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In the news

■ **Melania Trump**, the first lady, returned Saturday to the White House after five days in a hospital recovering from a procedure for what was described as a benign kidney condition, and was “resting comfortably” and “in high spirits,” her spokesman said.

■ **Pope Francis** will canonize Pope Paul VI and martyred Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was gunned down by right-wing death squads in 1980 as he celebrated Mass, at a ceremony on Oct. 14, the Vatican announced.

■ **Zoran Zaev**, the prime minister of Macedonia, said he and the Greek government have agreed on a proposed new name for his country, “Republic of Ilindenska Macedonia,” to resolve a decades-long dispute in which Greece has said Macedonia’s name implies territorial designs on the Greek province of the same name.

■ **Hazel Ramirez**, a deaf woman who is 5 months pregnant, reported to police that she was punched in the stomach and her service dog, a Great Dane named Zariel, was hit by a fellow passenger who said the dog triggered his wife’s allergies on a flight to Orlando, Fla.

■ **Steve Plain**, a 36-year-old Australian climber, returned safely from the summit of Mount Everest and said he plans to now spend time with his family after completing his goal of scaling the highest peaks on all seven continents within a record-setting 117 days.

■ **Adeyele Akanji**, who was a senior at Benjamin Franklin High School in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina closed the school and students scattered across the U.S. in August 2005, will be among 70 members of the Class of 2006 to receive honorary diplomas from the school.

■ **Sikander Imran**, a Washington, D.C.-area doctor, who slipped a pill in his pregnant former girlfriend’s drink, causing her to miscarry, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for fetal homicide, with 17 years suspended, after the ex-girlfriend asked the judge for leniency and his lawyer said Imran is dealing with mental health issues.



A student (left) leaves Santa Fe High School on Saturday after retrieving belongings left behind Friday during a shooting at the school in Santa Fe, Texas, that left 10 people dead.

Affidavit says suspect wanted ‘his story told’

Texas school shooting ended in surrender

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SANTA FE, Texas — A 17-year-old student confessed to opening fire Friday at his Texas high school, killing 10 people, and told investigators that he had spared certain students “so he could have his story told,” authorities said.

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iff’s office investigator wrote in an affidavit that the student, Dimitrios Pagourtzis, had waived his right to remain silent and had given “a statement admitting to shooting multiple people” at Santa Fe High School. The investigator, identified only

as J. Roy, also wrote that Pagourtzis had said he did not shoot students he liked.
Before his arrest, Pagourtzis exchanged gunfire with police officers for about 15 minutes and abandoned what he said had been his intention to take his own life.
“He decided to chicken out of that and came out with his hands up,” Mark Henry, See **SHOOTING**, Page 10A

A royal wedding



Britain’s Prince Harry and bride Meghan Markle, her long train flowing over the steps, stand outside St. George’s Chapel at Windsor Castle after they were married Saturday in front of hundreds of royal and celebrity attendees and millions of TV viewers.

Voters to select party nominees at polls Tuesday

Governor, 3 congressional races among ballot toppers

MICHAEL R. WICKLINE ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE
In Tuesday’s primary, Arkansas voters will decide whether Republican Gov. Asa Hutchinson survives a challenge from gun-range owner Jan Morgan.

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They also will choose from among three candidates for the state Supreme Court post — including incumbent Courtney Goodson — and determine whether there is a runoff for the position in November.
In addition, they’ll select the Democratic nominee for governor and Republican nominee for secretary of state.

