that’s a low bar for the winless Browns.

Still, it will be interesting to see how HBO frames the upcoming season.

Cleveland has won one game since Jackson’s arrival in 2016 with a quarterback carousel that has become comical. We can already picture how the first episode will begin — with slow-motion shots of Jackson’s impending leap into Lake Erie (scheduled for June 1) to make good on a promise he’d dunk himself should the team fail to improve on its 1-15 showing in 2016. And go ahead and toss in some dramatic b-roll from the January parade in which approximately 3,000 Browns fans “celebrated” the 0-16 season. There will be shots of fans wearing bags over their heads and scenes from the draft party — Cleveland’s version of the Super Bowl — celebrating Mayfield’s arrival.

It should be compelling to see how HBO addresses Jackson’s job security and how the series will depict the quar-



Hue Jackson hopes to buck a recent *Hard Knocks* trend: Two of the last four coaches whose teams were featured were fired. KEN BLAZE/USA TODAY SPORTS

terback situation, given Jackson announced veteran Tyrod Taylor would be the starter in 2018 well before Mayfield was drafted.

Hard Knocks has a way of turning its chosen team into a fan favorite thanks to creative storytelling and exceptional access. Who didn’t watch last season and not think Bucs quarterback Jameis Winston was poised for a breakout campaign? Unknown players fighting for jobs and often heartbroken during roster cuts often makes for gripping footage. HBO has a way of selling the team it features as a legitimate playoff threat.

(Sometimes, coaches provide that fodder themselves. Here’s looking at you, Jeff “No 7-9 B.S.” Fisher, with the 2016 Rams ... who wound up 4-12.)

Browns general manager John Dorsey, who kept his decision to select Mayfield secret until the day before the draft, admitted reluctance that his team will be forced to open its facility and practices to HBO’s cameras. But the Browns couldn’t opt out. NFL rules only exempt teams that have a first-year head coach, have made the playoffs in the past two seasons or have been on *Hard Knocks* in the last 10 years from

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participating. The Browns were one of six teams (along with the Broncos, 49ers, Ravens, Chargers, Redskins) who could not say no this year.

So all the Browns can do is embrace what should be some of the first positive exposure they’ve received in years.

There will probably be breakout stars, such as 2017 No. 1 pick Myles Garrett, a defensive end who is as quirky off the field — he loves dinosaurs — as he is menacing on it. There’s wide receiver Josh Gordon, who returned last year after a drug-related suspension that lasted more than two seasons. There’s Taylor, under-appreciated during his tenure in Buffalo (a team he took to the playoffs in 2017) and likely to be overshadowed in Cleveland. Then there’s Mayfield, the charismatic 2017 Heisman Trophy winner who was the most polarizing player in college — and possibly in this draft — because of his brash personality.

The only thing missing will be Joe Thomas, the perennial Pro Bowl left tackle who retired this year — though expect him to find a way to make at least a few cameos.

By September, when the cameras stop rolling, HBO will probably have us believing that the Browns will turn it around — that Garrett will collect double-figure sacks, that Mayfield will become the franchise quarterback Cleveland has spent two decades searching for and maybe even that Jackson deserves an extension.

Who knows? Maybe all that will happen and the Browns will be the rare team to buck the *Hard Knocks* trend. Or, maybe, this will be another mistake by the lake.

Virtual reality offers new perspective on NBA

Jeff Zillgitt
USA TODAY

When NBA analyst Stephanie Ready’s television colleagues ask her about calling a game in virtual reality, they often picture her wearing virtual reality goggles.

But, no, that’s not the way it works for Ready and play-by-play commentator Spero Dedes, who are announcing Western Conference finals games between Houston and Golden State in virtual reality for Turner Sports in partnership with the NBA and Intel.

Working the game from a production truck or in the arena, both are cognizant of the nascent user experience for VR newcomers.

Watching a game with a VR headset gives the user an in-arena experience — as if the viewer is sitting courtside, behind the basket or in the lower level. Users can even choose the camera angle.

The two veteran announcers have altered the way they call a game because of the new medium.

“The beauty of virtual reality is I can say, ‘Look to your left. Steve Kerr is livid because his players missed a defensive assignment,’ and the fans at home can turn to the left and look at Kerr in real time,” Ready said. “If it were a regular



TV analyst Stephanie Ready is part of a team covering the NBA playoffs in virtual reality. KIRBY LEE/USA TODAY SPORTS

television broadcast, I’d have to press my talk-back button on my headset, get my director on the line and say, ‘Get me a shot of Steve Kerr on the bench,’ and by the time that is on the screen for viewers at home, hopefully he’s still doing what

he was doing when I noticed it. But probably not.

“With virtual reality, you get the whole experience as if you’re actually there.”

If you haven’t watched a game in VR, it is an experience that gives the viewer a 3D, 360-degree perspective. It is as close to sitting courtside as it gets from your couch.

“You’re not watching the game through a lens, but as if you’re watching the game through a window,” Dedes said. “You can see texture and depth perception.”

Turner Sports is invested in VR. During the regular season, it showed eight games and the All-Star Game in virtual reality. With the cost of quality VR headsets reasonably priced, Turner is betting on this technology taking off not just in North America but around the world. Turner also made the 2017 and 2018 NCAA men’s Final Four available in VR. Viewers find the NBA games through the TNT on VR app.

Dedes and Ready still prep for a game the same way. They research and talk to players and coaches. But calling games in VR was an adjustment.

“We’ve tried to be less stats heavy and have a running conversation with Stephanie about the game,” Dedes said.

“Because this is still not mainstream and fans are experiencing it for the first time, we find ourselves being more of a traffic cop and introducing them to what the technology is like, what the capabilities are like.”

There are four to eight VR cameras inside the arena for a game. Using stereoscopic 4k-resolution camera pods to capture near 360-degree views, the feeds are sent to a production truck with Intel servers processing and delivering the content to users. To ensure real-time viewing, the VR broadcast generates 1 terabyte (1,024 gigabytes) per hour.

In a late-season game between Boston and Washington, Dedes and Ready called the game from inside a production truck at the arena with six monitors in front of them. The 53-foot truck supports a broadcast team, directors and producers and system engineers. In the first two games of the conference finals, they called the game from inside the arena and not in the production truck.

Ready’s aha moment came when she saw her two children ages 7 and 9 watch a game in VR. “They were blown away,” Ready said. “They were reaching out, as if they were trying to grab the players. When I watch, it’s so realistic like I’m actually in arena. It is that real.”

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES

Series makes All-Star a plate race

Hope is change creates exciting special event

Mike Hembree
USA TODAY

CONCORD, N.C. – The drivers and teams being outrun by Kevin Harvick get a breather this weekend as the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series schedule takes a break for the annual All-Star Race.

Harvick will be in the field for Saturday night’s race, of course, and there will be a million-dollar prize on the line, but there won’t be quite as much urgency to stop the Harvick train.

Harvick has won two consecutive races and five of the first 12 this season as teams gather at Charlotte Motor Speedway for an 80-lap special event that often hasn’t been that special, at least in recent years.

Runaways have been more the norm and less the exception in recent All-Star events, and NASCAR has taken a dramatic step in attempting to reverse that trend.

The 21 drivers competing in the race will do so under an odd set of aerodynamic rules. Cars will be fitted with power-sapping restrictor plates (the norm at big superspeedways but an oddity at Charlotte) and 6-inch spoilers. The idea is to decrease the aero advantage of the lead car and hopefully make racing packs bigger. A similar experimental approach led to better racing in last year’s Xfinity Series race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Drivers generally are skeptical of using the controversial plates at mid-range tracks, but most understand the need to juice the competition at the series’ 1.5-mile facilities.

“The All-Star Race has gone through a lot of changes over the years, but the addition of restrictor plates may be the biggest,” said Matt Kenseth, who will continue his work in the Roush Fenway Racing No. 6 cars as a substitute for Trevor Bayne. “I honestly don’t know what to expect other than the cars will be a lot slower.”

Although NASCAR has provided no



2017 All-Star Race winner Kyle Busch says he’s not a fan of restrictor plates, “but if that gets us back to closer racing, then so be it.” JIM DEDMON/USA TODAY SPORTS

All-Star Race

When: Saturday, 8 p.m. ET (Fox Sports 1), 8:25 green flag

Where: Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.

Stages (laps): 30, 20, 20, 10

Starting field: Maximum of 21 drivers (17 eligible; one from fan vote; three from Monster Energy Open ... winners of each stage — 20, 20, 10 laps)

hints that the aero changes might be tried in other races, the All-Star event

provides a good platform for testing changes.

“I’m not a particular fan of it, but we do need to orchestrate some better racing at mile-and-a-half tracks, particularly Charlotte,” said Kyle Busch, who won the race in 2017. “It hasn’t been one of our best racetracks there since the repave as far as working multiple lanes. It’s been pretty single file there, and I don’t know why.”

“You would think with age on asphalt it would keep getting better and better, and it hasn’t. We need to bring out more things to try, and I’m not a particular fan of slowing the lead car down and bring-

ing that guy back to the rest of the field. But if that gets us back to closer racing, then so be it.”

Busch is one of 17 drivers who have qualified for starting spots in the race. The All-Star field will total 21. The winner of a fan vote will join the field, and the three stage winners in the preliminary Monster Energy Open will advance to the feature.

Among the drivers who will be racing in the 50-lap Open (stages are 20, 20 and 10 laps) are Chase Elliott, Aric Almirola, Erik Jones, Paul Menard, William Byron, Bubba Wallace and Alex Bowman.

Elliott, son of Bill Elliott, one of NASCAR’s all-time most popular drivers, is the favorite to win the fan vote.

The All-Star race will be broken into stages of 30, 20, 20 and 10 laps. If necessary, overtime rules will be used at the end of stages so that no stage will end under caution-flag conditions. Only green-flag laps will count in the final 10-lap dash.

And what of Harvick, the current star of the all-stars? He has won this event once, in 2007, and scored runner-up finishes in 2014 and 2015.

Johnson, winless this year, has four All-Star victories and is the only driver in the field with more than one win. He has won eight points races at Charlotte.

Here are drivers eligible for the race and the races they won to become eligible:

1. Ryan Blaney, 2017 Pocono (1) win
2. Clint Bowyer, 2018 Martinsville (1) win
3. Kurt Busch, 2017 Daytona 500 win
4. Kyle Busch, 2017 Pocono (2) win
5. Austin Dillon, 2017 Charlotte (1) win
6. Denny Hamlin, 2017 New Hampshire (1) win
7. Kevin Harvick, 2017 Sonoma win
8. Jimmie Johnson, 2017 Texas win
9. Kasey Kahne, 2017 Indianapolis win
10. Matt Kenseth, 2017 Phoenix (2) win
11. Brad Keselowski, 2017 Atlanta win
12. Kyle Larson, 2017 Auto Club win
13. Joey Logano, 2017 Richmond win
14. Jamie McMurray, former All-Star Race winner
15. Ryan Newman, 2017 Phoenix win
16. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 2017 Talladega (1) win
17. Martin Truex Jr., 2017 Las Vegas win

VERIZON INDYCAR SERIES

IndyCar adds new goggles concussion test

Jim Ayello
The Indianapolis Star
USA TODAY Network

INDIANAPOLIS – A new device being used by the Verizon IndyCar Series could someday change the speed and accuracy with which the sports world can identify concussions.

IndyCar revealed Thursday that it has partnered with a company that has developed a promising mobile concussion-detecting test.

Neuro Kinetics, a Pittsburgh-based company, has developed a device called the I-Portal, or I-PAS, a set of portable goggles that projects a series of eye-tracking and neural functional tests. The FDA-approved “goggles test” gathers precise measurements of how eyes move in response to a range of stimuli, and Neuro Kinetics thinks that with results of these tests it can identify a concussion with reliable accuracy in fewer than 10 minutes.

“The way this will eventually work,” said IndyCar medical consultant Terry Trammell, who administers the goggles test to drivers, “is there are a number of tests we consider major tests — ‘deal-breaker tests’ — that if you fail them, you’ve had an acute concussion. Or I should say they would be highly correlative with having an acute concussion.”

Trammell has to be careful with the way he phrases that last sentence. The FDA has approved the test, not the conclusions drawn from it. Trammell compares the I-PAS to an EKG machine. An EKG doesn’t diagnose a heart attack, but it shows all the measurables doctors know to mean you’re having a heart attack.

