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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 activeshooter 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:

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).

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

Now: **■** 63%

■ 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.

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 TO-DAY 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,



"Aftermath"

The effects of gun violence in the USA

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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 mar-

shals 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,

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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Vacuum

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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-

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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."





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 vog. 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."

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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

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



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 Republican John Culberson in November. In her last ad before the primary,

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 – where 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-

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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 following 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 Lydonville: 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 in planned.

officials approved 55 locations across the state as "opportunity zones" eligible for a development tax incentive.

WEST VIRGINIA Charleston: Federal

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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FRONT & CENTER

Later this week, drier, warmer weather is forecast for the Northeast and mid-Atlantic.



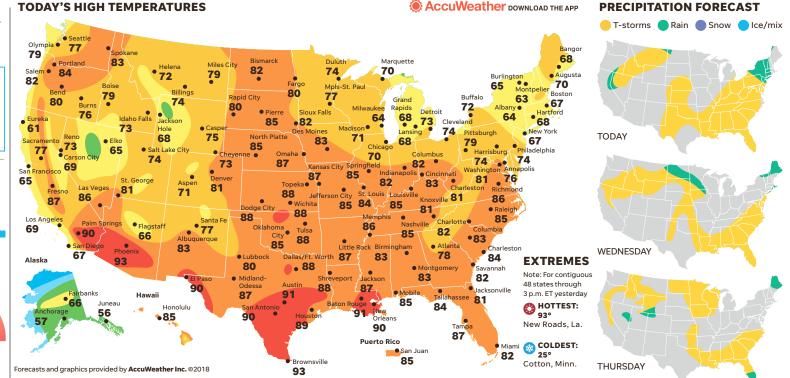
On this date in 1911, Lewiston, Maine, hit 101 degrees, the state's record hot May temperature.

At what time of day are rainbows least likely?

Noon, due to the high sun angle.



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Anaheim, Calif.	71/58pc	73/57pc
Anchorage, Alaska	57/44sh	57/43r
Aspen, Colo.	71/38c	70/37pc
Atlantic City, N.J.	68/63t	76/61pc
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Austin, Texas	91/67pc	90/67s
Bakersfield, Calif.	88/61s	88/60s
Baton Rouge, La.	91/71t	90/72t
Billings, Mont.	74/55t	65/53t
Birmingham, Ala.	83/67pc	87/69t
Bismarck, N.D.	82/57pc	81/62t
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Columbus, Ohio	82/61t	78/57pc
Corpus Christi, Texas	92/73pc	91/72s
Dayton, Ohio	81/58t	77/55pc
Daytona Beach, Fla.	79/68c	83/69c
Des Moines, Iowa	83/65pc	86/67t
Duluth, Minn.	74/50pc	79/53pc
Durham, N.C.	84/68pc	83/64t
El Paso, Texas	90/65pc	94/67s
Fairbanks, Alaska	66/46c	63/44sh
Flagstaff, Ariz.	66/33pc	70/33s
Fargo, N.D.	80/57pc	84/64sh
Fort Myers, Fla.	85/71c	86/71c
Fort Smith, Ark.	89/70pc	89/71t
Fort Wayne, Ind.	76/53pc	80/55pc
Fresno, Calif.	87/59pc	87/58s
Grand Rapids, Mich.	68/50pc	78/53pc
Green Bay, Wis.	70/53pc	80/57s
Greensboro, N.C.	84/67pc	85/66t
Greenville, S.C.	79/65c	84/66pc
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Newark, N.J.	67/60r	81/62pc
New Haven, Conn.	66/54r	75/57pc
Norfolk, Va.	84/71pc	84/68t
Oakland, Calif.	63/54pc	63/53pc
Oklahoma City	85/63pc	85/67c
Omaha, Neb.	87/64t	89/66t
Palm Springs, Calif.	90/65s	93/68s
Pensacola, Fla.	84/72t	86/72t
Pierre, S.D.	85/61pc	88/60t
Pittsburgh	79/59t	76/53pc
Portland, Maine	65/50pc	72/49c
Portland, Ore.	84/58s	79/57pc
Providence, R.I.	68/54c	77/56pc
Raleigh, N.C.	85/68pc	85/67t
Rapid City, S.D.	80/55t	80/55pc
Reno, Nev.	73/54pc	72/53t
Richmond, Va.	86/69pc	84/63t
Rochester, N.Y.	74/56t	80/54s
Sacramento, Calif.	77/54pc	73/52s
San Antonio	90/69pc	90/68s
San Jose, Calif.	68/56pc	68/54pc
Santa Fe, N.M.	77/45t	82/45s

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Sarasota, Fla.	87/70t	86/71c
Savannah, Ga.	82/70c	85/69pc
Scottsdale, Ariz.	91/66s	92/69s
Shreveport, La.	88/68pc	89/70t
Sioux Falls, S.D.	82/64t	84/64t
South Bend, Ind.	66/48pc	77/54pc
Spokane, Wash.	83/60pc	83/59pc
Springfield, Mo.	86/63pc	87/65t
Springfield, III.	85/61pc	87/66pc
St. Louis	84/66pc	87/68pc
St. Petersburg, Fla.	88/75t	89/75c
Syracuse, N.Y.	70/52sh	77/50s
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Tampa, Fla.	87/71t	88/72c
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Topeka, Kan.	88/64pc	89/69t
Tucson, Ariz.	92/60s	94/63s
Tupelo, Miss.	85/67pc	88/68t
Tulsa, Okla.	88/66pc	88/70t
Virginia Beach, Va.	82/70pc	80/66t
Wichita, Kan.	88/65pc	88/68pc
Wilmington, Del.	73/64t	81/59pc
Winston-Salem, N.C.	82/67pc	84/66t
Worcester, Mass.	66/53r	77/54pc

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Beijing	74/50pc	85/60s
Buenos Aires	60/38s	62/41pc
Cancun, Mexico	82/73pc	85/74t
Dubai, UAE	101/84s	103/84s
Frankfurt	77/59t	73/60t
Hong Kong	92/82s	93/82s
Istanbul	75/64c	76/64c
Jerusalem	91/70pc	87/63s
Johannesburg	72/44s	72/44s
London	74/51t	74/55s
Mexico City	78/57pc	81/54pc
Montreal	68/54c	74/49pc
Moscow	67/57pc	73/55pc
Mumbai, India	93/81h	93/82h
Paris	75/56t	74/57t
Rio de Janeiro	80/64s	79/67s
Rome	73/58pc	73/58h
Seoul	72/55r	70/52s
Singapore	88/78c	87/79t
Sydney	72/57s	69/54s
Toronto	66/53c	79/53s
Tokyo	77/64s	72/66r

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 stomachturning 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



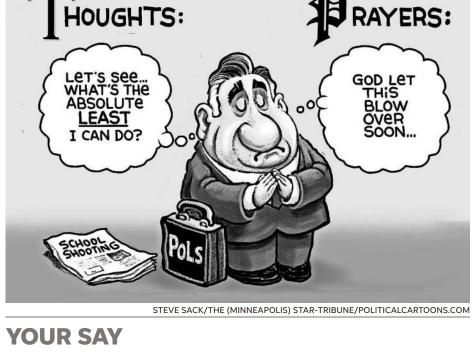
While listening to and reading about the Santa Fe High School shooting in Texas, where 17-year-old Dimitrios Pagourtzis used a shotgun and a revolver (which he did not legally possess) to kill 10 people and wound 10 others, I had another sense of déjà vu. Pagourtzis is in custody. This marks the 22nd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



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 Ruesterholz 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 every day — 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.



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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

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 gunfriendly 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 firearms 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 Arizonabased 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.

COURTNEY SACCO/USA TODAY NETWORK

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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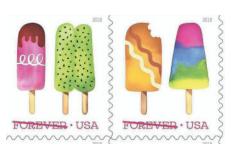
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GE TRANSPORTATION, WABTEC SET \$11B MERGER

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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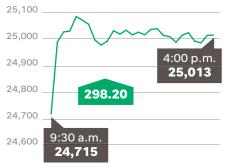
POSTAL SERVICE TO OFFER SCRATCH-AND-SNIFF STAMP

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

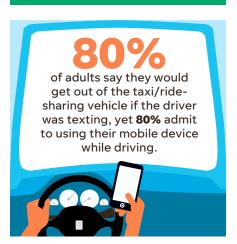
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HOW I BECAME A...



"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

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-

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

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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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 bam-

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 directorcommunity 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 intronon-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 Seattlebased 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.

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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

said. Still, he said, "this court is not free

to substitute its preferred economic pol-

icies for those chosen by the people's

the dissent, joined by the other three

liberals. She summarized it from the

bench, something justices do only rare-

ers with unlawful conduct — in this

case, violations of laws governing wages earned and hours worked — there

is strength in numbers," Ginsburg said.

"there will be huge under-enforcement

of federal and state statutes designed to

advance the well-being of vulnerable

As a result of the ruling, she said,

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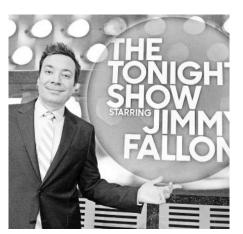
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote

"When workers charge their employ-

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representatives."



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.

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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 earthmoving 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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in three separate forced arbitration cases on Oct. 2. Then in February, it

The high court heard oral arguments 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.

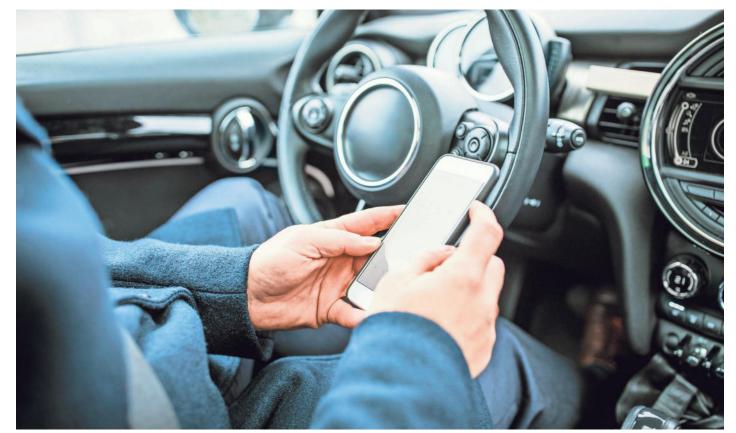
"Unfortunately, the Supreme Court term is not over," said Craig Becker, the AFL-CIO's general counsel and a former member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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

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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 PegoraroSpecial 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 Ever-Quote 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 unsafedriving 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

Jefferson Graham and Edward C. Baig 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 heftier 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 TalkKim 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 older 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.