Voters in central Arkansas’ 2nd Congressional District will cast ballots among four Democratic candidates seeking to challenge the incumbent, Republican French Hill, in the fall. If no one wins a majority, there is a June 19 See **PRIMARY**, Page 12A

High-court rivals report on finances

Hixson’s take tops Goodson, Sterling

LISA HAMMERSLY ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE
Court of Appeals Judge Kenneth Hixson collected more campaign contributions for his state Supreme Court race in April than his two opponents — incumbent Associate Justice Courtney Goodson and lawyer David Sterling — combined.
Hixson received \$82,389, according to campaign finance disclosure reports submitted last week. Goodson, seeking a second term on the state’s highest court, reported \$41,060 for April;

Sterling, \$36,599.
Hixson also has the highest fundraising total overall, with \$122,107. Sterling reports \$87,760 and Goodson, \$62,075, according to electronic contribution and loan data filed with the Arkansas secretary of state.
But direct contributions to the three candidates are just a fraction of spending in this campaign, which has been dominated in recent weeks by attack ads from out-of-state groups that don’t disclose their donors.
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Mideast entities met Trump Jr. ahead of election, lawyer says

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WASHINGTON — Three months before the 2016 election, Donald Trump Jr. met with two people who have become a focus of investigators working for special counsel Robert Mueller, a lawyer for President Donald Trump’s eldest son said Saturday.
Erik Prince, an informal

adviser to the Trump campaign and former head of Blackwater, and George Nader, a veteran operative who has advised the United Arab Emirates and helped American contractors secure business in the Middle East, met with Trump Jr. at Trump Tower to discuss a social media proposal, lawyer Alan Futerfas said in a statement.
“They pitched Mr. Trump

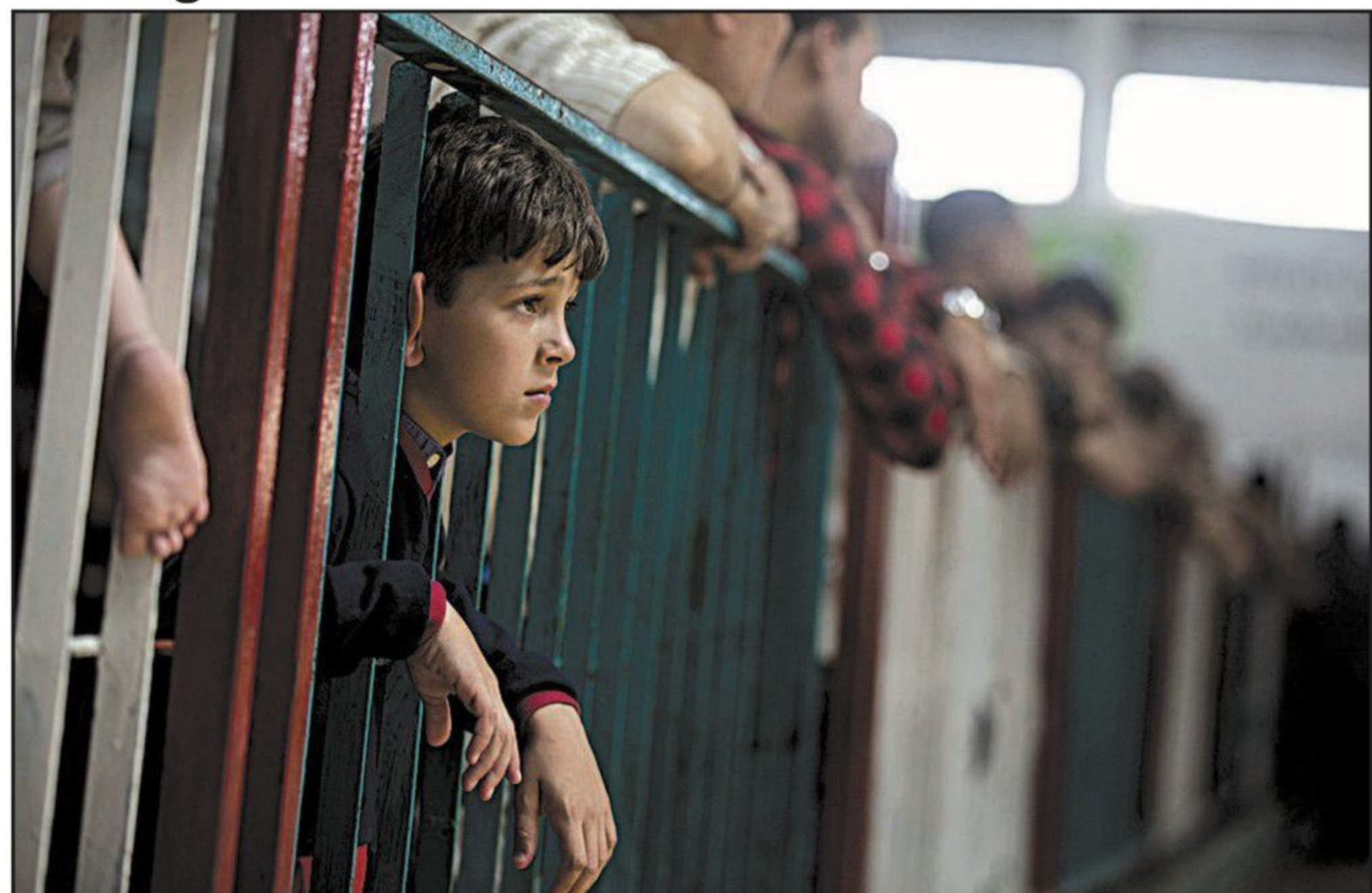
Jr. on a social media platform or marketing strategy. He was not interested and that was the end of it,” Futerfas said.
Also at the meeting was Joel Zamel, the chief executive officer of a social media company called WikiStrat. Futerfas said Trump Jr. recalled a third individual at the meeting “who may or may not be Joel Zamel.”
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Gifts to UA Foundation drop off for second year

