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SECURITY IN THE SKIES

Air marshals have long been 'the last line of defense' against terrorism on airliners. Now some question the need for them.

An air marshal training exercise



1. Trainers simulate a terror assault. "Attackers" on a mock plane in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., with actors as passengers, threaten to set off a bomb.



2. Armed air marshals regain control of the jetliner. Marshals fly on commercial flights in civilian clothes with their guns hidden, on alert for terrorist threats.

PHOTOS BY ROBERT DEUTSCH/USA TODAY

Bart Jansen
USA TODAY

ATLANTIC CITY – The scenario: As a flight attendant asks passengers what they'd like to drink, a man sitting beside a window tries to light an explosive in his shoe.

When the flight attendant challenges him, another man sitting on the aisle leaps to his feet, yelling "get back" and threatening passengers with a knife.

A federal air marshal draws his pistol and shoots both men. Threat over.

The training exercise illustrates the protection that air marshals — who fly armed and undercover — could provide in thwarting terrorists in the skies.

"We are the last line of defense on board an aircraft," Mike LaFrance, assistant supervisory air marshal in charge of the program's training center near the Atlantic City airport, told USA TODAY. "If everything else fails, the air marshal is there to take down anything that may happen."

But now some lawmakers and critics in watchdog agencies are ask-

"At 37,000 feet, we can't call for backup. We're in such a confined space, we can't make mistakes."

Gary Decker
Air marshal firearms instructor

ing: Is the program that peaked at nearly \$1 billion a year — a program that never has caught a single terrorist on board a plane — really needed?

The program has existed under a variety of names and agencies for 57 years, and it expanded significantly after the 9/11 hijackings. But air marshals can't be on every plane, and during those decades, they haven't faced a real terrorism threat during an

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Shooting exposes flaw in drills

Texas attack shows how preparations can fail

Aamer Madhani
USA TODAY

As law enforcement officials throughout the country sketch out strategies on how to respond to active-shooter scenarios, last week's incident at a Santa Fe, Texas, high school in which 10 people were killed and 13 injured demonstrates that plans have limits in the fog of chaos.

Law enforcement officials who are trained under ALERRT — the Texas State University-designed program that the FBI considers the national standard for how officers should respond to active shooters — are taught that their first responsibility is to stop the perpetrator of the crime as quickly as possible.

It took about 30 minutes from the time 911 emergency dispatchers received their first call about the incident to when the suspect, Dimitrios Pagourtzis, 17, surrendered.

The school had taken part in active-shooter drills, and armed police officers were assigned to patrol the halls. Several of the students pinned in the classroom by the gunman acted on what they were taught, including searching for cover and barricading doors.

Authorities in Texas released scant details on police officers' response.

It's unknown when police responders first had contact with the suspect and why he emerged unscathed despite what Galveston County's top administrator, Judge Mark Henry, described as "a lot of firepower and a lot of rounds exchanged."

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A tale of two cities

Unlike Parkland, Fla., gun debate is more muted in Santa Fe, Texas. **6A**

How to talk about tragedy

Parents should be prepared for their kids' questions. **6A**

Nation's 'moral compass' resets in Trump era

Polarization creates a vacuum in leadership

Alia E. Dastagir
USA TODAY

What is happening to my country? If you've asked this question, you are likely not alone.

As America has grown more diverse, more secular and more polarized, its moral compass has become harder to tune to a true north, with no particular voice emerging as a moral

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authority. Fifty years ago, the nation faced a tumultuous period, yet millions of eyes still turned toward identifiable leaders:

■ The presidency had not yet been shaken by Watergate.

■ Martin Luther King Jr. was the most recognizable civil rights leader.

■ Walter Cronkite was the trusted voice of news.

■ More than 65% of Americans said religion was "very important" in their

own lives (Gallup).

■ 62% said they trusted the government all or most of the time (Pew Research Center).

Now:

■ 63% of voters say President Trump does not provide moral leadership (Quinnipiac University poll).

■ Movements such as Black Lives Matter and the women's marches make a point of democratized, not singular leadership.

■ News comes not from an authorita-

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'Aftermath' focuses on shooting survivors

Amber Hunt and Elizabeth Van Brocklin
Special to USA TODAY

A 14-year-old boy in Kentucky shot in a prayer circle at school.

A 17-year-old girl in Washington, D.C., shot while chatting outside with a group of friends.

A 23-year-old woman, working her first job in Seattle, shot by an intruder upset over tensions in the Middle East.

The circumstances and backgrounds vary, but they all share one defining characteristic: They survived.

"Aftermath," a new podcast, exam-

ines these survival stories to explore the long-term effects — physical and mental — of gun violence in the USA.

The project is the work of USA TODAY NETWORK journalists, in collaboration with the non-profit newsroom The Trace, and it debuts Tuesday.

"If I tell my story, or people that are survivors tell their story, it can be useful to the younger generation of people that's upcoming in life," said Michael Green, 19, who nearly lost his arm when he was shot six years ago while playing basketball down the street from his home in Detroit.

Every day on average in America,



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roughly 96 people are shot and killed. Nearly 85,000 people survived gun injuries in 2015, according to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Each episode of "Aftermath" will ex-

amine the struggles of shooting survivors.

"In any situation like this, there's a person who's injured, and then everyone around them also suffers in different ways," said Layla Bush, 35, who was shot in the abdomen and shoulder during a mass shooting at the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle in 2006.

The podcast doesn't take a political stand, but some of the survivors will share their views on guns and proposed legislation aimed at preventing gun violence.

The eight episodes will be released every Tuesday through July 10.



Air marshal instructors at the program's range in New Jersey say knowing when to shoot is as important as expert marksmanship. ROBERT DEUTSCH/USA TODAY

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actual flight.

TSA Administrator David Pekoske called the program "a terrific organization" that performs a stressful job under difficult circumstances.

The service is an important layer of security, he said, that begins when a passenger buys a ticket, a database search against no-fly lists and checkpoint screening at airports. And the prospect that an air marshal could be on a specific flight is a deterrent to would-be attackers by itself.

"I think they do a very good job," Pekoske said. "I'm very much comforted by the fact that they are on some flights — not all, based on the size — to provide that additional layer of security should the need arise."

Air marshals score an average 284 points out of a 300-point test with 60 shots fired, which they say is the highest average in law enforcement.

But instructors said decisions about when to shoot are just as important as where to aim. Air marshals train to decide in fractions of a second whether the target is a threat, and then whether to aim for the head of a bomber or the body of a gunman.

"I'm gauging the threat and I'm gauging the environment — what's going on around me before I get out of that seat," said Gary Decker, an air marshal firearms instructor. "Because there may be somebody behind me. There may be somebody to the right. I'm waiting to see what else might be happening."

Growth and transformation

What is now called the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) has transformed and grown significantly since it was created under President Kennedy after a string of hijackings in 1961.

The first 18 Federal Aviation Administration safety inspectors who were deputized to thwart hijackers graduated in 1962.

In 1985, after the 17-day commandeering of TWA Flight 847 from Cairo to San Diego by hijackers who smuggled a pistol and two grenades through security, Congress increased the number of air marshals by the hundreds and expanded the program to international flights.

But in the ebb and flow of funding, the service had only 33 marshals on duty Sept. 11, 2001, when hijackers flew four planes into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania. The ranks were quickly expanded to an undisclosed number in the thousands.

Critics of the program highlight the costs and the lack of terrorist incidents. They argue that more air marshals are arrested than terrorists.

Rep. John Duncan, R-Tenn., would like to abolish the program that he said had about 4,000 air marshals in 2009 and averaged 4.2 arrests a year in the first seven years. Duncan slams the program as "the most needless,

useless agency."

Air marshals themselves were arrested 148 times from November 2002 to February 2012, according to a report by ProPublica based on TSA documents.

Air marshals also were charged with more than 5,000 cases of misconduct during that period, including 1,200 cases of lost equipment and 950 missed flights, the report said.

Pekoske said he is confident there aren't systemic problems with discipline.

"I think those problems are in the past for TSA," Pekoske said. "It's something that I've placed a good amount of emphasis on myself, to make sure that we have handled the problems that have occurred in the past and have a good path forward."

Money not well-spent?

The Department of Homeland Security's inspector general released an unclassified summary of a report in October 2017 that called the air marshals' contribution to aviation security "questionable."

"We also identified a part of FAMS operations where, if discontinued, funds could be put to better use," it said.

The service peaked with a \$966 million budget in 2012, according to the Government Accountability Office. It received \$779 million in the latest spending bill approved in March.

A former Coast Guard vice commandant, Pekoske said he understood the difficulty putting a value on prevention. But he said changes in security before and during flights have reduced the need for air marshals, so spending has shifted.

Airlines hardened cockpit doors after 9/11 to prevent terrorists from getting to pilots. Some pilots volunteer to be trained to carry guns during flights under the Federal Flight Deck Officer program.

"From my perspective, I think we've done a good job in increasing our security profile overall in flight," Pekoske said. "I do think that the air marshals provide an important layer of security."

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tive few but from hundreds of sources with varying standards and reputations

■ 51% say religion is "very important" in their lives.

■ Only 18% trust the government all or most of the time, and roughly half of Democrats and Republicans alike say the other party makes them "afraid" (Pew Research Center).

Some experts say these trends have created a moral vacuum.

"Society used to be more unified in the people they saw as moral leaders," said Barbara Perry, a presidential historian at the University of Virginia.

"Look at the legend that grew up around (George) Washington: 'I cannot tell a lie.' And then carry that on to Abraham Lincoln: 'Honest Abe,' " Perry said.

That doesn't mean all presidents upheld high personal moral standards. Grover Cleveland had a child with a woman he was accused of raping; likewise, Thomas Jefferson fathered children with his slave, Sally Hemings.

The public largely was in the dark about John F. Kennedy's womanizing while he was in office, but if he behaved that way today, one can only imagine the tweets and late-night jabs akin to Bill Clinton, Monica Lewinsky and the blue dress.

And those are just the sexual scan-

dals. Trust in the government plummeted during the Watergate scandal.

"I think it's almost inevitable where we are now," Perry said. "We have become more skeptical and cynical about authority generally and about presidents specifically."

With the 2016 election, Perry said, Trump removed "a moral standard for becoming president."

During his campaign, Trump faced accusations of sexual misconduct and of not paying his workers. He said in January 2016, "I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose any voters."

"With Donald Trump, I think we have just crossed the Rubicon, because ... his very platform of running was 'all presidents lie, all politicians lie,'" Perry said.

Research shows we want people who do good things to also be good people. But moral character and moral effectiveness do not always align, said David Pizarro, a Cornell University professor who studies moral reasoning.

"We're good at evaluating persons and we're very bad at evaluating the overall consequences of a moral leader, or any kind of leader, because that takes time and data," Pizarro said.

And the ability to take time, to evaluate and to apply logic can be difficult in the social media age.

"I think it's not so much that humans have changed, as much as it is that the world has changed and technology has changed," Pizarro said. "I think the crisis really is that we have so much access to character and character cues."



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Lava reaches the ocean around Hawaii's Big Island on Monday. When lava hits the water, it produces acid fumes known as "laze": lava and haze. ROBERT HANASHIRO/USA TODAY

'Laze': The latest threat in Hawaii

Doyle Rice
USA TODAY

First it was lava, then acid rain and fog. Residents near Hawaii's erupting Kilauea volcano confronted a new threat Monday: laze, a toxic cloud mash-up of lava and haze.

Laze forms when 2,000-degree lava hits cooler seawater. A hydrochloric acid steam cloud billows into the air, along with fine particles of glass.

"Lava entering the ocean causes a chemical reaction and can result in small explosions, sending tiny particles of hydrochloric acid and volcanic glass in the air," said Jessica Johnson, a geophysicist at the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom.

The acid in the plume is about as corrosive as diluted battery acid. Laze can cause irritations of the skin, eyes and lungs, and those suffering from asthma or emphysema may be particularly vulnerable.

U.S. Geological Survey scientist Wendy Stovall has warned residents that "if you're feeling stinging on your skin, go inside."

Mariners are also threatened. "All waterway users should be aware of the hazardous conditions associated with such an event. Getting too close to the lava can result in serious injury or death," Lt. Cmdr. John Bannon of the U.S. Coast Guard in Honolulu said in a statement.

The danger of the laze plume is literally blowing in the wind.

Laze has been a threat before: "This hot, corrosive gas mixture caused two deaths immediately adjacent to the coastal entry point in 2000 when seawater washed across recent and active lava flows," the Hawaii Volcano Observatory said.

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Jessica Johnson
University of East Anglia

Bush fires have been reported, Johnson said, adding smoke to the airborne health hazards.

Scientists do not know how long the eruption, which began May 3, will last.

The volcano opened more than 20 vents, including four that merged into one large crack. It has gushed lava and sent a river of molten rock toward the ocean at about 300 yards an hour.

The rate of sulfur dioxide gas shooting from ground fissures has tripled. At the volcano's summit, two explosive eruptions unleashed clouds of ash.

"A handful of old fissures have reactivated and joined together over the past few days," CNN correspondent Scott McLean said. "Lava is pouring out like a fountain."

Kilauea has burned about 40 structures, including two dozen homes. Nearly 3,000 earthquakes have been recorded over the past month.

Though more than 2,000 residents had to evacuate the area, life largely goes on as normal on much of the Big Island. The tourism industry is in full swing, and the island's airports remain open.

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Pompeo warns Iran faces 'the strongest sanctions'

U.S. will punish regime for its Mideast malice

Oren Dorell
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Secretary of State Mike Pompeo threatened Iran on Monday with "the strongest sanctions in history" if Tehran doesn't stop its aggression across the Middle East.

Pompeo outlined a long list of U.S. demands, including having Iran forever abandon its nuclear fuel production program, dismantle its ballistic missiles and end support for terrorist groups and militias in the region.

In his first major foreign policy speech since becoming the top U.S. diplomat, Pompeo said the approach by President Trump would ensure "Iran has no possible path to a nuclear weapon, ever."

At the conservative Heritage Foundation, Pompeo called for a better international nuclear agreement to contain Iran. He said the United States would "apply unprecedented financial pressure" to bring Tehran back to the negotiating table.

On May 8, Trump pulled the United States out of the Iran nuclear agreement negotiated with five other world powers during the Obama administration. The deal lifted some sanctions in exchange for Iran limiting its nuclear activities to peaceful purposes.

Pompeo said the United States seeks a treaty with Iran ratified by Congress that would end Tehran's nuclear enrichment program and provide international inspectors access to any site in Iran.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi said the new policy is "ridiculous and embarrassing and more like a satire."

"The United States wants to with-



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"We ask the Iranian people: Is this what you want your country to be known for, to be a co-conspirator with Hezbollah, Hamas and al-Qaeda? The United States thinks you deserve better."

Mike Pompeo
Secretary of State

draw from an international multilateral agreement, and then, under other circumstances, it wants to negotiate and reunite," Qassemi said, according to Iran's Fars News Agency.

Iranian diplomats negotiating to keep the deal alive in Europe are not discussing any other issues, he said.

Pompeo noted that Iran's military activities in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and the Palestinian territories have accelerated in recent years, fueled by an influx of cash provided by the nuclear deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. "Iran advanced its march across the Middle East" because of the agreement, Pompeo said.

He said Iran would have to stop its "malign activities in the region" before

the sanctions could be lifted.

"Today, we ask the Iranian people: Is this what you want your country to be known for, to be a co-conspirator with Hezbollah, Hamas and al-Qaeda? The United States thinks you deserve better," Pompeo said.

He called on Iranians to challenge their leaders to do what's necessary to avoid the damage of sanctions the United States is about to impose.

Not only will the past U.S. sanctions resume in full over the next 155 days, but "this is just the beginning," Pompeo said. "The sting of sanctions will be painful if the regime does not change its course. ... These will be the strongest sanctions in history."

The new sanctions will mean "countries have to give up economic activity" with Iran, including activity allowed under the nuclear agreement, he said.

When the full force of the sanctions are in place, Iran "will be battling to keep its economy alive," forcing it to choose between that or squandering resources abroad. "It will not be able to do both," Pompeo said.

Pompeo listed a dozen actions the United States expects from Iran to avoid or end sanctions. In addition to ending the nuclear program, they include ending support for terrorist groups such as Hezbollah, Hamas, the Taliban and Houthi militias. Iran must withdraw all its forces from Syria, stop harboring al-Qaeda terrorists, quit threatening international shipping and end destructive cyberattacks. Iran must also release foreign detainees, he said.

"It's a long list, but it simply reflects the malign activities of Iran," Pompeo said. "We didn't create the list, they did."

In exchange, Trump is willing to extend a hand of friendship by ending "all sanctions against the regime," Pompeo said. "And we'd be willing to support the reintegration of Iran's economy in the international economic system."

Female Dems blaze trails on ballots

Candidates confront resistance in own party

Nicole Gaudiano
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Tuesday's primary elections feature three high-profile female Democratic candidates, who each challenge conventions and their own party.

Stacey Abrams, a Georgia gubernatorial candidate, aims to become the first female African-American governor in the country's history.

In Texas, Laura Moser, battled primary opponents — and Washington Democrats.

Amy McGrath, a former Marine, turned a primary against the mayor of Lexington, Ky., into a competitive race.

