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CTA Red Line trains enter and exit the 95th Street station, the line's last stop on the South Side. An extension to 130th Street is in the works.

Red Line extension finally a go, but no green for funds

Long-promised project would cover 'transit desert' on South Side

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI AND WILLIAM LEE
Chicago Tribune

For Yolanda Christian, news that the CTA has chosen a path for its extension of the Red Line from 95th to 130th streets was music to her ears.

"They've been talking about this since I was a child," said Christian, 45, who lives in the Altgeld Gardens complex on the city's Far South Side. She said she and her neighbors must endure long bus rides just to get to the train to get to downtown jobs. "I think we really need this."

The 5.3-mile, \$2.3 billion Red Line extension, which would run on both the west and east sides of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks — a long stretch of it



Yolanda Christian discusses on Friday the proposed Red Line extension that would end near her home on the city's Far South Side.

west of Wentworth Avenue in Chicago — to suburban Riverdale, was announced by the CTA on Friday. The extended line would fill in what community activists have called a "transit desert" on the South Side.

But now that the CTA has an

idea about where to put the elevated train extension, the big question is how to pay for it.

The CTA was able to fund half the \$2.1 billion Red and Purple Line modernization project through a federal grant in the last days of the administration of

President Barack Obama, a Chicagoan and transit supporter. The rest of the project is being funded by tax increment financing in growing, populous and affluent North Side communities.

But the CTA will be seeking Red Line extension funding in a totally different environment — President Donald Trump had expressed hostility toward Chicago, and his stated budget priorities show little interest in transit. The cash-strapped state has cut back on transit operating funds and has not had a capital bill since 2009. And a transit TIF in the poorer and less populous far South Side is unlikely to be as lucrative as it would be up north.

Despite these prospects, both Mayor Rahm Emanuel and CTA President Dorval Carter were upbeat about upcoming efforts to secure a mix of federal, state and local funding for the project

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Trump: America 'open for business'

At Swiss forum, president denies story he tried to fire Mueller

BY NOAH BIEMAN
Washington Bureau

DAVOS, Switzerland — President Donald Trump gave his salesman's pitch for America on Friday before an international crowd of corporate and political titans, taking credit for its economic success even as he was shadowed by fresh clouds from home about his heightened jeopardy in the Russia investigation and opposition to his immigration plan.

Contrary to predictions that Trump might use his keynote address to the World Economic Forum in Davos to bash multilateral trade deals and international alliances, he appeared to soften the edges of his "America First" policy in his speech to the elites who gather in this Alpine resort each winter to champion free trade and global cooperation.

"America is open for business, and we are competitive once again," Trump told several hundred attendees, reading his speech from teleprompters. "Now is the perfect time to bring your business, your jobs and your investments to the United States."

Some in the crowd booed and hissed when Trump, during a question-and-answer session that

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Lawsuit a stain for governor candidate

County paid \$500K for alleged retaliatory firing by schools chief Daiber

BY BILL LUKITSCH
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — As he campaigns for the Democratic governor nomination, Downstate schools administrator Bob Daiber is calling for Illinois to pass the Equal Rights Amendment, saying it's time to guarantee equality for men and women.

"I am proud of the fact that my staff that works for me is 80 percent female, and I have great relationships," Daiber said at a late October forum in Chicago. "Because I build my office on one word: respect. And I think that's what all women want, and that's what I am all about."

But records show that Madison County taxpayers paid nearly \$500,000 to settle a 2010 lawsuit after a federal jury found Daiber retaliated against a woman by laying her off after she complained she wasn't being paid as much as a male colleague.

Daiber described the case as an "unfortunate situation," but de-

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Loss of home uproots sexually exploited girls

Salvation Army closing Oak Park site, leaving its residents in shock

BY NARA SCHOENBERG
Chicago Tribune

When she arrived at Anne's House, Mary was determined to keep her guard up. Sexually molested by multiple people by age 10, homeless by age 12, out on the streets with an abusive boyfriend by 15, she saw no reason to trust strangers.

But the staff at the residential program for sexually exploited girls was there for her, she said.

They talked to her; they listened. They clearly cared, and as the months went on, Mary, 17, started to care too. Her Chicago staffer became like a mother to

her; she started calling another staff member "auntie." She and her friend Frances, also 17 and a victim of sexual assault and physical abuse, settled in, made friends in the leafy Chicago suburb where Anne's House has operated since 2010, got A's and B's at the local high school and started to dream about a bigger, better future.

And then, three weeks ago, the girls learned Anne's House was closing by the end of January.

"I'm losing my parents," Mary said of the Anne's House staff. "I'm losing the people I love. I'm losing my school. I've never been in a school for a (whole) year. I've always moved."

The closing of Anne's House, a program of the Greater Chicago Salvation Army, marks the end of



Teacher and congressional candidate Anthony Clark, who has two Anne's House girls in his English class, is critical of the closing.

the Chicago area's first long-term residential treatment program for girls and young women who have been victims of sex trafficking or are at high risk of being trafficked. R. Scott Justvig, the Salvation Army Metropoli-

tan Division's executive director of development and communications, said the closing is part of a larger re-evaluation of the way donor dollars are spent.

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Probe shut in cop's mysterious death

Source: No charges in 2015 case that was ruled a suicide

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Cook County prosecutors have closed their investigation into the mysterious death of Chicago police Sgt. Donald Markham and will not file criminal charges, a source with knowledge of the situation said Friday.

The FBI also recently concluded its parallel probe, leaving just one active investigation remaining by city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson, whose office is examining the way police handled the investigation into Markham's death at his Northwest Side home in September 2015.

Markham, 51, was found fatally shot in the head in the master bedroom after a drunken argument with his wife, Dina, also a Chicago cop. His death — ruled a suicide by the Cook County medical examiner's office — drew interest after some officers raised concerns about how police handled evidence at the scene, sources have told the Tribune.

The mystery deepened last May when Dina Markham, 47, was herself found dead, submerged in a bathtub in the couple's home in the 5900 block of North Newark Avenue. Her death, ruled an accidental drowning by the medical examiner's office, occurred before the FBI was able to interview her about her husband's death.

Records show that Dina Markham told police her husband had locked her out of their home the night of his death after the couple

had been out drinking and argued after leaving a bar about 1 a.m. She said she discovered her husband dead in their bed after one of her children let her in the house, the reports said.

A forensic pathologist hired by the FBI concluded that Markham had been shot by someone else and the scene had been staged to look like a suicide, according to records recently made public.

But the medical examiner's office stood by its original ruling that Markham shot himself in his own bed that night, writing in a point-by-point refutation that the FBI expert offered "creative and descriptive scenarios" that were not grounded in science.

The inspector general is focusing its investigation on whether any officers at the scene violated city administrative rules or codes of conduct.

Among the issues that could be problematic is why detectives waited to call the medical examiner's office to report the death by the time they were already en route with Markham's body. It is general practice for medical examiner investigators to go to crime scenes. And county ordinance requires that law enforcement seek permission from the medical examiner's office before removing a body.

Another questionable decision made at the scene was the removal of a blood-stained mattress. Though Markham was transferred to the medical examiner wrapped in a bloody sheet from the bed, the mattress itself was disposed of that night by a Chicago Streets and Sanitation crew.

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IMF Director Christine Lagarde, center, and other leaders listen as President Donald Trump delivers a speech to the World Economic Forum on Friday in Davos, Switzerland.

'America is open for business'

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followed his speech, said it "wasn't until I became a politician that I realized how nasty, how mean, how vicious, and how fake the press can be."

Trump's speech was partly overshadowed at home after the *The New York Times* reported late Thursday that Trump tried to fire special counsel Robert Mueller last June, halting the effort only after White House counsel Donald McGahn threatened to resign.

"Fake news, folks. Fake news. Typical New York Times fake stories," Trump told reporters.

Trump also could not escape fallout here from reports that he had labeled African nations "shithole countries" during a recent Oval Office meeting with several members of Congress.

The comments sparked widespread condemnation around the globe.

Trump ignored reporters' questions about the crude language when he met early Friday with Paul Kagame, longtime president of Rwanda and incoming chairman of the African Union. Kagame is the first African leader Trump has met since his comments were reported Jan. 11.

The African Union had called on Trump to apologize for the remarks, which he has denied making.

"It's a great honor to be with President Kagame," Trump told reporters as he sat beside Kagame and several aides, including Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. "We have had tremendous discussions."

Kagame also tried to smooth over the dispute, thanking Trump "for the



Rwandan President Paul Kagame is the first African leader Trump has met since his derogatory comments about immigrants from some countries were reported Jan. 11.

support we have received from you ... and your administration."

Although the evidence was scant, Trump dropped at least one hint he might be moderating other views.

Earlier this week, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced here that his country would join 10 others that have agreed to move forward on the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact without the United States.

Trump withdrew from the proposed accord shortly after taking office, calling it a "horrible deal."

In his comments here, Trump cracked the door slightly to re-entering the TPP in some way, saying he was open to negotiating trade deals with the 11 countries "either individually, or perhaps as a group."

That sparked a buzz of comment here and on social media as the White House had shown no sign it was reconsidering its TPP decision.

While global challenges like climate change and poverty dominate the agenda here, the CEOs and

other top executives Trump met in his 36-hour visit publicly applauded the corporate tax cuts he signed into law last month.

All that put Trump in a good mood.

"I've been a cheerleader for our country," Trump said in his speech, which echoed familiar White House talking points. "And everybody representing a company or a country has to be a cheerleader, or no matter what you do, it's just not going to work."

Trump said he will put America first just as other leaders should put their countries first.

Trump accused "some countries" of exploiting the international trading system at the expense of others. He said he supports free trade, but it "needs to be fair and it needs to be reciprocal."

"The United States will no longer turn a blind eye to unfair economic practices, including massive intellectual property theft, industrial subsidies, and pervasive state-led economic planning," he said, likely a reference to China.

At his raucous political rallies back home, that sentiment often generates loud cheers. The crowd at Davos stayed silent, saving polite applause for the end of his remarks.

Trump also claimed credit for the booming U.S. economy, citing growth numbers and the removal of business regulations. That message was partly diluted by news Friday that U.S. growth slowed slightly in the fourth quarter to 2.6 percent, which was short of Trump's projections.

Trump also boasted of how his appearance had swelled the crowd at Davos this year.

"We have a tremendous crowd, and a crowd like they've never had before," Trump bragged as he entered the hall with Klaus Schwab, the Germany founder of the forum.

Then, in a rare burst of modesty, he quipped, "I assume they're here because of Klaus."

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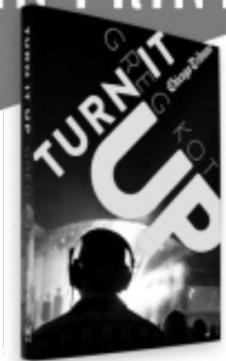
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Rauner avoids lawsuit questions

Ex-partner alleged investment confab at governor mansion

BY KIM GEIGER
Chicago Tribune

Gov. Bruce Rauner on Friday declined to answer questions about a lawsuit that says he took a business meeting at the governor's mansion despite insisting that his personal financial matters were being handled by a "blind trust."

The meeting was revealed as part of a suit filed by Harrel N. "Kip" Kirkpatrick III, a former business partner of Rauner's. The two disagree about how to divide up a \$67.5 million settlement from a separate lawsuit involving their investment in a Michigan mortgage company. A judge dismissed the case Friday, saying the dispute should be resolved out of court.

Rauner had kept out of public view since the lawsuit was unsealed Tuesday. On Friday he appeared at the Chicago History Museum for an event celebrating the Illinois bicentennial. He entered through a side door, avoiding reporters. At the event, he posed for photos with schoolchildren and gave remarks about the bicentennial. He left out the same side door, ignoring questions from reporters who attempted to follow him out.

Kirkpatrick alleges that Rauner was kept up-to-date on the court proceedings and the expected return on his investment. The lawsuit says Kirkpatrick met with Rauner on May 11, 2015, on the back porch of the governor's mansion and on the evening of Sept. 15, 2015, at the Chicago Club. The scheduled meeting at the mansion appears on the governor's official calendar, according to The Associated Press.

When the lawsuit was unsealed Tuesday, Rauner spokeswoman Rachel Bold said the governor "disputes Mr. Kirkpatrick's allegations, including Mr. Kirkpatrick's characterization of any conversations." The governor's lawyers contended Kirkpatrick was in violation of a partnership agreement in which the two promised not to litigate disputes in court. On Friday, a judge sided with Rauner and ordered the case handled in arbitration.

Just before Rauner took office in early 2015, he committed to following "blind trust procedures" to make sure there was no conflict of interest between his personal investments and public duties. Rauner granted power of attorney over much of his wealth to an investment adviser. His aides at the time said establishing a traditional blind trust would have meant he could not comply with the state's requirement to annually disclose economic interests.

Ever since, he has insisted he has nothing to do with his personal business and financial matters. When asked in October why he was fighting to keep the Kirkpatrick lawsuit sealed, Rauner pointed to the blind trust.

"So to be clear, my assets, all my investments, are in a trust that I don't control," Rauner said. "I did that when I became governor. I can't comment on any business disputes. That gets settled in its own process."

Asked if the "blind trust" was the reason the lawsuit had been sealed, Rauner said, "I can't even tell you why. I mean, I don't really have much to do with that."

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Video shows use of Taser on fleeing man

Officer's actions followed changes in CPD guidelines

BY JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

Newly released video from Chicago's police watchdog shows an officer shocking a man with a Taser in November after he fled on foot from a traffic stop on the South Side.

The video from Officer Marissa Garbacz's body camera shows 41-year-old Stephen Baldwin take off running after the officer told him she and her partner had stopped his silver Volvo near 79th Street and Champlain Avenue in the Chatham neighborhood because its license plate was expired.

The video from about 4 p.m. Nov. 28 then shows

Garbacz run after Baldwin down sidewalks and an alley before she finds him hiding under a stairwell behind a home.

Pointing a Taser at him, she repeatedly orders him to put his hands up, according to the video.

"I don't have s---," Baldwin says just before turning around and raising his hands.

He then scampers a few steps forward and tries to climb over a chain-link gate to elude her again. That's when Garbacz shocks him with her weapon.

"I'm gonna tase you! Taser! Taser!" she shouts as he falls over the fence head- or face-first and into a gangway. "I'm going to tase you again, sir! Stay down!" Garbacz shouts soon after as backup officers begin to arrive.

The incident occurred a

little more a month after the Chicago Police Department tightened its guidelines on Taser use, rewriting the rules to discourage officers from shocking people who are running away or otherwise vulnerable to injury. The policy went into effect following a Chicago Tribune investigation over the summer detailing the department's reliance on the weapons.

Under the new guidelines, officers should try to avoid using the weapon during a number of situations "when practicable," including if a suspect is running away, elevated above ground or could fall and suffer an impact to the head.

Police reports show that after his arrest, Baldwin was taken to an area hospital to be treated for bleed-

ing on the brain.

Records show Baldwin is being held in Cook County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail. He faces felony charges of forgery, identity theft and possession of a fraudulent identification card.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability, which made the video public on its website Thursday, continues to investigate the confrontation.

After being curbed, Baldwin had handed over a New Jersey driver's license and another card to officers.

While Garbacz checked out the license in her squad car, the Stevie Nicks song "Edge of Seventeen" blares and a police radio crackles.

"I can't tell if this looks like him at all," Garbacz says to her partner.

Moments later, Garbacz's body camera video shows her partner trying to place Baldwin in handcuffs outside the Volvo before he runs away.

After the Taser shock drops Baldwin, one officer assisting Garbacz bursts through the padlocked gate and shouts at Baldwin to "get your hands behind your back!"

About two minutes of Garbacz's video then becomes obscured when the camera gets caught on the fence, police reports provided by COPA state.

But the camera's audio function repeatedly captures officers demanding that Baldwin get off the ground.

"Why the hell you running, dude?" says one officer, sounding irritated.

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JUMPERS AIM FOR WILD BLUE YONDER

Competitors head to the top of the 70-meter ski jump, above, at the Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove on Thursday. Kailley Bickner, left, 17, makes a practice jump at the club in advance of this weekend's tournament. About 40 ski jumpers from several countries are expected to compete. Norge is the home club of three members of this year's U.S. Olympic ski jumping team, including Kailley's brother Kevin Bickner, 21.

Dad gets 12 years in shaken baby case

Infant suffered permanent brain damage, court told

BY CLIFFORD WARD
Chicago Tribune

A Downers Grove man who shook his infant daughter so hard that it caused her to have permanent brain damage was sentenced Friday to 12 years in prison.

In a negotiated plea with DuPage County prosecutors, Timothy Churchill, 22, pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated battery to a child in exchange for authorities dropping additional felony counts against him.

Prosecutors said Churchill admitted to shaking his 3-month-old daughter on at least five occasions around January 2016 because the infant would not stop crying. At the time, the child lived with her mother in Naperville, authorities said.

He and the mother brought their child to Edward Hospital in Naperville, where doctors diagnosed brain injuries and transferred the child to Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago.

Despite treatment, the girl lost sight in one eye from retinal hemorrhages caused by the shaking, Assistant State's Attorney Cathy DeLaMar told Judge John Kinsella. The child has suffered irreversible brain damage as a result of the shaking, she said.

Churchill originally told Naperville police that he had dropped the child, but later admitted shaking her when she wouldn't stop crying, the prosecutor said.

Churchill must serve 85 percent of his sentence and then will be required to register on a state list of persons convicted of violence against children.

In a statement, State's Attorney Robert Berlin called the case "heartbreaking."

"The sentence handed down by Judge Kinsella this morning underscores the severity of the injuries that Mr. Churchill inflicted upon his own infant daughter," Berlin said. "Child abuse has no place in a civilized society and remains a top priority in my office as the victims in such cases are arguably society's most vulnerable."

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

Judge's ex-associate pleads guilty

Agrees to testify against jurist in mortgage fraud

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

A former associate of Cook County Judge Jessica Arong O'Brien pleaded guilty Friday to her role in a \$1.4 million mortgage fraud scheme and is expected to testify at O'Brien's criminal trial next month.

Maria Bartko, 50, of Streamwood, pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud affecting a financial institution.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Durkin put off setting a sentencing date until after Bartko's anticipated testimony against O'Brien, who is scheduled to go to trial Feb. 5 on mail and bank fraud charges stemming from the same alleged scheme. O'Brien has pleaded not guilty.

Federal sentencing guidelines call for up to about three years in prison for Bartko, but prosecutors said they will recommend

a reduced sentence of about a year and a half if she testifies truthfully, according to her plea agreement.

An indictment last year charged O'Brien with lying to lenders to obtain more than \$1.4 million in mortgages on two South Side investment properties that she bought and sold between 2004 and 2007 when she owned a real estate company and worked part time as a loan originator for a Lincolnwood real estate company. She was then also working as a special assistant attorney general for the Illinois Department of Revenue.

O'Brien was elected to the bench in 2012 as the first Filipina judge in Cook County and had most recently presided over a small-claims courtroom. She has since been reassigned to administrative duties pending the outcome of the criminal case.

At the time of the alleged scheme, Bartko was

a loan originator at Amronbanc Mortgage Corp., where O'Brien was working part time, according to the indictment.

O'Brien allegedly used fraudulently obtained mortgage loan proceeds to buy an investment property in the 600 block of West 46th Street in Chicago and then lied on applications to refinance the mortgage on the property as well as on a second investment property in the 800 block of West 54th Street in Chicago.

The indictment also alleges that O'Brien fraudulently obtained a commercial line of credit to maintain the properties before selling them to Bartko and a straw buyer.

Asked by Durkin on Friday to put succinctly in her own words what she did, Bartko launched instead into a lengthy explanation about how she was simply following the direction of O'Brien and her superiors at the bank.



O'Brien



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Daiber suit cost taxpayers \$500K

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nied retaliating against the employee.

Daiber said he tried to work with her to find a resolution, and added that he has built a reputation as a fair employer who has worked to help women achieve leadership roles in education and government.

"People that know my character, (they) know that's not my character," said Daiber, the Madison County Regional Office of Education superintendent, in an interview Thursday. "I treat women as 100 percent equals."

As the only Democratic governor candidate from outside the Chicago area, Daiber frequently touts his government experience as something nearly all of his rivals lack. Daiber has raised just \$104,000, a tiny fraction compared with what's been spent by Gold Coast billionaire J.B. Pritzker, Kenilworth millionaire Chris Kennedy and Evanston state Sen. Daniel Biss.

Daiber worked as a teacher for more than a quarter century and has served on a village board and a county board and as a township supervisor.

The woman who brought the suit, Mary Parker, was first hired by the regional office of education in 1997, about a decade before Daiber took over. In 2001, Parker became a youth advocate, a position funded by a state grant and tasked with preventing truancy. In 2007, Parker's attorney told jurors, she learned a male co-worker with the same job title and responsibilities made more money after he left a pay stub on the desk they shared, according to court records.

She approached Daiber, who was new on the job, on a handful of occasions between 2007 and 2009 to discuss the difference in pay, according to the suit. Daiber offered several remedies, including a \$4,000 raise and the option of extending her position from 10 months a year to 12 months a year to earn a higher salary, the suit states. Parker rejected those offers, saying they were not fair.

Parker testified about a November 2008 discussion in Daiber's office where he rose from his desk, pointed at her and delivered a warning.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A woman said schools chief Bob Daiber laid her off because she complained about unfair pay discrepancy. The Democratic governor hopeful called it an "unfortunate situation."

"The meeting ended with Dr. Daiber pointing his finger at me and telling me that he could fire me, lay me off, reduce my hours, make me part-time. He said that he could reprimand me, and he advised me not to say a word to anybody about the meeting, to any of my co-workers, or that he would fire me immediately," she said, according to court transcripts.

Parker also testified that trying to get the pay disparity addressed was "very frustrating" and she "was fearful of being retaliated against."

"I liked my job. I liked what I was doing with the kids," she said in court. "I always — I don't know, just (in) the back of my head I had to worry after the November meeting if something was going to happen to me."

Following the meeting, Parker filed a claim with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the federal agency that investigates allegations of civil rights violations in the workplace. The office dismissed the claims, but notified Parker of her right to pursue legal action.

In spring 2009, Parker and her male co-worker received layoff notices from Daiber stating there were insufficient funds to pay their salaries, according to the suit. Parker's co-worker eventually was called back to work, but she was not, the suit states.

Parker told the jury that in 2008, she was paid \$30,742, while her male colleague received \$43,035. Daiber's attorney said the male employee's higher salary was based on education, experience and a pre-existing contract negotiated through the local teachers union.

The defense also argued Parker was one of several employees to be laid off as

Daiber attempted to balance the district budget amid funding cuts from the state. In court, Daiber denied that he threatened Parker's job over the salary issue, saying he warned her that she could be reprimanded for being "insubordinate to me."

"I asked her to stop it. Had nothing to do with her pay. Had to do about her talking about me to my other employees and being disruptive in my office," Daiber said, according to transcripts.

"I have the right to fire anybody that works for me, not just Ms. Parker," Daiber testified. "I have the right to dismiss my assistant superintendent, my office manager, anybody in my chain of command that's insubordinate to me."

On Thursday, Daiber said he thought he was "very good" to Parker and diligently tried to fulfill her request. He said she was laid off due to budget cuts, and added that he never had any "personal vendettas against her."

"It had nothing to do with personalities, it had nothing to do with work performance, it was simply finance," Daiber said. "It was simply finance. That's why ... other people had lost positions, and I'm glad they didn't all sue me."

The jury sided with the woman's claim that Daiber retaliated against her because her position was eliminated after she complained, though it rejected her claims of wage-based discrimination and violations of equal pay laws. The jury awarded the worker \$100,000, which a judge bumped up to more than \$432,145 to cover lost pay, interest and damages.

County attorneys initially appealed the verdict, but later reached a settlement for \$487,500. The Madison County Board voted to ap-

prove the payment, saying it was "in the best interest of the county."

Asked Thursday whether he was reprimanded after the jury's civil award, Daiber said: "For what? I wasn't guilty. I wasn't guilty. I mean, I'm an elected official. In the next election, I was the leading vote-getter in the county, OK? And I was the leading vote-getter in the next election too."

"The disciplinary action is: You vote him out of office."

The settlement passed the board 23-4. Lisa Ciampoli, one of four Republicans who voted no, said she thought the amount was "exorbitant" and questioned whether a better deal could've been reached.

"This is all taxpayer money," Ciampoli said. "Everything that we have comes from the backs of our citizens. We have to be mindful of that."

For his part, Daiber said he did not want to settle, but officials feared the cost would be much higher to continue a legal battle. Democratic board member Jack Minner agreed with that risk assessment.

"This was just an unfortunate situation, and it's just one of those things that happens," he said. "You never know what juries are going to do."

Minner added that he has "no qualms at all" about Daiber's decisions concerning Parker.

Michael Holliday, another Democrat who voted for the settlement, echoed those sentiments, saying he believes Daiber "would do a great job as governor" and that he is "well-equipped to run the state."