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'CR' criticizes brakes on Tesla Model 3, skips recommendation

Marco della Cava

SAN FRANCISCO – Citing "big flaws" that surfaced during its testing of a Tesla Model 3, Consumer Reports dinged the electric automaker's critical entrylevel sedan Monday by denying it a recommendation.

While the consumer product reviewing outlet praised the Model 3's brisk acceleration and impressive range — upwards of 350 miles on a single electric charge — testers were particularly critical of the vehicle's long stopping distances from 60 mph and how all functions must be accessed via one centrally-mounted touch screen.

The sour assessment comes as Tesla races to ramp up production of the Model 3, which is considered vital to the company's financial health. CEO Elon Musk has vowed to double Model 3 production to 5,000 vehicles a week by

Musk's annual target of 500,000 cars — or about five times its current Model S and Model X production — would help make Tesla more of a mainstream automaker and bring the company more in line with its lofty \$48 billion market cap.

Reviews of the Model 3 hold particular sway because the vehicle is not readily available for road tests at Tesla stores, given that any cars that are finished are earmarked for some of the 400,000 people who put down \$1,000 deposits.

Aside from renting a Model 3 from peer-to-peer sites such as Turo or borrowing one from a friend, third-party assessments of the car are all that most prospective buyers can rely on for insights.

"A less-than-complimentary report from a mainstream consumer site (means) I'm doubtful we'll see Tesla make the jump to high-volume auto-



Testers praised the Model 3's brisk acceleration but said the car took too long to come to a stop. TESLA

maker anytime soon," said Karl Brauer, executive publisher of Cox Automo-

In its review, Consumer Reports noted the Model 3's stopping distance of 152 feet from 60 mph "was far worse than any contemporary car we've tested and about 7 feet longer than the stopping distance of a Ford F-150 fullsized pickup."

Consumer Reports said its first stop from 60 mph was done in 130 feet, but when it could not repeat that performance after numerous tries, it secured a second, privately owned Model 3 to repeat the test. But it got the same, long results.

Tesla issued a statement to USA TODAY saying the company's own tests yielded stopping average distances of 133 feet and added that variables such as road surface and outside temperature can have an effect on such testing.

The company also noted that it often improves its cars' capabilities through over-the-air software upgrades.

Tesla has had a hot and cold relationship with Consumer Reports. The outlet has both praised its vehicles and been stingingly critical.

Comcast's new Xfinity stores sporting look, feel of Apple

Charisse Jones USA TODAY

Curl up with a cup of coffee and enjoy the free Wi-Fi. Use a tablet computer to try out a mix of apps. Check out the latest big-screen TV.

Those experiences have become familiar at the local Starbucks or some electronics stores such as Best Buy or Apple. But there's a company offering those perks and more, one not generally thought of as a retailer.

It's Comcast.

Consumers may love to hate their cable companies, but Comcast is betting its new retail stores with giant video screens and comfy couches will help strengthen its connection to customers. There will be zones where they can try out products ranging from Comcast's X1 video player to smart locks controlled with the tap of an iPad.

Comcast plans to set up shop in malls and shopping centers, sometimes moving into spaces that more traditional chains have left empty after struggling with slipping sales.

The stores will be more akin to the sleek, interactive spaces pioneered by tech titan Apple, designed as much around experiencing gadgets as they are to selling them.

"We're opening ... next to the Apples and Sephoras and Ultas," said Tom De-Vito, Comcast's senior vice president of retail sales and service. "We want to be where customers shop.'

Comcast has opened stores in Pueblo, Colo.; Aventura, Fla.; Henrico, Va.; Chattanooga, Tenn., and Tucson, Ariz. It plans to open more than 50 additional locations this year. It ultimately wants to have one of the storefronts within a 15-minute drive of every Comcast customer.



The new Xfinity stores being rolled out by Comcast allow customers to tap into free Wi-Fi with in-store tablets and other smart devices. COMCAST

The new Xfinity store format stands in stark contrast to the Internet and cable company's spartan service centers of old, where customers often had to travel to inconvenient office parks to pay a bill or return a faulty modem.

It's a smart move, says Neil Saunders, managing director of retail consultancy GlobalData.

'Customers spend a lot on cable and Internet services, so being able to try out products and services in a highquality environment is appreciated," Saunders says.

"The days of getting away with a shabby service desk in a dimly lit unit have long since gone."

Comcast customers will be able to continue taking care of routine tasks such as paying bills or swapping out equipment at the new stores. But they will also be able to try out Xfinity apps with various devices in different sections of the store.

DeVito added that "we think as customers come into our stores and learn how to fully use all the capabilities of our products ... that will drive better retention, a better customer experience (and) more loyalty."

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THE MOTLEY FOOL A FOOLISH TAKE

Why don't inflation rate, **CPI** match?

Dan Caplinger The Motley Fool

Inflation has gotten more attention lately as price increases at the gas pump have taken a bite out of Americans' dis-

around 2% per year. Many people jump to the conclusion the government's inflation numbers deliberately understate true inflation for the American public overall. But the way the Bureau of Labor Statistics measures inflation won't exactly match with any single person's own spending experience.

posable income. Yet official readings

from the Consumer Price Index indicate

low levels of inflation, running at

For instance, the most commonly cited Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) looks at prices of key goods and services in 75 urban areas, collecting data on thousands of households and retail establishments. It captures 93% of the U.S. population.

The major categories Americans spend on include food, shelter, medical care, transportation and energy. Yet these costs vary greatly from person to person. Older Americans typically incur more health care costs as they age, and many people of all ages have above-average medical needs. Those who have to drive a long way to work incur more in fuel and transportation costs than those who live nearby or can take public transportation.

Inflation eats away at the purchasing power of your savings, and what's most important in measuring it is how rising prices affect the things you want and need. Don't be surprised if your personal inflation rate is different from what the CPI number suggests.



S&P 500 STANDARD & POOR'S

CLOSE: 2.733.01 %CHANGE: +.7%

YTD % CHG: +2.2%**S&P 500'S BIGGEST GAINERS/LOSERS**



NASDAQ

COMPOSITE **CLOSE:** 7.394.04 %CHANGE: +.5% YTD % CHG: +7.1%

GAINERS Company (ticker symbol)	Price	\$ Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Range Resources (RRC) Output rises, shares follow in gaining sector.	16.08	+.91	+6.0	-5.7
Kimco Realty (KIM) Climbs in advancing sector on LaSalle Hotel Pr	14.64 roperties	+.59 deal.	+4.2	-19.3
NewFIELD Newfield Exploration (NFX) Productivity improves, evens May.	30.15	+1.16	+4.0	-4.4
Micron Micron Technology (MU) Raises profit and revenue forecast for third qu	55.48 uarter.	+2.09	+3.9	+34.9
Boeing (BA) Stock price benefits from China trade talks.	363.92	+12.69	+3.6	+23.4
Envision Healthcare (EVHC) More bidders on ambulatory surgery busines	43.29	+1.29	+3.1	+25.3

+3.0 **Host Hotels & Resorts (HST)** +6.3 Rises another day on LaSalle Hotel Properties deal. +2.8 Snap-on (SNA) -11.3 Solid industry, makes up loss on ex-dividend. KOHES Kohl's (KSS) +20.7 Retains premarket gain ahead of earnings call. Wynn Resorts (WYNN) 194.18 +5.15

+15.2 Macau revenue seen "considerably above" estimates YTD LOSERS Company (ticker symbol) Price \$ Chg % Chg % Chg Fifth Third Bancorp (FITB)
Slumps after \$4.7 billion deal for MB Financial. -7.9 30.90 -2.66 +1.8 Celgene (CELG) 74.69 -28.4 -3.68 Extends losing streak on unit head's unfounded exit Allergan (AGN) -5.7 Eye drop packaging litigation review declined. Symantec (SYMC) 21.59 -.60 Falls another day on internal probe elevating credit risks Campbell Soup (CPB) -.79 -30.2 33.58 Stock rating downgraded to underperform

NEKTAR Nektar Therapeutics (NKTR) 83.47 -1.83 Rebound from discouraging cancer treatment update softens -1.9 Mattel (MAT) 14.85 -.29 Reverses early gain as unsecured notes get downgraded.

-1.7 Regeneron Pharmaceuticals (REGN) 296.60 -5.21 -21.1 Reports positive Dupixent results, fails to make up early dip.

Heads back to May's low in unfavorable political environment dish Dish Network (DISH) Erases morning gain on negative wage change court decision

MCKESSON McKesson (MCK)

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RUSSELL 2000 INDEX CLOSE: 1.637.44 %CHANGE: +.7% YTD % CHG: +6.6%

MARKET PERFORMANCE BY SECTOR

Sector	Close	Chg.	4wk¹	YTD '
Energy	78.91	+0.80	+7.0%	+9.2%
Technology	69.47	+0.60	+5.3%	+8.6%
Consumer discret.	105.45	+0.58	+2.2%	+6.8%
Industrials	76.47	+1.14	+1.3%	+1.1%
Financials	28.15	+0.20	+1.1%	+0.9%
Health care	83.28	+0.08	+1.1%	+0.7%
Materials	60.18	+0.32	+2.3%	-0.6%
Utilities	49.24	+0.25	-2.2%	-6.5%
Telecom	56.10	+0.30	-4.3%	-7.3%
Consumer staples	49.75	+0.21	-1.3%	-12.6%

MARKET NOTEBOOK

NYSE	NASDAQ
2,026	1,751
839	1,098
111	165
2,976	3,014
188	203
51	34
2,959,468,042	1,918,530,319
2,109,556,727	1,157,060,708
823,184,487	728,721,087
26,726,828	32,748,524
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TOP 10 EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

TF, ranked by volume	Ticker	Close	Chg.	% Chg	%YTD
Shs Emerg Mkts	EEM	46.35	+0.28	+0.6%	-1.6%
PDR S&P500 ETF Tr	SPY	273.37	+2.04	+0.8%	+2.4%
CS VS 2x Vix ShTm	TVIX	4.86	-0.28	-5.4%	-12.3%
PDR Financial	XLF	28.15	+0.20	+0.7%	+0.9%
Barc iPath Vix ST	VXX	34.23	-1.07	-3.0%	+22.6%
anE Vect Gld Miners	GDX	22.33	+0.14	+0.6%	-3.9%
owerShs QQQ Trust	QQQ	168.40	+0.94	+0.6%	+8.1%
Shares Brazil	EWZ	38.39	+0.09	+0.2%	-5.1%
roShs Ultra VIX ST	UVXY	11.19	-0.56	-4.8%	+9.6%
Shares Rus 2000	IWM	162.94	+1.07	+0.7%	+6.9%

