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Hypothermia hits the unsuspecting

State consistently in top 5 for cold-related deaths; experts say risk is underestimated

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL
 Chicago Tribune

The day after Christmas, with an arctic chill gripping Chicago, police and paramedics were called to the city's West Side, where a man was found unresponsive inside a car parked on the street. The early morning temperature was minus 3 degrees.

The driver's-side door of the car was ajar. Levon L. Wilson was inside, lying in

the driver's seat, his feet resting on the ground.

The vehicle's hood was propped up with an expandable rod and the keys were in the ignition. A collection of tools lay scattered on the seats and floor.

Wilson was "frozen solid," according to the medical examiner investigator's report. There were no signs of foul play.

Wilson, 62, became the 26th victim of cold weather in Cook County in 2017, according to the medical

examiner's office. Illinois is consistently in the top five states nationwide for cold-related deaths per year, according to data covering 1999 until 2016 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Illinois ranks 15th nationally on average during the same time period for cold deaths per 100,000 people.

Last year, the cold claimed the lives of a range of victims across the city and suburbs: an elderly couple in the dining room of a Chicago home with a faulty furnace, a man whose leg

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A man was found dead Jan. 12 in this alley near Grand, Milwaukee and Union avenues in the Fulton River District neighborhood of Chicago. The Cook County medical examiner's office said the death was caused by cold exposure.

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"There is no way for that divide to heal without a new mascot."

— Rahul Raju, a student senator at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



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At a basketball game in 2016, student Omar Cruz portrays Chief Illiniwek, a symbol the University of Illinois retired in 2007. Ivan Dozier, left, who portrayed the Chief from 2010 to 2015, is part of the Honor the Chief Society.

Chief Illiniwek controversy flares again after an arrest

Events at basketball game prompting more calls for a new U. of I. mascot to replace the retired symbol

BY JOHN KEILMAN
 Chicago Tribune

As tension peaked yet again last week over Chief Illiniwek, the University of Illinois' enduring but officially forsaken symbol, school officials said they plan to launch a series of events "designed to foster productive and healing discussions."

But a member of the Illinois Student Government, which last fall urged the administration to begin the process of selecting a new mascot, said those discussions will go nowhere without a symbol to

take the Chief's place.

"It would have the ultimate healing effect," said student senator Rahul Raju. "The university retired Chief Illiniwek, but ... the void has been filled by further portrayals of Chief Illiniwek. In the absence of a new mascot, I don't think it will be possible to fully move forward."

He said student government leaders and other interested parties plan to meet with the administration soon to press their case.

Chief Illiniwek is at the center of a long-running dispute, with some claiming that the symbol honors the state's American Indian herit-

age, and others insisting that it is racist and culturally insensitive.

The university banned the Chief in 2007 under pressure from the NCAA, but devoted supporters, including some who don the regalia for games and special events, have kept the symbol alive in the face of sometimes hostile opposition.

The conflict took a strange turn during a Jan. 22 basketball game at the State Farm Center, where a student wearing the Chief's garb was to make an unofficial appearance.

Jay Rosenstein, a professor and filmmaker who has made a documentary critical of the symbol, said he went to the arena to investigate

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Via 5 points, Trump aims to score with U.S.

He's to take credit for jobs, economy in Tuesday address

BY BRIAN BENNETT
 Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump, in his first State of the Union address Tuesday at 8 p.m., will call for overhauling immigration and spending more on the military and infrastructure. But his vision will confront political realities and budget constraints created by Republicans' recent tax cuts, which he'll tout as a boon to the economy.

Trump's 60 minutes of airtime will come amid reports that his staff blocked him from firing special counsel Robert Mueller in June as the probe into contacts be-

tween Trump's campaign and Russia accelerated.

With the midterm elections approaching in November and Republican control of Congress in question, White House officials are shifting into overdrive to lay out accomplishments that include the \$1.5 trillion tax bill and rolling back regulations on businesses, and to claim credit for gains in the stock market and drops in unemployment.

The central theme of the speech will be that Trump is "building a safe, strong, proud America," said a senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to give a preview of the president's remarks.

Trump will hit five main points, the official said: He will praise the

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Who will fund U.S. infrastructure plan?

The long-promised Trump plan to rebuild the nation's roads, bridges and other public works could finally be released in the next few weeks

— the president is expected to tout his program in Tuesday's State of the Union address, and more details may come in February.

But President Donald Trump's plan could act like a derailed train and go nowhere fast because of funding questions. Everyone likes better roads and water systems, but many Republicans will balk if a gas tax hike is needed to pay for it, and Democrats have expressed doubts



MARY WISNIEWSKI
 Getting Around

about what they see as its over-reliance on local government and private dollars.

"When they built the Hoover Dam, they didn't say, 'Let the states do

it,'" said Democratic Illinois Rep. Mike Quigley in an interview. "(President Dwight D.) Eisenhower didn't say 'We're going to build the interstate system and the states will pay for it.'"

How to fund the program is the big unanswered question, both on the local and the federal side, noted Frank Manzo, policy director for the Illinois Economic Policy

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Protesters in New York last fall opposed President Donald Trump's plan to end protections for "Dreamers."

Trump's offer on 'Dreamers' is a ploy to get his detestable wall



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Let's be clear about Donald Trump's deal to give so-called Dreamers a path to citizenship.

In exchange for allowing about 1.8 million young immigrants without documentation to remain in the United States, Trump wants \$25 billion to build a wall to keep any more immigrants from crossing the border illegally.

On the surface, this might sound like a reasonable exchange. Many Americans agree that our country is in dire need of immigration reform. A good compromise would be to offer opportunities for citizenship to immigrants who are already here without legal permission and stop the flow of immigrants crossing our borders illegally.

Even if you detest the idea of a border wall as much as I do, you might be relieved that in exchange, young "Dreamers" — those who were brought to America illegally as children — could get a chance to stay in the only country many of them have ever known.

But let's not fool ourselves. This is an attempt to hold America hostage for \$25 billion and change the trajectory of diversity in our country. Trump wants to create a whiter landscape by plugging the flow of brown-skinned people who he fears will eventually render white majority in America obsolete.

In addition to offering potential citizenship to so-called Dreamers, Trump also proposes to alter immigration policies that have served to reunify families and welcome a wide range of immigrants who choose to come here legally in search of the American Dream.

Under Trump's proposal, the citi-

zenship path for "Dreamers" could take 12 years to complete, while their parents would not be allowed to remain in the country.

Trump also wants to end the policies that allow U.S. citizens to petition for permanent legal residency "green cards" for parents and siblings. Family visas would be limited to spouses and minor children.

His plan also would end the diversity lottery program, which awards about 50,000 green cards each year in countries with low immigration rates to the U.S., including many African nations.

It's a bad plan, not to mention the fact that the president cannot be trusted to keep his word.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer got it right when he said negotiating with Trump is like "negotiating with Jell-O." It's also like negotiating with a spoiled brat.

This deal is Trump's latest ploy to get the American people to buy him a lollipop. The price he wants us to pay for one piece of candy, though, is way too high.

Spending \$25 billion on a structure that will do little, if anything, to stop drugs and people from coming into the country illegally is ridiculous.

Like most walls built throughout history, this one would fail as a defensive barrier. Even the Great Wall of China couldn't keep adversaries from invading the country and bringing down the Ming dynasty.

What is most important to Trump and his cohorts, though, is the symbolism of a wall along the Mexican border.

Its purpose is to send a message to the Mexican people that we don't want you in America because we think you are all rapists, murderers and moochers.

The border wall is the one indulgence that Trump wants more than anything else. He doesn't really care about the Republican agenda. But he knows the power of the presidential veto pen, and he's willing to use it as a tool for getting his way.

This is an attempt to hold America hostage for \$25 billion and change the trajectory of diversity in our country.

This is what he also knows: Congressional Republicans are like bad parents.

They might try to give the impression that they care about "Dreamers" and immigration reform, but what they are concerned about most is making sure that big baby in the White House stays happy and out of their way.

If Trump doesn't get his way on this border wall, GOP leaders fear he might throw a tantrum and destroy all the self-serving policies and legislation Republicans have put in place while he kept us distracted with childish antics.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan are jumping for joy that Trump has come up with a tough immigration plan that some might even be fooled into thinking is fair.

It relieves Congress of its duty to get to work and devise immigration legislation that would be popular enough to garner the necessary 60 votes in the Senate.

Trump's plan gives anti-immigration Republicans what they have always wanted — a way to keep America from turning too brown while allowing Trump to take most of the blame.

And Trump gets his lollipop. There's a spark of hope in it for the "Dreamers." But there's little in Trump's immigration proposal that will benefit America in the long term.

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'Serial stowaway' arrested again at O'Hare

Days earlier, Grayslake woman was barred by judge from entering Chicago airports

BY JEREMY GORNER, KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND NEREIDA MORENO
Chicago Tribune

A woman charged earlier this month with flying to London without a ticket was arrested again early Sunday and denied bail after police spotted her at O'Hare International Airport, a violation of a previous order banning her from Chicago's two airports, authorities said.

Marilyn Hartman, 66, was barred by a Cook County judge from entering O'Hare after she was charged earlier this month with felony theft after allegedly sneaking onto a British Airways jet at O'Hare and flying to the United Kingdom without a \$2,400 plane ticket. Hartman, who is notorious for stowing away on commercial airplanes, also was charged in that incident with misdemeanor criminal trespassing for allegedly entering O'Hare illegally.

In addition to ordering Hartman to stay away from O'Hare at a Jan. 20 bond hearing, the judge, Stephanie K. Miller, required her to undergo a psychiatric evaluation and wear an ankle monitor until her case is

concluded. Miller released Hartman on her own recognizance.

That order was complicated by the fact that the system would be unable to supervise electronic monitoring at Hartman's home in a different county, so she appeared in court again Thursday.

While rescinding the ankle monitor and lowering her bond to \$10,000 from \$25,000, Associate Judge Donald Panarese Jr. warned her three separate times during the brief court hearing to stay away from O'Hare. The order also applied to Midway Airport.



Hartman

Hartman was arrested again about 1:30 a.m. Sunday when authorities responded to a call for a disturbance, in which a woman was refusing to leave a part of O'Hare, according to a Chicago Police Department spokesman.

Officers went to the airport but couldn't immediately find the woman. They did a search of the airport and found the woman in Terminal 3 and identified her as Hartman, of Grayslake, the police spokesman said. The woman was arrested and charged with criminal trespassing on state land and a violation of a bail bond — the terms Judge Panarese Jr. set. It had been just three days since her last court appearance.

Later Sunday, she appeared before Judge Mike Clancy, who ordered Hartman held with no bail in connection with violation of the terms of her previous bail. She'll remain

in custody until her next court date Wednesday.

During her Jan. 20 bond hearing, prosecutors said Hartman used her hair to hide her face and walk past two federal Transportation Security Administration pre-check agents who were checking boarding passes around 2 p.m. Jan. 14 at O'Hare.

After entering a security checkpoint, she then went to a terminal and tried to board a plane to Connecticut, but as she tried to "dart around" another passenger in line, she was stopped by a flight agent and told to sit down, Assistant State's Attorney Maria McCarthy previously told the court.

Hartman got onto a shuttle bus to the international terminal and slept there overnight, prosecutors said.

The next day, Hartman managed to get past British Airways ticket agents and a Customs and Border Patrol officer and onto a plane, prosecutors said. She sat in an empty seat and flew to London's Heathrow Airport, but when she showed her documents to a Customs agent, she was identified as someone who entered England without proper documentation, McCarthy said.

Hartman was flown back to O'Hare, and Chicago police and other officials were waiting for her when she arrived, prosecutors said. She later admitted to boarding the London-bound flight without buying a ticket, McCarthy added.

Hartman's movements through the airport were captured on high-definition

surveillance video, according to authorities. The TSA is investigating how Hartman was able to get through security.

That was Hartman's first arrest in Chicago since 2016, but she has a long history of trying to sneak onto airplanes.

In 2015, the Tribune reported Hartman had tried numerous times in recent years to board flights without a ticket and succeeded at least once, flying from San Jose, Texas, to Los Angeles on a Southwest Airlines flight.

In that incident, she slipped past an agent who was checking a family's boarding passes, went through security screening and then got past a gate agent.

When she was released from Cook County Jail that year, she told reporters she was done with stowaway attempts and would stay out of airports unless she had a ticket.

"If I have a ticket, I can go," she said. "If I have a ticket to ride. Sounds like a song. But if I have that, I can go."

Hartman also has three misdemeanor convictions for similar crimes in California, McCarthy said.

Wearing a black sweater, khaki pants and thick, wire-rimmed glasses in court Sunday, Hartman yawned as she left the courtroom.

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Mayor Rahm Emanuel greets Mary Baggett, president of ABLA Homes' local advisory council, at a groundbreaking ceremony Friday.

New project on Near West Side pairs public housing, library

Development intended to foster sense of community, mayor says at groundbreaking

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

City officials broke ground Sunday on a new development in University Village/Little Italy that will fold together public housing and a library, a move Mayor Rahm Emanuel says he hopes will foster a sense of community.

The Taylor Street Apartments and the Roosevelt Branch Library will sit at 1342 W. Taylor St. on the city's Near West Side, sandwiched between an uncompleted museum dedicated to public housing and a popular barbecue restaurant. It is one of three projects the city is undertaking that mixes housing with public libraries. The other two developments are planned for 4022 W. Irving Park Road in Old Irving Park and 6800 N. Western Ave., in West Rogers Park.

At the University Village/Little Italy development, a one-story public library will connect with two four-story mixed-income residential units, according to a news release from Skidmore, Owings and Merrill LLP, the design firm working on the project. It will also include retail and community spaces, and a rooftop will be accessible to residents and visitors to the library.

The housing portion of the development will have 37 Chicago Housing Authority units, 29 affordable housing units and seven market-rate apartments, according to a news release from the city.

Brian Bannon, commissioner and CEO of Chicago Public Library, said at the groundbreaking that the library will offer free tutoring to students, early childhood centers, and study and meeting rooms. The branch will also have digital resources available to residents like a 3-D printer and a recording studio. The entire development is expected to be completed within a year.



SKIDMORE, OWINGS AND MERRILL LLP

A rendering of the Taylor Street Apartments and Roosevelt Branch Library.

Emanuel and city officials say they want that to all add up to more people coming together.

"My view is that what we are breaking ground on is community," Emanuel said. "And a whole new different way of thinking about how do you create space. ... We aren't divided so much as we are disconnected. If we could create a place that people from different walks of lives can come together and share an experience together — we are actually going to create community."

Mary Baggett, the president of the ABLA Homes local advisory council, said the project will provide employment opportunities and programming for residents.

"We are still looking forward to more low-income and affordable housing to come back to this community," she said.

The idea for the development mixing housing and libraries stems back to 2012 when a public library was built in the Back of the Yards College Preparatory High

School on the city's Southwest Side, Emanuel told the crowd gathered inside a tent at the groundbreaking. The city is also working on opening a new library branch in the West Loop, and plans are underway for new construction of an Altgeld Gardens branch.

But some like Marquita Gandy, 44, would have liked to see more input from residents who previously lived in the area. Gandy attended Sunday's groundbreaking and once called the area home, but she doesn't see herself moving back.

"A lot of meetings that they have, they don't even invite the residents that lived over here or the ones that still do live over here," Gandy said. "They'll have private sector meetings and then vote on things. How can you vote on things for us and we are the ones who lived here? They want to dictate our way of living."

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Silverstein's signatures pass test for ballot

Board to rule on candidacy of senator whose behavior was deemed 'unbecoming'

BY KIM GEIGER
Chicago Tribune

State Sen. Ira Silverstein should be allowed on the March 20 primary ballot, a city election official said Sunday following a lengthy challenge to the embattled Democrat's nominating petitions.

Maurice Sone, a Chicago Board of Election Commissioners hearing officer, concluded Silverstein had proven he had two signatures more than the 1,000 minimum required to make the ballot.

The recommendation was based on reams of evidence presented during a three-day hearing in which Silverstein sought to rehabilitate signatures through affidavits, a handwriting expert, voter records and live witnesses. But the recommendation is not the final word, and the election board will consider the issue Tuesday. The board's decision can be appealed by either side.

Silverstein is facing a competitive primary contest after he was accused of sexual harassment by a victim rights advocate who claimed he used her push for legislation in Springfield to pursue an inappropriate relationship. On Thursday, the General Assembly's inspector general released a report that found that Silverstein had not engaged in sexual harassment but "did behave in a manner unbecoming of a legislator."

There are four challengers running against Silverstein in a district that includes parts of the North Side and north suburbs.

City election officials initially determined that Silverstein was about 45 signatures short, prompting a hearing at which lawyers for both sides were able to make their case.

Silverstein's lawyer initially presented affidavits that were supposed to attest to the veracity of 116 of the signatures in question. Some compared the signatures on those affidavits with the original petitions and was not convinced by the vast majority, rehabilitating just 26. By the end of the first day, Silverstein appeared to still be 19 short of the minimum.

On the following hearing day, Silverstein appeared with more than two dozen of his allies, who testified in person that some of the petition signatures in question were theirs. A handwriting expert also gave hours of testimony defending many signatures that had been called into question.

Lawyers for the district resident trying to get Silverstein kicked off presented their own handwriting expert, and they offered several affidavits from people who said they were falsely identified on Silverstein's petitions. Those attorneys also argued that Silverstein's campaign had mishandled the process because a watcher from his campaign was not always present to defend the signatures as they were called into question during the board's initial review.

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Extreme weather offers hidden dangers

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was pinned by a fallen radiator, a homeless man at a bus stop, a woman in Bellwood who collapsed in her backyard taking out a bag of garbage.

In Wilson's case, exposure to frigid weather was the lone cause of death, the Cook County medical examiner's office determined. His death was ruled an accident.

"My first reaction was I was confused and shocked," his son Levon Wilson Jr. said. "He was always telling me how proud of me he was."

Wilson drove a taxi and worked maintenance at a nursing home, but he was mostly retired, his family said. In his downtime, he enjoyed playing pool and watching Chicago sports teams on television, especially the Cubs.

Wilson was a good mechanic and liked to tinker with engines, his family said, and he may have been trying to install a new battery in the car in the overnight hours after the holiday.

"We're still trying to get through it, we're still grieving," said Wilson's cousin Joann Edwards Holmes. "He's gone but not forgotten. He'll always be in our hearts."

For 30 years, Wilson had lived in the same apartment in the city's Humboldt Park neighborhood. But in the weeks before he was discovered frozen on the street, he had been evicted, Wilson Jr. said.

"I'm still trying to understand why," he said.

The night before he died, the elder Wilson spent time at a friend's house, then left for his car, which was parked in the 1000 block of North Mayfield Avenue. He may have been trying to head to the grocery store. He did not have a permanent place to live.

Levon Wilson Jr. said he didn't know his father had lost his apartment. If he had known, he would have "dragged him kicking and screaming down to Memphis," where the younger Wilson lives.

"I am pretty hurt by this," Wilson Jr. said. "I know he was going through issues but ... he was always stubborn to the end. He just didn't want anyone to know. If there is one thing I wish for people to know, it is to let your family help you."

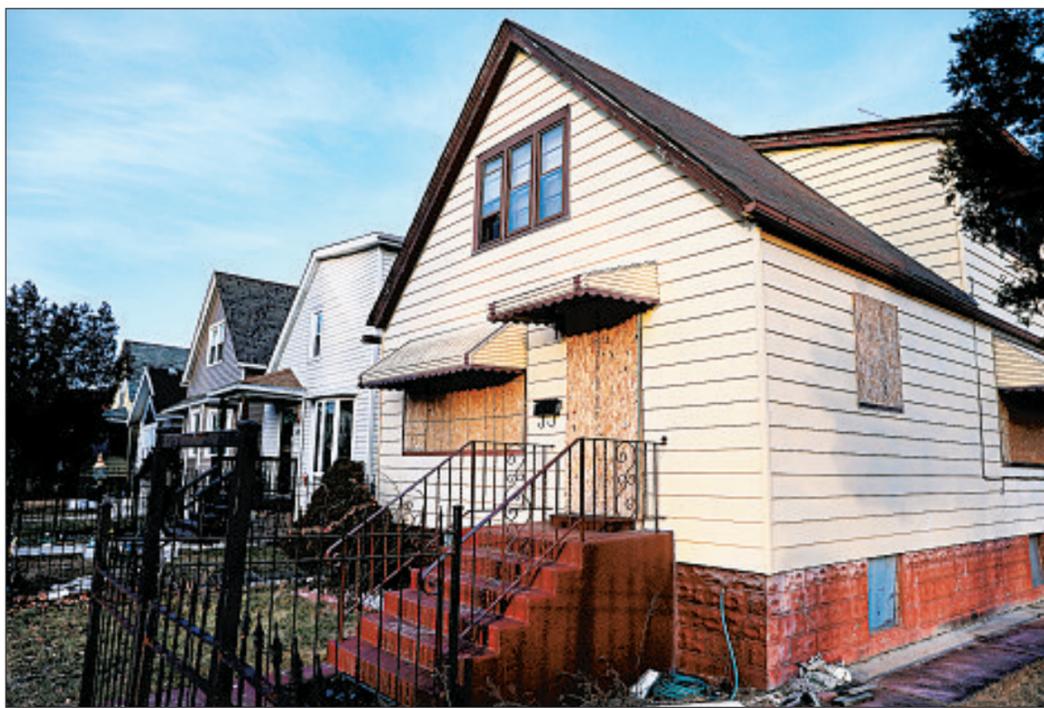
A silent threat

The recent cold weather has continued to take its toll. Nine people have died in part due to cold exposure since the beginning of the year, according to the medical examiner's office. Wilson's death occurred at the start of a record-tying 12-day stretch of low temperatures, according to the National Weather Service.

Although Chicago remained below 20 degrees every day from Dec. 26 to Jan. 6, the pace of cold-related deaths has generally mirrored the past. The yearly total over the past five years has ranged from 19 to 34.

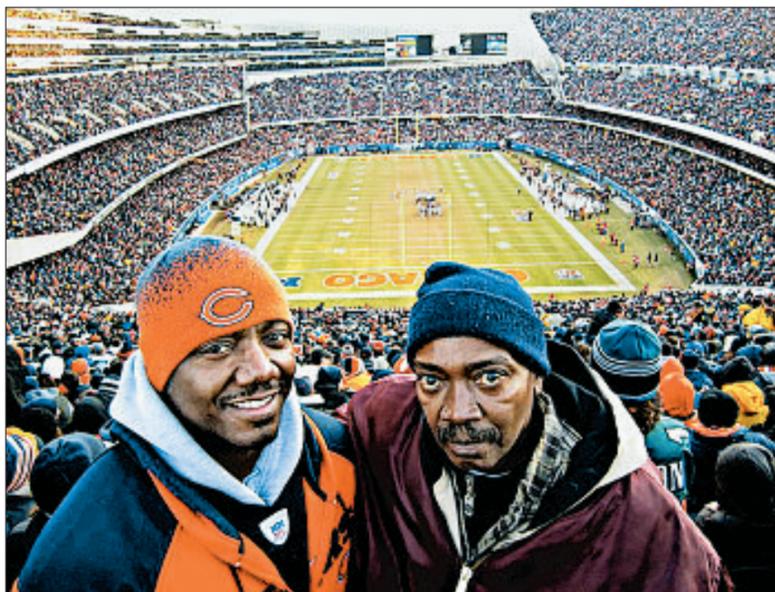
Unlike other more dramatic types of weather, such as hurricanes, floods or tornadoes, the threat of extreme cold or heat tends to be overlooked, said Laurence Kalkstein, a University of Miami public health sciences professor who studies the effects of climate on human health.

"People don't think of it as much of a threat mainly because there are no physical signs that a calamity has taken place," Kalkstein said.