Abrams or 'Selena'?

You may know her by "Selena Montgomery." That's Abrams' pen name for eight romantic suspense novels she wrote, which she said sold more than 100,000 copies. Her real story may be better than fiction.

A Yale Law School graduate, Abrams was the first woman to lead a political party in the Georgia General Assembly and the first African American to lead in the state's House of Representatives.

Abrams is in a primary against another Stacey — former state representative Stacey Evans. Abrams raised more money, and polls ahead of Evans. She has the endorsement of liberal groups, including Our Revolution, the activist spinoff organization of Sen. Bernie Sanders' 2016 presidential campaign, along with Sanders.

Abrams focuses on expanding the electorate by building a statewide coalition and mobilizing non-voters, including those whom she said her party has taken for granted — people of color. In 2013, she founded the New Georgia Project, which she said submitted registrations for more than 200,000 voters of color from 2014 to 2016.

Rejecting 'party bosses'

Moser is in a runoff race against lawyer Lizzie Pannill Fletcher in Texas' 7th Congressional District.

In February, the Democratic Con-



Democrat Stacey Abrams, who is running in Georgia, could become the first female African-American governor in the USA. BOB ANDRES/AP



Amy McGrath, a former fighter pilot, is running in Kentucky. MARK NICKOLAS/AP

gressional Campaign Committee — the House campaign arm — released opposition research against Moser, branding her a "Washington insider." The committee pointed to her writing in 2014, "I'd sooner have my teeth pulled out without anesthesia" than move back to Texas. She referred to living "directly next door to a deaf-mute drug addict." She apologized for the language.

Liberals who endorsed Moser were furious, arguing that Washington Democrats interfered with the will of the voters. Moser, who came in second in the primary, saw her fundraising increase.

The DCCC's chairman, Rep. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico, said last month that he remains "deeply concerned" about Moser's "offensive" writing, and he defended the intervention. Democrats hope to flip the seat held by Re-

publican John Culberson in November.

In her last ad before the primary, Moser talked about taking on the establishment. "We have to fix our broken politics, and that starts by rejecting the system where Washington party bosses tell us who to choose," she said.

The fighter pilot

Retired Marine lieutenant colonel Amy McGrath's introductory ad went viral last year. The Naval Academy graduate and former fighter pilot described her 89 combat missions after her congressman told her when she was 13 that women shouldn't be allowed to serve in combat.

The political newcomer runs in a competitive primary against Lexington Mayor Jim Gray, a millionaire businessman, for the chance to take on Republican Rep. Andy Barr. She surpassed Gray in fundraising.

Reports that the DCCC aggressively recruited Gray prompted sharp disapproval from a previous DCCC chairman, Martin Frost of Texas, who argued the organization made the "same mistake" with McGrath as they had with Moser.

McGrath told USA TODAY last month she blames an "old boys network" for her lack of party support, lamenting that it's easier for wealthy men to become candidates in her party.

"It's really sad," she said. "There's no Democratic woman, ever in this state, who has ever held federal office, so it is very much old-school type of stuff."

STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA

ALABAMA Jacksonville: The RMC Health System hospital here is shutting down at the end of June.

ALASKA Juneau: Lawmakers budgeted \$2.75 million to fund tests for an estimated 3,400 rape kits backlog.

ARIZONA Phoenix: Megabus will begin offering service to Las Vegas on Friday, with fees as low as \$1.

ARKANSAS Springdale: Children's Safety Center saw 113 child abuse cases in April, a 21-year record.

CALIFORNIA Union City: The late Larry Itliong, a United Farm Workers co-founder, was inducted into the Labor's International Hall of Fame.

COLORADO Pitkin: Officials say a postal worker found a black bear stuck inside the post office upon arriving to work, the second incident involving the bear. It was euthanized under the state's "two strike rule."

CONNECTICUT Stamford: A 64-year-old man was arrested and charged with dealing crack out of his apartment in a senior housing complex.

DELAWARE Millsboro: A 14-year-old boy was arrested Friday after making calls to 911 claiming there was a bomb at Millsboro Middle School during the time of the eighth-grade formal.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: A suburban Washington doctor who spiked his girlfriend's drink to induce an abortion was sentenced to three years in prison and then faces deportation.

FLORIDA Destin: Lifeguards rescued eight people from a Gulf of Mexico rip current, including four rescuers.

GEORGIA Covington: At least four people were hospitalized and 70 were sickened in a salmonella outbreak.

HAWAII Honolulu: Officials want residents to report monk seal sightings after finding 3 dead last week.

IDAHO Coeur d'Alene: A philanthropist convicted of poaching a moose near Mica Bay in 2014 has been ordered to serve 30 days in jail.

ILLINOIS Springfield: The Illinois

State Fair is hosting a "Corn Dog Kickoff" June 9 to introduce people to state and county fair food.

INDIANA Crawfordsville: The Montgomery County Courthouse that lost its original clock tower in 1941 to structural concerns has installed a new \$500,000 clock tower.

IOWA Earlham: Authorities charged a man after dozens of neglected horses – and 2 horse carcasses – were found on his property.

KANSAS Wichita: Garden City Community College trustees are seeking an investigator to look into faculty claims that the college president created a hostile workplace.

KENTUCKY Lexington: A lawsuit filed on behalf of 14 adults and 21 children says the state hasn't given foster care pay to relatives raising children taken from their homes.

LOUISIANA New Orleans: Tania Tetlow, new head of Loyola University New Orleans, is the first female and first non-Jesuit in the job.

MAINE Bangor: Officials say Maine fiddleheads are safe to eat, despite warnings from Canada that the ferns may be contaminated.

MARYLAND Fredrick: Comcast opened WiFi hotspots to anyone needing them until Friday as Frederick County recovers from flooding.

MASSACHUSETTS Cambridge: Hillary Clinton will be awarded the Radcliffe Medal on Friday during Harvard's graduation week.

MICHIGAN Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan's School of Music, Theatre & Dance is planning a new \$19 million dance school building.

MINNESOTA Minneapolis: Authorities estimate that 200 homeless people use the Twin Cities light rail system for shelter each night.

MISSISSIPPI West Point: The owner of a 118-year-old home says he plans to rebuild after the structure was destroyed by fire last week.

MISSOURI Springfield: A state re-

search project finds a growing black bear population in Missouri.

MONTANA Kalispell: Officials say a field assistant on a federal grizzly bear study was hurt when she was attacked by a bear in a remote area.

NEBRASKA McCook: A Red Willow county commissioner who also is a road crew member has apologized for tossing a sharp rake in front of a school bus carrying children.

NEVADA Reno: Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren will give the keynote address next month at the state Democratic Party convention.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Concord: Drug enforcement officers report a rise in small-scale meth production.

NEW JERSEY Wayne: Thirty-two people were hurt in the collision of two buses, one from Wayne and one from Oradell, in the Lincoln Tunnel that connects to New York City.

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque: More than 60% of the state is experiencing extreme drought or worse.

NEW YORK Rochester: The University of Rochester bestowed its first posthumous honorary degree to abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

NORTH CAROLINA Holden Beach: Shrimp boat "Big Earl" has been pushed back into the ocean after being stuck on a beach for a week.

NORTH DAKOTA Bismark: The number of deer hunting licenses offered in the state in 2018 is up 1%.

OHIO Brookfield: Drilling for a new injection well will begin over objections by Frackfree America.

OKLAHOMA Edmond: Police arrested a teacher's aide at Will Rogers Elementary School who allegedly was high on meth at work.

OREGON Portland: A man who fell thigh-deep through a rotting walkway at his apartment complex was awarded more than \$20 million.

PENNSYLVANIA Pottsville: An ex-Gilberton police chief who quit fol-

lowing profanity-laced tirades about liberals was sentenced to probation for firearms purchase violations.

RHODE ISLAND Providence: The state has launched its summer-long Great Outdoors Pursuit aimed at getting children and parents involved in more physical activity.

SOUTH CAROLINA Spartanburg: Keurig Green Mountain coffee company is planning a \$350 million plant that will hire 500 workers.

SOUTH DAKOTA Java: A strong storm washed away a dam in the Lake Hiddenwood Recreation Area.

TENNESSEE Nashville: A Coalition for Open Government audit finds that some state agencies violate laws requiring a public records policy.

TEXAS Houston: Nearly two dozen workers were injured in an explosion and brief flash fire caused by a gas leak at a nearby chemical plant.

UTAH Salt Lake City: Rep. Angela Romero wants to raise the legal age of marriage in the state to 18.

VERMONT Lyndonville: A statue of the Virgin Mary stolen from a nativity scene more than two years ago has been returned to its owner.

VIRGINIA Alexandria: Authorities say 30 cars in a CSX freight train derailed in the partial collapse of a railway bridge last weekend.

WASHINGTON Ocean Shores: A dead juvenile humpback whale was entangled in crab pots when it washed ashore. A necropsy is planned.

WEST VIRGINIA Charleston: Federal officials approved 55 locations across the state as "opportunity zones" eligible for a development tax incentive.

WISCONSIN Milwaukee: Containers near security checkpoints at General Mitchell airport will collect spare change to support the homeless.

WYOMING Sheridan: A legislative panel is studying voter-approved local taxes to replace funding that municipalities get from the state.

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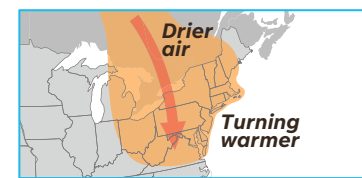
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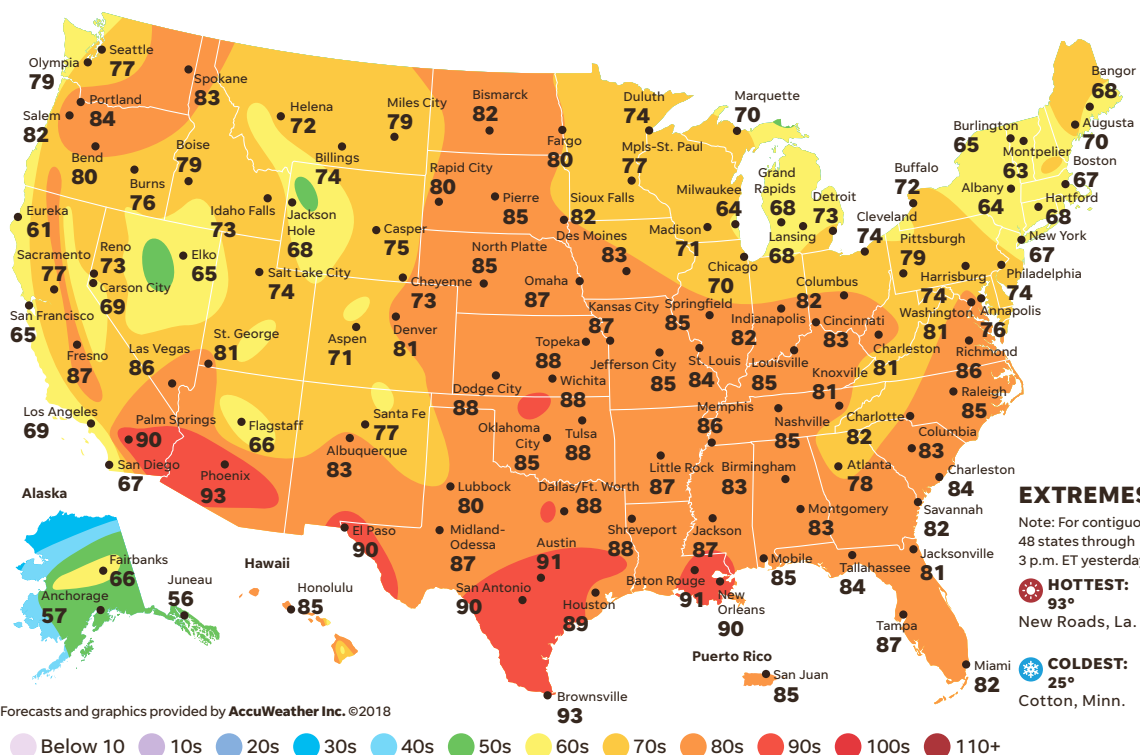
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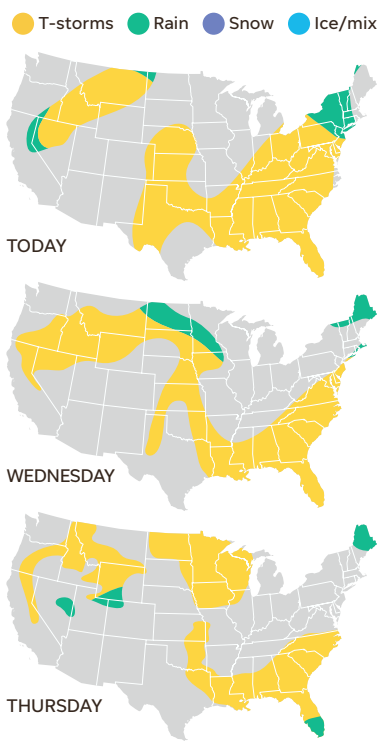
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OPINION

TODAY'S DEBATE: ANIMAL WELFARE

Our view: Killing kittens, and the 'Horrible Hundred' breeders

With all the suffering in the world, it's easy to argue that there are more important things to worry about than the welfare of animals. But a society can be judged by the way it treats these innocent creatures, and ending mistreatment is so much easier than curing the world's other ills that it's shameful not to do so.

Lots of human beings, it seems, haven't gotten the message. Recently revealed abuses range from stomach-turning conditions at commercial dog breeders to killings of scores of research kittens by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Just since 2013, more than 220 kittens have been purposely infected with toxoplasmosis — an infection that can harm pregnant women and their fetuses — at a USDA research lab in Maryland. The kittens are briefly used for research and then euthanized. The USDA says the kittens could pose a risk to adoptive families. But the parasite can be treated with antibiotics, and the animals could be tested and readied for rescue. Instead, kittens are killed.

Animals at other USDA research sites around the country have been neglected, some left to die. Fifteen ducks died after "multiple days without access to water," according to inspection reports disclosed last week by *The Washington Post*. Quail chicks succumbed to excessive temperatures in their room. Pigs, lambs and cows were seen with visible wounds and injuries untreated by a vet.

Your tax dollars at work.

In the private sector, too many puppies are still raised in deplorable conditions by breeders who fail to meet even the USDA's minimal standards.

Last week, the Humane Society of the United States released its annual "Horrible Hundred" list of breeders and dealers culled from inspection reports, court cases and news accounts. It



Adoption facility in Philadelphia. MATT ROURKE/AP

found neglected dogs and puppies, some lying on their backs, panting, in a sweltering kennel, or with paws falling through wire flooring or with maggots crawling in their food.

Until last year, animal lovers could identify offending breeders on a USDA inspection site, but the agency has blocked most names, citing breeders' "privacy interests."

Several states have tightened laws beyond what the USDA requires to ensure that breeders don't mistreat dogs and puppies. These laws — and others that prohibit dreadfully cramped housing for egg-laying hens, pregnant pigs and veal calves — are threatened by a measure long championed by Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, who hails from the nation's top egg-producing state.

King's measure could pre-empt more than 3,000 state laws — some passed directly by voters seeking humane treatment even for farm animals — as well as laws affecting everything from food safety to invasive pests.

Threatened animals got a reprieve last week when the House rejected a massive farm bill that included King's measure. But the bill, and the measure, are likely to be revived. Even in this polarized era, Americans of both parties ought to be able to get together to protect defenseless animals.

Opposing view: Hey, California, regulate your own hen cages

Steve King

The Constitution, in its list of federal powers, includes the ability "to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

USA TODAY's Editorial Board seems to have forgotten this. Otherwise, it would editorialize in favor of my Protect Interstate Commerce Act (PICA).

Why? Because PICA protects the Framers' design from the assault being levied against it by leftist interest groups in activist states.

Some states are ignoring the Commerce Clause's existence. They are unconstitutionally attempting to regulate the manufacture and production of agricultural products in the other 49 states. California provides an example.

California's Vegan Lobby, attempting to regulate meat off of American dinner tables, successfully placed costly and excessively burdensome cage size rules on egg producers. California is now attempting to apply these rules to producers not only within California (which PICA would still allow) but on every other state, too.

California is even sending its agriculture inspectors to other states, such as my state of Iowa, to determine if producers there are complying with California's demands. If California's carpetbagging inspectors determine producers in other states aren't complying with California's regulations, those producers will be banned from selling their products — even when approved by the Agriculture Department and the Food and Drug Administration — into California's vast marketplace. To make matters worse, it matters not whether the producers are in full compliance with existing federal laws or laws of the state in which they live and work.

That's not how our system works. It is regulation without representation. Lawless states like California cannot trample on the constitutional rights of the other 49 states, or of the federal government. PICA restores the constitutional balance, ensuring free trade among the states. Regulate your own cages, California, but keep your hands off everyone else's.

Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, is a member of the House Agriculture Committee.