INTEREST RATES MORTGAGE RATES

	Close	6 mo ago	Туре	Close	6 mo ago
e lending	4.75%	4.25%	30 yr. fixed	4.53%	3.79%
ral funds	1.70%	1.16%	15 yr. fixed	3.96%	3.15%
. T-bill	1.92%	1.26%	1 yr. ARM	3.93%	3.34%
T-note	2.90%	2.10%	5/1 ARM	4.37%	3.43%
. T-note	3.06%	2.36%		ΔS	OF MAY 18

SOURCE: BANKRATE.COM

ommodities	Close	Prev.	Chg.	% Chg.	% YTD
attle (lb.)	1.05	1.02	+0.03	+2.5%	-14.7%
orn (bushel)	4.03	4.03	unch.	+0.1%	+14.8%
iold (troy oz.) 1	,290.201	,290.20	unch.	unch.	-1.2%
logs, lean (lb.)	.74	.75	-0.01	-0.9%	+3.1%
latural Gas (Btu.)	2.81	2.85	-0.04	-1.3%	-4.8%
il, heating (gal.)	2.27	2.27	unch.	+0.4%	+9.6%
il, lt. swt. crude (bar.) 72.24	71.28	+0.96	+1.4%	+19.6%
ilver (troy oz.)	16.45	16.39	+0.06	+0.4%	-3.6%
oybeans (bushel)	10.25	9.99	+0.26	+2.7%	+7.7%
/heat (bushel)	5.07	5.18	-0.11	-2.1%	+18.8%

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

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COMMODITIES

Currency per dollar	Close	Prev.	6 mo. ago	Yr. ago
British pound	.7455	.7418	.7556	.7673
Canadian dollar	1.2809	1.2880	1.2776	1.3514
Chinese yuan	6.3843	6.3822	6.6293	6.8926
Euro	.8494	.8494	.8516	.8923
Japanese yen	111.11	110.68	112.44	111.38
Mexican peso	19.8689	19.9442	18.7757	18.6468

FOREIGN MARKETS

Country	Close	Prev.	Change	%Chg.	YTD %			
Frankfurt	13,077.72	13,114.61	-36.89	-0.3%	+1.2%			
Hong Kong	31,234.35	31,047.91	+186.44	+0.6%	+4.4%			
Japan (Nikkei)	23,002.37	22,930.36	+72.01	+0.3%	+1.0%			
London	7,859.17	7,778.79	+80.38	+1.0%	+2.2%			
Mexico City	45,305.02	45,666.77	-361.75	-0.8%	-8.2%			

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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

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

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 New-combe, 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.

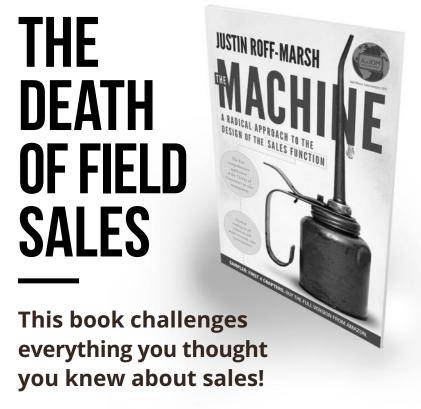
Don't be shy about stopping to ask for directions. Though exercise caution — not all strangers have your best intentions at heart.

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.

USA TODAY columnist Steven Petrow offers advice about living in the digital age. Follow him @StevenPetrow



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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

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

nies represent two-thirds of U.S. gross domestic product

with \$12.8 trillion in revenues,

\$1 trillion in profits and \$21.6

ly employ 28.2 million people

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Only three companies have

held the No. 1 spot on the Fortune 500 list since its creation

in 1955: General Motors, Exxon

The 2017 rankings had 24

women CEOs of Fortune 500

companies, down from 32 in

New York has the most com-

panies in the 2017 rankings

with 58. California took second

place with 49, followed by Tex-

Seventeen companies de-

buted on the Fortune 500 list

for 2017, including fragrance

Women power waning?

State bragging rights

First-time winners

as with 48.

Mobil and Walmart.

trillion in market value.

In all, Fortune 500 compa-

magazine said.

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Who's No. 1?

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 Mattel, 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.

America is Hungry for Martha Stewart's New 30-Minute Dinner Kits

Consumers rushing to get Martha's delicious recipes and seasonal ingredients delivered to their doorsteps.

For the next 48 hours, our readers get 3 free meals and free shipping!

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.

closer look 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. Fans of the product love that all they have to do is cook, relax, and enjoy the experience. Each recipe takes around 30 minutes, which enables households

other important things. As Martha says, "Save time to



Fast-growing Martha & Marley Spoon is shipping thousands of meals every week to hungry customers across the country.

Why Americans Are Raving About This "Dinner in a Box"

The Associated Press calls Martha & Marley Spoon "the best meal kit," and the company has been featured in the New York Times, USA Today, Fortune, The Today Show, and more. In June alone, news of the service was covered by over 157 media outlets, seen and heard more than 600 million times.

What sets this meal kit service apart? We've boiled it down to 7 simple reasons:

- 1. Trusted, time-tested recipes. While other companies offer unproven meal options, Martha & Marley Spoon sends you the best of Martha's 18,000+ recipes, so every meal you cook is a winner.
- 2. Time-saving cooking techniques. Martha & Marley Spoon meals use Martha's smart cooking techniques so you can enjoy a delicious meal in as little as 20 minutes, with no planning or shopping whatsoever.
- 3. Choice and variety. Martha & Marley Spoon offers 7 new recipes and 3 customer favorites to choose from weekly, with plans for both couples and families. It is the only service in America that provides total choice of what to cook for both families and 2-person households.
- 4. Thoughtfully-sourced ingredients. Martha & Marley Spoon works with local suppliers to bring the very best to your table, including organic produce, artisanal cheeses and condiments, and ethicallysourced meats and seafood.
- 5. Timeless recipe cards. Every box comes with beautifully-designed, sturdy recipe cards that are easy to follow and reuse.
- 6. Wholesome, balanced meals. Recipes are designed for healthy weeknight cooking and eating, quick preparation, and they're a clear winner over take-out and frozen meals.
- 7. The freshest food around. Martha & Marley Spoon focuses on fresh, local food that is sourced as little as 24 hours before shipping, meaning that your food arrives at

"I Absolutely Love What You Are Doing For Me"

Rod, one of thousands of happy customers says, "I just wanted to thank all at Martha & Marley Spoon. Quality, value, convenience, I could go on. Amazing, delicious, healthy,

wonderfully orchestrated meals with a 1, 2, 3 cooking approach. By the way, I started by ordering this for my college daughter who never boiled water prior to December. She is now making herself amazing, healthy, fresh food. Yay!"

Another email writes "Praise to all, I love my meals. The Moroccan Spiced Chicken with Vegetables - delicious. The spinach tortilla cannelloni - spectacular! But the best so far is the Chicken Soup with Sweet Potato, Collards and Quinoa. I would describe it as light, sweet, and satisfying. I thank you once again for the exceptional standards."

And yet another says, "You are the best! I am amazed at how perfect your service is for me. I enjoy the offerings and quality put into each box, always easy and fun to prepare. I love the special gifts. This level of service is exceptional. I can't imagine life without Martha & Marley Spoon."

Martha & Marley Spoon's success -- and glowing customer reviews -- make it easy to see why sales are booming nationwide and why people can't stop talking about it.

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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 muchneeded injection of \$425 million due to the upgraded creditcard 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 purto eat well and have plenty of time for

make time for everything else you





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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."

lan 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

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

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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Hinchcliffe yet to find Indy 500 ride

Jim Ayello and Jordan Guskey

The Indianapolis Star USA TODAY Network

INDIANAPOLIS — Time is running out for James Hinchcliffe to find a ride for the 102nd running of the Indianapolis 500. Or is it?

According to IndyCar officials, there is nothing in the Verizon IndyCar Series rule book that would prevent the Schmidt Peterson Motorsports star from climbing in a car right up until race time on Sunday. So in theory, those who wish to see Hinchcliffe in a car for IndyCar's crown jewel have a little less than a week to find him a car.

However, the more realistic dropdead time is Friday morning. Presumably, Hinchcliffe would want at least a little practice time in a new car before taking it out for a 500-mile race. On Carb Day, teams are allotted one hour of practice time, 11 a.m. to noon.

Obviously, the ideal scenario would have been working out a deal over the weekend so that Hinchcliffe could have practiced Monday, as well. However, no deal appeared imminent.

"There's a lot of talk, but his only option is a Honda team, so that limits things substantially," SPM co-owner Sam Schmidt said ahead of Monday's practice.

"It's not a complete dead deal, but we would have liked to have him out in the car today if we were going to do anything. We're still talking.

"After such a good start to the season, this is a pretty big kick in the nuts, but it's not the worst thing in life. ... We're like all the fans out there that we want to see him in a car this weekend if we can make it happen."

Schmidt said that if a deal is not struck before the 500, the team will put Hinchcliffe's sponsors on the team's other two entries: Robert Wickens' No. 6 car and Jay Howard's No. 7.

As for Hinchcliffe, if an Indianapolis 500 ride does not materialize, some have suggested that ABC should consider incorporating the charismatic driver and former *Dancing with the Stars* (an ABC program) standout into its broadcast.

"As a friend, I want (Hinchcliffe) in the race," fellow IndyCar star Graham



James Hinchcliffe still doesn't have a ride for Sunday's Indianapolis 500, but he has until race time to find one.

MATT KRYGER/THE INDIANAPOLIS STAF

Rahal tweeted. "But, if that is not in the cards, ABC needs to step up and get the man in the booth calling the race. He would be a great addition to the broadcasting crew with accurate insight and knowledge for fans."

It is not yet known whether this is something that would pique Hinch-cliffe's interest.

Hinchcliffe was at Indianapolis Mo-

tor Speedway on Monday to promote the #HinchcliffeHundred blood drive, an initiative he started after he had multiple blood transfusions following his death-defying 2015 Indy 500 qualifying crash. But he did not take questions about Bump Day or finding another ride.

Although it might be a good way for him to promote himself, his sponsors and his team, it's also not unreasonable to expect that he might perhaps prefer to spend race day with his team and help longtime friend and SPM teammate Robert Wickens prepare for his 500 debut.

An ABC official told *IndyStar* that the network has yet to make inquiries about teaming up with Hinchcliffe, saying it feels it would be premature to do so.

IndyCar officials said Hinchcliffe stills plans to take part in its nationwide promotional campaign on Tuesday.

As has become an annual tradition, the series sends its drivers across the country to spread the word of the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing." Hinchcliffe, along with Danica Patrick and Takuma Sato, will promote the 500 in New York.

Fortnite

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have exposure to at least the Atari 2600 as a youth. Over the past two decades, online multiplayer gaming has turned series such as *FIFA*, *Madden* and *MLB The Show* into competitions waged with friends across town or around the world.