If the I-PAS gets to the level of reliability Trammell hopes, the ramifications across the sports landscape could be tremendous. The identification and treatment of concussions have become major hot-button issues in recent years, and the I-PAS could be



Dr. Terry Trammell, left, describes how the I-PAS works. MICHAEL CONROY/AP

the “game-changer” Trammell says it has been for IndyCar.

However, this is not the first time in recent years a concussion-detecting test was thought to be the answer to a longtime challenge.

More data needed

According to Hank Feuer, a retired neurosurgeon who has been involved in sports medicine for 48 years and has worked with the NFL’s Colts, recent “revolutionary” concussion-identification tests have not proved to be all they were cracked up to be. Feuer, who has taken the I-PAS test, cited the recent concussion blood test, which later proved “to have nothing to do with concussions,” or the King-Devick card test, which resulted in “too many false positives and false negatives.”

While the I-PAS is one of the better tests Feuer said he has seen, he notes there are still flaws. Chief among them, Feuer said, is that it hasn’t generated enough data.

The “goggles test” is still relatively new, and more information gathering must be done before it possibly could be widely adopted as best-practice

across the sports universe.

Feuer also pointed out that this is not a test that can easily be conducted on the sideline. Although the goggles are portable and lightweight, the noise of a loud racetrack or crowded stadium might disrupt testing.

Because of that, while a concussion could possibly be detected in fewer than 10 minutes once the goggles are on, those 10 minutes don’t include the time it takes to transport the athlete to a locker room or infield care center.

Furthermore, Feuer said, it’s important to remember that a test such as this likely wouldn’t replace the SCAT test — the Sports Concussion Assessment Tool — which is used by most major sports, including IndyCar, to initially determine whether an athlete has suffered a concussion.

It’s also important to remember that neither the I-PAS, nor any other concussion test, is a catch-all. As an example, there are some concussions where symptoms don’t present themselves immediately. In that instance, a driver wouldn’t be required to submit to the goggle test, and it’s possible his or her concussion could go undiagnosed. The case of Dale Earnhardt Jr. is a perfect

example. The retired NASCAR star was in a wreck on June 12, 2016, but his symptoms didn’t present themselves until about a month later. He would eventually miss 18 races while recovering.

Despite all that, Feuer said, the goggle test seems to be a step closer to where sports medicine needs to be.

“Is it promising? Yes,” Feuer said. “It appears to be very good at picking up, yes, they’ve had a concussion.”

Series has worked for safety

IndyCar knows the dangers of driving an open-wheel car 230-plus mph around Indianapolis Motor Speedway for 500 miles.

The series has worked hard to protect its athletes. In recent years, the HANS device, SAFER barriers and modifications made to the chassis have all helped make an Indy car cockpit a safer place to sit.

On Thursday, IndyCar again demonstrated its determination to be on the cutting edge of safety and injury prevention.

“We are obviously concerned about concussions in our drivers,” said Dr. Geoffrey Billows, IndyCar’s medical director. “There are number of ways we used to diagnose concussions, but we don’t want to miss one. We don’t want to put a driver back on the racetrack who’s been concussed and risk injuring themselves or another driver.”

To that end, IndyCar found a partner through associates of Trammell and began working with Neuro Kinetics.

“There’s a little resistance in some other sports to finding out if you have a concussion or not,” said Trammell, who added that IndyCar is the first major professional sports organization to use this test in concussion assessment. “On the other side of the coin, for us, if someone acts like they have a concussion, they do until we prove otherwise. Not the other way around.”

Vegas GM owes thanks to owners, NFL

Building first pro team, McPhee crafts a winner

Kevin Allen
USA TODAY

LAS VEGAS – Vegas Golden Knights general manager George McPhee was named a finalist for the NHL’s GM of the year and we don’t need Las Vegas book-makers to tell us he’s a prohibitive favorite to win the award.

The man has built the best expansion team in professional sports history. The Golden Knights are two wins short of qualifying for the Stanley Cup Final heading into Friday’s Game 4 at T-Mobile Arena (8 p.m ET, NBC Sports Network). They lead the Winnipeg Jets 2-1 in their Western Conference final series.

The always-gracious McPhee will want to thank those who helped him get here, so we’ve tried to be helpful by filling out “Thank You” cards for him:

Dear Marc-Andre Fleury: Many thanks for your decision to waive your no-trade clause with the Pittsburgh Penguins to allow us to select you in the expansion draft. We wouldn’t be where we are without your goaltending and your presence in the dressing room. Your willingness to promote our team has helped us grow strong roots in the community. People said you were a classy gentleman and the perfect teammate, but you can’t fully appreciate those traits until you see them up close and personal as we have.

Dear Vegas owner Bill Foley: Thanks for everything, especially the “Golden Knights” nickname and for saying we could make the playoffs in three years and win the Stanley Cup in six.



Golden Knights general manager George McPhee has built a championship team with lightning speed. ETHAN MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

We’re not afraid of high expectations in Vegas.

Dear NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman: Thanks for signing off on a more generous player dispersal system for the expansion draft. This should be a model for future expansion in all sports. When you see how this has helped establish our team, you wonder why we were so hard on past expansion teams. When

McDonald’s Corporation awards a new franchise, the company doesn’t insist that it launch with inferior items on the menu. Why did sports leagues do that for so many years?

Dear Florida Panthers GM Dale Tallon: Should probably send you a box of chocolates along with this “thank you” for the sweet deal you gave us on Jonathan Marchessault and Reilly Smith.

PREAKNESS STAKES FIELD

Post time for the 143rd Preakness Stakes is 6:48 p.m. ET Saturday. (TV: NBCSN, 2:30 p.m.; NBC, 5 p.m.). USA TODAY’s Dan Wolken takes a look at the field for the 1½-mile race:

1. Quip (12-1)

Owners: WinStar Farm, China Horse Club International, SF Racing
Trainer: Rodolphe Brisset
Jockey: Florent Geroux
Record: 3-1-0 in five starts
Notable: Bypassed the Kentucky Derby to point for the Preakness, which should suit his front-running style. Owned by the same principals as Justify, they felt he deserved his chance after a good second in the Arkansas Derby on April 14. Brisset, a longtime Bill Mott assistant who went out on his own last year, is making his Triple Crown debut at 34.

2. Lone Sailor (15-1)

Owner: G M B Racing
Trainer: Tom Amoss
Jockey: Irad Ortiz Jr.
Record: 1-3-1 in nine starts
Notable: Sharp handicappers liked his chances of hitting the board in the Derby, but he finished eighth after a troubled trip that included losing a shoe in the mud at Churchill Downs. The connections are taking another shot in this small Preakness field and hoping to

score a victory for his now-deceased owner Tom Benson, who is mostly known for owning the NFL’s New Orleans Saints and NBA’s New Orleans Pelicans.

3. Sporting Chance (30-1)

Owners: Robert Baker and William Mack
Trainer: D. Wayne Lukas
Jockey: Luis Contreras
Record: 2-1-1 in seven starts
Notable: Although he’s winless since capturing the Grade 1 Hopeful Stakes for 2-year-olds in September, he’s been in the mix with other top 3-year-olds, finishing third in both the Southwest and Blue Grass Stakes. His fourth-place finish in the Pat Day Mile on the Derby undercard didn’t deter Lukas from entering him here.

4. Diamond King (30-1)

Owner: Cash is King, D.J. Stable, LC Racing
Trainer: John Servis
Jockey: Javier Castellano
Record: 4-0-1 in six starts
Notable: This will be a huge step up in class after a win in the Federico Tesio stakes at Laurel Park last month. There are some strong human connections to past Preakness success, however, as owner Chuck Zacney’s Cash is King Stable campaigned 2005 winner Afleet Alex and trainer John Servis returns for

the first time since sending Smarty Jones to an 11½-length win in 2004.

5. Good Magic (3-1)

Owners: E Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Stonestreet Stables
Trainer: Chad Brown
Jockey: Jose Ortiz
Record: 2-3-1 in six starts
Notable: Had every chance to win the Derby but just couldn’t keep pace in the stretch once Justify hit another gear. Still, it was a solid second for last year’s 2-year-old champion and he bounced out of the race in good enough shape physically for Brown, who won last year’s Preakness with Cloud Computing, to take another shot.

6. Tenfold (20-1)

Owner: Winchell Thoroughbreds
Trainer: Steve Asmussen
Jockey: Ricardo Santana Jr.
Record: 2-0-0 in three starts
Notable: Much like Justify, he got a late start to his career, breaking his maiden in February but showing enough ability that Asmussen tried the Arkansas Derby in his third race. Though he finished fifth, thus not earning enough points for the Kentucky Derby, it says a lot that Asmussen thinks enough of him to try this race when there are plenty of easier graded stakes for 3-year-olds he would be favored in.

Landing Marchessault to take Smith’s contract off your hands gave us two-thirds of our top line. Forever grateful.

Dear NFL: Thanks for moving slowly on coming to Las Vegas, because we’ve been the first to plant our flag and win over this incredibly passionate fan base. It’s laughable now that some people believed pro sports wouldn’t work here.

Dear Florida Panthers: Thanks to whoever made the final decision to fire Gerard “Turk” Gallant as coach. *(Dale Tallon didn’t have final say at the time.)* All that matters is Turk was available to be our coach. He’s perfect to lead our band of Golden Misfits.

Dear Expendables: Thanks to all of my players who came in with the attitude that their former teams were wrong to make them available to us. William Karlsson went from six goals for the Columbus Blue Jackets to 43 for us. Erik Haula went from 15 goals for the Minnesota Wild to 29.

Dear former Minnesota Wild GM Chuck Fletcher: Sorry you had so many skilled players on your roster that you couldn’t protect them all. You were in a difficult position that forced you to give us two quality players (Haula and Alex Tuch) to protect players such as Mathew Dumba and Marco Scandella, etc.

Dear NHL owners: Thanks for insisting on a hard salary cap in 2005 because that forced teams to give us players they didn’t necessarily want to part with.

Dear Washington Capitals: Thanks for firing me in 2014. While I didn’t appreciate it then, I now see it as a lucky break. It led to me being available to take this dream job. I’ve had a chance to build a team from the ground up in a city that wants to celebrate a sport I love. What could be better?

7. Justify (1-2)

Owners: China Horse Club International, Head of Plains Partners, Starlight Racing and WinStar Farm
Trainer: Bob Baffert
Jockey: Mike Smith
Record: 4-0-0 in four starts
Notable: Baffert will try to make it 5-for-5 in the Preakness with his Kentucky Derby winners, as Justify looms a heavy favorite following his 2½-length win at Churchill Downs. A victory would also give Baffert 14 wins in Triple Crown races, tying him with D. Wayne Lukas for most all time. Remarkably, American Pharoah in 2015 is the last Derby winner to win any subsequent races.

8. Bravazo (20-1)

Owner: Calumet Farm
Trainer: D. Wayne Lukas
Jockey: Luis Saez
Record: 3-1-1 in nine starts
Notable: Lukas has won this race six times, including in 2013 with longshot Oxbow, who finished sixth in the Kentucky Derby. He’s trying to follow the same template here with Bravazo, who was actually one of the few horses doing any running late behind Justify despite being forced wide on the final turn. He won his first two races this year, including the Grade 2 Risen Star at Fair Grounds.

Preakness

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“You’ve got a plant here that needs a lot of work, man,” said John Servis, who trained 2004 Preakness winner Smarty Jones and has Diamond King in the race this year. “This morning, we went up to the media room to watch the horses train, and I got off the elevator and there was 2 feet of water laying there. They’re going to have to put a lot of time and money into this place if they want to try to save it.”

Although speculation about the future of the Preakness at Pimlico has been going on for years, it seems like there are finally going to be some big decisions coming soon between its owner, the Stronach Group, and the city and state officials who will undoubtedly have a major say in the outcome.

With the second phase of a study by the Maryland Stadium Authority set to be made public this year, it seems like all the relevant parties are done kicking the can down the road and will decide soon whether the Preakness stays at a renovated/rebuilt Pimlico or moves to Laurel Park, about 20 miles south of downtown Baltimore, which has become the year-

round hub for Maryland racing. Though state laws would have to be changed to move the race, it doesn’t sound like a sure thing Pimlico will host the Preakness beyond 2019.