YOUR SAY

After Santa Fe shooting, nothing will happen

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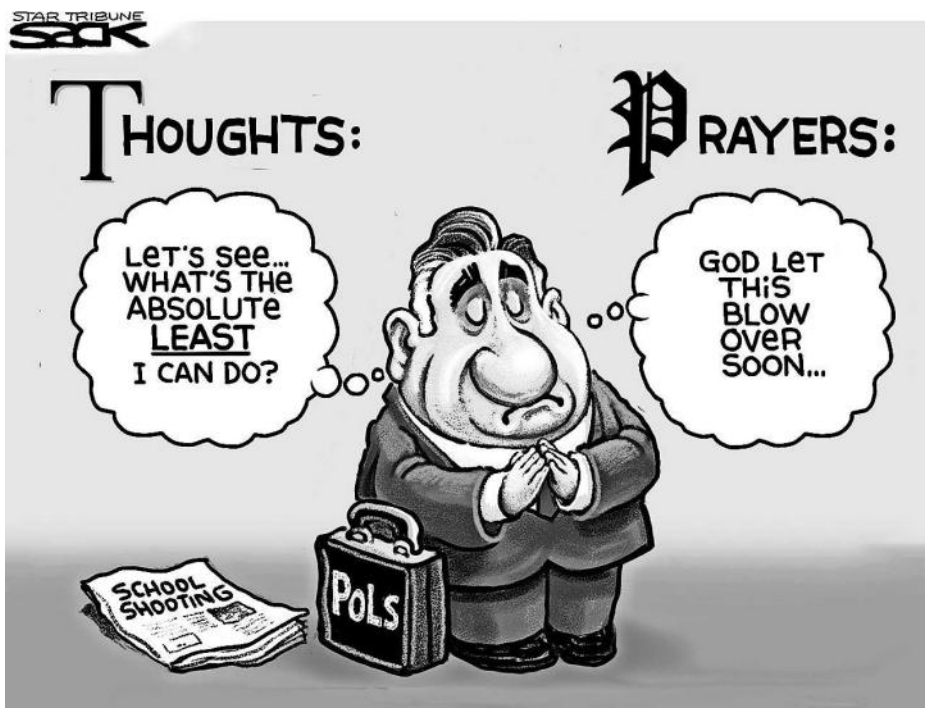
While listening to and reading about the Santa Fe High School shooting in Texas, where 17-year-old Dimitrios Pagourtzis used a shotgun and a revolver (which he did not legally possess) to kill 10 people and wound 10 others, I had another sense of déjà vu. Pagourtzis is in custody. This marks the 22nd school shooting, where someone was hurt or killed, so far this year.

Will the response from the Trump administration be more "prayers and

condolences"? And will the same discussion of sorrow, helplessness, outrage and another futile call for gun control ensue?

After these many school shootings, there has been a noticeable absence of action at the federal level about gun violence in America, and I am not hopeful that there will be any after this latest incident. Unless something different happens, we will just have to grit our teeth and wait for the 23rd mass shooting that will come as surely as night follows day.

Ralph E. Stone
San Francisco



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YOUR SAY

Trump supporters: We're winning

On misconceptions and supporting the president

According to the USA TODAY Trump Voter Panel, Americans who voted for the president haven't wavered in support despite the latest White House scandals. Readers share their thoughts:

I believe our voices are part of those forgotten Americans whom President Trump touched during the 2016 election. For years, it had been such a tough road with stagnant wages, a one-income household and two boys who need a substantial amount of care.

Being a Trump supporter gets you labeled as a racist and every other type of "ist" classification you can think of. This could not be further from the truth. We are a hardworking family who live for our two beautiful boys.

I don't think that there is anything that Trump could do to lose our support. We believe in his agenda and vision for our country, and we have no reason to doubt him. He is still learning the ways of Washington, and we believe he deserves the chance to lead.

Angela Wilson
Newark, Del.

Trump is delivering

From giving our military the flexibility and tools to wipe the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria off the map, to reshaping the judiciary for a generation, President Trump has delivered on my expectations. I voted for Trump to accelerate economic growth, boost median wages and restore American strength.

I do wish our politics less resembled trench warfare, but Trump bears far less responsibility than a weaponized, partisan news media that never gave him a chance. While I see a president whose actions have been fair and compassionate, many of my fellow gay Americans harbor an unfounded fear he will usurp their rights. I hope reality trumps these fears. Time and time again — whether it be leaving the Paris climate deal or implementing the travel ban — Trump has governed on behalf of citizens, not global interests. I'm proud of my vote and proud of America's president.

Scott Rueterholz
New York

I knew the country needed a different approach to governance, and Trump was the man to shake things up. Trump's a fighter. He doesn't back down and keeps moving forward with the agenda. Trump would have to do something quite egregious, as president, for me to relinquish my support. What he did or did not do in his personal life before becoming president is mostly irrelevant.

Frank Ruvolo
Ely, Nev.

I initially backed Trump because he brought a fresh new wave of no-nonsense politics that America has been

devoid of for the past eight years. Trump's fiery rhetoric and use of blatant language was quite funny and believable. When confronted by "never Trumpers" or Democrats, the most common misconception is that I am either a racist, a white supremacist, sexist or anti-immigrant. These occur due to Trump's lack of moral character. However, I didn't support him for his morals, but for the actions he would take as president.

Will Walley
Brandon, Miss.

Trump grew on me

After Trump became the nominee for the Republican Party, I was a solid supporter. More than anything, I support Trump because he seems to like America and Americans. He gets along easily with a wide range of Americans, and he seems to get along well with foreign leaders, while never denigrating our country or our people.

It would be hard to imagine what Trump could do to lose my support. Trump should continue to work on the issues he campaigned on.

Rick Nestoff
Broadview Heights, Ohio

We needed a disruption

I support, and still do to an extent, Trump because I was tired of seeing the same old politics. I am tired of the facade politicians put up. Now, does that mean Trump also isn't this way? No, not at all. In fact, he is probably one of the worst ones we've had in this sense.

What has kept my support — although it wanes everyday — is that he's causing so much disruption in the political system that it will spark interest in government from everyday citizens. My hope is that this will show people how bad things get when we choose not to vote, or not to pay attention.

Seth Moore
Canal Winchester, Ohio

People who are serious about history understand how unprecedented this president is. The first man to get into the Oval Office without owing anyone anything can and will do great things. We will probably not see another like him. Every time someone calls him on some supposed faux pas and tries to brand him an amateur, he turns out to have handled the situation correctly after all. He's quite a good president.

Michael Bolduc
Pflugerville, Texas

Corrections & Clarifications

Monday's opposing view by Michael B. Mukasey misstated the subject of one of special counsel Robert Mueller's indictments. The indictment did not include charges related to hacking of Democratic Party computers. The article also misstated the status of Justice Department disclosure of a memo describing the extent of Mueller's authority. The memo has been disclosed to a federal judge.

TRAGEDY IN TEXAS



Ten crosses for the victims of Friday's shooting are placed outside Santa Fe High School in Texas. A 17-year-old is accused of opening fire with a shotgun and a revolver in the school's art complex. COURTNEY SACCO/USA TODAY NETWORK

In Texas, gun debate is 'starkly different'

Gun control advocate finds less receptive ground than in Fla.

Rick Jervis
USA TODAY

AUSTIN — Days after a gunman killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., in February, Sandy Phillips — who advocates for gun restrictions — traveled to the South Florida city and was encouraged by how openly student survivors wanted to discuss the shooting and push measures to try to prevent similar incidents.

The scene in Santa Fe, Texas, site of another school massacre, has been far different since she arrived Friday: Phillips, whose daughter Jessica was among the 12 people shot and killed in an attack on a theater in Aurora, Colo., six years ago, said no one agreed to meet with her.

"This has been starkly different from Parkland in so many ways," said Phillips, who has traveled to nine mass shooting scenes in the past six years, offering support to survivors and victims' families. "It's almost jarring."

Unlike mass shootings that sparked rallies calling for changes to gun rules, the shooting in Santa Fe has delivered a much more muted response.

Gov. Greg Abbott said he will host a series of roundtable discussions, beginning Tuesday, to find solutions to improve safety and security at Texas schools, which will include parents, teachers, mass shooting survivors, legislators and groups that advocate for and against further gun regulations.

In Santa Fe, some students and parents voiced support for gun rights over stricter regulations, while leaders pointed to other solutions, such as increasing school security, rather than tampering with gun laws.

"Self-determination is ingrained in most of us. You put out your own fires. You don't wait for the fire department to show up."

Alice Tripp
Texas State Rifle Association

"What law can you pass that stops someone who ignores the law?" said Galveston County Judge Mark Henry, the county's top administrator. "We need to focus a lot more attention on mental health."

Dimitrios Pagourtzis, 17, is accused of storming into the art complex at the rear of Santa Fe High School early Friday with a pump-action shotgun and a .38-caliber revolver and killing 10 people and injuring 13 in 30 minutes before surrendering to police. He allegedly got the weapons from his father.

The fact that the guns were commonly owned weapons in Texas — not assault-style weapons such as the AR-15 used in other mass killings — has made it trickier for gun control advocates to point to stricter gun laws to prevent shootings.

Texas has some of the most gun-friendly laws in the USA, including the right to openly carry handguns in some places for law-abiding residents and no background checks required for private firearms sales.

Under Texas law, school districts could allow staff and/or board members, including teachers, to carry fire-

arms on school premises after passing a training course. So far, 172 districts have opted to do so.

"We're already raising a generation entrenched in trauma," said Khary Penebaker, a Wisconsin-based gun law activist. "They're asking, 'When will we be the next one?' Increasing school safety is not going to solve that problem."

Alice Tripp, legislative director for the Texas State Rifle Association, said Texas' laws should be studied — instead of enacting new ones — to see how effective they've been and whether they should be strengthened. Texas lawmakers don't meet again until 2019, making the quick passage of any state law unlikely, she said.

Texas' vast expanses and frontier history have made guns an intricate part of the state's culture, something not easily undone, Tripp said. "Self-determination is ingrained in most of us," she said. "You put out your own fires. You don't wait for the fire department to show up."

Bree Butler, 18, a senior at Santa Fe High, said she's well-aware of Texas' gun-first culture, particularly in a place as rural and conservative as her hometown. Though she supports strengthening gun laws as a way to prevent mass shootings, Butler and other student advocates opted not to engage in such a divisive debate while the city is in mourning.

Last month, a group of her friends staged a pre-class walkout in solidarity with Parkland students. For now, they're not pushing the issue.

"I know the political climate. I didn't want to upset anybody," Butler said. "Our community needs time to heal."

Children may ask adults to make sense of senseless

Taylor Seely and Sonja Haller
USA TODAY

Trying to reassure children after a national tragedy such as a school shooting is never easy for parents.

There will never be an explanation good enough to make sense of such violence and cruelty.

And the truth is, this kind of incident could happen again.

Children are likely to have questions, and it's best for parents to be prepared.

REMEMBER THE FOUR S's

Robbie Adler-Tapia, an Arizona-based psychologist, offered these four tips for talking to children about violence and tragedy.

Solace

Provide comfort and consolation for any emotions and fears to help kids feel secure.

Tip: Don't tell them not to feel scared or anxious. Let them feel their emotions. Be honest about your emotions as well, but remain calm.

Security

Take steps to help children feel safe and protected. As soon as possible, get them to a safe location where they feel protected by people they can depend on.

Tip: Try to maintain your regular routine. As creatures of habit, people tend to view schedules as a safety net.

Service

Provide the essential services to meet basic needs.

Tip: If children have questions, let them ask. Answer the questions truthfully but without unnecessarily gruesome details. Children may not have enough life experience to know how to cope with the overwhelming nature of national tragedies.

Support

If the children are victims, give them a post-incident safety period to rest and heal.

Tip: Understand that it's normal for children to be affected by tragedies. If your kids' behavior changes for a prolonged period of time, however, it is best to consult with your doctor.



Students await their parents after a shooting at Santa Fe High School. MARIE DE JESUS/HOUSTON CHRONICLE VIA AP

Drills

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Peter Scharf, a criminologist at Louisiana State University School of Public Health, said police responders can find themselves in a precarious situation in which they need to stop a killer surrounded by bystanders while trying not to get shot by the gunman.

'Complicated to decode'

"The idea of shooting an innocent bystander is the nightmare situation for the officers in this scenario," said Scharf, who has studied school shootings. "They can be going in without a clear target, and you are entering a situation where you could have a lot of kids in a room moving around, and there is one kid that you're looking for. It's not the most surgical situation. These situations are so complicated to decode."

Witness accounts and recordings of the 911 emergency dispatch calls suggest that the incident stretched far longer than the average mass shooting, which



Thirty minutes passed from the first 911 calls of a shooting at Santa Fe High School in Texas to the teenage suspect's surrender to police.

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FBI data show typically lasts five minutes or less.

The gunman had contact with an armed school resource officer soon after the incident began. Dispatch records show the officer was wounded about three minutes after authorities received the first call about the incident.

The gunman struck in the school's art complex, a maze of four rooms, each connected via interior hallways, that could have made the situation more complicated for the responding officers. All of the injuries and deaths occurred within the art complex. It's unclear how many students were in that part of the school when the shooting began.

Deedra Van Ness, whose daughter Isabelle was in the art class but survived by hiding in a supply closet, said her child called police twice before they arrived at the scene five to 10 minutes after the gunman started shooting.

Isabelle could hear the gunman reload his weapon and exchange fire with police, according to an account Van Ness shared on Facebook.

'Isolate, distract or neutralize'

"The suspect may not have been taken into custody for 30 minutes, but part of the stop-the-killing phase (that officers are taught through ALERRT) is to isolate, distract or neutralize," said Pete Blair, executive director of the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State,

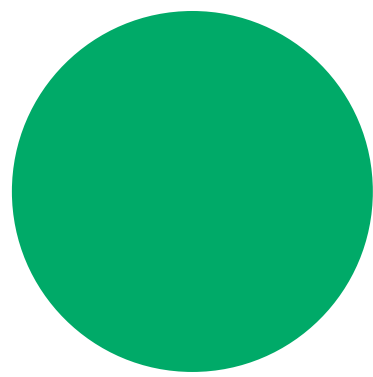
which has trained more than 130,000 officers.

"If, as an officer, I can push you into somewhere you're not going to gain access to any other victims, or your attention is on me so you're worried about dealing with me as opposed to seeking out other victims, then I still managed to stop the killing at that point," he said.

Michelle Phelps, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Minnesota, questioned how effective it is to train officers to respond to active-shooter scenarios.

She said policymakers should consider whether the training and planning could have unintended negative consequences on students and the school setting.

"There is always going to be an element of luck involved and happenstance," said Phelps, whose research focuses on the crime and punishment. "What kind of guns does the perpetrator have access to? Who is in the building that day and where are they located? What is the weather like that day? There is always going to be randomness. The question then becomes: Do these policies and training actually reduce risk?"



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Company getting rid of plastic drink stirrers. **2B**

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GE TRANSPORTATION, WABTEC SET \$11B MERGER

General Electric will merge its train engine division with railroad manufacturing firm Wabtec in an \$11 billion deal, a major move in GE CEO John Flannery's mission to streamline the Boston-based conglomerate and boost its earnings. Wabtec Corp., based in Wilmerding, Pa., will pay GE \$2.9 billion, and Wabtec shareholders will own about 49.9% of the combined company when the deal closes in early 2019, the companies said Monday. GE shareholders will own about 40.2% and GE will own 9.9%.



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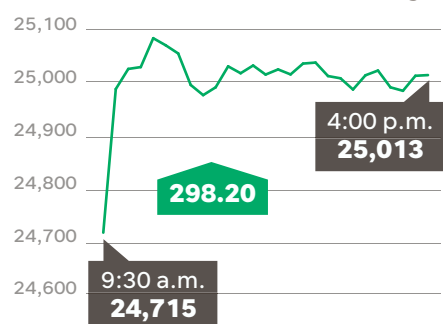
POSTAL SERVICE TO OFFER SCRATCH-AND-SNIFF STAMP

The Postal Service said Monday it will issue scratch-and-sniff stamps that will evoke the scents of summer. There will be 10 designs, each featuring an illustration of two icy pops on a stick. There will be one scent for all of the stamps, which will arrive June 20.

SOUPED-UP MODEL 3 WILL COST \$78,000, MUSK TEASES

Tesla CEO Elon Musk revealed specifications for a version of Model 3 compact car with faster acceleration, longer battery range, improved handling and slicker interior than the base model. With two electric motors, the souped-up Model 3 goes 0 to 60 mph in 3.5 seconds, reaches a top speed of 155 mph and can go 310 miles on a single battery charge. Musk said the new \$78,000 model would be available in July.

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HOW I BECAME A ...



"Don't go into it thinking you're doing this for money, because I never thought about money. Never, ever," Jimmy Fallon says. PHOTOS BY NBC

Lorne Michaels laughed, and rest is history

Fallon had inauspicious start to late-night career

Susannah Hutcheson
Special to USA TODAY

Our series "How I became a ..." digs into the stories of accomplished and influential people, finding out how they got to where they are in their careers.

Late-night talk show host Jimmy Fallon has been dominating the small screen for years. On his show, *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, you'll see Fallon doing everything from making "Slow Jam News" with President Obama and sharing the stage with artists such as Bruce Springsteen to having lip sync battles and parodying celebrities and iconic pop culture moments.

USA TODAY caught up with the impressionist, comedian, host and dad to talk about everything from his relationship with Lorne Michaels to his beginnings on *Saturday Night Live*. (Editor's note: This interview has been lightly edited for brevity and clarity.)