In Fortnite, there exists an irresistible concoction of action and evolution, teamwork and competition, and a connection and camaraderie that no game seems to match.

"Just when I think I'm getting bored with it and I'm going to stop playing, I find that it keeps me going," Philadelphia Phillies outfielder Nick Williams says. "There are times I'm like, 'OK, this is my last game of the night.' And then I get second place and I'm like, 'No, no, I need to try again.'

"And then 12 games later, I'm like, 'All right, this has got to be my last game.'"

For the uninitiated: *Fortnite* can be played as a solo, as a duo or in teams of four. Each game begins with 100 competitors in a "lobby," each on a quest to acquire supplies and weapons to enhance their chances of survival.

Teammates communicate via headsets, launch missions to scavenge for supplies amid a post-apocalyptic landscape, build traps and ultimately ward off and destroy a legion of zombies, all the while shoring up a fort against the encroaching mob.

Scavenge. Build. Shoot. Fairly standard gaming stuff, right?

Yet interviews with more than a dozen professional ballplayers reveals what keeps them coming back: Developers at Epic Games keep *Fortnite* fresh with updates, retiring certain features and then reviving them, creating consistency with the game's map but subtly tweaking features within it.

Another factor that can't be underestimated in a sport in which minor leaguers don't earn a living wage and major leaguers never tire of getting comped: The game, if the player eschews "battle passes" and other, more advanced versions, is free.

"Oh, that's just a bonus," Phillies right-hander Jerad Eickhoff says. "It's unbelievable that it is a free game."

That's particularly true at baseball's lower levels.

Minor leagues, major boon

Hagerstown, Md., is a 75-mile drive from Nationals Park. For members of the Hagerstown Suns, however, the leap from the low Class A South Atlantic League to the Washington Nationals is far more circuitous.

Many are thousands of miles from home, some in a foreign country, bonded only by the fact their big-league dreams remain four daunting levels away.

For them, *Fortnite* serves as more than a distraction from interminable bus rides, ever-present rain delays and budget motel rooms.

"If you let baseball consume you too long, it can get overwhelming," says Nick Banks, a 23-year-old outfielder for the Suns and a fourth-round Nationals draft pick in 2016. "The first thing I do after every game is go to my host family's house, in the basement, and start playing.

"My roommates will watch TV and be like, 'Dude, that's all you do.' But it takes

your mind off baseball."

When a clubhouse attendant brought a PlayStation4 to the Suns clubhouse, the dynamic shifted and helped turn some 70% of the team into Fortniters.

When a gamer scores a win, the shouts of excitement often lure trainers and coaches out to watch. And on a team where a half-dozen players are 20 or younger and not far removed from the insecurities of adolescence, a sense of belonging can emerge.

"The quiet guys who don't say much—if they do well in the video game, they get a little louder, their personality starts to come out," Suns reliever A.J. Bogucki says. "They're not sure how to act, but when they get excited, they might tell us a little bit more."

That includes a quartet of foreignborn players. Venezuelans Tomas Alastre — a 19-year-old in his first year of full-season ball — Aldrem Corredor and Jeyner Baez, along with Dominican Republic native Carlos Acevedo all have engaged in *Fortnite*.

"They want to know what it's all about. It's good bonding time as well," Bogucki says. "We can help them with our broken Spanish."

In the hours after minor league games finish across the country, *Fort-nite* becomes a virtual space for alumni reunions.

Banks will often game with his old Texas A&M roommate, Cincinnati Reds minor leaguer Ryan Hendrix. Bogucki will join up every other night, he estimates, with fellow North Carolina Tar Heels J.B. Bukauskas (Houston Astros), Zach Rice (Atlanta Braves) and Zac Gallen (Miami Marlins). Outfielder Kameron Esthay plays with former Baylor teammates now in the minors along with those still in Waco.

While it might be hard for anyone older than 30 to believe, they make a compelling case that chatting via *Fortnite* creates greater connection than a phone call or text.

"When you're on the phone, you lose your train of thought of what else you might talk about and then the conversation is over," Bogucki says. "(Fortnite) stretches across a few hours, and then you might remember to ask them something you forgot earlier.

"It's the extended period you play that allows you to have a better conversation than 10 minutes on the phone."

Big night in

Major leaguers agree. In fact, there are burgeoning friendships throughout the big leagues among players who have only "met" in *Fortnite*'s lobby.

"I've never met Brett Phillips in person," Rays infielder Matt Duffy says of the Milwaukee Brewers outfielder who recently played a game of *Fortnite* on the Miller Park big screen, "but I'd consider him a little bit of a buddy."

Old-timers might chafe at the notion of ballplayers retreating to virtual solitude after games. And to be sure, plenty still find time to have a pop or two in public.

Yet there's upside in isolation, Duffy says. "If your team's playing poorly and you're out at a bar, whether it's just to relax and have a drink, people have opinions about it," he says, "like you should be sleeping at 8 o'clock at night. It's not that you don't want to go out, it's just that sometimes it's not the best thing."

Says Phillies outfielder Aaron Altherr: "That's literally all I do in the hotel. I'm not one of the guys who goes and

POWER RANKINGS

Voting by USA TODAY experts. Statistics through May 20. First-place votes in parentheses. Commentary by Gabe Lacques.

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Rank	Team	LW	Comment					
1	New York Yankees (6)	1	Too many good players is kind of problem Aaron Boone can handle.					
2	Boston Red Sox (2)	2	Forget Justify: J.D. Martinez and Mookie Betts waging spirited battle for Triple Crown.					
3	Houston Astros	3	Verlander (1.05), Cole (1.75), Morton (1.94): 1-2-3 in AL ERA.					
4	Atlanta Braves	9	Tough stretch awaits with Phillies, Red Sox, Mets, Nattionals.					
5	Milwaukee Brewers	8	Fourth-best run differential (+19) but best record in NL Central.					
6	Chicago Cubs	10	Yu Darvish gets first win, Jose Quintana gets ERA below 5.00.					
7	Philadelphia Phillies	15	Odubel Herrera's on-base streak ends at 45, but he still leads NL in batting (.344).					
8	Los Angeles Angels	5	6-1 when Shohei Ohtani starts on the mound, 20-20 with anyone else.					
9	St. Louis Cardinals	7	Jordan Hicks' 105-mph radar reading shows why he leaped from Class A to St. Louis.					
10	Washington Nationals	6	Juan Soto's recall not what they wanted, but injuries force 19-year-old to big leagues.					
11	Seattle Mariners	11	They lose Robinson Cano, but it turns out Mitch Haniger is their real MVP, anyway.					
12	Arizona Diamondbacks	4	Getting Paul Goldschmidt right would help offset loss of A.J. Pollock.					
13	Colorado Rockies	12	They might regret not taking full advantage while Dodgers, Giants struggled.					
14	New York Mets	17	Won back-to-back games for first time in more than a month.					
15	Pittsburgh Pirates	14	Played .500 ball (15-15) while Josh Harrison was out.					
16	Cleveland Indians	13	Remember when Jose Ramirez couldn't buy a hit? OPS back to a healthy .985.					
17	San Francisco Giants	18	Brandon Belt seems to have just two settings: Pariah or MVP candidate.					
18	Oakland Athletics	20	Over past three starts, Daniel Mengden has 1.37 ERA, just one walk.					
19	Los Angeles Dodgers	21	Left for dead last week. Could close in on second place this week.					
20	Toronto Blue Jays	16	A gap they can't close: Rotation ERA (5.44) nearly two runs worse than Red Sox's.					
21	Tampa Bay Rays	22	Playoffs a long shot, but a .500 record while trying anything and everything might change the game.					
22	Minnesota Twins	19	Poor start has possibly put wild card out of reach. Fortunately, just 1½ games behind Indians.					
23	Detroit Tigers	23	Matt Boyd has a 1.06 WHIP.					
24	San Diego Padres	25	Winning three of four at Pittsburgh gets them off 100-loss pace.					
25	Texas Rangers	24	Time to find a suitor for Cole Hamels.					
26	Cincinnati Reds	T-27	Two things Joey Votto does: Gets on base, speaks truth.					
27	Miami Marlins	29	Only NL East team below .500.					
28	Kansas City Royals	26	Danny Duffy's struggles cast darker cloud over grim season.					
29	Baltimore Orioles	T-27	•					
30	Chicago White Sox	30	Jace Fry has struck out 12 of 27 batters faced without giving up a hit.					

walks around much. I'm a big room service and video games guy. That's the way I do it."

Altherr estimates his longest *Fortnite* session was about 10 hours, during spring training, when the long days and quiet nights of Clearwater, Fla., truly seem interminable.

"You play," he says. "Get some food. Play again."

Eickhoff said spring training was a key moment for the Phillies and *Fortnite*, as players emerged from winter to realize that, yes, everybody was playing it — or at least half the roster, he estimates.

It was inevitable that game and profession would intersect. In the season's opening series, Boston Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts performed Fortnite's "take the L" celebratory dance after reaching base. A few weeks later, teammate David Price deflected concerns that carpal tunnel in his throwing wrist came from excessive gaming,

mostly *Fortnite* (doctors agreed).

The game might truly arrive once an on-field incident arises from *Fortnite* — perhaps an unsettled online score, maybe if the trolling that makes the game so compelling hits too close to home on the field.

"As far as bringing in the taunting of the game into baseball, I don't know if I necessarily agree with that," Kansas City Royals reliever Kevin McCarthy says. "But it's funny in *Fortnite*. "There's a space for each, you know what I'm saying?"

As McCarthy's Royals launch a painful rebuild, he realizes there are few constants in baseball. He's grateful one of them goes wherever any of his friends might land.

"Everyone's from everywhere," he says. "Relationships come and go. Since being with the Royals, I can't even count how many guys have been traded or are no longer playing. But we still have Xbox and PlayStation."

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 fifthsense, 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 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

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

best record in the NHL at 51-24-7. In a Smythe (playoff MVP) favorite with an 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-yearold 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 seventhround 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

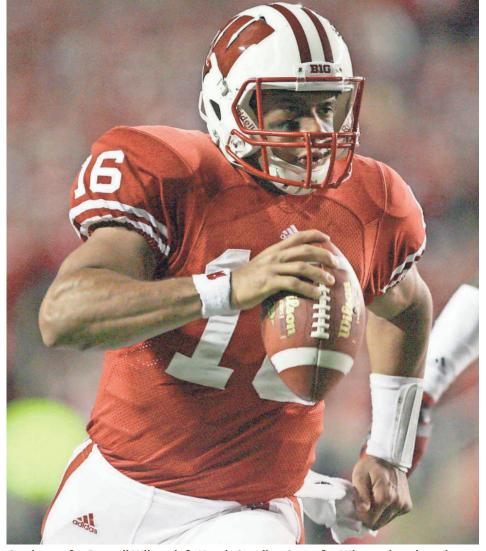
Mayfield is the most successful transfer in the history of college football not just at quarterback but at any position. The former Texas Tech walk-on spent one season with the Red Raiders before heading to Oklahoma, and the rest was history. As a senior, Mayfield threw for 4,627 yards and 43 touchdowns 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 threetime 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 loses 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

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.