JAIME ADAME ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE
FAYETTEVILLE — Contributions slid for the second-straight year to the largest foundation supporting academics at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville and the UA System, according to IRS records.
The University of Arkansas Foundation reported receiving contributions of \$49.8 million for the 12-month period that ended June 30, down from \$61.1 million a year earlier. The fiscal 2017 total was the lowest going back at least a decade, based on an Arkansas Democrat-Gazette review of tax returns dating to fiscal 2008. Earlier tax returns were not immediately available.
Most gifts to support the Fayetteville campus are

made to the UA Foundation, according to UA-Fayetteville’s most recent financial statement. But the UA Foundation also oversees donations supporting other campuses, and UA-Fayetteville spokesman Mark Rushing said foundation contributions related to the Fayetteville campus actually increased to \$26.1 million from \$26 million the previous year.
Rushing said in a written statement that “any decrease in contributions to the UA Foundation would be due to decreases in contributions involving other campuses or divisions,” also noting that “donors can and do give directly to the institution in addition to gifts to the UA Foundation on behalf of the
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Getting out of Gaza



Palestinians wait to enter Egypt on Saturday at the Rafah crossing in southern Gaza. The crossing, often closed as a security measure, has been ordered open for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan as a humanitarian gesture by Egypt after deadly clashes between Israelis and Palestinians.
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Election poll times

Polls close Monday at 5 p.m. for early voting in Tuesday’s judicial and party primary elections. On Tuesday, election day, polls will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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American Markle, Prince Harry wed in splendor

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WINDSOR, England — Prince Harry and Meghan Markle gazed into each other's eyes and pledged their lifelong love Saturday as they married in front of hundreds of royals, celebrities and friends at St. George's Chapel and millions of TV viewers around the world.

The English town of Windsor sparked on a warm spring day as tens of thousands of people jammed its quaint roads and parks to capture their own part of the royal wedding extravaganza.

To kick off the festivities, Queen Elizabeth II honored her 33-year-old grandson with a new title: the Duke of Sussex, making American Markle the Duchess of Sussex.

The wedding was a global event, thanks to Harry's status as a senior British royal and Markle's celebrity after starring on the U.S. television series *Suits* for seven years. Harry is sixth in line to the British throne, behind his father, brother, two nephews and niece.

The wedding's pomp and ceremony reflected the couple's trans-Atlantic union, mixing Anglican prayers and tradition, classical music and a gospel choir with a stately horse-drawn carriage ride through Windsor in a spectacle beamed live.