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Inez Diaz, 93, and her husband, Patrick, 88, were found dead in February 2017 in their house at 11839 S. Normal Ave. in Chicago. The temperature inside their house was 20 degrees, which investigators noted was colder than it was outside.



FAMILY PHOTO

Levon Wilson Jr., left, with his dad, Levon L. Wilson. The elder Wilson died of cold exposure.

"Clearly, it is underestimated as a danger."

Cold weather has claimed the lives of hundreds of Illinois residents during the past decade. The Illinois Department of Public Health reports 593 people died from exposure to excessive natural cold or hypothermia between 2008 and 2016. The highest yearly total was 110 in 2014, when the polar vortex hit in January. State data for 2017 are not yet finalized.

For now, Wilson is 2017's final cold exposure death in Cook County, though it is possible the number may rise once the medical examiner's office makes a final cause of death determination on cases still open and under investigation.

Hypothermia is caused by prolonged exposure to very cold conditions, and the body begins to lose heat faster than it is produced, according to the CDC. A very low body temperature affects the brain, making a person unable to think clearly or move well. Some people may not realize it is happening. Hypothermia is most likely in subfreezing temperatures but can occur when the temperature is above 40 degrees.

Kalkstein said people do not respond well to the unusual, which is why residents in cities such as Minneapolis or Edmonton, Alberta, may fare better than those in Chicago. Prolonged and severe cold, as well as early season cold, is the most dangerous, he said.

The average high temperature in Chicago in January is 31 degrees, compared with 24 in Minneapolis and 21 in Edmonton, where the

low temperatures are also about 10 degrees lower.

"It's the lack of awareness of the problem or the lack of awareness that you're vulnerable," Kalkstein said.

Deadly weather phenomena

Compared with other weather-related causes of death, exposure to the cold is "at the lower end of the spectrum but not insignificant," said Kenneth James, a storm data program manager at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's National Weather Service. The deadliest weather phenomena nationwide are tornadoes, floods and heat, according to the weather service.

There is a natural variability in weather-related deaths, James said, but there have been more extreme weather events during the last 10 to 15 years.

"And there are growing populations in vulnerable areas," James said. Population centers on the coasts are particularly susceptible to hurricanes and flooding.

But information from the CDC and the Illinois Department of Public Health show there are more cold-related deaths than counted by the weather service. James said the weather service number may be lower because of delays in classifying some deaths and the reliance on local weather bureaus for information.

Heat deaths are the most common climate-related fatality, Kalkstein said. In one particularly extreme summer in 1995, a heat wave

killed more than 700 people in Chicago.

But the overall mortality rate in the winter is about 10 to 12 percent higher than in the summer because of all the indirect ways cold, snow and ice contribute to deaths, including car crashes, falls and heart attacks. There are also a higher number of infectious-disease deaths because influenza thrives when people remain inside because of cold weather, Kalkstein said.

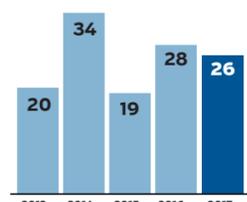
Hypothermia-related deaths have remained relatively steady in recent years, according to the CDC, which recorded a snapshot between 1999 and 2011. An average of 1,301 people in the U.S. died every year because of exposure to the cold during that time period. Sixty-seven percent of victims were men.

Populations most at risk for cold-related death are older adults, infants, African-Americans and those with pre-existing medical conditions. Cold stresses the body, and those with health problems are particularly susceptible.

In Cook County, the medical examiner's office considers a death cold-related if cold exposure was considered to be a contributing factor in the cause of death, not just the primary cause, a spokeswoman said.

In one high-profile example that drew national attention, the much-debated death of Kenneka Jenkins, the young Chicago woman found in a Rosemont hotel freezer, is included in the medical examiner's 2017 hypothermia-related list.

COLD DEATHS IN COOK COUNTY



SOURCE: Office of the medical examiner, Cook County
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Different circumstances

During one week of February last year, only a few days before the city experienced a stretch of historic warm weather, five people died from the cold in Cook County.

Paul Herring was among them.

He was found Feb. 6 in the back room of the third floor of his house in the 5900 block of South Prairie Avenue, his right leg pinned under a 200-pound radiator in a pool of frozen blood, according to the medical examiner investigator's report.

Herring, 79, was wearing three sweatshirts, a sweater, three T-shirts, an undershirt, long underwear, pants and a black scarf when he was found. His body was frozen solid.

Herring had last been seen alive two weeks earlier. He was discovered after his nephew went to the house to check on him and called 911 when no one answered the door.

The third-floor unit of the building was unheated, according to the report. Herring lived on the first floor and was working to rehab the upstairs unit. He was found among debris and construction equipment. The temperature inside when Herring's body was found was about 34 degrees. The medical examiner's office ruled Herring died of "hypothermia due to cold exposure due to entrapment by radiator."

Four days later, on Feb. 10, Inez Diaz, 93, was found on her dining room floor, wearing a blue nightgown and blue-and-white robe. Her husband, Patrick, 88, was dead on the floor nearby. Inside the house in the 11800 block of South Normal Avenue, the temperature was 20 degrees. Investigators noted the temperature outside was warmer than inside the house.

The Diazes had last been seen alive 36 hours earlier.

The couple was discovered by their son, who climbed in through a side window. He told investigators the furnace at the house was old and not working properly. Hypothermia due to cold exposure was the cause of death for both, with heart disease a contributing factor for each.

The other victims that week had differing primary causes of death, but the cold was listed as a contributing cause. Lois Silhanek, 89, was spotted Feb. 9 on the ground in her backyard next to her garage in Bellwood, a small bag of garbage next to her. It was 26 degrees outside.

Silhanek, the medical examiner's office said, died of atherosclerotic coronary artery disease, but metastatic colon cancer and hypothermia due to cold exposure were contributing factors.

A few days earlier, Mark Allen Kolinski was discovered on the bench of a bus stop at 7105 W. 63rd St. It was 36 degrees the day he was found, Feb. 2, although the low the night before had dropped to 15.

A fifth of vodka was found next to Kolinski. Toxicology testing later showed his blood alcohol content was 0.415 percent, more than five times the legal limit. The medical examiner's office determined Kolinski, 55, died of acute ethanol toxicity. Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and possible hypothermia due to the cold may have been significant factors, the medical examiner said.

It took some time for authorities to identify Kolinski, who had \$22.23 in his pockets but no identification.

Busy ERs

While the most tragic result of exposure to the cold is death, the region's recent and prolonged subfreezing temperatures also led to injuries that taxed the health system.

The emergency room was busy treating an array of cold-related frostbite injuries and other ailments during the recent December-into-January cold snap, said Dr. Matthew Pirotte, an emergency room doctor and assistant professor of emergency medicine at Northwestern Medicine.

"That was as bad as anything I can remember," said Pirotte, who has worked in Chicago for more than 10 years. "It's been a crazy year."

Others used the ER as a temporary shelter from the cold, he said.

There was an influx of patients around the holidays, especially those who had been celebrating for New Year's and had consumed too much alcohol. Inebriation impairs people's ability to discern how cold they are and leads them to misjudge how far they may be able to walk in the cold or prevents them from bundling up properly for the elements.

Lake Michigan and the Chicago River add to the dangers of cold-related injuries, Pirotte said, because of accidents along the water or people who underestimate conditions along the lakefront path.

"Eventually, with environmental cold, no matter what you're wearing," Pirotte said, "it's going to have an effect on the body."

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Proposed drug rehab in Wheaton hits zoning snag

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
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Controversial plans for a 16-bed residential drug treatment center in a commercial area of Wheaton hit a snag last week as the city's planning board unanimously recommended that the City Council deny a zoning change to allow the project.

At hearings over the past few weeks, the project, which would serve DuPage County residents who are battling increasingly deadly

addictions to heroin and other opioids, had drawn significant opposition from people in adjoining neighborhoods who cited statistics demonstrating high volumes of emergency services calls to inpatient drug treatment facilities.

The proposed facility, which would have been in a former Loyola medical office building behind the Rice Lake Square strip mall and near a movie theater and a KinderCare day care center on the city's south side, also attracted support

from a similarly passionate group of people contending that the Wheaton area desperately needs a local facility to help combat the opioid crisis.

On Tuesday, while members of the seven-person panel expressed support for the concept of the treatment facility, they questioned the zoning change that Chicago-based Haymarket Center is seeking, which would permit residential inpatient treatment facilities to operate in all

commercially zoned areas throughout the city.

"I believe that Haymarket has represented its mission well, and an impressive one at that, but my feeling is that the residential component varies too greatly from the C-5 (commercial) district," said Scott Weller, the Wheaton Planning and Zoning Board's chairman.

Board member Dan Wanzung cautioned that allowing the zoning change "could possibly undermine" the goal of that zoning district.

The district is "a small but important component of our comprehensive zoning plan, and ... I do not feel it was intended for residential use," Wanzung said.

The panel's recommendation now goes to the Wheaton City Council, which will cast its vote on the proposed zoning change at its Feb. 5 meeting.

Haymarket Center CEO Dan Lustig released a statement Wednesday saying the organization respects Wheaton's planning process but was disappointed

with the board's decision.

"We believe DuPage County residents deserve comprehensive substance abuse disorder treatment where they live, and the zoning board members acknowledged the strong need for treatment in their community," Lustig said.

He added that Haymarket will still take its proposal to the City Council "and see what they say on the matter because the need is there."

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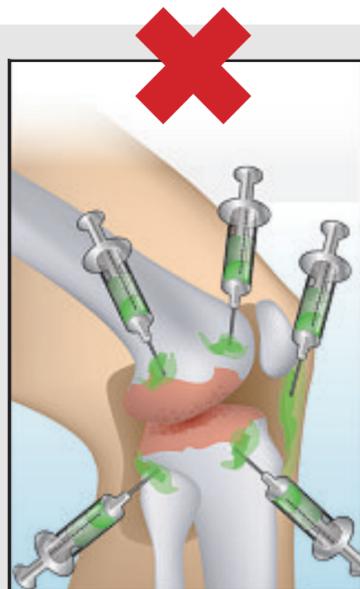
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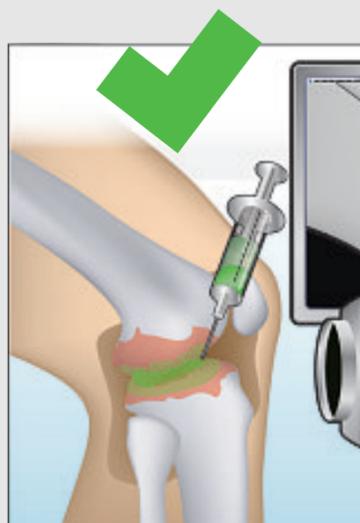
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Trump plan may flip burden to local funding

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Institute, a nonpartisan think tank whose members include representatives from the construction industry.

"The devil is in the details..." said Manzo in an interview. "The actual funding side is going to be very difficult and even more difficult in the wake of a tax reform plan that will result in fewer resources for government spending, let alone infrastructure projects."

Trump has been promising a \$1 trillion infrastructure plan since before his election. He told a gathering of mayors last week that the plan will probably end up being about \$1.7 trillion.

A six-page leaked document titled "Funding Principles" circulated around Washington, D.C., last week. While a White House spokesperson would not comment on it, the document's recommendations are similar to what officials familiar with the plan have already discussed.

The administration is expected to propose that the federal government spend \$200 billion over the next 10 years while leveraging the rest of the money for projects from both local governments and the private sector. The leaked infrastructure document specifies that awards cannot exceed 20 percent of the total cost of a project.

This flips the script on how highways are usually built — with 80 percent federal funding and 20 percent local. It would also differ from how other projects are funded — the CTA Red-Purple Line modernization project, for example, is being funded half by federal funds and half by local tax increment finance dollars.

If the CTA wanted to get funding through the program for its proposed \$2.3 billion Red Line extension to 130th Street, for example, it would need to count on getting 80 percent of the



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Under current rules, the Illinois Department of Transportation can proceed with plans to toll new lanes added to I-55. Trump's proposal would allow new tolling on existing lanes.

money from cash-strapped state and local sources.

The Trump plan wants 25 percent of the total appropriation to go to rural infrastructure programs, and requires that no individual state can receive more than 10 percent of the amount available.

Republican Congressman Adam Kinzinger, who represents north central Illinois, joined in a letter with other representatives urging Trump to include rural broadband investments in the proposal. Fiber-optic cables for internet go underground and underwater.

The plan also is expected to streamline environmental reviews and allow for greater tolling on highways. Right now, states can add toll lanes to an existing road when it is expanded — not on old lanes. In other words, the Illinois Department of Transportation can proceed with plans to toll on newly built I-55 lanes, explained Audrey Wennink, transportation director for the Metropolitan

Planning Council. The Trump proposal would allow new tolling on existing lanes.

Funding the plan

The administration has not said where the federal portion of the money would come from, other than unidentified budget cuts. Another possible source is an increase in the federal gas tax, which has been 18.4 cents a gallon since 1994 and finances the Highway Trust Fund. Illinois' gas tax is 19 cents and has not been raised since 1991.

Trump has indicated a willingness to consider a gas tax hike, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which tends to be a conservative group, has proposed increasing the federal tax by 25 cents a gallon over five years.

The chamber's proposal would not only fund Trump's plan but also cover a shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund, transportation expert and former Regional

Transportation Authority head Stephen Schlickman noted. But there are lawmakers in Congress "who will fall on their swords to oppose any tax increase," he said.

Republican Illinois Congressman Peter Roskam said in a statement that while there's a bipartisan national consensus that infrastructure needs to be updated, the solution is not higher gas taxes.

"The Sixth District already has among the greatest number of tollways anywhere in the country so our residents are paying more than most," said Roskam, who represents the western suburbs.

Illinois Congressman Dan Lipinski, the senior Illinois member on the House transportation committee, said relying on public-private partnerships, also known as PPP, has a limited usefulness.

It can work for toll roads because a private investor can get back his money, but would not work for projects like transit and rural

roads, which benefit the people who use them but do not provide a source of income for investors, Lipinski said in an interview.

"I'm skeptical about how much infrastructure can be built with PPP," said Lipinski, who is considered a conservative Democrat.

Bleeding other programs

Another concern of Democrats is that the administration will find the \$200 billion in federal money by taking it out of other infrastructure programs — robbing Peter to pay Paul, when Peter does not have much to begin with.

The office of U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth, D-Illinois, said if Trump's proposed cuts to other transportation programs over the next 10 years are added onto the proposed \$200 billion in the infrastructure plan, the result is a negative \$144.9 billion.

"It's a bit of a scam," said Dan Cantor, national chair of the Working Families Party, a third party allied with progressive Democrats. "It's not a real plan to directly invest public money into worthwhile projects that create good jobs. Instead, it will hand over infrastructure to private interests and make believe that's the cheap way to do it. You pay later with tolls and fees."

Wennink of the Metropolitan Planning Council said that since the plan relies so much on local government spending, Illinois will need to get ready to do that if it wants to access any of these funds. She said Illinois should raise its gas tax, as a start.

"The challenge is, that's not necessarily a long-term solution since revenues are going down," Wennink said. "But we haven't increased it since 1991, and that's an obvious one to look at. We also need to look at longer-term solutions as cars get more fuel efficient and there's more

of a shift toward electric vehicles."

Not everyone is pessimistic about the plan. Ken Simonson, chief economist with the Associated General Contractors of America, said it's good the president will be urging more funding for infrastructure and it's up to Congress to find a path its members can accept.

He said his organization has long supported indexing fuel tax rates for inflation and also trying to find other funding sources for road building including the broader use of tolls and legislation to allow states to do more public-private partnerships.

"Putting the challenge out there will rally some support for getting something done," Simonson said. "Our view is all of the above is great."

There's still the question of when the plan's details will come out — it has been promised for months. Asked if the plan could indeed emerge in February, Mayor Rahm Emanuel quipped, "You're asking me to guess what this guy's going to do? You don't pay me enough for that."

Transportation song quiz

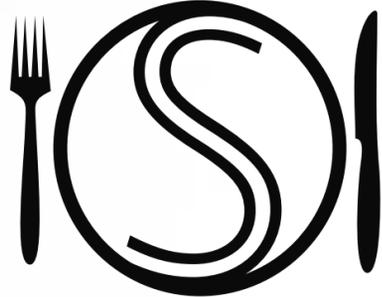
Last week's transportation song was about a train that could have been called "The 910," but the meter would not have scanned. The song is "One After 909" by The Beatles — it was one of the first Lennon/McCartney compositions. Mark Jarasek of Oak Brook was the first with the answer.

Today's song is about a California plane crash — the writer invented names for passengers because some media accounts only called them by their legal status. What's the song and who wrote it? The first with the correct answer gets a Tribune notebook, and glory.

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Daughter's loving tribute goes viral on social media

BY DONNA VICKROY
Daily Southtown

Many of the thousands of people reading and sharing Terry Ward's obituary on social media never met the man.

But wish they had. From the very first line, which mentions Miracle Whip, Hamburger Helper and the zombie apocalypse, the death notice recently posted to the Geisen Funeral Home website paints a hilarious portrait of "an everyday guy" who loved humor as much as life itself. And that, says his daughter Jean Lahm, was the intent.

Lahm, 43, began writing the obit after her father died Tuesday from a massive stroke. When she showed the finished piece that mentions Ward's love for hunting, fishing, chopping wood and Bed, Bath & Beyond to her mother and sister, she said they told her it was perfect.

Not only did it memorialize Ward as a hard-working provider who never gave a care for keeping up with the Joneses, let alone the Kardashians, Lahm said she believes it also captures his love of humor, a gift he passed down to his daughters.

"He lived to make people laugh," she said. "For sure, the obituary matches his personality."

"He was a blue-collar man who worked for the telephone company and was down to earth. He didn't have an uppity bone in his body. His barometer was so low to the ground."

She suspects that, and the fact that the passage is infused with jokes, is what is striking a chord with so many readers.

"He cared about the things that truly mattered. A lot of people can relate to that. A lot of people have these great dads that are just like that. Good guys. That's what he was," she said.

Lahm said she purposely

set out to include his penchant for nicknames, his love for "The Blues Brothers" and his belief that everything goes with hot sauce.

She said she and her sister, Becky, also inherited their father's love for writing, especially quipping captions for family photos and leaving humorous Post-it notes on bedroom doors.

Ward was 71 when he died. Ward, who was born on New Year's Eve in 1946, grew up in Homewood and South Holland, graduating from Thornridge High School, before settling in DeMotte, Ind. He served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and married his wife, Kathy, in 1969. The couple raised three daughters. He was preceded in death by his daughter Laura Pistello as well as his grandson Vincent Pistello.

Ward was retired from AT&T, where he worked as a lineman.

Lahm, who lives in Lowell, Ind., with her husband and two sons, said that growing up she and her sisters were close in age. "We were all in high school at the same time," Lahm said. "I think that's what prompted my dad to set up his man cave. He loved to sit out there, have a couple beers, jam some music and tell stories. He was a real chill kind of guy. And yet he was an excellent provider and very responsible."

Though Ward found humor in everything, Lahm said, he was serious about cars.

"He was very adamant that we took very good care of our vehicles," she said. To ensure they would, he installed a 25-foot service pit in the garage so he could change the oil and keep up with maintenance.

"He'd keep meticulous notes on things and was always stocked up on extra car parts — just in case," she said.

"He really took care of his

family," but in a way that often made them laugh, she added.

In the obituary, Lahm wrote that her father never owned a cellphone, didn't buy cars new and "despised uppity foods like hummus," which his family lovingly called bean dip for his benefit.

Lahm, who works for Geisen Funeral Home, where services were set for Jan. 27, said when she sat down to write the obituary, "I told myself this has got to be really, really epic. It has to be him. I have to figure out a way to do this for him."

Even before the piece went viral online, Lahm said she was happy with it.

"I'm proud of it and at peace with it," she said. "I feel blessed that I was able to do it and so thrilled it came out exactly how I wanted it to."

"I didn't have a clue that this would go viral. I've been reading a lot of the comments from people saying, 'I wish I would have known him,' or 'He seems like such a great guy.'"

According to the obituary, Ward "is survived by his overly-patient and accepting wife Kathy, who was the love of his life (a fact she gladly accepted sympathy for during their 48 years of marriage). He is also survived by daughters Rebecca (William) Hines and Jean (Jeff) Lahm; sister, Linda; brother, Phil; grandchildren: Alexander and Hannah Hines (The Mesopotamians), Daphne and Erin Pistello (The Daffer and Peanut), Brendan and Owen Lahm (Phineas and Ferb) and Tessa McMurry (Smiley)."

"Memorial donations in Terry's name," the obituary reads, "can be made to your favorite charity or your favorite watering hole, where you are instructed to tie a few on and tell a few stories of the great Terry Ward."

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University of Illinois alumnus Ivan Dozier watches Omar Cruz as Chief Illiniwek in 2016. Dozier says creating a new mascot would widen the split among students and alumni over the retired Chief Illiniwek symbol.

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After an arrest, some call for a new U. of I. mascot

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his suspicion that university employees were helping the Chief, an act he said would undercut the university's agreement with the NCAA. He overheard security guards talking about the Chief's planned appearance, he said, and while recording with his cellphone, followed them to a

bathroom he believed served as a staging area. He said he walked in and encountered Illinois graduate Ivan Dozier, who portrayed the Chief from 2010 to 2015 and is part of the Honor the Chief Society. Dozier's version is slightly different. He said he spotted Rosenstein in a concourse and ducked into the bathroom to avoid a con-

frontation. Rosenstein soon entered, Dozier said, holding up his cellphone.

"He caught me between the urinal and the sink," Dozier said. "It was definitely a violating experience. There was no way he would have known what he would have seen when he walked in."

University police said Rosenstein acknowledged recording in the bathroom, and officers, deeming that a violation of a state law against unauthorized video recording had occurred, arrested him.

Champaign County State's Attorney Julia Rietz declined to prosecute, though, telling the News-Gazette that "the criminal justice system is not the place to gain an advantage for one side or the other on a public debate." (Rietz did not respond to the Tribune's requests for comment.)

Rosenstein said he didn't record anyone in a state of undress, and that the lack of charges shows he did nothing wrong. The university, though, has placed him on paid administrative leave pending its own investigation.

"If the allegations against Prof. Rosenstein are accurate, they do not comport with the university's Code of Conduct," officials said in a statement. "Video recording of individuals in a public restroom without permission is an unacceptable violation of personal privacy under any circumstances."

It was the third Chief-related dispute in recent months to draw police attention. In October, anti-Chief protesters temporarily blocked the route of the homecoming parade and, in a separate incident, a school employee allegedly tore up posters during a presentation Dozier was giving on Chief Illiniwek.

Campus police did not make arrests in either incident, a spokesman said.

Administrators in 2016 took a tenuous step toward creating a new school mascot — technically its first, since Chief Illiniwek is considered a "symbol" — when interim Chancellor Barbara Wilson vowed to form a committee on the subject.

But she left her post before that happened, and her successor, Robert Jones, had other ideas about how handle the issue.

"(He) has said publicly several times that identifying a mascot will not resolve the issues we face regarding the Chief and native imagery," university spokeswoman Robin Kaler said. "He feels strongly that a campuswide conversation on the issue is vital to identifying a path forward."

Events meant to spur those conversations have been in the works for months, Kaler said, and will take place sometime in the spring. Raju, though, said talk alone won't end the impasse.

"The Jay Rosenstein incident shows the current situation is fundamentally untenable," he said. "The controversies about the Chief, the continued presence of the Chief — there is no way for that divide to heal without a new mascot."

Rosenstein agreed with that notion, citing other universities that have moved away from Indian-themed mascots, but Dozier said any attempt to supplant the Chief would widen the split among students and alumni.