“It’s going to come down to dollars and cents, I think,” said Sal Sinatra, the vice president and general manager of the Maryland Jockey Club. “Who’s paying for what and how much it costs.”

For someone who still gets tingly watching Secretariat’s explosion around the first turn at Pimlico or American Pharoah’s thunderous strides through the slop in 2015, that cold reality can be hard to hear.

A lot of racing history was written at Pimlico, from the famous War Admiral-Seabiscuit match race in 1938 to the rivalry of Affirmed and Alydar.

The idea of shuttering the place where all the greats from Man O’War to Spectacular Bid once raced doesn’t go down easy.

“They better take 143 years of tradition and happy people being able to come here and enjoy it and leave it right where it is,” said Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who won the first of his six Preaknesses in 1980. “I’d be really be disappointed (if it moved). I’d leave it alone.”

On the other hand, haven’t we gone

through the tradition-versus-profit argument enough times in sports to understand how this usually ends? If Yankee Stadium and Boston Garden can get torn down and replaced by buildings that lack the character of their predecessors but have better luxury suites and concession stands, why would Pimlico be any different?

The truth is, barring some sort of miracle, it might be for the best.

While Stronach has poured tens of millions into Laurel to make it a viable facility focused on the customer experience, Pimlico is now down to just 12 days of live racing a year, all centered around the Preakness. Stronach has made it clear it has no plans to do a full Pimlico rebuild on its own, which is understandable given its lack of year-round use, and it would be hard to blame them for having little interest in throwing money at the endless maintenance Band-Aids that don’t solve the fundamental problems of such an old building.

“It’s always a topic of conversation,” Sinatra said. “It’s not the eight horses, it’s what are we doing next year or in the future? It’s a shame.”

At this point, it seems likely that one of two things will happen: Either the Preakness will move to Laurel or politi-

cians will come up with a way to fund a massive public-private project that would reinvent the entire Park Hill neighborhood with Pimlico as a major piece, which will sound to some like another taxpayer-funded boondoggle just to keep a horse race within the city limits.

Those considerations don’t really register with the traditionalists or the high-profile trainers such as Bob Baffert, who shows up once a year for the Preakness but isn’t a regular on the Maryland circuit and was adamant that he wants it to stay at Pimlico.

“You hear rumors, well are they going to move it or whatever?” Baffert said. “To me, it’s magical here. There’s so much history.”

Less magical, however, is the “worn and dated appearance” of the interior and “multiple examples of deferred maintenance” cited in the first phase of the Maryland Stadium Authority’s assessment last year.

If the ultimate answer is moving to Laurel, it will be a big change and a tough ego blow to the city of Baltimore. Lots of tradition will be lost. But in the end, the Preakness is the Preakness — and who knows, a building with working toilets might even make it better than before.

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Trinity Forest course praised by players

Steve DiMeglio
USA TODAY

Heading into the AT&T Byron Nelson, there was plenty of talk in the locker rooms and on the driving ranges about Trinity Forest Golf Club, which made its debut Thursday in the first round of the 50th playing of the tournament.

Billy Horschel said he heard horror stories and some good things about the course designed by the renowned team of Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore, the par-71, 7,380-yard track resting atop a sand-capped former landfill south of Dallas.

Distinctively different from most courses used on the PGA Tour, Trinity is a windswept, mostly treeless course that features short grass, fescue, swaying prairie grass, dunes, massive fairways and enormous, sloping greens that force the player to strategize and tap into their imaginations. Especially on the ninth where a pot bunker is in the middle of the fairway or the 35,000-square-foot putting surface that is home to the third and 11th holes.

In many ways, it’s a links-style course that Jordan Spieth compared to Royal Birkdale, where he won the British Open in 2017.

“There’s lots of different stuff to entertain you out there, and I think that’s the challenge and also the difference between what we usually play, which is we’re given kind of one option all the time on how to play a



Billy Horschel shot 3-under 68 in the first round of the AT&T Byron Nelson. RAY CARLIN/USA TODAY SPORTS

shot,” said Adam Scott, who won the tournament in 2008. “People are going to get put out of their comfort zones, and not many people like that, you know. The greatest players have all managed to succeed out of their comfort zones and learn to love links or learn to love a parkland golf to succeed. And I think the greatest champions over time have all done that, and whoever is going to be here this week will be someone who really embraces the different challenges of this golf.”

Well, there were plenty of golfers who were comfortable in the first round on a hot, windless day in Big D. More than half the field finished under par and

the top of the leaderboard was filled with red numbers.

The first-round leader was three-time PGA Tour winner Marc Leishman, an Australian who eagled the first and 14th holes en route to a 10-under-par 61. Tied for second at 64 were J.J. Spaun and Jimmy Walker.

Jordan Spieth shot 2-under 69. “Obviously, everybody likes a course you play well on, but I came here a year ago and played the Wednesday of the Byron Nelson last year because I wasn’t in the Pro-Am and I fell in love with this golf course,” said Sam Saunders, one of several players at 65. “As you can see by the names on the leaderboard, it suits all types of players. There was a lot of thought put into all the slopes out there, and despite looking a lot different than what we see on a week-in, week-out basis, everything is there for a reason and you can use the ground here a lot to help hit good shots.”

Aaron Wise, who also came home in 65, said Trinity “is a cool place.”

“I love this type of golf because it really makes you think,” Wise said. “This course is definitely about managing your game. You’ve got to change. Maybe getting 10 yards of roll and later in the afternoon it was getting up there, 30, 40, 50 yards of roll. Lot of birdie holes out there. ... It’s going to be a good week.”

It’s going to be a hot weekend as temperatures are forecast in the high 90s and could reach past 100 Friday. The heat wave should firm up the course and deal up an extra challenge for the players.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NBA Playoff Schedule
All Times ET
CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 2, Cleveland 0
May 13: Boston 108, Cleveland 83
May 15: Boston 107, Cleveland 94
Saturday: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
Monday: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 25: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 27: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 1, Houston 1
May 14: Golden State 119, Houston 106
May 16: Houston 127, Golden State 105
Sunday: Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday: Golden State at Houston, 9 p.m.
x-May 26: Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-May 28: Golden State at Houston, 9 p.m.

WNBA
All Times ET
Friday's Game
Dallas at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Saturday's Game
Chicago at Indiana, 1 p.m.

NHL

Playoff Schedule
All Times ET
CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Washington 2, Tampa Bay 1
May 11: Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2
May 13: Washington 6, Tampa Bay 2
May 15: Tampa Bay 4, Washington 2
Thursday: Tampa Bay at Washington
x-Saturday: Washington at Tampa, 7:15 p.m.
x-Monday: Tampa Bay at Washington, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday: Washington at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Vegas 2, Winnipeg 1
May 12: Winnipeg 4, Vegas 2
May 14: Vegas 3, Winnipeg 1
May 16: Vegas 4, Winnipeg 2
Friday: Winnipeg at Vegas, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday: Vegas at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.
x-Tuesday: Winnipeg at Vegas, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday: Vegas at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

MLB

All Times ET
American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	28	12	.700	—
Boston	29	14	.674	½
Toronto	22	21	.512	7½
Tampa Bay	19	22	.463	9½
Baltimore	13	29	.310	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	21	21	.500	—
Minnesota	18	21	.462	1½
Detroit	19	23	.452	2
Kansas City	13	30	.302	8½
Chicago	10	29	.256	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	28	17	.622	—
Los Angeles	25	18	.581	2
Seattle	24	18	.571	2½
Oakland	21	22	.488	6
Texas	17	27	.386	10½

Wednesday's Games
Washington 3, N.Y. Yankees 3, 5½ innings, susp.
N.Y. Yankees at Washington, ppd.
Philadelphia 4, Baltimore 1
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Cleveland 6, Detroit 0
St. Louis 7, Minnesota 5
Toronto 12, N.Y. Mets 1
Tampa Bay 5, Kansas City 3
Texas 5, Seattle 1
Boston 6, Oakland 4
Houston 2, L.A. Angels 0
Thursday's Games
Oakland at Toronto
Baltimore at Boston
Texas at Chicago White Sox
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels
Detroit at Seattle

Friday's Games
Oakland (Anderson 0-2) at Toronto (Estrada 2-3), 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Cobb 0-5) at Boston (Pomeranz 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Clevinger 3-0) at Houston (Morton 5-0), 8:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Suter 2-3) at Minnesota (Gibson 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (Fister 1-4) at Chicago White Sox (Fulmer 2-3), 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 2-0) at Kansas City (Junis 4-3), 8:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Snell 4-3) at L.A. Angels (Troepeano 1-2), 10:07 p.m.
Detroit (Fulmer 1-3) at Seattle (Hernandez 5-3), 10:10 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	26	16	.619	—
Philadelphia	24	16	.600	1
Washington	24	18	.571	2
New York	20	19	.513	4½
Miami	16	27	.372	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	25	17	.595	—
Milwaukee	26	18	.591	—
St. Louis	23	17	.575	1
Chicago	22	18	.550	2
Cincinnati	15	29	.341	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	25	18	.581	—
Colorado	23	20	.535	2
San Francisco	22	22	.500	3½
Los Angeles	17	26	.395	8
San Diego	17	27	.386	8½

Wednesday's Games
Washington 3, N.Y. Yankees 3, 5½ innings, susp.
N.Y. Yankees at Washington, ppd.
Philadelphia 4, Baltimore 1
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago White Sox 2

St. Louis 7, Minnesota 5
Toronto 12, N.Y. Mets 1
Milwaukee 8, Arizona 2
Cincinnati 6, San Francisco 3
Miami 6, L.A. Dodgers 5
Atlanta 4, Chicago Cubs 1

Thursday's Games
L.A. Dodgers 7, Miami 0
San Diego at Pittsburgh
Philadelphia at St. Louis
Chicago Cubs at Atlanta
Colorado at San Francisco

Friday's Games
L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 0-1) at Washington (Scherzer 7-1), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ross 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Nova 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Godley 4-2) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 3-0), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 3-3) at Cincinnati (Bailey 1-5), 7:10 p.m.
Miami (Straily 1-0) at Atlanta (Newcomb 4-1), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Suter 2-3) at Minnesota (Gibson 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Arrieta 3-1) at St. Louis (Wacha 4-1), 8:15 p.m.
Colorado (Freeland 3-4) at San Francisco (Holland 2-4), 10:15 p.m.

MLS

All Times ET
Wednesday
San Jose 2, Vancouver 2, tie
Friday
Orlando City at Toronto FC, 8 p.m.
Saturday
Colorado at New York City FC, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Portland, 3 p.m.
Vancouver at FC Dallas, 4 p.m.
Columbus at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Internazionali BNL d'Italia
In Rome
Surface: Clay; **Purse:** Men, \$5.82 million; Women, \$3.35 million
Men's Singles – Third round: Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, 6-4, 6-4; Pablo Carreno Busta (10), Spain, def. Aljaz Bertenc, Slovenia, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-2; Marin Cilic (4), Croatia, def. Benoit Paire, France, 6-3, 6-4; David Goffin (9), Belgium, def. Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, 6-2, 4-5 retired; Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Denis Shapovalov, Canada, 6-4, 6-1; Alexander Zverev (2), Germany, def. Kyle Edmund, Britain, 7-5, 7-6 (11); Kei Nishikori, Japan, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-1, 6-2; Novak Djokovic (11), Serbia, def. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, 6-1, 7-5.
Women's Singles – Third round: Simona Halep (1), Romania, def. Madison Keys (13), United States, walkover; Elina Svitolina (4), Ukraine, def. Daria Kasatkina (14), Russia, 0-6, 6-3, 6-2; Jelena Ostapenko (5), Latvia, def. Johanna Konta, Britain, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, def. Venus Williams (8), United States, 6-2, 7-6 (3); Angelique Kerber (11), Germany, def. Maria Sakkari, Greece, 6-1, 6-1; Maria Sharapova, Russia, def. Daria Gavrilova, Australia, 6-3, 6-4; Caroline Garcia (7),

France, def. Sloane Stephens (9), United States, 6-1, 7-6 (7); Caroline Wozniacki (2), Denmark, def. Anastasija Sevastova (15), Latvia, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3;

COLLEGE LACROSSE

NCAA Division I
Men's Tournament
All Times ET
Quarterfinals
Saturday
At James M. Shuart Stadium
Hempstead, N.Y.
Yale (14-3) vs. Loyola (Md.) (13-3), Noon
Albany (NY) (15-2) vs. Denver (13-3), 2:30 p.m.