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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 Ameri-

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

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 redmeat 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 doright 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 protestto-progress mind-set is clearly legitimate, and the NFL's clout can't hurt with the type of reform that the coalition is

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.

DiVincenzo's draft stock soars since title game

Scored 31 in Villanova's championship clincher

Scott Gleeson

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 choirboy 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.

IN BRIEF

NFL seeks gambling standards

In response to last week's Supreme Court ruling that struck down a 1992 federal law prohibiting sports gambling in most states, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell issued a statement Monday asking Congress to enact "uniform standards for states that choose to legalize sports betting." Specifically, the NFL says it is asking for standards that include at least four core principles: consumer protections; protection of content and intellectual property; the open availability to "official, reliable" data; and for law enforcement to have resources to monitor and impose punishment to "bad actors." The Supreme Court ruling puts the onus on individual states to decide whether to legalize sports gambling, which could create several complications. Mainly, the laws and regulations issued by one state could vary significantly with those enacted by another.

■ Two more Super Bowl sites will be announced at this week's owners meeting in Atlanta, according to SportsBusiness Journal, which also reports that the traditional bidding process for the game has been scrapped. Arizona will

be awarded Super Bowl LVII, capping the 2022 season. It will be the fourth time the game will be played in the greater Phoenix area. Super Sunday will return to New Orleans the following year, the record 11th time The Big Easy has been the host city.

SEC to vote on transfer rule

The Southeastern Conference will vote on a proposal at its spring meetings next week that would lift all conference restrictions on athletes who want to transfer from one league member to another if their original school receives a postseason ban, according to a copy of the proposal obtained by USA TODAY. The proposal, which is being co-sponsored by Florida and Texas A&M, also imposes a significant financial penalty on schools that have been banned from the postseason in football or basketball by withholding all postseason revenue from the NCAA, SEC or bowl games that could be worth millions of dollars a year. If enacted, the rule will result in the immediate eligibility of Florida receiver Van Jefferson, who transferred from Mississippi. This proposal accounts for why Florida coach Dan Mullen told reporters recently that the school has yet to apply for Jefferson's immediate eligibility waiver, as other non-SEC schools that took Ole Miss transfers have done. Because Jefferson transferred within the league, the SEC commissioner would need to grant a waiver under the current setup. The new rule essentially would mean any school that receives a postseason ban could more easily lose players to SEC rivals "provided other NCAA and SEC eligibility requirements are met," according to the literature distributed to SEC schools. — Dan Wolken

■ Clemson backup quarterback **Hunter Johnson** is transferring, leaving the Tigers with three scholarship quarterbacks. The school confirmed the decision in an announcement Monday. Johnson, a former five-star recruit from Brownsburg, Ind., completed eight of 14 passes for 85 yards and one touchdown and one interception in the spring game.

Rookie sets tournament record

Aaron Wise cruised to his first PGA Tour victory Sunday, shattering the AT&T Byron Nelson record at 23 under on a new course in a race to finish before nightfall after a four-hour rain delay.

The 21-year-old rookie shot 6-under-par 65 to beat Marc Leishman by three strokes as both became the first to finish the Nelson at 20 under or better in the first year at Trinity Forest in Dallas.

Olympian sues USA Swimming

Olympic swimmer Ariana Kukors Smith has filed a lawsuit against USA Swimming alleging that officials knew she was sexually abused by coach Sean **Hutchison** while she was a minor. The lawsuit filed in Orange County (Calif.) Supreme Court alleges that USA Swimming officials covered up the sexual abuse Kukors Smith suffered and manipulated the background check system so Hutchison would not be subject to a negative background check. Kukors Smith says Hutchison, her coach at a club in the Seattle area, groomed her from the time she was 13 and began molesting her when she was 16. Hutchison has denied the allegations and has not been charged with a crime. Kukors Smith says that in 2005, when she was 15 or 16, USA Swimming officials knew that she and Hutchison were involved in an inappropriate relationship.

From staff and wire reports

FOR THE RECORD

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Sunday's Games

All Times ET American League East Division							
	W	L	Pct	GB			
New York	30	13	.698	-			
Boston	32	15	.681	-			
Tampa Bay	22	23	.489	9			
Toronto	22	25	.468	10			
Baltimore	14	32	.304	171/2			
Central Division							
	W	L	Pct	GB			
Cleveland	22	23	.489	_			
Minnesota	19	23	.452	11/2			
Detroit	20	26	.435	21/2			
Kansas City	14	32	.304	81/2			
Chicago	13	30	.302	8			
West Division	on						
	W	L	Pct	GB			
Houston	30	18	.625	_			
Seattle	27	19	.587	2			
Los Angeles	26	21	.553	31/2			
Oakland	25	22	.532	41/2			
Texas	18	30	.375	12			

Boston 5, Baltimore 0
Oakland 9, Toronto 2
Chicago White Sox 3, Texas 0
Minnesota 3, Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Yankees 10, Kansas City 1
L.A. Angels 5, Tampa Bay 2
Seattle 3, Detroit 2, 11 innings
Houston 3, Cleveland 1
Monday's Games Monday's Games N.Y. Yankees at Texas Baltimore at Chicago White Sox Detroit at Minnesota Kansas City at St. Louis Tuesday's Games Tuesday's Games
Cleveland at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

AL Leaders AL Leaders
BATTING-Betts, Boston, 365; Martinez, Boston, 343; Machado, Baltimore, 343; Brantley, Cleveland, 331; Simmons, Los Angeles, 329; Lowrie, Oakland, 320; Segura, Seattle, 318; Altuve, Houston, 316; Castellanos, Detroit, 312; Gordon, Seattle, 304.
RUNS-Betts, Boston, 48; Trout, Los Angeles, 38; Lindor, Cleveland, 36; Springer, Houston, 34; Indop. New York, 33; Semien Oakland, 33; 41 Indop. New York, 33; Semien Oakland, 33 34: Judge, New York, 33: Semien, Oakland, 33

Stanton, New York, 32: 3 tied at 31

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RBI-Machado, Baltimore, 42; Martinez, Boston, 41; Davis, Oakland, 38; Lowrie, Oakland, 37; Haniger, Seattle, 36; Judge, New York, 35; Upton, Los Angeles, 34; Segura, Seattle, 33; GSanchez, New York, 33; Betts, Boston, 32. Gsainchez, New York, 33; Betts, Boston, 61; HITS—Altuve, Houston, 61; Betts, Boston, 61; Machado, Baltimore, 61; Segura, Seattle, 61; Martinez, Boston, 60; Lowrie, Oakland, 58; Gordon, Seattle, 56; Lindor, Cleveland, 56; Semien, Oakland, 56; Simmons, Los Angeles, DOUBLES-Betts, Boston, 19; Pillar, Toronto 18; Escobar, Minnesota, 17; Bregman, Houston, 14; Lindor, Cleveland, 14; Ramirez, Cleve-

land, 14; Segura, Seattle, 14; 4 tied at 13. TRIPLES—YSanchez, Chicago, 4; Benintendi, Boston, 3; Candelario, Detroit, 3; Castellanos, Detroit, 3; Chapman, Oakland, 3; Smith, Tampa Bay, 3; 18 tied at 2. HOME RUNS-Betts, Boston, 15; Martinez, Boston, 15; Machado, Baltimore, 14; Trout, Los

Boston, 15; Machado, Baltimore, 14; Irout, Los Angeles, 14; Davis, Oakland, 13; Gallo, Texas, 13; Ramirez, Cleveland, 13; Lindor, Cleveland, 12; GSanchez, New York, 12; 6 tied at 11. STOLEN BASES-Gordon, Seattle, 16; Merri-rield, Kansas City, 12; Anderson, Chicago, 11; Betts, Boston, 11; Segura, Seattle, 11; Smith, Tampa Bay, 10; Trout, Los Angeles, 10; 4 tied at 8. PITCHING-Kluber, Cleveland, 7-2; Severino, New York, 7-1; McCullers, Houston, 6-2; Mor ton, Houston, 6-0: Porcello, Boston, 6-1: 8 tied

ERA-Verlander, Houston, 1.05; Cole, Houston 1.75; Morton, Houston, 1.94; Sale, Boston, 2.29; Severino, New York, 2.35; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.36; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.59; Manaea, Oakland, 2.71; Colon, Texas, 2.82; Clevinger,

Cleveland, 2.87. STRIKEOUTS-Cole, Houston, 93; Sale, Boston, 87; Verlander, Houston, 84; Paxton, Seattle, 79; Severino, New York, 76; Kluber, Cleveland,

71; Morton, Houston, 70; Bauer, Cleveland, 67; Happ, Toronto, 66; McCullers, Houston, 66.

National League
Eact Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	28	17	.622	_
Philadelphia	26	18	.591	11/2
New York	23	19	.548	31/2
Washington	24	21	.533	4
Miami	17	29	.370	111/2
Central Divi	sion			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	28	19	.596	_
Chicago	25	19	.568	11/2
St. Louis	25	19	.568	11/2
Pittsburgh	26	20	.565	11/2
Cincinnati	16	32	.333	121/2
West Division	on			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	25	21	.543	_
Colorado	25	22	.532	1/2
San Francisco	24	24	.500	2
Los Angeles	20	26	.435	5
San Diego	20	28	.417	6
Sunday's Ga	mes			
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N.Y. Mets 4, Arizona 1 L.A. Dodgers 7, Washington 2 Atlanta 10, Miami 9 San Diego 8, Pittsburgh 5 Minnesota 3, Milwaukee 1 St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 1 San Francisco 9, Colorado 5 Monday's Games

San Diego at Washington Miami at N.Y. Mets Kansas City at St. Louis Colorado at L.A. Dodgers

Colorado at L.A. Dodgers **Tuesday's Games**Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Miami at NY. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Arizona at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

NL Leaders
BATTING-Herrera, Philadelphia, .344; Markakis, Atlanta, .343; Arenado, Colorado, .331;
Freeman, Atlanta, .325; Kemp, Los Angeles,
.321; Cabrera, New York, .321; Gennert, Cincinnati, .318; Belt, San Francisco, .313; Martinez,
St. Louis, .313; Pham, St. Louis, .312.
RUNS-Albies, Atlanta, 42; Blackmon, Colorado, 36; Pham, St. Louis, 35; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 34; Freeman, Atlanta, 32; Harper,
Washington, 31; Markakis, Atlanta, 31; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 31; Marte, Pittsburgh, 30;
Bryant, Chicago, 29. **NL Leaders**

Bryant, Chicago, 29. RBI-Baez, Chicago, 38; Freeman, Atlanta, 35 Story, Colorado, 35; Albies, Atlanta, 33; Pollock, Arizona, 33; Markakis, Atlanta, 32; Suarez, Cincinnati, 32; Harper, Washington, 31; 3

HITS–Markakis, Atlanta, 62; Albies, Atlanta,

HITS—Markakis, Atlanta, 62; Albies, Atlanta, 55; Fereman, Atlanta, 55; Gennett, Cincinnati, 55; Herrera, Philadelphia, 55; Aernado, Colorado, 52; Cabrera, New York, 51; Castro, Miami, 51; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 51; 2 tied at 50.
DOUBLES—Hosmer, San Diego, 16; Albies, Atlanta, 15; Bryant, Chicago, 14; Contreras, Chicago, 14; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 14; Kendrick, Washington, 14; Cabrera, New York, 13; Longoria, San Francisco, 13; McCutchen, San Francisco, 13; Polanco, Pittsburgh, 13.
TRIPLES—Baez, Chicago, 4; Marte, Pittsburgh, 4; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 4; 9 tied at 3.
HOME RUNS—Albies, Atlanta, 13; Harper, Washington, 13; Blackmon, Colorado, 12; Villanueva, San Diego, 12; Belt, San Francisco, 11; Baez, Chicago, 11; Pollock, Arizona, 11; Adams, Washington, 10; Shaw, Milwaukee, 10; Story, Colorado, 10.