The American actress — a biracial divorcee who is three years Harry's senior — wore a sleek, white silk, boat-necked dress by British designer Clare Waight Keller. Her sheer veil — down to her waist in front and billowing behind her — carried floral references to all 53 countries in the Commonwealth, the group of countries that roughly corresponds to the former British Empire and is headed by Markle's new grandmother-in-law, the queen.

The palace said that, in addition to the Commonwealth flowers, Markle selected two other plants on the veil: Wintersweet and, in a nod to the bride's birthplace, the California poppy.

Harry and best man Prince William wore white gloves and frock coat uniforms of the Blues and Royals military regiment. Harry kept his full, red beard intact — a style decision that had sparked British bets before the wedding.

Markle entered St. George's Chapel alone rather than being given away by her father or any other man, a departure from tradition. She was met halfway by Prince Charles and 10 young page boys and bridesmaids. As his father and his bride drew close to the altar, Harry said: "Thank you, Pa."

To Markle, Harry said: "You look amazing."

Markle seemed poised and confident as she delivered her vows. She smiled broadly as the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby declared them husband and wife. Harry seemed a bit nervous, but happy.

The sermon offered a particularly rousing U.S. touch, with the leader of the American Episcopal Church quoting civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. on the "redemptive power of love." The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry delivered the sermon with heartfelt emotion, occasionally going off-script, as when he prepared to share an observation from the late Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin about the power of fire and love.

"With this, I'll sit you down. We gotta get y'all married," Curry said, visibly shocking some members of the royal family.

Musical selections included versions of Ben E. King's "Stand By Me" and Etta James' "Amen/This Little Light of Mine."

A host of celebrities and athletes — including Oprah Winfrey, Idris Elba, Elton John, George and Amal Clooney, Serena Williams, James Corden, and David and Victoria Beckham — watched from the seats in the Gothic masterpiece at Windsor Castle.

Relatives in the ceremony included 4-year-old Prince George and 3-year-old Princess Charlotte, children of William and the Duchess of Cambridge. Other relatives at the church included Charles



AP/VICTORIA JONES

Meghan Markle and Prince Harry ride through Windsor Castle in a carriage Saturday after their wedding at St. George's Chapel.



AP/DANNY LAWSON

Meghan Markle walks down the aisle of St. George's Chapel in Windsor, England, before she and Prince Harry exchange vows Saturday.

Spencer, the brother of Harry's late mother Princess Diana; and Harry's cousins Zara Tindall, and Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie.

Also in attendance were family members of William's wife, Kate: parents Carole and Michael Middleton, sister Pippa Middleton and brother James Middleton. Harry's ex-girlfriend Chelsy Davy was there, as was Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York and ex-wife of Harry's uncle Prince Andrew.

As the newest royal couple emerged from the chapel, they kissed. The crowd cheered as Harry helped his wife fold her 16-foot-long train into the Ascot Landau carriage and they began their procession through the streets of Windsor. Harry decided to wear a wedding ring — a break from tradition not just for the royal family but for British aristocrats in general.

Police said more than 100,000 people lined the couple's route. Their open-topped carriage was pulled by four Windsor Grey horses past crowds waving flags

and holding cellphones aloft. The newlyweds smiled and waved.

Arlene Prinsloo had flown from South Africa — just to be in Windsor for the event.

"I went to William and Kate's wedding, but this is a completely different vibe," she said. "It's much more relaxed, and I think that reflects who Harry is."

Irene Bowdry, a lawyer from California, was among those who jammed the early train to Windsor. She booked her trip to England as soon as the wedding date was announced.

"An American in the royal family, isn't that so exciting?" she said.

And it seemed to be a time of joy for the 92-year-old queen and her 96-year-old husband, Prince Philip, who was well enough to attend the ceremony. Seated directly opposite the queen at the ceremony was Markle's mother, Doria Ragland, a descendant of slaves in the American South.

"One of the children of slaves is marrying a royal whose forerunners sanc-



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Spectators gather Saturday along the Long Walk avenue that leads to Windsor Castle.

observe the changing of the guard and the changing of the British Empire. Today is a day that history will never forget."

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