Question: Who has been your biggest mentor?

Answer: Lorne Michaels, who is a producer of the *Tonight Show* as well as 70% of every show on television and, right now, Broadway. He was my first producer, my first boss with *Satur-*

day Night Live, and we stayed friends ever since. I was 23 when I got *Saturday Night Live* and I'm 43 now, so we've been friends for 20 years.

He's the guy I go to for all advice, not just career-wise, but life-wise. If I'm renting a car, I'll call him and go, "What car should I rent?" and he'll go, "A Lexus is always nice, quiet ... it's kind of unassuming, but still luxurious." (He laughs)

I honestly recommend, if you run into him, ask him any question. He just gives really great advice.

Q: What does your career path look like?

A: My first big break was that my mom had heard about an impression contest on the radio, and they were looking for the funniest person in the Hudson Valley. I was in Upstate New York — in Socrates. It was at Bananas Comedy Club in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and it was two or three minutes of an impression. My mom said, "Jimmy, you should do this, because you do all of these voices in your bedroom, and I can hear you!"

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Steve Irwin's family brought a special guest to "The Tonight Show" on May 2.



High court ruling hurts class-action lawsuits

In 5-4 vote, employers can insist on arbitration

Richard Wolf
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court dealt an initial blow to millions of workers Monday in the first of two major disputes this term pitting corporations against labor unions.

In a 5-4 decision controlled by the court's conservative wing, the justices ruled that employers have the right to insist that labor disputes get resolved individually, rather than allowing workers to join together in class-action lawsuits.

Millions of workers routinely sign such arbitration agreements unknowingly, only to find out later that they are barred from collective action. About 25 million workers are affected by those contracts.

Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote the decision, joined by the other four conservatives on the court. It was the longest-pending case before the justices, having been heard on the first day of the term last October.

"As a matter of policy, these questions are surely debatable," Gorsuch

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The Supreme Court fight pitted corporations against labor unions.

JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Dow climbs 298 points as trade war fears with China ease

Adam Shell
USA TODAY

U.S. stocks powered higher Monday after President Trump's top Treasury official said the trade war with China is "on hold," a truce that removed a big risk from the market for now.

One of the biggest obstacles facing stocks in recent weeks has been fear that a full-blown trade war with China, the world's second-biggest economy, would break out and cause global growth to slow and corporate earnings to shrink. But over the weekend, Steven Mnuchin, the Treasury Secretary, cited "progress" in trade talks and said the economic rivals were "putting the trade war on hold."

Wall Street cheered signs that talks were moving closer to an agreement that would not do harm to markets or the global economy.

"It's a signal that neither the U.S. nor China wants a trade war and are working hard to avoid such a fate," said Joe Quinlan, chief market strategist at U. S. Trust in New York.

After finishing lower three of the past four weeks, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 1.2% Monday. The

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Alaska Airlines to eliminate plastic drink stirrers

Ben Mutzabaugh
USA TODAY

Alaska Airlines passengers will soon notice something different when they order in-flight cocktails or coffees.

No, the airline's not changing a crucial ingredient. But those plastic stirring sticks? They're about to go the way of paper tickets and empty middle seats.

Alaska Airlines will phase out plastic stirring sticks in favor of compostable versions made of white birch. Citrus picks will switch from plastic to bamboo.

It's all in the name of the environment, swapping out the single-use plastic sticks for a more sustainable option. The changes begin July 16, when Alaska starts phasing out the plastic items from its flights and frequent-flier lounges.



Instead of using plastic sticks, Alaska Airlines will switch to compostable versions made of white birch. Its citrus picks will be bamboo. ALASKA AIRLINES

Though some global airlines have pledged to gradually reduce the use of such items, Alaska Airlines says its move will make it the first in the U.S. to

eliminate them altogether.

"Plastic is a serious issue for our planet. What's important is continuing to move the global supply chain toward making sustainable materials accessible and affordable," Shaunta Hyde, Alaska Airlines' managing director-community relations, says in a statement to USA TODAY.

Single-use plastic items — such as the stirring sticks and citrus picks Alaska Airlines is set to replace — have drawn particular scrutiny by environmental groups.

In a statement detailing the change, Alaska Airlines says "plastic straws are of special concern because they cannot be recycled, and they've been shown to kill birds and other marine life."

After handing out a combined 22 million plastic stir straws and citrus picks on its flights and in its frequent-flier

lounges in 2017, Alaska Airlines hopes its shift to sustainable versions will make a difference.

Alaska Airlines also says it will introduce non-plastic, marine-friendly drinking straws for customers requesting them. Hyde says Alaska has not yet selected a compostable alternative.

More broadly, Alaska Airlines says the change is part of its overall goal to reduce its in-flight waste per passenger going to landfills by 70% by 2020.

Among the environmentally-focused changes already in place at the Seattle-based carrier: bottled beer has been replaced with aluminum cans, which are lighter and easier to recycle, according to the company.

And a policy to refill plastic cups rather than requiring a new cup for every round of beverage service has recently been reintroduced.

Fallon

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And I'm like ... "What else can you hear? Because this is creepy."

Someone had given me a Troll doll for my graduation. So I took this Troll doll and did these different celebrities auditioning to be the spokesperson for this doll. I did like 12 impressions in two minutes, and I won the contest. I won a lot of money — I want to say, like, \$500. So for two minutes of work — and I had been working since I was 13 — that was so much money. I freaked out and said "This is my future! This is it!" The cold hard truth was, no. You don't make \$500 every two minutes.

I started entering talent shows, and my dad would drive me around to different gigs. I got booked at Bananas, I was the emcee, and I worked Friday, Saturday and Sundays on top of my other job working at a beverage center. On weekends I would do stand-up, adding more voices and eventually adding music.

I went to college (the College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y.), put on my own comedy shows at St. Joseph's Hall, and then my senior year I sent my videotape out to see if anyone was looking for a comedian. A guy I used to work for — Peter Iselin — I had given him my tape and my headshots because he had said he was going out to L.A., and asked him to let me know if he saw any room for comedians. I get a call ... from him, saying they had a comedy division and the manager liked what she saw — "You're green, but she'd love to work with you. Would you consider moving to L.A.?"

I was a senior, 15 credits shy of graduating, and I told my parents that I thought I was going to drop out and move to Los Angeles. They agreed, we all pooled as much money as we could, and I moved to Los Angeles and lived on my friend's couch for three or four months before I could get my own place.

I did improv, I took classes at The Groundlings. I was very lucky out there. I got to do a lot of cool things. Long story long, I sent my tape to *Saturday Night Live* for an audition, and they said they'll take a look at it in New York. So I went to the Comic Strip in New York City and I did my Troll doll act, and I totally bombed. I was so nervous. *Saturday Night Live* said, "Don't worry about it," I'm not getting the job, and turns out they hired Tracy Morgan.

I was so depressed and went back to L.A., went back to classes at The Groundlings, went back to The Improv. And then the next year I got another call



Jimmy Fallon has been host of "The Tonight Show" since 2014. FILMMAGIC

from *Saturday Night Live*, saying they wanted to see me again but they didn't want to see the Troll doll bit — "we've already seen that." I wrote a whole new act, came back to New York and auditioned on the stage of *Saturday Night Live*, and I took pictures of everything I could with a throwaway camera I got at a drugstore. I thought I might never step foot on NBC (property) again.

I had a great audition. A lot of people kept telling me, "Don't worry about it, Lorne won't laugh."

I did an impression of Adam Sandler. He had just left the show, and no one had done an impression of Adam. And I made Lorne laugh — he put his head in his hands and laughed, and I thought, "Wow!"

I remember just floating out of there, and it took a while for them to call me. They had me meet Lorne in L.A., and he told me I got the job, so I moved back to New York for my dream job. I did *Saturday Night Live*, I had a great run there (seven seasons), and as I was leaving was asked if I ever wanted to become a talk show host, because Conan O'Brien was leaving in, like, six years.

Six years later, my movie career didn't pan out, and I got a call from Lorne and asked me if I wanted to do it.

So, I said I'll do it. NBC waffled for a little bit, they're like, "Is Jimmy Fallon the guy we want?" and Lorne stuck up for me. He said, "If you don't do it with Jimmy, I won't produce." And that's how I became a talk show host.

Q: What advice would you give someone who wants to follow in your footsteps?

A: Don't worry about money, just do it because it's fun and it's interesting for you. Keep it interesting and stay creative and keep dreaming and keep believing and it will all fall into place.

Arbitration

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said. Still, he said, "this court is not free to substitute its preferred economic policies for those chosen by the people's representatives."

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote the dissent, joined by the other three liberals. She summarized it from the bench, something justices do only rarely to signify their objections.

"When workers charge their employers with unlawful conduct — in this case, violations of laws governing wages earned and hours worked — there is strength in numbers," Ginsburg said.

As a result of the ruling, she said, "there will be huge under-enforcement of federal and state statutes designed to advance the well-being of vulnerable workers."

The high court heard oral arguments in three separate forced arbitration cases on Oct. 2. Then in February, it heard a more closely watched case chal-

lenging public employees unions' collection of fees from non-members in nearly two dozen states. The court's conservatives appear set to render another 5-4 ruling against the unions in that case.

"Unfortunately, the Supreme Court term is not over," said Craig Becker, the AFL-CIO's general counsel and a former member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The justices have been deferential in the past to arbitration agreements, which are favored by many employers as a way to resolve disputes over pay, benefits and other matters without going to court. Last year, 54% of companies reported using arbitration clauses in contracts. About one-third of the contracts barred workers from banding together.

The nation's major business trade groups lined up in favor of the three employers: Epic Systems, a Wisconsin health care software company; Ernst & Young accountants; and Murphy Oil, which operates gas stations in 26 states.

Markets

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blue-chip average gained more than 298 points and closed above 25,000, with 28 of 30 stocks in the index sporting gains. Aircraft maker Boeing and Caterpillar, which makes heavy earth-moving equipment, led the Dow with gains of 3.6% and 2.1%, respectively.

Both China and the U.S. agreed to suspend proposed tariffs — including the U.S.'s planned \$150 billion of import levies on Chinese imports — as they continue to try to hammer out a deal and reduce tensions.

And while "it's not even close to a done deal," according to Don Luskin, chief investment officer at TrendMacro, "it's now obvious that there is a way forward, and that's a good thing."

The temporary reprieve on the trade-war front, however, isn't the only thing on the minds of investors. Here are some key things Wall Street will be watching this week:

■ Dow turns positive for year: The Dow started the week fractionally lower for the year but turned positive for 2018 with Monday's rally. The Dow also finished the day above 25,000 level for the first time since March 13. The

three other major U.S. stock indexes, the large-company Standard & Poor's 500, the tech-stock dominated Nasdaq and the small-company Russell 2000, are all solidly in positive territory for the year.

■ Rising dollar's impact: The U.S. dollar is at a five-month high. And while a strong buck signals economic strength, it's a negative for big multinational companies that get a large chunk of their sales from overseas. That's because a stronger dollar makes U.S. goods and services sold abroad more expensive, which could cause both sales and earnings growth to slow.

Small stocks, however, are shielded from the negative impact of a strong dollar because they get most, if not all, of their sales in the U.S. That insulation from currency challenges is a big reason why the Russell 2000 last week became the first of the U.S. stock indexes to break out to a record high following the 10% correction in February. The index closed at another peak Monday and is up 6.6% in 2018.

■ Retail earnings in spotlight: Investors will be looking to see how U.S. shoppers are feeling and how store-focused retailers are faring as sales turn increasingly online when companies such as Kohl's, Coach, Ralph Lauren, Target, Tiffany, Best Buy and Gap report quarterly results.



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Putting your focus on your phone while driving is a recipe for disaster, but apps can help curb the temptation. GETTY IMAGES

Apple, Google tools aim to limit distracted driving

Feature on iPhone better integrated than Android

Rob Pegoraro
Special to USA TODAY

Giving your phone a rest when you're driving is always a good call, but the tools Apple and Google offer to help you focus on the road can be easy to miss.

Here's a reminder of how to use them. Please read it and heed it before you head out for Memorial Day.

On iPhones running the current iOS 11 software, you should have gotten a prompt to enable Apple's "Do Not Disturb while driving" option the first time your iPhone detected motion akin to driving. But if you ignored that, you should revisit this "do not disturb" feature, which suppresses notifications and only shows turn-by-turn navigation on the lock screen.

In the Settings app, tap "Do Not Disturb" and scroll down to change the feature's activation options. "Automatically" turns it on if the iPhone's motion sensors pick up auto-like acceleration (so it will work if you're in a rented or borrowed car), while "When Connected to Car Bluetooth" relies on the phone pairing to your car's Bluetooth wireless (which avoids it being confused by non-car movement).

"Manually" requires you to activate do not disturb-while-driving from the Control Center. By default, iOS' Control Center doesn't show an icon for this mode. To fix that, go to the Settings app,



This feature in iOS 11 aims to keep you safe at the wheel. APPLE

select "Control Center" and then "Customize Controls."

At least most iOS users seem to be taking advantage of this help. A study released in February by the Cambridge, Mass., insurance marketplace EverQuote found about 80% of iPhone users with its EverDrive safe-driving app installed were using Apple's do-not-disturb feature at the start of last fall.

That study did not cover adoption of Google's Android Auto app, but since that app isn't installed by default, odds are the figure is lower. This program, not the same as the in-car interface many car manufacturers now ship, has offered drivers a stripped-down front end for Android since 2016.

It's not as restrictive as Apple's car-

mode feature, since it can play music, lets calls through and will offer to read aloud incoming texts and invite you to voice-dictate replies to them. But it does hide other sources of distraction. No Facebook notifications or interoffice emails will pop up.

You can set Android Auto to launch automatically when your phone connects to your car's Bluetooth. If your vehicle is Bluetooth-deprived, put this app's icon right in the center of your phone's home screen, but be aware that it won't default to answering calls in speakerphone mode.

There's no option to have Android Auto launch every time a phone detects a car's motion, although Google did add an automatic do-not-disturb mode to its Pixel 2 line in November.

Since the next version of Android is already set to include features to curtail your screen time, making Android Auto easier to discover would be a sensible addition to that upcoming release when it ships in the third quarter. Android Auto is a good app, but its 10 million-plus downloads mean it hasn't even gotten out of the parking lot compared to Google's Waze traffic-navigation app, which now touts more than 100 million downloads.

And drivers unquestionably need the help. A second EverQuote study, released in April, found 37% of unsafe-driving trips recorded by EverDrive involved handheld smartphone use — as in, with no indication from the device's motion sensors that it was being kept in a dashboard mount.

Take a sneak peek at the holographic RED phone

New device on sale soon at AT&T and Verizon

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USA TODAY

HOLLYWOOD — It looks like a smartphone, it acts like a smartphone, but once you see the screen on the RED Hydrogen One, you realize you've never seen anything like it.

Hyped as the world's first "holographic media machine that fits in your pocket," the new smartphone from video camera-maker RED creates images that pop out of a camera — like watching a big-screen 3-D movie — but with no glasses.

Starting this summer, AT&T and Verizon will sell RED Hydrogen One. No pricing was announced for the phone, which is on the Android platform, but company officials said to expect the cost to be about 10% higher than the iPhone X, which starts at \$999.

RED, which makes high-end video cameras beloved by filmmakers, staged a sneak peek of its upcoming Hydrogen ONE smartphone over the weekend, where people got to see the technology with their own eyes.

Holding the phone, it feels a little larger and heavier than others, bigger than an iPhone 8 Plus.

When customers get their phones, they'll be able to shoot their own photos and videos in what RED calls the 4View mode.

But it's not holograms as we remember from the *Star Wars* movies. Instead, it's an effect RED founder Jim Jannard calls 4-D, pictures that look fully dimensional and pop off the screen. In theory, that means you will be able to look around, below and even into the screen's image.



The RED Hydrogen One phone promises a 4-D holographic display. JEFFERSON GRAHAM/USA TODAY

Protect your router before Russian hackers attack it



Tech Talk
Kim Komando

A few weeks ago, the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) issued an alert about state-supported Russian hackers carrying out attacks against a large number of home routers in the U.S. These hackers are organized, motivated and well-funded.

They're not a bunch of misanthropic nerds sitting in basements. They're getting paid to steal your digital credentials. These Russian hackers reportedly are using known weaknesses to infiltrate residential routers and utilize them to get a foothold on a network.

This is a big deal. When your router is compromised, a hacker can inflict damage, not just on the router itself, but on every connected device running on your network. Any device using your home Internet is vulnerable.

Once your router is hacked, it lets criminals execute these further attacks:

- Identify other vulnerable devices in the network.
- Read your gadget configurations.
- Map your internal network.
- Harvest usernames and passwords.
- Impersonate administrators.
- Modify firmware.

- Modify operating systems.
 - Change configurations.
 - Spy on your traffic and redirect it through Russian-controlled servers.
- Ways to keep them at bay:

Update the router's firmware

Your router's firmware is designed to keep your network safe. If you don't update the firmware, hackers can easily find flaws to exploit.