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Exploited girls program to end

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It was a difficult decision, he said, particularly because minors are involved, but the Salvation Army can use donor funds more effectively and efficiently if it refocuses on core programs, such as street outreach to sex-trafficking victims, and lets other local agencies provide long-term residential treatment. The result will be less duplication of services, less competition for limiting funding and more victims served, Justvig said.

"It's the kind of thing that, frankly, donors expect from us," Justvig said. "They expect us to use their contributions in the same way they would."

The closing of Anne's House is a high-profile issue in Oak Park, where Mary and Frances, whose real names are not being used because they are minors and victims of sexual assault, attend high school and a local newspaper, the Wednesday Journal, published a front-page article detailing their plight. Anne's House serves up to eight girls and young women and has a round-the-clock staff of 12. The Chicago Tribune is not disclosing the home's location to protect the girls' safety and privacy.

Anthony Clark, Mary and Frances' English teacher and a candidate for U.S. Congress, created a GoFundMe campaign for the two girls that has raised more than \$9,700. The money will be divided between the girls and put in adult-supervised bank accounts, Clark said.

In an interview with the Chicago Tribune, Clark criticized the way the Salvation Army handled the closing.

"I understand funding issues, I understand having to transition one program into another, but I don't understand not supporting individuals from your prior programs," he said. "You just don't leave people out to dry, especially when you're providing comprehensive support."

On Friday, the greater Chicago Salvation Army released a written statement from Justvig saying that three of the girls had agreed to being placed together at a Chicago-area residential facility and "will now continue their progress."

"We are assisting in finalizing the arrangements for the best possible placement for our remaining client," the statement continued. "We are confident that these details will produce a strong outcome as well. From the very beginning, our single most important priority is the safety and care of these promising young women. We pray for God's blessing and protection during this time of transition for them."

It costs about \$375,000 a year to run Anne's House, according to a member of the Anne's House advisory council. The member of the council said Anne's House has always been able to raise the money in the past, but 2017 was a tough year. Three longtime donors died, and the director has been unable to do fundraising since April, due to a severe illness. Justvig said recent financial difficulties at Anne's House were not the reason for the closing or for the timing of it.

"It was part of a whole systemic review and it was not financially driven," he said.

Wearing little or no makeup, their hair pulled back in headbands, Mary and Frances were polite and personable during a recent interview at an upscale suburban coffee shop. Both teens ordered hot chocolate with whipped cream. Both were eager to talk about Anne's House, but when it came time to talk about what had brought them to the program, Mary hid her head in her hand and wiped away tears.

"She doesn't like to tell her story, so I'll go first,"

Frances said.

Between the ages of 6 and 8, she and her mom and brother were homeless, Frances said. After that, she lived with an aunt and uncle and was sexually abused. In high school, she lived with her mom and her dad, an alcoholic who once beat her with a rod until her legs bled: "I kind of got fed up with the whole situation: being beat up, walking on eggshells in your own house."

One day, her mom was late coming home from work, and her dad started choking her mom. Frances heard her mom screaming for help, so she called the police. Her mom denied everything, and after the police left, Frances was attacked by her father.

"I had a black eye. He pulled some of my hair out. This eye was kind of bruised, but it wasn't as bad," she said, raising her hand to her left eye.

"He was beating me up like a person on the streets — that's how bad it was."

She slipped out of the house after the beating and lived on the streets for weeks, at one point taking refuge in a park. During that period, she was raped, she said.

Mary, who had lived on the streets for years, tried to start a new life with her grandmother in southern Illinois. But her grandmother turned violent, at one point punching her in the face for getting some food from the kitchen.

"She was physically and mentally abusive toward me, so I got into drugs really heavily," Mary said. "I didn't really go to school. Wasn't really caring. I was depressed all the time. I was basically her slave. She would beat the crap out of me. It was so crazy."

Help for the girls came in the form of a parole officer who was assigned to Frances after she shoplifted some clothes. Shoplifting was a bad decision, Frances said, but her parole officer was a godsend. She was the one who found Anne's House, and she not only got Frances in, but secured a place for Frances' friend, Mary, as well.

The girls arrived in October and soon bonded with staff members.

"I liked my mom — she's like my mom," Frances said of her favorite Anne's House staffer. "Every time I see her, I'm so happy."

And then, Jan. 2, the staff at Anne's House gathered, and the director made an announcement: The home would be closing by the end of the month. All the girls burst into tears.

"We're disrupting their education," Clark said of Mary and Frances. "They've finally found a place where they're comfortable. They've finally laid down some roots; they're doing well academically; they've started building social relationships with other people. And to just uproot them like that and make them start over again — two young women who've never had anyone they could trust outside of a parole officer, outside of Anne's House? They finally trust, they finally open up and, once again, they're let down by society."

While the Salvation Army was working on the Chicago-area placement, the girls considered a range of options. They liked a program in Missouri that offers help enrolling in school and getting a job, as well as free rent for a year. They would have a two-bedroom apartment, they said, and the opportunity to learn life skills, such as budgeting.

Still, Mary said she cries every night.

"This was my survival plan; it was my go-to plan. Anne's House was my way to get out," she said. "I didn't have no B Plan or no C Plan. My mom don't want me. My dad don't want me. I don't have nobody else."

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Project would fill in 'transit desert'

Red Line, from Page 1

at a news conference Friday near the site of a proposed new 103rd Street train station, one of four planned stops on the extension.

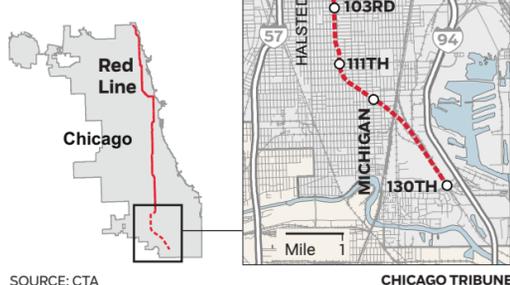
Carter noted that after decades of talk about the Red Line extension, the CTA is now putting real money into it — it has secured \$85 million in federal, state and local funding for preliminary work, including engineering and an environmental analysis, which it needs to complete to get money for the project.

"There is a federal process we have to go through to get the federal funding," Carter told reporters. "I intend to pursue that process. The timeline is going to be driven much more by our ability to get the state capital funding that we need to make the project happen than by whether or not there are federal resources to support it."

Emanuel said the project has economic merit and is just the type the state and the U.S. Department of Transportation want to see, though it is too early to talk about it with Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao.

"That would be premature at this point — what we just announced is the planning," Emanuel said. He said now is the time to proceed with the extension plans, since the CTA finished the \$425 million Red Line South reconstruction in 2013 and is now complet-

CTA Red Line extension route



SOURCE: CTA

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

ing a massive \$280 million building of the 95th Street station.

Ald. Anthony Beale, whose 9th Ward would be served by the extension, told the Tribune he'll be excited when he sees shovels in the ground. He noted that the extension had originally been promised by Mayor Richard J. Daley more than 40 years ago.

CTA Chairman Terry Peterson said he would not underestimate Emanuel's "creativity" in finding the money.

The newly proposed path would start at 95th Street and run along the west side of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks from I-57 south to about 109th Street. It would then cross the UP tracks and continue along the east side of the tracks until crossing Metra Electric tracks near 119th Street, and then continue south to 130th Street, the CTA said.

In addition to a stop near

103rd Street, the CTA plans new stations near 111th Street, Michigan Avenue near 115th Street and 130th Street.

The route could require acquisition of up to 154 privately owned parcels, including 79 buildings. The CTA would be able to acquire the parcels through eminent domain, which allows a government entity to take properties for public use, after paying the owners. The price for the acquisitions is not yet known, CTA spokeswoman Tammy Chase said.

The CTA will hold an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy gymnasium to present the alignment to residents.

The earliest construction would begin in 2022, and the project would take about four years.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the region's planning or-

ganization, identified the Red Line extension in its GO TO 2040 plan as a capital project of "regional significance." CMAP Executive Director Joe Szabo said in a statement that the next regional plan, ON TO 2050, coming out in June, will include strategies for securing money for high-priority projects in light of declining state and federal resources.

Elizabeth Williams, a 56-year resident of the area near the 95th Street terminal, said she is hopeful that now is the right time for the extension, though she did express some concerns that the project would displace numerous businesses and longtime homeowners.

"I'd hate to see people who lose their homes, especially older folks that own their homes," Williams said.

Carter acknowledged that there would be disruptions from the project, but said there would also be great benefits to the community, including transit-oriented development opportunities and other economic development. The project also is expected to create about 6,200 jobs, the CTA said.

Emanuel said there is disruption now, caused by people having to waste time taking buses to the train. "If you don't have to take a bus to a train, that means you have more time with your children," he said.

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ANALYSIS

Trump's own actions put him at risk

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WASHINGTON — At least a half-dozen times, President Donald Trump by his actions has invited scrutiny for obstruction of justice in the Russia probe, and now comes a report that last year he ordered the firing of the very man investigating him.

That man, special counsel Robert Mueller, ultimately will decide if the president's words and deeds make a case for a criminal indictment or an impeachment referral to Congress.

Trump has increased his political jeopardy, giving new arguments to impeachment advocates. That seems likely to raise the stakes for this year's midterm elections, in which control of Congress will be up for grabs.

House Democratic leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and the Senate's Democratic leader, Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., have made clear that they do not want the midterm elections to be a referendum on impeachment — not least for fear of galvanizing Republican voters.

But the issue could prove hard to ignore. With each development further incriminating the president, the pressure on Democratic leaders from the party's anti-Trump left builds.

On Friday, Pelosi said in a statement that Trump's reported threat to Mueller was "part of a grave pattern of attempts by the President to undermine and obstruct the ongoing investigations



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President Donald Trump dismissed Friday the story that he tried to fire special counsel Robert Mueller as "fake news."

into Russia's interference in our elections."

The president has denied or disputed many of the episodes in question.

On Friday, Trump dismissed the latest story as "fake news" as he strode through the halls of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, seemingly unfazed by the new storm blowing from across the Atlantic.

The New York Times reported late Thursday that in June, Trump ordered that Mueller be fired, relenting only after his White House counsel, Don McGahn, threatened to quit rather than comply.

The president's order came at a time, seven months ago, when news

reports were disclosing that Mueller had expanded his probe to include whether Trump, as president, had tried to obstruct the investigation into Russia's election meddling and possible coordination with the Trump campaign.

Throughout the month, Trump fired off tweets calling Mueller's investigation a "Witch Hunt!" Several of his associates began saying privately — and in some cases publicly — that Trump wanted to get rid of Mueller.

The possible case against Trump for obstruction had started building the previous month, on May 9, when the president fired FBI Director James Comey and volunteered days later in an

NBC interview that he had acted with "the Russia thing" in mind.

Before long, the fired Comey would add potential evidence against Trump by authorizing friends to release contemporaneous memos he'd written of his discussions with Trump before he was fired — memos he gave to Mueller's team.

In the memos and in public testimony to Congress, Comey described a private dinner in January at which Trump demanded loyalty, even as Comey was heading the FBI's Russia investigation, and a White House meeting in February when the president suggested that Comey back off a probe into the conduct of Trump's former national se-

curity adviser, Michael Flynn.

Other episodes that could be viewed as efforts to impede or influence the investigation include Trump's repeated comments and tweets humiliating Attorney General Jeff Sessions for recusing himself from the Russia probe last March.

The only person who can fire Mueller is Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who has been overseeing the special counsel's investigation because of Sessions' recusal.

Rosenstein has testified he's seen no valid reason to remove Mueller, and he'd resist an inappropriate order to do so.

Two bipartisan proposals

to insulate the special counsel, which would provide a judicial review of any effort to oust Mueller, have languished in Congress since August.

Even before reports of Trump's aborted order to fire Mueller, many including Republicans have said the anecdotal evidence of Trump's potential obstruction has been compelling.

If Mueller recommended charges, bringing them against a president could prove difficult, according to some legal experts.

"The president, in my view, cannot be charged with obstruction of justice for simply exercising his constitutional power, regardless of what his motives may be," said Alan Dershowitz, a constitutional and criminal law scholar at Harvard Law School.

He recalled that President George H.W. Bush pardoned officials from his administration implicated in the Iran-Contra scandal, actions that a special prosecutor called a cover-up.

Yet, Dershowitz said, "Nobody dreamed of prosecuting President Bush for obstruction of justice."

Richard J. Davis, who was an assistant special prosecutor during the Watergate investigation of President Richard Nixon, has a different take.

"The fact that he has the power to do something doesn't mean that he can't be abusing that power to obstruct an investigation," Davis said. "You can't say, 'I'm the president, and therefore what I do doesn't matter.'"

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Cecile Richards said she would stay engaged in political activism ahead of fall elections.

Richards stepping down as Planned Parenthood leader

BY DAVID CRARY
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NEW YORK — Cecile Richards, who led Planned Parenthood through 12 tumultuous years, is stepping down as its president.

Under her leadership, the organization gained in membership, donor support and political clout but found itself in constant conflict with social conservatives for its role as the leading abortion provider in the United States.

The organization provides a range of health services at clinics nationwide, including birth control, cancer screenings and tests for sexually transmitted diseases.

Republicans in Congress tried repeatedly to cut off federal funding that helps subsidize Planned Parenthood's services to some patients, and several congressional committees investigated the organization's role in providing post-abortion fetal tissue to researchers.

In a statement Friday, Richards said she would remain engaged in political activism ahead of the November elections.

"There has never been a better moment to be an activist," said Richards, who was a featured speaker in Las Vegas at one of last weekend's largest women's marches.

Richards, 60, is the daughter of former Texas Gov. Ann Richards. Before joining Planned Parenthood, she was a union organizer and deputy chief of staff to U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, among other roles.

Reaction to Richards' announcement reflected the divisive nature of the debate over Planned Parenthood's role.

Pelosi, the House minority leader, hailed her as "a portrait of energy, intellect, and determination" whose impact transcended reproductive rights.

"As an organizer, activist, and leader, Cecile has helped launch a nationwide movement to defend and advance women's rights, and in doing so, she has inspired countless women to march, vote, run, and win," Pelosi said.

Anti-abortion activists seized the occasion to demonize Richards.

Her legacy "is one of death and destruction,"

said Kristin Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America. "She leaves broken lives in her wake."

Many of the key battles for Richards and Planned Parenthood were waged in Congress, where Republicans repeatedly, though unsuccessfully, sought to cut off its federal funding.

GOP lawmakers also organized multiple investigative committees after anti-abortion activists released secretly recorded videos in 2015 that they said showed Planned Parenthood employees illegally selling fetal tissue for profit. Planned Parenthood emphatically denied that claim.

Thus far, there's been no formal finding by Congress of wrongdoing by the organization, but the dispute over the allegations is not settled. Justice Department officials confirmed in December that the department was considering investigations related to the tissue.

There was no word of a possible successor to Richards. Planned Parenthood said it would announce future plans after a meeting of its board of directors next week.

Turkey vows to fight 'until no terrorist is left'

Offensive to expand, go eastward to Iraq border, Erdogan says

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ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed Friday to expand Ankara's operation in a Kurdish enclave in northern Syria eastward, toward the border with Iraq.

In Vienna, the Syrian opposition and Russia agreed to a cease-fire to halt the fighting over the besieged eastern Ghouta suburbs of Damascus, an area the U.N. has called the "epicenter of suffering" in the war-torn country.

The agreement, confirmed to The Associated Press by opposition official Ahmad Ramadan, is contingent on Russia compelling the government to allow aid flow to the suburbs, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group.

Russia is a key ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Rebels gave the government 24 hours to comply, said Ammar Hassan, spokesman for the Islam Army, one of the factions fighting inside the area.

The government did not sign the agreement, said opposition adviser Omar Kouch.

The eastern Ghouta area has seen more than two months of violent fighting since rebels tried to ease a choking government blockade that has depleted food and medical supplies.

The U.N. reported in November that child malnutrition in eastern Ghouta was at the worst ever recorded throughout the seven years of civil war.

It estimates there are 400,000 people trapped under the government's



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Turkish-backed Syrian rebels patrol the streets of Azaz on Friday, which was day seven of the Turkish offensive.

siege.

Conditions deteriorated precipitously after pro-government forces choked off the last smuggling tunnels leading to the opposition-held suburbs in May.

A "de-escalation" agreement brokered by Russia, Iran, and Turkey in August failed to bring any relief.

The new agreement, the latest in a long line of short-lived truces for Syria, was announced on the last day of a U.N.-mediated round of peace talks in the Austrian capital. Another round, mediated by Russia, starts in Sochi on Monday.

Erdogan said the Turkish forces' push into Afrin would stretch farther east, to the Syrian Kurdish town of Manbij, and toward the border with Iraq "until no terrorist is left."

Erdogan's latest comments appeared to be in defiance of the United States, which has urged Turkey to keep its campaign in Syria "limited in scope and duration" and to focus on ending the war.

Turkey considers the Syrian Kurdish forces, known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG, to be a terrorist group because of their purported links to Kurdish insurgents within Turkey's own border.

Manbij is held by the

Syrian Democratic Forces, dominated by the YPG. U.S. troops are not present in Afrin but are embedded with the SDF in other parts of Syria, where they are working to prevent a resurgence of the Islamic State group.

"We will clear Manbij of terrorists No one should be disturbed by this because the real owners of Manbij are not these terrorists, they are our Arab brothers," Erdogan said.

Ankara's push into Manbij would put Turkish troops in proximity to American soldiers there.

Turkey's Health Minister Ahmet Demircan said Friday that the operation into Afrin had led to 14 deaths on the Turkish side.

Three Turkish soldiers and 11 Syrian opposition fighters allied with them were killed in fighting since Jan. 20, he said.

Some 130 others were wounded.

The SDF said the first week of Turkey's incursion had left more than 100 civilians and fighters dead. The group said in a statement Friday that among the dead are 59 civilians and 43 fighters, including eight women fighters.

At least 134 civilians were wounded in the week-long clashes, it said.

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Clinton's 2008 faith outreach adviser accused of harassment

Hillary Clinton's former faith outreach adviser has been accused of repeatedly sexually harassing a woman in Clinton's 2008 campaign for president, according to a report from the New York Times. Clinton reportedly chose to shield Burns Strider, who led her religious outreach efforts, instead of firing him as her campaign manager recommended.

Strider emailed Clinton daily Bible readings every morning during her 2008 campaign and served as a liaison of sorts to religious groups. Politico in 2014 described Strider as "a Hillary Clinton favorite."

Strider did not respond

to phone messages from The Washington Post.

"The complaint against Mr. Strider was made by a 30-year-old woman who shared an office with him," the New York Times report states. "She told a campaign official that Mr. Strider had rubbed her shoulders inappropriately, kissed her on the forehead and sent her a string of suggestive emails, including at least one during the night, according to three former campaign officials familiar with what took place."

The Times reports that the complaint was taken to Patti Solis Doyle, Clinton's campaign manager at the time, who suggested

Strider be fired. Clinton declined.

"Strider was docked several weeks of pay and ordered to undergo counseling, and the young woman was moved to a new job," the report states.

The woman, who was not named in the report, has not spoken publicly about her experience.

Strider led an independent group that supported Clinton's 2016 candidacy called Correct the Record, but he was fired after several months for workplace issues, including allegations that he harassed a young female aide, according to the Times' report.

Argentine police raids center on missing sub

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Federal police officers raided naval bases and other buildings in Argentina on Friday as part of an investigation into the disappearance of a submarine with 44 crewmembers.

The raids at the sub's home base in the coastal city of Mar del Plata, in

Buenos Aires and near the city of Bahia Blanca, were ordered by Federal Judge Marta Yanez, who told local TN television that she wants to review documents focused on the condition of the vessel before it began its journey. She also said that she wants to look into possible faults in the mid-

life refit of the submarine.

A blast occurred near the time and place where the ARA San Juan went missing Nov. 15 as it was sailing from the extreme southern port of Ushuaia to Mar del Plata. Argentina gave up hope of finding survivors, but the navy has continued searching for the vessel.



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Pakistan smashes illicit liquor, drugs: Pakistan customs officials use a steamroller to crush bottles of liquor in Lahore on Friday, International Customs Day. Drugs and hundreds of bottles of liquor that had been smuggled into the country were destroyed.

Trump is said to seek \$716B in defense spending for 2019

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump will propose increasing total defense spending to \$716 billion in fiscal 2019 in his budget request expected to be released in February, a U.S. official said, backing the Pentagon's push for a major buildup.

The funding would include \$597 billion for the Defense Department's base budget, with the rest going for its war-fighting account and to other gov-

ernment programs such as the Energy Department's nuclear weapons program, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in advance of the release of Trump's second proposed budget.

The amount, reported earlier Friday by The Washington Post, is a sharp increase from the \$668 billion Trump proposed last year for fiscal 2018 and offered as a placeholder for fiscal 2019.

Many elderly among 37 killed by South Korea hospital fire

MIRYANG, South Korea — A fire raced through a small South Korean hospital with no sprinkler system on Friday, killing 37 people, many of them elderly, and injuring more than 140 others in the country's deadliest blaze in about a decade.

Sejong Hospital in the southeastern city of Miryang has a separate nursing ward where 94 elderly patients were being treated, but all of them

were safely evacuated, fire officials said.

Most of the victims were on the first and second floors of the hospital's six-story general ward, where its emergency room and intensive-care unit were located. Officials believe the fire started in the emergency room.

Miryang police official Kim Han-su said 34 of the dead were women and 26 were in their 80s or older.

Police: No suspects in Canadian billionaire and wife's slaying

TORONTO — Police said Friday they believe Canadian drug-company billionaire businessman Barry Sherman and his wife, Honey, were both murdered.

Detective Sgt. Susan Gomes said investigators came to the conclusion after six weeks of investigation, but said there are no suspects.

The founder of generic drugmaker Apotex and his wife were found dead in

their mansion on Dec. 15. Police said then the deaths were suspicious, but said there were no signs of forced entry and they were not looking for suspects.

Gomes said the two were found hanging by belts from a railing that surrounds their indoor pool. Gomes said there are no signs of forced entry. She declined to discuss the evidence, possible motives or suspects.

N.J. doctor linked to drug deals, slaying dies in jail

A New Jersey doctor accused of arranging the slaying of his radio host wife, April, to keep her from exposing a drug distribution ring he was running with an outlaw biker gang was found dead in his jail cell Friday in an apparent suicide.

Authorities did not release details of how Dr. James Kauffman, 68, died, but they said they suspected suicide and didn't see signs of foul play. He was found alone in his cell at the Hudson County jail, and guards checked on him when he did not respond, county spokesman James Kennelly said.

In June, when he was arrested on weapons and obstruction charges, Kauffman held police at bay at his medical office, pointing a gun at his chest and threatening to kill himself, yelling "I'm not going to jail for this!" before surrendering.

A 13-year-old boy in Ohio has acknowledged tossing a sandbag off an interstate overpass that killed a Michigan man in a car. The boy pleaded guilty Friday to murder and other charges in juvenile court in Toledo. The maximum penalty he'll face when sentenced could keep him in a juvenile prison until he's 21.

A once-aspiring actress has alleged Steven Seagal raped her at a 1993 wrap party for the film "On Deadly Ground." Regina Simmons spoke about the alleged assault in an interview that aired Friday on NBC's "Megyn Kelly Today." She was 18 at the time. Seagal's lawyer did not immediately return calls for comment.

Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

U.S. trade court rules against Boeing

Independent commission's verdict comes amid tensions between the U.S. and Canada

BY DON LEE
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — U.S. trade officials Friday rejected a complaint by Boeing Co. that it was harmed by the alleged dumping of regional jets made by Canadian rival Bombardier, a surprising conclusion to a trade dispute that has stirred up rancor between the two nations and threatened to aggravate efforts to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The 4-0 decision by the independent U.S. International Trade Commission is a blow to the Trump administration.

The Commerce Department had recommended slapping tariffs of almost 300 percent on Bombardier.

Commerce officials last year agreed with Chicago-

based Boeing's allegations that the government-subsidized Canadian aircraft manufacturer had sold its C-series airplanes to Delta Air Lines at a price below the cost of production.

Under U.S. law, a finding of injury or threat of injury is required for the Commerce-proposed tariffs to take effect.

Bombardier had argued that Boeing did not suffer harm because it does not compete with the kind of C series 100- to 150-seat planes it sold to Delta. Delta had said Boeing was not in consideration for the business Bombardier won because Boeing did not offer new competing products.

The decision comes just days after President Donald Trump slapped big tariffs on imported solar panels and washing machines, in what some analysts re-



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garded as the beginning of the tough hand in trade that Trump has promised for months.

Trump has tended to wrap his trade politics in a way to placate opponents and those in his party worried that he is leading the country down a dangerous path of nationalism. The commission's decision Fri-

day shows some of the constraints that the president faces.

The International Trade Commission is an independent quasi-judicial federal agency whose commission is made up of members of both parties.

There was no comment from the Trump administration on the ruling, al-

though the issue has been a sore point between the two close allies and drew others into the dispute, including British Prime Minister Theresa May. She met Trump on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos to lobby on behalf of Bombardier, a Montreal-based company that makes its wings in Northern Ireland.

Boeing expressed disappointment with the vote, saying that "we are feeling the effects of those unfair business practices in the market every day."