A representative of the university's Native American and Indigenous Student Organization could not be reached for comment.

Meanwhile, proponents of Chief Illiniwek are circulating a Facebook invitation that calls on fans to "wear (their) Chief gear with pride" at the Feb. 22 men's basketball game against Purdue.

"If (television broadcasters) don't like it, they can point their cameras at the floor," said Breelyn Fay, a member of the Honor the Chief Society. "(Chief proponents) are tired of being shamed and cowed, tired of being called racist by these students who have no idea what the Chief stands for."

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2 GOP senators seek to protect special counsel

Graham, Collins say they favor legislation to prevent president from firing Mueller

By LAURA KING
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Despite new protestations from the White House that President Donald Trump does not plan to fire Robert Mueller, two leading Republican senators Sunday called for a law to protect the special counsel leading the Russia investigation.

"I've got legislation protecting Mr. Mueller, and I'll be glad to pass it tomorrow," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said on ABC's "This Week."

"Mr. Mueller is the perfect guy to get to the bottom of all this, and he will," he said.

Graham appeared to brush aside a White House campaign to dismiss the investigation as politically motivated. He also appeared to brush aside the president's denial of a New York Times report that he tried to fire Mueller last year. Other news organiza-

tions subsequently confirmed the report.

"We're not going to say it's fake news and move on," Graham said.

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, another prominent Republican, said she had confidence in Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, to whom the special counsel reports and who would have to sign off on any attempt to dismiss him.

But she said on CNN's "State of the Union" that it "certainly wouldn't hurt" to pass a bill that would block Trump from firing Mueller.

Collins, who sits on the Senate Intelligence Committee, also said that in her opinion, Trump, who for months has posted on Twitter about the investigation, should "never" talk about it except in private with legal counsel.

Two bills put forward in the Senate to protect Mueller are bipartisan. Graham's version was proposed with Sen. Cory Booker, D-



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Sen. Susan Collins says a bill protecting Robert Mueller "wouldn't hurt" while Sen. Lindsey Graham has proposed one.



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N.J. A similar proposal is co-sponsored by Sens. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., and Chris Coons, D-Del.

But Republican leaders have called attempts to prevent the president from trying to derail the investigation unnecessary. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., repeated that view Sunday. On NBC's "Meet the Press," he said, "I don't think there's a need for legislation right now to protect Mueller."

McCarthy said Trump and his staff had "fully cooperated" with the investigation. "I think we'll just continue this investigation

to see where it goes," he said.

McCarthy said he had confidence in Mueller but said there are "questions about others within the FBI" and the Justice Department, echoing allegations by other Trump allies.

A senior White House aide, meanwhile, sought to cast new doubt on reports that Trump tried to fire Mueller but was stopped by White House counsel Don McGahn.

"I'm not aware the president ever intimated he wanted to fire Robert Mueller," legislative director Marc Short said on "Fox

News Sunday."

"Robert Mueller is still the special counsel; Don McGahn is still head of White House counsel; the White House continues to cooperate in every manner, providing every document the special counsel has asked for," Short said. But he conceded that "the president has been frustrated by this investigation."

Trump has consistently denied any collusion between his campaign and the Russian government, and he said last week he is willing to be interviewed by Mueller, although his lawyers quickly interceded to

say the details were still being worked out.

One prominent former official warned against making assumptions about Mueller's ultimate findings. Interviewed on NBC, former Defense Secretary and CIA Director Robert Gates said he had "total confidence" in Mueller, a federal law enforcement veteran.

But, Gates said, "People need to be prepared that a guy like Bob Mueller may come to a different conclusion that will elate some people and anger some people."

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Turkish forces, allies capture strategic hill in fight vs. Kurds

By MEHMET GUZEL AND LEFTERIS PITARAKIS
Associated Press

KILIS, Turkey — Turkish troops and allied Syrian fighters captured a strategic hill in northwestern Syria on Sunday as their offensive to root out Kurdish fighters entered a second week.

Associated Press reporters in the Turkish border town of Kilis heard constant shelling and clashes as Turkish aircraft flew overhead and plumes of smoke rose in the distance.

The Turkey-backed forces have been trying to capture the hill, which separates the Kurdish-held enclave of Afrin from the Turkey-controlled town of Azaz, since the start of their offensive on Jan. 20, but they have been met with stiff resistance.

The Kurdish militia known as the People's Defense Units, or YPG, said Turkey sent reinforcements to the area following intense airstrikes on Sunday. It disputed the claim that the Turkish troops and allied fighters were in full control of the hill, saying its forces had redeployed and will fight to reclaim the strategic area.

The Turkish military said in a statement that its soldiers and allied Syrian opposition fighters captured Bursayah hill assisted by airstrikes, attack helicopters, armed drones and howitzers. Rami Abdurrahman, head of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, confirmed the Turkish troops seized control of the strategic hill, which overlooks northeastern Afrin, after intense battles.

Abdurrahman said the airstrikes also targeted the area around Afrin's main dam for the second time



Pro-Turkey Syrian fighters and Turkish troops secure the Bursayah hill Sunday as their offensive in Syria continued.

since the offensive began. There were no immediate reports of damage to the dam, which provides water and electricity to the Kurdish enclave, home to hundreds of thousands of people, many of whom have fled from other parts of Syria.

The Observatory said at least 51 civilians, including 17 children, were killed in the offensive on Sunday, including eight people from the same family. It said 66 YPG fighters and 69 Turkey-backed Syrian fighters were also killed. Turkey said five of its soldiers and

16 allied fighters were killed. The YPG said one of its female fighters blew herself up, destroying a Turkish tank in southwestern Afrin.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in a speech Sunday that there were reports that the YPG was holding Turkish soldiers captive, adding that Turkey was taking steps to try to bring them back. Erdogan's statement did not make clear the number of soldiers who were missing or whether they were alive.

Reports also emerged

that an ancient temple in Afrin was badly damaged in Turkish airstrikes that struck its courtyard late Friday, according to the Observatory, the YPG and the Syrian government. In a statement published on the Syrian state news agency SANA, the government Antiquities Department condemned the destruction of the temple.

Images showed stones piled up in the open courtyard of the temple of Ain Dara, an Iron Age Syro-Hittite temple that dates to sometime between the 10th and 8th centuries B.C. The

temple, which features sculptures of lions and sphinxes and "the giant footsteps of the gods," was noted for its structural similarities to Solomon's temple as described in the Bible.

In the images taken of the destruction, none of the statues were still intact, with rubble and metal scraps strewn across the temple's floor.

SANA said a mosque was also damaged in airstrikes in southwestern Afrin.

In a speech to party members in northern Turkey, Erdogan again vowed to expand the military of-

fensive eastward, toward the Syrian town of Manbij, which is held by U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters. The crowd responded by chanting: "Hit, hit! Let it reverberate and let (U.S. President Donald) Trump hear."

Separately, a cease-fire deal to halt fighting in the besieged rebel-held Damascus suburb of Ghouta failed to take hold for a second day. The deal, reached in Vienna between the Syrian opposition and Russia, was punctured by continued fighting and intense shelling in the suburb.

Cops, family say jealous shooter kills 4 in Pa.

By BRUCE SHIPKOWSKI
Associated Press

A shooter driven by jealousy opened fire and killed four people at a car wash early Sunday morning in Pennsylvania, while a woman hiding in the back of a pickup truck suffered minor injuries, according to state police and family of the victims.

Police said Timothy Smith, 28, was on life support and not expected to survive after suffering a gunshot wound to his head

during the attack at Ed's Car Wash around 3 a.m. in Saltlick Township, a rural town about 55 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. Police said it was possible that the gunshot wound was self-inflicted.

Armed with a semi-automatic rifle and a handgun and wearing a body armor carrier without the ballistic panels inserted, police said Smith killed 27-year-old William Porterfield, 25-year-old Chelsie Cline, 23-year-old Courtney Snyder and 21-year-old Seth Cline.

Police would not go into details about how Smith knew the victims, but Chelsie Cline's half sister, Sierra Kolarik, told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that Smith had developed an obsession with Cline.

Porterfield's pregnant wife, Jenna Porterfield, 24, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that a state police investigator told her that Smith was a jealous former boyfriend of Chelsie Cline.

Smith was at the site and parked on the side of the two-bay car wash when

Porterfield and Cline arrived, police said. Smith shot them when they got out and walked to the side of the car wash, they said.

Snyder and Seth Cline arrived at the same time, and police said Smith opened fire on them. Another woman in the rear seat of the extended cab pickup truck suffered injuries from broken glass.

A man who lives nearby told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that he heard about 30 gunshots over several minutes.



STEPHANIE STRASBURG/AP

People console each other Sunday at a Pennsylvania car wash where a man killed four people and wounded one.

President aims to score via 5 key points

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passage of the tax bill; take credit for creating jobs and boosting the economy; call for Congress to fund a \$1 trillion plan to improve roads, bridges and other infrastructure; demand lawmakers revamp the immigration system to emphasize job skills over family connections; and call for additional military spending to promote “peace through strength.”

But the cloud of the Russia investigation continues to hang over Trump.

Prosecutors have spoken to more than 20 current and former White House officials and are gathering facts about what Trump may have done to impede the investigation. In addition, Mueller may ask to interview Trump in the coming weeks, setting up a potentially historic standoff between a sitting president and special counsel.

Trump’s advisers are hoping Tuesday night’s speech gives the president an opportunity to sweep that turmoil aside while he beams a litany of his accomplishments — in his own words — directly to living rooms across the country.

But Republicans are growing more wary of creeping deficits under Trump’s military and infrastructure proposals, which the White House has said repeatedly would be paid for by supercharged economic growth.

On infrastructure, the White House has quietly circulated a plan that would use about half of the \$1 trillion requested to fund state and local project grants and encourage private investment. Another large portion would go to rural transportation, water, power and broadband internet investments.

Trump has said he wants to protect so-called Dreamers, young immigrants brought to the country illegally as children by their parents, from deportation in exchange for \$25 billion to build a border wall and increase deportations, as well as an overhaul of the immigration system that slashes the number of legal immigrants allowed in the country each year and emphasizes their job skills over their family ties.

He has tried to make the case that the current immigration system poses a security risk, even though each person given permanent residency must go through a background check and a consular interview.

Trump’s continued demand for a southern border wall and his repeated implications that new arrivals are more likely to commit crimes and terrorist attacks threaten to drive away Senate Democrats whose support he would ultimately need to make a deal.

To emphasize his security concerns, Trump may point out family members seated in the gallery who have had loved ones killed by people who were in the country illegally or who migrated through one of the family unification channels.

The White House has invited a few people whose lives have been affected by the opioid addiction crisis to sit in the House gallery as special guests. Tackling the crisis — which has seen a surge in overdoses across the country over the last few years — has been a stated goal of Trump’s administration. But steep budget cuts to the Office of National Drug Control Policy and some anti-drug programs have led public health advocates to criticize the effectiveness of Trump’s approach.

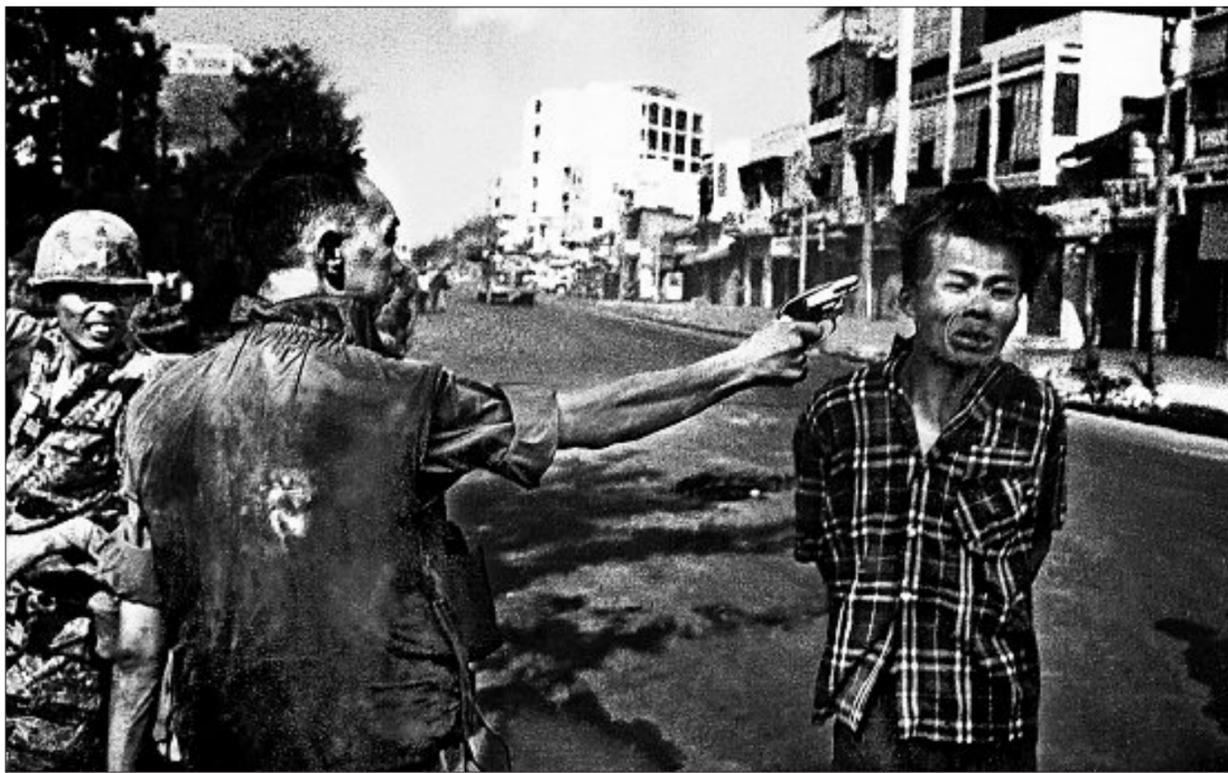
Democrats have tapped Rep. Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., the 37-year-old scion of the Kennedy family and a rising star in the party, to deliver the response to Trump. Kennedy, grandson of Robert F. Kennedy, wrote Friday on Twitter that he’ll contrast Trump’s “broken promises” with his party’s agenda on health care, economic justice and civil rights.

Virginia state Delegate Elizabeth Guzman, 44, will deliver the Democratic response for broadcast on Spanish-language television. Guzman recently defeated an eight-term Republican incumbent to take the seat.

Several female Democratic lawmakers plan to wear black Tuesday to show solidarity with the #MeToo movement.

Also after Trump’s speech, Jimmy Kimmel plans to have adult film star and purported Trump mistress Stormy Daniels on his show, “Jimmy Kimmel Live.” The Wall Street Journal reported two weeks ago that Daniels received \$130,000 weeks before the 2016 election in exchange for not talking publicly about a sexual encounter with Trump in 2006.

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EDDIE ADAMS/AP 1968

South Vietnamese chief of national police Nguyen Ngoc Loan fires a pistol into the head of Viet Cong prisoner Nguyen Van Lem.

50 years later, 1 jolting photo still helps define Vietnam War

By JENNIFER PELTZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was a fraction of a second that jolted Americans’ view of the Vietnam War.

On a Saigon street, South Vietnam’s chief of national police raised a gun to the head of a handcuffed Viet Cong prisoner and abruptly pulled the trigger. A few feet away, Associated Press photographer Eddie Adams pressed his shutter.

Taken during the North’s surprise Tet Offensive, Adams’ Feb. 1, 1968, photo showed the war’s brutality in a way Americans hadn’t seen before. Protesters saw the image as graphic evidence that the U.S. was fighting on the side of an unjust South Vietnamese government. It won Adams the Pulitzer Prize. And it haunted him.

“Pictures don’t tell the whole story,” he said later. “It doesn’t tell you why.”

After 50 years, the Saigon execution remains one of the defining images of the war. Time magazine has declared it one of history’s 100 most influential photos.

“It still represents a lot of what photojournalists do, that idea of bearing witness to an important event,” said Keith Greenwood, a University of Missouri photojournalism-history professor. “There are ugly things that happen that need to be recorded and shared.”

It was the second day of the Tet Offensive. North Vietnamese forces and Viet Cong guerrillas had attacked South Vietnamese towns and cities, including the capital, Saigon, during a holiday cease-fire.

Adams, a former Marine Corps Korean War photographer who

joined the AP in 1962, and NBC cameraman Vo Suu had been checking out fighting in a Saigon neighborhood when they saw South Vietnamese soldiers pulling a prisoner out of a building, toward the newsmen.

The soldiers stopped. The national police chief, Nguyen Ngoc Loan, walked up and lifted his pistol. Adams figured the chief planned a gunpoint interrogation. Instead, Loan fired, and Adams’ photo froze prisoner Nguyen Van Lem’s grimace as he was shot. Suu’s footage also captured the moment, in motion.

Loan told the two: “They killed many of my men and many of your people” and walked away, Adams recalled in a 1998 interview for an AP oral history project.

At the AP’s New York headquarters, photography director Hal Buell saw the image emerg-

ing from the radio-based system used to transmit photos at the time. After some deliberation, he and other editors decided to distribute it worldwide.

“The image had an impact,” he said, “and its impact was felt by those people who were on the fences.”

Adams felt Loan was unfairly vilified by a public that didn’t see something outside the frame: the killings of Loan’s aide and the aide’s family hours earlier by the Viet Cong.

Loan died in 1998 in Virginia, where he ran a restaurant. Lem’s widow told the AP in 2000 that she felt the picture helped turn Americans against the war.

Adams, who died in 2004, was more proud of his 1977 photos of people fleeing postwar Vietnam. Those images helped persuade the U.S. government to admit over 200,000 of the refugees.

Case of shackled kids revives home-school regulation debate

Group says it fears fallout could include too much oversight

By CAROLYN THOMPSON

Associated Press

Just over a week after California officials found 13 malnourished siblings allegedly held captive and apparently not missed by schools because they were being home-schooled, home-schooling advocates say they are bracing for calls for stricter oversight of the practice.

The advocates say they were horrified by accusations that the children’s parents kept them shackled in a filthy home in the Southern California city of Ferris, and some said they support mandatory medical visits or regular academic assessments of home-schooled children.

But others contend moves to step up home-schooling controls in the name of exposing child abuse could lead to overregulation and intrusion that punishes parents.

“Right now the biggest threat is that lawmakers might make a decision based on the emotion of the moment, rather than looking at the empirical evidence,” said Scott Woodruff, senior counsel with the Virginia-based Home School Legal Defense Associ-

ation. He said national organizations that track risk factors for child abuse, including the U.S. Commission to Eliminate Child Neglect and Fatalities, don’t list home-schooling among them.

One California lawmaker has floated the idea of requiring annual walk-throughs of home schools by state or county officials because of the case of the 13 siblings and “a number of legislators have expressed interest in doing something,” the Home School Association of California said in a statement.

“We can’t prevent evil,” the association said, “and trying to prevent it by taking away the freedom of law-abiding people is not a price our society should pay.”

Disputes over the right level of home-schooling regulation have simmered for years as the number of home-schooled children in the U.S. skyrocketed from about 15,000 in the 1970s to about 2 million today.

The practice was first driven largely by families’ preferences to include religious teaching at home along with standard education. It gained wider acceptance as parents dissatisfied with their neighborhood schools turned to it to customize their children’s education and nurture family bonds.

In the absence of federal



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Judah James, right, paints during a home-school art class with his grandmother, left, mother and younger brother.

guidelines, levels of oversight vary widely by state. Alaska and Idaho have virtually no regulations, while New York and Pennsylvania families must submit annual instruction plans to the district, administer standardized tests taken by public school students statewide and provide academic progress reports.

California treats home schools like other private schools and requires them to register. Private schools are subject to annual fire inspections, but no agency regulates or oversees them.

The Massachusetts-based Coalition for Responsible Home Education lobbies for mandatory medical visits or academic assessments that would ensure home-schooled children are seen by someone trained to recognize abuse. Less than half of the U.S. states require academic assessments, the Education Commission of the States said in a 2015 report on home-school

regulations.

“There’s no better way to isolate your child if you are an abusive parent than to home-school,” said Rachel Coleman, executive director of the coalition.

After two home-schooled children were found dead in a Detroit freezer, a 2015 Michigan bill would have required documented meetings with a teacher, doctor or clergy. The bill stalled in a legislative committee.

In Iowa, a bill requiring quarterly checks of home-school students was introduced in 2017 after a home-schooled teen starved to death. It, too, remained in committee.

And in Kansas, a grandmother unsuccessfully pleaded for stricter home-school control in 2015 after her 7-year-old home-schooled grandson was starved and killed by his father, who fed his body to pigs.

Cape Town preps for possible April closure of taps

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa’s police and military will help secure water collection sites in drought-stricken Cape Town if authorities must turn off most taps on what they call “Day Zero,” a date projected to fall in the first half of April, the city said Sunday.

Hospitals, key economic and industrial areas and densely populated areas with a higher risk of disease would be exempt from a water cut-off, said municipal authorities, who plan to open a disaster operations center

on Monday to prepare for a possible closure of taps in a city known for its natural beauty and tourist attractions.

South Africa’s second-biggest city ramped up contingency plans as the water crisis hurt tourism and politicians bickered over alleged failures to offset a looming disaster blamed on explosive population growth over the last two decades and several years of drought that scientists say was possibly exacerbated by human-caused warming of the planet.

Cape Town’s roughly 4 million residents can avoid Day Zero, slated for April 12, by each using

no more than 13.2 gallons daily until adequate rainfall fills up depleted reservoirs and additional supply from aquifers, desalination and recycling schemes is activated, according to the city.

Security forces would guard 200 water collection points where residents can pick up 6.5 gallons daily if the tap cut-off occurs, authorities said. Providers of bottled water are being encouraged to increase supply so people have the option of buying water, and water tankers would deliver to homes for the elderly and other care facilities.

“This crisis will demand a whole of society approach,

where we all pull together to get through this,” the city said in a statement.

Cape Town’s water and sanitation department said it was investigating reports that some retailers might be illegally selling municipal tap water after people were seen lining up with empty bottles at two malls. Some residents are supplementing water supply by collecting from natural springs in the city.

Meanwhile, agencies have received cancellations from domestic and international travelers, said Cape Town Tourism CEO Enver Duminy, according to the African News Agency.

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Russian opposition leader arrested amid election protests

MOSCOW — Protesters gathered across Russia on Sunday to support opposition leader Alexei Navalny's call to boycott the March presidential election, and Navalny was arrested while walking to the Moscow demonstration.

Many of the crowds skewed sharply young, apparently reflecting growing discontent among Russians who have lived most or all of their lives under President Vladimir

Putin. Navalny organized the protests to urge a boycott of Russia's March 18 presidential election, in which Putin is sure to win a fourth term.

The anti-corruption campaigner was denied a spot as a presidential candidate because of an embezzlement conviction in a case widely seen as politically motivated.

Late Sunday night, Navalny said on Twitter that he had been released before a trial.

Israel says Poland agrees to talks in WWII legislation spat

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday night that Israel and Poland have agreed to hold talks seeking to resolve the uproar over proposed Polish legislation that would outlaw blaming Poland for any crimes committed during the Holocaust.

Earlier, Israel's Foreign Ministry had summoned a Polish envoy to express its displeasure. But Polish officials said the measure

was being misinterpreted and its wording would not be changed.

The prime minister said earlier Sunday that Israel has "no tolerance for ... the rewriting of history and the denial of the Holocaust."

The lower house of the Polish parliament's bill calls for prison time for referring to "Polish death camps" and criminalizes the mention of Polish complicity.

Cuba formally inaugurates U.S.-sponsored statue of Marti

HAVANA — President Raul Castro and his expected successor attended the formal unveiling of a U.S.-sponsored statue of independence hero Jose Marti on Sunday in a sign of Cuba's focus on maintaining ties with the United States despite a chill in relations under President Donald Trump.