Updating firmware isn't as hard as it sounds. You can find your router's admin page usually using a browser; each setup is a little different, depending on your operating system and router model. Once you're in the router's admin page, find the section called "Advanced" or "Management" to look for firmware updates. Just download and apply. Check for router firmware updates at least once every three months.

Every hacker worth his salt has access to all the default passwords of every router brand, so you need to create one of your own that's strong.

Turn off remote administration

"Remote administration" is the ability to use your computer from another location. You could log onto some other computer (down the block or in another



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country) and use the Internet to log onto your computer back home. This tool can be magical, especially if you've called tech support and you need a technician to fix something from the Philippines.

But if hackers break in, they can also manipulate your computer in real time.

While you're in your router's administrator page, turn off remote administration for better security. You can find this under your router settings, usually under the "Remote Administration" heading.

While you're at it, you can turn off other Internet management protocols such as Telnet, TFTP, SNMP and SMI.

Check your DNS settings

IBM Security, Packet Clearing House

and The Global Cyber Alliance have a free service to give you better security and privacy while accessing the Internet. It's called the Quad9 Domain Name System (DNS) service, and it is designed to protect Internet users from accessing sketchy websites known for spreading malware, stealing personal information and fraudulent activity. Each time you click on a Web link, Quad9 will check the site against IBM-X-Force's threat intelligence database of more than 40 billion analyzed Web pages and images.

When set as the DNS server on the router or gateway level, Quad9 can protect smart appliances and Internet-connected devices from cyberattacks by blocking known remote hosts responsible for botnets and malware infections.

Turn on your guest network

In theory, a "guest network" is designed for people visiting your house or office. This separate network keeps your devices separate from theirs, especially if you're in the habit of file-sharing.

You can do this by setting up a different Wi-Fi router or by simply enabling your router's "Guest Network" option, a popular feature for most routers. This segregation will also work to protect your smart gadgets including cameras, lights and appliances.

ASK HUMAN RESOURCES

Making the adjustment to an office cubicle



Johnny C. Taylor Jr.
Special to USA TODAY

Johnny C. Taylor Jr., a human-resources expert, is tackling your questions as part of a series for USA TODAY. Taylor is president and CEO of the Society for Human Resource Management, the world's largest HR professional society.

Questions submitted by readers and Taylor's answers below have been edited for length and clarity.

Question: I have been working for seven years at this company and have always had an office. I was recently moved to a new team and found out this week that I am being moved to a cubicle in a high-traffic area. What is the best way to voice my concern about needing a different location so I can remain focused, efficient and set up to succeed in my new role? — Kashley

Taylor: Because we spend a significant portion of our lives at work, our workspace is very important to us.

Moving from a private workspace to a cubicle — especially one in a high-traffic area — can be a transition.

Consider how you can adjust your workspace to meet your needs. Sound-canceling devices such as a white-noise machine, noise-canceling headphones, earbuds or a fan/air purifier are helpful to some people.

If this doesn't address your concerns, talk with your supervisor. A quieter cubicle space elsewhere or adjusting your space with higher cubicle walls might do the trick.

If not, you could scope out and utilize unused spaces such as a conference room, interview room or lunch room for times when the noise and commotion get to be too much. Or, you could ask your employer about occasionally working from home.

If you present concerns to your supervisor, speak specifically and share examples of how your workspace affects your ability to focus and be productive. Decreases in productivity, increases in personal frustration and challenges with focus would all support your request for a different workspace.

But don't just bring up the problem. Share a few potential solutions. Know that your first solution may not be feasible, so having an alternative will demonstrate flexibility and a commitment to finding the best resolution possible.

Wherever you end up working, take a positive attitude with you.

Q: My niece, who owns a small business, can't find people for her job openings, and two other companies in town have to shuttle people in from surrounding communities to work. In our rural area, farmers can't even find farmhands. Where are the workers? — Anonymous

Taylor: Your community isn't alone. Businesses across the United States are asking the same question. Competition for skilled workers is one of the biggest issues currently affecting employers.

Smaller communities — especially those far from major metropolitan areas — are up against some of the biggest challenges.

There are two primary ways employers can be competitive and attract and keep talented workers.

First, create a compelling argument to attract potential employees by explaining and showing the advantages of working for you rather than another company.

Second, be inclusive and expand your recruiting to include new sources of talented workers. People with disabilities, older workers and retirees, people with criminal backgrounds, veterans and those without higher education degrees are untapped talent pools.

While degrees, previous job titles and matching work experience are valid considerations in making hiring decisions, many companies still place too much emphasis on these factors.

If the business is a service that does not require customer contact, consider virtual employees who can handle issues via email, phone or other ways.

Confessions of a GPS addict: How I'm trying to kick the habit



Your Digital Life
Steven Petrow
USA TODAY

For several years now I've worried that I've lost my inner compass, that I've become a GPS addict.

That's why I said no to the navigation option on my new car a year ago. I'd become that person who never looked at maps and drives like a zombie from here to there.

In foregoing the navigation, I also had visions of resurrecting the old-time ways of getting around — recalling landmarks (“go left at the Methodist church”) and planning a trip by arguing over a paper map with a friend. (“No, we need to go this way!”)

I'm not entirely foolhardy, of course: In case of emergency, I always had my iPhone, with its built-in maps and ride-on-demand apps. My phone was my insurance policy.

Alas, my backup plan didn't help me recently when I found myself lost in Los Angeles — completely adrift — with no battery life left. Without my iPhone I couldn't call Fred, who I had planned to meet for dinner, to say I'd be late. (Never mind that while we've been friends for two decades, I had no idea what his cell number was.)

Nor had I paid attention to the name of the restaurant he'd texted me earlier. Which didn't matter much, since I had no way to get there, anyway. I couldn't request an Uber, and I couldn't even get a taxi to pick me up without providing a phone number to confirm my location.

It wasn't always this way.
I wasn't always this way.

The good old days

In 1976, I'd managed to fly from New York to Luxembourg, catch a train to Paris and meet my friend Gail at our pre-designated hotel on New Year's Eve. We'd made our plan weeks earlier — talking on a landline before she flew overseas — et voilà, our adventure unfolded as planned. (Had there been a flight change or train delay, I actually knew the name of the hotel.)

In those days, I lived the aphorism, “It's the journey, not the destination,” especially as I drove between college in North Carolina and home in New York City. Interstate 95 was direct and fast, but the merest wink of a roadside sign could lure me off the highway to explore a little town, a botanical garden or a historical monument.

With my gas station map I would trace a path through unknown lands, eventually finding my way back to the Interstate. When road signs failed me, I relied on my senses. I knew where the sun rose and set; I most certainly did not need a phone's “compass” feature to find true north.

When I did get lost, I was late — but so what? My diversions were rich in the unexpected, and I paid attention to the world around me. I might stop and ask a complete stranger for directions, which more often than not led to unexpected conversations.

One impromptu chat with a farmer near Dobson, N.C., led this city boy to a short stint working on a farm castrating pigs.

In fact, I loved getting lost so much that in the 1980s my friend Kurt and I set off on a series of road trips with just that goal. We'd drive over the San Francisco Bay Bridge toward Oakland, then make a predetermined succession of rights and lefts, stopping only when our stomachs growled. One memorable trip took us to the historic town of Benicia, where we ate lunch at the famed Union Hotel. Delicious. Another dumped us at an oil refinery. Oh well.

By midlife, I didn't have time for such adventures. Instead, I focused on getting to my destination quickly. I blindly followed my car's GPS navigator without paying attention to my surroundings. Since I never turned on my brain's own map, I couldn't find my way back to the same location a second time. I'd become like the Steve Carrell character in *The Office*, in which the GPS orders him to drive his car right into a lake.

I rarely made a wrong turn, but I couldn't find my way.

For guidance, I called Nora Newcombe, a professor at Temple University and an expert on spatial navigation. She explained that when we use GPS, we don't “build up a primitive cognitive map.” Where is the lake? The river? “You don't even know where



Try visualizing your next trip on a paper map. PEOPLEIMAGES/GETTY IMAGES

north is,” she bluntly stated. “You're just lost.”

My Los Angeles adventure brought it all home for me. After lunch one day, my friend Fred and I split on separate pursuits. With the meeting done, a colleague volunteered to drive me to a nearby Von's grocery store to pick up a bottle of wine. With my battery life fading fast, I texted Fred: “Just getting stuff at Vons. Then will Uber home” to our Airbnb, whose address was in my phone but not my brain.

In the seeming blink of an eye my iPhone died, and I realized the consequences of my laziness: Not memorizing phone numbers. Not registering the restaurant name. Not even remembering exactly where I was staying. Not knowing where I was. Not being present in my own experience.

This weekend as I head out for a road trip, I'll bring along an old-style map to plot my route. I've also stashed the phone numbers of my “favorite” friends in my wallet — just in case battery failure strikes twice.

Alas, I am aware that no solution is perfect. A few weeks ago, driving at dusk, I turned to my paper map (which

I'd printed out from MapQuest with just a wee sense of irony). With the light fading and my eyesight no longer in its prime, I couldn't read the map (nor could I use two fingers to enlarge it). In a moment of near-panic, I turned to my iPhone, which quickly corrected my course.

The takeaway

Plan your next trip on an old-fashioned map so that you can visualize where you're going.

Try memorizing the directions so that you can pay attention to the sights.

Don't be shy about stopping to ask for directions. Though exercise caution — not all strangers have your best intentions at heart.

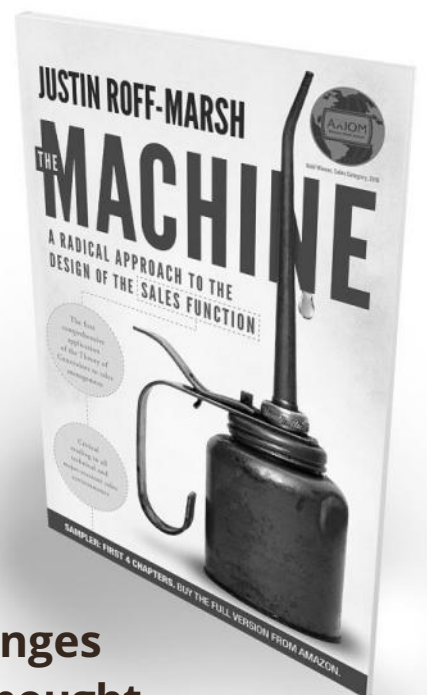
Orient yourself. Know where north is, or whether the lake is east or west.

Have a backup charger for your phone. Don't rely 100% on your phone for contact information. Print out a cheat sheet of important numbers.

Happy trails.

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Walmart No. 1 (again) on 'Fortune 500' list

Amazon moves into top 10 for first time

Kevin McCoy
USA TODAY

Walmart is the biggest winner in *Fortune* magazine's annual Fortune 500 ranking of the nation's largest corporations, grabbing the top spot for the 14th time and sixth year in a row.

The Bentonville, Ark.-based retailing giant last year became the first company in U.S. history to generate \$500 billion in annual sales, *Fortune* reported Monday in the business magazine's rankings for 2017.

Other winners on the annual list included energy giant Exxon Mobil, which returned to the No. 2 spot, and e-tailing and delivery conglomerate Amazon, which moved into the top 10 for the first time and ranks eighth.

Apple fell one spot to the ranking's fourth position despite a 6% gain in annual sales. Nonetheless, the tech giant grabbed the title of the Fortune 500's most valuable company. Reporting \$48 billion in profits, Apple led all companies in that category for the fourth consecutive year, *Fortune* said.

Other corporations in the top 10 included billionaire investor Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway, UnitedHealth Group, health care company McKesson, pharmacy and health company CVS, communications giant AT&T and General Motors.

Fortune 500 corporations returned an average of 18% to their shareholders in 2017, the magazine said.

Streaming media leader Netflix led all U.S. companies in 10-year annual returns to shareholders through 2017, *Fortune* said.

Electronic-chip maker and artificial intelligence company Nvidia soared more than 80



Walmart, which has topped the Fortune 500 rankings six years in a row, was followed by Exxon Mobil and Amazon. GETTY IMAGES

spots in this year's ranking and led all Fortune 500 companies in five-year annual returns to shareholders through 2017, the magazine said.

In all, Fortune 500 companies represent two-thirds of U.S. gross domestic product with \$12.8 trillion in revenues, \$1 trillion in profits and \$21.6 trillion in market value.

The corporations collectively employ 28.2 million people around the world, the magazine said.

Who's No. 1?

Only three companies have held the No. 1 spot on the Fortune 500 list since its creation in 1955: General Motors, Exxon Mobil and Walmart.

Women power waning?

The 2017 rankings had 24 women CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, down from 32 in 2016.

State bragging rights

New York has the most companies in the 2017 rankings with 58. California took second place with 49, followed by Texas with 48.

First-time winners

Seventeen companies debuted on the Fortune 500 list for 2017, including fragrance

and beauty product company Coty, beauty store chain Ulta Beauty, Conduent, a technology company that provides digital platforms for government and business, and ForTive, a technology company focused on field instrumentation, transportation and other sectors.

Corporate departures

In all, 25 companies fell from

the annual list, including Mat-tel, Staples, Yahoo and Whole Foods.

Market value

Four of the latest Fortune 500 companies have at least \$500 billion in market value. The list includes Apple, Alphabet, the parent company of online search giant Google, Microsoft and Amazon, the magazine said.

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Over 10 million meals have been sold, and sales continue to skyrocket for the meal kit delivery service Martha & Marley Spoon.

"My kits make it possible for even the busiest of us to make delicious and easy meals. Customers love the fresh ingredients and the amount of time they save," said Martha Stewart.

A closer look at this convenience-enabling phenomenon suggests it was just a matter of time before sales took off.

A simple solution for Americans of all ages -- seniors in particular -- Martha & Marley Spoon is perfect for those who want to enjoy healthy, nutritious and fresh dinners in just 30 minutes a day. Martha & Marley Spoon sends Martha Stewart's trusted recipes and fresh, pre-portioned ingredients directly to your door.

Unlike other meal kit companies, Martha & Marley Spoon works with award-winning producers and purveyors so that you get fresh, healthy, and delicious ingredients in every meal.

Best of all, ingredients go from the farm to your table (instead of spending 2 weeks in a truck traveling to local supermarkets), food waste is reduced (Americans waste 187 pounds of fresh produce annually), and you can save hundreds of dollars per year (Americans throw away \$24 billion in produce alone each year).

Martha-Approved Meals In 30 Minutes A Day

The Martha & Marley Spoon culinary team is led by 14-year industry veteran Jennifer Aaronson, who earned her chops in the test kitchens of Martha Stewart Living.

Aaronson has condensed decades of experience into a once-weekly "meal kit" that lets consumers make delicious, restaurant-quality meals in just 30 minutes a day and at a fraction of the cost of eating out -- without planning, shopping, or kitchen stress.

With Martha & Marley Spoon, consumers eat delicious dinners, break bread with loved ones, and feel better about what they're eating.

Best of all is the simplicity of the service.

First, consumers choose from Martha's delicious 30-40 minute recipes. There are 7 new dishes and 3 customer favorites available each week, many of which come from the thousands of recipes Martha Stewart has shared through her television shows, books, magazines, and website over the years.

The team sends the recipes, along with all of the pre-portioned ingredients needed to cook them, directly to customers' doors in a chilled, insulated box. By delivering the exact quantities, there's never any food waste or half-used ingredients rotting in the back of the fridge.

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The deal includes a "Shop Your Way"-branded Mastercard. SEARS

Sears stock rises amid \$425M deal with Citi

Nathan Bomey
USA TODAY

If you're using the Sears credit card to "shop your way," you may find the discounts and deals are about to get better.

But the best deal of all will be for Sears' parent company, which is about to get a much-needed injection of \$425 million due to the upgraded credit-card deal with Citi.

Sears Holdings, which has both the Sears and Kmart chains, announced Monday that it is extending and enhancing its deal with the bank for a Mastercard branded with the retailer's Shop Your Way loyalty program.

The changes include improved card benefits, such as additional points for certain purchases, including eligible items at Sears and Kmart stores.

For Sears, which faces a financial crisis as its sales suffer, the deal provides fresh financial runway.

Citi is paying \$425 million as

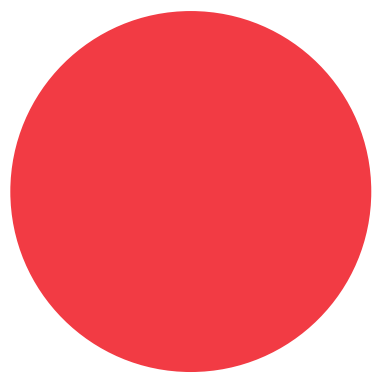
part of the arrangement.

Sears' stock soared 10.9% to \$3.98 in pre-market trading as investors celebrated the sudden influx of cash, but it settled back later in the day to \$3.63, up 1.1% and essentially unchanged from Friday.

To extend the new terms of the deal through Dec. 31, 2020, Sears gave up the right to purchase certain assets tied to the credit-card program.

"We're extremely proud of our longstanding relationship with Citi and are excited that this best-in-class offer which rewards Shop Your Way members for activity in their daily lives is now an ongoing part of the value proposition for cardholders," Sears CEO Edward Lampert said in a statement.

Shop Your Way Mastercard now includes 5% back in points on certain purchases at gas stations, 3% back on certain purchases at grocery stores and restaurants, 2% back on eligible items at Sears and Kmart and 1% on "other eligible purchases."