Bombardier called the decision "a victory for innovation, competition and the rule of law."

The trade commission's rule could help ease tensions between the U.S. and Canada as the two nations have also sparred over Canadian exports of lumber and newsprint.

In anticipation of tariffs on Bombardier planes, the Canadian government had

scrapped a plan to buy 18 jet fighters from Boeing, opting instead to buy 18 used F-18 fighters from Australia.

Canadian officials also had mentioned the possibility of fighting any tariffs on Bombardier by protesting to the World Trade Organization or contesting the tariffs through a dispute resolution mechanism under NAFTA — a mechanism that Trump's top trade official, Robert Lighthizer, is trying to discard in re-vamping NAFTA.

Chrystia Freeland, Canada's minister of Foreign Affairs, said they were pleased by the commission's vote and that the Canadian government will always defend the Canadian aerospace industry.

The sixth round of NAFTA renegotiation talks are underway this week in Montreal. Trump said earlier that the talks were proceeding "pretty well."

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E-Verify called verifiably flawed

Experts say rare audits take teeth out of job checks

BY TATIANA SANCHEZ
The Mercury News

When federal agents raided dozens of 7-Eleven stores across the country this month and arrested 21 workers suspected of living in the country illegally, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement director Tom Homan declared that the highly publicized raids were meant to send a message to employers: "If you are found to be breaking the law, you will be held accountable."

But after all the smoke from the day's fiery rhetoric cleared, one huge question remained: How did these immigrants in the U.S. without legal permission get hired in the first place?

At a time when the national debate over immigration is at its tipping point, questions have begun to resurface about E-Verify — a 21-year-old electronic program designed to filter out immigrants living in the U.S. illegally who apply for jobs — leaving many Americans wondering how millions of them slip through the system.

Credit card companies verify tens of millions of 16-digit numbers every day with a tiny little machine that easily fits on the counter of nearly every store in America.

What could be so hard about verifying that every job applicant has a valid Social Security number or "alien registration number" that indicates that the job-seeker is a legal U.S. resident even if he or she is not yet a citizen.

But many immigration policy experts say E-Verify is not what it seems.

They contend it's essentially a political fig leaf, with



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents meet before serving an employment audit notice at a Los Angeles store.

so many significant flaws and loopholes that it allows employers to knowingly hire immigrants living in the country illegally with little repercussions for doing so.

Only 3,000 of hundreds of thousands of companies enrolled in E-Verify were audited during the eight years of the Obama administration, said Daniel Costa, director of immigration law and policy research for the Economic Policy Institute, a pro-labor think tank based in Washington, D.C.

"They continue to be able to hire undocumented workers without having to verify anything with the government," Costa said.

With such a low chance of being audited, Costa said, E-Verify is "a wink and a nod from the government to employers" that lets them continue to hire workers living here illegally.

An estimated 763,500

employers were taking part in E-verify as of Jan. 16, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which oversees the program.

That sounds like a lot, but it's only a tiny percentage of the more than 18 million businesses in the U.S.

The reason for the low participation rate is that the program is voluntary in most states. It's mandatory only for businesses that have been caught hiring immigrants living here without legal permission.

In the last fiscal year, 98.88 percent of the employees entered into the E-Verify system were cleared to work, requiring no employee or employer action, according to USCIS.

Calls for "mandatory E-Verify" — particularly among immigration hardliners in the Republican Party — could be heard in the halls of Congress last

week as legislators unsuccessfully tried to reach an immigration deal that would allow 800,000 young immigrants living in the country illegally to stay in the U.S.

Polls have shown that more than two-thirds of the American public think E-Verify should be mandatory.

Capitalizing on that sentiment, Rep. Lamar Smith, a Texas Republican who sits on the House Judiciary and Homeland Security committees, recently introduced a measure to require all employers to use the program.

"By expanding the E-Verify system to all U.S. employers, this bill will ensure that jobs only go to legal workers," Smith said.

But Alex Nowrasteh, an immigration policy analyst at the Cato Institute's Center for Global Liberty and Prosperity, a libertarian

think-tank in Washington, D.C., said E-Verify simply checks documents that are submitted and accepts those documents even if they are fraudulent — which is the way most immigrants living in the U.S. without legal permission secure employment.

The Social Security Administration estimated that 1.8 million immigrants were working with fake or stolen Social Security cards in 2010.

Even when E-verify is mandated, Nowrasteh said, "a large portion of employers still don't use it for new hires" because the government audits are so minimal.

"People think this is going to be the way that illegal immigrants can't work in the U.S.," he said. "That is fantasy."

Nowrasteh says E-Verify allows politicians to claim the U.S. is being tough on immigration without actu-

ally having to be tough.

"Nobody wants to shut down businesses. That's expensive politically and economically," he said. "It's much easier to have a system that doesn't work (but which) sounds like a silver bullet."

But some groups trying to put more restrictions on immigration say E-Verify isn't as flawed as critics make it seem and have called on federal officials to expand the program.

The idea that somebody could put down a false or stolen Social Security number and get hired by an employer that uses E-Verify is "impossible" to believe, said Joe Guzzardi, spokesman for Progressives for Immigration Reform, an organization in Washington, D.C., that says it's fighting for more immigration restrictions on behalf of U.S. workers.

The group wants to make E-Verify mandatory.

U.S. immigration authorities say they've gradually improved the system over the years to fix some of its flaws and to close loopholes.

Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., and the ranking Democrat on the House's Immigration and Border Security Subcommittee, said E-Verify has a fairly high accuracy rate, but the underlying problem is the country's "completely broken" immigration system.

She said employers may now have a reliable way to check if their workers are in the U.S. legally, but they know that they need those same workers to keep their businesses afloat.

"You go into the fields in Salinas and you have agricultural workers picking the crops. You could use E-Verify and find out that half of them or more are undocumented," Lofgren said. "So then who picks the crops? That's the problem."

Tech firms race to make AI machines smarter

BY MATT O'BRIEN
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Seven years ago, a computer beat two human quizmasters on a "Jeopardy" challenge. Ever since, the tech industry has been training its machines to make them even better at amassing knowledge and answering questions.

And it's worked, at least up to a point. Just don't expect artificial intelligence to spit out a literary analysis of Leo Tolstoy's "War and Peace" any time soon.

Research teams at Microsoft and Chinese tech

company Alibaba reached what they described as a milestone earlier this month when their AI systems outperformed the estimated human score on a reading comprehension test. It was the latest demonstration of rapid advances that have improved search engines and voice assistants and that are finding broader applications in health care and other fields.

The answers they got wrong — and the test itself — also highlight the limitations of computer intelligence and the difficulty of comparing it directly to human intelligence.

"We are still a long way from computers being able to read and comprehend general text in the same way that humans can," said Kevin Scott, Microsoft's chief technology officer.

The test developed at Stanford University demonstrated that, in at least some circumstances, computers can beat humans at quickly "reading" hundreds of Wikipedia entries and coming up with accurate answers to questions about Genghis Khan's reign or the Apollo space program.

The computers, however, also made mistakes that many people wouldn't have.

"You need some very simple reasoning here, but the machine cannot get it," said Jianfeng Gao, of Microsoft's AI research division.

It's not uncommon for machine-learning competitions to pit the cognitive abilities of computers against humans. Machines first bested people in an image-recognition competition in 2015 and a speech recognition competition last year, although they're still easily tricked.

And since IBM's "Jeopardy" victory in 2011, the tech industry has shifted its efforts to data-intensive

methods that seek to not just find factoids, but better comprehend the meaning of multi-sentence passages.

Like the other tests, the Stanford Question Answering Dataset, nicknamed the Stanford Question Answering Squad, attracted a rivalry among research institutions and tech firms — with Google, Facebook, Tencent, Samsung and Salesforce also giving it a try.

"Academics love competitions," said Pranav Rajpurkar, the Stanford doctoral student who helped develop the test. "All these companies and institutions are trying to establish themselves as the leader in AI."

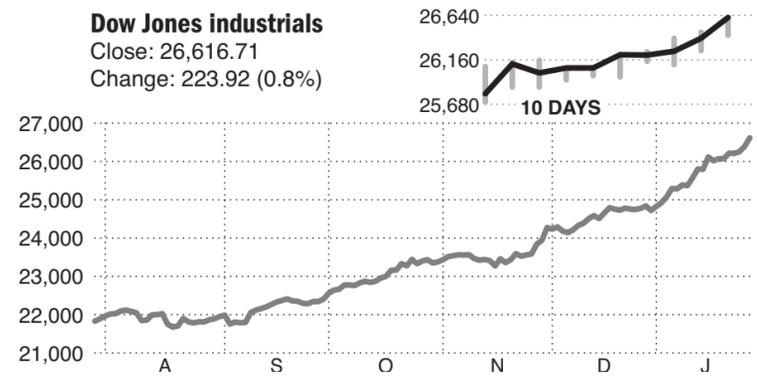


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Doctoral student Pranav Rajpurkar helped develop the Stanford Question Answering Dataset, which helps machines respond to inquiries.

MARKET ROUNDUP

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Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+94.61 (+1.28%)	+33.62 (+1.18%)	+6.39 (+.40%)
Close: 7,505.77	Close: 2,872.87	Close: 1,608.06
High: 7,505.77	High: 2,872.87	High: 1,608.06
Low: 7,431.22	Low: 2,846.18	Low: 1,599.50
Previous: 7,411.16	Previous: 2,839.25	Previous: 1,601.67

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.04 to 2.66%	-10.80 to \$1,351.60	-0.75 to 108.66/\$1	-0.0020 to .8050/\$1	+0.63 to \$66.14

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +2.09	NASD +2.31	S&P +2.23	DOW +7.68	NASD +8.73	S&P +7.45	DOW +32.46	NASD +32.59	S&P +25.20

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	435	442.50	434.25	441	+6.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	355	357	354.50	356.50	+1.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	990.25	995.50	983.75	985.50	-6.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.59	32.92	32.50	32.79	+0.29
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	340.40	341.80	334.00	335.70	-4.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 18	65.25	66.35	64.91	66.14	+0.63
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 18	3.437	3.611	3.410	3.505	+0.058
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 18	1.9039	1.9510	1.9029	1.9377	+0.0223

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STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	63.42	+2.0	Equity Commonwith	N	29.99	-1.8	McDonalds Corp	N	178.36	+2.70
AbbVie Inc	N	123.21	+14.91	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	85.99	-3.0	Middleby Corp	O	135.27	+7.8
Akorn Inc	O	32.47	-1.2	Equity Residential	N	61.54	+3.3	Morningstar Int'l	O	44.42	-0.5
Allstate Corp	N	100.53	-2.0	Exelon Corp	N	38.85	+1.8	Morningstar Inc	O	98.88	-0.4
Aptargroup Inc	N	89.14	-2.9	First Indl RT	N	31.02	-1.1	Motorola Solutions	N	99.00	+1.32
Arch Dan Mid	N	72.26	+1.21	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	73.07	+5.9	Navistar Intl	N	47.45	+1.04
Baxter Intl	N	72.26	+1.21	Gallagher AJ	N	70.49	+4.84	NiSource Inc	N	24.50	+0.8
Boeing Co	N	343.22	+1.1	Grainger WW	N	285.26	-1.18	Ntnn Trust Cp	O	106.18	+1.17
Brunswick Corp	N	60.00	+0.7	GrubHub Inc	N	76.49	+3.09	Old Republic	N	21.91	+5.0
CBOE Global Markets	O	137.02	-1.4	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	88.22	-2.79	Packaging Corp Am	N	126.93	+1.30
CDW Corp	O	75.68	+3.1	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	81.63	+2.3	Perkycycle Inc	O	72.00	+1.52
CF Industries	N	42.13	+1.72	IDEX Corp	N	142.43	+1.61	TransUnion	N	61.35	+8.7
CME Group	O	155.16	+9.9	ITW	N	178.88	+4.12	Tribune Media Co A	N	43.58	+3.5
CNA Financial	N	55.08	+2.9	Ingredion Inc	N	146.04	+4.41	USG Corp	N	40.14	+4.0
Caterpillar Inc	N	167.06	-2.31	John Bean Technol	N	116.35	+1.30	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	227.69	+4.7
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	38.50	+4.6	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	157.40	+1.02	United Cont'l Hldgs	N	66.56	+4.8
Deere Co	N	171.49	+2.36	Kraft Heinz Co	O	79.39	-2.8	Ventas Inc	N	55.89	-5.2
Discover Fin Svcs	N	80.98	+6.8	LKQ Corporation	O	42.83	+2.8	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	79.15	+8.8
Dover Corp	N	105.04	+6.1	Littelfuse Inc	O	212.37	+3.19	Wintrust Financial	O	87.96	+4.5
				MB Financial	O	43.18	-1.44	Zebra Tech	O	123.48	-0.2

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	16.13	-0.5
Bank of America	32.20	+1.1
Ford Motor	11.65	+2.1
Twitter Inc	24.27	+2.1
Pfizer Inc	39.01	+1.78
Petrobras	13.83	+5.7
Newell Rubbermaid	25.33	+5.2
Dell Technologies	82.74	-5.70
Sthwstn Energy	5.00	-0.4
Vale SA	13.11	+1.6
VMware Inc	150.00	+12.37
Ambev S.A.	6.90	+0.8
Alibaba Group Hldg	205.22	+6.89
Itau Unibanco Hldg	16.98	+4.6
Nokia Corp	4.81	+0.1
Chesapck Eny	4.00	+0.4
AT&T Inc	37.82	+3.7
FirstEnergy Corp	32.09	...
AbbVie Inc	123.21	+14.91
Petrobras A	12.66	+2.4
Freepor McMoRan	19.54	-2.8
Snap Inc A	13.56	-1.5
Kinder Morgan Inc	18.77	-0.5
Wells Fargo & Co	65.93	+2.8

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	1175.84	+5.47
Alphabet Inc A	1187.56	+5.42
Amazon.com Inc	1402.05	+24.10
Apple Inc	171.51	+4.0
Bank of America	32.20	+1.1
Berkshire Hath A	325915	+3065
Berkshire Hath B	217.19	+2.09
Chevron Corp	131.19	+5.4
Exxon Mobil Corp	89.00	+6.3
Facebook Inc	190.00	+2.52
Home Depot	207.23	+1.86
Intel Corp	50.08	+4.78
JPMorgan Chase	116.32	+6.2
Johnson & Johnson	145.33	+9.3
Microsoft Corp	94.06	+1.73
Source Cap	42.71	+3.4
Unitedhealth Group	248.47	+3.29
WalMart Strs	108.39	+1.79
Wells Fargo & Co	65.93	+2.8

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.41	+4.9	+28.1
American Funds AMRNB m	28.30	+2.0	+17.7
American Funds CptWldGrInCA	175.16	+8.1	+2.4
American Funds CptInclBldrA	65.32	+7.1	+16.9
American Funds EuroPacGrA	60.57	+6.9	+33.7
American Funds FdmtnlvsA m	66.93	+8.2	+27.6
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	54.24	+6.6	+30.9
American Funds IncAmrCA m	24.33	+2.0	+21.8
American Funds InvAmrCA m	43.59	+8.4	+24.8
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	46.87	+4.5	+33.0
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	48.78	+6.0	+25.6
DFA EMktCorEq	25.30	+2.3	+39.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.72	-0.1	+3.8
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	50.77	+4.9	+28.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	220.58	+2.07	+24.4
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.57	...	+3.2
Fidelity 500IdxIns	100.50	+1.18	+27.6
Fidelity 500IndexPrm	100.50	+1.18	+27.6
Fidelity Contrafund	135.02	+1.57	+38.2
Fidelity ContrafundK	134.95	+1.57	+38.4
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	11.14	-0.2	+3.3
Fidelity LowPrStk	58.26	+5.3	+27.1
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.44	+0.1	+10.2
Metropolitan TtRetBdl	10.55	-0.3	+2.5
Oakmark IntlInv	31.03	+2.2	+32.5
PIMCO InclnStl	12.35	-0.2	+8.2
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.17	-0.3	+3.8
Schwab SP500Idx	44.29	+5.2	+27.6
T. Rowe Price BCGR	107.42	+1.48	+43.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	69.05	+9.6	+38.9
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	265.44	+3.11	+27.6
Vanguard 500IdxInv	265.42	+3.11	+27.4
Vanguard DivGrInv	28.27	+2.4	+24.8
Vanguard HCAmrl	94.02	+1.02	+28.3
Vanguard InTrnGrAdm	9.64	-0.2	+3.1
Vanguard INTTTEAdmrl	14.02	-0.1	+3.7
Vanguard InslIdxIns	261.82	+3.06	+27.6
Vanguard InslIdxInsPlus	261.84	+3.06	+27.6
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	63.74	+6.8	+26.4
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl	203.37	+1.79	+22.3
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	145.13	+2.16	+35.5
Vanguard STInmGrdAdmrl	10.58	-0.1	+1.0
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	74.30	+3.5	+19.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.53	+1.6	+16.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.30	+1.2	+18.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	25.29	+2.4	+20.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.83	+1.6	+22.4
Vanguard TtBMDxAdmrl	10.64	-0.2	+2.7
Vanguard TtBMDxIns	10.64	-0.2	+2.7
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	21.64	-0.1	+3.2
Vanguard TtInBdxIns	32.81	+2.9	+31.1
Vanguard TtInSdxIns	131.22	+1.18	+31.1
Vanguard TtInSdxInsPlus	131.24	+1.18	+31.2
Vanguard TtInSdxInv	19.62	+1.8	+31.1
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	71.50	+7.6	+26.4
Vanguard TtInSdxIns	71.52	+7.6	+26.4
Vanguard TtInSdxInv	71.48	+7.6	+26.3
Vanguard WngntAdmrl	75.73	+5.6	+18.1
Vanguard WlsyInvAdmrl	66.28	+2.7	+15.5
Vanguard WndsrIAdmrl	72.16	+8.0	+23.3

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10-year	2.66	2.62
30-year	2.91	2.89

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	CLOSE	PREV.
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Platinum	\$1015.00	\$1029.30

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Fed Funds Target	1.25-1.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.29

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Britain (Pound)	0.7063
Canada (Dollar)	1.2319
China (Yuan)	6.3187
Euro	0.8050
India (Rupee)	63.654
Israel (Shekel)	3.3920
Japan (Yen)	108.66
Mexico (Peso)	18.5288
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EDITORIALS

Illinois parents — not lawmakers — should make call on youth football

Would you want your child punched in the head by a well-thrown left hook?

After watching a season of youth football in Blacksburg, Va. — and monitoring sensors they had mounted in the players' helmets — Virginia Tech researchers concluded that nearly 1 of every 12 head impacts that occurred during games and practices amounted to 40 times the force of gravity (40g). That's a force roughly equivalent to getting walloped by a boxer.

The players studied weren't almost-adults of overpowering strength and size — the monsters of some Virginia midway. No, these were kids ranging in age from 9 to 12.

Safety in youth football — a phrase worthy of skepticism — is at the center of legislation proposed Thursday by state Rep. Carol Sente, a Vernon Hills Democrat, who wants to ban tackle football for children under 12. She calls her bill the Dave Duerson Act, after the Bears Super Bowl era standout who, before shooting himself in the heart in 2011, asked that his brain be studied to determine whether hard hits on the gridiron caused him brain damage.

Duerson's fears were confirmed. Researchers found he suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, a degenerative disease linked to concussions and repetitive head trauma. Today, concerns about CTE have rippled through the NFL, the college and high school ranks — and football on the Pop Warner level too.

The NFL now requires players who show signs of disorientation to be checked immediately and to be kept out of the game if diagnosed with a concussion. It's also working to develop safer helmets and has pledged to set aside millions of dollars for concussion research. Some colleges have eliminated tackling during regular season practices. And in many high schools, middle schools and youth leagues, contact during practices has been scaled back.

It's at this youth level that the stakes now seem especially high. That's counter to the conventional wisdom that the smaller and slower youngsters are, the lower the likelihood of head injury. A

Boston University study found that youths who began playing tackle football before the age of 12 had more cognitive and behavioral problems later in life than did kids who began the sport after 12.

Among the findings: Youths who began playing before 12 had twice the risk of troubles associated with executive functioning, behavioral regulation and apathy, as well as three times the risk of clinically elevated depression scores. "The brain is going through this incredible time of

growth between the years of 10 and 12, and if you subject that developing brain to repetitive head impacts, it may cause problems later in life," said Robert Stein, one of the study's authors.

A growing number of parents are heeding the evidence and

pulling their kids out of football. The number of Chicago-area youths playing football, and the number of youth football teams, has been dropping. A program organized by the Park District of Highland Park shut down last year after just 11 kids signed up to play. At its peak, the program attracted 150 players.

Still, there are thousands of kids between 9 and 12 in the Chicago area smashing helmets on delayed blitzes and crossing routes. Does it have to take legislation in Springfield for parents to realize the dangers posed by tackle football at the youth level? It shouldn't. The evidence that tackle football does damage to the brain is strong and growing, but an embrace of that evidence among parents and communities still lags.

Though football in America is largely seen through the prism of the NFL and college bowl games, the Virginia Tech study noted that roughly 70 percent of football players in the U.S. are in elementary or middle school. The linkage between head trauma and football is getting stronger, and so is the urgent need to shield children from that linkage.

The children of Illinois don't need a law, however well-intended, to blow a whistle on tackle football at this or that age. This is a job for parents, school officials and organizers of youth sports.

You did notice that we mentioned parents, right?

Does it have to take legislation in Springfield for parents to realize the dangers? ... It shouldn't.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

As I get older and spend more time sitting across from strange guys in bars and in restaurants, wondering if there's something there, I've been confronted with the realization that not drinking is, in fact, a huge deal — or, at the very least, something that's considered controversial in the dating scene among people my age.

Statistically, excessiveness isn't "a thing" anymore when it comes to young people and alcohol — research shows that that millennials as a group drink less than either Gen Xers or Baby Boomers — but socially, it's another story. I never announce I don't drink, but I don't make an effort to cover it up, either. I'm good with whatever decision I make. The bizarre part is that other people aren't. If I had a dollar for every time someone told me I was "lagging behind" or asked why I wasn't drinking, I could buy a round for the whole Twitterverse. It used to plunge me into social discomfort; a couple times, I ended up drinking more than I wanted to, just to prove a point.

But the whole thing is pretty lopsided: If I comment that someone seems to be drinking too much, I'm judgmental, or a prude. But my not drinking is fair game for critique. I've never heard a friend apologize or make an excuse for their drinking habits. So, I wondered, why am I?

Rainesford Stauffer, The Cut

Having covered and studied North Korea for 40 years, I feel comfortable saying that its long-term strategy since the Korean War ended in stalemate in 1953 has been to remain to persuade the U.S. to remove its troops from South Korea and withdraw its security guarantee. Then, as defectors who have worked in sensitive military and political positions have repeatedly testified, when an appropriate opportunity presents itself, the North intends to conquer the South — regardless of the Southern population's

preferences.

What we are seeing — the North's recent demonstration of nuclear might followed by a charm offensive aimed at South Koreans — is simply a tactical move within the same old strategy. ... The idea is to use the threat of WMDs beyond the Korean Peninsula to hasten the exit of the Americans who now protect the South. "Get out and we won't bomb Los Angeles" — that's the message North Korea has been sending.

Bradley K. Martin, Asia Times

It is not surprising that Russia is trying to use social media against the United States. The real puzzle is why these operations are succeeding so well. ... Fake posts developed for use in the United States, for instance, are often written in bad English. Russia's reported spending on Facebook advertising was a pitiful trickle compared to the torrents of cash spent by both the Trump and Clinton campaigns to influence voters.

Russia's relative success in the United States is not thanks to the unique strategic insight of Putin. It is because Russian operatives have chanced upon real weaknesses in U.S. democracy, and American elites are unintentionally giving them a helping hand. While France and Germany have their own social divisions, they do not face the specific problems that America faces.

In America, more than in most other Western countries, there is a basic failure of democratic knowledge. In a well-functioning democracy, citizens agree broadly on facts and have some trust in the democratic system, allowing democracy to harness different perspectives and put them to good use. In America, in contrast, distrust and profound disagreements over facts have led to a kind of crisis of democratic knowledge that leaves democracy open to outside manipulation.

Henry Farrell, Foreign Policy

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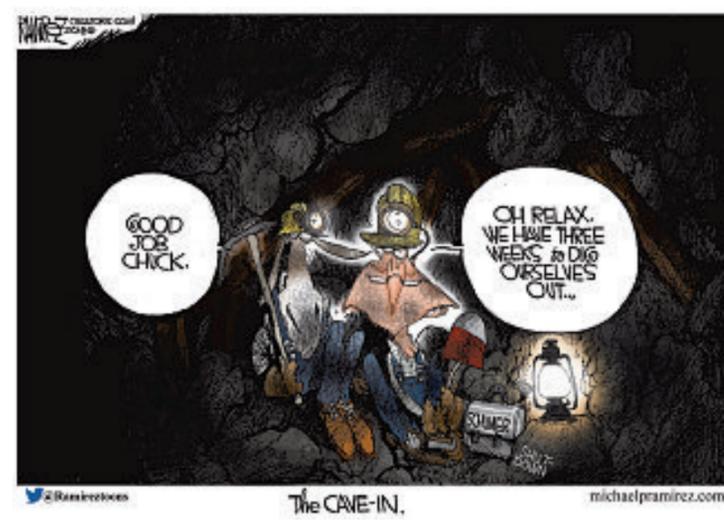
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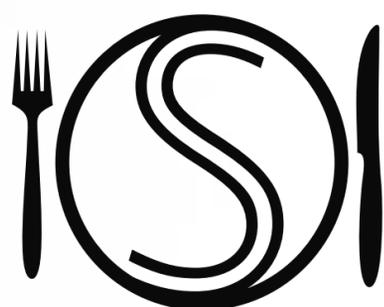
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A woman takes a selfie with a statue of the Hulk at a park in the Mexican state of Veracruz. The Hulk and six other superhero statues "guard" the Ixhuatlancillo community.