Castro and Vice President Miguel Diaz-Canel sat in the front row of the sunrise ceremony along

with U.S. Reps. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., Karen Bass, D-Calif., and Roger Marshall, R-Kan.

The bronze statue of Marti on a rearing horse was funded with \$2.5 million raised in the United States in a project started by the Bronx Museum of the Arts.

Sunday was the 165th anniversary of the birth of Marti, a renowned poet, journalist and fighter for Cuban independence.



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Mourners on Sunday carry the coffin of a relative killed in Saturday's attack.

Afghanistan says death toll from Kabul bombing up to 103

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan authorities have raised the death toll from Saturday's suicide bombing in Kabul to 103, as hundreds of people gathered for funerals or awaited words of loved ones outside hospitals and morgues.

The attacker, driving an ambulance filled with explosives, was able to race through a security checkpoint by saying he was transferring a patient to a hospital. The explosion damaged or destroyed dozens of shops and vehicles in the heart of the city, near government buildings.

Interior Minister Wais Ahmad Barmak provided the updated death toll on

Sunday, saying another 235 people were wounded in the attack. He said police were among those killed and wounded.

He said the attackers drove two ambulances, both of which made it past the checkpoint before one of them turned around and left the area, indicating some of the attackers escaped.

The Taliban claimed the attack, which dealt a major blow to the U.S.-backed Afghan government. Afghan security forces have struggled to combat the Taliban since the U.S. and NATO formally concluded their combat mission at the end of 2014.

The government declared a day of mourning, with shops closed and flags at half-staff.

The powerful explosion came a week after militants stormed a luxury hotel in Kabul, killing 22 people, including 14 foreigners, and setting off a 13-hour battle with security forces.

Masoom Stanekzai, the head of Afghanistan's intelligence service, said five suspects have been arrested for their involvement in the attack on the Intercontinental Hotel and that another had fled the country. He said four people have been arrested in connection with Saturday's attack.

2 senators press GOP over Wynn donations

WASHINGTON — A Republican senator urged party candidates to return monetary contributions from embattled casino mogul Steve Wynn on Sunday, while a second GOP senator encouraged Republican officials to be open to refunding the cash.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said that if Republicans "have accepted contributions recently from him that have not been spent," they should give those back.

Wynn quit as finance chairman of the Republican National Committee amid allegations of sexual misconduct.

"We should do of ourselves what we ask of the Democratic Party, if these allegations have merit," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., on ABC's "This Week With George Stephanopoulos." "I don't think we should have a double standard for ourselves."

Sen. Marco Rubio has fired his chief of staff after looking into allegations of "improper conduct," he announced late Saturday.

Rubio, R-Fla., said in a statement that he concluded his chief of staff, Clint Reed, "had violated office policies regarding proper relations between a supervisor and their subordinates."

Rescuers in Pakistan call off efforts to save climber

ISLAMABAD — Volunteers rescued a French mountaineer from a Himalayan peak but called off efforts to retrieve a Polish climber who was declared dead after the dramatic and treacherous rescue effort.

Elisabeth Revol and Tomasz Mackiewicz were climbing Nanga Parbat, the

ninth-highest peak in the world at 26,660 feet, but called for help Friday.

Four volunteers from a separate Polish expedition set out to find them and managed to reach Revol, a renowned female mountaineer who was suffering from frostbite on her feet and could not walk.

Poor weather prevented the team from reaching Mackiewicz, who had snow blindness and altitude sickness, authorities said Sunday.

Revol was brought down the mountain Sunday to a helicopter and taken to hospital in Islamabad for treatment.

Yemeni government forces clashed with separatists in the southern port city of Aden on Sunday in fighting that left at least eight people dead. The country's internationally recognized government considered the separatists' assault an attempted "coup." Authorities shut down the main airport, fearing wider unrest

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EDITORIALS

Chicago's shoddy defense of police lawsuits

Do you know how to make a Chicago federal judge steaming mad? City Hall lawyers do. Again and again, they've been reprimanded for messing with the integrity of police misconduct cases by withholding evidence.

This lack of respect for the discovery system sure gets the goat of judges. Or as U.S. District Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer put it: "I am really dismayed."

Citizens, you should be dismayed, too, because these foul-ups cost taxpayers money in fines, settlements and reforms. Since Mayor Rahm Emanuel took office in 2011, federal judges have sanctioned the city's Law Department nine times for failing to turn over evidence to plaintiff attorneys, racking up more than \$1.1 million in fines. Nine times? It's almost as if the city doesn't want to air damaging information about police conduct.

Oh, did we say nine times? On Thursday, the city was going for 10. Pallmeyer was set to hold a sanctions hearing over the Law Department's mishandling of the Jaquise Evans case until the city caved and reached a settlement. Another pricey black eye.

Here's what happened: In 2015, Chicago police Sgt. Richard Salvador shot and wounded Evans, 16, who filed a civil rights lawsuit against the city. Under pretrial rules of discovery, city attorneys should have shared important background information on Salvador with Evans' attorneys in a timely manner. Instead, the city's Law Department revealed just before the scheduled start of the trial that there were several citizen complaints against Salvador. Plus, there was a Facebook video of the officer screaming at and threatening violence against a handcuffed African-American arrestee.

The two sides disagreed about the timing of notification of the video, but this month Pallmeyer chastised city attorneys for not being more concerned by its disturbing content. "To call what happened on that video nothing more than use of profanity is just — nobody in this room believes that," she said according to a transcript. "Did that trouble you at all?" she asked.

It got worse for the city when Pallmeyer learned Salvador had been named in another civil rights lawsuit. What's more,

Salvador's attorney in the case, Assistant Corporation Counsel Scott Cohen, also represented him in the other suit, yet the second suit wasn't shared with Evans' attorneys. When Cohen explained that he hadn't realized he was representing the same officer, Pallmeyer was livid: "I'm sorry, as a matter of professional responsibility, you don't know who your client is? What law firm, what city, what anything allows you to say, 'I don't remember that I was his lawyer?'" The judge couldn't believe city attorneys didn't keep a running list of clients. "Who dropped the ball?"

Excellent question but not unique. Last month, in a different police misconduct case, U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall also was stunned by a late-breaking revelation. During a wrongful-death trial, former Detective Joseph Frugoli, who killed two men in a DUI crash, revealed he'd been suspended in 2002 for a bar fight. City attorneys said that paperwork had been overlooked. Turns out he had attacked customers, hit someone over the head with a pool cue and shouted, "Nobody messes with the Frugolis!" He was

suspended for just five days.

That's the kind of evidence plaintiffs' attorneys would crave because it went to the heart of their allegations that the police protect their own. "This is highly damaging information," Kendall said. Not surprisingly, the city quickly settled the case for a reported \$20 million.

Now we've got another settlement, and an acknowledgment Thursday from the Law Department that it is examining its discovery practices "to identify improvements."

Given the city's dismal performance record in court and failed attempts at reform, that statement is woefully inadequate. In 2016, the city paid big bucks to former prosecutor Dan Webb to scrub the Law Department's civil rights litigation practices. He found no evidence of intentional misconduct but laid out dozens of recommended improvements to the way discovery, record-keeping and other practices are handled. A lot of good Webb's advice did.

How many more cases will Emanuel's lawyers screw up before they fix the way they defend police misconduct cases?

In Syria, a NATO nation changes teams

The Islamic State's dreams of a caliphate that incorporated Syria have been dashed. But that doesn't mean Syria has stopped being foreign policy quicksand for Washington.

The latest antagonist is Turkey. Though a longtime NATO member, Turkey is defying the U.S. and attacking a stronghold in the north held by Syrian Kurdish fighters, the same fighters who, with American help, led the charge to defeat Islamic State in Syria.

Turkey was deeply angered by the Pentagon's initiative to deploy Syrian Kurdish troops along Syria's border with Turkey and Iraq, a move meant to head off any glint of an Islamic State resurgence. Turkey sees the Syrian Kurds as terrorists, and allowing them to hunker down along the Turkish border effectively puts Ankara's hated enemy, the Kurds, on its doorstep.

But there's another antagonist behind the scenes — a larger, stealthier one — working the levers. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says his troops recently advanced on the Kurdish stronghold of Afrin only after Ankara got a green light from Russia. Moscow has denied giving such assent, but Erdogan on Monday said that indeed, Turkey had an agreement with Russia to launch the offensive.

It's a page straight from the Kremlin playbook. Moscow is capitalizing on the discord between the U.S. and Turkey over the Kurds to cozy up to a member of NATO, an alliance the Kremlin still regards as an existential threat on its western border. Aggravate the rift between Washington and Ankara, Moscow figures, and Ankara's ties with the West will continue to weaken. The winner in all this? You guessed it, the bare-chested former KGB agent.

In November 2015, Turkey and Russia were at each other's throats. Turkish F-16s shot down a Russian bomber that Ankara claimed had violated Turkish airspace over the Turkish-Syrian border. Tempers between the two nations flared. Since then, however, ties between Erdogan and Russian President Vladimir Putin have deep-



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Turkish-backed Syrian rebel fighters on patrol in the Syrian town of Azaz last week. Turkey has defied the U.S. in attacking a stronghold in the north held by Syrian Kurdish fighters, who, with American help, led the fight against Islamic State in Syria.

ened.

In Syria, the two sides have conflicting interests — Putin ardently backs Syria's ruthless strongman, Bashar Assad, while Erdogan, like the U.S., wants Assad gone. But Turkey views the Kurds as a bigger problem than Assad. Specifically, Ankara regards the Syrian Kurdish fighters as an extension of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), an entity seen by Turkey as a terror group.

If Turkey wrests control of Afrin from the Syrian Kurds, it may not stop there. Kurdish troops maintain chunks of territory in northern Syria, and Turkish troops could push toward them after Afrin. That could put Turkish forces in direct conflict

with U.S. troops who are training and advising the Kurds.

The Trump administration needs to defuse this problem before it metastasizes into a full-blown crisis. One potential maneuver: Get the Kurds to back away from the Turkish border, in effect creating a buffer zone. That not only would ease tensions in that border region. It also would allow Washington to tell Ankara to calm down.

The U.S. cannot afford to abandon the Syrian Kurds, partly out of loyalty and partly because Washington needs them along border regions to prevent a comeback by Islamic State. Though defeated in

both Syria and Iraq, Islamic State fighters control a 4,000-mile stretch of the Euphrates River Valley. The Kurds' presence also serves as a vital counterbalance to Iran and Russia's influence in Syria.

But Washington also cannot afford to further alienate its NATO ally, and risk Ankara sinking deeper into Moscow's orbit. Yes, Syria is a messy, volatile patchwork of competing interests. But it's also a crucial cog in the Middle East that both Russia and Iran have strong interest in, a war-racked country with a brutal leader still at the helm in Damascus. A new border conflict doesn't help. We hope Washington finds a way to calm that situation — soon.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Letting others fight the battle hasn't been the American way in modern times, to our immense national frustration. The U.S. military became bogged down in Iraq and Afghanistan, much as it had a generation earlier in Vietnam, by trying to reshape societies with American firepower. For the military, the lesson from these quagmires is to step back — and help local forces with training, advice and airpower. ... America has been so frustrated with combat in the Middle East that people have barely noticed the victory against the Islamic State, and the partnering tactics that made it possible. U.S. collaboration with Syrian Kurds and Iraqi Shiites has made neighboring states nervous, especially Turkey. But it achieved results.

Since the days of T.E. Lawrence (the British archaeologist, military officer, diplomat, and author known as Lawrence of Arabia), analysts have argued that the people of the Middle East must fight their own battles. This simple but essential idea finally seems to have become hardwired at the Pentagon.

David Ignatius, The Washington Post

"A weaker dollar is good for trade," (Treasury Secretary Steven) Mnuchin said from Davos, Switzerland, on Wednesday, and the greenback promptly tumbled to a three-year low against a basket of other currencies. ... What a spectacle! The man whose signature is on the greenback tells the world he wants its value to be lower so the U.S. can beggar its neighbors on trade. (President Donald) Trump has also said he favors a weak currency, and the buck has fallen some 8 percent in his first year. Someone ought to tell these fellows the history of strong- and weak-dollar presidencies. ... Perhaps Mr. Mnuchin aims to follow Michael Blumenthal, who held the Treasury job in the Carter administration. His weak-dollar lobbying, along with an easy money policy at the Federal Reserve, led to a collapse of the dollar of more than 20 percent between January 1977 and October 1978 that fed higher inflation and elected Ronald Reagan.

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Protesters at the University of Chicago demonstrate last week against former White House strategist Steve Bannon being invited to speak on campus by U. of C. business professor Luigi Zingales.

The last gasps of America's outrage culture



HEATHER WILHELM

"Don't tell your problems to people," football legend Lou Holtz once declared. "Eighty percent don't care, and the other 20 percent are glad you have them."

That's rather harsh, I suppose — I'm sure you'd love to hear about the rogue fire hydrant that leapt in front of my car as I blamelessly tried to park last month — but it's probably also not too far from the truth.

Don't tell that to the purveyors of today's simmering outrage culture, however. For a frightening number of people, the art of being offended by everything — or, even better, loudly and publicly complaining about being offended by everything — is pursued with alarming dedication. For some, being offended is practically a credo and an all-encompassing way of life.

I find this all rather perplexing, even baffling. Who wants to live this way? I went to college in the 1990s, back when controversial guest speakers were still somewhat cool, not immediate spurs for earnest school-sponsored counseling sessions. Back then, people even had hobbies other than crafting unnecessary protest signs featuring a mix of exotic words and scary emojis.

Today, I try to teach my kids to avoid sulking or feeling sorry for themselves. Sometimes I even mimic coach Holtz's nasally voice to do so, which I'm sure is always charming and never annoying.

In any case, things are what they are. Self-pity, as we've seen, certainly stands as a natural and compelling human vice. Its current cultural appeal, however, translates into nothing good.

Here's some encouraging news: If you're with me on this, we're not alone — and when it comes to constant outrage, we might be nearing a tipping point.

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Witness celebrity professor Jordan Peterson, a clinical psychologist best known for offending large numbers of people on television and the internet on fraught topics such as transgender pronouns, gender roles and identity politics. This month, he released a book that's already shot to the top of Amazon's new releases category, titled "12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos."

"No one trying to understand how to live should read this book," wrote Julian Baggini in a Financial Times review. "Anyone interested in the growing assault on liberal values, however, should study it with fear and trembling."

This is a fascinating critique, given that no matter what you think about Peterson's opinions on various topics — ranging from proper posture to child-rearing to evolution to communist propaganda posters to the work of Carl Jung — Peterson's most consistent position centers on one of the most precious "liberal values" of all — free speech. In certain circles, free speech has lost its importance. We can't go around offending people, after all!

But Peterson's success — in addition to his book and viral internet presence, he draws devoted crowds to his lectures — suggests that many people have had enough with victimhood. "There's chaos to confront, order to establish and re-vivify, and evil to constrain," Peterson recently tweeted. "Get the hell at it and quit whining. :)"

In the media world, Peterson has company. Blogger Mark Manson's book, "The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F-Word," (he spells out the F-word in his title, minus one letter) has dominated the Amazon "Most Sold & Most Read" book

lists for 37 weeks. (At press time, it ranked second on both.) I first learned of Manson when I read his essay on modern feminism, in which he critiques the movement's shift from a "philosophical" ideas-based foundation to a "tribal" focus with stifling groupthink. The feminist tribe, he wrote, has become "one of the oppressors."

This was, as you might imagine, somewhat controversial. Like Manson's blog, it was also incredibly popular. In "The Subtle Art of Not Giving a (you know what)," Manson echoes the "no whining" ethos of Peterson's "12 Rules for Life." Life is not fair, Manson argues, but whether you realize it or not, you get to choose what you freak out about, and people today are choosing way too many things.

"As we get older, we gain experience and begin to notice that most of these things have little lasting impact on our lives," he writes. "Essentially, we become more selective about the (you know whats) we're willing to give. This is something called 'maturity.'" It's also an echo of the ancient Stoics, and certainly a far cry from today's culture of earnest oppression-hunting.

Are we really nearing a backlash to our "I'm perpetually offended" outrage culture?

It might seem unlikely, but as Holtz once opined, it's always darkest before the dawn. (OK, fine. Coach Holtz may have said that line, but it was originally cooked up by the English theologian Thomas Fuller.)

We humans are not very good at moderation, of course, so perhaps said backlash — when and if it ever comes — will be as wacky as its predecessor. That said, in terms of general goofiness, our current moment seems difficult to top.

Please don't be offended. It's kind of true.

National Review

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LEONARD PITTS

What if Donald Trump were smart?

What if Donald Trump were smart? It is likely not a question you've given a lot of thought. After all, the urgency of our ongoing disaster leaves little time for speculation. One is too busy tallying up the damage that's happening to worry about the damage that could.

But maybe it's time we did. Tyrannies, we tend to think, are things that happen in other places at other times to other people. We like to believe the strength of our institutions, of our character as a people, ensure that "it can't happen here."

Well, if Trump's rise proves nothing else, it proves that it could happen here. It even shows how. Meaning that, more than any other single event, his presidency has forced us to see our vulnerability to new media manipulation and disinformation. Tweet by tweet, he has embodied the frightening possibilities of this new idea that truth can be whatever you need it to be.

As Stanford University law professor Nathaniel Persily put it last year in an essay published in the Journal of Democracy, Trump has "figured out that incendiary language could command attention or shift the narrative." The title of Persily's piece was fitting: "Can democracy survive the internet?"

The saving grace in all of this — relatively speaking, at least — is that Trump has no fixed ideological moorings. He doesn't believe in any particular thing outside of his own underappreciated greatness. Even his bigotry is lazy and unfocused, producing — with the exception of the ill-fated Muslim ban — no hard-and-fast policy prescriptions.

But what if Trump were smart? More to the point, what if there arose some future demagogue who combined Trump's new media savvy with a toxic ideology? It's not far-fetched to wonder if Trump is not simply writing that individual's play-

What if there arose some future demagogue who combined Trump's new media savvy with a toxic ideology?

book, showing her or him how easily a stable democracy can be subverted.

So, even as we grapple with the daily outrages of this presidency, it would be smart to begin inoculating future generations against one that could be worse. Now, then, would be an excellent time to push even harder for internet giants like Facebook and Twitter to find better ways of purging their platforms of false news and hate.

Now would also be an excellent time for schools to beef up their teaching of philosophy, history, civics and social studies. Teach those things as a means of helping people to think critically, value truth and internalize the ideals that are supposed to make America America. The hope — in the end, the only real hope we have — is that people who do all that will be less susceptible to toxic ideologies.

Consider that, even lacking a real ideology, toxic or otherwise, Trump has already inflicted damage. It is hardly coincidental that the New York City Anti-Violence Project just reported that 2017 saw an 86 percent spike in hate crime killings of LGBTQ people. Or that the FBI arrested a Michigan man a few days ago after he allegedly threatened to murder CNN reporters for reporting, as Trump calls it, "fake news." Or that the Pew Research Center found that the percentage of nations expressing confidence in America sank from 64 percent to 22 percent in the first months of the Trump regime. Or that the percentage of Americans expressing confidence in their government has dropped 14 percentage points to just 33 percent over the last year, according to an annual survey by Edelman, a communications marketing firm.

All this and much more has been done to us by someone who is not smart. What do you suppose might be done to us by someone who is?

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QUOTABLES

“You stay away from the airport.”

— Cook County Associate Judge Donald Panarese Jr., to serial stowaway Marilyn Hartman after she was charged with sneaking aboard a flight to London earlier this month. Hartman was arrested again early Sunday at O’Hare International Airport.

“A white supremacist ransom note.”

— Greisa Martinez Rosas of the DACA recipient group United We Dream, on the White House’s DACA outline. The proposal would reduce overall legal immigration by 50 percent.

“The confiscation part of it is disconcerting. We have to ask ourselves the questions, ‘How is that American? How is that just, or when does it end?’”

— Theresa Inacker, communications director for the Coalition of New Jersey Firearm Owners, on a nationwide movement among states and municipalities to ban bump stocks

My ex was caught up in #MeToo

BY SARA DAVIDSON

The man I married when I was 24 and divorced at 30, an entertainment celebrity, was fired recently for inappropriate behavior.

My first reaction was a pulse of schadenfreude: He was due for this. When a friend told me he’d stuck his tongue in her mouth when hugging her goodbye, I’m ashamed to admit this, but I said, “That’s just how he is.”

After I saw his photo plastered across the internet, and after that pulse of satisfaction, I felt sadness and concern. I had loved this man. We’d built our careers alongside each other, and had shared deep intimacy. He’d believed in me, in my writing. He’d consoled me when I was hurt and rooted for me — he was a fierce advocate. He had my back, although he often went behind it. He had a gift for covering his tracks by making up detailed stories that sounded so plausible and sincere that people believed them.

Clearing the air

Confusing? You bet. That’s because we’re dealing with the intricacies and contradictions of the heart, and with the deep and often treacherous river of sexual urges.

In the early days of the women’s movement, Nora Ephron wrote that while she campaigned for women’s rights, in her erotic fantasies, she wanted to be ravished. Another feminist, Sally Kempton, wrote in *Esquire*, “It’s hard to fight an enemy who has outposts in your head.”

Let me be clear: I believe that anyone who forces himself sexually on another human should be held accountable. I also believe the punishment should fit the crime. That means we need to accept that misbehavior is not black or white, but falls along a continuum. At one end is the rapist/serial predator, and at the other end is the obnoxious flirt. As of yet, the #MeToo movement has not grappled with that reality.

As Claire Berlinski writes in the *American Interest*, “We are on a frenzied extrajudicial warlock hunt that does not pause to parse the difference between rape and stupidity. The punishment for sexual harassment is so grave that clearly this crime — like any



TED S. WARREN/AP

Protesters hit the streets of Seattle during this month’s Women’s March. Some people are viewing the current climate as to be accused is to be condemned.

other serious crime — requires an unambiguous definition. We have nothing of the sort.”

How to proceed?

This is dangerous for both genders. Men who’ve been tried in the court of public opinion — for everything from forced cunnilingus to giving an unwanted neck rub — have had their careers and lives destroyed. Women who’ve come forward are risking a backlash that is sure to come. Dave Chappelle warns, in a comedy special, “You got all the bad guys scared, and that’s good. But the minute they’re not scared anymore, it will get worse than it was before. Fear does not make lasting peace.”

Do we want to move toward a society where men are scared to be alone with a woman at the office? A society where women who’d like men to be assertive in the bedroom find them-

selves with partners who are afraid to take that role?

How, then, are we to proceed in the post-Harvey Weinstein era? What troubles me is that in the current climate, to be accused is to be condemned. There is no due process.

What if we could set up the kind of truth and reconciliation process that helped people in South Africa and Ireland move forward after prolonged violence? Victims gave testimony and perpetrators could also give testimony and request amnesty from prosecution. Consideration was given to the weight of the crimes committed. “Restorative justice” was the goal.

Case study

Even before #MeToo, individuals have tried to handle sex crimes privately. In 2016, Thordis Elva from Iceland and Tom Stranger from Australia gave a talk at TEDWomen, “Our Story

of Rape and Reconciliation.” They’d met at age 16, when Stranger was an exchange student in Iceland. At a party, Elva had too much to drink, grew nauseous and faded in and out of consciousness. Stranger took her home, removed her clothes, put her in her bed and penetrated her. She was too weak to resist and recalls it as painful and traumatic. She did not speak to him again, and, humiliated, told no one.

Nine years later, she wrote him a letter, he answered, and they agreed to meet in Cape Town, South Africa.

At first, Elva wanted revenge, “to hurt Tom as badly as he’d hurt me. When the plane landed, I thought, why didn’t I just get myself a therapist and a bottle of vodka, like a normal person?”