STOLEN BASES-Inciarte. Atlanta. 18: Turner

Colorado, 10.
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PITCHING—Scherzer, Washington, 7-1; Nola, Philadelphia, 6-2; Mikolas, St. Louis, 5-0; Newcomb, Atlanta, 5-1; Quintana, Chicago, 5-3; Strasburg, Washington, 5-4; Stratton, San Francisco, 5-3; Wacha, St. Louis, 5-1; Williams, Pittsburgh, 5-2; 14 tied at 4.
ERA—Martinez, St. Louis, 1.62; deGrom, New York, 1.75; Scherzer, Washington, 1.78; Gonzalez, Washington, 2.36; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.37; Newcomb, Atlanta, 2.39; Lester, Chicago, 2.52; Corbin, Arizona, 2.60; Mikolas, St. Louis, 2.63; Arrieta, Philadelphia, 2.82.
STRIKEOUTS—Scherzer, Washington, 104; Corbin, Arizona, 81; Strasburg, Washington, 75; deGrom, New York, 69; Syndergaard, New York, 68; Gray, Colorado, 63; Greinke, Arizona, 58; Newcomb, Atlanta, 58; 3 tied at 57.

NBA

Playoff Schedule All Times ET CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) **EASTERN CONFERENCE** Boston 2. Cleveland 1

May 13: Boston 108, Cleveland 83 May 15: Boston 107, Cleveland 94 May 19: Cleveland 116, Boston 86 Monday: Boston at Cleveland Wednesday: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m x-Friday: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m. -Sunday: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m WESTERN CONFERENCE Golden State 2, Houston 1 May 14: Golden State 119, Houston 106 May 16: Houston 127, Golden State 105

May 20: Golden State 126. Houston 85 Tuesday: Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Thursday: Golden State at Houston, 9 p.m.
x-Saturday: Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-May 28: Golden State at Houston, 9 p.m.

NHL

Playoff Schedule All Times ET CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) EASTERN CONFERENCE Tampa Bay 3, Washington 2 May 11: Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2 May 13: Washington 6, Tampa Bay 2 May 15: Tampa Bay 4, Washington 2 May 17: Tampa Bay 4, Washington 2 May 19: Tampa Bay 3, Washington 2

Monday: Tampa Bay at Washington x-Wednesday: Washington at Tampa Bay, 8 WESTERN CONFERENCE Wegas 4, Winnipeg 1
May 12: Winnipeg 4, Vegas 2
May 14: Vegas 3, Winnipeg 1
May 16: Vegas 4, Winnipeg 2
May 18: Vegas 3, Winnipeg 2
May 20: Vegas 2, Winnipeg 1

EASTERN CONFERENCE

WNBA

All Times ET

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	2	0	1.000	_
Connecticut	1	0	1.000	1/2
Washington	1	0	1.000	1/2
Atlanta	0	1	.000	11/2
New York	0	1	.000	11/2
Indiana	0	2	.000	2
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	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	2	0	1.000	_
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	1/2
Dallas	1	1	.500	1
Las Vegas	0	1	.000	11/2
Minnesota	0	1	.000	11/2
Seattle	0	1	.000	11/2
Sunday's Ga	mes			
Washington 82, I	ndiana 75			
Connecticut 101,		65		
Dallas 101, Atlant				
Los Angeles 77, M		76		
Chicago 80, New				
Phoenix 87, Seatt				
Monday's G	ames			
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Tuesday's Games Las Vegas at Washington, 7 p.m. Los Angeles at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Columbus	7	3	3	24	18	10
New York	7	3	0	21	26	12
Orlando City	6	4	1	19	21	18
New England	5	4	2	17	18	15
Philadelphia	4	5	2	14	12	15
Chicago	3	6	2	11	15	20
Toronto FC	3	6	1	10	14	19
Montreal	3	9	0	9	14	27
D.C. United	2	5	2	8	13	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Т	Pts	GF	GA	
Sporting KC	7	2	3	24	24	13	
Los Angeles	6	3	2	20	23	18	
Portland	5	3	2	17	16	15	
FC Dallas	4	1	5	17	16	11	
Vancouver	4	5	4	16	16	24	
Houston	4	3	3	15	23	17	
Minnesota	4	7	1	13	14	22	
Salt Lake	4	6	1	13	14	25	
LA Galaxy	4	6	1	13	15	19	
San Jose	2	6	3	9	18	22	
Seattle	2	5	2	8	7	11	
Colorado	2	6	2	8	11	17	
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Friday
FC Dallas at Toronto FC, 8 p.m. NY City FC at Houston, 8:55 p San Jose at LA Galaxy, 11 p.m

DEALS

BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE – Extended the administrative leave of Toronto RHP Roberto
Osuna through May 28.
National League
CHICAGO (LIPS Optional LIPS Pandy Pera

NASHINGTON NATIONALS – Placed RHP Ryan Madsen on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Thursday. Selected the contract of LHP Tim Collins from Syracuse (IL). Transferred 2B Ho-wie Kendrick to the 60-day DL.

FOOTBALL National Football League CINCINNATI BENGALS – Signed C Billy Price to year contract. HOCKEY

National Hockey League CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS – Agreed HICAGO BLACKHAWKS – Agreed to terms ith F Dominik Kahun, D Darren Raddysh and G Kevin Lankinen ton two-year contracts and D Lucas Carlsson on a three-year contract. NEW JERSEY DEVILS – Signed D Egor Yakov lev to a one-year, entry-level contract

COLLEGE BASEBALL

1. Oregon State (13)

1. Stanford (6) 3. Florida (12)

USA TODAY/ABCA Top 25 Poll

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4. Mississippi	653	42-14	5
5. Clemson	624	43-13	7
6. North Carolina	615	37-17	8
7. Arkansas	538	37-17	6
8. Georgia	525	37-17	13
9. NC State	507	40-14	4
10. Florida State	482	39-17	12
11. Texas Tech	435	38-15	11
12. Minnesota	393	37-13	15
13. Texas	380	37-18	16
14. Duke	363	39-14	9
15. East Carolina	348	39-15	10
16. Stetson	342	41-11	17
17. Southern Miss	313	39-15	14
18. UCLA	252	35-17	18
19. Coastal Carolina	213	38-17	20
20. Tennessee Tech	192	46-7	21
21. Auburn	124		22
22. Connecticut	113	32-18-1	23
23. Houston	98	33-21	25
24. South Carolina	76	32-22	NR
25. Louisville	50	40-16	NR
Others receiving votes	: Texa	s A&M (36	6-19)
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NCAA Division I Tournament Super Regionals All Times ET (Best-of-3; x-if necessary)
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COLLEGE WOMEN'S GOLF: NCAA Division I Championships, quarterfinals, team match play, in Stillwater, Okla. (Golf Channel, 11 a.m.), semifinals (Golf Channel, 4 p.m.)

MLB: Cleveland at Chicago Cubs (ESPN, 7 p.m.); Colorado at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN, 10 p.m.)

NBA: Western Conference finals, Game 4, Houston at

TENNIS: ATP Geneva Open (Tennis Channel, 6 a.m. and 2 p.m.)

At Gainesville, Fla. Thursday: Florida vs. Texas A&M, 7 p.m. Friday: Florida vs. Texas A&M, 7 p.m. x-Saturday: Florida vs. Texas A&M, 5 p.m. At Eugene, Ore. Thursday: Oregon vs. Kentucky, 9 p.m. Friday: Oregon vs. Kentucky, 11 p.m. x-Saturday: Oregon vs. Kentucky, 9 p.m.

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At Los Angeles Thursday: UCLA vs. Arizona, 9 p.m. Friday: UCLA vs. Arizona, 9 p.m. x-Saturday: UCLA vs. Arizona, 7 p.m.

At Athens, Ga.
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TENNIS

ATP World Tour Banque Eric Sturdza Geneva Open

Eric Sturuaz Geneva Open In Geneva Surface: Clay, Purse: \$590,000 Singles – First round: Jared Donaldson, Unit-ed States, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 5-7, 6-4, 6-0; Guido Pella, Argentina, def. Domink Koepfer, Germany, 6-3, 6-4; Bernabe Zapata Miralles, Spain, def. Florian Mayer, Argentina, 6-3, 6-2; Tennys Sandgren, United States, def. Andreas Haider-Maurer, Austria, 1-6, 6-1, 6-0, Peter Gojowazyk, Germany, def by Karlovic Andreas Haider-Maurer, Austria, 1-6, 6-1, 6-1, Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (1); Frances Tiafoe, United States, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4; Noah Rubin, United States, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

ATP Open Parc Auvergne-Rhode-Alpes Lyon In Lyon, France Surface: Clay; Purse: \$590,000 Singles – First round: Federico Coria, Argen

tina, def. Nicolas Kicker, Argentina, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Horacio Zebal-los, Argentina, 6-4, 6-2; Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Adrian Mannarino (5), France, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; Roberto Carballes Baena, Spain, def. Laslo Djere, Serbia, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (4), 6-3; Gilles Simon, France, def. Jordi Samper-Mon-tana, Spain, 6-4, 6-2; Cameron Norrie, Britain, def. Jose Hernandez-Fernandez, Dominican Republic, 7-6 (5), 6-1; Maximilian Marterer, Germany, def. Gael Monfils (6), France, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

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WTA Nuernberger

WTA Nuernberger
Versicherungscup
In Nuremberg, Germany
Surface: Clay, Purse: \$226,750
Singles - First round: Alison Riske, United
States, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 6-1,
7-6 (2); Fanny Stollar, Hungary, def. Zhang
Shuai (4), China, 6-2, 6-2; Kristyna Pliskova,
Czech Republic, def. Julia Goerges (2), Germany, 6-2, 6-7 (8), 7-6 (5); Johanna Larsson,
Sweden, def. Irina-Camelia Begu (5), Romania, 6-4, 3-3 retired; Nadia Podoroska, Argentina, def. Kristina Kucova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-3;
Kiki Bertens (3), Netherlands, def. Dejana Radanovic, Serbia, 6-1, 6-1; Katerina Siniakova
(8), Czech Republic, def. Anna Zaja, Germany,
2-6, 6-4, 6-1; Mona Barthel, Germany, leads
Carina Witthoeft, Germany, 7-5, susp, Alison
Van Uytvanck (7), Belgium, leads Kristen Flipkens, Belgium, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 4-2, susp.