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FIRST WORD

“Tennis is such a selfish sport, but I think when there's a child in your life you lose a little bit of that, because there's something that's so much more important. So yeah, I definitely think that would be a nice change.”

Maria Sharapova, along with several other top women's tennis stars, thought Serena Williams deserved to be seeded in the French Open. In her first major tournament since maternity leave, Williams won't be seeded when play begins Sunday, officials announced Monday. Williams was No. 1 in the world when she left the tour. But after giving birth to her daughter in September and just recently returning to action, she is ranked No. 453. As a result, the 23-time Grand Slam tournament champion could end up facing highly ranked players in the early rounds. Sharapova's comments came at the Italian Open, before the French Open made its announcement. The WTA Tour said it is considering a rule change to add protected seeding for highly ranked players returning from maternity leave but the earliest that could take effect is next year.

NOTABLE NUMBER

31,000

Square-foot home near Orlando put up for sale by basketball's Shaquille O'Neal with a list price of \$28 million. The two-story, Isleworth estate in Windermere, Fla., included an indoor basketball court, 12 bedrooms, a 17-car showroom-style garage and gym and a recording and dance studio. According to Elise Ramer of Premier Sotheby's International Realty, the NBA star decided to sell the home because since becoming a basketball analyst for TNT he has not been spending as much time at the home.

LAST WORD

“The MLS has huge ambitions to be one of the biggest and leading leagues in the world and is on that trajectory. Both as a soccer fan and an executive in the industry, it's something I've had my eye on because it's important.”

Ian Ayre, first CEO of Nashville's MLS club and ex-CEO of Liverpool in the English Premier League, confirming his hire to *The (Nashville) Tennessean*. Staff and wire reports

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Home playoff games won in a row by the Warriors in 2017 and 2018¹, breaking the record of 15 set by the Bulls from 1990 to 1991.

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NFL must stand against any anti-kneeling policy



Jarrett Bell
Columnist
USA TODAY

Memo to NFL owners: Forcing players to stand for the national anthem would be a huge mistake. ¶ Sure, football players undoubtedly love their country and respect the armed forces. Yet with the owners set to begin two days of meetings Tuesday

— the agenda includes discussion of possibly revising the anthem policy to effectively adopt an anti-kneeling clause — it is a great time for the league to prove just how much it gets it by ... doing nothing to bully players over this issue. ¶ Besides, an anti-kneeling policy would seem rather hollow with Colin Kaepernick and his former San Francisco 49ers teammate, safety Eric Reid, out of work as they pursue collusion cases against the NFL. **See NFL, Page 3C**

Former 49ers players Eric Reid and Colin Kaepernick, above, have sued the NFL alleging collusion after they knelt during the national anthem. MICHAEL ZAGARIS/GETTY IMAGES

MLB gamers fond of 'Fortnite' in downtime

Gabe Lacques
USA TODAY

Along with running, throwing, fielding, hitting and hitting for power, there's another skill invaluable to baseball players beyond the five holy tools: killing time.

From the days of train travel to the dawn of smartphones, the methods for managing downtime have evolved. Now, perhaps, the ultimate force has emerged to connect ballplayers of all stripes — more mobile than a card game, more inclusive than a golf foursome, more weatherproof than an afternoon on the fishing boat or in the deer stand.

Fortnite — the open-world, co-op survival video game — might eventually be a footnote within baseball's zeitgeist. Right now, however, it has a hold on the game that stretches from



college dorms to the basements of minor league host families, to the clubhouses and private jets and luxury hotel rooms of the major leagues.

“I've never seen anything catch the public eye like this has,” Tampa Bay Rays first baseman C.J. Cron says.

Certainly, the marriage of ballplayer and video game is nothing new. There isn't a major leaguer left who didn't

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Hot Curry not good for foes

Sam Amick
USA TODAY

OAKLAND — For Houston or any team facing Golden State, there is no better sight than a struggling Steph Curry.

In a time when the Warriors have been seen as indomitable, off-target shots and missing mojo from the two-time MVP are the strongest forms of kryptonite. So when his mini-struggle in the Western Conference finals came to an end in Game 3 on Sunday, with Curry erupting during the third quarter and declaring Oracle Arena is “my (expletive) house,” the Rockets weren't the only ones disappointed to see him return to form.

The league at large would be just fine if Curry went the way of Charles Barkley in *Space Jam* and lost his su-

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500-1 Golden Knights four wins from title

Jimmy Hascup
USA TODAY

The Vegas Golden Knights have advanced to the Stanley Cup Final in their first season in the NHL. They have rolled through the playoffs — a sweep in Round 1, a six-game victory in the second round and five games in the conference finals — to continue the best inaugural season in professional sports history.

Here are some fun facts about their remarkable run.

500-1 odds: That's right. The Golden Knights were the longest of long shots to win the Stanley Cup. Now they are four wins from doing it. If someone had put down \$10, they would win \$5,010 for a Vegas victory.

No surprise: The Golden Knights finished the regular season with the fifth-

best record in the NHL at 51-24-7. In a sense, their success in the playoffs should not be too stunning.

New faces, new places: The NHL's expansion draft allowed the 30 other teams to protect seven forwards and three defensemen and one goalie or eight forwards/defensemen and one goalie. While teams enter a season with a few new faces and a majority who have played with one another, this team thrived as "the Golden Misfits," with a group that had never been together until the start of the season.

Marc-Andre Fleury stars: The Golden Knights goalie won three Stanley Cups with the Penguins, though he was relegated to a backup role in the 2016 and 2017 runs. After posting a .927 save percentage and 29-13-4 record in the regular season, Fleury is now the Conn

Smythe (playoff MVP) favorite with an 11-3 record and .945 SV%.

Owner Bill Foley was realistic: He said the goal was to make the playoffs in three years and win the Stanley Cup in six.

Coach Gerard Gallant can get any ride he wants: After he was fired by the Panthers in November 2016 following a 96-64-25 record and a playoff appearance, Gallant had to find his own taxi to the airport. The job he has done in Vegas — without big names entering the season — can't be praised enough.

They have no captain: But they have six alternate captains. Veteran defenseman Deryk Engelland accepted the Campbell Bowl, given to the Western Conference champions, from NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly.

Home-ice advantage: Vegas went

29-10-2 at T-Mobile Arena this season. The Golden Knights are 6-1 there in the playoffs. After losing their second home game on Oct. 15, they did not lose again at home until Nov. 28, a span of eight games without a loss.

Leading scorer breakout: While Jonathan Marchessault leads the team in points/goals in the playoffs, no story tops William Karlsson's. The 25-year-old had 15 goals in two full seasons before this one. This year: 43 goals in the regular season and six goals and 10 points in the playoffs.

Used five goalies this season: Injuries caused them to dip into organizational depth — Fleury, Malcolm Subban, Maxime Lagace, Oscar Dansk, Dylan Ferguson. Ferguson, 19, was a seventh-round pick who had to be recalled from the Western Hockey League.

QB transfers tend to earn higher passing grades

Paul Myerberg
USA TODAY

Former Clemson quarterback Hunter Johnson is the latest high-profile recruit at his position to transfer. Using the composite rankings from 247Sports.com, five of the eight five-star quarterbacks from the 2015 through 2017 recruiting cycles switched teams at least once during their college careers.

One of those prospects, Blake Barnett, is on his third program — from Alabama to Arizona State to South Florida.

How often do transfers pan out? Well, a former transfer went first overall in the recent NFL draft: Baker Mayfield began at Texas Tech before shuttling over to Oklahoma.

This week's Top 10 list takes a look at the past decade to ask: Who are the most successful quarterbacks to start their career at one Football Bowl Subdivision program and end it at another?

1. Baker Mayfield

Mayfield is the most successful transfer in the history of college football — not just at quarterback but at any position. The former Texas Tech walk-on spent one season with the Red Raiders before heading to Oklahoma, and the rest was history. As a senior, Mayfield threw for 4,627 yards and 43 touchdowns in winning the Heisman Trophy and leading the Sooners to the second College Football Playoff appearance of his tenure.

2. Cam Newton

In another universe, Newton replaces Tim Tebow as Florida's starter in 2010, Urban Meyer is still with the Gators and Michigan has won a Big Ten Conference title. How it actually played out: Newton left Florida in 2008 amid accusations of academic cheating, spent a year tearing up the junior college ranks and then led Auburn to a national title and won the Heisman in 2010. His one and only season with the Tigers was dominant.

3. Russell Wilson

Wilson's the lone graduate transfer on this list, maybe for good reason. While annually touted as the one missing piece of a given team's equation, graduate transfer quarterbacks bomb more often than not. But Wilson is one



Grad transfer Russell Wilson left North Carolina State for Wisconsin, where he had 33 TD passes and seven other TDs. MARY LANGENFELD/USA TODAY SPORTS

clear exception.

4. Max Hall

Hall began his college career at Arizona State, only to transfer to Brigham Young after the conclusion of a Latter-Day Saints mission in 2006. The three-time all-Mountain West Conference pick ended his Brigham Young University career with 11,365 yards and 94 touchdowns passing while the Cougars went 32-7 overall with just three losses in conference play.

5. Ryan Mallett

Mallett was a big-name recruit who originally inked with Michigan under the belief his powerful arm fit into the

Wolverines' tried-and-true, pro-style offense. Hiring Rich Rodriguez changed that equation. After starting three games as a freshman in 2007, Mallett transferred to Arkansas, sat out the 2008 season and then threw for 62 touchdowns in his two years in Bobby Petrino's offense.

6. Jake Coker

Jameis Winston ensured that Coker would never see the field in a starting role at Florida State, leading Coker to transfer to Alabama before the 2014 season. After one year as the Tide's backup, Coker ascended to the starting role in 2015. The numbers were pretty good, though not jaw-dropping: Coker completed about two-thirds of his attempts

for more than 3,000 yards and 21 touchdowns. But he led Alabama to the national title as a senior, joining Newton as the only transfer quarterbacks to do so in the past 10 years.

7. Nick Marshall

Marshall came close: He led Auburn to the 2013 Southeastern Conference title — quarterbacking the Tigers in the famous "Kick Six" game against rival Alabama — and nearly led the Tigers past Florida State in the final year of the Bowl Championship Series. The former Georgia transfer wasn't a great thrower, though his athleticism lent another dimension to Gus Malzahn's offense. Another Georgia transfer, Zach Mettenberger, would start for LSU from 2012 to 2013.

8. Nick Foles

The hero of the Eagles' Super Bowl run began his college career at Michigan State, in a quarterback room that included two other future NFL starters — Kirk Cousins and Brian Hoyer. Lost in the shuffle, Foles transferred to Arizona, where he accounted for more than 10,000 passing yards and 71 total touchdowns from 2009 to 2011. As a senior, Foles led the Pac-12 and ranked fifth nationally with 4,329 yards.

9. Riley Ferguson

Here's a recent graduate from the Group of Five ranks: Ferguson started off at Tennessee and vied for the starting job in 2013 and 2014 before heading to junior college. After one year at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas, he surfaced at Memphis. He blossomed under Mike Norvell, setting a program record (32) for TD passes as a junior and then breaking his own mark (38) as a senior.

10. Jacoby Brissett

Florida opted for Jeff Driskel instead of Brissett in 2011 and 2012 — in hindsight, not a great decision. After two frustrating years with the Gators, Brissett transferred to North Carolina State and hit on his potential. He threw for 5,268 yards, ran for 899 yards and accounted for 52 total touchdowns before being taken in the third round of the 2016 NFL draft.

NFL

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That Kaepernick, a quarterback in his prime, can't land a job in a league with a fair share of sorry passers is about as un-American as it gets. Reid's only legitimate sniff on the free agent market abruptly ended when he wouldn't promise Cincinnati Bengals owner Mike Brown that he wouldn't kneel to further protest police brutality and other social injustices victimizing African Americans.

The NFL is fashioned as a meritocracy, open for the best players to claim jobs based on competition. Yet in the case of Kaepernick and now Reid, we know better. Whether they can prove collusion or not, this is what being blackballed looks like.

For a league that supposedly frowns on teams asking draft prospects about their sexuality, questions about whether players might exercise their constitutional rights during the anthem as a condition of employment needs to be declared off limits, too.

Often-battered Commissioner Roger Goodell repeatedly states that he won't get involved in the "personnel decisions" of teams. Yet I suspect that predecessor Paul Tagliabue and now-deceased NFL Players Association chief Gene Upshaw might have worked through some back channels if confronted with the type of issues flowing out of the protests.

In any event, the least that Goodell can do would be to ensure that one of the ideas floated in recent weeks — that teams can devise their own anthem policies — never comes to fruition. It's one thing for teams to favor a player based on his background in a particular scheme or to be turned off due to locker room chemistry issues. But to spit in the face of American values the flag is supposed to represent by refusing to hire someone who might kneel during the anthem is such a slippery slope for a league that has employed players (and others) convicted or accused of all sorts of transgressions.

Besides, while the league allows teams to generate some internal revenue with local marketing and stadium deals, so much about the NFL (and its success as the nation's most popular sport) has

been about uniformity and standards set from the league level. Teams share equally in massive TV contracts. There's a global labor deal and drug policy. Teams split proceeds from Super Bowl bids and expansion fees.

No need to go against that principle during *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

To allow teams to exercise their own anthem policies would be akin to pouring gas on a fire — kind of like Donald Trump did last September while spewing red-meat rhetoric to his supporters during a rally in Alabama. "Get that son of a bitch off the field right now," as his grand solution. Before Trump's declaration, you could probably count the number of protesting players across the league on one hand.

Bad for business? That's a rationalization you'll hear from some supporters of an anthem policy. Yet the same people who grumble that players are using the NFL stage to protest have no issue wrapping that same stage in patriotism — with symbols that mean different things to different people in this culturally diverse society.

Like it or not, the convergence of sports and societal issues doesn't need to go

away. It needs to be accepted. If players are compelled to make a peaceful gesture on behalf of people who don't have a voice, so be it. What's the harm? It might even raise consciousness that could lead to positive action.

What NFL owners need to adopt is a do-right policy. League support of initiatives that are ongoing with the Players Coalition — led by Philadelphia Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins, former stud wideout Anquan Boldin and Doug Baldwin, the dynamic Seahawks receiver — is a much-needed, long overdue step toward pursuing solutions. The protest-to-progress mind-set is clearly legitimate, and the NFL's clout can't hurt with the type of reform that the coalition is pursuing.

Yet with Kaepernick and Reid still ostracized (and linked to a rift with the coalition), a "sell-out" perception lingers that the coalition members exchanged their right to protest while leaving dissenters to fend for themselves.

No, now is not the time for an iron-clad policy forcing players to stand for the anthem. It's the time to acknowledge some truths, like we're all part of the American melting pot.

NBA

DiVincenzo's draft stock soars since title game

Scored 31 in Villanova's championship clincher

Scott Gleeson
USA TODAY

CHICAGO — Ask Villanova national title hero Donte DiVincenzo how often he thinks about the game that put him on the map, and he sounds more like a college basketball star driven to make an even bigger name for himself in the NBA than a one-hit wonder who parlayed a Most Outstanding Player performance in the Final Four into unlikely draft attention.

"Never. I'm not one to sit at a table and brag about it," DiVincenzo told reporters at the NBA draft combine. "I view myself as bigger than that one game. I feel like I've only scratched the surface of what I can be as a player. I'm still growing and learning."

His attitude wasn't the only positive attribute on display in Chicago. The 6-5 guard, who unexpectedly catapulted himself into the draft mix after a 31-point performance in Villanova's national title win over Michigan, did way more to boost his professional future than hurt it in a scene jam-packed with NBA evaluators.

DiVincenzo's combine performance in scrimmages and in drills has actually moved the Delaware native up to a possible first-round pick. He tied a combine-best 42-inch vertical leap on Thursday — athleticism he also showed off in the national championship game with two leaping blocks and sky-rising dunks. He also fared well in the lane agility drill (10.72 seconds) and three-quarters sprint (3.11 seconds).

In the process, he silenced any doubt that his breakout performance on college basketball's biggest stage was some type of fluke. Yet he recognized that he likely wouldn't have even tested the waters had it never happened.

"Playing in front of 80,000 people and being able to perform the way I did, that was a (product) of day in and day out working," he said. "That breakthrough really set myself up for this."

He was perhaps most impressive at the combine against other NBA hopefuls, where he was burying NBA-range three-pointers with ease, defending well and making pinpoint passes that highlighted his court vision and playmaking ability. Most notably, however, DiVincenzo played with a hustle and grit that could make him an ideal fit on championship-level teams late in the first round.



Donte DiVincenzo has seen his stock rise since his big national championship game performance for Villanova.

CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

"When I go out there, I try to have a chip on my shoulder," he said. "I try to be the hardest worker, try to be the toughest guy, most physical guy. No. 1 because they're not expecting it. No. 2 because that's how I pride myself to be."

DiVincenzo has yet to hire an agent, which means he can still return to Villanova for his junior season in which he'd likely be a preseason All-American and position the Wildcats for another national title.

So while it is more than likely an NBA team would select DiVincenzo come June, the uncertainty at this point is

whether Villanova's sixth man — who was on zero mock draft boards before the national championship game in April — will capitalize on his sudden draft momentum or return to coach Jay Wright's squad.