The origin of SuperTrump

I have a degree in psychology, and I am a fan of Marvel Comics. Let me tell you about the monster living in the White House, whom the media and the political establishment loathe. Comedians mock him; professors excoriate him; liberal women screech at him. Yet each blow that lands on the monster — every glob of mud, gibe or judicial setback — only makes him tougher and more determined.

Donald Trump's skin is neither green nor thick. Trump is thin-skinned, but like the Hulk, he is easily provoked and quick to retaliate. I voted for Trump; he is my superhero. Like the Hulk, Trump is not very articulate, speaking in short, gruff sentences or in juvenile tweets. But watch him in action, and you'll be treated to a spectacular political show, at the end of which journalists and senators and the odd dictator lie scattered and groaning.

Rocket Man fail!
Pocahontas no good!
Dicky Durbin dum-dum!
Nothing hurts Trump, and here's why: Trump was created in the freak radio-activity of the Obama administration. Every Obama scandal that got swept under the rug; every apology Obama offered for America's alleged misdeeds; every abuse of presidential authority Obama committed — all of these, over eight years, made possible and inevitable the creature known as Donald Trump, imbued with invulnerability. Hillary Clinton and the GOP elite could not stop him, and CNN and The New York Times certainly won't.

No Obama, no Trump. But now that Trump exists, he is here to stay, and the harder he is hit, the fiercer and more incredible he gets. The orange hair begins to glow, and Trump comes out swinging — battling Hollywood hypocrites and sycophants from the Swamp. The carnage will stop only when the monster, seven years from now, reverts to his alter ego: placid, mild-mannered Mike Pence, the future No. 46.

Until then, Swoosh! Trump drain swamp!
— Alexander Lee, West Chicago

A richer world

The immigration debate that is dividing our country brought to mind being in sixth grade over 60 years ago. My teacher was planning a new bulletin board, and I was tasked with cutting out letters. It wasn't as easy as it sounds, for I was not allowed to draw letters in pencil or use a template to trace them. I had to cut them freehand from squares of construction paper. I don't remember all the words but I do remember two: melting pot. We were studying and celebrating America being a nation of immigrants, and we were proud of that fact. But the world was simpler and, I think, kinder then.

I am the daughter of an immigrant. My father was 10 years old when he came to America with his mother and two brothers from Sweden in January 1930. His father, older brother and sister had come to Chicago the year before to find jobs and earn enough money to send for the rest of the family. My grandfather had been sponsored by an older brother, so I guess that would be considered the chain migration that President Donald Trump so disdains. They knew no English so that would have been another minus in Trump's eyes. But on the plus side, Sweden is, after all, next to Norway.

My father was a good student, but college was never considered. After apprenticing, he became a tool and die designer. At the age of 37, he and a Norwegian tool-maker founded their own company. For 45 years it was a highly regarded metal stamping company in the Chicago area.

But that is not the end of my immigration story, for my son-in-law is from Mexico, and I have four little grandsons who, best I can determine, are half Mexican, a quarter English, three-sixteenths Swedish and one-sixteenth German. My own little melting pot.

I have learned much about Mexican culture from my son-in-law and his friends. I know that family is treasured, life should be enjoyed, time is relative, music is necessary at any gathering, soccer is being played somewhere in the world at any given moment and Valentina hot sauce can be put on most any food. My world has become richer and wider.

Sadly, my Swedish father did not live to meet his Mexican great-grandsons, Diego, Nico, Alex and Luca. He would have

adored them as I do.

— Barbara Bolling Rimington, Elmhurst

Smoke and mirrors

Does anyone else think the artist's rendering of the proposed Obama Presidential Center campus is ugly? A 225-foot tower and associated buildings are garish monstrosities that ruin the aesthetics of the surrounding parkland stolen from the taxpaying public. Also, a professional-level golf course that will hardly be used is a major waste of taxpayer resources (the land).

When the Museum of Science and Industry made changes, it kept its park location in mind and did not have to close any roadways. This is just a play by Chicago's elite to curry the favor of a narcissistic liberal Democrat. With Chicago politics, all of these public meetings are just smoke and mirrors; this nightmare is a done deal.

A better and less controversial location would have been the vacant land that was U.S. Steel South Works. It has beautiful views of the lakefront and Chicago skyline and has U.S. 41 running through the center and has mass transit nearby. This part of the city needs economic development.
— John Deal, Dolton

Free speech

The current brouhaha at University of Chicago over presumed white nationalist and ousted presidential adviser Steve Bannon's appearance at a business school debate brings to mind my experience on the subject as a freshman there in 1963. We incoming newbies were invited to a speech by Nation of Islam leader Elijah Muhammad, who spent much of his talk castigating white people as oppressors of America's still-segregated black population. Things got a little tense as Muhammad exclaimed that all white people are devils. At that moment a freshman jumped up and shouted, "I am not a devil," dissipating the tension in the auditorium.

I don't expect a current U. of C. freshman to jump up and exclaim, "I am not a white nationalist," if Bannon's xenophobia begins to show during the debate. Let Bannon speak and make a fool of himself, discrediting his views headed for the scrapheap of history — the current leader of that movement occupying the Oval Office notwithstanding.
— Walt Zlotow, Glen Ellyn

Local support

The demolition of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Lockridge Medical Clinic building in Whitefish, Mont., earlier this month is a harsh reminder that preservation ultimately happens at the local level. Anyone who cares about the preservation of historic buildings, whether designed by Wright or otherwise, has the power to make a difference.

Illinois, and the Chicago area in particular, has the most Wright-designed buildings, remaining at more than 100. The Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy has had to intervene on many occasions to prevent Wright buildings in Illinois from meeting the same fate as the one in Montana. Our mission to preserve Wright's work is not over, and it never will be.

Many who voiced concern over the loss of the Montana building knew about the significance of Wright's architecture because they experienced his work at one of his many public sites around the country. Yet the majority of his nearly 400 extant buildings are in private hands — as Lockridge was.

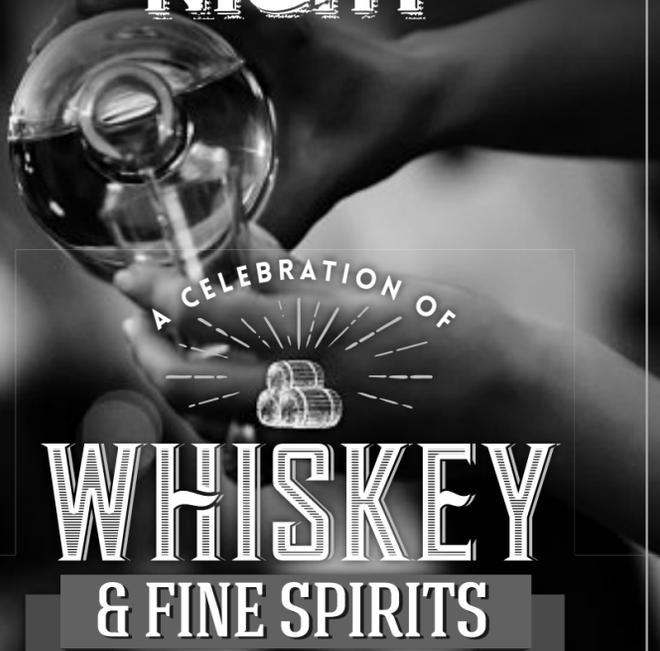
The most vulnerable time for a historic building is when there is a change in ownership, which is what happened in Montana when longtime owners sold the building to a developer.

For those who feel helpless about what happened in Montana in mid-January, we must learn its lessons. Be vigilant. Stand up for local landmark protections, raise awareness and celebrate the significance of each of these buildings in your community. Treat them as assets and not liabilities. Find a community of champions before it is too late. Let people in power know that these places matter. Get in touch with local and national preservation groups so that they have the resources to help local communities save these places. And get involved.

— Barbara Gordon, executive director, Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy

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IN PERFORMANCE 'JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT' ★

How do you trash a classic?

Try setting popular musical with biblical theme in Las Vegas

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

There's a Broadway story about "The Lion King." Julie Taymor, the conceptualist genius, first wanted, in Act 2, to take Simba and his crew to Las Vegas. After they picked their chins up off the floor, the Disney brass set about keeping the action in Africa, rather than on the Strip. It wasn't that hard, they just said, "No."

Had they said yes, one of the greatest Broadway musicals of all time might have looked like the disastrous "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace, which takes the thoroughly charming Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical — you know, the one with the biblical story, the one that entertained Chicago families for years with Donny Osmond in the title role — and, wait for it, moves all the action to Las Vegas.

Oh, it gets worse. The narrator — usually a warm and inviting storyteller — becomes a celebrity impersonator. The score thus is sung, at various points, explicitly in the song stylings of Britney Spears, Cher (Auto-tune and all), Celine Dion, Liza Minnelli and Shania Twain. We're talking full-on impersonations from Christina Bianco, who dominates the show, frequently sports a little model of the Luxor Hotel on top of her head and is not even remotely funny.

Britney comes enhanced with a digital snake.

A good moment, perchance, to note that "Joseph" is a family show and suburban families attracted by the title (a very important one in this town) will be surprised here to discover that the female members of the ensemble, cocktail waitresses I think, twerk in fishnet stockings. Jacob, meanwhile, is a mobster heavy. Most of the action is set in Joe's bedroom. (As played by Evan Alexander Smith, Joe's an



BRETT BEINER PHOTO

Evan Alexander Smith and Christina Bianco star in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

When: Through March 25

Where: Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: \$47-\$62 at 630-530-0111 and www.drurylane.com

anonymous, vapid and totally confused punter, seemingly suffering from jet lag). It's all a dreamlike fantasy, and about the most horrible nightmare for this piece of which anyone could conceive. I mean, you could set "The Little Mermaid" in Macau, but that doesn't mean a producer should write you a check.

Whatever warnings might appear on websites, people will bring their kids to "Joseph." Why? Let's start with this: It was written primarily for kids and teens.

Just a word to the wise: Don't. I don't doubt the director, Alan Souza, wanted to do something fresh and postmodern. But why bother with a show that you clearly do not respect? Shorn of all heart and emotion, "Any

Dream Will Do" is sung to security guards, I kid you not. Frankly, that put me in mind of a recent awful Vegas shooting incident, which is not where you want to go. Bad. Bad. Bad.

"Joseph" is a piece of proven entertainment value with great melodies, some life lessons and its own kind of charm. Souza and his crew send it up all night long, as if they were doing a "Forbidden Broadway"-style parody. Witlesly. They constantly mess with tempos and orchestrations, just so the numbers can better fit some celebrity impression of their own imposition ("Poor, poor, Joseph, what you gonna do/o-o-o," a la Ms. Spears). So heavy is the sophomoric conceptual interference that the story actually becomes difficult to follow. "Joseph." Ponder that.

The show improves very marginally in Act 2, mostly because of an actor named Colte Julian who shows up as Elton John-as-Pharoah. That's actually a surprise (we're expecting Elvis) and Julian commits to the truth of his man. (Ah! Truth! The hole card!)

There also are a few moments when Souza finally seems to run out of Vegas parallels, the glitchy video board set finally quiets down, Bianco is mercifully off somewhere changing her costume and the ensemble actually gets to *do the show*. Thus the brothers sound good on "Those Canaan Days."

It is a brief oasis. The usual post-show, megafun megamix has been replaced with the poor and entire cast being obliged to stand there, stock still and smiling awkwardly, while Bianco cycles through her impressions — Shirley Bassey, Edith Piaf, on and on into campy obscurity, each in front of a still picture of who is currently being impersonated.

Someone must have worried we would not be able to tell who she was doing. Right. But there also were more important things to worry about here. Like hoping Lloyd Webber or one of his minders do not walk through the door.

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WARNER BROS.

In "Paddington 2," the lead bear becomes a jailbird.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS MOVIES

"Paddington 2" ★★ ★ 1/2

The sequel to 2014's "Paddington" turns out to be every bit as moving. The plot concerns a pop-up book Paddington wants to buy as a birthday present for his Aunt Lucy back in Peru. The book, however, contains clues to a fortune, hidden away in London. Someone's onto the secret: a Shakespearean actor now getting by on dog food commercials (Hugh Grant). Framed for the book's theft, Paddington ends up doing hard time. True to form, though, the bear improves the outlooks of his fellow prisoners. Brendan Gleeson is an asset in the role of Knuckles McGinty, the prison chef who becomes Paddington's pal. These movies simply know what they're doing. Come late 2018, I suspect this is one sequel that will hold up particularly well in the rearview mirror. PG, 1:43, comedy

CHRIS JONES THEATER

"The Light"

If you judge a world premiere by the reaction it elicits from its audience — and why not? — then Loy Webb is a potent new voice. "The Light" is Webb's intense new drama from the New Colony, about a young Chicago couple and at once a love story and a cautionary tale, directed with no-holds-barred intensity by Toma Langston. Over 80 minutes in a studio theater in Wicker Park, I watched tears flow, Kleenexes emerge from pockets, couples move closer together and farther apart. Through Feb. 4 at the Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave.; \$20 at www.thenewcolony.org

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ROCK KOT

GREG KOT
Tune-Yards, "I Can Feel You Creep Into My Private Life"

On Tune-Yards' latest album, Merrill Garbus interrogates herself. As she pulls apart her contradictions and self-delusions, she calls upon her deepening understanding of dance music — drawing upon rhythms from her past life in Kenya to her current duties as a DJ in Oakland — to keep the air from getting too murky. The merger of a furrowed-brow intellect and hip-freeing rhythm has been a Tune-Yards constant since Garbus made her 2009 bedroom recording, "Bird-Brains." Garbus is a powerhouse singer, but she's also exploring more nuanced melodies and phrasing, even as she confronts big subjects: white privilege, cultural appropriation, the end of the world. It never sounds like heavy lifting because the music was built to be blasted through big speakers in a dance club.

IN PERFORMANCE

Jason Marsalis looks back, plays anew

BY HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

The listeners who crowded into Andy's Jazz Club on Thursday evening may have gotten something more than they expected.

For in addition to leading a quartet of musicians in leanly stated, thought-provoking music, vibraphonist Jason Marsalis explained some of the inner workings of what was happening. Before virtually every selection, Marsalis discussed where one theme or another originated, why the music would be developing in certain ways and so forth.

Bandleaders don't usually get into that level of detail or anecdote, but Marsalis had a very good reason: His newest album, "Melody Reimagined: Book I," is predicated on the notion of taking famous, historic or obscure tunes and reinventing them for contemporary use. To Jason Marsalis — a sibling to musicians Wynton, Branford and Delfeayo Marsalis — it was important for his audience to understand the music he was drawing upon and how he was developing it.

Some may have considered this a bit talky, but I found it welcoming and illuminating. For rather than try to build mystery or ambiguity about the evening's scores, Marsalis chose to remove barriers separating listener and audience. Ultimately, it was impossible not to come away from this performance at least a little more knowledgeable than when you went in.

Marsalis calls his ensemble the 21st Century Trad Band, and the name seems well-suited to this



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jason Marsalis and the 21st Century Trad Band perform Thursday at Andy's Jazz Club in Chicago.

enterprise, which, in effect, reimagines music history. Joined by pianist Louis Heriveaux, bassist Craig Shaw and drummer Dave Potter, Marsalis indeed presented vintage motifs in refreshed form.

The quartet opened with "Ratio Man Strikes Again," which was inspired by John Coltrane's "Traneing In." Here was the essence of this band, Marsalis offering sleek lines and angular phrases one moment, unmeted waves of softly drawn color the next. But Marsalis, who also leads a busy life as a jazz drummer, chose not to dominate the proceedings, sharing the spotlight with colleagues in carefully structured arrangements.

Marsalis introduced the next composition by noting that it was "dedicated to politicians and government in the 21st century," perhaps the ideal preamble to a piece titled "Off the Rails." If Marsalis hadn't told the crowd that the music was based, in part, on the standard "You Stepped Out of a Dream," listeners might not

have leapt to that conclusion. For the super-structure that Marsalis and friends built on that lovely tune featured multiple sections, including a magical, extended passage in which Marsalis improvised over a softly stated ostinato from bassist Shaw. Earlier in the work, Shaw offered an earthy, soulful solo that was a feast to hear but went on a tad too long for something this early in the set.

Marsalis, it turns out, wasn't the only composer-arranger on the bandstand making something new of material from the past: Some of the first set's repertoire came from nimble drummer Dave Potter's new album, "You Already Know," on which he reconceived Wayne Shorter's "Night Dreamer." Potter's arrangement proved rich in dramatic incident, opening with a burst of ensemble color followed by a great rhythmic surge.

Marsalis' solo in "Night Dreamer" was defined as much by space as sound, the vibraphonist uninterested in producing an

avalanche of notes for its own sake. That Marsalis managed to weave in a snippet of Shorter's "Footprints" pointed to the craft and subtlety of the vibraphonist's work. In this piece, and elsewhere, pianist Heriveaux played solos defined by exquisitely polished right-hand lines, copious melodic invention and a warmth of tone and touch one doesn't often encounter.

The most elegantly understated music of the performance came toward the end, in Marsalis' "Peace in the Forest," from his "Heirs of the Crescent City" album. Imagine the serene tonal beauty of the Modern Jazz Quartet applied to a hauntingly elegiac, nocturnal theme, and you have an idea of the reverie Marsalis and colleagues created.

It brought an otherwise lively room very nearly to a hush.

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Investigative docu-series follows the 'Dirty Money'

By LORRAINE ALI
Los Angeles Times

Overflowing Champagne glasses and private jets abound in Netflix's investigative documentary series "Dirty Money."

Produced by Oscar-winning documentarian Alex Gibney ("Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room"), the series looks at the greed, corruption and Machiavellian practices of businesses, and businessmen, once lauded as success stories by Wall Street.

Six different directors over six hourlong episodes explore the machinations and corrupt culture that have given rise to some of the more infamous business scandals of our time. Each segment, available for streaming now, is an entertaining yet informative mini-doc, chock-full of research, interviews and artful interstitials.

Episodes include a look at the soaring price of pharmaceuticals, the predatory practices of payday loans and the Volkswagen diesel scam.

There's also a maple syrup heist and the story of terrorist groups and drug cartels laundering money through HSBC Bank. Though seemingly far-fung, each episode is loosely connected by the amoral pursuit of money and how that is driving capitalism toward a dangerous precipice.

"Drug Short," directed by Erin Lee Carr ("Thought Crimes"), is the best and most disturbing example of wealth acquisition at any cost. And here, that cost is human life.

The episode investigates big pharma greed via a scandal that took down top dogs at an industry drug giant, Valeant.

The company's soaring profits rendered it a Wall Street darling earlier in the decade, until a little research by a trader illus-



The Netflix documentary series "Dirty Money" looks at the greed and corruption of high finance and big business.

'Dirty Money'

Netflix

trated how it turned consistently high profits. There's a lot to the story, which "Dirty Money" breaks down in extensive background research and multiple interviews, but the upshot is that the heads of Valeant flipped drugs like houses.

Instead of developing new drugs, as was the model for the industry, they acquired medications already on the market and increased the price. In the case of Syprine, "Dirty Money" says it went from \$650 a month to \$21,000 overnight. Those who needed the lifesaving medicine were pushed into financial peril while the chief executives rolled in extreme wealth.

"Payday" looks at the predatory practices of quick consumer loans. Director Jesse Moss ("The Overnighters") gets extensive access to lender and race car driver Scott Tucker as he prepares to go to trial for criminal charges connected to his now-defunct lending business.

Like other lenders that prey on low-income consumers in need of cash, his loans came with hidden fees that might triple or quadruple what's owed.

Tucker, meanwhile, was

buying fast cars and making a name for himself as a professional race car driver, playing an elaborate shell game with his businesses. His on-camera hubris is astounding, even as tow trucks repossess his beloved hot rods from his home midinterview.

The deceptive nature and near-sociopathic unwillingness of Tucker to recognize the ruin his actions brought upon others is another common thread throughout all the unsettling narratives in "Dirty Money."

The sixth episode is about Donald Trump. "The Confidence Man" initially appears to be different from the other five given the subject's current status as POTUS. Yet it chronicles a businessman perceived to be wildly successful — but scratch the surface, and it's a very different story.

Trump's greatest talent, contends the docu-series, was projecting the image of a self-made, successful businessman, which, in essence, was his father's story. From as far back as the 1980s, Trump's impulsive deals, bankruptcies and reckless spending spoke otherwise. "The Apprentice" only bolstered the illusion of executive competency, and it was constructed by a team of reality TV producers.

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ASK AMY

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Now independent, kids ignore mom

Dear Amy: I have always tried to raise my two children, now 17 and 18, to be independent. They were allowed to make a lot of their own decisions — for better or for worse (although I, of course, gave them guidance when they needed it).

Guess what? It worked! Now they don't need me or choose to be with me for more than 10 minutes a day, in general. Eating dinner only takes seven minutes, apparently. Then, "I have homework to do."

The older one is in college and hacking her way through life's challenges in ways that befuddle me but still seem to keep her on the general path toward adulthood.

The younger one is a great student, responsible and trustworthy, but basically a roommate who forages in the kitchen at midnight.

I know they love me; they tell me reasonably often, and I get hugs now and then.

I am an active person, always with a little project or taking a walk. They NEVER want to do anything with my husband or me unless it involves food or some unusual activity like going to a comedy club. Museums, movies, TV series, hikes? No way. They are in their rooms, at work or off with friends.

They are going to be gone for good before I know it, so my question is this: Do I let them continue to live their own lives for better or for worse, or do I occasionally force them to do things with us and ignore the complaining? It's obviously easier for me — and frankly more enjoyable — to just do what I like

without having to force others along and listen to their complaining, but I also feel like I'm just giving up and not parenting well. What do you think?

— *Befuddled Mom*

Dear Befuddled: I think that you should occasionally force your kids to do "family things." This demonstrates that there are times when they should, in fact, engage in relationship-building activities just because other people want them to.

The place to start this campaign might be during your seven-minute dinners. Your children should in fact be forced to stay at the table and converse — or wait patiently with their phones elsewhere — until everyone is done eating. Then, unless they have cooked the meal, they should clear the table and clean the dishes. This is basic life skills 101.

And yes, occasionally you should force-march them through a family hike or into a museum with you and their father, simply because you are all in a family together. They should also be forced to attend celebrations or memorial services for family members, even if they have other plans. And yes, you should ignore the complaining. And yes, they will still love you.

Dear Amy: I love my significant other, but when we have issues she stone-walls me.

She has gone through things in her past and they make her shut down when we have problems.

I don't know how to get through to her. I want to stick around, I want her to

get better, but nothing I say is the right thing and nothing I do is the right thing. I love her so much, but my heart breaks every day when she shuts me out.

I don't want her to go through all this alone, but I am losing myself.

I'm late for work. I neglect school. I don't get sleep. How can I be a good person to someone who doesn't want my help and who can't accept it?

— *Upset*

Dear Upset: You can't be the good person you want to be if you neglect your own health and well-being trying to serve the needs of someone who rejects your efforts.

The first step toward emotional healing and wellness for her would be to learn how to generously love the person who loves her. If she isn't willing to at least try to communicate, then you should consider leaving the relationship, for your own sake.

Dear Amy: "Dreading" was very concerned about how to behave around his brother, who had recently come out as gay. Instead of offering him support, you used your answer to promote yourself and your liberal views. Shame on you.

— *Unhappy*

Dear Unhappy: "Dreading's" brother's sexuality is not up for debate. Treating this gay brother simply like a brother instead of some sort of gay problem would have been a good place to start.

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Toni Braxton

"Faith Under Fire: The Antoinette Tuff Story" (7 p.m., 10:02 p.m., 12 a.m., Lifetime): Multiple Grammy Award winner Toni Braxton shows off her acting chops in the title role of this new 2018 biopic that celebrates the heroism of an Atlanta single mom whose calm stoicism in the face of an unbalanced and heavily armed gunman saved the lives of students at her suburban elementary school. Drawing on her faith to stave off panic, bookkeeper Antoinette Tuff connected with the troubled young man and convinced him to surrender. Trevor Morgan, Yaya DaCosta and Malik Yoba also star.

"White Heat" (7 p.m., TCM): "Made it, Ma ... top of the world!" So screams gangster Cody Jarrett (James Cagney) just before meeting his destiny in director Raoul Walsh's 1949 classic. Virginia Mayo plays the felon's forlorn wife, with Edmond O'Brien as the policeman determined to capture him.