Sunday
At Navy-Marine Corps
Memorial Stadium
Annapolis, Md.
Maryland (13-3) vs. Cornell (13-4), Noon
Johns Hopkins (12-4) vs. Duke (14-3), 2:30 p.m.

At Gillette Stadium
Foxborough, Mass.
Semifinals
May 26
Maryland-Cornell winner vs. Johns Hopkins-Duke winner, Noon or 2:30 p.m.
Yale-Loyola (Md.) winner vs. Albany (NY)-Denver winner, Noon or 2:30 p.m.

Championship
May 28
Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

NCAA Division I Tournament
All Times ET
Double Elimination (x-if necessary)
Thursday
Eugene Regional
At Eugene, Ore.
BYU (35-20) vs. Drake (43-10)
Albany (NY) (32-14) at Oregon (47-7)

Friday
Lexington Regional
At Lexington, Ky.
Michigan (43-11) vs. Notre Dame (32-21), Noon
Ill.-Chicago (33-19) at Kentucky (31-19), 2:30 p.m.

Columbia Regional
At Columbia, S.C.
Liberty (47-12) vs. Hofstra (40-12), 5 p.m.
UNCG (46-11) at South Carolina (45-14), 7:30 p.m.

Tempe Regional
At Tempe, Ariz.
Long Beach St. (42-12) vs. Ole Miss (30-23), 7 p.m.
New Mexico St. (29-22) at Arizona St. (43-11), 9:30 p.m.
Seattle Regional
At Seattle
Texas (32-24) vs. Minnesota (39-15), 9 p.m.
Boise St. (40-14) at Washington (44-8), 11:30 p.m.

Tuscaloosa Regional
At Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Oregon St. (28-26) vs. Wisconsin (28-21), 7 p.m.
Middle Tenn. (39-20) at Alabama (33-18), 9:30 p.m.

Fayetteville Regional
At Fayetteville, Ark.
Wichita St. (30-21) vs. Oklahoma St. (38-20), 2:30 p.m.
DePaul (35-15) at Arkansas (39-15), 5 p.m.

Norman Regional
At Norman, Okla.
Missouri (28-27) vs. Tulsa (33-23), 4:30 p.m.
Boston U. (39-18) at Oklahoma (50-3), 7 p.m.

Los Angeles Regional
At Los Angeles
Cal St. Fullerton (33-23) vs. Texas St. (42-14), 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento St. (31-18) at UCLA (50-4), 11 p.m.

Tucson Regional
At Tucson, Ariz.
Mississippi St. (36-21) vs. North Dakota St. (33-17), 9 p.m.

Baton Rouge Regional
At Baton Rouge, La.
Houston (36-20) vs. Louisiana (38-14), 4 p.m.
Fordham (33-21) at LSU (41-14), 6:30 p.m.

Tallahassee Regional
At Tallahassee, Fla.
Auburn (40-15) vs. Kennesaw St. (39-15), Noon

Athens Regional
At Athens, Ga.
Northwestern (36-17) vs. California (34-19), Noon
Harvard (23-16) at Georgia (43-11), 2:30 p.m.

Knoxville Regional
At Knoxville, Tenn.
James Madison (42-12) vs. Ohio (38-15), 3 p.m.
Monmouth (32-14) at Tennessee (45-12), 5:30 p.m.

College Station Regional
At College Station, Texas
McNeese (40-19) vs. Baylor (36-16), 4:30 p.m.
Prairie View (20-21) at Texas A&M (40-16), 7 p.m.

Gainesville Regional
At Gainesville, Fla.
Ohio St. (34-14) vs. South Fla. (38-21), 5 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman (31-24) at Florida (50-8), 7:30 p.m.

Eugene Regional
Game 3 – Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 4 – Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 8:30 p.m.
Game 5 – Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner, 11 p.m.

ODDS

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Major League Baseball
Friday
National League

Favorite	Line	Underdog	Line
WASHINGTON	-210	Los Angeles	+190

PITTSBURGH -125
NEW YORK -157
Chicago -180
ATLANTA -213
ST. LOUIS -114
SAN FRANCISCO -105
San Diego +115
Arizona +147
CINCINNATI +165
Miami +193
Philadelphia +104
Colorado -105

American League
Favorite

Line	Underdog	Line	
TORONTO	-130	Oakland	+120
BOSTON	-180	Baltimore	+165
HOUSTON	-165	Cleveland	+155
CHICAGO	OFF	Texas	OFF
New York	-174	KANSAS CITY	+162
LOS ANGELES	-130	Tampa Bay	+120
SEATTLE	-150	Detroit	+140

Interleague
Favorite

Line	Underdog	Line	
MINNESOTA	-135	Milwaukee	+125

NBA
Saturday
Favorite

Line	O/U	Underdog	
CLEVELAND	6	205	Boston

Sunday
Favorite

Line	O/U	Underdog	
GOLDEN STATE	7	226	Houston

National Hockey League
Friday
Favorite

Line	Underdog	Line	
LAS VEGAS	-121	Winnipeg	+111

DEALS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLAS – Optioned C Caleb Joseph to Norfolk (IL). Recalled C Andrew Susac from Norfolk.
HOUSTON ASTROS – Optioned OF Jake Marisnick to Fresno (PCL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS – Optioned RHP Jaime Barria to Salt Lake (PCL). Recalled RHP Eduardo Paredes from Salt Lake.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS – Placed C Bruce Maxwell on the restricted list. Recalled C Josh Phegley from Nashville (PCL).

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES – Placed RHP Mike Soroka on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Recalled LHP Max Fried from Gwinnett (IL). Sent SS Dansby Swanson to Rome (SAL) for a rehab assignment.

CHICAGO CUBS – Placed OF Jason Heyward on the 10-day DL.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES – Optioned RHP Mark Leiter Jr. to Lehigh Valley (IL). Sent RHP Victor Arano to Lehigh Valley for a rehab assignment.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS – Placed C Carson Kelly on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Selected the contract of C Steven Baron from Memphis (PCL). Transferred RHP Adam Wainwright to the 60-day DL.

BASKETBALL
NBA
MILWAUKEE BUCKS – Named Mike Budenholzer coach.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
GREEN BAY PACKERS – Signed CB Josh Jackson.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
LOS ANGELES KINGS – Signed D Oscar Fantenberg to a one-year contract extension.

SPORTS ON TV

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

Friday

AUTO RACING: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, North Carolina Education Lottery 200 (Fox Sports 1, practice, 10:30 a.m.; qualifying, 4:30 p.m.; race, 8:30 p.m.); Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, All-Star Open and All-Star Race (Fox Sports 1, practice, 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; qualifying, 6 p.m.)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL: NCAA Tournament, regionals, Notre Dame vs. Michigan (ESPN2, noon); Northwestern vs. California (ESPN, noon); Harvard vs. Georgia (SEC Network, 2:30 p.m.); Wichita State vs. Oklahoma State (ESPN, 2:30 p.m.); DePaul vs. Arkansas State (SEC Network, 5 p.m.); South Florida vs. Ohio State (ESPN, 5 p.m.); Boston vs. Oklahoma State (ESPN2, 7 p.m.); Mississippi vs. Long Beach State (ESPN, 7 p.m.); Texas vs. Minnesota (ESPN, 9 p.m.); North Dakota State vs. Mississippi State (ESPN2, 9 p.m.); Sacramento State vs. UCLA (ESPN2, 11 p.m.); Boise State vs. Washington (ESPN, 11:30 p.m.)

CYCLING: Amgen Tour of California, stage 6 (NBCSN, 5 p.m.)

GOLF: European PGA Tour, Belgian Knockout (Golf Channel, 5 a.m. and 9 a.m.); LPGA, Kingsmill Championship (Golf Channel, 10:30 a.m.); PGA Tour Champions, Regions Tradition (Golf Channel, 12:30 p.m.); PGA Tour, AT&T Byron Nelson (Golf Channel, 4 p.m.); Web.com Tour, BMW Charity Pro-Am (Golf Channel, 7 p.m.)

HORSE RACING: Black-Eyed Susan (NBCSN, 3 p.m.)

MLB: Regional, Los Angeles Dodgers at Washington or Arizona at New York Mets (MLB Network, 7 p.m.)

NBA: Draft combine (ESPN2, 3 p.m.)

NHL: Western Conference finals, Game 4, Winnipeg at Vegas (NBCSN, 8 p.m.)

Saturday

AUTO RACING: FIA Formula E Series, BMW i Berlin E-Prix (Fox Sports 1, 9:30 a.m.); Verizon IndyCar Series, Indianapolis 500, qualifying, Day 1 (ABC, 4 p.m.); Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, All-Star Open (Fox Sports 1, 6 p.m.); Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, All-Star Race (Fox Sports 1, 8 p.m.)

BOXING: Premier Champions, WBC featherweights, Gary Russell Jr. vs. Joseph Diaz Jr. in Oxon Hill, Md., and WBC light heavyweights, Adonis Stevenson vs. Badou Jack (Showtime, 10 p.m.)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL: NCAA Tournament, regionals, teams TBA (ESPN, noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m.; ESPN2, noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.; SEC Network, 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.)

CYCLING: Amgen Tour of California, stage 7 (NBC, 3 p.m.)

DIVING: U.S. National Championships (NBC, 2 p.m.)

GOLF: European PGA Tour, Belgian Knockout (Golf Channel, 7 a.m.); PGA Tour, AT&T Byron Nelson (Golf Channel, 1 p.m.; CBS, 3 p.m.); PGA Tour Champions, Regions Tradition (Golf Channel, 3 p.m.); LPGA, Kingsmill Championship (Golf Channel, 5 p.m.); Web.com Tour, BMW Charity Pro-Am (Golf, 7 p.m.)

MLB: Oakland at Toronto (Fox Sports 1, 1 p.m.); regional, Cleveland at Houston or Colorado (MLB Network, 4 p.m.); regional, Baltimore at Boston or New York Yankees at Kansas City (MLB Network, 7 p.m.); regional, Tampa Bay at Los Angeles Angels or Detroit at Seattle, joined in progress (MLB Network, 10 p.m.)

MMA: UFC Fight Night, prelims (Fox Sports 2, 8 p.m.); UFC Fight Night, Demian Maia vs. Kamaru Usman (Fox Sports 1, 10 p.m.)

NBA: Eastern Conference finals, Game 3, Boston at Cleveland (ESPN, 8:30 p.m.)

NHL: Eastern Conference finals, Game 5, Washington at Tampa Bay (NBC, 7:15 p.m.)

SOCCER: FA Cup, final, Chelsea vs. Manchester United (Fox, noon); DFB-Pokal, German Cup, final, Bayern Munich vs. Eintracht Frankfurt (ESPN, 1:55 p.m.); MLS, Los Angeles FC at Portland (Fox, 3 p.m.); NWSL, Houston at Utah (Lifetime, 3:30 p.m.)

SWIMMING: TYR Pro Swim Series (NBCSN, 7 p.m.)

Sunday

AUTO RACING: Verizon IndyCar Series

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THE TRUTH STINGS.

That's gotta hurt. We can only imagine, of course. It must irritate a little when the Kia Stinger GT beats you at your own game. Hands down. That burning sensation they're feeling is the Kia Stinger GT achieving 0-60 in 4.7 seconds. That's quicker than the BMW 440i Gran Coupe, the Audi A5 Sportback, the BMW 640i Gran Coupe M Sport, and the Porsche Panamera 3.0L V6. There was another sting of truth at the recent AMCI Testing Certification against the BMW 640i Gran Coupe M Sport. In those, the Stinger GT outperformed the 640i in every test, in-

cluding Faster Overall Slalom, and Better Overall Cornering Performance. And when you see how the BMW 640i Gran Coupe M Sport and Porsche Panamera V6 compared to the Kia Stinger in horsepower and torque, it'll leave you itching for even more. The Stinger GT swarms all over them with its 365 horsepower (the next best being the Porsche Panamera with just 330 horsepower) and its 376 lb-ft of torque also won, beating the Panamera and its 331 lb-ft. The pain, the pain. Well, as they say, the truth always... stings.