WTA Internationaux de Strasbourg In Strasbourg, France Surface: Clay; Purse: \$226,750

def Sofia Kenin United States 6-3 6-2: Hsieh Su-wei (8), Taiwan, def. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia def. Marina Melnikova, Russia, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 def. Marina Melnikova, Russia, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; Ashleigh Barty (1), Australia, def. Luksika Kumkhum, Thailand, 6-4, 6-4; Daria Gavrilova (2), Australia, def. Jennifer Brady, United States, 7-6 (8), 7-6 (6); Dominika Cibulkova (5), Slovakia, def. Chloe Paquet, France, 6-4, 6-2; Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (3), Russia, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, 6-0, 6-0; Timea Babos (6), Hungary, def. Fiona Ferro, France, 6-4, 6-0.

Singles - First round: Sam Stosur, Australia

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Boston	-205	at TAMPA BAY
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GOLF

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Aaron Wise (500), \$1,386,000				
Marc Leishman (300), \$831,600				
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Keith Mitchell (145), \$400,400	65-68-	69-63-	-265	(-19
J.J. Spaun (145), \$400,400	64-69-	69-63-	-265	(-19
Ryan Blaum (92), \$257,950	66-69-	67-66-	-268	(-16
Kevin Na (92), \$257,950	.66-65-	69-68-	-268	(-16
Jimmy Walker (92), \$257,950	64-67-	-70-67-	-268	(-16
Charles Howell III (75), \$207,900	.69-69-	65-66-	-269	(-15
Adam Scott (75), \$207,900	67-65-	-72-65-	-269	(-15
Kevin Tway (75), \$207,900	67-65-	-70-67-	-269	(-15
Brian Gay (65), \$177,100	67-62-	-72-69	-270	(-14
Rory Sabbatini (57), \$148,867	66-70-	-69-66	-271	(-13
Ethan Tracy (57), \$148,867	65-72	2-67-67	-271	(-13
Matt Jones (57), \$148,867	67-65	-68-71	-271	(-13
Bronson Burgoon (49), \$115,500	69-68	-67-68	-272	(-12
Joel Dahmen (49), \$115,500	67-68-	-68-69	-272	(-12
Derek Fathauer (49), \$115,500	70-67-	-66-69	-272	(-12
Russell Knox (49), \$115,500	69-69-	-68-66	-272	(-12
Hideki Matsuyama (49), \$115,500	72-63	-71-66	-272	(-12
Robert Garrigus (39), \$80,080	66-69	9-71-67	-273	(-11
Billy Horschel (39), \$80,080	68-69	-69-67	-273	(-11
Martin Piller (39), \$80,080	69-63	3-71-70	-273	(-11
Jordan Spieth (39), \$80,080	69-66	5-71-67	-273	(-11
Peter Uihlein (39), \$80,080	65-70-	-69-69	-273	(-11
Tyler Duncan (30), \$55,825	65-73-	68-68	-274	(-10
Martin Flores (30), \$55,825	70-67-	68-69	-274	(-10
Anirban Lahiri (30), \$55,825	68-67	-72-67	-274	(-10)
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Nate Lashley (20), \$39,116.
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Eric Axley (10), \$23,184.
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LPGA Tour - Kingsmill Championship Sunday At Kingsmill Resort (River Course) Williamsburg, Va. Purse: \$1.3 million Yardage: 6,445; Par: 71 **Final** x-Ariya Jutanugarn, \$195.000 ...

X-Aiiya Jutanugain, \$155,000		
Nasa Hataoka, \$103,076		
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Eun-Hee Ji, \$32,816		
Caroline Masson, \$32,816	68-69-67-204 (-	-9)
Mariajo Uribe, \$21,773	69-68-68–205 (-	-8)
Anna Nordqvist, \$21,773	70-66-69–205 (-	-8ĺ
Ayako Uehara, \$21,773	69-67-69-205 (-	-8)
Moriya Jutanugarn, \$21,773	68-68-69–205 (-	-8)
Katelyn Dambaugh, \$21,773	68-68-69–205 (-	-8)
Catriona Matthew, \$21,773	67-68-70–205 (-	-8)
Sandra Gal, \$21,773		
Danielle Kang, \$16,615	69-68-69-206 (-7)
Mina Harigae, \$16,615	67-69-70–206 (-7)
Amy Olson, \$14,260	70-70-67–207 (-	-6)
Minjee Lee, \$14,260	67-72-68–207 (-	-6)
Dani Holmqvist, \$14,260	69-69-69–207 (-	-6)
Karrie Webb, \$14,260		
Azahara Munoz, \$14,260	65-71-71–207 (-	-6)
Jessica Korda, \$14,260	65-69-73–207 (-	-6)
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Laetitia Beck, \$10,335	70-70-68-208 (-	-5)
Marina Alex, \$10,335	70-69-69–208 (-	-5)
Cydney Clanton, \$10,335	67-72-69–208 (-	-5)
Lindy Duncan, \$10,335	69-69-70-208 (-5)
Su Oh, \$10,335	69-69-70-208 (-5)
Jacqui Concolino, \$10,335	72-65-71-208 (-	-5)
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Brittany Lincicome, \$7,261...
Michelle Wie, \$7,261...
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Angel Yin, \$7,261...
Jane Park, \$5,486...
Lee-Anne Pace, \$5,486...
Madelene Sagstrom, \$5,486...
Annie Park, \$5,486...
Perrine Delacour, \$5,486...
Morgan Pressel, \$5,486...
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Brittany Marchand, \$5,486...
So Yeon Ry, \$4,186...
Lexi Thompson, \$4,186...
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Lauren Coughlin, \$4,186...
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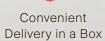
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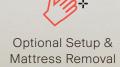


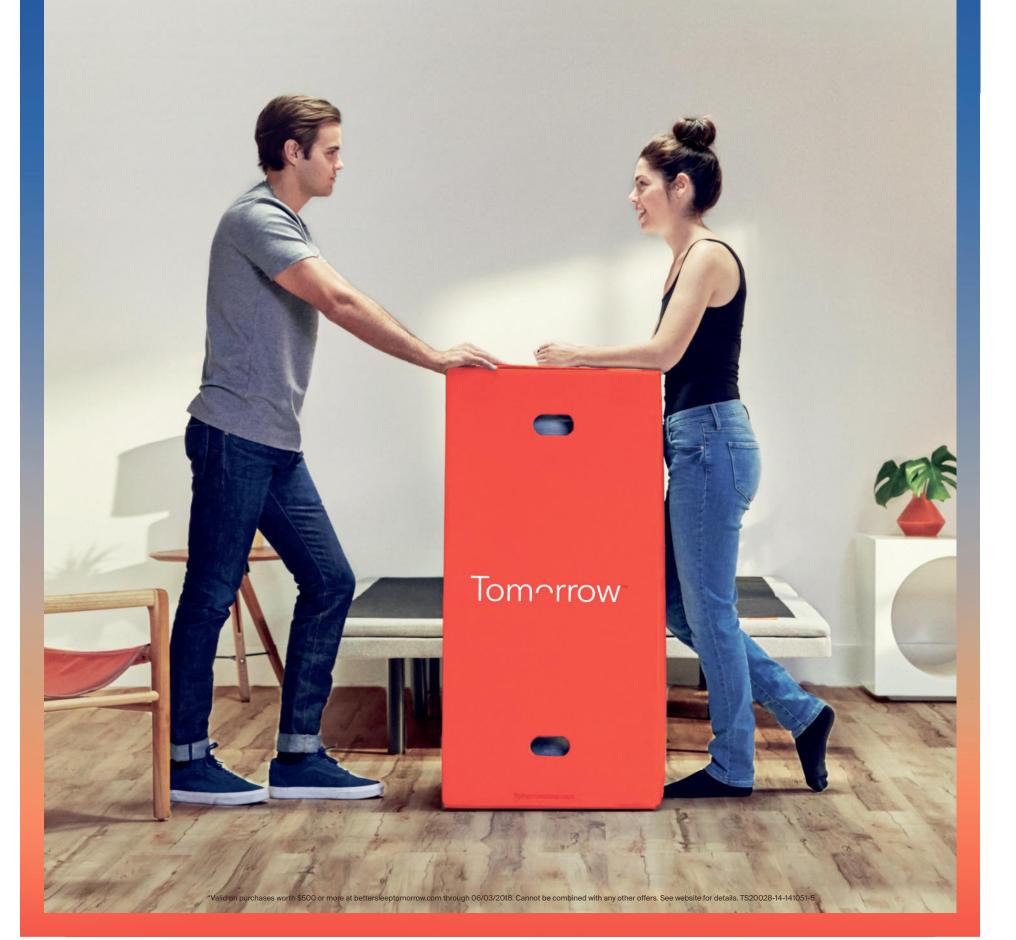
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IN LIFE

Meghan & Harry: It's official You watched the wedding. But now, the portrait. 3D

The deal with 'Deadpool 2' In the credits ... 2D Meet Domino, Zazie Beetz. 3D

Canceled? Not so fast

Some TV shows get new life even after the ax. 4D

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



Ed Sheeran

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.

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 bestselling 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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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

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 oldschool 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., $\star\star\star\star$). 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.

Solo

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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 Awak*ens 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



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 lookingversion 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 $\,$ Lantern." 20TH CENTURY $\,$ original iteration.



Ryan Reynolds cleans up after his work in "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" and "Green FOX; WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Deadpool wraps his crusade with a visit to cir-

ca 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

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.

Author

Stephen King

The climax is solid and intriguing but, in a way, anticlimactic to the gutwrenching 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.

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, Zoboomafoo. It runs the gamut."