"Planet Earth: Blue Planet II" (8 p.m., 11:30 p.m., BBCA): A new episode called "The Deep" plunges viewers on an epic journey into the unknown that reveals the abundance of life that thrives in the pitch-black depths of the seabed. Producer Orla Doherty and her team become the first humans to dive more than 3000 feet below the surface of Antarctica's frigid waters in a submersible to explore under icebergs the size of a city block. They discover such creatures as the Barreleye Fish, whose transparent head is filled with jelly.

"Ted 2" (8 p.m., FXX): The talking teddy bear (voiced again by Seth MacFarlane, also the picture's returning director and co-writer) is as profane as ever in this amusing sequel, as he runs into trouble in trying to become an adoptive parent with his new wife (Jessica Barth). The problem? Legally, Ted is not considered a person, so he seeks the help of longtime pal John (Mark Wahlberg) and an offbeat attorney (Amanda Seyfried) to navigate the court system and become the dad he wants to be.

"Winter's Dream" (8 p.m., Hallmark): Ever since suffering a mortifying and painfully public loss years earlier, former championship skier Kat (Kristy Swanson) has kept a low profile in her hometown of Bliss Mountain, where she works in a ski shop. At present, she's also helping coordinate Winterfest, an event she and her neighbors hope will boost tourism. Widowed New York ad executive Ty (Dean Cain) comes to town with daughter Anna (Lizzie Brochere) and agrees to help promote Winterfest if Kat will coach Anna for a competition.

"Falling Water" (9 p.m., 12:01 a.m., USA): In a new episode called "Dröm," Taka (Will Yun Lee) goes on the trail of the Shadowman (Dru Viergever), determined to find where this entity appears in the real world. Elsewhere, Tess and Burton (Lizzie Brochere, David Ajala) scour the dreamworld, searching for a missing dreamer. Woody (Kai Lennox) sells out the major to Taylor Bennett, and Bill Boerg (Zak Orth) returns.

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SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 27

		MOVIES							
		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS	2	NCIS: "Trapped." ©		SEAL Team: "Rolling Dark." ©		48 Hours ©		News (N) †
	NBC	5	Will & Grace ©	Superstore ©	Dateline NBC: "Dark Valley." ©		Saturday Night Live (N) ©		NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC	7	NBA Countdown (N) ©	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Golden State Warriors. (N) (Live) ©					Eyewitness News (N) †
	WGN	9	The Cutting Edge (PG, '92) **	D.B. Sweeney. An ex-hockey star is a spoiled figure skater's partner. ©			WGN Weekend News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		Man of the People (N)
	Antenna	9.2	Morning McHale	Knows Best	Jack Benny		Burns/Allen	Jeannie	Bewitched
	This TV	9.3	The Magnificent Seven	The Magnificent Seven			The Young Riders ©		Y'ng Rider †
	PBS	11	800 Words ©		Father Brown: "The Standing Stones." ©		Death in Paradise ©		Victoria-Master †
	The U	26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Burgers
	MeTV	26.3	Svengoolie: "Godzilla's Revenge." ©				Batman ©		Star Trek †
	H&I	26.4	Hunter: "Fagin, 1986." ©		Hill Street Blues ©		Hill Street Blues ©		Wiseguy †
	Bounce	26.5	† (6) Rumble in the Bronx		The One (PG-13, '01) * Jet Li, Carla Gugino.		Fox 32 News (N)		Last Stand †
	FOX	32	UFC Fight Night: Jacare vs. Brunson 2 (N) (Live) ©						Hell's Kitchen †
	Ion	38	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU †
	TeleM	44	† Madagascar	Twilight (PG-13, '08) **	Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. ©				Noticiero
CW	50	Major Crimes ©		AHL Hockey: Chicago Wolves at Tucson Roadrunners. (N) (Live) †					
UniMas	60	† (6) El ministro y yo ('76)		Ambushed (R, '13) Dolph Lundgren, Winnie Jones.				Alex Cross †	
WJYS	62	Paid Prog.	Moses	Bishop	Songs and	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ultimate	
Univ	66	† (6:55) Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)				Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) †			
CABLE	AE		Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: "Live PD -- 01.27.18." (N) (Live) © †				
	AMC		Under Siege (R, '92) ***	Steven Seagal, Tommy Lee Jones. ©			Hard to Kill (R, '90) ***		
	ANIM		Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)	(9:01) The Vet Life (N)			Pit Bulls †	
	BBCA		Planet Earth ©		Planet Earth: Blue Planet II (N) ©			Planet Earth ©	
	BET		Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13, '04) ***	Ice Cube.				First Sunday '08) ***	
	BIGTEN		College Basketball: Iowa at Nebraska. (N) (Live) ©			The B1G Show (N) ©		Journey (N)	
	BRAVO		† The School of Rock ***		The Other Guys (PG-13, '10) ***	Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg. ©			
	CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic. Best	Weekend	News (N)
	CNBC		American Greed ©		American Greed ©		American Greed ©		Greed †
	CNN		CNN Newsroom (N)		Trophy (NR, '17) *** ©				
	COM		† (6:30) Horrible Bosses 2 (R, '14) ***	Jason Bateman.			The Hangover Part III (R, '13) ***	†	
	DISC		Naked and Afraid ©		Naked and Afraid: "Man vs. Volcano." ©				Afraid †
	DISN		† Monsters (7:40) Brave (PG, '12) ***	Voices of Kelly Macdonald.		Andi Mack			Walk the Couples †
	E!		Bridesmaids (R, '11) ***	Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph. ©					
	ESPN		College Basketball (N)		Winter X Games: Aspen. From Aspen, Colo. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2		College Basketball: Virginia Tech at Notre Dame. (N)				College Basketball (N) †		
	FNC		Watters' World (N) ©		Justice With Jeanine (N)		Greg Gutfeld (N)		Watters †
	FOOD		Chopped ©		Chopped ©				Chopped †
	FREE		† (5:20) Maid in Manhattan		(7:50) Just Go With It (PG-13, '11) **	Adam Sandler. ©			
	FX		† (6) The Wolf of Wall Street (R, '13) ***	Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill. ©					Resident †
	HALL		† (6) One Winter Weekend		Winter's Dream (NR, '18) Dean Cain. ©				Valentine (N)
	HGTV		Fixer Upper ©		Fixer Upper ©		House Hunters Reno (N)		Log Cabin
	HIST		Swamp People: Blood and Guts (N) © †						
	HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC		† (6) Independence Day (PG-13, '96) ***	Will Smith.			Independence Day (PG-13, '96) ***	†	
	LIFE		Faith Under Fire: The Antoinette Tuff Story (NR, '18)				Antoinette Tuff (N)		Faith †
	MSNBC		The Last Word		The 11th Hour		Deadline: White House (N)		Hardball (N)
	MTV		White Chicks (PG-13, '04) **	Shawn Wayans. ©			Rush Hour (PG-13, '98) ***	†	
	NBCSCH		College Basketball (N)				Ski †		
	NICK		Thunder (N)	Nicky (N)	Full House	Full House	Two Men	Two Men	Friends ©
	OVATION		† (6:30) Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome ('85) ***				Cinderella Man (PG-13, '05) ***	†	
	OWN		Iyanla, Fix My Life ©		My 600-Lb. Life ©		My 600-Lb. Life ©		Iyanla †
OLY		Killer Couples ©		Final Appeal ©		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped †	
SPIKE		† (6:30) The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift **				National Treasure (PG, '04) **	†		
SYFY		† Ghost Rider: Thor (PG-13, '11) ***	Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman. ©					Futurama	
TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) ©		Full Frontal	
TCM		White Heat (NR, '49) ***	James Cagney. ©			(9:15) D.O.A. (NR, '49) ***	†		
TLC		Say Yes to the Dress (N)		Say Yes: SOS (N)		Say Yes to the Dress ©		Say Yes †	
TLN		Exalted	Pacific Garden Mission	In Grace		Humanitarian		Pure Pas	
TNT		The Intern (PG-13, '15) **	Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway. ©			The Intern ('15) **	†		
TOON		Cleveland	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Family Guy	Dragon (N)	Dragon (N)	
TRAV		Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost †	
TVL		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom ©		King	
USA		† (6:30) Twister (PG-13, '96) ***	Helen Hunt. ©			Falling Water: "Dröm." (N) Blood †			
VH1		† Madea's Witness		Daddy's Little Girls (PG-13, '07) **	Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba. ©				
WE		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal †	
WGN America		Blue Bloods: "Re-Do." ©		Blue Bloods ©		Bellevue: "Pilot." ©		Person †	
PREMIUM	HBO		All Eyez on Me (R, '17) **	Demetrius Shipp Jr. ©				Boxing (N) †	
	HBO2		High Main.	(7:35) Gran Torino (R, '08) ***	Clint Eastwood.			Real Time, Bill †	
	MAX		State of Play (PG-13, '09) ***	Russell Crowe.		(9:10) The Accountant (R, '16) ***	†		
	SHO		† Rocky ***	(7:20) Chuck (R, '16) ***	†		The Chi: "Pilot." ©		The Chi †
	STARZ		Gladiator (R, '00) ***	Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. ©			(9:38) Counterpart © †		
STZNC		† (6:20) Clueless ('95) ***	Ferris Bueller's Day Off ('86) ***	†				Spartacus-Sand †	

IN PERFORMANCE

A passionate precision on display

Manfred Honeck shows why he's one of the CSO's most valued guest conductors

BY JOHN VON RHEIN
Chicago Tribune

Orchestra Hall could do much, much worse than having Manfred Honeck back on the podium to prep the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for Riccardo Muti's return next week, when the music director will lead a world premiere to precede a two-week tour of the East Coast in early February.

If that was a coincidental benefit rather than the intention behind the CSO's re-engaging the charismatic Austrian conductor for his second set of CSO concerts of the season, that was the effect.

Honeck, now in his 10th season as music director of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, returned to the Viennese orientation of the Schubert-Berg-Webern program he led here in November. The playing had a palpable Viennese character as well, alert and refined in Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 25 in C (K.503), rich and energized in Mahler's Fifth Symphony, on Thursday night at Symphony Center. The program was due to be repeated Friday evening at west suburban Wheaton College and twice more in Orchestra Hall.

The superlative results marked this as one of the finest concerts Honeck has led with the orchestra in the more than 20 years he has been appearing at Orchestra Hall. You simply don't find this degree of player engagement with any ordinary guest conductor.

Honeck comes by his insider's knowledge honestly, of course, having played in the Vienna Philharmonic for years under the likes of Leonard Bernstein and Lorin Maazel, later serving as an assistant to Claudio Abbado. Yet his thoughtful interpretations Thursday refused to fall back on the staid orthodoxy of Austrian tradition.

Honeck offered a superlative reading of the Mahler, a symphony the CSO has played countless times since the early Georg Solti years, but perhaps never with such blazing commitment as one heard on this occasion. Mahler's 75-minute journey from darkness to light was plotted so firmly, its sprawling structure filled with such deep emotional feeling, such finely observed tint and texture, that you were reminded of the composer's off-repeated dictum that every symphony is a world.

From Mark Ridenour's martial trumpet summons at the beginning of the funeral cortege to the joyous dance of life that is the rondo-finale, Honeck delivered the Mahler Fifth in all its wild and messy and terrifying and tender bigness. Mahler holds nothing back in this music, and neither did Honeck. His concentration on the things that matter in Mahler was unblinking.

He rightly viewed the angry second movement as the flip side of the first, or at least a rejoinder to it, making something terrifying of those wild eruptions where Mahler takes us to the brink of the abyss. Yet he also



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Pianist Till Fellner, left, performs with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and conductor Manfred Honeck on Thursday.

brought to the fore telling subtleties like when the cellos drop to a hush, as if nature were stopping to listen to itself.

Honeck paced the scherzo as moderately as Mahler specified in the score, bringing a truly idiomatic grace to those lilting evocations of Viennese landler and waltz. Daniel Gingrich's raspy horn solos carried the right biting edge to underscore the Mahlerian mockery.

The ineffably tender adagio unfolded at a flowing tempo, neither too fast nor too slow, dynamics dropping to a whisper at times. Honeck infused this music with a wealth of rubato and tempo adjustments that lent an added sense of rapturous beauty to the music. Every conducting student who hopes to direct the Mahler 5 professionally should study how masterfully Honeck shapes this famous movement.

He built the rondo-finale steadily, moving to the triumphant close in flexibly controlled degrees. The

CSO players grabbed the musical bit in their teeth as one of the world's great Mahler orchestras can do when a conductor they respect is waving the stick. Naturally the house went wild.

The Mozart performed before intermission benefited from a similar meeting of sensibilities, in this case those of Honeck and his fellow Austrian, the stylish and absorbing pianist Till Fellner. These artists have collaborated before with the CSO, in Beethoven's First Piano Concerto, in 2012, but their Mozart C major concerto was, if anything, even better.

Fellner's pianism reminded one of the patrician Mozart performances here of his great teacher, Alfred Brendel (whose cadenza he played): limpid and rounded of tone, singing of line, cultivated but not mannered of phrasing. His sound was always present, always well-supported by the orchestra, notably in those pages where the piano and solo woodwinds

engage in quasi-operatic song. The unhurried finale wore a Viennese smile to complement its tasteful classical manners. I found much to enjoy here, and so, evidently, did the audience, which called the pianist back for bow after bow. No encore, alas.

The program will be

repeated at 8 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; \$36-\$90; 312-294-3000, www.cso.org.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 27): Your career reaches new heights this year. Consider what you want and schedule steps. Winter brings changes with a partnership that leads to an empowering surge of confidence. Active work, health and fitness practices energize a new romantic collaboration. Follow your heart.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is an 8. Develop the foundational elements of your writing and communications. Fantasy and reality clash. Keep secrets. Lies get revealed. Unexpected news requires attention.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. An income boost is possible, although a cash flow squeeze could cramp your style. Stick to fundamental expenses, and postpone what you can.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Despite your confidence, results could be disappointing. Postpone travel or illusive fantasies. Confirm intuition with facts. Watch what you say. Things are not as they seem.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 6. Finish old projects, and plan your upcoming moves. Avoid travel for now. Stick to solid ground, and avoid ephemeral mirages. Postpone spending or risk.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Friends are a big help. Things could get chaotic or awkward. Have patience with a mechanical or communications breakdown. Pull together for a cause.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Your work is attracting attention. Keep things professional and focused. Stay out of someone else's argument. Avoid office politics or controversy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Get adventurous without taking unnecessary risks. Expect traffic or shipping delays. Plan your itinerary carefully. Try new flavors in your own backyard.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Shortages would threaten your plans. Make reservations early to save. Have backup options. Monitor budgets carefully, and prioritize expenses with your partner.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Miscommunications between partners could slow the action. Make time to untangle a snarl as it occurs for least friction. Listen to all considerations.

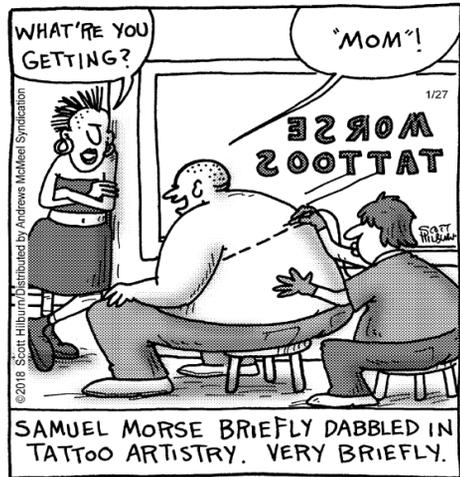
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. The work pace is picking up and it could get chaotic. Postpone less urgent tasks. Don't drop out exercise and health routines. They energize you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Prioritize fun with your sweetheart, family and friends. It doesn't need to be expensive. Avoid travel or complicated plans. Enjoy simple pleasures and pastimes.

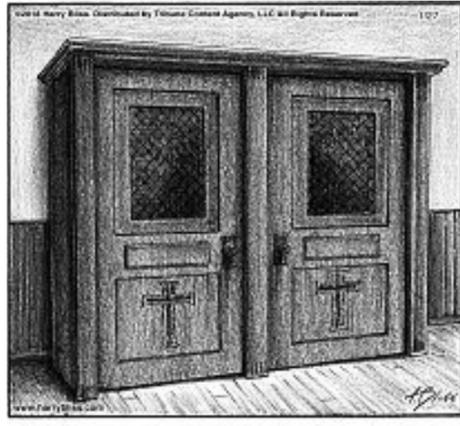
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Sometimes to clean a mess you need to make a bigger one. Domestic renovations could get messy. Postpone big decisions or expenses.

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The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



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Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North		East
♠ J4		♠ Q853
♥ A Q J 6 3		♥ 10 8 2
♦ K 8 7 5		♦ 6 3 2
♣ 9 3		♣ K J 2
West		South
♠ K 10 9 6		♠ A 7 2
♥ K 7 5 4		♥ 9
♦ Void		♦ A Q J 10 9 4
♣ A Q 10 7 5		♣ 8 6 4

North-South were playing a popular modern convention — support doubles. South would have doubled at his second turn if he held three hearts, so North knew that a heart fit didn't exist when he jumped to five diamonds. West's double also made it seem that the heart finesse, if needed, was likely to work, so North made the aggressive jump to game.

South won the opening spade lead in hand with the ace and took a moment to plan the play. He needed to develop the hearts for two discards, so he led his heart at trick two and inserted dummy's queen when West played low.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Dbl	1♥	1♠
2♦	Pass	5♦	All pass

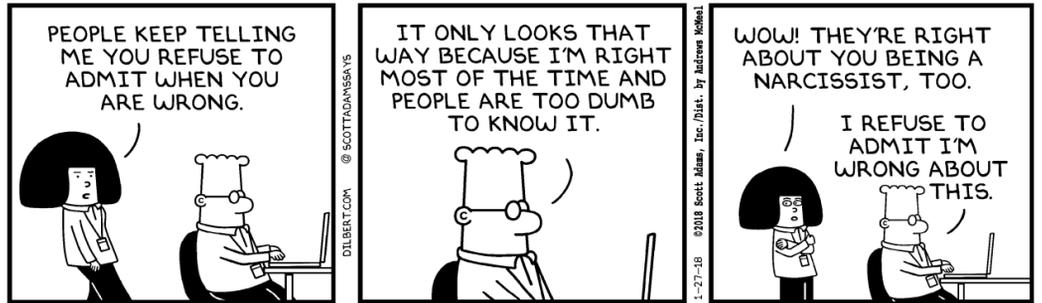
Opening lead: Ten of ♣

He continued with the ace of hearts, discarding a spade, and then ruffed a heart with his ace of diamonds. He drew one round of trumps with the queen of diamonds before leading the jack of diamonds and overtaking it with dummy's king. South led another heart from dummy and ruffed it with the 10 of diamonds. This felled the king and established dummy's jack of hearts as a winner.

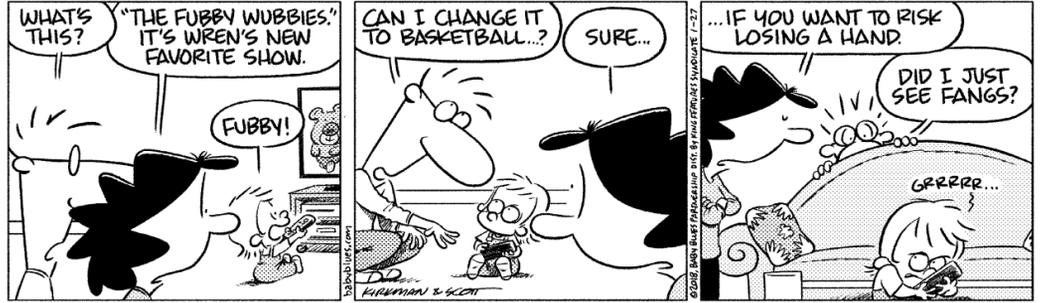
Declarer now led his carefully preserved four of diamonds to dummy's seven, drawing the last trump. He cashed the jack of hearts and discarded his remaining spade. He then ruffed a spade and conceded two club tricks to the defense, but he had the 11 tricks that he needed. Nicely played!

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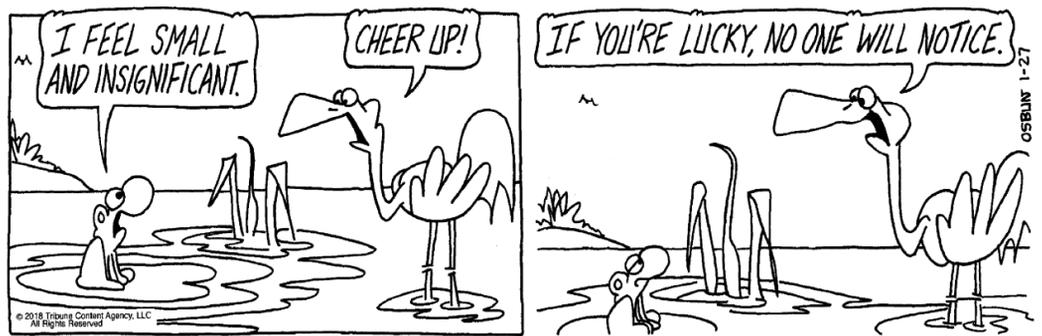
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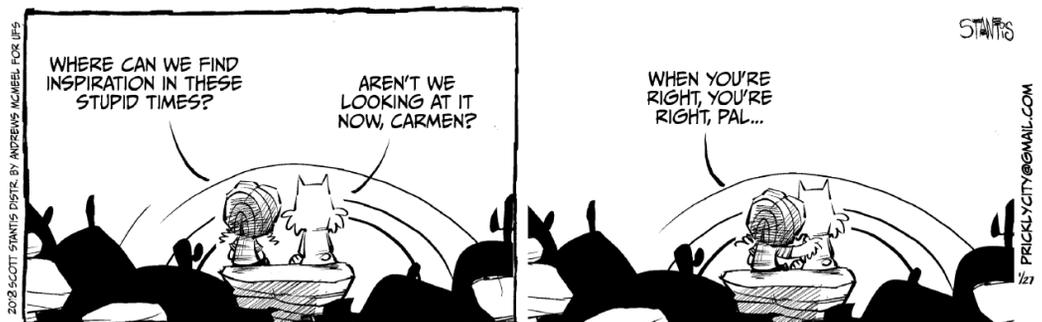
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Michigan State AD latest to fall

Hollis 'retires' in wake of Nassar sexual abuse scandal; ESPN report alleges cover-ups

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

Disgust regarding the crimes of sexual abuser Larry Nassar and his enabling by USA Gymnastics turned to outrage Friday regarding Michigan State.

Athletic director Mark Hollis resigned Friday morning after 23 years in the athletic department and 10 as AD, calling his action "a retirement." Hours later, ESPN's

"Outside the Lines" team released a damning, lengthy piece on the culture of Michigan State athletics in regard to sexual assault and physical violence against women.

It portrayed "a pattern of widespread denial, inaction and information suppression ... by officials ranging from campus police to the Spartan athletic department" that extends far beyond Nassar, a sports doctor Michigan State had on its faculty from 1997-2016.

The seriousness of the allegations raises questions about the futures of football coach Mark Dantonio and men's basketball coach Tom Izzo, a giant in the industry.

Big Ten officials on Friday

released a statement expressing compassion for "every person whose life has been so negatively impacted by this matter, most importantly the young victims and their families."

The conference said it would closely monitor investigations by the NCAA, U.S. Congress, U.S. Department of Education and State Attorney General's Office "before drawing any conclusions as to whether there is further action required."

In 2012, the Big Ten took the unprecedented step of adding penalties to Penn State following the Jerry Sandusky scandal. The NCAA stripped victories from Joe Paterno, pulled scholarships, im-

posed a postseason ban and fined the school \$60 million.

The Big Ten censured Penn State and fined the school an additional \$13 million (withholding future payouts), with Commissioner Jim Delany saying the league had the "moral authority" to do so.

"This case is unique," Delany said in 2012, "in the sense that I think it involved people with senior executive and management responsibilities."

Unfortunately it is no longer unique.

Michigan State President Lou Anna Simon resigned Wednesday,

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JAKE MAY/AP

In the wake of a sex abuse scandal, Michigan State AD Mark Hollis announces his retirement Friday.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bulls guard Zach LaVine tries to score between two Lakers defenders in the first half of Friday's loss at the United Center. The Bulls fell 108-103.

LAKERS 108, BULLS 103

Getting selfish

With Dunn out, Bulls fail to share during latest defeat

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

There's a game within the games for the Bulls these days. It's called: Get to Know Your Teammates.

With Kris Dunn still sidelined

after his Jan. 17 concussion and Zach LaVine trying to acclimate himself with players he has practiced with less often than G Leagueers, the Bulls are struggling. After Friday night's 108-103 loss to the Lakers at the United Center, they're now 1-3 since Dunn went down.

More tellingly, they have devolved from the unselfish, swing-the-ball mentality that defined their strongest stretch to more "my-turn" shots. For the second

time in three days, coach Fred Hoiberg subtly questioned LaVine's shot selection.