"If I stay in the draft (or go back to 'Nova), this whole process has been great and I've been enjoying it," DiVincenzo said. "(Teams) have been trying to figure out more about me. I'm not very well known. Not before all that attention in the (NCAA) tournament. ... After (the national championship game), the outside perspective of me kinda blew up and

made (the NBA) a realization for me."

Whether he makes the leap to the pros this summer or next — whenever that is — one certainty is that DiVincenzo won't be lacking in the confidence department.

"Everybody wants to be a first-round pick," he said. "My confidence level is that I could be a first-round pick. But just gathering a lot of information. Seeing what teams, how they see me this year — where they see me, where they see me next year ... if they feel like an improvement next year is worth going back to school."

Curry

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per powers.

Yet of all the people who knew that was never going to happen, none has a more unique vantage point than Warriors assistant coach Bruce Fraser. Nearly every day since the start of the 2014-15 season, the 53-year-old has been the one passing Curry the ball during endless shooting drills. Fraser, who played with Warriors coach Steve Kerr at Arizona, had seen this play far too many times to be surprised by the ending.

As for the R-rated celebration that went viral during his scoring barrage, when Curry pointed at the floor and made that proclamation to the crowd while the Rockets were still inbounding the ball? That part Fraser didn't see coming.

"I didn't see (the video) until this morning," Fraser told USA TODAY on Monday. "I loved it. That's him exuding confidence, happiness, success, all those things. And when he gets in that place, he's unbeatable."

"The funny part is that if you asked him, 'Do you remember this?' He can't remember it. I've seen that. When he gets in those moments, it's sort of an out-of-body thing, because he has a huge personality and he doesn't hide that, but he doesn't try to show that on the floor as much as he (does privately)."

Of all the qualities that make Curry unique, confidence has often carried him to these hoops heights. Call it swagger or cockiness, but there has always been an edge that belies his choir-boy image.

"My favorite Steph celebration was the shimmy in Portland (during the 2016 playoffs) when he finally made a three that got him to 1-for-11 (shooting),"



Warriors guard Steph Curry has found his mojo again with a 35-point outburst in Game 3 against the Rockets on Sunday.

KYLE TERADA/USA TODAY SPORTS

said Kerr, who won five titles as a player and remains the all-time leader in career three-point percentage (45.4). "So you want to talk about confidence, you shimmy when you're 1-for-11? That's confidence."

"I wasn't capable of that. I would go into a shell if I missed four or five threes in a row. Most guys would, to be honest with you. But Steph's a different breed."

As Curry explained on Sunday, that rare outburst was his way of reminding himself of his own greatness.

In 12 minutes, he went from being the guy with the missing shot to the star who scored 18 of his 35 points in one quarter while going 7-for-7 from the field. Next thing you knew, the Warriors

were boasting their most lopsided playoff victory in franchise history while the Rockets suffered their worst.

"You've got to block that (criticism) out and really be your own worst critic and your own biggest fan," Curry said. "It's hard to do at times, because everybody's human. But consistently that (confidence has) gotten me through some tough times."

Fraser, who has learned the truth about Curry's mental makeup during the past few years, is as much of an expert in this field as any. But he had a slip-up of sorts the day before Game 3, when Curry dominated in one of the many shooting games they play.

"He crushed it with his score, and I

said, 'You're back,' and he said, 'I was never gone,'" Fraser said with a laugh.

"He always knows that it's not going to last. His disposition, and the way he views not only basketball but the world, is that the glass is always half full. One of his (favorite) lines to me is that he thrives in chaos."

"(Chaos) can just be 20 people at the house for the weekend, or getting into a city super late at night and being tired. I think he likes to overcome things that are going against him. ... He actually embraces chaos. I think that kind of stuff strengthens his mind."

The trouble now for the Rockets and the rest of the NBA? Curry is the one creating the chaos again.

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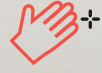
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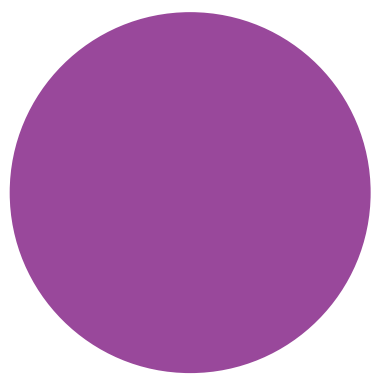
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LIFELINE



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MAKING WAVES KELLY CLARKSON

Rather than ask for a moment of silence for the victims of Friday's school shooting in Texas, the *Billboard Music Awards* host called for a moment of action. "Once again we're grieving for more kids that have died. ... I'm so sick of moment of silences ... it's not working," Clarkson, a mother of two, said tearfully on Sunday. "Mommies and daddies should be able to send their kids to school. I can't imagine getting that phone call or knock on the door."

AWARDS TRACKER BILLBOARD MUSIC AWARDS

Ed Sheeran was the big winner at the *Billboard Music Awards*, taking home four trophies for top artist, male artist, radio songs artist and song sales artist. Taylor Swift was named top female artist and Khalid was named top new artist. Janet Jackson, who gave her first televised performance in nearly a decade, became the first black female performer to win the Icon Award for lifetime achievement.



Ed Sheeran

CHAT LIVE WITH AUTHOR AL ROKER

Join USA TODAY on Tuesday for a Facebook Live chat with NBC *Today* show co-host and weather anchor Al Roker about his new book, *Ruthless Tide: The Heroes and Villains of the Johnstown Flood, America's Astonishing Gilded Age Disaster* (William Morrow).



#BookmarkThis is a series of live video chats with best-selling authors. Fans can submit questions during the chat and in advance.

It's a great opportunity to touch base with Roker, who in *Ruthless Tide* tells the story of the deadliest flood in U.S. history.

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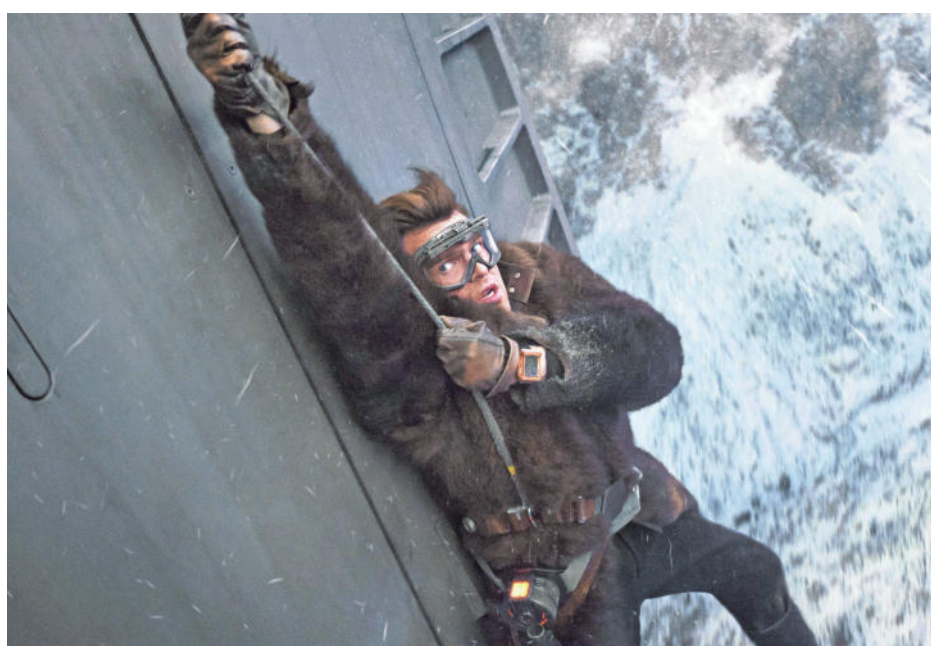


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MOVIES



Meet our favorite 'Star Wars' smuggler



Han (Alden Ehrenreich) is in dire straits in "Solo: A Star Wars Story." That won't come as a surprise to fans who already know the space smuggler's later years.

PHOTOS BY JONATHAN OLLEY

Brian Truitt
USA TODAY

Ron Howard couldn't help feeling like Han Solo when he got dropped last-minute into the director's chair of *Solo: A Star Wars Story*, replacing ousted filmmakers Phil Lord and Chris Miller mere weeks before the end of production.

"I had to be a little Han-like, a little reckless, and lean into this and be like, 'What the hell, let's go for it.' Never tell me the odds!" Howard laughs, rolling off a signature Solo line like an old-school *Star Wars* stalwart.

The newest galactic spinoff (officially opening Friday, though theaters will show it Thursday night) stars Alden Ehrenreich as a younger version of Han Solo, the iconic space smuggler made famous by Harrison Ford. The movie chronicles his escape from a

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BOOK REVIEW

Lose yourself inside King's 'Outsider'



Brian Truitt
Columnist
USA TODAY

There's plenty of shadowy, wormy supernatural goings-on in Stephen King's new novel, *The Outsider*. Yet the most unsettling stuff — that which will leave you uncomfortable when you sit and devour this first-rate read — explores the monstrous side of human nature.

Like his recent *Mr. Mercedes* trilogy, King continues to walk the line between police procedural and complete



horror show in the timely *Outsider* (Scribner, 560 pp., ★★★★★). The thriller touches on gender dynamics, sexual abuse, pedophilia and the dangers of mob mentality, though the book's sociopolitical aspects won't leave you as shaken as its characters' desperate existences.

Little League coach and teacher Terry Maitland is arguably the most popular man in the small Oklahoma town of Flint City, which means it hurts everybody to their core when he's arrested for

the murder of 11-year-old Frank Peterson. The boy's body is found in a local park — throat ripped out, corpse sexually defiled — and Det. Ralph Anderson, whose own kid was coached by Maitland, makes a public show of bringing the accused to justice.

But with much evidence pointing to Maitland's guilt — from a positive DNA match to eyewitnesses placing him with the boy the day of his murder — there's equal indication that he clearly didn't do it, since Maitland was out of town with colleagues when the crime occurred.

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Director Ron Howard landed late in "Solo"; he decided that to make it work, he had to be a little reckless.

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rough youth on his home planet Corellia, how he was introduced to best friend Chewbacca (Joonas Suotamo) and gambling frenemy Lando Calrissian (Donald Glover), and his first time in the captain's chair on the Millennium Falcon.

The Oscar-winning director had to be less methodical and more instinctual when taking over *Solo*. "There wasn't much time to overthink things. However, there was some time to explore and experiment creatively and everybody was up for that," Howard says. "It was a very unique circumstance, to say the least, and I wound up having an excellent, exciting, kind of surprising creative experience."

Howard and his cast run down what you need to know about the latest chapter in the expansive *Star Wars* universe:

The old *Star Wars* crawl gets a makeover.

The first *Star Wars* spinoff, 2016's *Rogue One*, eliminated the opening words that have long been a staple of the episodes in the Skywalker saga. *Solo* uses the crawl but in a different way, as it throws the audience right into Han's fast-and-furious world. "We wanted an urgency and I also wanted it to be grounded, because he's not out there yet. He's not where he wants to be. And yet he's right away in trouble and we get to see how his brashness and need for speed reflects itself in a tight situation," Howard says. "We wanted that visceral '70s crime story involving muscle cars" in the opening of a movie that also features a Western vibe, some *Road Warrior* here and a little *Raiders of the Lost Ark* there. Plus, "we never want to veer far from the style and heritage and ethos of the galaxy far, far away."

Han Solo is as relatable as ever.

The scruffiest of nerf herders, Han has never been the chief *Star Wars* protagonist or "the eyes through which you see these movies," so it was a tall order to organize a story from his perspective, Ehrenreich says. He's also never exactly been a Jedi Master when it comes to action scenes, as seen when he runs screaming from Stormtroopers on the Death Star in the original *Star Wars* and has no clue what to do in the middle of a muddy battle in *Solo*. "Something that was important to everybody was not somehow just making him a karate expert or able to do things you haven't seen him do before," Ehrenreich says. "He's still very much a fallible, human guy — he is just a dude. The tension and fun of the action sequences is that he's doing his best and he's a little more like you or me."

Get ready for a Wookiee-palooza.

After playing the furry Chewie in *The Force Awakens* and *The Last Jedi*, Suotamo plays a younger version of the character — "young" being relative, since he's 190 years old in *Solo* — who runs into fellow members of his species during a big heist situation. "At first, I was a little bit like, 'Huh, why does there need to be other Wookiees?' I felt my special place was being challenged," quips the 7-foot Finnish actor. "But they were wonderful to have. It really allowed for some great moments to show Chewbacca's nature and personality. He is very loyal to his tribe and his people." And unlike Han, Chewie is pretty good in a fight. "As a fan of *Star Wars*, I've just always wondered how strong this Wookiee is and what would happen if he just snapped at you," Suotamo says. "I think we get our answer: It's Wookiees unleashed."

Chewie (Suotamo) isn't the only Wookiee who shows up.



Lando and his droid have a close relationship.

Human-robot dynamics have been a hallmark of *Star Wars*, from Luke Skywalker and R2-D2 to Poe Dameron and BB-8. The feisty L3-37 (Phoebe Waller-Bridge in a performance-capture role) is Lando's copilot on the Falcon but also is kind of the infamous gambler's life partner. "The fact that they can be rude and short with each other and they can boss each other around is actually what reveals their love and trust for each other. Because they know they can speak to each other that way," Waller-Bridge says. When the idea is floated that they might actually be in love (and Lando has been confirmed as pansexual), Han's own romantic interest, Qi'ra (Emilia Clarke), is amused but not shocked. "There's no sense of 'Ugh, what does that mean?'" Waller-Bridge says. "This world of *Star Wars* is just so accepting and beautiful that the idea a droid and a human are trying to waddle their way into a relationship is something that's celebrated."



Droid L3-37 (Phoebe Waller-Bridge) is partner and co-pilot — possibly more — to Han's frenemy Lando Calrissian (Donald Glover).

Flying the Millennium Falcon got very real.

Not only is there more time than ever spent in the Falcon's cockpit, but for the first time in a *Star Wars* film, Howard used a high-tech wraparound screen in front of the actors that projected what their characters were seeing. So whether shooting through hyperspace, staring down Imperial Star Destroyers or dealing with a gigantic space creature, "you'll see that and act accordingly," Ehrenreich says. It was like "spending a day in a Disney World attraction," Suotamo adds. "When I looked at Alden and I saw the environment colors on his forehead and it's real and it's changing and, whoa, there's a huge asteroid coming at us, you immediately got sucked into it."



The Millennium Falcon and Chewbacca (Joonas Suotamo) and Han Solo's (Alden Ehrenreich) bromance both take off in the origin story.

Han, Chewie begin a bromance for the ages.

Ehrenreich and Suotamo played *Call of Duty* together and shared a mutual love of movies, books and practicing piano while finding their chemistry as *Star Wars*' A-list heroic duo. "We really felt the auspiciousness" of filming Han and Chewbacca's first meeting, Ehrenreich says. Though at the time, Chewie's "not a very happy Wookiee. Things could go either way," adds Suotamo, who approached his character as a rescued dog from the street: "He's not very trusting of these people he's about to meet and at any moment he could escape." But Han is also searching for his own freedom, and the kindred spirits quickly form the bond that Ford and Peter Mayhew had in the original movies. "I was just blown away by the realness and how much it rang true," Suotamo says. "Their relationship becomes what it is in front of our eyes with those adventures."

MOVIES

'Deadpool 2' tidies the past for everyone

Patrick Ryan
USA TODAY

SPOILER ALERT! The following contains details about the ending of *Deadpool 2*.

Ryan Reynolds is no longer in the darkest timeline. Thanks to a laugh-out-loud mid-credits sequence in *Deadpool 2* (now playing), the actor has been absolved of his ill-fated turns in *Green Lantern* and *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*.

In *Deadpool 2*, we're introduced to cyborg mutant Cable (Josh Brolin), who uses his time-traveling device's last charge to save frenemy Wade Wilson, aka Deadpool (Reynolds), during a climactic battle. Afterward, Negasonic Teenage Warhead (Brianna Hildebrand) fixes the machine and regretfully hands it off to Deadpool, who, in a meta move, uses it to "clean up the timelines" for both himself and Reynolds.

He starts out by going back in time to save his girlfriend, Vanessa (Morena Baccarin), and X-Force member Peter (Rob Delaney), both of whom were killed in the sequel. Next, he hops to 2009's *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*, in which Reynolds played a much different looking-version of the Merc. Just as Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) and old Deadpool are about to face off, new Deadpool walks in and fires a round of bullets into his character's fan-hated original iteration.

Deadpool wraps his crusade with a visit to circa 2009, where Reynolds has just finished reading the script for flop *Green Lantern*. "You're welcome, Canada," the Merc says as he shoots the actor in the head. Reynolds thought of the self-deprecating coda after editing on *Deadpool 2* was finished.

"That idea had to come from me — otherwise, I'm not sure anyone else would feel comfortable suggesting it," Reynolds says. "It was weirdly nerve-racking because in some ways, the sequence sort of unravels some of the story that we just painstakingly told over the course of the movie. But it was also such an opportunity that we felt like, 'Let's just go for it. Let's just throw all the chips down on the table and then go all in.' It was a lot of fun to do."