In *Deadpool 2* (now in theaters), she plays the sardonic Domino, an alwayslucky 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 introducing the live-action version of a character," par-

"I just get nicknames very quickly: Za, Zaza, Z, Zoboomafoo. 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 La-Guardia 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"

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 sixseason 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 Surrights. 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 lowrated 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 Angelesbased 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.

vivor, if it can wrest U.S. streaming 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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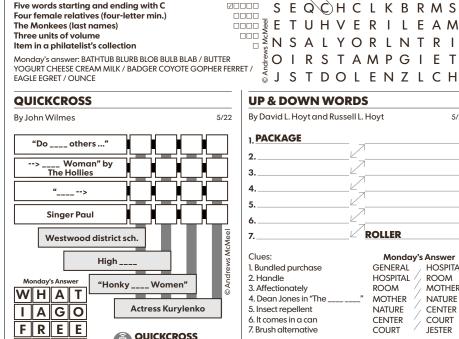
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MOVIES

'Avengers' superstars ready for their farewells

Brian Truitt

Spoiler alert! The following contains details about the ending of Avengers: Infinity War. Stop reading now if you don't want to know.

Ten years of Marvel movies have spawned a number of memorable superhero stories.

But all good things, even blockbuster sagas and rich character arcs, must come to some sort of an end. And Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth and Chris Evans, whose shoulders bore the foundation of the Marvel Cinematic Universe as Iron Man, Thor and Captain America respectively, all believe *Avengers: Infinity War* and next year's fourth *Avengers* movie (May 3, 2019) mark the culmination of a long road.

While filming both projects back-to-back in Atlanta, Downey would host







Chris Chris Hemsworth Evans

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lunches with his co-stars. "I can't count how many times we looked at each other and went: 'Man, can you believe this? This could be it,' " Hemsworth says.

In *Infinity War*, intergalactic bad guy Thanos (Josh Brolin) faces off with Marvel's collected bunch of heroes, from the aforementioned elder statesmen to new blood like Spider-Man (Tom Holland) and Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman), but a dude wielding all-powerful Infinity Stones is tough to handle — especially when he sets off a Rapture-like event that wipes out many of our heroes.

Kevin Feige, *Infinity War* producer and Marvel Studios president, promises certain characters' endings were "necessary" in his expansive ensemble. He acknowledges that these sequences were emotional when he pitched them to the actors in question — years ago, in some cases — and when they were filmed.

"It's come in waves, the emotions of bringing a lot of these characters' stories to their conclusion, in all sorts of different ways that word could be defined," he teases. "These characters, in many cases going back decades and decades, would not be around if they never changed or evolved or weren't updated."

While fans mourn the loss (at least for now) of some beloved good guys, the three original Avengers are still alive and kicking and will play integral roles in the as-yet-untitled *Avengers 4*. But the clock is ticking.

Evans, now starring on Broadway in *Lobby Hero*, says leaving the Marvel

movies "is going to be one of the hardest things I've done. It's all those feelings of graduating high school or college."

Evans figures he'll be "a little bit of a basket case" on the final day of filming: "It's going to be really, really, really hard to know it's the last time you're putting the suit on."

Hemsworth's Marvel contract is up as well, and while he's not ruling out a return appearance in the MCU's Phase 4, the actor had "this weird sort of nostalgic sadness coupled with joy" through a lot of the *Avengers* filming. "Maybe it's just me getting a little more sentimental as I get older and having kids, but you just realize if you don't look around and appreciate it, life moves pretty damn quick."

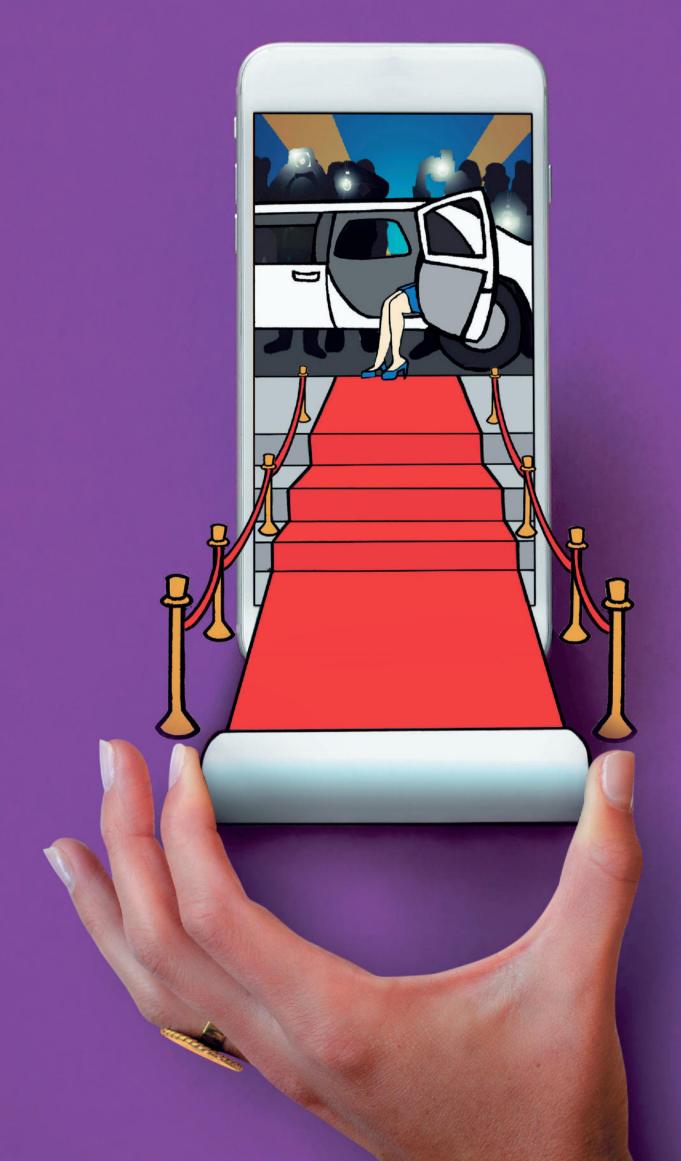
Infinity War and its 2019 follow-up are "closing the circle, for sure," Downey says. "Strangely, here's how twisted I am: I'm learning about real life through these movies. Some things are going to remain heartbreakingly unresolved."

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iundance iyfy		•		e Founding Fathers. Nicolas		the wrong side of the truck	Futurama	Futurama
BS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G. (N)	Conan (N)	1.0.0.0.0.0
CW	Nancy Drew - Detective (Sleuth investigates a sensati		Nancy Drew Trouble Sh	ooter Nancy tries to clear ur	cle of murder. (1939) (10
LC	Little People, Big World V	Nith bonus scenes. (N)	Little People, Big World	New pirate ship. (N)	Our Wild Life (N) (Series p	remiere)	Little People, Big World	
NT	NBA Pregame (Live)		-	ern Conference Finals, Game	1		1	Inside the NBA (Live)
ravel	Bizarre Foods with Andre		The Zimmern List (N)	The Zimmern List	Bizarre Foods: Delicious	Bizarre Foods: Delicious	Bizarre Foods: Delicious	Bizarre Foods: Delicio
ruTV V Land	Impractical Jokers Loves Raymond	Impractical Jokers Everybody Loves Raymon	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers Loves Raymond	Impractical Jokers Mom Jill's test results.	Impractical Jokers Mom Date is off-limits.	The Chris Gethard Show The King of Queens	The King of Queens
ISA	WWE SmackDown (Live)	Everybody Loves Raymon	la kaymona ogles waitiess.	. Loves Raymona	Chrisley Knows Best (N)	The Cromarties (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family
elocity	JDM Legends 1966 Bluebin	rd.	JDM Legends (N)		Wrench'd (N)	1 (JDM Legends 1966 Bluebi	-
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/iceland	It's Always Sunny	It's Always Sunny	It's Always Sunny	It's Always Sunny	Beerland (N)	The Ice Cream Show (N)	Desus & Mero (N)	Desus & Mero
VE	Law & Order Face-off ago		Law & Order Parents mu		Law & Order Logan faces		Law & Order Kidney stole	
Weather	SOS: How to Survive Fam	-	So You Think You'd Survi		Extreme Weather: The Su		Weather Caught on Cam	
WGN America MOVIE NETWORKS	Cops Mob of thieves.	Cops Drug dealer raid.	Cops Sleeping car thief.	Cops A vehicle in flames.	Cops Park chase.	Cops Arsonist arrested.	Anger Management Ada	in Sundier (2003)
inemax					iful teenager finds herself torn between the love of two Rellik When the truth finally comes together,			
	love potion. Tate Donovar		I - -	different boys. Jenn Proske			hunt for the killer begins.	
Rat Race Six people are invited to take part in no-holds-barred race to New Mexico. (2001) (Tommy Boy Underachiever teams up with snide accodad's business. Chris Farley, David Spade (1995)				nan intends to exact revenge 10 years after his wife nie Foxx, Gerard Butler (2009) (10:40)	
XM	Rio Macaw's mundane lifes			festyle is transformed by enc	ounter with a free-spirited	FXM Presents (N)	The Book of Life Young ma	· · · · · ·
	encounter with a free-spirite	ed bird. Karen Disher (2011)	bird. Karen Disher, Leslie	Mann (2011) (8:55)	<u> </u>		expectations of family and	following his heart. (2014
lallmark Movies	Monk At Christmastime, Monk searches for a miracle Class When a wealthy law student is given an assignment a manager of the control of the co					Murder, She Wrote Jessica attends the grand oper of a restaurant where the chef is murdered.		
IBO	at a monastery. finding a job, he meets a woman whose son is very sick Fahrenheit 451 A popular fireman is ordered to burn books as part of a standing social mandate intended					of a restaurant where the ch		
	to promote happiness among citizens, and any who rebel are ostracized. Michael B. Jordan (2018) (8:15)			Sports with bryant G		mysterious woman seduces		
ifetime Movie	Bad Tutor A tutor that a single mom hires becomes obsessed with his client's daughter when he sees the					her new admirer at a distar		
'ha		d girlfriend reflected in his pu	1			-	nake a comeback. Vivica A.	-
howtime	Shameless Fiona's homeless themselves inside her apo		Patrick Melrose A young family's house in the Sout	Patrick enjoys the Melrose th of France.	Billions Axe makes a bold from a controversial source		I'm Dying Up Here Goldie a new comedian takes the	
			eping in suspended anima	ation, awaken 90 years	Sweetbitter Tess meets	Amityville: The Awakenir	n g A family begins experien	cing terrifying phenom
	Passengers When their si				with a restaurant alumna.	in their new home. Jennife	er Jason Leigh, Bella Thorne	(2017) (10:29)
itarz	too early and must work to	to save everyone on board. J	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Mandania Family Davisian	A straight-talking grandmo		talle a commercial control to make
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