"He obviously has the ability to make tough shots. I thought he settled for a couple, especially contested long mid-range 2s," Hoiberg said.

"We showed him good examples of when he did attack the switch and he has to get to the rim or make a play for a teammate by drawing the defense and kicking out for an open 3.

"Our guys are getting used to him. He's getting used to our players. As he continues to integrate himself into the lineup, he's going to hopefully get more comfortable, especially as his minutes go up."

Those minutes went up to a season-high 25 minutes, 45 seconds against the Lakers. But LaVine struggled with his shot, finishing 3-for-17 for 10 points.

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SOXFEST

Sticking to plan still goal for Sox

Hahn, Renteria excited about progress but stay grounded in rebuild

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

White Sox manager Rick Renteria can't bring himself to utter the word "rebuild."

"I call it adjustments to rosters," Renteria said Friday before the opening of SoxFest 2018 at the Hilton Chicago. "Not ... the other word."

Renteria's boss, general manager Rick Hahn, doesn't shy away from using any words to describe the direction that dominated the landscape of the Sox's season in 2017 and will continue to do so in '18. Hahn continued his mantra of practicing patience with a Sox team that flashed signs late last season of being a contender sooner rather than later.

"We have a great deal of excitement heading into this season, but we also know objectively where we're at in this thing," Hahn said. "We've made a lot of progress in the last year-plus (and) we feel we're much closer ... to being able to field a team that can contend for championships on an annual basis. But we also know there's a fair amount of work ahead of us."

That work will involve the players and coaches who during the first of the three-day festival were cheered by enthusiastic Sox fans who are all-in with the rebuild.

"The fan support has been stunning," Hahn said. "It has been overwhelming in terms of the amount of enthusiasm and energy

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"Can I contain my excitement? No, I can't," White Sox manager Rick Renteria said at SoxFest.



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Alex DeBrincat's scoring has picked up with his recent return to a spot on the Blackhawks' top line. He had his second hat trick Thursday.

BLACKHAWKS

DeBrincat back to lighting it up

Reunited with Toews, rookie forward regains his offensive prowess

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Alex DeBrincat's new side job features more pucks than side jobs.

But when Jonathan Toews approached him about doing it, the 20-year-old DeBrincat hardly was in a position to say no.

With Richard Panik gone to the Coyotes, the Blackhawks needed a new person to sweep piles of

pucks out of the nets during practice.

"Tazer" just asked me to do it, so ..." DeBrincat said.

So he does it.

While he doesn't mind his new duties, DeBrincat much rather would be putting pucks in the net while doing his full-time job.

And the Hawks, who are 10-1-1 when he scores, would rather he do that too.

DeBrincat finally did it again — three times — Thursday night in a 5-1 victory over the Red Wings at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, ending a seven-game scoring

drought and helping the Hawks to their first victory in five games as they head into the All-Star break.

DeBrincat's revival coincides with a move back to the top line, which has consisted of Toews, DeBrincat and Anthony Duclair the last two games.

"I see him with the puck more," coach Joel Quenneville said. "When he has the puck, he has tremendous play recognition. He has a deceptive shot. The puck seems to hang around him a little bit.

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COLLEGES

**MSU AD
retires amid
scandal**

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declining to answer questions and releasing a letter that some regarded as tone-deaf.

"As tragedies are politicized," she wrote, "blame is inevitable."

Joel Ferguson, vice chairman of Michigan State's board of trustees, announced he would not seek re-election after referring to the allegations of abuse by more than 150 women as "this Nassar thing."

Michigan House Speaker Tom Leonard called for the entire board to resign, and California U.S. Sen Diane Feinstein called on the U.S. House to pass legislation requiring mandatory reporting of abuse allegations.

The entire USA Gymnastics board resigned Friday, beating the ultimatum from the U.S. Olympic Committee by five days.

Now the focus shifts to Michigan State and whether the school turned a blind eye to crimes and alleged crimes of which football and men's basketball players were accused.

The lack of transparency in the gymnastics program that allowed Nassar to assault girls for decades also exists in the school's top revenue sports, ESPN reported: "Over the past three years, MSU has three times fought in court — unsuccessfully — to withhold names of athletes in campus police records. The school also has deleted so much information from some incident reports that they were nearly unreadable."

Other ESPN findings:

■ After a student accused basketball players Adreian Payne and Keith Appling of sexual assault, then-Ingham County prosecutor Debra Rousseau Martinez told the victim "she did not seem strong enough to stand up to questioning."

No charges were filed, and Martinez now works for Michigan State's Title IX office.

Payne and Appling played in every regular-season game that year, and Appling told "Outside the Lines" that he did not remember whether he and Payne re-



DALE G. YOUNG/AP

Demonstrators gather at "The Rock" at Michigan State in East Lansing, Mich., to show their support for the victims of former sports doctor Larry Nassar and to press the university to make changes in leadership.

ceived any punishment from coaches.

■ Michigan State's Title IX office interviewed four people after receiving complaints about Nassar — and all four "experts" had ties to him.

■ Former Michigan State sexual assault counselor Lauren Allswede said complaints involving athletes were routinely investigated and handled by Hollis' department and sometimes coaches: "Whatever protocol or policy was in place ... it all got kind of swept away ... it was all happening behind closed doors. ... None of it was transparent or included people who would normally be involved in certain decisions."

■ While a member of Izzo's staff, former star basketball player Travis Walton was named in a sexual assault report. The victim did not report the incident to police but told counselors, leading Hollis to personally investigate the

charge. A letter from Allswede said that Walton and two players accused were not reprimanded in any way. The Los Angeles Clippers on Friday placed Walton, an assistant with their Gatorade League team, on administrative leave.

After the Spartans' home victory over Wisconsin on Friday night, Izzo refuted reports that he would retire or resign and added he "will cooperate with any investigation as we've always done."

"I'm not going anywhere in my mind," Izzo said. "I'm definitely not retiring."

"There is nothing I'm going to say right now after a game except that I support the survivors to the nth degree."

Asked a few minutes later if he is concerned about the future of the university and his team, Izzo replied: "No. I'm concerned about the healing process. And I want to be a big part about helping it heal."

■ When Dantonio responded in June to allegations of sexual as-

sault within his program, he replied: "This is new ground for us. We have been here 11 years; it has not happened previously."

It turns out that several allegations never became public. After one of his players was accused, Dantonio reportedly responded by saying his solution would be to have the player talk to his mother.

In a brief news conference Friday night at the school's Breslin Center, Dantonio said he will not resign and reiterated he hadn't ever handled sexual assault situations.

In stepping down Friday, Hollis said in a statement: "I'm not running away from anything. I'm running toward something — comfort, compassion and understanding for the survivors in our community."

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**COLLEGE
BASKETBALL
ROUNDUP**

Spartans' win takes back seat

Associated Press

Miles Bridges scored 24 points and No. 6 Michigan State beat Wisconsin 71-62 on Friday in East Lansing, Mich., less than 12 hours after MSU athletic director Mark Hollis announced his retirement amid the outcry over how sex abuse allegations against Larry Nassar, a former physician at the school, were handled.

The Spartans (19-3, 7-2 Big Ten) have won three straight after losing two of the previous three games. Cassius Winston added 17 points and six assists for MSU, Nick Ward had 11 points and 12 rebounds, and Jaren Jackson contributed 11 points, seven rebounds and four blocks.

Ethan Happ had 23 points and seven rebounds to lead the Badgers (10-12, 3-6).

The court was surrounded by a sea of teal T-shirts worn by students hoping to raise awareness about sexual violence.

UConn under investigation: The University of Connecticut is the target of an NCAA investigation into its men's basketball program.

The school didn't specify the allegations and said it would have no further comment but would "address and respond appropriately as the inquiry moves forward."

Hearst Connecticut Media, which first reported the story, cited unidentified sources who said the inquiry was related to recruiting.

Arkansas extends coach: Arkansas signed coach Mike Anderson to a two-year extension through 2021-22.

The extension is the second for Anderson, who is in his seventh season with the Razorbacks and has a 142-80 record.

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Lauri Markkanen tries to score on a layup in the second half Friday night. He finished with 11 points.

Rally falls shy

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"I felt good. I just missed a lot of easy shots," LaVine said. "I have to be better. Tonight, I sucked. It's a process. It gets frustrating at times. You want to smooth it out. I'm willing and able to be in those closing situations. I just didn't have it."

At least LaVine attacked the rim late, drawing a foul once but missing both free throws and then drawing the defense to allow Lauri Markkanen almost to put back his miss with a dunk attempt on which Markkanen thought he was fouled. It's the most emotion Markkanen has showed arguing for a call all season.

"He's an elite finisher in his brief career and as he gets his legs under him, he will finish those," Hoiberg said. "I'm confident with that. Zach has good days ahead. He has been terrific in practice and a couple of good first games. He's still trying to get his rhythm."

This sequence came during a brutal stretch for the Bulls after they had erased all of an early 17-point deficit and a 12-point deficit after three quarters.

After taking a 97-96 lead on two free throws from Nikola Mirotic, who scored 14 of his 18 in

THE BOX SCORE

LAKERS	MIN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Ingram	33:22	10-18	5-8	2-9	5	5	25
Randle	27:31	5-9	4-5	2-6	3	3	14
B.Lopez	19:36	7-13	2-2	3-6	1	4	17
Caldwell-Pope	23:30	2-7	0-0	3-7	2	3	5
Ennis	14:26	3-7	0-0	0-3	1	2	6
Clarkson	30:07	6-15	6-6	0-2	4	1	19
Kuzma	27:23	4-12	0-0	0-2	2	1	9
Hart	22:49	1-2	2-4	0-3	1	0	5
Nance Jr.	21:30	0-4	0-0	0-6	1	2	0
Caruso	19:46	3-4	2-3	0-4	3	2	8
TOTALS	41-91	21-28	10-48	23	23	108	

Pts: FG .451, FT .750. **3-pointers:** 5-24. **208** (Hart 1-2, Caldwell-Pope 1-3, B.Lopez 1-3, Clarkson 1-5, Kuzma 1-5, Ennis 0-1, Nance Jr. 0-1, Randle 0-1, Ingram 0-3). **Team rebs:** 8. **Team turnovers:** 9 (9 PTS). **Blocks:** 3 (B.Lopez 2, Kuzma). **Turnovers:** 9 (Ingram 3, Caruso 2, B.Lopez 2, Kuzma, Nance Jr., Randle). **Steals:** 6 (Caruso, Ennis, Ingram, Kuzma, Nance Jr., Randle). **Technical fouls:** None.

BULLS	MIN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Holiday	34:44	2-8	2-4	1-4	2	4	7
Markkanen	30:51	3-10	2-2	2-11	0	2	11
R.Lopez	19:23	4-9	0-0	4-4	1	1	8
Grant	30:23	2-6	4-6	1-1	8	3	9
LaVine	25:45	3-17	2-4	0-3	1	4	10
Valentine	30:04	6-11	0-0	1-11	4	5	16
Mirotic	23:50	5-13	4-4	0-4	3	1	18
Portis	21:56	6-13	2-2	5-9	1	1	16
Nwaba	19:25	4-6	0-2	2-5	1	4	8
Arcidiacono	3:39	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
TOTALS	35-93	16-24	16-53	21	25	103	

Pts: FG .376, FT .667. **3-pointers:** 17-36. **472** (Valentine 4-6, Mirotic 4-9, Markkanen 3-6, Portis 2-3, LaVine 2-8, Grant 1-1, Holiday 1-3). **Team rebs:** 14. **Team turnovers:** 13 (20 PTS). **Blocks:** 7 (Markkanen 3, Mirotic 2, R.Lopez, Valentine). **Turnovers:** 12 (R.Lopez 3, Holiday 2, Markkanen 2, Valentine 2, LaVine, Mirotic, Nwaba, Portis). **Steals:** 3 (Grant 2, Holiday). **Technical fouls:** Mirotic, 10;19 second.

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the fourth, Julius Randle stole the ball from Markkanen in the post and converted a three-point play in transition. Markkanen missed a 3-point heave to beat the shot clock and Brandon Ingram sank a jumper. LaVine then missed his two free throws.

The Bulls clearly miss Dunn.

Hoiberg used a fourth-quarter lineup that played well with Denzel Valentine at point guard. The reserves played well overall. Valentine posted his third double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Bobby Portis added 16 points.

"Our chemistry is a little messed up because we have different lineups," Valentine said.

For the second straight game, Hoiberg cited a lack of grit and toughness. And he attributed the Lakers' 33 fast-break points in part to that.

Markkanen broke his second-place tie with Lakers' rookies Kyle Kuzma and Lonzo Ball with his 11th double-double that featured 11 points and 11 rebounds. He now trails only the 76ers' Ben Simmons, who has 17, among rookies.

Ingram's 25 points led four Lakers in double figures, and Ingram added nine rebounds and five assists. One of the Lakers in double figures was Brook Lopez, who posted 17 points in just 20 minutes including a highlight-reel dunk over his twin brother, Robin.

Those two needed no introductions.

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BLACKHAWKS

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Duclair breaks into goal column

BY PAUL SKRBINA

Chicago Tribune

Anthony Duclair was due for a break on the ice, which he received Thursday when he scored his first goal as a Blackhawk in a 5-1 victory over the Red Wings.

The 22-year-old forward's breaks off the ice, though, have been plentiful.

Duclair had just returned from vacationing in Mexico after the Coyotes' off week when he learned he had been traded to the Hawks on Jan. 10 in a deal that sent Richard Panik to Arizona.

Duclair played two games with the Hawks before he had another five days to rest during their off week.

Four games later, he has another four days between games for the All-Star break.

"I'll take it," Duclair said with a laugh Thursday night, when he also had two assists.

Duclair familiarized himself with Chicago, found a place to live and worked out during the team's last break.

He also quickly has acclimated himself as a member of the team's top line — first with Jonathan Toews and Brandon Saad, then with Toews and Alex DeBrincat.

Not shabby for a player who was a healthy scratch 10 times this season with the Coyotes, who have the worst record in the league.

Duclair made clear he wanted to leave there. He was pleasantly surprised when he arrived here and he saw his locker stall was next to Toews', which he called one of the best parts of the transition.

"Just getting to know the play-



PAUL SANCYA/AP

Anthony Duclair, right, hugs Alex DeBrincat after scoring in Thursday's win over the Red Wings.

ers," Duclair said. "I watched them growing up."

Now the Hawks will have a chance to watch Duclair do the same.

"Duke' getting his first goal was a good sign," Hawks coach Joel Quenneville said.

He said it: "I thought we did a lot of good things in our two prior games without getting a 'W.'" — Quenneville on losses to the Maple Leafs and Lightning before the win over the Red Wings.

One-timers: With the exception of Patrick Kane, who will play in Sunday's All-Star Game, the Hawks are off until they practice at 2 p.m. Monday at MB Ice Arena. ... **Duncan Keith** leads Hawks defencemen and is tied for fourth on the team with 23 points, but he has yet to score a goal on 116 shot attempts in 49 games.



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY

Alex DeBrincat celebrates his second-period goal with teammates Thursday night in Detroit. He added an empty-netter for a hat trick.

Rookie lighting it up again

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"He had a stretch the first half of the year, he seemed like he had it a lot more."

A handful of hats were tossed onto the ice Thursday night, a rarity for a visiting player, in celebration of DeBrincat's second career hat trick. He collected his first Nov. 27 against the Ducks, his only other four-point game.

In the process, DeBrincat became the youngest Hawk with two hat tricks in one season and the first rookie since Steve Larmer in 1982-83 to do so.

It helped that the feat occurred in his hometown, in front of family and friends who showed up to support him.

"I don't think too many people wanted to throw their hats," said DeBrincat, whose 17 goals and 15 assists tie him for fifth in points among rookies.

DeBrincat has been more than willing to throw his hat in the ring when it comes to moving around. His previous stay on the top line was short-lived.

His slump wasn't unexpected. He had just two goals and five assists in his previous 19 games before Thursday.

"People are starting to be aware of who he is," Quenneville said. "But that's a pretty normal curve. ... He came out of the gate strong,

and we would like to get him back there."

DeBrincat's goal is to be more consistent.

"It's a tough league to figure out," he said. "Everyone goes through it — hot and cold streaks. It's a tough league to be hot in and stay hot in."

And he knows times like Thursday will be few and far between. He knows more slumps are imminent. His plan is to remain consistent, wherever he might be playing.

"You're not going to have nights like this every night," he said. "(Thursday) the puck was just bouncing my way, and I got lucky. That's what it comes down to, when you're getting bounces and when you're not."

Teammate Patrick Sharp can relate. And DeBrincat's ability isn't lost on him.

"Being a guy who has scored in streaks and bunches as well, I know what it feels like to get a couple," Sharp said earlier this season. "It makes you hold your head up a little higher, feel good about yourself. You can see his confidence with the puck."

DeBrincat hasn't been too shabby at fishing them out of the nets during practice either.

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BULLS NOTES

Year after Rondo rant, Bulls 'different'

BY K.C. JOHNSON

Chicago Tribune

Friday marked the one-year anniversary of **Rajon Rondo's** Instagram post blasting **Dwyane Wade** and **Jimmy Butler** for their comments questioning Bulls teammates' commitment after a late collapse against the Hawks the day before.

A team meeting in which management fined all three players and young players aired their grievances toward Wade and Butler followed the next day. The Bulls then played their best basketball down the stretch to make the playoffs and take a 2-0 series lead over the top-seeded Celtics before Rondo fractured his right thumb and the Celtics rallied to advance.

Coach **Fred Hoiberg** was asked Friday about the differences between coaching this season's team and last season's.

"Last year was a completely different team," Hoiberg said. "We had guys that were more comfortable in isolation situations, so we tried to get into that. When Rondo was playing great at the end, we really tried to get the ball up the floor with pace, and **Niko (Mirotic)** was knocking down shots and we were getting a lot accomplished early in the possession.

"With this group, we've got a lot of young players. We don't have a lot of isolation guys, so it's

really been a system based more on ball movement and player movement. After that first month and a half, we've had a lot of success with it."

No change: **Kris Dunn** again visited the Advocate Center but remains in the league's concussion protocol and is all but guaranteed to miss his fifth game Sunday against the Bucks.

"He's feeling a little bit better but still is doing very limited physical activity," Hoiberg said. "With concussions and the protocol and all the research out there right now with that, you have to be careful and take things slowly throughout this process."

Wildcat pride: Add Lakers coach **Luke Walton** to the list of coaches raving about **Lauri Markkanen**.

"Hey, he went to U of A. He's great," Walton said light-heartedly of their Arizona connection. "He's a special player, especially in today's game, being a big that can stretch the floor like that. They go to him a lot as the featured player for last-second shots. It doesn't seem too big for him. He looks like he's confident."

"He can get the ball down. He's more athletic than I thought he was going to be at this level with some of his finishing around the rim and some of his rebounding. He's going to have a bright, long career in this league."

Comedy hour: Walton and Bulls center **Robin Lopez** both possess dry wit, so it didn't surprise when they grabbed the low-hanging fruit reporters offered.

Asked for his twin **Brook's** biggest weakness, Robin said of the Lakers center: "Just general, all-around basketball IQ. Just general, all-around IQ."

Walton joked that fellow Arizona product and Lakers assistant coach **Jud Buechler** expected a video tribute for his role-playing contributions to the Bulls' second three-peat and thought the autograph line that greeted the Lakers' bus was for him.

Robin also crowed about beating Brook and their older brother in the board game Ticket to Ride when the brothers convened at Robin's house Thursday night.

"Fantastic game," Robin said. "I completed all my routes."

Let's be friends: The NBA announced a five-pronged initiative to improve the on-court relationship between players and referees. League officiating personnel will meet with all 30 teams and conduct enhanced training for conflict resolution.

Robin Lopez, who has six technicals this season, said "that's pretty typical" for him and offered no opinion when asked if officials are doing anything differently to get under players' skin this season.

SOXFEST

NOTES

Sox to extend safety netting at ballpark

By CHRIS KUC | Chicago Tribune

The White Sox are joining the ranks of teams extending protective netting in their ballparks for the 2018.

Teams across Major League Baseball have been extending netting down the foul lines of their stadiums in response to a toddler being severely injured when a foul ball struck her in September at Yankee Stadium.

The Sox decided Friday to extend the netting before the home opener April 5 against the Tigers.

The netting at Guaranteed Rate Field will extend to the far end of each of the dugouts, to Section 122 on the first-base line and Section 142 down third.

"With what has been happening in major-league baseball over the last couple of years we're concerned with fan safety," Vice President of Communications **Scott Reifert** said before the opening of SoxFest 2018 at the Hilton Chicago.

"We were waiting for the architecture and engineering drawings before we made a decision. They presented three or four options (Friday) and that's the one we decided on."

Reifert also said there are plans to extend the netting at the team's spring training ballpark, Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz.

Rodon update: Left-handed pitcher **Carlos Rodon**, who underwent surgery on his left shoulder in late September, will begin a throwing program next week.

Rodon will not be ready for opening day and said he doesn't have a firm timetable for when he will return to the rotation.

"I really want to be like, 'Hey, I'm going to be back on this day,' but I really don't know," Rodon said.

"It's going to take a little while but I'll be back this season."

Trade talk: Slugger **Jose Abreu**, who lost about 10 pounds during the offseason, said he has heard the rumblings about a potential trade from the Sox but doesn't let them concern him.

"I'll be lying to you if I say that I don't know anything about the rumors," Abreu said via a team interpreter. "I know they're out there, but that's something that I can't control. I just try to focus on the things that I can do, the things that I can control."



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White Sox first baseman Jose Abreu signs the shirt of fan Logan Long, 9, during a SoxFest autograph session at the Hilton Chicago.

Fans back Sox's plan

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they've shown. This weekend is sold out (and) virtually every fan that interacts with me directly ... has expressed their support. As an organization, we very much appreciate (that). I think when we preach patience at this point, to an extent we're saying it to ourselves. There's going to be a temptation."

That temptation will center around the highly touted Sox prospects Hahn & Co. have stockpiled in the last 12 or so months. Eloy Jimenez and Michael Kopech — two of the popular players SoxFest attendees most clamored to get a look at Friday — lead a young group that will write the next chapter in Sox history. At some point in 2018, Jimenez and Kopech, as well as perhaps Alec Hansen, Dane Dunning and Dylan Cease, are likely to follow '17 call-ups Yoan Moncada, Reynaldo Lopez

and Lucas Giolito to the majors.

Sox fans aren't the only ones excited by that prospect.

"Can I contain my excitement? No, I can't — I don't want to contain my excitement," Renteria said. "I want everybody to see my excitement because it is real. Not everybody is going to make it, not everybody is going to be The Guy. But there is a lot here."

"I can contain my patience knowing that if we do it the right way, at the end of the day we're going to have a chance for some successful seasons."

Any rebuild is a fluid situation. A new phase beyond developing players at both the minor- and major-league levels will eventually come, even if no one involved has a firm timeline on when it will happen.

"You'll know it when you see it," Hahn said. "You'll know when you start seeing us be aggressive to add more veteran talent to

round out our roster. Over the next couple of winters, there's been a lot discussed already about how robust those free agent classes may well be, and you may well see us be a little more active than we were this past offseason."

"As we sit here today though, you look at not just what you hear from us or what you're seeing with your eyes, but what's being reported by people outside the organization. We objectively have options at every position, guys who could, if they max out and hit their ceiling, provide us with championship-caliber players at every position on the field and on the pitching staff."

Maybe it will be at that point Renteria will be comfortable enough to use the word "rebuild."

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Before he goes, Patricia eager for fantastic finish

By JIMMY GOLEN | Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — It might have been his last game in New England, and Matt Patricia wasn't ready for it to end.

The Patriots defensive coordinator went back onto the field long after the AFC championship was over and the team had advanced to the Super Bowl for the sixth time in his tenure.

There, he tossed around a football with his son before flopping onto his back on the confetti that had fallen during the team's celebration.

"(It was) just fun to have him out there running around and just seeing the excitement that he had to be out on the field," Patricia said this week as he tried to maintain his focus on the Super Bowl and not his expected next step: becoming head coach of the Lions.

"That's always a special little moment for myself and him and my wife."

Most identifiable by his bushy beard, backward-facing ball cap and cargo shorts or cutoff sweatpants no matter what the weather, Patricia will be on the Patriots sideline Feb. 4 when they face the Eagles in an attempt to win their sixth NFL championship.

Then he will reportedly be hired as the Lions coach.

Patricia has declined to comment on the Detroit job other than to confirm that he "went through the process that the NFL allows us to go through during the bye week." The Lions confirmed that they interviewed Patricia and reportedly informed the unsuccessful candidates, but they cannot make an official announcement until after the Patriots are done playing.

"We're just trying to get the win," defensive lineman Trey Flowers said Friday. "That's all it's about here."