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HBO adaptation scorches the Internet age. **5D**

LIFELINE

HOW WAS YOUR DAY? CHRISSY TEIGEN AND JOHN LEGEND

Another little Legend has arrived. Teigen, who made it known she was “OVER” being pregnant last week on Twitter, confirmed the arrival of her second child with husband Legend on the social media site Wednesday night. “Somebody’s herrrrrrre!” the 32-year-old tweeted, adding baby bottles and smiling emojis to her post. Her singer spouse retweeted her message.



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MAKING WAVES MEGHAN MARKLE

The “will he or won’t he” is over. Bride-to-be Meghan Markle says her father, Thomas Markle, won’t attend her wedding to Prince Harry on Saturday. Kensington Palace originally announced that Markle would walk his daughter down the aisle at her nuptials. Celebrity website TMZ reported this week that he was having heart surgery on Wednesday and wouldn’t be able to fly. “Sadly, my father will not be attending our wedding. I have always cared for my father and hope he can be given the space he needs to focus on his health,” Markle said in a statement issued by the palace.

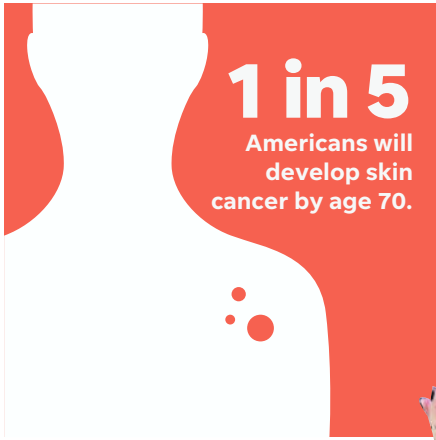


Carlson, Vincent-Tripp and Hopper

HOW WAS YOUR DAY? MISS AMERICA

The Miss America Organization is putting women in its three top leadership positions. The organization says it is appointing Regina Hopper president and CEO of the Miss America Organization and Marjorie Vincent-Tripp chairwoman of the board of the Miss America Foundation. Gretchen Carlson leads the organization’s board of trustees.

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MUSIC



No sharing the stage: Clarkson hosts Sunday’s “Billboard Music Awards” solo.
CHRIS HASTON/NBC

Kelly Clarkson, awards host and ‘superfan’

Bryan Alexander USA TODAY

Kelly Clarkson insists she agreed to host the *Billboard Music Awards* only because she thought she’d be a comedian’s wingman. Then *The Voice* star found she’d be solo onstage in her first-ever hosting gig. ■ “That was a DEFCON, red-alert, total run-for-the-hills moment,” Clarkson says. “But then we figured out something fun and cool to do that’s totally in my wheelhouse. Now I’m not really nervous. ■ “And I’m not afraid to look like an idiot, so we’ll start with that.”

Here’s what Clarkson has in mind for Sunday’s live show from Las Vegas (NBC, 8 ET/5 PT), the day before *The Voice*’s two-part finale (Monday, 8 ET/PT, and Tuesday, 9 ET/PT).

She won’t do musician jokes

Clarkson immediately laid down the law: No lampooning fellow musicians in the show’s opening number. That’s best left to the pros. “I cannot pull that off, making fun of people. Every time I’d make a joke, I’d be like: ‘I’m just kidding. We’re cool, right?’” Clarkson says. “But we’ve found a way to do this.”

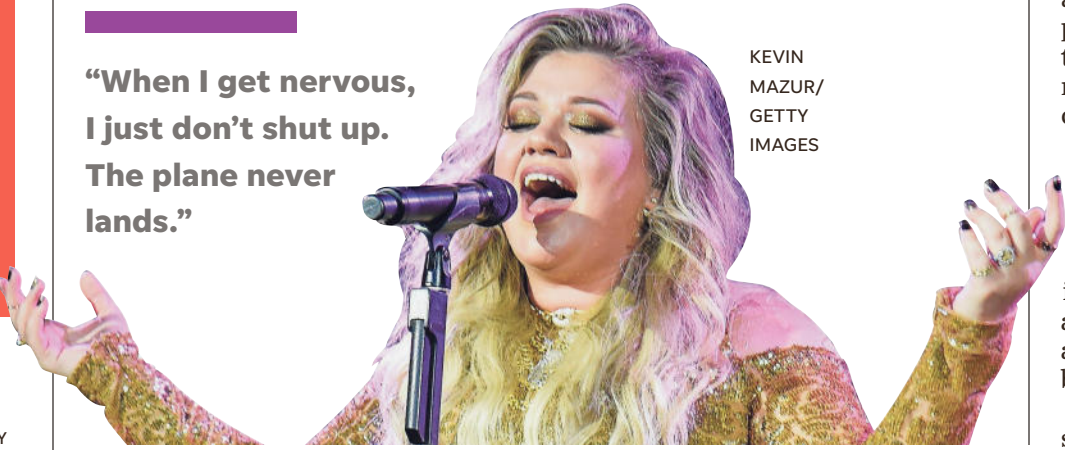
Mark Bracco, a BBMA executive producer, says the opening will key on Clarkson’s rabid fandom in a number “celebrating the year in music that will set the entire show’s tone.”

She will perform more than once

Clarkson will rock out to an “awesome” new song, *Whole Lotta Woman*, from her album *Meaning of Life*. She also will sing along with one of the evening’s star performers. (She’s not saying who.) The singer is intent on meeting

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“When I get nervous, I just don’t shut up. The plane never lands.”



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STREAMING



Kelly Lawler
Columnist
USA TODAY

No reason to keep watching ‘13 Reasons’

We don’t need 13 more reasons. The second season of Netflix’s *13 Reasons Why* (streaming Friday, ★☆☆☆) is a tawdry, unnecessary exercise, a blatant grab for the headlines the teen suicide drama garnered last year when it premiered. How do you follow up on something that was as much of a lightning rod as *13 Reasons* Season 1? The series was criticized for its graphic depiction of suicide and sexual assaults, for potentially misinforming teens about mental health and suicide, and for sensationalizing its serious subject matter. Netflix responded by adding content warnings to the first season, and those warnings continue in Season 2. But the tendency to use an issue as serious as sexual assault just for drama’s sake has continued. In the *13 Reasons* world, it’s all just another plot device. It’s not just the serious subject matter that didn’t need to be revisited, but the plot itself. Hannah Baker (Katherine Langford) left behind cassette tapes detailing 13 reasons why she killed herself. The tapes are done. The story should be, too. And yet, here we are.



Jessica (Alisha Boe) has to recount her rape and subsequent abuse on “13 Reasons Why.” BETH DUBBER/NETFLIX

Set five months after Hannah’s death, the new season follows the civil trial as her parents sue the school district for its part in her death. Instead of focusing on one “reason” per interminable hour-long episode, each episode this season revolves around testimony from one of Hannah’s classmates. It is, quite literally, a rehash of all the events we saw in Season 1. The show manages to shoehorn in the ghost of Hannah as Clay’s (Dylan Minnette) talking hallucination and through further unilluminating flashbacks to the time before she died. The writers also try to raise the melodrama, spinning tiresome conspiracies and mysteries at the school and putting the traumatized teens through more harassment and abuse than they were subjected to in Season 1. A rape victim finds a sex doll strung up on her front porch, duct tape over its mouth and “slut” written on its chest. And that’s only in the first two episodes. The new season tries to make a point about rape culture, slut shaming and sexual harassment, but its depiction of these complex topics has all the subtlety of a sledge hammer. If it’s meant to start a conversation, as the creators insist, it certainly isn’t going to be a very nuanced one. It was difficult to get through all 13 episodes of the first season, and the new episodes are even harder to watch. The pace drags, the dialogue is unnatural and cheesy, the plot is dull and absurd, and most of the characters are still abhorrent. Watching is a chore, but there’s no benefit at the end. There are zero reasons to put yourself through it.

MOVIES

‘Deadpool 2’: Snark, baby legs, ‘Yentl’

Reynolds also serves up bromance, Celine Dion

Patrick Ryan
USA TODAY

Everyone’s favorite foul-mouthed crime fighter is back.

Ryan Reynolds squeezes back into Wade Wilson’s red leather bodysuit for *Deadpool 2* (in theaters Friday), the R-rated sequel to the surprise smash hit that sliced off \$783 million at the worldwide box office in 2016. This next installment manages to pack in even more laughs, violence and pop-culture references than the first as the sword-wielding mercenary assembles his mutant X-Force team to save an abused teen (Julian Dennison) from unleashing his fiery powers on the world.

Reynolds, 41, who co-wrote with the original movie’s writers, Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick, tells USA TODAY what you can expect from *Deadpool*’s latest.

Move aside, Colossus.

The bromance between metallic mutant Colossus (Stefan Kapicic) and the “Merc with a Mouth” is alive and well in the sequel, complete with tinny tush grabs and a spot-on *Say Anything* ... boombox parody. But the story’s core relationship is that of *Deadpool* and cyborg assassin Cable (Josh Brolin), who start as enemies but eventually find common ground in their tragic backstories.

“I love that we introduce Cable into this film as our big baddie and that it takes a bit of a turn,” Reynolds says. “By the end of their journey, Cable has given an inch and *Deadpool* takes a mile with their relationship. He’s obviously over-playing it with Cable and it’s a lot of fun.”

Marvel and DC are both fair game.

The sequel wildly ups the ante for meta, self-referential humor, with *Deadpool* tossing out playful (and often expletive-filled) quips about fellow Marvel superheroes including *Wolver-*



Ryan Reynolds takes no prisoners as the “Merc with a Mouth,” mocking everyone, especially himself, in “*Deadpool 2*.” 20TH CENTURY FOX

ine, *Black Widow* and *Black Panther*. But one of the most memorable one-liners comes at the expense of Marvel’s comic-book movie rivals, as *Deadpool* taunts a foe, “You’re so dark. Are you sure you’re not from the DC Universe?” (A reference to the franchise’s characteristically dreary color palette and lack of humor.)

“We’re certainly not above poking fun at the distinction people draw between the universes,” Reese says. “People know the difference between a Marvel and DC movie and (understand) the overall tone and experience they’re going to get. So we just had fun with it.”

Reynolds used his Canadian connection to woo Celine Dion.

The French-Canadian songbird is the last person you’d expect to hear in a



Deadpool is an unabashed fan of Disney’s 2013 animated musical “*Frozen*.” AP

Deadpool movie. But her legendary pipes make an appearance in the James Bond-style opening credits, which roll over her delightfully overwrought *Ashes*. “The studio presented us with a ton

of hyper-talented, Millennial-friendly singers and we thought, ‘Let’s just go straight to the legend first,’ ” Reynolds says. The actor emailed her, which, he says, was “tantamount to digital begging. I met her once in passing a couple of years ago, so I referenced that, and may have dropped that I’m also Canadian.”

There’s way more blood, guts and baby legs.

If you thought the first movie was gruesome fun, then you’re in for a treat this go-around, as *Deadpool* decapitates his adversaries to the tune of Dolly Parton’s *9 to 5*, gets blown to pieces in a gas explosion and is viciously torn apart by a monstrous mutant. Fortunately, one of the Merc’s powers is regenerating limbs, leading to one of the film’s funniest sight gags as he totters about on infant-like legs.

“He got his arm cut off in the first one and we wanted to step it up just a notch by ripping him in half,” Wernick jokes. “I don’t know what we’re going to do on the third one,” which they plan to write after Drew Goddard’s planned *X-Force* spinoff with *Deadpool*, Cable and overly lucky mutant Domino (Zazie Beetz).

Barbra Streisand and snowmen make tuneful cameos.

The film begins with Wade and girlfriend Vanessa (Morena Baccarin) living blissfully, plotting to start a family and watching Barbra Streisand’s 1983 movie musical *Yentl* as ... foreplay? Post-coital entertainment? “I like that it’s open to interpretation,” Reynolds deadpans. The drama’s Oscar-nominated song *Papa, Can You Hear Me?* becomes a running joke, after Wade marvels that it sounds just like *Do You Want to Build a Snowman?* from Disney’s *Frozen*.

Reynolds thought of the gag two years ago after catching *Yentl* on TV and countless viewings of *Frozen* with his two daughters, James, 3, and Ines, 20 months, with wife Blake Lively. “It sounded like a very frighteningly similar song, so I made a little light of it.”