Reynolds says the most difficult part was editing new *Deadpool* into old footage from *X-Men Origins*, given that it was shot on film. But first he ran the idea by his good friend, Jackman.

"He's a lot like me, in that he loves laughing at himself and likes how *Deadpool*'s antagonistic relationship with *Wolverine* is actually steeped in a lot of love," Reynolds says.

Wolverine also makes an appearance at the beginning of the movie — albeit in toy form — as *Deadpool* curses the fallen mutant and plays a music box, which is topped by an impaled figurine of the character from last year's *Logan*.

"I have the *Logan* music box at home. It's sort of a memento," Reynolds says. "But now that you bring it up, its rightful owner is Hugh Jackman. I should probably hand it over."

Outsider

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While Anderson and other law-enforcement types wrack their brains to figure out how one person could be in two places at the same time, everybody's lives get wrecked in this town that combusts at just the wrong time.

This is a King tome, so stuff does get very weird, and *The Outsider* becomes a Midwestern race against time to close the case before another child becomes a victim. The novel has a connection to the writer's earlier work that would be too spoiler-y to reveal, but it's a rousing addition that's key to King's hard-charging second half.

The climax is solid and intriguing but, in a way, anticlimactic to the gut-wrenching drama of *The Outsider*'s meatier chapters. "Like measles, mumps or rubella, tragedy was contagious," King writes, and indeed it's a nefarious virus that infects the population of Flint City.

How does a place deal when the very best of them does the very worst thing imaginable? How does that man's family and the family of the deceased boy go on living? And what of the cops who are faced with what seems like an impossible situation? The author plumbs to the gloomy depths with his cast before letting off the gas and giving them — and the reader — some needed hope.

There are shades of *It* in the unspeakable evil that presents itself over the course of *The Outsider*. As one character says, "The world is full of strange nooks and crannies."

In King's hands, real darkness is just as pervasive as the supernatural.



Author Stephen King

THE ROYAL WEDDING



The couple also took a more casual black-and-white shot. PHOTOS BY ALEXI LUBOMIRSKI/KENSINGTON PALACE VIA AP

Harry and Meghan: Happiness in pictures

Maria Puente
USA TODAY

The official royal wedding photos are here, and don't they all look happy?

Prince Harry and Duchess Meghan of Sussex released three wedding portraits Monday, taken by official wedding photographer Alexi Lubomirski in the Green Drawing Room at Windsor Castle.

Kensington Palace issued a statement declaring the two "delighted" with the pictures and happy to share them.

"The Duke and Duchess of Sussex would like to thank everyone who took

part in the celebrations of their wedding on Saturday," the statement said. "They feel so lucky to have been able to share their day with all those gathered in Windsor and also all those who watched the wedding on television across the UK, Commonwealth, and around the world."

One picture shows Harry and Meghan with their family and their pageboys and bridesmaids, including Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, Meghan's mother, Doria Ragland, Prince William and Duchess Kate of Cambridge, seen holding

Princess Charlotte on her lap.

The second picture shows the couple with their pageboys and bridesmaids. In that picture, George, 4, is grinning, as if he were saying "cheese," while Charlotte, 3, wears a broad smile.

The third picture is a black-and-white shot of the couple together on the East Terrace of Windsor Castle.

Lubomirski also snapped Harry and Meghan's engagement photos and attended the wedding.

He said: "This has been a beautiful chapter in my career and life that I will happily never forget."



The royal wedding portrait features Prince Harry and Duchess Meghan, their parents, his grandparents, brother and sister-in-law, and the pageboys and bridesmaids.

PEOPLE

Rising star Zazie Beetz is a 'Deadpool' live wire

Patrick Ryan
USA TODAY

NEW YORK — After *Deadpool 2*, more people will know the name Zazie Beetz. But first they'll want to learn how to say it.

"Zay-zee is pretty offensive to me," jokes Beetz, whose name is pronounced Zah-see. "I just get nicknames very quickly: Za, Zaza, Z, Zoboamafoo. It runs the gamut."

In *Deadpool 2* (now in theaters), she plays the sardonic Domino, an always-lucky hired gun recruited by Deadpool (Ryan Reynolds) for his X-Force team to save a flame-throwing teen mutant (Julian Dennison) from breaking bad.

Looking unflappably cool as Domino dodges whizzing bullets and snaps the limbs of her adversaries, Beetz is the movie's "captivating standout," says USA TODAY movie critic Brian Truitt, while others on Twitter have called for the character to get her own spinoff film. (To which co-writer Paul Wernick responds: "I don't see why not.")

Beetz, 26, broke out in 2016 on FX's Emmy-winning show *Atlanta* as Van, a mother and on-and-off girlfriend of cash-strapped rap manager Earn (Donald Glover). "I never really pictured (a superhero movie) would be my trajectory," she says. "I was nervous, because you sign onto a franchise ... you don't really know what you're signing up for. But I liked the idea of interacting, the live-action version of a character," par-

"I just get nicknames very quickly: Za, Zaza, Z, Zoboamafoo. It runs the gamut."

ticularly one as no-nonsense as Domino, who's depicted as having chalk-white skin and straight, chopped hair in comic books.

Reynolds and producers encouraged Beetz to wear her hair naturally for the role, which is a "wonderful opportunity to showcase my hair texture on a mainstream platform," says the actress, who is half-black. "*Black Panther* got there first, but this is one of the (more prominent) depictions of just hair and a 'fro."

Beetz trained for two months before shooting in Vancouver last summer. Things only got more intense once she slipped into Domino's tight, "wildly impractical" leather bodysuit: She fainted during one particularly elaborate fight sequence with a truck convoy and even got burned by a stray shell casing in a shootout, which left a scar on her chest.

That level of commitment combined with charisma is what drew co-writer Rhett Reese to her immediately.

"She can really keep up with Ryan, which is not an easy task. She's with him step by step," Reese says.



Zazie Beetz, 26, who broke out on FX's Emmy-winning *Atlanta*, could bust into the A-list ranks with her performance in *Deadpool 2*. ROBERT DEUTSCH/USA TODAY

That Beetz has already been recognized on the street for *Deadpool 2* is surreal to the actress, who was born in Berlin but has lived in New York most of her life. In middle school, her idea of a "superhero movie" was *Charlie's Angels*.

"I was a musical/Disney girl growing up," Beetz says. "I liked *Mulan*, *Pocahontas*, *The Sound of Music*, *Singin' in the Rain* — I was much more in that direction than the comic book universe."

She graduated from New York's LaGuardia High School (from the movie *Fame*) with a concentration in theater before exploring other creative outlets. "But acting ended up being the most consistent thing that I stuck with."

Although a third season of *Atlanta*

hasn't been announced, Beetz has plenty more films on her plate in the meantime. Among them: independent drama *Sollers Point* (also in theaters); Chance the Rapper horror flick *Slice* (expected later this year); sci-fi movie *Pale Blue Dot* with Natalie Portman; and a still-untitled mystery with Armie Hammer and Dakota Johnson.

As her star rises, "my boyfriend (actor David Rysdahl) and I have been talking about what's going to change," she says. "People have been asking me if I can still take the subway, and I can. ... But I'm a little bit mourning that loss right now, walking around like, 'This could be my last day not having to wear sunglasses or something.'"

TELEVISION

Cancellation is no longer a death sentence

Social media can be a doomed show's reprieve

Bill Keveney USA TODAY

Cancellation isn't quite the automatic execution it used to be for TV shows.

This month, NBC picked up Brooklyn Nine-Nine just a day after Fox laid it to rest. And Fox resuscitated Last Man Standing a year after ABC killed the six-season Tim Allen comedy.

Both were brought back by companies that own the series, which remains the most important factor in a network's decision to save a show.

Since program ownership rules were relaxed in the 1990s, "we saw the networks gravitate toward content produced by their own studios," says Stacey Schulman of the ad firm Katz Media Group. "So it's not surprising if shows in danger of being canceled go to other networks" that own them and profit from selling reruns to other outlets.

At the same time, viewers have used social media to amplify their protests, adding an influential voice.

Fans took to Twitter to protest the



Andy Samberg is back on duty when "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," canceled by Fox, moves to NBC. JOHN P. FLEENOR/FOX

Brooklyn cancellation after five seasons. Others staged so-far-unsuccessful online campaigns to find new homes for two canceled dramas, Fox's Lucifer and Syfy's The Expanse, and to persuade NBC to give a second reprieve to Timeless (which seems unlikely). The network resurrected it last year two days after its cancellation, partly because of fan fervor evidenced in USA TODAY's annual Save Our Shows poll. (Timeless won this year's poll, too.)

And Netflix is considering a rescue of another canceled show, Designated Sur-

ivor, if it can wrest U.S. streaming rights. Kiefer Sutherland starred in the drama, which ran for two seasons on ABC, as a low-level Cabinet member who became president after a terrorist attack.

Aside from its ownership of the series, NBC Entertainment chairman Robert Greenblatt credited the network's long ties to star and former Saturday Night Live cast member Andy Samberg, the show's producers and, especially, diehard fans for the rescue of the low-rated Brooklyn.

"It was really the explosion from the fans ... which only helps," he said. "We love when the fans yell and scream and go to Twitter. (But) we love even more when they watch the show."

Resurrecting a show serves as good, fan-friendly publicity for networks used to hearing complaints. With the NBC-Universal partnership on Brooklyn, "all the ducks lined up," says Lisa Herdman, senior vice president at Los Angeles-based ad firm RPA. "NBC is the hero and the fans are all happy."

Network fit matters, too. Fox plans to promote Friday's male-skewing Last Man on its new Thursday Night Football.

"Social media is absolutely playing a bigger role. It gets louder and louder.

But if the negotiation isn't right for a particular network, that's not going to matter," Herdman says.

Other factors have changed the dynamics in favor of second chances. More cable and streaming services mean more potential homes for shows with loyal fan bases, including some where the size of the audience is less important.

In recent years, canceled network shows have jumped to cable (ABC's Cougar Town to TBS, ABC's Nashville to CMT, NBC's Southland to TNT). And streaming services have picked up others (Fox's The Mindy Project went to Hulu and NBC's Community to Yahoo). Some canceled cable shows also have moved elsewhere (A&E's Longmire to Netflix; FX's Damages to DirecTV).

After Brooklyn, Lucifer and The Expanse were canceled, fans sparked trending hashtags (#SaveLucifer). Although enthusiastic online campaigns are no guarantee of a show's survival, "they're direct evidence of a fan base that does not want a piece of content to go away," Schulman says. Networks "used to say, 'We're getting fan mail or hate mail.' Now, they can capture all of that in social media."

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MASS CONFUSION

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-69 and some filled-in letters.

- DOWN: 1 Fail to mention, 2 NOYB part, 3 Remains of a felling, 4 Hieroglyphics reptile, 5 Watch a friend's dog, say, 6 First public showing, 7 Image for an app, 8 Wearing brogans, say, 9 NFL showcase event, 10 Element in gunpowder, 11 Whittler's tool, 12 Hollywood faves, 13 Voicemail sounds, 22 Slot machine inserts, 23 Hollywood go-between, 25 Lot purchase, 27 Word before ant or brat, 28 Like a poor loser, 29 Mink's cousin, 30 Elopes, e.g., 33 Colin Kaepernick hairdo, 34 Unblockable hoops shot, 35 "Exodus" author Uris, 36 Trees that yield bow wood, 38 Fast-food pork sandwich, 41 Overblown publicity, 44 Back-breaking, 45 Go for the America's Cup, 47 Awards a seat to, 49 "Just Do It" or "Just Say No", 50 Mouthwash brand, 51 Thin candle, 52 "L'Orfeo" or "Otello", 53 Goes without fare, 55 "Works for me", 56 Move like a dragonfly, 58 Kid-lit meanie, 59 Spa skin treatment, 63 Glorifying verse

Monday's Answer crossword solution grid with words: ACHY, COMBS, AJAR, BRIE, AVERT, WORE, BOPS, SANER, ALBA, AWL, HULLUWARRIOR, IDEAS, WADERS, MANUAL, WIMPS, ARTIEL, PACES, HAD, TENT, TOKEN, SOSO, HAG, TREETED, HONKS, SUITS, VALISE, CREATE, MELON, HENBUDDHIST, GAB, APSE, FOOLS, BLUE, SLUR, OZONE, LATE, EYES, REPEL, TWOS.

WORD ROUNDUP

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek. Find and Circle: Five words starting and ending with C, Four female relatives (four-letter min.), The Monkees (last names), Three units of volume, Item in a philatelist's collection.

QUICKCROSS

Quickcross puzzle grid with clues: "Do ____ others...", "--> ____ Woman" by The Hollies, "____ -->", Singer Paul, Westwood district sch., High ____.

Word Roundup solution grid with words: CMAUNTNI ECEX, VHODCRYPTICN, CRITICPINTIE, SEQCHCLKBRMS, ETUHVVERILEAM, NSALYORLNTRI, OIRSTAMPGIET, JSTDOLENZLCH.

UP & DOWN WORDS

Up & Down Words puzzle grid with clues: 1. PACKAGE, 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 7. ROLLER. Monday's Answer: GENERAL, HOSPITAL, ROOM, MOTHER, NATURE, CENTER, COURT, JESTER.

SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 1-9 and some filled-in cells.

SUDOKU FUSION

Sudoku Fusion puzzle grid with numbers 1-9 and some filled-in cells.

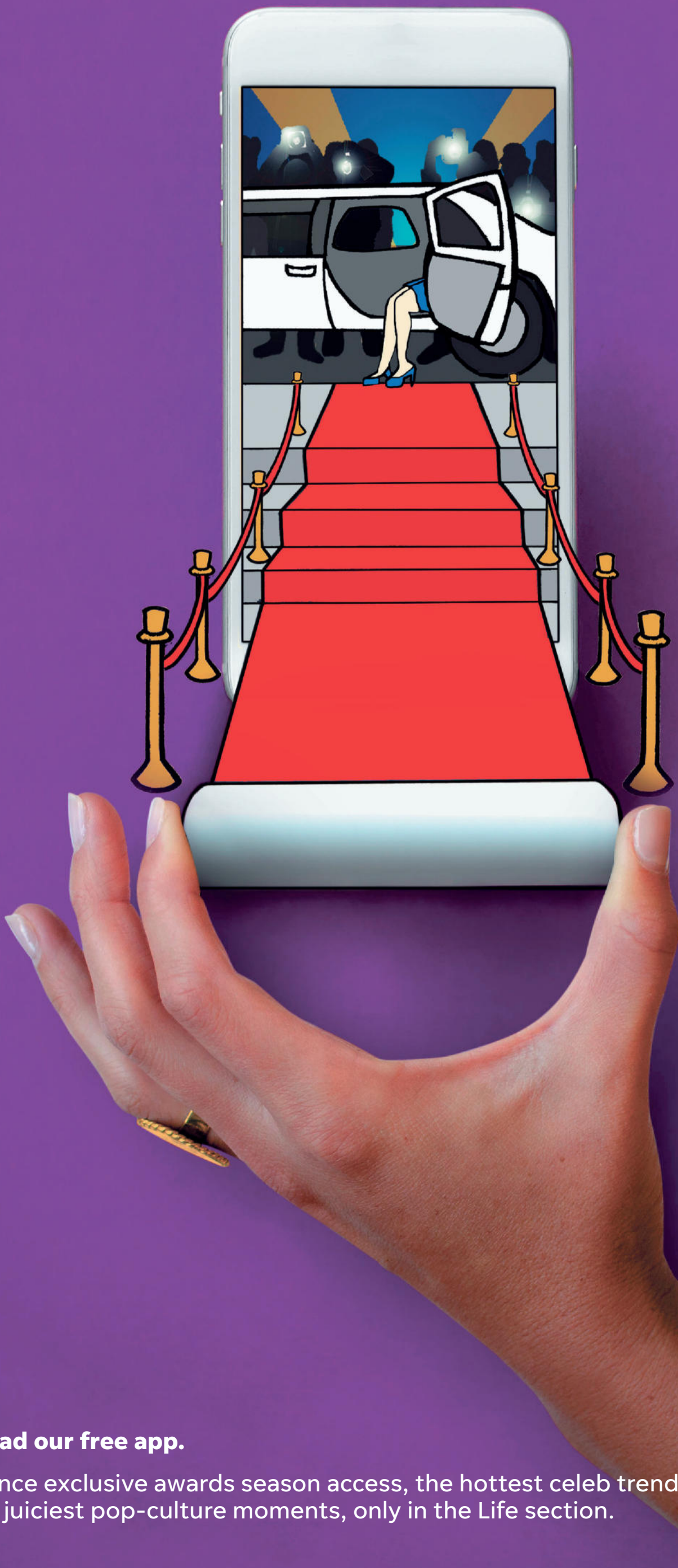
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DON'T QUOTE ME puzzle grid with numbers 1-9 and some filled-in cells.

DON'T QUOTE ME puzzle solution: Journalist Heywood Broun talks about marriage. Rearrange the words to complete the quote. ACQUAINTED ARGUMENT GETTING MARRIAGE METHOD ONLY REMAINS THE REAL ____ FOR ____ IS THAT IT ____ THE BEST ____ FOR ____.

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