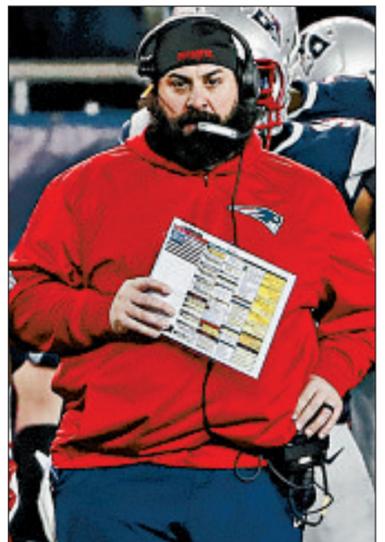
But for Patricia, that's not all it's about. Players say he takes a special interest in them, talking to them not just as players but also asking about their families.

"It's not just to coach you up," linebacker Elandon Roberts said. "That's a must for him."

"That shows what kind of man he is outside of the building. He takes pride in us as players, but he also takes pride in us as people."

Taking a rarely followed path to the NFL, Patricia graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with four varsity letters and an aeronautical engineering degree. He bounced around a few colleges in the Northeast before landing on Bill Belichick's staff in 2004 with the then-defending Super Bowl champions.

Moving up through the team's coaching ranks, Patricia became the Patriots defensive coordinator in 2012. Before



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

Patriots players have praised Matt Patricia for taking an interest in them as people.

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Patriots vs. Eagles
5:30 p.m. Feb. 4, NBC-5

most every game, he walks up to every player on the sideline and shakes hands.

"It just lets us know he has our back," safety Duron Harmon said. "He has our back; we've got his back. It's nothing more than a relationship that he's built with everybody throughout the defense."

"And when you've got that from your coach, knowing that he's going to go down for you and you're going to go down for him, it makes you want to go out there and lay it down for him."

Extra points: Patriots quarterback Tom Brady returned to full practice, but tight end Rob Gronkowski is still recovering from a concussion. Brady required stitches in his right hand and thumb after an injury in practice last week. After missing parts of practice leading up to the AFC championship game, he started against the Jaguars and led the Patriots to a 24-20 victory. ... Defensive lineman Malcom Brown (foot) also missed practice for the second straight day. Offensive lineman LaAdrian Murray and running back Mike Gillislee missed part of practice for the third day in a row. ... Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz, speaking for the first time since tearing his ACL in December, disclosed he also tore the LCL in his left knee but expects to be ready for the start of the season.

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SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	EVENT	CHANNEL
7:30 p.m.	Celtics at Warriors	ABC-7
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
11 a.m.	North Carolina State at North Carolina	CBS-2
11 a.m.	Baylor at Florida	ESPN
11 a.m.	Texas Tech at South Carolina	ESPN2
11 a.m.	Duquesne at Rhode Island	NBCSN
11 a.m.	Akron at Ball State	CBSN
1 p.m.	Virginia at Duke	CBS-2
1 p.m.	Mississippi at Texas	ESPN2
1 p.m.	Georgia at Kansas State	ESPNU
1 p.m.	VCU at George Mason	CBSN
1 p.m.	Massachusetts at Fordham	NBCSN
1:15 p.m.	Oklahoma at Alabama	ESPN
1:30 p.m.	St. John's at Butler	FS1
3 p.m.	IUPUI at UIC	NBCSCH
3 p.m.	Dayton at St. Louis	CBSN
3:30 p.m.	Texas A&M at Kansas	ESPN2
4 p.m.	Miami at Florida State	WCIU-26.2
4:30 p.m.	Utah at Arizona	FOX-32
5 p.m.	Southern Illinois at Missouri State	ESPNU
5 p.m.	Oklahoma State at Arkansas	ESPN2
5 p.m.	Cincinnati at Memphis	CBSN
6 p.m.	Kentucky at West Virginia	ESPN
6 p.m.	St. Joseph's at Pennsylvania	NBCSCH+
7 p.m.	Virginia Tech at Notre Dame 1000	ESPN2, WMVP-AM
7 p.m.	Iowa at Nebraska	BTN
7 p.m.	Colorado at Arizona State	ESPNU
7 p.m.	New Mexico State at UMKC	NBCSCH
7 p.m.	Georgetown at Creighton	CBSN
9 p.m.	Valparaiso at Illinois State	ESPN2
9 p.m.	Boise State at Air Force	ESPNU
9 p.m.	San Diego State at UNLV	CBSN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m.	Michigan State at Ohio State	ESPNU
Noon	Rutgers at Indiana	BTN

BOXING

9:30 p.m.	Lucas Matthysse vs. Tewa Kiram	HBO
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

1:30 p.m.	Senior Bowl	NFL Network
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GOLF

9 a.m.	Dubai Desert Classic	Golf (more, 2:30 a.m. Sun.)
1 p.m.	PGA Farmers Open	Golf (more, 3 p.m., CBS-2)
2:30 p.m.	LPGA Bahamas Classic	Golf Channel
NHL		
6:30 p.m.	NHL Skills Competition	NBCSN

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8 p.m.	Wolves at Roadrunners	WPWR-50
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HORSE RACING

3:30 p.m.	Pegasus World Cup Invitational	NBC-5
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MARTIAL ARTS

4 p.m.	UFC Fight Night prelims	FS1
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7 p.m.	Ronaldo Souza vs. Derek Brunson	FOX-32
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MOTORSPORTS

1 p.m.	Rolex 24 at Daytona	FOX-32 (4 p.m., FS2; 10 p.m., FS1)
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7 p.m.	AMA Supercross at Glendale	FS1
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FA CUP SOCCER

6:30 a.m.	Leicester City at Peterborough United	FS1
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9 a.m.	West Ham United at Wigan	FS1
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11:30 a.m.	Tottenham at Newport County	FS1
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1:30 p.m.	West Bromwich at Liverpool	FS2
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BUNDESLIGA SOCCER

8:30 a.m.	Hoffenheim at Bayern Munich	FS2
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11:30 a.m.	Hertha Berlin at Werder Bremen	FS2
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AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS

11 p.m.	Mixed doubles final	Tennis Channel
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2:30 a.m.	Men's final	ESPN
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TRACK AND FIELD

4 p.m.	Armory Invitational	NBCSN
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SKIING

6 a.m.	FIS World Cup at Lenzerheide, Switz.	NBCSN
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9 a.m.	Cross Country, Viessmann World Cup	NBCSN
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WINTER SPORTS

Noon	Winter X Games	ABC-7 (more, 8 p.m., ESPN)
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COLLEGE WRESTLING

11 a.m.	Drexel at Pennsylvania	NBCSCH+
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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Federer closes in on 20th Slam title

BY JOHN PYE | Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — It took just over an hour for Roger Federer to advance to the Australian Open final.

Defending champion Federer, who was leading Hyeon Chung 6-1, 5-2 when the South Korean retired in the second set of their Australian Open semifinal on Friday night, is within one win of a 20th Grand Slam singles title.

It wasn't how Federer expected to advance.

"You do take the faster matches whenever you can because there's enough wear and tear on the body," he said. "The thought process is not like 'What would have been better?'"

"That's why this one feels bittersweet. I'm incredibly happy to be in the finals, but not like this."

Chung tried everything to disguise the pain of the raw patches on his left foot which, his agent explained, were "blisters under blisters under blisters."

Federer knows the feeling. He also sensed something wrong with Chung's movement.

"I've played with blisters in the past a lot, and it hurts a lot. And at one point, it's just too much and you can't take it anymore — you can't go on," he said. "He's played such a wonderful tournament, so credit to him for playing so hard again today."

Federer is well poised for Sunday's match against No. 6-seeded Marin Cilic. Cilic has had an extra day of rest, but Federer was hardly taxed Friday night, and occupied for only an hour.

The final will be Federer's record seventh at the Australian Open and 30th at a Grand Slam.

Cilic was hampered by blisters when he lost to Federer in last year's Wimbledon final, but he has made a relatively pain-free run through the other half of the draw, including a quarterfinal win over an injured Rafael Nadal.

Even if Chung had been fit, he was trying



ANDY BROWNBILL/AP

Roger Federer will make a record seventh appearance in the Australian Open finals.

to reach his first ATP final against a player who has won 95 titles, 19 of them Grand Slams.

Chung had an incredible run at Melbourne Park, becoming the first South Korean to reach a semifinal at a tennis major and attracting plenty of attention for beating No. 4-seeded Alexander Zverev in the third round and six-time Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic in the fourth.

But it took a toll. He needed a pain-killing injection before the match, and a medical timeout to retape his left foot after going down a break in the second set. He played only two more games before he quit.

"I did right thing. If I play bad on the court, it's not good for the fans and audience as well," he said. "I really hurt. I can't walk no more."

The 36-year-old Federer predicted a bright future for the 21-year-old Chung.

GOLF FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN

Woods books weekend plans

Former No. 1 birdies last hole to make 1st Tour cut since '15

BY TOD LEONARD | San Diego Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods stalked his 90-foot eagle putt as if a victory depended on how well he could cozy it up to the hole.

In a sense, the stakes were nearly as high.

Woods on Friday was grinding to make the weekend cut in the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines. After he reached the par-5 ninth green on the North Course in two shots on his 18th hole of the day, all indications were that he would need to manage two putts for birdie to hang around for the weekend.

Because Woods hadn't seen a scoreboard over the last nine holes, he didn't know where he stood, but he could probably sense it from the tense murmurs in the crowd. He had bogeyed the par-3 eighth to fall outside the cut bubble.

After a very long look on the No. 9 green, Woods aligned himself and took his stroke, and a putt that looked too quick at the start ended up trickling to within about 8 inches of the cup.

Tap-in birdie. Paycheck in Woods' future. Golf world breathing a sigh of relief.

Overcoming a wild day with the driver, Woods scored a 1-under-par 71 to give him a 1-under total for 36 holes. That fell exactly on the cut line.

Seventy-seven players will begin the third round, with Ryan Palmer holding the lead after scoring a 5-under 67 on the North Course to get to 11 under. Defending tournament champion Jon Rahm (66, North Course) is alone in second at 10 under, while Luke List (66, South) and Tony Finau (70, South) are at 9 under.

Twelve months removed from playing in his last official PGA Tour event, here at Torrey Pines, Woods has a chance to truly feel a competitive buzz for the first time in 889 days — since he tied for 10th in the Wyndham Championship in August 2015.

"It was a grind, (but) I fought hard," Woods said. "Typical, you know, just me going out there and fighting for whatever I can get."

"Everyone's so stacked up (that) anybody can win the tournament who makes the cut. Hopefully (Saturday) I can post a low number."

Getting to the weekend was a huge step for Woods, and it was big for golf. Judging by the thousands of fans following him and the raucous enthusiasm they showed, Woods' presence continues to take interest to another level.

"Unless you're in a major championship, you don't get big crowds," said Charley Hoffman, who played in Woods' group the first two days and stands at 3 under. "He brings people out there."

"There's no question I'm rooting for



DONALD MIRALLE/GETTY

Tiger Woods hits out of the rough during his 1-under round Friday at Torrey Pines.

(him). Obviously, on Sunday I want to beat him, but there's not a person in this field (who) isn't rooting for Tiger Woods to be back and competitive."

The North Course is not forgiving for an uncooperative driver, and Woods' club acted like a fitful 5-year-old. He found only three of 14 fairways, and many drives were 30 to 40 yards off line.

The most damaging miss was a hook at the par-4 13th that flew into a canyon. Woods ended up with a double bogey to put him 2 over.

But he scrambled back. Woods saved par on seven of the nine holes in which he missed the green and needed only 24 putts.

Woods drained a 40-foot putt on his 10th hole — No. 1 — and produced a couple of vintage short shots. From difficult positions off the green at the sixth and seventh, his flop shots were perfectly judged and made for short birdie putts.

"My short game's been good all week," he said.

Woods' bogey on his 17th hole — the par-3 eighth — put his weekend in danger. His tee shot came up terribly short, and while his chip looked good off the club, it scooted off the back of the green.

A bogey there set up the drama at No. 9, where Woods missed the fairway right but got a good lie and launched an iron that took a fortuitous big bounce and rolled onto the green.

Hoffman, who has been on the PGA Tour for 13 years, was as compelled as any fan to see what would happen.

"That's Tiger Woods at his best right there," Hoffman said. "It's just fun to see the energy out here again. ... When he's out here, it's something special."

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Bilski, Jr., Paul Louis

Paul Louis Bilski, Jr., age 75. Beloved Father of Paul III, and Brian (Gloria). Loving Grandfather of Paul IV, Aaron, Alison, Ryan, Alyssa, Jonathan and Ashley. Dearest Brother of MaryAnn (James) Erbach. Loving Son of the late Paul Sr. and Cecilia, nee Druzak. Fond Uncle of Christopher Erbach, Lisa (Stuart) Vance and Great Uncle of Lily. Lying in State Saturday Jan. 27, 2018 from 10:00 AM until the time of the Funeral Mass 11:00 AM at St. Mary Church, 794 Pearson St., Des Plaines, IL. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Paul was a member of the 1960 first graduating class of Maine West H.S., and a graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY. He spent 20 years in the merchant marines including transporting supplies during the Vietnam War. Funeral Arrangements by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Fortino, Theresa
Theresa Fortino (nee D'Ambrosio) of West Chicago; beloved wife of the late Louis A.; loving mother of LuAnne (late Peter) Verive, Robert A. (Linda) Fortino and Louis M. (Pam) Fortino; cherished grandmother of 6; proud great grandmother of 14; great great grandmother of 15; preceded in death by 2 sisters and 5 brothers; many loving nieces and nephews; lovingly cared for by Carolina Sheets. Visitation Sunday, January 28th 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the **Countryside Funeral Home & Crematory**, 950 South Bartlett Rd., (at Stearns Rd.) Bartlett. Funeral Monday 9:30 a.m. to St. John Neumann Church, Mass 10:30 a.m. Burial Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Alzheimers Research at <http://alzheimersresearchfoundation.com/> would be appreciated. 630-289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com

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James T. Gadbois Sr., age 69, beloved husband of Margaret M. (nee Godinez); loving uncle of Dolores "Chachi" (Glenn) Lochen; great-uncle of Valerie and Megan Lochen. Visitation Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 3-8pm at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 5015 Lincoln Ave., Lisle (On Rt. 53 1/2 mile south of Ogden Ave., Rt.34) where funeral services will begin on Monday, 9am and proceed to St. Scholastica Catholic Church, Woodridge, for Mass at 10am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. For service information call (630) 964-9392.

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Gnuechtel, John Herman

John Herman Gnuechtel passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2018, in Centennial City, CO. He was 40 years old.

John was born on March 19, 1977 in Chicago, IL. to Donna and Herman Charles Gnuechtel. He was the first child of five, and he grew up in Mount Prospect and Arlington Heights, IL. John attended Fairview Grammar School, St. Emily's Grammar School, Our Lady of the Wayside Grammar and Middle Schools, Rolling Meadows High School, Eastern Illinois University, and graduated from Full Sail University. His specialty was in digital media entertainment. After Full Sail University, John worked in the video game industry. He worked for Transcontinental Media, EA Tiburon, and Volition, which took him to Orlando, FL; New York City; and Champaign, IL respectively. His work was featured in video games like EA Madden and Saints Row.

John's passions were music, weather, photography, cars, and grilling. His natural, musical talent led him to be a top performer in piano and trombone throughout high school and college. After school, he continued to play and joined the band Bughead. Their collective talents were featured in video games and in network television shows. John also spent his time as a storm chaser during the summer months. He enjoyed sharing his storm chasing adventures and weather knowledge on his blog and with his photography. John photographed thousands of incredible weather phenomenon, animals, and landscapes. He also used his photography skills to capture his passion for automobiles, motorcycles, and airplanes. John participated in autocross in Illinois where he got to enjoy competitive racing and spending time with other car enthusiasts. His love of grilling developed later in life. He enjoyed experimenting on the grill with all types of meats and then sharing his creations with friends and family. John met his wife, Marissa N. Gnuechtel-Torrison, while working at Volition. They married on January 7, 2017. John became a stepfather to Riley and Avery Torrison. His compassion and humor fostered a loving and caring family. He loved to cook and provide for the family he had always wanted. John is survived by his wife, Marissa; their daughters, Riley and Avery; his parents, Donna and Herman Gnuechtel; his sisters, Julie Ballard (James), Theresa Robles (Fred), Anne Gnuechtel-Verdoorn (Chris); and brother, Michael Gnuechtel (Caroline).

There will be a memorial remembrance service on Sunday, January 28, 2018, at The Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre, 2401 West Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 (at Barrington Road I-90 interchange) from 1-5pm.

On Monday, January 29, 2018, a church service at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 297 E. Jefferson Street, Hampshire, IL 60140, starting at 10:30am. A private interment will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to Riley and Avery's future educational endeavors. youcaring.com/rileyandaverytorrison-1079204
The Fredrick Funeral Home in Hampshire is assisting the family. Info (847)683-2711

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Hayes, Dennis G.

Dennis G. Hayes, 76 of Huntley, a retired Sergeant with the Chicago Police Department, passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at his home following a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, his children, Debra (Peter) Bianchi, Dennis Hayes, David (Mary) Hayes and Jennifer (Jeffrey) Lucius, his grandchildren, Kristin (Nick), Melissa (Brock), Ashlee (Edgar), Peter, Nicholle, Jeffrey, Matthew, Rebecca and Natalie, his step-grandchildren, Victor and Tiffany, his great-grandchildren, Brock, Scarlett, Lucas, Nicholas, Ella, Colten, Cooper, Averie and Jackson. He was also the fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his in-laws, two sisters and parents. Visitation will be from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28th at the **DeFiore-Jorgensen Funeral Home**, 10763 Dundee Road, Huntley and at St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee Road, Huntley on Monday, January 29th from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass. For more information please call 847-515-8772 or on-line condolences can be directed to www.defiore-jorgensen.com



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Loeper, Nancy Ellen

Nancy Ellen Loeper, nee Wetter. She leaves behind Thomas Loeper and Amanda (Dennis) Donohue and their father Thomas; dear Mema of Glenn, Ryllegh, Anne Donohue and Audrey Loeper (Vanessa Zahora). Daughter of Garrett and the late Marian Wetter; sister of Barbara (George) Jaros, Lynn (Charles) Persico, Kathryn (Robert) Kosson and James (Ramona) Wetter. An open house to celebrate her life will take place Sunday 1/28/18 from 2 - 5p.m at the Crystal Lake Main Beach Pavilion, 300 Lakeshore Drive, Crystal Lake

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Maroney, Jerome J. 'Jerry'

Jerome J. "Jerry" Maroney, age 83, a longtime resident of Naperville, IL passed away on January 24, 2018 in Naperville, IL. He was born March 15, 1934 in Syracuse, NY. Jerry is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Ann Maroney nee Lynn; loving children Mark Maroney, John (Angela) Maroney, and Katie (Shawn) Farrell; Cherished grandchildren Jack, Claire,

and Patrick Maroney and Charlie and Molly Farrell; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Marie and Arthur Maroney; sisters Beverly (the late Ray) Oeinck and Ann (Mike) Quinn. Jerry graduated from Niagara University class of 1956. He then joined the Marine Corps in 1957 until he was honorably discharged in 1962. He went on to work in advertising sales for Newsweek Magazine for many years until his retirement. He was a longtime member of Cress Creek Country Club and was an avid golfer. Jerry was an amazing friend to many and will be deeply missed. Family and friends to gather for visitation Monday, January 29, 4:00 - 8:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services 44 S. Mill St. Naperville, IL 60540**. All are invited for Mass of Christian Burial Tuesday, January 30, 11:00 AM at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church 36 N. Ellsworth St. Naperville, IL 60540. Interment will be private. For those wishing to leave a lasting tribute to Jerry's memory, donations to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund at www.semperfund.org in his name would be appreciated. For more information, please call (630)355-0213 or visit www.friedrichjones.com.



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Mellon, Edward J.

Edward J. Mellon, age 83, Navy-Marine Veteran. Beloved husband of Mary Ellen nee Joyce, loving father of Eileen (Christopher) Carter, Michael CFD (Rebecca), John (Laura) Mellon, and the late Daniel Mellon. Dear grandfather of Ian, Liam and Mallory Mellon. Fond brother of the late James and Robert Mellon. Brother-in-law of Bernard and Jo Anne Joyce.



Member of the Jeffersonian-Hawthorne Club, Retired driver and Circulation Manager for Chicago Sun-Times for 40 years. Visitation, Sunday Jan. 28 from 2 to 6 pm at the John E. Maloney Funeral Home, 1359 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago. The family and friends will meet for funeral Mass Monday, Jan. 29 at 10:00 am at St. Timothy Church, 6326 N. Washtenaw, interment Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions to St. Timothy Church or Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge, Chicago, IL 60660 appreciated. Funeral info: 773-764-1617.



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Monaco, Janet 'Jan'

Janet "Jan" Monaco, 66, of Lake Barrington passed away peacefully on January 26, 2018. She was born on May 17, 1951 in Chicago to Frank and Catherine (nee Kubik) Maronn. Jan will be deeply missed by her loving husband of 46 years, Louis; children, Maria (Russell Haver) Monaco and Catherine (Steve) Tedio; brother-in-law, Lawrence (Jeanne) Monaco. She was preceded in death by her parents. Visitation will be Monday, January 29, 2018, from 3 PM until 9 PM at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, 941 S. Old Rand Rd., Lake Zurich, IL 60047. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, January 30 at 11 AM at Saint Anne Catholic Community, 120 N. Ela St. (corner of Franklin and Ela Sts.), Barrington, where family will receive friends from 10 AM until time of mass. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org. For information, please contact Davenport Family Funeral Home, Lake Zurich, 847-550-4221. For online condolences please visit www.davenportfamily.com.



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Murray, Rosanne 'Roxe'

Peacefully, on 3 January 2018 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, at age 61 after a long illness borne with her characteristic equanimity and humour. Genealogist, musician, sympathetic teacher, project manager extraordinaire, protector of animals and young children, and protective of just about anyone she met. Survived by her heart-broken sister and best friend

Terry Murray (Toronto) and sister Margaret Murray (Kathryn Moon, both of Iowa City). Predeceased by her mother, Magdalene Kalodimos Murray (1991), and father, Jerome T. Murray (2006). A memorial service is being planned in Ottawa for late spring. Memorial donations can be made to OVC Pet Trust (www.pettrust.ca) or Hospice Care Ottawa (www.hospicecareottawa.ca).

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Russo, Patricia Ann

Patricia Ann Russo, nee Pavelski. Beloved wife of Nickolas. Loving sister of the late Thomas (Mary) Waszak and the late Robert (Virginia) Waszak. Loving sister-in-law of LaVerne (late Alex) Poulos and Roger (Kathy) Russo. Dearest aunt of Michael, Laverne, Robert (Debbie) and Lee Ann. Dear great-aunt of many. Dearest Godmother to many. Dear friend to many. Funeral Monday, 10:00 am at **Malec & Sons Funeral Home**, 6000 N. Milwaukee Ave. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 3:00 - 9:00 pm. (773) 774-4100. MalecandSonsFH.com.



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VonderHeydt, Arlene M.