PUZZLES

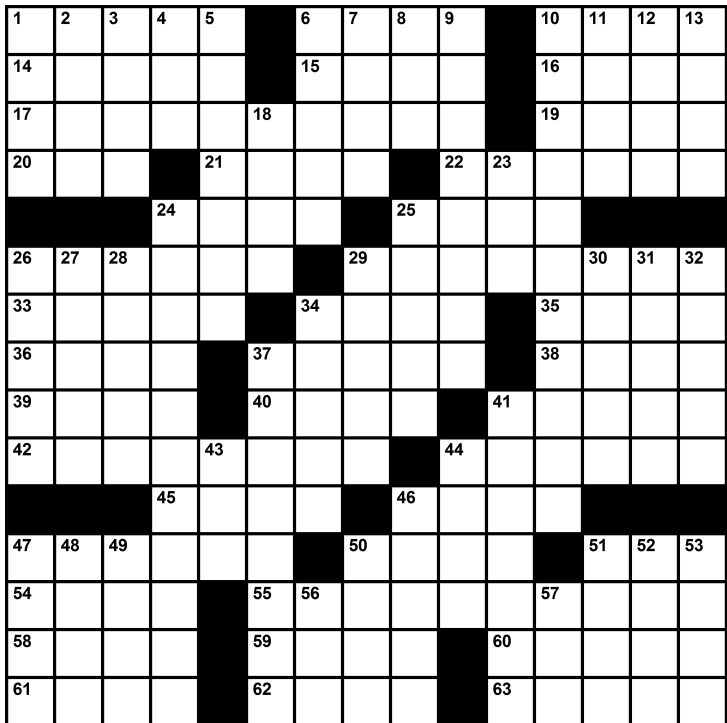
CROSSWORD

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CONVENTION OPENINGS

ACROSS

- 1 Fuss before a mirror
- 6 Tiny terrors
- 10 Walk like a tortoise
- 14 Denny’s patron
- 15 Subdue by stunning
- 16 Six Cheese sauce brand
- 17 Tailored attire
- 19 Plantation unit
- 20 Like some grins or winks
- 21 Put on ice
- 22 Place for a phone charger
- 24 Tower of Power music genre
- 25 Online session
- 26 Classic Chevrolet
- 29 Answer to a division problem
- 33 Words of concession
- 34 Fanatical following
- 35 Bird’s gullet
- 36 Teen with black eyeliner, perhaps
- 37 Works like a dog
- 38 Buffalo’s waters
- 39 Foe of a pro
- 40 Lab maze scurriers
- 41 Went for a spin
- 42 Strike a chord
- 44 Served at a tea
- 45 Silent approvals
- 46 Be initiated into
- 47 Pure as the driven snow
- 50 Document in escrow, maybe
- 51 Respond on “Jeopardy!”
- 54 Acting too hastily
- 55 Minor railroad stop
- 58 26-Across, e.g.
- 59 Be a wheelman for, say



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DOWN

- 1 Muscles above abs
- 2 Castro of Cuba
- 3 Tiny, informally
- 4 Yankee’s crosstown rival
- 5 Get hold of
- 6 “No cause for worry”
- 7 Tent stake driver
- 8 Air pressure fig.
- 9 Two-handed hoops attempts
- 10 Dress rehearsal, say
- 11 Be deficient in
- 12 Monster in some video games
- 13 Tune for four hands
- 18 Like early LPs

- 23 Feeding trough morsel
- 24 Haute couture event
- 25 Removes from a herd
- 26 April 1 exploder
- 27 Without peer
- 28 Name in applesauce
- 29 To a great degree
- 30 Reason to erase
- 31 Too trusting
- 32 17-Across material, maybe
- 34 Checkroom items
- 37 A tariff may start one
- 41 Would-be risk-taker’s question
- 43 Petal plucker’s word
- 44 Haiku writer, say
- 46 Plays a joke on
- 47 Seafood in salads

- 48 Carry in a rig
- 49 “On the matter of . . .”
- 50 Like purple hair
- 51 Opera set in Egypt
- 52 Potting bagful
- 53 Yachter’s speed unit
- 56 Grandpa Simpson
- 57 Repair bill part

Thursday’s Answer



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WORD ROUNDUP

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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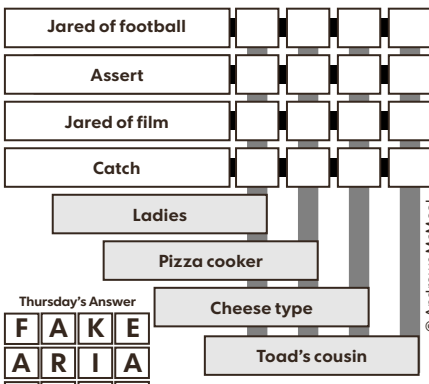
- Find and Circle:
Eight four-letter words ending with VE
Five seven-letter mammals
Three U.S. coins
Snooze
Home to the eyes and nose

Thursday’s answer: RANGER READER ROAR REAR / ELEVEN TWELVE THIRTEEN FIFTEEN / HYDROGEN OXYGEN HELIUM NEON / DOLLAR EURO PESO / ARROW

QUICKCROSS

By John Wilmes

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Thursday’s Answer



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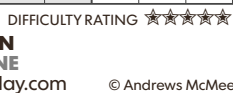


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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).



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UP & DOWN WORDS

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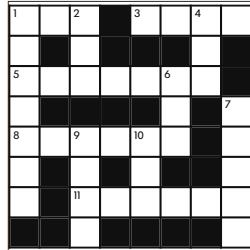
- 1. ASPHALT
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7. FIELD

- Clues:
1. City nickname
2. Disney movie: “The _____”
3. “A Tale of Two Cities,” for example
4. Rocky, in “Rocky”
5. One who inspires others
6. New subdivision feature
7. _____ advantage

- Thursday’s Answer
DINAH
SHORE
LEAVE
EARLY
RETIREMENT
ACCOUNT
BALANCE
BEAM



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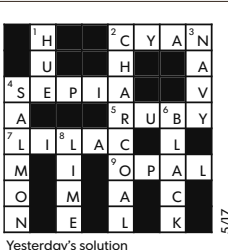


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3. 2665
5. 8836745
8. 256243
11. 368733
Down
1. 2786249
2. 743
4. 645
6. 423
7. 37433
9. 6836
10. 468

Today’s theme
Cooking



Use the phone keypad to decode the clues.
For example:
2 could be A, B or C ... and 5678 could be LOST



Yesterday’s solution

DON’T QUOTE ME

Humorist Richard Armour talks about politics.

Rearrange the words to complete the quote.
CONCERNED LEFT LONG RIGHT SEEMS WRONG YEARS
“POLITICS, IT _____ TO ME, FOR _____, OR ALL TOO _____, HAS BEEN _____ WITH RIGHT OR _____ INSTEAD OF _____ OR _____”

Thursday’s Answer: “If you reject the food, ignore the customs, fear the religion and avoid the people, you might better stay home.” - James Michener

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TRAVEL

DISPATCHES



You can't fly on it, but you can still toast a United 747. 2017 SFO PHOTO

Party aboard a retired 747

Have more United frequent-flier miles than you know what to do with? Are you a big fan of the Boeing 747? If you answered “yes,” this promotion might be for you. United Airlines is auctioning off a chance to travel to an aviation scrapyard for a toast onboard its last 747, which is awaiting disassembly. United flew its last passenger flight on the 747 in November, retiring the model with a splashy farewell flight. For United’s MileagePlus members who want one last look at the jumbo jet, there’s now the opportunity to bid for that experience, which includes a trip for two to Memphis from June 1-3. The highlight for most likely would be the June 2 visit to nearby Tupelo, Miss., where United has three of its final Boeing 747s at the Universal Asset Management (UAM) Aircraft Disassembly Center. The visit will include a champagne toast in the first-class cabin of the carrier’s last 747 to fly paying passengers, followed by dinner under the belly of the plane. Winners also get a tour. United’s MileagePlus members have until Thursday to bid for one of the five “Dinner with the Queen” packages. As of midday Wednesday, the minimum bid for a package was 157,000 United miles.

– Ben Mutzabaugh



Norwegian Bliss is the largest cruise ship to transit the Panama Canal. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Cruise ship sets canal record

Monday was a day for the record books at the Panama Canal as one of world’s biggest cruise ships, Norwegian Bliss, passed through the waterway for the first time. Unveiled by Norwegian Cruise Line in April, the 168,028-ton vessel is the ninth-largest cruise ship ever built and by far the biggest to attempt a transit of the canal. Twenty decks high and 1,082-feet long, Bliss is in the midst of an inaugural journey from the German shipyard where it was built to Seattle, where it will be based for the summer. The transit comes nearly two years after the completion of a massive expansion at the Panama Canal that has opened it up to the world’s biggest cruise ships. Two new sets of locks were added — one each on the Atlantic and Pacific sides — that allow for bigger ships. The expansion also brought new channels that serve the new locks as well as an expansion of channels to the canal’s original locks, which remain in operation. Though the old locks at the canal are large enough for many of the world’s cruise ships, they can’t handle a rapidly growing number of megavessels. Until now, when moving between the Atlantic and Pacific, these bigger ships have had to travel around the tip of South America, adding 8,000 miles and many days to their journey. Bliss is one of 20 cruise ships transiting the canal this season that are too big for the old locks, according to the Panama Canal Authority. The cruise ship transit season traditionally lasts from September through May as vessels reposition from the Caribbean to the West Coast and back.

– Gene Sloan



Madison ranks high on many “most livable cities” lists for its vibrant culture and dining scene and its setting among four beautiful lakes. GETTY IMAGES

Meet-up in ‘Mad City’ University of Wisconsin alums reunite 50 years later

John Bordsen
Special to USA TODAY

MADISON, Wis. – The year 1968 was tumultuous at the University of Wisconsin, in student neighborhoods and downtown’s State Street. Tensions rose as the Vietnam War expanded and the political fabric state-side continued to unravel. Marches and rallies were likely to result in clashes with the police. A forecast for demonstrations could easily predict clouds of tear gas and flurries of flying objects. Fifty years later, those days are coming back — in a nostalgic way — June 14-16 at the Madison Reunion. Still-vibrant hippies and activists, some into trekking and others toting extra pounds, will revisit those wild times. The event, billed as A Party With a Purpose, features free and ticketed events from concerts to panel discussions about the 1960s and how Baby Boomers can navigate and shape current times. Former vice president Dick Cheney (a UW grad student in 1968) is likely to take a pass. But other illustrious former students are on the bill: Hollywood producer Jim Abrahams (a student in the 1960s), journalist Jeff Greenfield (B.A., 1964), novelist Peter Straub (B.A., 1965), rock musician Boz Scaggs (a student in the ’60s) and others. Just as unusual is the lineup of corporate sponsors, from the Wisconsin Historical Society to the high-end Edgewater hotel and MG&E, an area utility. Although the Madison Reunion may seem to have niche market appeal, several travel experts say it directly taps an affluent demographic sweet spot.

Targeting Boomer tourism

Judy Randall of North Carolina-based Randall Travel Marketing is known nationally for her trend-spotting savvy. The Madison Reunion, she says, plays to “Gypsy Baby Boomers — people, basically, who are collecting Social Security, have the mortgage paid and the kids raised. They love road trips and are literally gypsing around the United States. For them, it’s a combination of seeing old friends and hanging out at cool places.” Randall says these travelers tend to avoid major metros and prefer smaller towns that are walkable and predicts there’s “at least another 10 years” of the trend. Madison ranks high on many “most livable cities” lists for its vibrant culture and dining scene. It’s an easy-going white-collar city wedged among four beautiful lakes less than two Interstate hours from Milwaukee and Chicago, with state parks close by. Bill Geist, whose ZeitGeist travel marketing firm is based in Madison, says, “Roughly half the nation’s wealth is in the hands of Boomers, who are at the point in life where they want to spend what they’ve accumulated on experiencing things. They’re looking for a reset — relaxation, learning something new if they can.” Geist, an Illinois native, says the city’s 1960s heritage is “powerful stuff” when it comes to allure, and Madison Reunion shows strategic marketing:



State Street looks little changed since the 1960s. JOHN BORDSEN/SPECIAL TO USA TODAY



The spirit of 1960s protests lives on in Madison, as in the 2017 Women’s March. ANGELA MAJOR/ AP



At Sugar Shack Records, owner Gary Feast presides over an eclectic mix of CDs and records. JOHN BORDSEN/SPECIAL TO USA TODAY

“Boomers remember this was their life — going to concerts and rallies.... Madison Reunion is recapturing that.” The Temptations are playing the UW Memorial Union on June 14; Steely Dan and the Doobie Brothers take the stage at Breese Stevens Field on June 16.