For a week, they told each other their life stories. The ground rules were that they had to be honest, listen to the other with open minds, and stick out the week.

“At times our search for understanding felt impossible,” Elva said, but by the week’s end, they had a “victorious feeling.” Stranger said, “I had to accept that I did hurt this wonderful person.”

The healing process

In this country, healing might begin with a forward-thinking industry or community setting up a truth and reconciliation commission. Accuser and accused could speak to each other, with mediators present. If the commission concluded that a man had caused harm, he could make amends.

Would such a process have been effective with my ex-husband? Would he have agreed to participate? I can’t say, as he’s not making public statements now, and there’s been no disclosure of the specific accusations that led to his firing.

What I can say is that we need to acknowledge and define the different degrees of sexual harassment, and work on finding ways to bring about restorative justice.

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When protectionism is rampant, no bad deed goes unrewarded



GEORGE WILL

WASHINGTON — Like Horatius at the bridge, or the boy who stood on the burning deck whence all but he had fled, or the Dutch boy who saved the city by putting his finger in the dike — pick your analogous heroism — the Trump administration last week acted to stanch the flood of foreign-made washing machines that are being imported because Americans want them.

The stanching will be accomplished by quotas and stiff (up to 50 percent) tariffs, which are taxes collected at the border and paid by American consumers. Americans also will pay higher prices for washing machines made domestically by Whirlpool, which sought this protectionism, from which it instantly profited: In Monday’s after-hours trading, Whirlpool’s stock rose 3 percent. When protectionism is rampant, no bad deed goes unrewarded.

The washing machine drama about “putting (a faction of) America first” cannot be industrial policy — government rather than the market picking winners and losers. And it cannot be government redistribution of wealth. And it cannot be crony capitalism. It cannot be those things because Republicans oppose those things and control policymaking.

Next, and soon, will come a government decision about the problem, as our protectors see it, of menacingly inexpensive steel imports, which the administration is pretending to deliberate. The charade of thinking will end with the imposition of yet more steel tariffs/taxes, joining the 149 (some as high as 266 per-



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Workers move a washing machine made by South Korea-based Samsung. The Trump administration wants to stem the flow of foreign-made washing machines into the U.S.

cent) targeting many of the over 110 countries and territories from which America imports steel. Twenty-four of the existing duties target Chinese steel, which is just less than 3 percent of U.S. steel imports. America’s supposedly embattled steel industry is producing more than it did during World War II, and every year in this decade more than 10 percent of U.S.-made steel goods has been exported.

Imposition of the new tariffs/taxes will be done solely by the president, exercising discretion granted to presidents by various laws, including one passed in late 1974, when Congress evidently thought that Watergate, then fresh in memory, had taught that presidents were not sufficiently imperial. Then, as now, Congress seemed to think it had more important things to do than set trade policy.

In his new book “Clashing Over Com-

merce,” Dartmouth economist Douglas A. Irwin explains that the steel industry was a powerful advocate of protectionism until the 1892 opening of Minnesota’s Mesabi iron ore range, which gave steel producers cost advantages that turned their attention to export markets. The industry’s trade problems began when, in July 1959, the United Steelworkers shut down domestic steel production for 116 days — the longest industrial strike in U.S. history — and steel-consuming industries found alternative suppliers and materials. Desperate management purchased labor peace with increased wages that by the 1980s were 95 percent higher than the average in manufacturing, and soon U.S. steel was priced out of foreign markets. Intermittently since then, the industry has sought and received protection.

In 2002, George W. Bush imposed

tariffs that caused steel prices to surge, costing more jobs in steel-using industries than then existed in steel-making. (Today there are upward of seven times more steel-using than steel-making jobs.) The tariffs cost \$400,000 a year for every steel-making job saved, and cost \$4 billion in lost wages. Especially hard hit in 2002 were three states — Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania — that in 2016 voted for today’s protectionist president.

Last June, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, who became a billionaire by plunging into the steel industry simultaneously with Bush offering it succor, said that “since we are the world’s largest importer of steel, we’re the main victim of the overcapacity” in the global steel industry. This puzzled George Mason University’s Don Boudreaux, who wondered “just how our being the world’s largest buyer of steel makes us victims of the alleged overcapacity.”

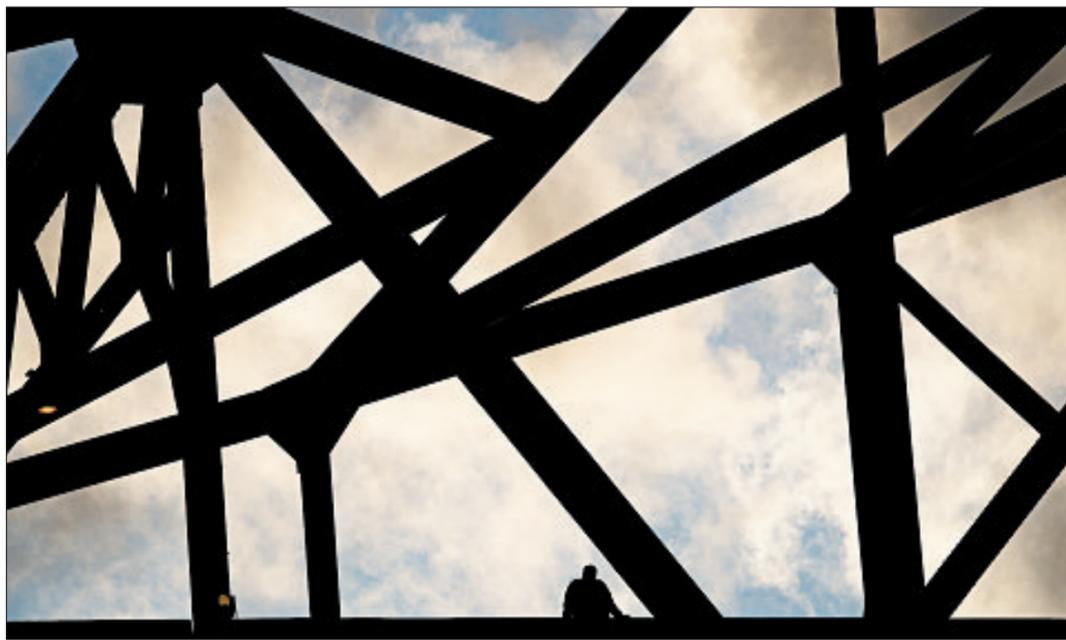
Fomenting spurious anxieties about national security is the first refuge of rent-seeking scoundrels who tart up their protectionism as patriotism when they inveigle government into lining their pockets with money extracted from their fellow citizens. Sugar producers are ludicrously protected in the name of “food security.” Most of U.S. steel imports come from four important allies: Canada, South Korea, Mexico, Brazil. The coming steel tariffs/taxes will mean that defense dollars will buy fewer ships, tanks and armored vehicles, just as the trillion infrastructure dollars the administration talks about will buy fewer bridges and other steel-using projects. As Henry George said, with protectionism a nation does to itself in peacetime what an enemy tries to do to it in war.

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A police officer watches from the Chicago Skyway bridge while divers search for a person who jumped into the river below.

To Tribune photographers: Thank you

One of the many reasons the Chicago Tribune is a standout newspaper is its talented photographers. I venture to say that their identities are probably not well known to the general public even though these professionals regularly produce beautiful, provoking and spectacular photos.

And they make many sacrifices to get the pictures they want.

One photographer might wake at 3 a.m. in winter to catch a sunrise casting an orange-bright glow onto a downtown skyscraper. Another might see the Picasso in the evening looming magnificently against a darkening sky. And who can forget the photo of the tearful little boy raising his T-shirt to show the cruel post-operative scar after an errant bullet had torn through

his skin and vital organs?

Good photography grabs not only the eye but the heartstrings as well.

Congratulations to my favorite Tribune photographers: Nancy Stone, Antonio Perez, Brian Cassella, E. Jason Wambsgans and Phil Velasquez. To others I am unable to name, you also deserve our admiration and thanks.

— Kathleen Melia, Niles

Intemperate, illogical insults

U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois recent labeled President Donald Trump a draft dodger and implied that not serving in the military renders one incapable of insight on budgetary matters related to the Defense Department. Yes, Trump was deferred from military service when we had a draft, as were erstwhile President Bill Clinton and Vice President Dick Cheney. Our immediate past president, also from the Land of Lincoln, chose not to serve. Does Duckworth believe then that we should amend the Constitution so that only

presidents who have worn the uniform can bear the commander in chief title?

Animus directed at the orange-maned man in the Oval Office has reached manic proportions when senators can make ad hominem statements in lieu of addressing the issue of the moment. Duckworth may curry favor with other sufferers of Trump Distemper with her intemperate and illogical insults, but she leaves this disabled military veteran who did not vote for Trump displeased.

— Paul Bloustein, Cincinnati



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Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill.

Is the president willing to face Mueller 1-on-1?

It appears that special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into the Russian probe and President Donald Trump's possible involvement is fast approaching its zenith, and the blustery bravado often shown on our president's game face seems to be quickly diminishing.

Throughout Mueller's investigation Trump has categorically denied any illicit involvement with Russia. In fact, until recently, Trump stated that he'd be happy to meet with Mueller. However, Mueller's unrelenting investigative thoroughness has continued to gain traction. Mueller's team has com-

pleted its interviews with former national security adviser Michael Flynn, former FBI Director James Comey and Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Now Steve Bannon is in the on-deck circle.

Information resulting from those interviews will remain unknown for the time being; however, one can surmise that deals were made that can't bode too well for Trump. The tightening of the noose has apparently prompted Trump to listen to his lawyers and not be so eager to go one-on-one with Mueller. Instead, Trump's lawyers have suggested that they provide Trump's written answers to the

special counsel's questions.

It is doubtful that Mueller would play that game with the ammo he has garnered since the Justice Department appointed him last May. Given Trump's ability to open his mouth just wide enough to change feet, one can't imagine that he would appear in front of Mueller's prosecutorial posse without his bevy of barristers at his side to rein in their star witness.

When this is all over and Trump is out of office, he'll probably write another book. He should title it "Blind Man's Bluff."

— Michael Oakes, Chicago

Side effects

As a physician, it is anathema to me to suggest an individual as overweight as President Donald Trump not start a diet, but there are factors beyond the health of one individual at work. During weight loss, our hormonal milieu changes, and as anyone who has dieted can attest, myself included, we become irritable, short-tempered and lose impulse control. The president commands the strongest military in the world, including a vast nuclear arsenal. Even the president's supporters concede that anger management and impulse control are not his strong suits. Is it wise to risk aggravating those traits?

— Elliot Weisenberg, Chicago

A lasting memorial

I am appalled that the Obama Presidential Center is taking valuable and irreplaceable parkland that belongs to all the people of Chicago for an empty monumental edifice. Acres of beautiful, open, landscaped Jackson Park will be gone forever. In 2016, it was a "Star Wars" museum. If the trend of taking parkland continues, we will eventually have none.

My suggestion: Build the Obama Presidential Center on vacant land that is not already dedicated as parkland, perhaps in an area that needs rejuvenation; and while at it, maybe spend those millions of dollars to build and endow a state-of-the-art school, library, affordable housing or other facility that the people of Chicago really need and can use to improve their quality of life. What better way to commemorate and immortalize?

— Jerry Bruti, Chicago

Cut to the chase

Oh come on, Amazon, stop being coy. You know that Chicago has everything you want for your headquarters — acres of great beaches; world-class universities; central location for air, rail, highway and lake transportation; surrounded by states that have major college athletic teams; and you'll have dibs on Super Bowl tickets when the Bears' future-great quarterback gets the team in gear. So begin preparing for the move here. So what if Boston has Ivy League connections? It's doubtful that its students would be satisfied standing at package conveyor belts.

— Hosea L. Martin, Chicago

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Here's the problem with pets on planes

BY DAN K. THOMASSON

WASHINGTON — There's this wonderful story about two New Yorkers on the hottest day of the year being ordered by their wives when they arrive home from work to first walk their dogs.

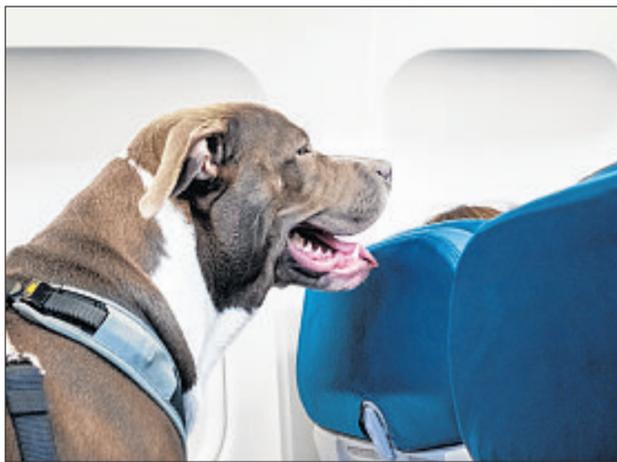
They meet in the lobby of their apartment building and trudge out into the oppressive heat of the night where no breeze is stirring. Miserable doesn't describe it.

"Sure would like an ice-cold mug of beer," one says, resolutely waiting for one of the dogs to do his business.

"Yeah," the other replies. "But where?"

Just then they notice a new picture window bar in their neighborhood where patrons are sitting in a cool atmosphere with pitchers of beer, the condensation dripping enticingly from the sides. One problem: A sign forbids pets.

"I'll fix that," one of the walkers says. He reaches into his breast pocket, pulls out his sunglasses and heads for the door, telling his friend to follow his lead in a few minutes. His companion watches in disbelief as he is ushered im-



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mediately to a table, his dog at his feet and a pitcher of frosty beer in front of him. The outside man immediately emulates his companion, flipping on his glasses and heading through the door, the dog leading. He is met by the same waiter, who tells him that he is sorry but no pets are allowed. "This isn't just a pet," the dog owner says. "It's my new Seeing

Eye dog."

"Pardon me," the waiter intones politely. "But I didn't realize Chihuahuas were used as Seeing Eye dogs." To which the walker shouts indignantly: "You mean they gave me a Chihuahua?"

That's what airlines and thousands of their passengers are facing — an onslaught of furry and some feathery creatures from

passengers who misrepresent them as necessary companions on their journeys, bringing them aboard in passenger compartments hardly large enough for humans and getting smaller. Resolving this predicament is of high priority for those who run the nation's airlines, already dealing with frustration and anger over crowded cabin space.

Making the job more difficult for them is a 1986 act that allows free travel for any animal trained to assist a person with a disability or provide emotional support. It is difficult to challenge whatever is necessary for the emotional stability of a passenger.

So a new surge of animals has been turning flights into a menagerie — blocking aisles, getting underfoot and even causing harm to other passengers. The Washington Post describes one man bitten badly in the face by a Lab held on the lap of a man in the next seat. Having owned two Labs, I can certify they aren't lap dogs, although they do make good seeing-eye guides.

There have been numerous other incidents.

There are efforts underway to

solve the situation, but it isn't easy. A 2016 panel worked for seven weeks but couldn't come up with any satisfactory solutions.

Delta, on whose flight the man was bitten, has come up with new requirements that go into effect next month. A passenger who wants his pet on board must submit a veterinarian's form to its newly created Service Animal Support Desk at least 48 hours before flying. Owners of psychiatric-service animals must provide a letter from a health provider saying the animal is trained to behave in public.

Airline travel has become increasingly taxing. Passengers in close confinement, sharing recirculated air, face myriad health issues from the common cold to the flu to who knows what. Put an animal in the mix and it all gets worse.

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Your Monday guide to managing money, work and the business of life



JILL SCHLESINGER
Jill on Money

Generational plan of action for saving

You've seen the frightening surveys that show Americans are not prepared for retirement, but let's take a more positive and proactive approach. No matter how old you are, you can make improvements. I'm going to break it down by generation.

Millennials (born 1980-2000): Ask anybody who is retired for advice on saving (or, for that matter, ask anybody who is 10 years from retirement with woefully underfunded investment accounts) and the answer will be almost unanimous: Think about and save for retirement finances as early as possible! Start understanding your cash flow by tracking what's coming in and going out, so you can find the money to fund your various financial priorities.

For many, paying off student loans will be at the top of the list. Your goal is to grab hold of and accelerate the process as much as possible. But you also should try to squeeze a tiny bit of money out of your cash flow and direct it toward retirement saving, especially if you work for an organization that offers a match. Ideally, you can start by saving about 6 percent of your salary for retirement early in your career. Increase the percentage every year or as your cash flow allows.

Generation X (born 1965 to 1979): Many of you were especially vulnerable during three huge market meltdowns (the 1987 stock market correction and the bursting of the dot-com and housing bubbles). Depending on where you were during these crises, you may have been forced to reduce retirement contributions or, in extreme cases, to invade savings and retirement accounts to survive.

That may partially explain a recent report from TD Ameritrade, which found that 43 percent of Gen Xers said they're behind in saving for retirement, while only 26 percent are very financially secure (vs. 40 percent of baby boomers).

Here are some goals for this period of your life: Aim to be free of consumer and student debt; accumulate an emergency reserve fund of six to 12 months of living expenses; and try to increase your retirement savings contribution up to 15 percent. If you are able to max out your retirement, you then can consider college education funding for your children. But it's important to focus on yourself first.

Baby boomers (born 1946 to 1964): By now, for most of you, the kids are out of house, and that means you can focus on retirement. Although 10,000 baby boomers retire every day, many spend more time researching and shopping for a car than planning for this milestone. Without kids to worry about, this is the time to turbocharge your savings to make up for the years when you weren't able to save enough. It's also a time to shift your mindset from growing your assets to protecting them and figuring out how to generate the income you need.

The silent/greatest generation (born 1910 to 1945): Even if you have ample savings, it's important not to spend too much money early on in your retirement years. This is especially true if you retired when markets were in a downturn. Considering the increase in average life expectancy, your nest egg has to generate income for 20 years or longer. It's also imperative not to blow up your retirement by assuming too much or too little risk. And, of course, after you turn age 70 1/2, you will need to factor in required minimum distributions.

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Out of office (really)



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How to leave work behind at the end of the day

BY MARLA TABAKA | Inc.

You can turn off your computer at the end of the day, but shutting down work-related thoughts isn't as simple as pushing a button.

An inability to disengage from work has its consequences, including high stress levels, lowered productivity and damaged relationships. It also puts you in danger of being seen as a very dull person. A client recently told me that her older sister confessed to missing their little sister because all she talks about is work. Where's the fun in that?

Working from a home office for about 20 years has forced me to find little tricks to successfully separate my work and personal life. These simple steps can make a big difference.

View your disengagement as productive

Setting goals is important and setting boundaries gives us the energy and clarity to achieve them. I recently bumped into an acquaintance in a coffee shop who rambled on about why it was OK that he chose to sleep an extra 30 minutes instead of racing to the office. Obviously, he was trying to talk himself into believing it, and I was happy to be a sounding board. But this is a silly thing to feel guilty about. How can a person be productive when he or she is exhausted?

Study after study shows the importance of resting the mind and body. You'll be clear-headed and productive when you nurture your relationships, eat right and get enough sleep.

You are achieving something important when you take yourself out of work mode.

End the day on a good note

Leaving work with an incomplete project or a problem weighing on your mind makes it difficult to disconnect. To close out your day, send a signal to your brain telling it to switch to something pleasant and let the problems rest until you intentionally switch back into work mode.

Make a phone call to thank or com-

pliment someone, scratch some things off your to-do list or jot down a couple of positive things about your day. Sometimes it's a stretch to find the good in a particularly difficult day, but believe me, it's there.

Straighten up your office

When I walk out of a messy office, it leaves me with a nagging feeling that I've left something undone. Why carry frustration into the next segment of your day? My daily clean-up ritual signals the end of the day for me, and I walk away with a sense of accomplishment. Being organized also saves an immense amount of time, once again adding to increased productivity.

Connect with someone outside of work

When you call a friend, your brain switches gears, setting you up to move into your personal agenda. Make the conversation about the friend rather than your work, especially if you've had a stressful day. Instead of opening up an opportunity for negativity, avoid asking the standard, "How was your day?" and ask about the good or exciting things that happened since you last spoke.

Plan your next steps

Planning your next activity, whether it's cooking dinner or going to a movie,

creates a distraction for your brain. I'll admit that sometimes I don't want to think about doing anything because I'm exhausted. On those evenings, I imagine myself relaxing with a good book (which may include a glass of wine), and that does it for me.

Having something to look forward to helps us resist the temptation to keep working.

Perform an anchoring activity

A simple, neuro-linguistic programming trick is to associate an internal response with some external trigger. Using that same trigger at a later point will prompt your body and brain to recall the same feeling or mood. When it comes to leaving work behind, it may be closing your office door, calling home or even something that feels silly, like tapping on your desk three times or squeezing the trigger points on the side of your knee.

Sending such a signal to your brain programs it to trigger a feeling or action that can make it easier for you to stop thinking about work.

Add to your to-do list

Scratching things off your list is a positive action and promotes a sense of achievement; adding to your list helps to organize thoughts and reduces concerns about forgetting something important.

When I jot down the things I didn't get to by the end of the day, it eliminates the nagging feeling that I'll forget something important.

View your work and personal life with equal importance, rather than placing an exaggerated importance on your work.

You know you're less productive when you're tired and stressed out, so why not close the door on your problems guilt-free and get some rest?

If you're a non-believer, give it a try for a few weeks and notice the positive, all-around impact that a little balance brings to your world.

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Digging into digital assets

Cryptocurrencies' volatile natures not for everyone



ELLIOT RAPHAELSON

Bitcoin has had a wild ride recently, trading above \$11,000 just a few days after sharp sell-offs, which at one point saw it almost sliced in half from last month's all-time high above \$19,000. This has left many questioning the wisdom of cryptocurrencies and wondering what the future holds.

The huge price swings are bringing forward a question that has hovered over the industry since its birth: to what extent can a virtual asset be a store of value?

There's no doubt that cryptoassets, including bitcoin, are changing the face of money and markets, say Chris Burniske and Jack Tatar, who are experts in the field.

Their book, "Cryptoassets: The Innovative Investor's Guide to Bitcoin and Beyond," was published in October by McGraw Hill. I read the book in order to gain a better understanding of this technology, which many finance experts believe will have a dramatic impact on our economy and have influenced the availability of investment options.

A few months ago, I reviewed "The Truth about Your Future" by Ric Edelman. Edelman, in that book, devoted a great deal of space to cryptoassets. He predicted that blockchain, the technological foundation of cryptoassets, "will radically transform many industries and services," and he cited more than 20 examples.

Edelman has reviewed Burniske's and Tatar's book, and he said in his review that cryptoassets are "poised to be one of the most profound inventions in history,



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and blockchain technology may change everything — just as the wheel and internet did." He goes on to say that this book will help you understand blockchain and cryptoassets.

I agree with Edelman. I believe that long-term investors, as well as investment advisers, will need to understand this technology and recognize the need to use associated investment opportunities.

It's no secret that bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies have had dramatic increases in value. However, there has been a great deal of volatility. As a result, some investors who have made purchases at peak values have lost money.

Many investors also had investment losses because they did not maintain proper controls over their investments, enabling hackers to steal them. Burniske was featured in a New York Times article discussing the problem of identity thieves using hijacked cellphone numbers to drain cryptocurrency accounts.

Other cryptocurrency investors have lost some or all of their investment because they failed to maintain records of their individual passwords. Cryptocurrency investors who lose track of their passwords find that they can't obtain a substitute one, and they lose some or all of their investments. Even Elon Musk has done it, according to the Wall Street Journal.

I recommend Burniske's and Tatar's

book. It's not written with the objective of making specific recommendations that will make you rich. The authors recognize that the markets have been very volatile, and anyone who rushes out to purchase cryptoassets now will likely be facing a great deal of volatility and the possibility of significant losses.