Arlene M. VonderHeydt, (Nee Duslak) Found peace January 25, 2018 at the age of 82. Preceded in death by her husband Armin. Loving mother of Nancy (John) Verre, and Marie VonderHeydt. Dear grandmother of Anthony, Kristen, John Verre, John and Ashley Kalec. Also survived by 6 great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends. Visitation Monday, January 29, 2018 at St. Charles Catholic Church (313 Circle Ave, Hartland, WI) from 10 AM until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 AM. Private interment at St. Mary Immaculate Cemetery. To receive this Obit/Directions, text 1777747 to 414-301-6422

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Wencel, Michael Joseph

Michael Joseph Wencel, age 71; beloved husband of Jane Wencel, nee Udziela; loving father of Michael Joseph (Ania) Wencel II and Jason John Wencel; cherished grandfather of Konrad, Sienna, Marcel, Jason Jr., Leo and Oliver; dear cousin and friend of many. Visitation Sunday 3:00PM to 8:00PM. Funeral Monday 9:15AM from **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove to St. Joseph Church. Mass 10:00AM. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. 630/968-1000 or www.adamswinterfield-sullivan.com



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Wunderlich, Jakub 'Jake'

Born in Wroclaw, Poland on August 15th, 1949. He came to this country in 1968 when he was 18 after graduating at the top of the class in high school. Seeking new opportunity in the states, he self-educated himself and moved up the ranks at several plating companies till he started Wunderlich Diamond Tool Corp in 1982. His attention to details, hard work, and meticulous approach to the electroplating process was a successful combination that made Wunderlich a name that still echoes through the grinding/cutting tool industry for its integrity and quality. He had a sense of humor like no other. Whenever you saw him, you were guaranteed a joke, good or bad! On January 20th, 2018, Jakub passed away at Lutheran General Hospital from complications from pneumonia after a long struggle with kidney disease. He is survived by his sister Rita, niece Ashley, and son Mark.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 27 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 16° RECORD HIGH: 62° (1916) RECORD LOW: -10° (1955)

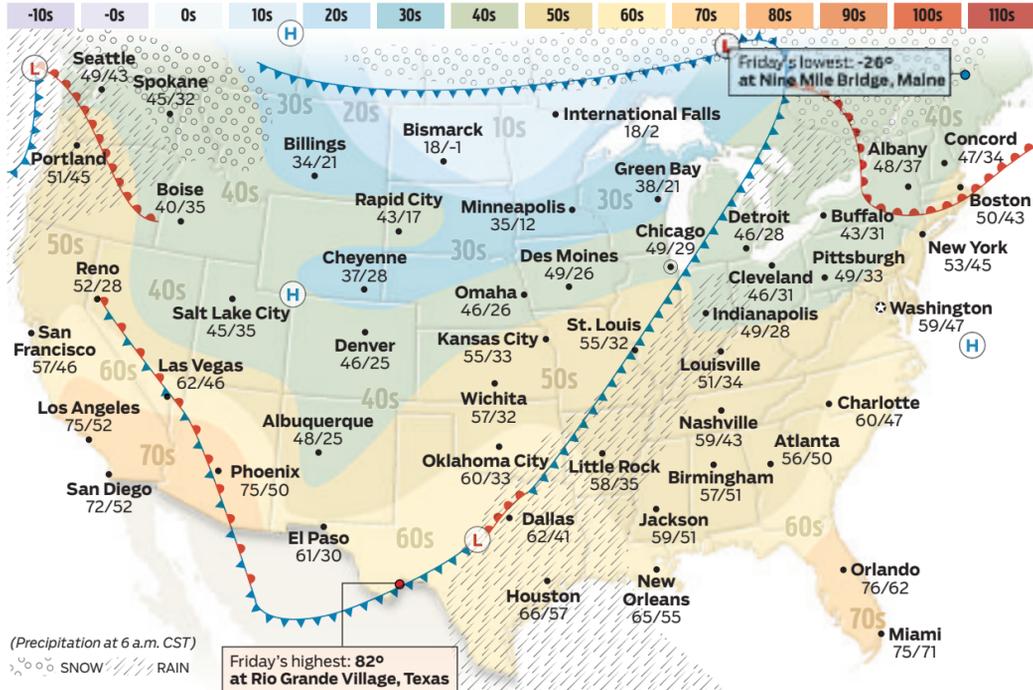
Mild close to month, but new cold snap looms

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 49 **LOW** 29

■ Another mild day on tap before colder air returns.
 ■ Clouds linger in the wake of a pre-dawn cold front. A few sprinkles possible in NW Indiana.
 ■ Breezy and mild. Temps start the day in the upper 30s to around 40 degrees.
 ■ Sunshine emerges, sending temps to near 50 degrees midday. Readings trend cooler through the afternoon, falling to around 40 by evening.
 ■ West winds at 15-25 mph turn NW late, then diminish.
 ■ Colder overnight. Lows dip below freezing.

NATIONAL FORECAST



After a frigid open to 2018, temperatures have averaged above normal. The period of Jan. 1-6 featured an average temperature of 1.4 degrees, a whopping 22.7 degrees below normal. Since then, brief surges of more moderate polar air have been punctuated by very mild temperatures.

Readings from Jan. 7-26 averaged 27.7 degrees, a level 4.1 degrees above normal. The period also featured four days in the 50s. Another 50-degree day is possible Saturday before colder air arrives, bringing temperatures closer to normal.

Mild, Pacific air is expected to sweep back across the area to close out the month on Wednesday. Medium-range forecasts then suggest February will bring a more robust push of arctic air, along with a chance of snow.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

HIGH 34 **LOW** 23

Peeks of morning sun fade as clouds overspread the area. Lake-effect snow showers become likely by evening and continue overnight. North winds turn NE at 15-20 mph.

MONDAY, JAN. 29

HIGH 27 **LOW** 17

Brisk N-NE winds maintain a flow of polar air across the Great Lakes. Snow showers continue, mainly from the city, south and east. Temps struggle to mid-upper 20s.

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

HIGH 30 **LOW** 27

High pressure passes, bringing mostly sunny skies. NW Indiana lake snow cuts off as winds turn SW. Morning temps in the teens rebound to around 30.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

HIGH 46 **LOW** 26

Pacific air surges across the Midwest, sending temps well into the 40s. Cold front passes late in the day, bringing a chance of sprinkles. SW winds 20-30 mph shift north late.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

HIGH 33 **LOW** 16

Cloud cover thickens as a weather system passes south of the region. Turning colder, with some light snow or flurries possible late. NE winds at 10-20 mph.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

HIGH 20 **LOW** 10

Partly cloudy and colder. Lake snow develops across the Michiana snow belt. Temps hover around 20 degrees most of the day. NW winds at 15-25 mph compound the chill.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 Earlier this month, snow cover over the U.S. was somewhere around 52 percent. How is snow cover measured, and what is the record snow cover for the nation?

— Bud Dyke

Dear Bud,
 We checked the daily national snow cover percentages for the Lower 48 states from NOAA's National Operational Hydrologic Remote Sensing Center, an agency that has been documenting U.S. snow cover since September 2003, and determined the highest national coverage on record was 70.9 percent on Jan. 12, 2011.

The daily percentage is derived from a combination of ground-based, airborne and satellite data. The snow cover map for that date revealed snow covering the ground in portions of 47 of the 48 states, with only Florida snow-free. Chicago's contribution: 4 inches on the ground after a 5.9-inch snowfall the previous day.

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As the Midwest trends colder, the West heats up again

CHICAGO'S 16-DAY TREND
 Colder days to come, especially with February 2018's arrival next Thursday

HOW WARM HAS JANUARY 2018 BEEN?
 How much above normal?
 LAS VEGAS +5° PALM SPRINGS +6° LOS ANGELES +5° PHOENIX +5°

THE LAND WINTER 2017-18 HAS LARGELY FORGOTTEN
 Forecast Sunday, Jan. 28 to Saturday, Feb. 3

NEW WILDFIRE RISK IN CALIFORNIA
 Red flag warning—10 pm Saturday to 3 pm Monday

TWO-DAY COLD SURGE HITS AT MORE IMPORTANT COLD AIR OUTBREAK TO COME
 Reaches Chicago Saturday night and Sunday
 Projected Monday jet streams

HOW FAR FROM "NORMAL" EACH DAY?

DATE	TEMP	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL
SAT 1/27	27	-4°
SUN 1/28	28	-2°
MON 1/29	29	-2°
TUE 1/30	30	+1°
WED 1/31	31	+1°
THU 2/1	32	+1°
FRI 2/2	33	+1°
SAT 2/3	34	+1°
SUN 2/4	35	+1°
MON 2/5	36	+1°
TUE 2/6	37	+1°
WED 2/7	38	+1°
THU 2/8	39	+1°
FRI 2/9	40	+1°
SAT 2/10	41	+1°
SUN 2/11	42	+1°

FORECAST WEEK #1 Next 7 days | **FORECAST WEEK #2 Days 8 to 14**

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO DIGEST

FRIDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	49	30	Midway	52	37
Gary	54	39	O'Hare	51	33
Kankakee	46	32	Romeoville	51	34
Lakefront	52	38	Valparaiso	55	35
Lansing	53	38	Waukegan	52	27

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Fri. (through 6 p.m.)	0.00"	0.05"
Season to date	1.53"	1.48"
Year to date	1.53"	1.48"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Fri. (through 6 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	9.9"	10.9"
Normal to date	19.0"	19.7"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Wind	W 15-25 kts. NE 15-20 kts.
Waves	3-5 feet 2-4 feet
Fri. shore/cree water temps	34°/34°

U.S. SNOW COVER

JAN. 26	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	33.9%	45.6%
Average snow depth	3.3"	6.9"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	26 days	25 days
Subzero lows	8 days	5 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Friday's reading	Not available
Saturday's forecast	Not available
Critical pollutant	Not available

SATURDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:08 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Moon	1:14 p.m.	3:00 a.m.

SATURDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:31 a.m.	3:43 p.m.
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Wise family's golden moments range far beyond Olympics

Gold-medal skier helps push sister who lost leg to pursue dreams as pilot

By **EDDIE PELLIS**
Associated Press

ASPEN, Colo. — The surgeon told Christy Wise she would never fly a plane again.

It was a brazen pronouncement that seemed all wrong to the captain, an HC130 Air Force rescue pilot whose day job involved, among other things, missions to Afghanistan and saving people from hurricanes.

Only hours earlier — after the boat had sideswiped her right leg and fled without stopping, after her boyfriend, Tim, had tourniqueted the leg to stanch the bleeding and keep her from dying in the water, after she'd been loaded into the ambulance for her life-saving trip to the hospital — Wise had looked down at her still-attached but mangled and completely numb limb and thought, "This could take me off the schedule for a while."

After losing the leg from above the knee, Wise was fitted with a prosthetic. Already fitted with a heart that 99 percent of us could only dream of, she did the work — the endless pushups, the leg lifts, the speed work on her newly fitted leg — so she could run 1½ miles in the required 14 minutes or less. She became the first female Air Force pilot to lose a leg above the knee and return to the cockpit.

The surgeon, it turned out, was wrong. Perhaps had he spoken more with Christy's twin sister, Jessica, or their younger brother, David, the Olympic-champion freestyle skier, he would've offered a different prognosis. Perhaps he would've discovered that this family's gold-medal moments involve more than merely winning the Olympics.

Different paths

Not surprisingly, Jessica Wise had a lot in common with her twin sister. Family, skiing and service were among her top priorities. Both sisters wanted to ski in college but didn't have the times to make it into the few schools offering Division I scholarships.

Christy chose Air Force Academy, which, for someone with no genuine interest in flying, was a reach — not only to get in, but to make it all the way through. Jessica calls Christy's matriculation through the academic side of the Air Force Academy one of her most impressive achievements.

"She was on academic probation at the Academy, but she never gave up," Jessica said. "It was rigorous there, the academics combined with the training they do. To me, that was most inspiring. Until this."

Jessica chose College of Idaho. Her penchant for helping people led her on a number of trips to the Dominican Republic and other spots in the Caribbean, where she worked on behalf of the Children of Nations nonprofit organization.

She was in Honduras when the earthquake hit not far away, devastating the impoverished country of Haiti in ways that still leave marks today.

Among the carnage, she saw children who had lost legs and who didn't have any inkling of what a prosthetic was, let alone the idea they might be able to get one and walk again.

Seeing the need, Jessica focused her efforts into helping kids from these impoverished countries get prosthetics and helping the doctors and hospitals learn how to fit them and teach kids how to use them. It also planted the seed that led her in the direction she wanted to go with her medical degree. Jessica Wise wanted to help amputees.

All that started coming together for Jessica in 2010, five years before her sister's accident.

Family of skiers

The Wise family was a family of skiers, and David Wise, three years younger than his twin sisters, spent the formative part of his childhood chasing them down the ski hill at Alpine Meadows in California.

And yet David could never seem to take his eye off the halfpipes and jumps and rails and snowboards that were starting to populate this and other mountains in the 1990s.

David's dad struck a deal with him: Get real good at downhill and you'll get a shot at the bumps and jumps on the other side of the mountain.

David could win all those speed events, and when he entered the freestyle contests, he finished middle of the pack, at best.

"They kept saying, 'You're going to give up the thing you're good at for the thing you're not good at?'" Wise said. "But they said 'OK.' They just let me be me."

By the time Christy had her accident while paddleboarding in the Florida panhandle in the spring of 2015, David was already an Olympic gold medalist and a three-time Winter X Games champion. He had connections.

Meanwhile, Christy's can-do attitude and quick road to recovery made her a star in her Air Force circles.



JESSICA WISE VIA AP

David Wise, left, and sister Christy work out in San Marcos, Texas, as Christy rehabs after having lost her right leg above the knee.



JESSICA WISE VIA AP

David Wise, left, and sisters Christy and Jessica after skydiving in San Marcos, Texas. Christy is determined to achieve her goals despite losing most of her leg.



SERGEI GRITS/AP

David Wise celebrates after winning gold in the halfpipe ski final at the 2014 Winter Olympic in Russia. His wife and young daughter were there to cheer for him.

Jessica, however, was struggling.

The Air Force had let her move to the military hospital in San Antonio to help her sister with her recovery, but in the meantime, Jessica was having trouble finding a match for her residency.

"About the worst thing that can happen to a medical student is to have an MD but not be able to go anywhere because you can't get a residency," she said.

David and Christy started working the phones, zeroing in on Mountain View Hospital in Las Vegas. David called, among other people, Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval

to see if he could pull any strings to get his sister an interview. Christy called doctors and administrators at the hospital telling them they'd be missing out on a good bet if they let Jessica slip through the cracks.

After weeks of hearing nothing, Jessica was on a trip to the Dominican Republic when an email crossed her computer. The docs at Mountain View wanted to interview her the next day. She crossed her fingers that the internet would hold up well enough for her to do the interview. It did. She got the spot.

Once there, she asked the doctors why

they gave her a chance.

"They told me, your sister kept calling and she had such a unique story that we had to look at your application," Jessica said. "It was her calling, and the fact that she just wouldn't give up, the same way so many people stuck with her when she lost her leg."

Balanced life

There were many who would argue that even before he got married and had kids, nobody had more talent on the halfpipe than David Wise.

It wasn't until he married Alexandra and she gave birth to their daughter, Nayeli, that things really started to click. All his biggest victories, starting with the 2012 Winter X Games, have come as a married man.

Four years ago in the mountains above Sochi, David stood at the top of the halfpipe with a heart-shaped rock given to him by Alexandra in his pocket, and peered through snowflakes that were falling as dense and heavy as gumdrops.

At the bottom, dozens of people stood with long sticks, to which there were attached oversized pictures of his 2-year-old daughter, who was too young to make the trip.

That was all Wise needed.

His winning run — 2½ spins; two flips with 3½ spins; back-to-back 720-degree spins; then another two-flip, 1,260-degree move — was a sublime performance, a laundry list of what was needed to win a gold medal in rough conditions in a sport that was new to the Olympic program.

Afterward, he admitted it. "I can go and ski my heart out, but that doesn't necessarily define who I am. Being a good husband and father is more important. I can have passion with both things and it provides balance."

Four years later, David Wise, family man, will stand at the top of the halfpipe in the mountains above Pyeongchang, going for gold again.

Ten percent of all David's earnings this season, including at the Olympics, will go to the foundation he and his sisters created in the wake of Christy's accident: One Leg Up On Life. So, in a way, the stakes couldn't be much higher.

And yet he'll walk away a winner either way.

At the bottom this year, his wife and daughter will be there along with his son, Malachi, who wasn't born in time to have his picture held up at the last Olympics.

Jessica will be there.

Christy will too.

"It was actually looking like I wasn't going to get to go," she said. "I was an alternate for deployment. But I found out last week that I get to go. I'm excited. I wouldn't miss it."

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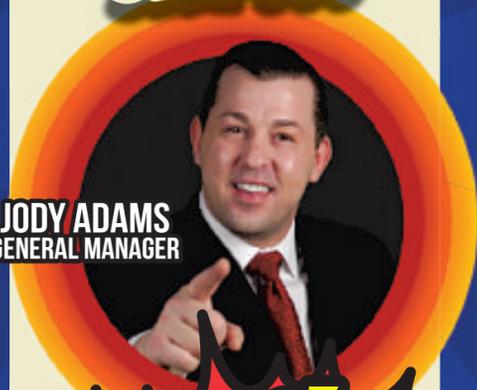
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PREVIEW

'18 Honda Accord

By Kelsey Mays, Cars.com

The verdict: The redesigned 2018 Honda Accord boasts enough impressive technology and drivability to overcome a few missteps.

Versus the competition: The Accord goes toe to toe with the solid 2018 Toyota Camry, and it gives compelling rivals like the Ford Fusion and Volkswagen Passat a run for their money.

Now in its 10th generation, Honda's mid-size sedan is lower and wider than before, with sunken seating positions and a more coupelike profile (compare it with the 2017 model here). It comes in five trim levels: LX, Sport, EX, EX-L and Touring. Its base drivetrain is a turbocharged, 1.5-liter four-cylinder (192 horsepower, 192 pounds-feet of torque) and continuously variable automatic transmission.

Replacing 2017's optional V-6 engine is a turbo 2.0-liter four-cylinder (252 hp, 273 pounds-feet of torque) and a new 10-speed automatic on the Sport, EX-L and Touring. The Sport offers a six-speed manual with either engine, which marks the first time in a decade you can get a stick shift with the top engine on an Accord sedan. Honda hopes that will satisfy those who mourn the discontinued Accord coupe.

How It Drives

The turbo 1.5-liter four-cylinder has more than adequate oomph for a base engine, with enough on tap for sustained uphill climbs on twisting mountain roads. The automatic transmission has some telltale nonlinearity starting out, common with CVTs, but it fakes a nice gear-kickdown sensation when you call for more power at cruising speed. The optional turbo 2.0-liter is palpably quicker off the line: Stand on the gas and it launches with a fierceness reminiscent of the Chevrolet Malibu's excellent turbo 2.0-liter. The Camry's big V-6 feels quicker if you rev it all the way out — the Toyota thunders ahead where the Accord plateaus a bit — but Honda's 2.0-liter turbo brings snappy punchiness that's entertaining.

The Accord Sport has a sport-tuned suspension with fixed-firmness shock absorbers, while the Accord Touring has a softer overall ride but with adaptive shocks and adjustable firmness. I drove both, and ride quality is firm either way because 19-inch wheels and low-profile P235/40R19 tires accompany both trim levels regardless of engine. The adaptive shock absorbers add a degree of control that evokes a pricier car, and even the Accord Sport stops short of the prior Accord's deliberate choppiness. The adaptive shocks change firmness in Sport mode, but I didn't observe a huge difference between the modes.

One editor thought the Touring rode well overall, but I found both setups busy. If isolation and comfort is all you want, look elsewhere in this class or consider the other trim levels, which pair a third suspension setup (regular, non-sport tuning with no adjustability) with 17-inch wheels and higher-profile tires. Honda didn't have any such trims to evaluate at my drive event.

Handling recalls the well-mannered Honda Civic, with quick-ratio steering and limited body roll. Flick the wheel a few degrees and the nose reorients immediately. Nose-heavy understeer comes steadily if you push the car hard — an area in which the Camry (yes, really) and Ford Fusion have an edge — but the Accord's dynamics are far from a liability.

Outside and In

No longer an Acura lookalike, the Accord charts its own styling territory with a plunging grille and C-shaped taillights. Slightly lower and wider than the prior sedan, it bears a coupelike profile and cab-rearward glass. The A-pillars sit some 4 inches back versus the old Accord, and the roofline settles into a continuous descent toward the trunk, which recalls the Civic sedan.

It's all part of a hunkered-down stance that translates into slightly lower seating

positions front and rear. Some may not like the driving position, which feels distinctly lower than many rivals — the Camry in particular — even when you raise the driver's seat. The passenger gets no such provision; the Accord is overdue for a passenger height adjustment.

The same situation goes for the backseat, which has abundant legroom but sits low to the floor.

The dashboard is simple and low-set, with a tabletlike multimedia system and prominent knobs for the climate and stereo controls. Speaking of which, sanity has prevailed at Honda: The Accord gets physical stereo buttons as well as volume and tuning knobs instead of the aggravating touch-sensitive controls on many versions of the old car. The touchscreen itself (a 7-inch unit on LX models or an 8-incher with Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and over-the-air updates everywhere else) has intuitive menus and quick response, with tiled apps on the home screen that you can customize as on a smartphone. Another editor found the system a bit unintuitive, but it's a step in the right direction for Honda, which needs to spread this across its other cars pronto.

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The opposite is true for the 10-speed automatic transmission's push-button gear selector, which — as in other Hondas with this gear selector — is needlessly complicated and doesn't save any console room, a purported advantage of electronic shifters. In 1.5-liter cars, at least, the CVT has a conventional automatic shifter with traditional Park-to-Drive operation.

Cabin quality takes two steps forward and one step back. Soft-touch materials cover the upper doors and armrests up front, and stitched padding girds the center console on higher trim levels. Many controls have elegant two-tone detailing, and none felt rickety in my preproduction test cars. Yet ribbons of cheap, shiny plastic span mid-level areas on the doors and dash, and the rear doors revert to cheaper materials — an area where many competitors and the prior Accord maintain more consistent quality.

Value and Pricing

Impressively, standard features include full-speed adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning with automatic emergency braking and true lane-centering steering, not just the gradual assist that pinballs you off lane markings. The automatic braking notched top scores in testing from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, capping off excellent scores in the agency's safety evaluations. The Accord's standard LED headlights earned only an acceptable score (out of poor, marginal, acceptable and good), while upgraded LEDs on the Accord Touring scored even worse: marginal.

Pricing starts around \$24,500 for a 1.5-liter Accord LX — competitive with rivals that have standard auto braking — and tops out at nearly \$37,000 for a 2.0-liter Touring with the full slate of factory options. An Accord Hybrid is coming in early 2018, but complete details are still pending.

Climb the trim levels and you can get power front seats with heating and ventilation, heated rear seats, wireless smartphone charging, leather upholstery and in-car Wi-Fi. All of that should bring plenty of shoppers despite a tough environment for mid-size sedans: One in every 6.3 new cars sold five years ago was a family sedan, per Automotive News. Today, the group accounts for one of every 9.8 sales.

Still, one thing is common between those two eras: the dominance of the Camry and Accord, which are the sales leaders for both periods. On back-to-back driving loops, the new Accord fights its rival to a draw. Honda's redesign is far from the best at everything, but its qualities demand a hard look from all family-sedan shoppers.



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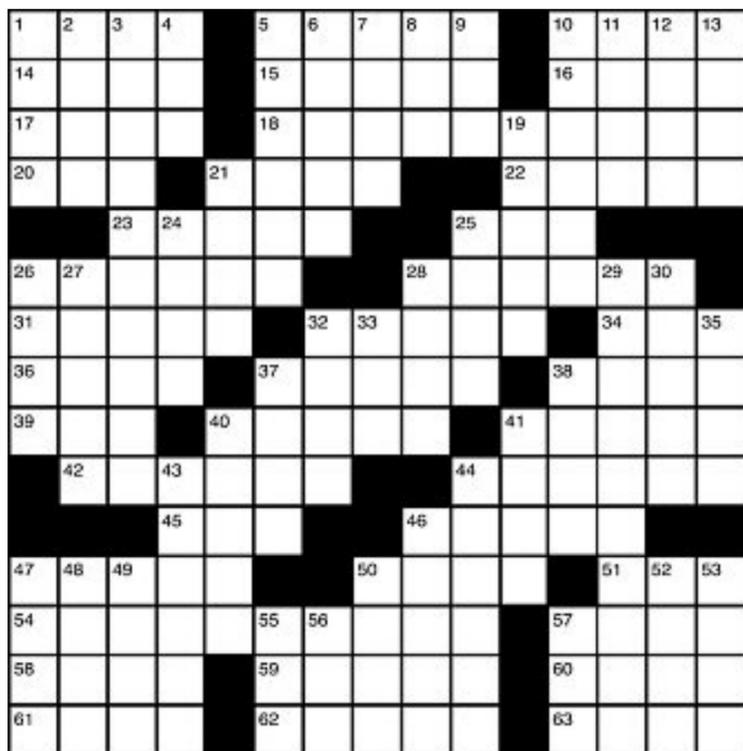
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ACROSS

- 1 Unexpected obstacle
- 5 Kelly or Slick
- 10 Spill the beans
- 14 ___-Cola
- 15 Broadcast again
- 16 Midwest state
- 17 Rowers' needs
- 18 Pleas
- 20 "Says ___?"; skeptic's query
- 21 Golfer's pegs
- 22 Discovers
- 23 Reserves, as a hotel room
- 25 Heavy weight
- 26 Tricks
- 28 Irish accent
- 31 ___ for; chose
- 32 Become swollen
- 34 Unpleasant spouse
- 36 Harness strap
- 37 Scout group
- 38 Very excited
- 39 Paris' ___ de Triomphe
- 40 Kingdom
- 41 TV's Morley ___
- 42 Go higher
- 44 Bell tower
- 45 Stetson or fez
- 46 India's dollar
- 47 Church table

DOWN

- 1 Flat-bottomed boat
- 2 Actor Wyle
- 3 Gymnastics
- 4 Car fuel
- 5 Thessaloniki residents
- 6 Coty & Russo
- 7 ___ and crafts
- 8 Mongrel dog
- 9 180 degrees from WSW
- 10 ___ into; chomping on
- 11 Cut of pork
- 12 Flabbergasted
- 13 Bony fish
- 19 Under way
- 21 Three-___ sloth
- 24 Work animals
- 25 Pitfall
- 26 Circle dance

Solutions



- 27 Musical drama
- 28 Noise of an explosion
- 29 ___ by; nonchalant about
- 30 Rarin' to go
- 32 Paper fastener
- 33 Internet giggle
- 35 Actor Cooper
- 37 Portable shelter
- 38 Hurricane wind
- 40 Raises, as kids
- 41 Aug.'s follower
- 43 Ran after
- 44 Elasticized cord
- 46 Orange peels
- 47 Upper limbs
- 48 Jump
- 49 ___ part; participate
- 50 In ___ of; as a substitute for
- 52 Floating chunk of ice
- 53 Nimble
- 55 World's third most populated nation: abbr.
- 56 Massage
- 57 Feminine pronoun

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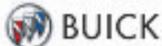
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