Exploring the big picture

The Reunion organizer is Ben Sidran, an award-winning keyboardist/broadcaster/writer who moved from Racine, Wis., to Madison in 1961, and who was in a band with fellow students Steve Miller and Scaggs. Sidran played and recorded with Miller and others after getting an English degree but remained based in Madison. “We travel the world, and in Europe we met people after gigs who had been in Madison,” he says. “There was lots of curiosity about what happened to the place and to us.” In the 1960s, Sidran says, “I started thinking about a conference in the middle of a reunion as kind of a destination for everybody who wanted to know about that state of mind. It would be a way of getting in touch with something we all remembered.” His Madison Reunion mushroomed. The event includes 32 panels over three days, covering everything from politics and media to film, the environment, women’s studies, comedy and literature. No-charge Reunion events include concerts at the Memorial Union terrace and a film series.

Lessons learned, lifelong learning David Maraniss has an unusual perspective on the Reunion: At *The Washington Post* he won a Pulitzer Prize and also wrote best-sellers *First in His Class* about Bill Clinton and *Barack Obama: The Story*. Maraniss also wrote *They Marched Into Sunlight*, about the Vietnam War in 1967 and reactions it caused in Madison, where he grew up. “When I was a (UW) freshman in 1967, the largest club on campus was the Young Republicans. There was a counter-culture that was starting to build, but it wasn’t overwhelming. That’s mythology.” Maraniss lives in Washington but he and his wife relocate to Madison every summer. As a Reunion speaker, he thinks he’ll talk “vaguely about journalism. The search for truth, the (school’s) ‘sifting and winnowing’ tradition: Is it real? Is it important now?” Another journalist/author at a podium will be Peter Greenberg (B.A., 1972), travel editor for CBS News. “The University of Wisconsin was the most active, engaged and violent campus in America — more than Berkeley and Columbia combined. I walked into the (student) paper there and already, permanent clouds of tear gas were there.” Greenberg says that his heart is still on campus and that on Madison’s long-quieted streets, “you can still engage in intelligent discussions. And that still makes a difference in this polarized world.”

TELEVISION

CW adds three shows and Sundays

Gary Levin
USA TODAY

CW is adding three new series — and a sixth night of programming, on Sundays — to a fall schedule that offers 12 hours of scripted series, more than ABC, NBC and Fox.

Among them are a remake of *Charmed*, the fantasy drama about witches that ran from 1998 to 2006 on predecessor network WB, and *Legacies*, a spinoff of its former hit *The Vampire Diaries* and *The Originals*.

Missing from the lineup: *The 100*, which will again return in midseason along with two new dramas. One is a new take on another former WB series, *Roswell*, about aliens in the New Mexico tourist town, which aired from 1999 to 2002. Also held: *Jane the Virgin* and *iZombie*, which will end their runs next season along with *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*.

Charmed stars Melonie Diaz and Sarah Jeffery as sibling college students in a new version of the witchy drama, plans for which drew protests from fans and even the original series' star, Holly Marie Combs. The show will return on its former night, and CW chief Mark Pedowitz urged critics to watch it before they decide.

All American is a soapy drama starring Daniel Ezra as Spencer James, a



Mel (Melonie Diaz) and Maggie Vera (Sarah Jeffery) and Macy Vaughn (Madeleine Mantock) are a new generation of witches in the reboot of “Charmed.” KATIE YU/CW

high school football player (and model student) in South Los Angeles who is recruited to join the upper-crust Beverly Hills High School team by its coach (Taye Diggs).

And *Legacies* follows the next generation of supernatural teens as The Sal-

vatore School for the Young and Gifted: the witch, vampire and werewolf offspring of characters from the earlier series on which it's based, including Klaus Mikaelson's daughter, Alaric Saltzman's twins and others.

Only two returning series, DC Com-

CW's fall schedule

- New shows in **bold**
- New time slots in *italics*
- All times ET/PT

MONDAY	
8:00	DC's Legends of Tomorrow
9:00	<i>Arrow</i>
TUESDAY	
8:00	The Flash
9:00	Black Lightning
WEDNESDAY	
8:00	Riverdale
9:00	All American
THURSDAY	
8:00	Supernatural
9:00	Legacies
FRIDAY	
8:00	Dynasty
9:00	Crazy Ex-Girlfriend
SUNDAY	
8:00	<i>Supergirl</i>
9:00	Charmed

ics-inspired *Arrow* and *Supergirl*, are moving to new nights. A pair of last season's new dramas, *Valor* and *Life Sentence*, have been canceled, and Pedowitz says he didn't pick up *Wayward Sisters*, an anticipated spinoff of *Supernatural* (which ended its 13th season Thursday), because “we did not feel creatively that the show was where it needed to be.”

TELEVISION

Digital-age ‘Fahrenheit 451’ doesn’t have much spark



Kelly Lawler
Columnist
USA TODAY

The new version of *Fahrenheit 451* has two Michaels but not enough heat.

Despite a classic American novel as inspiration and a marquee cast, including Michael B. Jordan, Michael Shannon and up-and-comer Sofia Boutella, HBO's adaptation of Ray Bradbury's 1953 novel (Saturday, 8 ET/PT, ★★☆☆) is a disappointment. In attempting to update the sci-fi classic for our digital age, director and co-writer Ramin Bahrani glosses over the finer points of the novel, essentially turning the story into the exactly the kind of sensational entertainment Bradbury was critiquing.

This *Fahrenheit* still takes place in the Midwest (Cleveland), still features “firemen” who set fires instead of putting them out, and still focuses on Guy Montag (Jordan), a fireman who starts to have doubts about his life and job.

It's still a cautionary tale about the dangers of forgetting our history and ignoring society's problems in favor of happy ignorance. But the similarities to



Michael B. Jordan is conflicted Montag in the updated adaptation of Ray Bradbury's “Fahrenheit 451.” HBO

The movie drops Montag's wife, Mildred, ages up Clarice (Boutella) so that she and Montag can have a romance and papers over much of the book's intellectual debate with generic action scenes, a government conspiracy and a magic DNA molecule that holds millions of books, stored in a bird (seriously). It makes the story convoluted and ludicrous, as opposed to the subtle and unnerving source material.

The actors do their best to add some spark, despite the limitations of the script. Shannon chews scenery left and right as Capt. Beatty, Montag's commanding officer who struggles with the laws he enforces but mostly just glowers and yells. Jordan is an appealing leading man with a great concerned expression (which he deploys frequently), but he and Boutella lack chemistry as a romantic pair.

It's a shame that HBO has turned a novel famous for its resistance to mindless entertainment into something that evokes run-of-the-mill dystopian films.

There's nothing to distinguish *Fahrenheit* other than the fire imagery. And it's not much of a pleasure to watch the movie burn.

the book pretty much end there.

The original novel satirized Americans' growing obsession with television in the 1950s and how mass media could create mass apathy. Other aspects are firmly entrenched in the 1950s of its publication, including fears of McCarthyism and Cold War nuclear annihilation.

Some updating was required for a 2018 version, and the movie ably points

its finger instead at Internet culture: our constant checking of our status and likes on social media and our substitution of emojis and hate for actual dialogue and discussion.

But the film doesn't have much to say after pointing out that the Internet is vapid and full of hatred. Inevitably, the use of emojis in the movie feels a bit obvious — Montag's repeated boasts that he's “100” borders on farce.

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Clarkson

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Janet Jackson, who will perform and receive the Icon Award.
“If I agree to host this show, I definitely deserve to meet Janet Jackson,” Clarkson says. “That’s my big goal.”

She will talk ... a lot

You don’t try to stop Clarkson from hilariously rambling at the podium, you just try to contain her.
“When I get nervous, I just don’t shut up,” she says. “The plane never lands.”
Even her introductions are going to be rambling riffs. “They are just going to put bullet points in the prompter, and I’ll say whatever is in my head at the moment.”

There will be at least one televised flub, and that’s OK

Clarkson makes no bones about her personality on live TV.
“Hands down, I will trip, there will be

some kind of wardrobe thing. Something will happen with Spanx,” she says. “I’m that person: If it can happen, it will happen.”
But she’s not sweating that: “I do not get embarrassed, honestly. If I trip, I’ll get back up and be like, ‘That’s funny!’ ”
Her true fear is mispronouncing a name.
“I don’t want to pull a John Travolta and be like Nazee Whatever,” Clarkson says, referring to Travolta’s infamous 2014 Oscars flub when he introduced Idina Menzel.
“I just don’t want to insult someone.”

She will rock the looks and have fun

Clarkson vows to show off fantastic outfits with multiple changes.
“Hell, yeah!” she says. “And I’m not always performing, so I can even do stuff that’s uncomfortable.”
The evening will be a great night for her to watch performers, who’ll include Jennifer Lopez and John Legend.
“I’m a superfan with four kids, and I work a lot. I don’t get to see a lot of shows. I can’t wait.”