On the other hand, the book will be valuable to you if you want to understand the basics of blockchain in general and cryptocurrencies in particular. The book is organized in three parts to answer fundamental questions: What? Why? and How?

The authors explain the background leading up to the introduction of blockchain technology, namely the financial crisis of 2008. They emphasize the importance of portfolio management and alternative assets, and they provide a fundamental analysis and a valuation framework for cryptoassets.

The authors also discuss the current cryptoasset alternatives and the alternatives likely to be available in the future. Finally, they give pointers on how to interact with your investment advisers about including cryptoassets in your portfolio. Hopefully, your advisers are becoming more knowledgeable on the subject as well.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.



TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Financial services industry eyeing millennials

Sorry, boomers, but the world of banking and insurance isn't so interested in you anymore. You're getting too old to buy insurance, you're too conservative with your investments and your time horizons are too short to be very profitable to the investment world.

The financial services industry is aiming at millennials.

Many millennials — born between 1982 and 2004 — are well into their careers at this point, ready to invest and avail themselves of financial advice.

How will the financial services industry reach them? New approaches are required.

Millennials are the most tech-savvy (and tech-dependent) group in history. But can they learn the benefits of patient, long-term investing and financial planning? The financial services industry is deep into figuring it out.

The Center for Retirement Research has published an analysis, concluding that "millennials — despite high education levels — are behind previous cohorts on many indicators that help boost retirement preparedness." Buried in debt and with memories of financial system losses, "millennials have less wealth than previous cohorts, even though they will need more due to longer lifespans and reduced Social Security."

But all is not gloomy. Time is on their side, and the financial services industry is gearing up to help millennials change this outlook.

CIT Bank sponsored a holiday survey that said millennials are great savers. The survey trumpeted its findings: "A total of 67 percent of millennials and 54 percent of Gen-X respondents plan to include savings as a goal in the New Year, compared to 27 percent of boomers."

Are millennials taking advantage of their technology superiority? Intuit, parent company of TurboTax, says not so much. Their new survey finds: "While millennials are the most informed generation and consume information across a range of channels, most cannot pass a basic financial test, and feel embarrassed and out of control when it comes to their personal finances." Other findings:

- Six in 10 millennials are hesitant to discuss their situation with friends because they are embarrassed that they make less money or are ashamed of poor financial decisions in their past.

- Only 12 percent of millennials feel very prepared for their financial future.

- Only one-third of millennials feel like they make enough to pay for bills and also save for the future.

TurboTax has Turbo, an app that "empowers millennials to take control of their financial situation by bringing together the three numbers that matter most to lenders: verified IRS-filed income, credit score and debt-to-income ratio."

Bank of America has just released its fifth annual Better Money Habits Millennial Report. Their optimistic conclusion: "Millennials are actually just as good, or better, than other generations when it comes to managing money, and they are getting their financial houses in order." They are "more likely to set savings goals — and a majority meet them. Most millennials feel financially secure — at a level on par with Generation Xers and boomers."

Just one fly in the ointment: The report says millennials tend to believe the negative stereotypes about themselves, including reports about overspending and bad money management habits.

I'm guessing that millennials are just like every generation preceding them — swayed by the economic environment in which they arrive at maturity. That's what makes them a great target for the financial services industry. And that's the Savage Truth.

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Sitting on sidelines not a smart move

Don't let investing fears shortchange retirement

BY RYAN ERMEY

Kiplinger

A recent survey by Ally Bank found that 61 percent of Americans find investing scary, with millennials the most likely to report feeling intimidated. Millennials biggest fear: losing money on investments.

Why so much angst? Millennials are the generation that came of age during the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. They watched markets implode and the economy follow suit, shrinking their post-college job options in the process. As the bull market approaches its 10th year, they know another downturn is lurking.

But sitting on the sidelines is short-changing their futures, particularly their retirement. Every second millennials wait to take the leap, they're giving up one of their greatest assets as investors: time.

"The further from retirement you are, the more time your assets have to recover from big losses," says Dave Nash, a certified financial planner in San Antonio, Texas. Generally, he says, that gives younger investors leeway to take a little more risk with their investments for a potentially bigger reward. And the earlier that happens, the more time there is for compound interest to work its magic.

Take a 27-year-old who starts contributing \$100 per month toward retirement and earns a return of 8 percent per year.



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She would have \$350,000 by age 67. Not bad, but had she started five years earlier, she would retire with nearly \$530,000.

Even the unluckiest investor in the world investing in a broad stock market index fund at the very top of the market in October 2007 — just before stocks measured by that index tumbled 55.3 percent — would have recovered. If the investment was left untouched from then until now, the investor would have earned 76 percent per year, on average, on the initial investment, for a total gain of about 111 percent.

A quick-and-dirty calculation to keep in mind, Nash says, is the rule of 72. To find how long it will take your money to double, divide your portfolio's rate of return into 72. Even if you earn a conservative 6 percent, your money will double about every 12 years. Boost that to 10 percent (the average return for stock

portfolios dating back to 1926), and you'll double your investment about every seven years.

Still, some on the sidelines might wonder if it's wiser to wait to invest until stock prices are lower. Sure, theoretically, but good luck guessing when that's going to happen.

"If it was easy to time the market and know which asset classes will outperform, then we'd all be millionaires," says Elaine Lee, a certified financial planner in Summit, N.J.

Investors are better off diversifying their dollars among various asset classes, such as stocks, bonds and cash, to ensure their eggs aren't all in one basket.

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Budget travel alert: Curacao



Bermuda, Turks and Caicos and Anguilla are three popular island destinations and they can be expensive and crowded. For equally glorious beaches, excellent snorkeling and diving and reasonable prices, check out Curacao to the south instead.

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Activities

Curacao's warm waters are ideal for scuba diving, snorkeling and other water activities. Visitors also can go to Willemstad, a city in the middle of paradise. There's the swinging Queen Emma Bridge, the interesting Kura Hulanda Museum (\$10 admission for adults) and plenty of nightclubs.

Food, lodging

Dinner is typically a mix of European and Indian influences and generally costs \$12-\$30, according to Priceoftravel.com. The Dutch-Caribbean island was unscathed by the hurricanes that struck last year, and prices are dropping for lodging there. A room at an all-inclusive beach resort can be had for about \$170 per night and a pleasant hotel in Willemstad will set you back about \$90 per night for a late-winter stay, according to a search on Expedia.



Airfare

Several airlines fly to Curacao, and there are multiple options available from New York for about \$550 round trip in late winter. Flights are more expensive from other regions. Round-trip flights from Chicago or Atlanta, for example, are about \$750 in early March.

SUCCESS

Startup seed money

Ways to build a company without begging family, friends for money

BY DAKOTA SHANE
Inc.

If you're in the process of bootstrapping a company, chances are you've read lots of online content on how to do it. In many of these pieces, the authors recommend asking friends and family for money in the beginning.

This isn't always a smart move, and it alienates entrepreneurs who may not have access to such resources. For those who don't have wealthy relatives or friends or who hate to be indebted to family, here are some alternatives to consider.

1. Keep your day job and save: "I would get a job, 9 to 5, that pays you the most but that you have to do the least. And then I would build your business in two hours during work ... and then from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. ... Do that until your business provides you enough revenue where you can just work on your own thing," says Gary Vaynerchuk, author, entrepreneur and mentor.

If you aren't fortunate enough to secure outside funding for your business, keeping your day job is the simplest advice that's often overlooked. Until the revenue from your startup replaces the salary from your day job, save up and use your salary for various startup costs.

2. Cut expenses: As someone who's bootstrapping a company, are you living above your means in certain areas? Is your rent higher than it should be? Are you spending too much at bars on the weekends? Think critically about this, then make a checklist of the areas of your life you could cut back on.

For years, I was living in Oakland, Calif., paying \$2,000 per month for a shoebox apartment. When I had my startup job in San Francisco and was launching my business on the side, the location and price made sense. Yet, after I went full-time on my own business, it made no sense at all to stay in the Bay Area. I was working my butt off trying to pay bills while building the company from scratch.

I moved, first to Portland and then to the Greater Los Angeles area, where I pay almost half of what I paid in Oakland for rent.

3. Take advantage of the gig economy: When you're ready to make the leap into your business full-time, take advantage of the gig economy (Uber, Lyft, Postmates, Instacart, etc.) as a backup plan.

The best thing about gig economy jobs is the flexibility. If you have a month where business is booming, you won't have to use the gig economy at all. But if you have a down month where revenue dries up, you don't have to worry about getting evicted or being forced to pick up a side job that'll take up too much of your



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precious time.

Additionally, if you ever want some extra cash to put behind an ad campaign or other expense, the option is always there.

Don't have a car? There are a number of other options. If you have a marketable skill like graphic design or copywriting, Thumbtack and Upwork are terrific platforms.

4. Get others on board: If you can't get talented individuals excited enough about your idea that they want to help make it a reality, then how do you expect to get consumers excited enough to buy it?

You have to have a team. It's that simple. In the beginning, focus on finding people who can do the tasks you can't do yourself. If you're a spectacular copywriter but a lousy designer, find someone who can fill that void. If you're having a hard time finding talent, consider using a platform like CoFoundersLab to discover potential team members.

Hiring interns to join your team (paid or unpaid), is another option worth considering when bootstrapping.

In the beginning, if you can't design things yourself, you'll want to have someone on your team who can. Perception is reality, and having someone on board who can make your brand look as professional as possible from the get-go is crucial to gaining the trust of customers.

5. Use crowdfunding: If you already have a prototype of the product you're selling or a firm handle on the service you're offering, crowdfunding could be an effective alternative to the more traditional methods of funding.

After you've created a compelling promotional video explaining your business, give sites like Kickstarter and Indiegogo a try when it comes to crowdfunding.

Starting a company with little financial support from others makes the already difficult job of entrepreneurship even tougher. The important thing is to be strategic with your time management and realistic in your execution.

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STEVE ROSEN
Kids & Money

2 new benefits for 529 savings plans

The federal tax overhaul provides two new benefits for the popular 529 savings plans.

One provision — and a controversial one at that — allows families to tap money stored in the tax-friendly 529 plans to pay tuition and related educational expenses for private, public and religious schools from elementary through high school.

The second change provides more financial flexibility to help parents cover costs for a child who has disabilities.

These changes make it more imperative for parents to make sure they're making the best moves from an investment, risk and tax standpoint.

The 529 accounts — offered by nearly every state — were created to help families pay for college.

As originally designed, investment growth and withdrawals were tax-free as long as the money was spent on qualified higher education costs, such as tuition, room and board, and computers and software.

But the new provision, which took effect in January, allows parents to spend up to \$10,000 a year from their 529 to cover private, public and religious school costs.

While critics say this new provision only helps the wealthy and is not good tax policy, others hailed the change.

"Education is not a one-size-fits-all proposition," said Richard J. Polimeni, chairman of the College Savings Foundation, a Washington-based nonprofit organization that supports efforts to help families save for college. "The expansion does provide additional flexibility for families and recognizes the variety of education options available to students today."

With public schools, for example, parents can now use 529 money to cover costs associated with enrollment, such as for equipment, supplies and other materials associated with specialty schools for the performing arts or with a science and technology focus.

In his statement, Polimeni cited a 2017 survey by Strategic Insight that found that more than 50 percent of the families currently saving in 529s have annual household income of less than \$100,000.

"Families that save regularly save an average of \$150 to \$250 per month, not the kind or amount of savings associated with the wealthy but an amount consistent with middle American families making a sacrifice for education," he said.

Until this year, Coverdell Education Savings Accounts were the only plans that offered tax-free savings for expenses at elementary schools through high school. Families with Coverdells can now roll those funds into a 529 with no federal tax consequences as long as the money is used for qualified purposes.

Parents will need to determine the best way to use 529 funds to make the most of federal and, in many cases, state tax benefits, according to a recent report from SavingforCollege.com, considered the leading resource website for 529 programs.

"With a shorter time horizon, you might not see much of a federal tax benefit from using 529s to pay for kindergarten through high school education," SavingforCollege.com noted.

There's a state tax break to consider, as more than 30 states offer a deduction or credit for contributions to 529s. Moreover, a handful of states — Arizona, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Montana and Pennsylvania — allow tax deductions for contributions into any state 529 plan, not just their own.

With those nuances in mind, SavingforCollege recommends opening two 529 plans: one to save for college and one to save for K-12 tuition.

The new tax law also includes a rollover provision from 529s to so-called ABLER accounts, which were created in 2014 to help parents who have a child with a disability.

The Achieving a Better Life Experience accounts are similar to 529s (www.ablenr.org) and offer tax-free investment growth and tax-free withdrawals for qualified expenses, including college, job training, health care and financial management.

Questions, comments, column ideas? Send an email to sbrosen1030@gmail.com.

How tax law affects charitable giving

BY KIMBERLY LANKFORD
Kiplinger

Q: I heard that the new tax law changed some of the rules pertaining to charitable giving. Can I still make a tax-free transfer from my IRA to charity and have it count as my required minimum distribution? I'm 75 and I've been doing that for the past few years.

A: Yes. The new tax law doesn't change the rules for qualified charitable distributions, which let people older than 70 1/2 transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRAs to charity each year, and have it count as their RMD without being added to their adjusted gross income.

The new law also doesn't change the basic rules for charitable deductions (other than increasing the deduction limit for cash contributions from 50 percent to 60 percent of your adjusted gross income). But because the law nearly doubled the standard deduction, fewer people will itemize deductions — and you can only deduct charitable contributions if you itemize.

Until Congress changed the rules, the 2018 standard deduction was scheduled to be \$13,000 for joint filers, \$6,500 for



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single filers and \$9,550 for those filing as head of household. But now, the 2018 basic standard deduction will be \$24,000 for joint filers, \$12,000 for single filers and \$18,000 for heads of household.

Taxpayers older than 65 get an even better deal. Each spouse age 65 or older gets an extra \$1,300, so if both husband and wife are 65 or older, the standard deduction is \$26,600; single taxpayers and heads of household age 65 and older get an extra \$1,600, bringing their standard deduction to \$13,600 and \$19,600, respectively. It makes sense to itemize

only if your itemized deductions are larger than that threshold.

Meanwhile, the new law also limits some other itemized deductions that make it even more difficult to cross that threshold. For example, the law caps the itemized deduction for state and local taxes (including property, sales and income taxes) at \$10,000.

The deduction for interest paid on home-equity loans and lines of credit is eliminated for both new and existing loans unless the money is used to improve your home. And the mortgage-interest deduction will be limited to interest on the first \$750,000 of debt for home loans taken out after Dec. 14, 2017 (interest on up to \$1 million in mortgage debt is deductible for loans taken out on or before Dec. 14).

But the tax-free transfer from an IRA lets you benefit from making the gift to the charity even without itemizing. This way, you can still take the standard deduction, but your charitable gift isn't included in your adjusted gross income and therefore isn't taxed.

Kimberly Lankford is a contributing editor to Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine. Send your questions and comments to moneypower@kiplinger.com.

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JANE LYNCH DAY 1927-2018

School librarian guided kids' reading choices

By Bob Goldsborough
Chicago Tribune

Jane Lynch Day was a librarian in two DuPage County school districts whose career began after she had raised her own children.

"She was the happiest gal. She always came to school with a smile on, and she knew all the kids in the school, and they looked forward to seeing her also," said Jane Webster, the retired principal of Kingsley Elementary School in Downers Grove.

Day, 90, died on Jan. 1 at Wyncscape Health and Rehabilitation Center in Wheaton of a heart attack she had suffered shortly after breaking her hip, said her son, Chuck.

Born Jane Lynch in Baltimore, she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Maryland. She was married to Ken Day in September 1950 and the couple moved to Oak Park, where she taught grade school, her son said.

After her children were older, she returned to school in the 1970s, attending Northern Illinois University and working toward



FAMILY PHOTO

Jane Lynch Day was a librarian at Glendale Heights and Downers Grove schools.

a master's degree in library science.

In August 1977, shortly after turning 50, Day went back to work, as a librarian at Glen Hill School in Glendale Heights.

"She had recognized that in education, a lot of the teaching had shifted from the classroom to the library learning centers, and there was a real opportunity to invest in students in a way that was different than the way that the classroom teacher did," Chuck Day said. "So she saw that coming. She enjoyed having each (class) come to the LLC each hour, wave after

wave, and she was directly involved with identifying interests and finding a book that would be of interest and reinforcing that, day after day."

In 1984, Webster hired Day to be the librarian at Kingsley Elementary School in Downers Grove. She was for a time librarian at Hillcrest Elementary School in Downers Grove as well.

"She was so enthusiastic about the books," Webster said. "She was the first professional (librarian) in our grade school system. And as computers were coming in, she was willing to learn everything about computer use and help the kids learn it all."

Day's husband worked for more than 40 years for Fanny May Candies.

"At Christmastime, she brought candy for everybody," Webster said with a laugh.

Day's husband died in 2003. In addition to her son, she is survived by a daughter, Leslie; two grandchildren; and a brother, Albert Lynch.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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ON JANUARY 29 ...

In 1688 scientist and Christian mystic and theologian Emanuel Swedenborg was born in Stockholm.

In 1737 political writer and pamphleteer Thomas Paine was born in Thetford, England.

In 1820 Britain's King George III died at Windsor Castle, ending a reign that had seen both the American and French revolutions.

In 1843 the 25th U.S. president, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.

In 1845 Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published, in the New York Evening Mirror.

In 1850 Henry Clay introduced in the Senate a compromise bill on slavery that included the admission of California into the Union as a free state.

In 1860 playwright Anton Chekhov was born in Taganrog, Russia.

In 1861 Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In 1880 comedian WC. Fields was born William Claude Dukenfield in Philadelphia.

In 1900 baseball's original American League was organized with teams in Chicago, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Minneapolis and Buffalo.

In 1919 the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk.

In 1923 playwright and screenwriter Paddy Chayefsky ("Marty," "Network") was born Sidney Chayefsky in New York.

In 1936 Ty Cobb, Babe

Ruth, Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson and Honus Wagner became the first players to be voted into the new Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1954 television personality, entrepreneur and actress Oprah Winfrey was born in Kosciusko, Miss.

In 1958 actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married. (They remained married until Newman's death in 2008.)

In 1963 the first members of football's Hall of Fame — including the Bears' George Halas, Bronko Nagurski and Red Grange — were named in Canton, Ohio. Also in 1963 poet Robert Frost died in Boston; he was 88.

In 1964 Stanley Kubrick's nuclear war satire "Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" premiered in New York, Toronto and London. Also in 1964, the Winter Olympic Games opened in Innsbruck, Austria. Also in 1964 actor Alan Ladd died in Palm Springs, Calif.; he was 50.

In 1975 a bomb exploded inside the U.S. State Department in Washington, causing considerable damage, but injuring no one. (The radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility.)

In 1979 President Jimmy Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

In 1992 legendary Chicago blues artist Willie Dixon died in Burbank, Calif.; he was 76.

In 1993 President Bill Clinton told reporters he was ordering the drafting of a formal directive by July 15 to end the longstanding ban

on homosexuals in the U.S. military.

In 1995 the San Francisco 49ers became the first team in NFL history to win five Super Bowl titles, beating the San Diego Chargers, 49-26.

In 1998 a bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala., killing Robert Sanderson, an off-duty police officer working as a security guard, and critically injuring Emily Lyons, a nurse.

In 1999 the Senate delivered subpoenas for Monica Lewinsky and two of President Bill Clinton's advisers, summoning them for private, videotaped testimony in the impeachment trial.

In 2000 delegates meeting in Montreal reached an international agreement on the trade of genetically modified food and other products. Also in 2000 Joe Montana and Ronnie Lott, architects of San Francisco's Super Bowl dynasty, were among five individuals elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

In 2002, in his first State of the Union address, President George W. Bush said terrorists were still threatening America and warned of an "axis of evil" consisting of North Korea, Iran and Iraq.

In 2013 President Barack Obama urged Congress to pass legislation allowing many of the nation's 11 million immigrants living in the country illegally to earn citizenship. Also in 2013 Hadiya Pendleton, 15, who performed at inaugural activities for President Barack Obama, was shot and killed about a mile from Obama's Chicago home.

In 2014 Google agreed to sell Motorola Mobility to Chinese tech giant Lenovo for \$2.91 billion.

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Berouka, Andrew L.

Andrew L. Berouka, age 100 of Brookfield. Beloved husband of the late Antonia, nee Kyriakopoulos, loving father of Penelope "Penny" (late Alex) Loulousis, cherished grandfather of William (Sarah) Loulousis, Andrew (Cassie) Loulousis and James (Melissa) Loulousis and great grandfather of Alex, Leo and Dean Loulousis, dear brother of the late Melia (late Peter), late Georgia (late Dimitri), late Christina (late Bobby), late Basiliki (late Nicko), late Paul (late Soula) and Dimitra (late Christo), fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, January 30, 3:00pm-9:00pm at Johnson-Nosek Funeral Home 3847 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield. Funeral Service Wednesday, January 31, 10:30am at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church 7560 S. Archer Road, Justice. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Memorial donations to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church would be appreciated. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.JohnsonNosek.com. Info: (708) 485-0214.

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Bielski, Pauline

Bielski, Pauline Pauline passed away peacefully December 15, 2017 on her terms having faced her final battle ensconced in her lovely Lakeview Avenue condo artfully hand making her final set of Christmas cards for her legion of lifelong friends near and far. Pauline, the first daughter of Polish immigrants, and just a high school graduate achieved almost un-

heard of success over 50 years ago as the Executive Art Director for Chicago's Arthur Wilk Advertising, and then Senior VP of NY based Young & Rubicam. Pauline's artistic talents were especially appreciated by Colgate Palmolive, one of her biggest Wilk accounts. In retirement and before, Pauline loved to travel, regularly attended the theater and opera, and enjoyed all that embodied the art of this world. Pauline was a longtime volunteer at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and The Art Institute of Chicago, where she added many colleagues to her long list of friends. Pauline is survived by her loving sister Helen Fauber, and her devoted friends, in addition to her condo building 'family' and those at NWMH. In lieu of a traditional funeral, Pauline requested that her sister and friends gather at her condo for her last cocktail party to celebrate life. If you have read this far, in Pauline fashion you too should have a party and celebrate the life you are living. In keeping with Pauline's request, any memorials should be made to the charity of your choice. Interment was private. Arrangements by Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center 773-774-3333.

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Bukovsky, Joseph F.

Joseph F. Bukovsky, age 78, at rest January 27, 2018 at home in Downers Grove, IL. Beloved husband of the late Kathleen (nee Fox); loving father of Michael (Debra), Mark (Rae Joyce) and Jeffrey (Kimberly); devoted grandfather of Cody, Tara, Tyler, Amy, Luke, Katie and Jamie, great grandfather of Caiden; dearest relative of Ken & Sue, Keith and MaryAnn, Jodi, Caroline, Greg, Matthew, Melissa and Sarah; fond cousin and friend to many. Visitation Tuesday January 30, 3-9 P.M. at Knollcrest Funeral Home 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. So. of Roosevelt Rd.), Lombard. Funeral Wednesday, 9:15 A.M. from the funeral home to St. Mary of Gostyn Church 445 Prairie Ave., Downers Grove. Mass 10 A.M. Interment 1 P.M. St. John Nepomucene Cemetery 615 River Rd., Barrington Hills. (No formal procesion) Funeral Info 630-932-1500. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Montini Catholic High School 19W070 16th St., Lombard IL 60148

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Cerrillos, William "Bill" "Uncle Mo"

William "Bill" "Uncle Mo" Cerrillos, age 89, a resident of Crest Hill, IL, formerly of Chicago, IL, St. John, IN and Romeoville, IL, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 26, 2018 at his home. He was born June 8, 1928 in Chicago.

Visitation Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 3:00-9:00 PM at Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 15219 S. Joliet Rd., Plainfield, IL.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, January 31, 10:30 AM at St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, 15629 S. Route 59, Plainfield.

Interment: Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL.

For a complete obituary and more information, please visit www.overman-jones.com or call (815) 436-9221.

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Dawson, Valerie Helen

Valerie Helen Dawson nee Povech of Schaumburg formerly of Arlington Heights, beloved wife of the late Francis "Frank" Dawson; loving mother of Steven (Patricia) Dawson, Susan Dawson-Tibbits, Jean Dawson, Janet (Chris) Baumann, Teresa Dawson, Patricia Dawson and the late John Dawson; dear grandmother of 6 and great-grandmother of 9; fond sister of Delores (Late Lloyd) Daily, Dorothy (Anthony) Serio and the late Paul (late Marion) and Richard (late Dottie) Povech. Also survived by cousin Jim Brots and sister-in-law Loretta Connelly, and many nieces & nephews. Valerie will be sorely missed by her many friends including those at Friendship Village in Schaumburg. Visitation 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm, Monday at the Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd. (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.) Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Prayers Tuesday 9 am from funeral home proceeding to St. Hubert Church 729 Grand Canyon St, Hoffman Estates, IL 60194 for 10 am Funeral Mass. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Balzegas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, BrightFocus Foundation or Visitation Catholic School Chicago. Funeral Information and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Feeley, Don W.

Don W. Feeley, longtime resident of Elmhurst; beloved Husband of Linda; Loving Father of Don (Alli) Feeley, Jr., Kevin (Beth) Feeley, Jeff (Marianna Halasi) Feeley and Anne (Tom) Wilson; Proud Grandfather of 9. Don now joins his siblings in heaven, Marian (Ned) Minaghan, Jack Feeley, Jim (Mary Beth) Feeley, Dorothy (Bert) Smith, Bob (Pat) Feeley; and is survived by his brothers, Bill (Mary Alice) Feeley and David (Lynn) Feeley, his sister in law, Patricia Feeley and his former sister in law, Mary S. Feeley. Fond Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Mr. Feeley was a former 2nd Ward Alderman for the City of Elmhurst, a member of Kiwanis Club of Elmhurst and a retired attorney for the First National Bank of Chicago. Visitation at the Pedersen Ryberg Mortuary, 435 N. York St., Elmhurst on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018 from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 beginning with prayers at the mortuary at 9 a.m. and proceeding to Mary Queen of Heaven Church, Elmhurst, Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Interment to follow at the family lot. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Catholic Charities (catholic-charities.net) or World Vision (worldvision.org) For info 630-834-1133 or pedersenryberg.com

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FLYNN, Sister Mildred 'Micki'

Sister Micki Flynn, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, died on January 24, 2018, at the age of 80. Her passing is mourned by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, her sister Mary Flynn Holland, her brothers William Flynn and John Rokosz, and many nieces, nephews and friends. Sister Micki taught in elementary schools in Hamilton, Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio, and in Des Plaines and Barrington, IL as an excellent Junior High teacher. Sister spent many years as adjunct English teacher at Northern Illinois, Loyola University in Chicago and almost 30 years as Associate Professor at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Sister Micki moved to Cincinnati to be available to her SND sisters and friends, a ministry which continued when she moved to Mt. Notre Dame Health Center. The visitation will take place Wednesday, January 31, 2018, from 1:30-2:45 at Mount Notre Dame Health Center, 699 E. Columbia Avenue, Cincinnati, OH (513-821-7448), followed by the Mass of Christian burial and interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Retirement Fund of the Sisters of Notre Dame, 701 E. Columbia Avenue, Cincinnati OH, 45215. Funeral arrangements: Schmidt-Dhonau-Kucner Funeral Home (for complete obituary see: www.schmidtdhonaukucner.com)

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Gallagher, Ann

Gallagher, Ann (nee Pembroke). Age 71 Schiller Park IL. Native of Dromulton Co. Kerry Ireland. Loving wife of Anthony J Gallagher. Beloved mother of Angela Gallagher, Michael (Aneta) Gallagher, and Theresa (Robert) Meyer. Cherished grandmother of Jeremy, Nathan, Abby Ann. Loving sister and sister in law and aunt to many. Visitation Tuesday Jan 30 from 3-9pm at Cooney Funeral Home 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge. Funeral Wednesday Jan 31 9:15am prayers for 10am Mass at St. Beatrice Church. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Beatrice Church. For info www.cooneyfuneralhome.com or 847-685-1002.

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Gryska, Edward L.

Edward L. Gryska, age 99. Proprietor of Eddie's Shell/Standard Service Station on Archer Avenue for 35 years. Beloved husband of the late Sylvia (nee Rendak); loving father of Walter (Diane Flottesch), Raymond and the late Edward; cherished grandfather of Lisa, Jeff, Thaddeus and Grant; cherished step-grandfather of Leslie; fond brother of Laura Lucostic, Eugene, the late Sigmund, the late Helen Polarek, the late Marie Drop, the late Irene Czajkowski, the late Estelle "Dolly" Hanas and the late Walter; also many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 8:30 a.m. until time of funeral 10:30 a.m. at Richard Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 5725 S. Pulaski Rd. to St. Turibius Church, Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. For info: (773) 767-4730 or www.rjmodellfh.com

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Houcek, Anne E.

Anne E. Houcek, nee Pomey, age 103, of Oak Brook, formerly of Westchester. Beloved wife of the late Elmer Houcek; fond mother of Neal (Catherine) Houcek; dear grandmother of Christine Houcek and Jerilyn (Michael) Murguia; great grand mother of Owen, Benjamin and Matthew Murguia; sister of the late Florence, Mildred and Irwin. Visitation Tuesday, January 30, 2018 from 9:30 A.M. to time of Service 10:30 A.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home Ltd.** 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, 60513. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Alzheimer's Association, 8430 West Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Johnson, Britta M.

Britta M. Johnson, age 89, of Western Springs. Beloved wife of the late Clifford. Loving mother of Cheryl Johnson and Linda (Gary) Kozak. Devoted Mother of Paul Kozak. Dear sister of the late John Nordstrom. A memorial visitation will be held 10am Wednesday until time of Memorial Service, 11am at Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Rd., Oak Lawn. Interment at Bronswood Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the church would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 630-964-6500

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Kill, Michael J.

Michael J. Kill, 76, US Army Veteran, Ret. CPD, beloved husband of Margaret A., nee True; devoted father of Mathias J. (Daniel) Kill, John M. Kill, and Michael D. (Corrin) Kill; dearest son of the late Mathias and Theresa (nee Sterzinger); loving brother of James, Susan (Phillip) Cunningham, Mary Therese (Edward) Lanuti, and Karen (Scott) Raske; also survived by many loving grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday, 10:00 AM at St. John Cantius Church, 825 N. Carpenter St., Chicago. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Visitation Monday and Tuesday 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials, in Michael's name, to the Wounded Warriors Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org) will be appreciated. Info: 708-636-1193 or www.blakelamboaklawn.com



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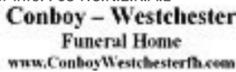
Kirsch, Anna M.

nee Teta; beloved wife of the late Raymond; loving mother of Theresa (Cliff) McMann, Paul, Peter (Jennifer) and the late Elaine (Mitch) Kozlowski; cherished grandmother of Mark (Mary), Brian (Samantha), Matthew, Dominic and Ellyn; adored great-grandmother of Nikolai and Isabella; devoted daughter of the late Peter and Elaine (nee Parrilli) Teta; dear sister of the late Lottie (late Joseph) Galan, late Daniel (late Bernice) Teta, late Christine (late Fred) Scorza, late Rose, late Elaine, late Vito and the late Christopher Teta; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday from 3 to 9 p.m. at Dalcamo Funeral Home, 470 W. 26th Street. Funeral Wednesday 9:30 a.m. from the Funeral Home to St. Turibius Church for Mass 11 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Funeral info 312-842-8681 or www.dalcamofuneralhome.com

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Korenchan, Lawrence J.

Lawrence J. Korenchan of Westchester, age 88. Beloved husband of the late Marlene nee Schmidt; loving father of Lawrence M. (Deanne), James (Beth), Catherine (Dave) Phillips, Debra (Nicholas) Kartsounes; proud grandfather of James, David, Daniel, Thomas, Michael, Alyssa Korenchan, David, Christopher, Jessica, Rebecca Phillips, Jillian and Alexander Kartsounes. Lawrence was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**; 10501 W. Cermak Rd; Westchester (two blocks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Wednesday January 31, 2018 from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral Thursday at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Providence Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials would be appreciated to Honor Flight Chicago www.honorflight-chicago.org or Mundelein Seminary www.usml.edu. For further info. 708-F.U.N.E.R.A.L



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Lafferty Decker, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Lafferty Decker; Devoted mother of Darrel (Beata) and Tim (Marzena) Decker; Loving daughter of the late John Lafferty, late Alice Byers and Peggy McIver-Dillon; Fond grandmother of Andrew, Collin and Shealee Decker; Dear sister of the late Dale Byers, late John Lafferty, Katie Garlock, Judy McGrath, Sara Karlin and Peggy Lafferty; Dear aunt of many; Funeral Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago. Chapel Service at 10:30 a.m. Interment Private. Visitation Tuesday, January 30, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. For info (773) 889-1700



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Lullo, Peter D.

Peter D. Lullo of Hillside, age 69. Beloved husband of the late Joyce, nee Plachta; loving father of Gina (Jerry) Zmorzynski; proud grandfather of Vivian; cherished son of Rose, nee Cambiglio, and the late John Lullo; devoted son-in-law of the late Walter and the late Stella Plachta; caring son of the late Peter (Mary) Vidales; fond brother of Victoria Vidales-Lopez and Ricardo (Patricia) Vidales; uncle and great-uncle of many. Heartfelt gratitude is extended to Peter's many family members and friends for their compassion and support to him during his prolonged illness. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Monday, January 29, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Infant Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Riverside Funeral Directors - Brian D. Kuratko, Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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Marchlewski, Mary

Mary Murray Gersch Marchlewski, 56, of Chicago passed away on Friday, January 26, 2018. She was the cherished daughter of Joseph and Rosella Murray who she rejoins in Heaven along with her siblings, Little Joe, John and Kathleen. Mary (Andy, Frank) was the devoted mother of Mickey and Timothy (Ryan) Gersch; the dear sister of Susan, Jayne, Patti Jo(Domnick), Michael (Cathy), Charlene, Timothy (Kelly) and James (Rita), and the fond aunt, cousin and godmother of many. Friends of the family may visit at **Cooney Funeral Home**, 625 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, IL, on Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 3 until 9 p.m. A funeral service will take place on Wednesday (Jan. 31) 9:30am prayers for 10am Mass at Immaculate Conception, 7211 W Talcott Ave, Chicago, IL. Interment will follow in Queen of Heaven, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary of Providence in Chicago. For info www.cooneyfuneralhome.com or 847-685-1002.

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Mazanek, Klaus R. 'Karl'

Klaus R. "Karl" Mazanek, age 69, U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran. Devoted son of Olga, nee Paterek, and the late Paul Mazanek. Loving brother of Mary Ann Harrelson, Bob (Fi) Mazanek and the late Herbert (Dorothy). Dear uncle of Paul, Erik, Jake and Alexandra. Dearest great-uncle of Logan, Leah and Sawyer. Visitation Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. Funeral Service Thursday 10:00 a.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment with Military Honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Pilchen, Erna

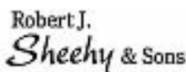
Erna Pilchen, nee Lee, age 83, passed away soon after an accident on January 26; beloved wife for nearly 60 years of the late Bernard; devoted and loving mother of Saul (Nancy), Lloyd (Paula), and Ira (Kathryn); proud Bubbe of Zachary (Samantha), Aliya, Jesse, Noah, and Laura; caring sister of Evelyn Browne and sister-in-law of Marvin (Atsuko) Greenberg; devoted daughter of the late Celia Minicker and the late Irving Lee; daughter-in-law of the late Isadore and the late Florence Pilchen; treasured aunt, cousin, and friend to many. As Erna wrote, "The world is a beautiful place, and people are people no matter where they are from." Her gifts of love and friendship will stay in our lives. Service Wednesday, 10 a.m., at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.) Interment Waldheim Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Council of Jewish Women, www.ncjw.org, or the charity of your choice. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com 847-478-1600.



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Podwika, Patricia "Pat"

(nee Paradowski). Beloved wife of the Larry. Devoted mother of Tim (Elena), Bill, Tom (Sara) and Amy (Brandon Huffman). Proud grandmother of James, Shannon, Rita, Brett and Allie. Adored great grandmother of 14. Dear sister of Ken (Dalia) Drose and Kathy (John) Staron. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 3:00 to 9:00 pm. Funeral Thursday 9:00 am from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL, to St. Mary Church, Mokena, Mass 10:00 am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Pollack, Ross Jay

Ross Jay Pollack, 61, beloved husband of Ania nee Grajewska for nearly 24 years; loving father of Alison Pollack; devoted brother of Alan (Mimi) and Mark David Pollack; dear brother-in-law of the late Linda Pollack; many loving nieces and nephews. Chapel service, Tuesday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Randhill Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lou and Jean Malnati Brain Tumor Institute at Northwestern Medicine or Home At Last Animal Sanctuary. For information or condolences, 847.255.3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Press, Jack

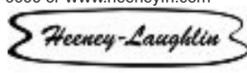
Jack Press, devoted and loving son of the late Hyman and Gertrude Press. Dear brother of the late Eugene Press. Graveside services Monday, 3:00 pm at Westlawn Cemetery, (Section, Poppy) 7801 West Montrose, Norridge, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory to Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital Chicago Foundation, Department 4589, Carol Stream, Illinois 60122 www.luriechildrens.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com



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Schneider, Sr., Michael B.

Michael B. Schneider, Sr., Age 89, Born into Eternal Life on January 25, 2018. Most loving husband of the late Leonora J. (nee Fryer). Devoted father of Michael (Barbara), Marci Schneider Batsakis, Patricia (William) Tysse, Peter, and Jean (Timothy) O'Keefe. Proud "Papa" of Carly, Kiersten (Sam), Lee, Jesse, Adam, Ben (Kristy), Carolyn, Kate, Eric, Tim (Carrie), Kelly (Joe), Danny, and Emily. Dear great-grandfather of Benjamin and Henry Tysse; and T.J. and Bobby O'Keefe. Retired Executive Vice-President of Carson Pirie Scott, Served as Treasurer on Board of Directors for Little Company of Mary Hospital, Proud Alumnus of St. Rita H.S. (Class of 1946), Chairman Emeritus of the St. Rita H.S. Board of Directors and Man of the Year 2004, and founding member of Beverly Ridge Lions Club. Visitation Monday 3-8pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeneey-Laughlin Directors)** 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and friends will meet at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60620 on Tuesday morning for Mass of Christian Burial at 10am. Entombment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorials to Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation, 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805 or St. Rita H.S. are most appreciated. Funeral info: Heeneey-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or www.heeneeyfh.com



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Skelton, Camille A.

It is with great sadness that the family of Camille Anne Skelton, nee Kulinski, announces her passing after a brief illness, on Friday, January 26, 2018, at the age of 84 years. Camille was predeceased by her husband James and son Thomas, and will be lovingly remembered by her children, James (Anna), Marie, Patrick (Margaret), Joseph (Jacquelyn), Anne Tomecek (Steve), and Veronica Cash. Camille will also be fondly remembered by her fifteen grandchildren, Lawrence, Nicki (Kyle), Thomas, Monica, Samantha, Emma, Lottie (James), Max, Ian, Patrick, Madeline, Frances, Henry, Colin, and Jonathan, and Great-Grandchildren Leila, James and Colton Eck, Claire and Eloise Nicholson. Camille was also predeceased by her brothers Joseph and Lawrence Kulinski. Camille was born January 22, 1934 in Chicago. In addition to raising her family in Burnham, Oak Park and Riverside, she worked at Oak Park River Forest High School. She enjoyed traveling and playing cards, and dining out with friends and family. She was a beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 30, from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at **Peterson-Bassi Chapel/Gamboney & Son Directors**. 6938 W North avenue (3 blocks east of Harlem), Chicago, IL. Funeral on Wednesday, at 8:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Prayers at 9:30 a.m. with a 10am Mass at St. Edmund's Catholic Church in Oak Park. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Info: 708-848-6661.

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Smith, Gerald W.

Gerry Smith of Northfield, IL passed away January 27, 2017 after a noble battle with Alzheimer's. He lived a full life of 81 years. A Cincinnati native, Gerry was a retired partner at Ernst & Young, joining its predecessor firm Arthur Young & Co., directly after his graduation from the University of Cincinnati. He spent his entire career in public accounting, was a member of the AICPA and loved his clients and co-workers. Prior to relocating to Chicago, he was the Managing Partner of the Louisville, KY office of Arthur Young & Co. Always active in his community, Gerry joined several boards as a member of the finance committee for: The Catholic Charities of Chicago, the Chicago chapter of The Boy Scouts of America, and Kohl's Illinois, Inc. For the Village of Northfield, he served as a Trustee, Treasurer, also sitting on the Library Board and Architectural Commission. A long-time parishioner of St. Phillip the Apostle Church in Northfield, he was a member of the finance committee for 20 years and a regular Eucharistic minister. He was a member of the Lumen Cordium Society of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Order of the Kentucky Colonels, and served in the US Navy from 1954 - 1957. Gerry was predeceased by his wife of 35 years, Barbara R. Smith and faithfully remarried to Phyllis J. Smith. He was adored by his surviving children: David (Cheri), Cindy (James Campbell), Lisa, and Derek, stepchildren Beth (Charles) Chilla, and Christopher Sims, Grandchildren: Jack, Olivia, Henry, Eleanor, Charlie, Michael, Fiona, and Neve. As part of a large extended family, he was a dotting, generous, and favorite brother, cousin, nephew, and uncle to many Smiths', Roettesles', Dellers' and Brosnans'. Visitation Saturday, February 3, 2018, 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Phillip the Apostle Church, 1962 Old Willow Road, Northfield, IL 60093. In Gerry's honor, please consider a donation to either The Catholic Charities of Chicago, 721 North La Salle Drive, Chicago, IL 60654 or Misericordia, 6300 North Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Wikoff, Larry

Larry Wikoff, age 75, best friend and Husband of Carol (Gore), adoring Father of Greg (Jenny) and Susan (David) Elbaum. Proud grampa of Maddie, Charlie, Theo and Ally, son of the late Edward and Sylvia (Coleman) Wikoff, big "budgie" of the late Cindy Wikoff. Ever grateful brother-in-law of Richard (Margaret) Gore and loving uncle of the Gore kids: Diana and Aaron Robinson, Elizabeth and George. He will be dearly missed by his beloved Coleman and Wikoff cousins, together with extended family and friends. Graveside service Tuesday, 12 noon at Memorial Park (Garden of Remembrance), 9900 Gross Point Road (Main entrance), Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the PKD Foundation, 1001 E. 101st Terrace, Suite 220, Kansas City, MO 6413, www.pkdcure.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.



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ADVERTISEMENT DATE:
January 29, 2018

DESCRIPTION:
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CONTRACT NO.:
1723-17135

MBE/WBE GOALS:
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(312) 603-6824 (office), (312) 603-3179 (fax)
edmund.rendon@cookcountyl.gov (email)

Local MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit bids. The County has set contract specific goals based on the requested service. The MBE/WBE goals are listed above and in the Contract document. Inquiries regarding MBE/WBE participation should be directed to the Office of Contract Compliance at (312) 603-5502.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Damonte D Smith
A MINOR
NO. 2017JD60151

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Tawanna Smith (Mother)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **October 17, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Donna Cooper** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/09/2018 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 76 COURTROOM 099,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
December 28, 2017

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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Under §§440.9610-13 of the Michigan Commercial Code and other Michigan law as applicable, §§ 9610-13 of the Nevada Commercial Code and other Nevada law as applicable, §§ 9610-13 of the California Commercial Code and other California law as applicable, and pursuant to a Security Agreement dated November 9, 2010, executed by General Payment Systems, Inc., f/k/a Continental Prison Systems, Inc. d/b/a EZ Card and Kiosk ("Debtor" or "Pledgor"), which maintains an address of 15375 Barranca Parkway, Suite C-201, Irvine, California 92618, as pledgor, and Hugh Pobur, as agent for the secured party, whose address under this notice is 38505 Woodward Ave., Suite 100, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304, Attn: Patrick Lannen, as may have been amended or modified, the property of the Pledgor described in below (the "Collateral") will be sold by public sale to the highest bidder, on Friday, February 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of Plunkett Cooney, 38505 Woodward Ave., Suite 100, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304, Attn: Patrick Lannen.

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Something missing for Bulls

With Dunn still out, losing streak hits 4 as offense struggles

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

For three games, Fred Hoiberg saw the Bulls' future.

Even with Zach LaVine on a 20-minute limit at that time, the core of Lauri Markkanen, Kris Dunn and LaVine taking the court together produced a 2-1 record and a competitive loss to the Warriors.

But since the Bulls lost Dunn to

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Michigan State product Denzel Valentine feels for assault victims, supports coach Tom Izzo. **Page 4**

a concussion late in that loss, the offense has sputtered and so has the rebuild. Sunday afternoon at the United Center offered more proof.

With Dunn still sidelined and LaVine still ice cold from the field, only Markkanen acquitted himself well in the Bulls' fourth straight loss, a 110-96 sleeper to the Bucks.

"We miss Kris. We're a much

better team when we get the ball up the floor quickly, and Kris is our best pace guard," Hoiberg said. "That being said, we still need to play the right way. ... The second quarter, we were awful.

"We're going to have a hell of a practice (Monday). We're going to have a training-camp-type practice. We have to get our competitive edge and spirit back. We're going to go like hell."

After his 3-for-17 outing on Friday, LaVine missed his first nine shots, didn't score until the fourth quarter and finished 2-

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Bulls' Lauri Markkanen and Denzel Valentine leave the court after a second quarter in which coach Fred Hoiberg said, "We were awful."



Fling & a prayer

After once-in-a-lifetime shot, Evanston's Peters goes viral

Moments after hitting the year's most breathtaking basketball shot Friday night, Evanston freshman Blake Peters found himself at the bottom of a pile of pandemonium literally gasping for air.

"I couldn't breathe," Peters said Sunday in his living room.

Everyone who witnessed Peters' 80-foot heave at the buzzer to beat Maine South 45-44 struggled similarly, for different reasons. The improbable shot turned Peters into a national Internet sensation by the time he awoke Saturday from a restless night, the viral video viewed more than 2 million times after ESPN's "SportsCenter" dubbed it the No. 1 play of the day. Call it "The



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

Peters Prayer."

"That was one of the best moments of my life," said Peters, 15. "I thought it might go in, but when it actually did, it was pretty cool. I remember blinking, I was on such an emotional high. I started running and all my teammates tackled me."

Somewhere in the mound of human joy, the kid who played Superman for a night lost his Clark Kent-style glasses. Peters found the black horn-rimmed goggles he wears for games later in the locker room resting on the nose of team comedian

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Blake Peters celebrates with Reggie Henley (4) and the rest of his Evanston teammates after a stunning 3-pointer.

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Belief in backup: Foles not 1st to get super shot

Eagles QB can follow in footsteps of famous No. 2s to win big game

By SAM FARMER
Los Angeles Times

MINNEAPOLIS — It can be done.

That's the reminder Jeff Hostetler has for Eagles quarterback Nick Foles, a replacement starter heading into a Super Bowl against a future Hall of Famer in Tom Brady.

"This is hard to say as a former Giant, but I respect what the Eagles have done, how they've rallied and handled adversity," said Hostetler, who came off the bench at the end of the season 27 years ago and wound up guiding the Giants to victory over

the Bills in the Super Bowl.