Kelly Clarkson now spreads the wealth as a coach on “The Voice.” TRAE PATTON/NBC

TONIGHT ON TV

NETWORK	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
ABC	Once Upon a Time Wish Rumpel's evil plan is revealed. (N) (Series finale)		Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. The team faces a challenge. (N) (Season finale)		20/20 Investigative journalists report on various news stories from around the world. (N)		Local Programs	Jimmy Kimmel Live Ryan Seacrest. (N)
CBS	Undercover Boss: Celebrity Edition Idina Menzel searches for Broadway star. (N)		Hawaii Five-0 McGarrett and the team locate a hidden Russian spy ring on Oahu. (N) (Season finale)		Blue Bloods Detective is killed before testimony; Garrett is assaulted by tactical team.		Local Programs	The Late Show with Stephen Colbert (N)
Fox	MasterChef Junior After a difficult journey, the three remaining young cooks prepare for their final battle to prepare a three-course meal that will impress the judges. (N) (Season finale)				Local Programs			
NBC	Blindspot Weller and Jane hunt Roman back to where everything began. (N) (Season finale)		Dateline NBC Investigative reports, breaking news stories, profiles of leading newsmakers and other features explore current events and topics of special interest.				Local Programs	The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)
PBS	Washington Week (N)		In Principle (N)		American Masters An actress was secretly an inventor. (N)		Royal Wedding Watch	Final countdown. (N)
CW	Harry and Meghan: A Love Story (N)		Life Sentence Stella and Wes discuss their future. (N)		Local Programs			
ION	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Strangled callgirl.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Electric-chair body.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Deadly car bomb.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Thrift-store murder.	
Telemundo	Mi familia perfecta Familia inmigrante. (N)		Al otro lado del muro Lucha y esperanzas. (N)		El Señor de los Cielos Conquistó el cielo. (N)		Al rojo vivo (N)	Titulares y más
Univision	El rico y Lázaro Drama bíblico.		Papá a toda madre (N)		Por amar sin ley Vida diaria de grupo de abogados.		Primer impacto extra (N)	Noti. Univí. Ed. noc. (N)
CABLE								
A&E	Live PD: Rewind (N)		Live PD A daily patrol of various cities within the United States is performed by officers, and a discussion is held regarding the challenges they must confront.					
AMC	Independence Day An alien mothership launches a fleet of spacecraft which destroy entire cities. Will Smith, Bill Pullman (1996)				Fear the Walking Dead John's life changes.			
Animal Planet	Tanked: Unfiltered (N)		Tanked An acrylic piano tank for piano company. (N)		Tanked Tank for museum's prohibition exhibit.		Tanked An acrylic piano tank for piano company.	
BBC America	Royal Wedding	The Royal Wedding	Harry and Meghan: A Very Modern Romance		The Royal Wedding 2011 Royal wedding.		The Royal Wedding	Harry & Meghan
BET	This Christmas An estranged family comes together to celebrate Christmas. Delroy Lindo (2007) (7:30)		Bering Sea Gold A worn-out crew. (N)		Deadliest Catch: Decked Hurricane hits fleet. (N)		Bering Sea Gold A worn out crew.	
Bravo	No Strings Attached Natalie Portman (2011) (6:26)		No Strings Attached A man and woman attempt to leave romance out of their physical relationship. Natalie Portman (2011) (8:56)		40-Year-Old Virgin (2005)			
Cartoon	King of the Hill	The Cleveland Show	The Cleveland Show	American Dad!	American Dad!	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy
CMT	Hope Floats A former prom queen returns to her hometown to search for true love after her husband admits his love for another woman on national TV. (1998)				Hope Floats Loss causes woman to rethink love.			
CNBC	Shark Tank Electronics; balloons; mud mask.		Shark Tank Digital privacy; fitness for kids.		Shark Tank Millennial entrepreneurs pitch ideas.		American Greed: Scams, Scoundrels and Scandals	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360° Wedding countdown. (N)		A Royal Match: Harry and Meghan Royal couple.		Royal Wedding Countdown Wedding countdown. (N)		Royal Wedding Countdown Wedding countdown. (N)	
Comedy	The Office Michael's job.		Dumb and Dumber Two bumbling buffoons drive cross-country to return ill-gotten money. Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels (1994)		Taskmaster (N)		Taskmaster (N)	
Discovery	BattleBots Witch Doctor and Yeti in a brawl. (N)		Bering Sea Gold A worn-out crew. (N)		Deadliest Catch: Decked Hurricane hits fleet. (N)		Bering Sea Gold A worn out crew.	
Disney	DuckTales Natural talent.		Ratatouille A rat teams up with an inept, young chef to realize his culinary dreams. Patton Oswalt (2007)		DuckTales Natural talent.		Raven's Home	
DisXD	Star vs. the Forces of Evil		Kick Buttowski	Kick Buttowski	Kick Buttowski	Kick Buttowski	Kick Buttowski	Kick Buttowski
DIY	Texas Flip N Move		Texas Flip N Move (N)		Texas Flip N Move (N)		Texas Flip N Move	
E!	Bride Wars Friends become bridezillas when their wedding plans conflict due to an error. Kate Hudson (2009)				Enchanted A fairy-tale princess engaged to a handsome prince is transported to New York. (2007)			
Food	Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives
Fox News	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News @ Night(N)	
Freeform	The Notebook A woman chooses between a man of whom her parents approve and her first love. Ryan Gosling, James Garner (2004) (7:45)				The 700 Club			
FX	The Wolf of Wall Street A New York stock broker pursues the American dream with excess and affluence. Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill (2013) (7:00)				Trust Leonardo celebrates son's Confirmation.			
FXX	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons
GSN	Family Feud		Family Feud		Family Feud		Cash Cab	
Hallmark	Sun, Sand and Romance Executive runs into old pal at resort. Tricia Helfer, Paul Campbell (2017)		The Middle		The Middle		The Golden Girls	
HGTV	My Lottery Dream Home		My Lottery Dream Home		My Lottery Dream Home		House Hunters	
History	Ancient Aliens Astronomers plan for alien encounters.		Ancient Aliens (N)		The Tesla Files Final residence. (N)		Ancient Aliens Advanced tech built ancient sites.	
HLN	Forensic Files		Forensic Files		Forensic Files		Forensic Files	
ID	48 Hours on ID Victoria Rickman. (N)		The Last 24 Staten Island girl. (N)		The Last 24 Body found in river. (N)		48 Hours on ID Victoria Rickman.	
IFC	Two and a Half Men		Two and a Half Men		Two and a Half Men		The Social Network Jesse Eisenberg (2010)	
Lifetime	Harry & Meghan: A Royal Romance A prince and an actress fall in love. Murray Fraser (2018)				Harry & Meghan: Royal Rebels Royal weddings.		Biography Kate Middleton's life exhibited.	
MSNBC	All in with Chris Hayes (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell (N)		The 11th Hour with Brian Williams (N)	
MTV	Teen Mom 2 Chelsea and Jenelle pick sides.		Jersey Shore: Family Vacation A drunken person.		Jersey Shore: Family Vacation A stripper.		Jersey Shore: Family Vacation Snooki steals.	
NatGeo	Diana: In Her Own Words An intimate story about Princess Diana's life is told with her own voice.				Prince Harry's Story: Four Royal Weddings		Diana: In Her Own Words An intimate story.	
NatGeo Wild	Alaska's Grizzly Gauntlet Migrating caribou.		Alaska's Grizzly Gauntlet Black bears. (N)		The Mighty Northwest Glacier lands. (N)		Alaska's Grizzly Gauntlet Migrating caribou.	
Nick	The Princess Diaries A bumbling, young girl discovers that she is a member of a royal family. Julie Andrews, Anne Hathaway (2001)				Friends		Friends	
OWN	The Paynes		The Paynes		The Paynes		The Paynes	
Oxygen	Snapped Family questions relative's death.		Snapped Nurse causes patients to overdose.		Snapped Patients killed off by serial killer nurse.		In Ice Cold Blood A double life.	
Paramount	The Waterboy A simpleton becomes a football hero.		Happy Gilmore A hockey player turns golfer and makes the sport into a media circus. Adam Sandler (1996)		Tropic Thunder Clueless actors are lost in the jungle.			
Pop	Elton John: I'm Still Standing - A Grammy Salute Elton John's career is honored.		Sleepless in Seattle Precocious boy attempts to find a new wife for his widowed and grieving father. (1993)		Mysteries of the Abandoned Mountain shrine.		Mysteries of the Abandoned Mountain shrine.	
Science	Mysteries of the Abandoned Mountain shrine.		Mysteries of the Abandoned Sunken warship.		Mysteries of the Abandoned Mountain shrine.		Mysteries of the Abandoned Mountain shrine.	
Sundance	Law & Order Briscoe and Logan track down cop killer.		Law & Order Van Buren kills kid.		Law & Order Parents accused of killing missing baby.		Law & Order Corrupt city council official exposed.	
Syfy	The Lost World: Jurassic Park A team of experts studies dinosaurs in their natural state on a secret island. Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore (1997)				Futurama		Futurama	
TBS	Bob's Burgers		Snapped A father tries to rescue his daughter after a devastating earthquake hits. Dwayne Johnson, Alexandra Daddario (2015)		Eleague (N)			
TCM	School for Scoundrels Ian Carmichael, Janette Scott (1960)				The Belles of St. Trinian's Alastair Sim, Joyce Grenfell (1954)			
TLC	Prince Harry: Wild No More Former "wild child." (N)		Meghan Markle: A Royal Love Story (N)		Secrets of the Royal Wedding Historic marriage. (N)		Meghan Markle: A Royal Love Story	
TNT	The Hunger Games: Catching Fire Katniss and Peeta are forced to partake in the Hunger Games for a second time. (2013)				The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1 Katniss helps with the rebellion. (2014)			
Travel	Josh Gates' Destination Truth Halong Bay, Vietnam.		Josh Gates' Destination Truth Lethal phantom.		Josh Gates' Destination Truth Chilean Chupacabra.		Josh Gates' Destination Truth Abominable Snowman.	
TruTV	Carbonaro Effect		Carbonaro Effect		Carbonaro Effect		Impractical Jokers	
TV Land	Loves Raymond		Loves Raymond		Mom School fees.		The King of Queens	
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Chicago victim.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Familiar pattern.		Modern Family		Modern Family	
Velocity	Velocity Dispatch		Roadkill Classics		Dirt Every Day (N)		Velocity Dispatch	
VH1	Just Wright Queen Latifah, Common (2010) (6:30)		Daddy's Little Girls A poor but determined father fights to gain custody of his three girls. Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba (2007)		Temptation (2013)			
Viceland	Huang's World Eddie enjoys fine French wine.				Huang's World President Trump's inauguration week.		Menace II Society After high school graduation, a young man attempts to leave the projects behind. (1993)	
WE	Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars Final decisions.		Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars (N)		David Tuter's CELEbrations (N) (Season finale)		Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars	
Weather	Secrets of the Earth Dam; mine; fracking.		Secrets of the Earth Nature reclaims the land.		Secrets of the Earth Water-land danger.		Top Ten Ultimate Storms Weather countdown.	
WGN America	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H	
MOVIE NETWORKS								
Cinemax	Fifty Shades Darker Ana insists on a new arrangement with Christian before she will give him another chance, and as she begins to trust him again, Christian's past interferes. Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan (2017)				Rellik When the truth finally comes together, the final hunt for the killer begins. (N) (Season finale)		Rellik When the truth finally comes together, the final hunt for the killer begins.	
Encore	Runaway Bride A writer falls for a woman with a habit of leaving grooms at the altar. Richard Gere (1999)		Don't Breathe Three thieves soon realize that they have made a very serious mistake after they break into the secluded house of a wealthy blind man. (2016)		Rat Race Six people are invited to take part in a no-holds-barred race to New Mexico. Rowan Atkinson, John Cleese (2001) (10:31)			
FXM	Hitman: Agent 47 A bioengineered assassin uncovers shocking information about his origins while trying to prevent a corporation from producing an army of killers like him. Rupert Friend, Ciarán Hinds (2015)				Hitman: Agent 47 A bioengineered assassin must stop the production of more killers like him. Rupert Friend, Ciarán Hinds (2015) (9:55)		FXM Presents (N)	
Hallmark Movies	Monk Despite his desire to stay where he is, Monk is forced to buy a home of his own.		Darrow & Darrow: In the Key of Murder A singer seeks legal advice from Claire Darrow about her ex-producer, but when the producer is found dead in his studio, the singer is suspected of killing him. (2018)		Murder, She Wrote Jessica Fletcher goes to New York and is interviewed by a profile writer.			
HBO	The Hitman's Bodyguard A top protection agent's newest client is his sworn enemy, a master assassin who is required to provide testimony at the International Court of Justice. Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson (2017)				Real Time with Bill Maher (N)		VICE	
Lifetime Movie	Nanny Killer A college student becomes a nanny at a winery where the children she looks after entertain themselves by pulling life-threatening pranks. Morgan Obenreder, Danielle Bisutti (2018)				Prescription for Danger When a woman experiences her body fail on her during a meeting, she learns to trust a physician, but he ultimately has what it takes to finally break her. Joanne Kelly, Shaun Benson (2018)		Wyatt Cenac's Problem Areas (N)	
Showtime	Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest Pirate tries to avoid paying debt. Johnny Depp (2006) (6:30)		Rebel in the Rye The story of author J. D. Salinger, from his earliest days to the era of World War II, and the publication of his iconic debut novel "The Catcher in the Rye." Nicholas Hoult, Kevin Spacey (2017)		Patrick Melrose Patrick Melrose flies to New York to collect his father's ashes.			
Starz	Flatliners Med students experiment with afterlife.		Sweetbitter Tess discovers after-hours shift drinks.		Power Angela is forced to deal with tough questions at work after her breakup.		Power While Mike and Angela look for a mole, Angela learns about a potential lead.	
TMC	The Edge of Seventeen Things finally begin looking up for an awkward teenage girl after developing an unexpected friendship with a sweet and thoughtful boy. Hailee Steinfeld, Woody Harrelson (2016)				Crossroads Friend agree to leave home and go to L.A. to audition for a record contract. Britney Spears, Zoe Saldana (2002)		Extreme Movie Michael Cera (2008) (11:35)	
SPORTS NETWORKS								
ESPN	2018 NCAA Softball Championship (Live)		2018 NCAA Softball Championship Texas Longhorns vs. Minnesota Golden Gophers (Live)		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	2018 NCAA Softball Championship (Live)		2018 NCAA Softball Championship North Dakota State Bison vs. Mississippi State Bulldogs (Live)		2018 NCAA Softball Championship (Live)			
FS1	NASCAR RaceDay		NASCAR Camping World		Truck Series Charlotte from Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. (Live)		NHRA Qualifying Topeka	
Golf	PGA Web.com Tour		Golf Central		PGA Tour Golf AT&T Byron Nelson: Second Round from Trinity Forest Golf Club in Dallas			
MLB	MLB Baseball Regional (Live)				MLB Tonight			
NBA	2018 NBA Draft Combine from Quest Multisport Chicago in Chicago				WNBA Basketball Dallas Wings at Phoenix Mercury from Talking Stick Resort Arena			
NBCSports	2018 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs Western Conference Final, Game 4: Winnipeg Jets at Vegas Golden Knights from T-Mobile Arena (Live)				NHL Overtime (Live)			
NFLN	A Football Life Great Wall of Dallas		A Football Life Houston '93		A Football Life Earl Campbell		NFL Total Access	