That season, Hostetler's Giants beat the Joe Montana-led 49ers in the NFC championship game, then topped the Jim Kelly-led Bills for the Lombardi Trophy.

Doug Williams achieved the same summit when he directed the Redskins to a Super Bowl win over John Elway and the Broncos.

And once upon a time, when he was an unheralded fill-in for the injured Drew Bledsoe, Brady poured the foundation for the Patriots dynasty with a Super Bowl victory over the Rams, led by Kurt Warner, who was enshrined in Canton last summer.

Like Foles will be this week, Hostetler was "the other quarter-

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DAVID B. HOLLINGSWORTH/ FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fireballer Michael Kopech, pitching for Charlotte last year, is a big part of the White Sox's plans.

Sox pitcher gets set for taste of different reality

Already in the spotlight, Kopech knows he may have to wait in wings

Michael Kopech knows the difference between "reality" and the real world.

As the significant other of a popular reality-TV star, Kopech's private life is on display for all to see and comment on.

It's part of the gig, and Kopech understands the occupational hazards that go along with being on television.

As one of the next big prospects in the White Sox pipeline, Kopech's immediate future is affected by the real-world consequences of baseball's collective bargaining agreement, which allows organizations to keep top prospects in the minors long enough to squeeze an extra year of team control.



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

It's all part of the business, and something Kopech may have to deal with this spring.

Even if he dominates in the Cactus League play with triple-digit radar-gun readings in the Arizona sun, conventional wisdom — and the CBA — suggests Kopech will remain in the minors at the start of the season to avoid starting his service-time clock.

"For any team, whatever makes the most sense from a business standpoint and financially, that's

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TOP OF THE SECOND



TEDDY GREENSTEIN

NU forgetting how to dance

At their lowest point, with a triple-digit RPI and tournament hopes that were "R.I.P.," Northwestern's basketball players gathered to watch a film and reminisce about the good ol' days.

The good ol' days being last season. The Big Ten Network documentary "First Dance" chronicles that dream ride. NU players screened the film in their team hotel Jan. 19, when they were a measly 11-9 and 2-5 in Big Ten play.

"It lets you reminisce and see how special of a year it was, how together we were," Bryant McIntosh said. "We played for one another."

Past tense. These Wildcats have tried some gimmicks to rediscover that vibe, shedding logoed practice jerseys and having the coaches eschew neckties. They've also done something tangible, using a zone defense.

"It has forced our guys to have to communicate," coach Chris Collins said. "You cannot play an effective zone unless you talk. More than anything, the players believe in it."

Do they still believe they can make the NCAA tournament?

After they fell to 11-9, they may as well have screened "Mission: Impossible."

Now at least they've beaten Penn State and Minnesota to get "back in the conversation," as Collins put it.

"We have no room for error," he added.

With an RPI above 90 and zero wins against teams expected to make the NCAA tournament, the task remains borderline preposterous.

"We're hanging on for dear life right now," McIntosh said.

Three bits of encouraging news:
 ■ Everyone is healthy. McIntosh survived a knee scare that had him thinking his college career was over. Vic Law is clear of concussion symptoms. Guard Isiah Brown has played just four minutes in the last five games, but that's because Jordan Ash has beaten him out for playing time.
 ■ The Wildcats played superbly in their last half — steamrolling Minnesota 43-29 in their eight-point victory Tuesday in Minneapolis. Said Collins: "Our offense moved better. ... For a while we were settling for long, contested shots."
 ■ Three games remain with two of the Big Ten's elite teams, starting with a Monday



JIM MONE/AP

Bryant McIntosh on NU's NCAA tournament hopes: "We're hanging on for dear life."

test at Michigan. The Wildcats also host Michigan and Michigan State and play a home-and-home with tournament hopeful Maryland. So there will be chances for valuable victories.

Northwestern (13-9, 4-5) has to finish 7-2 or 8-1 to enter the Big Ten tournament at Madison Square Garden with a decent chance for an at-large bid.

"Can't make any promises," Law said. "If we keep playing like we are, we'll have a good chance."

McIntosh had one of his best games (18 points on 7-for-13 shooting, one turnover)

at Minnesota in what has been a stressful season.

The senior point guard wants to feed Law in the right spots, hit Scottie Lindsey for 3s and dump it down to Dererk Pardon while not neglecting his own scoring.

"It's difficult juggling it all," he said. "We just wanted to win last year, so we were going to do whatever it took. Now that we've won, guys are like: OK, now I want a little bit more. It's human nature."

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THE LINEUP

End of the line for Jagr?



In what could spell the end of his illustrious NHL career, **Jaromir Jagr** has been placed on waivers by the Flames, according to multiple reports.

The second-leading scorer in league history is on regular waivers, though one person told the AP that if the 45-year-old Jagr clears, he will be placed on unconditional waivers Monday for the purpose of terminating his NHL contract so he can return to Europe to finish the season.

The Flames signed Jagr to a one-year, \$1 million deal with performance bonuses at the start of the season, and he made his debut on Oct. 11. Jagr had a goal and six assists in 22 games this season and hasn't played since Dec. 31 because of what the team called a lower-body injury. He went on injured reserve Jan. 14. AP

Favre target of lawsuit



Former Packers quarterback **Brett Favre** is being sued by a capital management firm for his role in Sgor Sports, a failed sports social media network, according to documents obtained by the website the Blast.

Favre joined Sgor's board of directors in 2013, and became a co-owner, but the platform never took off. It now appears to be defunct. Sgor.com is no longer active and the app is not found in the iTunes store.

Louisiana-based Callais Capital Management reportedly claims that it was convinced to invest in the company by "negligent and fraudulent misrepresentations" from Favre and his Sgor colleagues.

CCM said it invested \$16 million to help grow Sgor and was told that it would generate as much as \$44 million worth of income in 2018.

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Jordan Oesterle says he's living out a "dream" playing in the NHL. Oesterle has three of the Blackhawks' 18 goals by defensemen.

It's a matter of time

Oesterle earning minutes, making most of his shot

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Shards of hard plastic showered the ice during a recent Blackhawks practice at MB Ice Arena.

Jordan Oesterle was there to pick up the pieces, caused by an errant Tommy Wingels shot that shattered a light fixture.

It wasn't surprising, considering cleaning up messes made by others is part of Oesterle's job description as a defenseman.

And it's a job he doesn't take sitting down, even though that's exactly what he did as a healthy scratch for 25 of the first 29 games this season, including a string of 12 in a row.

His six career points — all assists — in parts of three seasons with the Oilers didn't exactly scream more playing time.

A light-bulb moment for coach Joel Quenneville gave Oesterle his chance to prove his worth. Quenneville had the idea to team

the 25-year-old with Duncan Keith on the Hawks' top defensive pairing.

"Every day I appreciate how lucky I am to play in the NHL, live out my dream," Oesterle said. "... I try to come every single day to try to prove myself, to stay in the lineup, get minutes and help this team win."

Oesterle is averaging 21 minutes, 32 seconds of ice time per game. He played 26:05 during Thursday night's 5-1 victory over the Red Wings to lead the Hawks in that category for the second straight game.

He has played, by far, the most minutes with Keith — 331 in 20 games.

The results have spoken for themselves. The two have been on the ice for 15 goals for and nine against.

"He watched a lot of games and he came in on the right side and looked comfortable there right away," Quenneville said of Oesterle. "The two have comparable traits, be it moving the puck, getting up in the play, patience with the puck, play recognition."

And, in Oesterle's case, a taste of some offense, which has been sorely lacking on the back end for

the Hawks this season. Of the 18 goals Hawks defensemen have scored this season, Oesterle has been responsible for three.

Oesterle scored his first NHL goal Dec. 29 against his former team, the Oilers. He scored his second two days later during an overtime loss to the Flames. He had three goals and four assists during a six-game span from Dec. 29 to Jan. 9.

"We like to put it into our game," Oesterle said. "It helps our team game when defensemen are getting into the plays, and it makes more zone time and gives us more space coming into the neutral zone. ... We can just kind of be a decoy for (our forwards)."

Keith, who hasn't scored a goal since March despite 116 shots this season, has 23 assists.

But perhaps Keith's biggest assist can't be quantified on a stat sheet.

Playing alongside him, Oesterle said, has been paramount to success.

Oesterle said he has taken "bits and pieces" of Keith's game in hopes he can improve and prolong his career.

And prove he belongs. "It definitely doesn't hurt,"

Oesterle said of playing with Keith. "(He) kind of gave me confidence to make some more offensive plays that I used to do rather than playing in kind of a sheltered, scared role, afraid to make mistakes."

There is little margin for those on a team that has other defensemen waiting in the wings.

But so far, so good for Oesterle. Keith said he has been impressed with the way Oesterle participates on the offensive end, with and without the puck. He also complimented his passing ability and his shot.

"You can tell he's excited. He wants to make the most of it," Keith said. "It was an up-and-down year for him last year. You can tell he's hungry to make the most of this opportunity."

An opportunity, it seems, Quenneville will continue to give him.

"He did a good job of being consistent in that spot with (Keith), whether it's defensively or offensively," Quenneville said. "He really has helped himself there."

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TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Federer nabs Slam No. 20

At 36, he sets record after seesaw battle against Cilic in final

BY JOHN PYE
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — As Roger Federer cried while accepting his 20th Grand Slam trophy, Rod Laver took a chance to snap a picture for posterity.

Federer has won more major tennis titles than any other man, including a record-equaling six on the court that bears Laver's name at Melbourne Park.

This one, following a tension-filled, momentum-swinging 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 win over Marin Cilic in Sunday's Australian Open final, was a keeper.

Laver has been involved in the on-court presentations in the past, witnessing Federer's tears at close range. This time, Laver — the only man to twice win all four Grand Slam titles in one season — held up his mobile phone to get the shot from the stands.

"I didn't see that through my thick tears, that he was taking a picture of me crying," Federer said. He joked in a TV interview that "I couldn't lift my head, I was so embarrassed."

Surely, it's only an embarrassment of riches.

Federer arrived in Melbourne at the start of 2017 after an extended injury layoff and on a Grand Slam title drought that dated to 2012 at Wimbledon. Having defended his Australian title, Federer has now won three of the last five majors in a stunning career resurgence.

"I'm so happy. It's unbelievable," Federer said, taking deep breaths and choking back tears. "Of course, winning is an absolute dream come true — the fairy tale continues for us, for me, after the great year I had last year, it's incredible."

Federer started to tear up toward the end of the trophy ceremony as he thanked his team in the stands: "I love you guys. Thank you."

He then received a standing ovation as tears streamed down his face.

At the age of 36 years, 173 days, Federer became the second-oldest man to win a Grand Slam title in the Open era after Ken Rosewall, who won the 1972 Australian Open at 37.

The match wasn't entirely without controversy after organizers decided early to close the roof for the final.

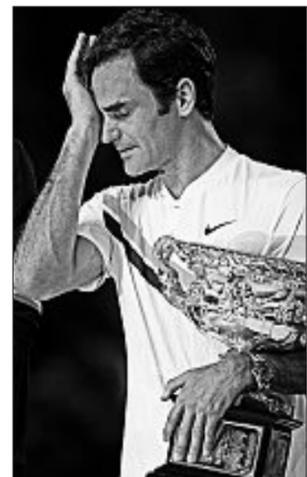
"I was surprised to hear they had the heat rule in place for a night match. I never heard that before," Federer said.

Federer took advantage of the air-conditioned venue, breaking Cilic's serve in the first and third games.

"Mentally was tough. Also was difficult with conditions. Throughout the tournament I played all my matches outdoors, also preparing a hot day," Cilic said. "Then first match for the final to play with the roof closed, it's difficult."

Federer is now 9-1 against Cilic, including last year's Wimbledon final. His only defeat was in the semifinals of the U.S. Open in 2014, where Cilic claimed his first major title.

"I've won three Slams now in 12 months. I can't believe it myself," Federer said. "I just got to keep a good schedule, stay hungry, then maybe good things can happen. I don't think age is an issue."



ANDY BROWNBILL/AP

Roger Federer wipes a tear away as he holds his trophy after winning his 20th Grand Slam.

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Postseason push next for Kane

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Residual feelings, perhaps left over from 2015, were expressed in the form of boos when **Patrick Kane** was introduced Sunday before his Central Division team fell 5-2 to the Pacific Division team in an All-Star Game semifinal at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Fla.

Kane, who helped the Hawks defeat the Lightning in six games in the 2015 Stanley Cup Final, led all players with four shots on goal Sunday but did not score in his seventh All-Star game.

Kane, the Hawks' lone All-Star, called his selection a "great honor" but added he would have liked to have gone with a few of his teammates.

Kane and his teammates will return to the ice Tuesday in Nashville to resume their fight for positioning in the Western Conference playoff picture.

With 53 points, the Hawks sit out of that picture, four points and four teams out of the second wild-card spot, last in the Central Division and in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in 10 years.

"We try to stay loose in here," Kane said last week. "We try to



MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY-AFF

Patrick Kane competes for the Central Division in a semifinal at the All-Star Game on Sunday.

stay as confident as we can. ... Maybe if we go out there and play confident, that's probably a better recipe, rather than playing uptight and worrying about what's going to happen next."

Kane's 20 goals and 29 assists lead the Hawks, who have three road games coming up before they return home Feb. 6.

Hit the road, Corey? Goalie **Corey Crawford** was scheduled to take the ice this weekend for the first time since he was put on injured reserve Dec. 27 with an upper-body injury.

Hawks coach **Joel Quenneville** said before the All-Star break how Crawford reacts would determine whether he travels to Nashville, Vancouver and Calgary.

Crawford likely would need at least a week to 10 days to ready himself for a return to game action.

NHL ALL-STAR GAME

Big stars: Pacific, Tampa shine bright

BY FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Rickard Rakell had two goals and rookie Brock Boeser, Johnny Gaudreau and Drew Doughty also scored to help the Pacific Division win the NHL All-Star Game with a 5-2 victory over the Atlantic Division on Sunday.

Pacific goalies Marc-Andre Fleury and Mike Smith teamed to allow just four goals in the two games their team captured to claim the \$1 million shared by the winners of the four-team divisional tournament played in an entertaining three-on-three format.

The Canucks' Boeser, the only rookie among 15 first-time All-Stars, also had a goal in the Pacific's 5-2 semifinal victory over the Central Division and named game MVP.

"Shocked," the 20-year-old said, describing his reaction. "I never would have dreamt this any time in life."

Mike Green had two goals for the Atlantic, one off both Fleury and Smith in the final.

All-Star weekend began with a free outdoor concert headlined by Fitz and the Tantrums and also featured a three-day fest for fans, as well as the annual skills competition that

wrapped up Saturday's festivities.

Adding spice and a unique flavor to the experience was Tampa's annual Gasparilla Pirate Invasion, which drew what officials estimated as an additional 200,000 people to the downtown waterfront for a parade and other activities.

Players walked the red carpet, posing for pictures and signing autographs before entering Amalie Arena for the first All-Star Game played in Tampa since 1999.

With the Lightning's Jon Cooper coaching the Atlantic Division, and the team with the NHL's best record represented by a league-high four players, the sellout crowd of 19,092 roared its approval when the Atlantic-Metropolitan semifinal began with goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy, plus forwards Nikita Kucherov, Brayden Point and Steven Stamkos on the ice at the same time.

Kucherov's hat trick in the 7-4 semifinal victory was the first for an All-Star Game since the NHL adopted the three-match, three-on-three tournament format in 2016.

"He's a magical player," Cooper of the 24-year-old two-time All-Star who's among the league's leading scorers.

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Tough going for Bulls

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for-11 for six points with five rebounds and five assists. He played a season-high 26 minutes, 27 seconds.

"I've just got to make shots," LaVine said. "It's frustrating. I put a lot of work into it. I had a lot of in-and-outs and really makable layups. I have to do better. I've got to be a closing pitcher. You've got to get over that late, walk-off home run. I have all the confidence in the world in my game."

LaVine, who said he planned to get up shots later Sunday night at the Advocate Center, also kept his shooting woes in perspective.

"It's a lot better than sitting on the sideline with an ACL injury. That sucks," LaVine said. "I'd rather go 0-for-40 in a game than have another ACL injury."

Giannis Antetokounmpo rallied from a 1-for-7 start to score 27 points on 11-for-19 shooting with nine rebounds and eight assists.

The Bucks, who were without Malcolm Brogdon, also received stellar bench play from Jason Terry and Proviso East product Sterling Brown. Terry sank four 3-pointers for 12 points, eight shy of his season total entering Sunday. Brown's 12 points featured a nasty alley-oop dunk and fell two points shy of his season high.

The Bulls shot 41.4 percent with 16 turnovers.

"Zach's offense will come," Hoiberg said. "He's a proven scorer. He's missing shots he normally makes and shots he made when he first came back. The encouraging thing is his defense has been better. And he's too good of a shooter and athletic enough to finish at the basket, which he's not doing a great job of right now. But he will as he continues to get his conditioning and rhythm and timing."

Markkanen posted his 12th double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds. That double-double



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Sterling Brown, a Proviso East graduate, dunks for two of his 12 points Sunday as the Bucks handed the Bulls their fourth consecutive loss.

total is second among rookies behind the 76ers' Ben Simmons.

For the second straight loss, another bright spot was Denzel Valentine, whose team-high 18 points fell two points shy of his career high. Valentine's reward for that game was losing his starting spot to LaVine.

"Yeah, it kind of stinks that I was starting and playing well and a guy comes back and takes my starting role," Valentine said. "But he's a great player. He's going to help us win games. And I'm still going to play. That gives a sense of security so I can be aggressive. At the end of the day, I'm playing in the NBA, playing my dream, still playing minutes."

"My game is much more than last year when I was just a spot-up 3-point shooter. I can get to the basket, shoot floaters, shoot pull-ups, hit 3s, make plays for others, rebound and defend. That's me."

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THE BOX SCORE

BUCKS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Antetokounmpo	34:36	11-19	5-10	3-9	8	2	27
Middleton	32:04	8-14	3-4	1-7	5	4	20
Henson	27:44	4-6	4-7	0-3	3	1	12
Bledsoe	29:55	3-11	1-1	0-8	6	2	8
Snell	28:17	2-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	6
Brown	27:38	5-8	0-0	0-6	1	1	12
Maker	18:34	1-4	1-2	1-5	0	3	3
Terry	18:01	4-6	0-0	0-0	0	1	12
Dellavedova	16:23	2-3	1-1	1-2	4	1	7
Kilpatrick	1:42	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Plumlee	1:42	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Wilson	1:42	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Vaughn	1:42	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	3
TOTALS		41-77	15-25	7-43	28	16	110

Pcts: FG .532, FT .600, 3-pointers: 13-28, .464 (Terry 4-6, Brown 2-3, Dellavedova 2-3, Snell 2-3, Vaughn 1-1, Middleton 1-2, Bledsoe 1-4, Kilpatrick 0-1, Maker 0-1). Team rebs: 6, Team turnovers: 14 (13 PTS). Blocks: 4 (Antetokounmpo, Henson, Maker, Wilson). Turnovers: 14 (Middleton 4, Antetokounmpo 3, Bledsoe 2, Dellavedova, Henson, Kilpatrick, Snell, Terry). Steals: 11 (Bledsoe 2, Brown 2, Henson 2, Maker 2, Antetokounmpo, Middleton, Snell). Technical fouls: None.

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Holiday	31:32	4-13	0-0	0-3	3	4	12
Markkanen	32:31	6-10	3-3	1-10	2	2	17
Lopez	19:32	4-10	0-0	2-2	3	0	8
Grant	31:52	6-10	1-2	1-4	5	1	15
LaVine	26:27	2-11	2-2	1-5	5	4	6
Valentine	30:17	8-12	0-0	0-5	4	3	18
Mirotic	27:33	4-7	0-0	0-5	1	1	10
Nwaba	16:28	0-1	1-2	1-1	0	2	1
Portis	13:12	1-9	5-6	4-5	1	0	7
Arcidiacono	5:42	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Zipser	1:42	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Felicio	1:42	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Pondexter	1:30	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
TOTALS		36-87	12-15	10-41	25	18	96

Pcts: FG .414, FT .800, 3-pointers: 12-34, .353 (Holiday 4-8, Grant 2-2, Markkanen 2-4, Mirotic 2-5, Valentine 2-6, Arcidiacono 0-1, Portis 0-3, LaVine 0-5). Team rebs: 10, Team turnovers: 16 (16 PTS). Blocks: 2 (Mirotic, Nwaba). Turnovers: 16 (Grant 3, Markkanen 3, Nwaba 3, Holiday 2, LaVine 2, Portis 2, Mirotic). Steals: 8 (Holiday 3, LaVine 3, Lopez, Nwaba). Technical fouls: Portis, 00:53 first.

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BULLS NOTES

Valentine voicing his support for Izzo

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Michigan State has been in the headlines for all the wrong reasons lately.

Larry Nassar, a former USA Gymnastics doctor also employed by the school, was sentenced to up to 175 years in prison for a horrific trail of sexual abuse of more than 150 girls and young women entrusted to his care. This led to the resignations of university President Lou Anna Simon and athletic director Mark Hollis.

On Friday, ESPN's "Outside the Lines" detailed multiple sexual violence allegations against Michigan State's football and men's basketball programs, raising questions for big-name coaches Mark Dantonio and Tom Izzo.

"I just feel sorry for all the victims and everybody that was affected," Michigan State product and Bulls guard Denzel Valentine said. "My heart goes out to them. It's sad to hear about everything the families went through (who were) affected by it."

Valentine played for Izzo, long held up as a beacon of integrity in the sport. Echoing comments made by Warriors star Draymond Green on Saturday, Valentine offered support.

"As far as Coach Izzo, he's a good man. He's always done good for the university and the program," Valentine said. "He's always been a man with integrity. He always preached that to us. He always showed that when I was there and from what I heard before and after me."

"The stuff that's being brought up is going to get handled the way it needs to be handled. I'm only speaking from my knowledge of Coach Izzo and what he has preached and taught and what I've seen

him do from my years of knowing him. From what I saw, I totally back him up. I hope things get better with Coach and hopefully everything is smooth."

Bombs away: Nikola Mirotic passed Steve Kerr for fifth on the franchise's all-time made 3-pointers list. Kirk Hinrich's 1,049 lead runner-up Ben Gordon by almost 300. Scottie Pippen, Michael Jordan and Mirotic round out the top five.

Meanwhile, the Bulls remain active in talks leading to the Feb. 8 trade deadline. Mirotic, who has never backed off his stance from October to be apart from Bobby Portis, is most interested in landing with the Jazz, sources said.

But with the Pelicans losing DeMarcus Cousins to a season-ending Achilles injury, expect the Bulls to gauge the Pelicans' interest in Mirotic. The Bulls, sources said, are seeking a first-round pick and would be willing to take on money as long as it's not tied to a long-term deal to acquire it.

The Bulls' next home game isn't until Feb. 9, the day after the deadline. That's also Jimmy Butler's return to the United Center with the Timberwolves.

Layups: Kris Dunn attended a game for the first time since his Jan. 17 concussion but didn't sit on the bench. There remains no timetable for his return. "He's making progress but still hasn't done any physical activity," Hoiberg said. ... The Bulls held a moment of silence for Henry Thomas, the Chicago native who represented Dwyane Wade and many other ex-Bulls over a distinguished career. Thomas, 64, lost his battle with a neuromuscular disease Saturday morning. ... Simeon product Jabari Parker, who is expected to return from his second torn ACL next month, made the short trip from Milwaukee and sat on the bench.

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SUPER BOWL LII



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Jeff Hostetler stepped in as Giants QB late in the 1990 season and helped the team win Super Bowl XXV.

Backups step up

Super Bowl, from Page 1

back” in the ramp-up to his Super Bowl start.

“The shadows are a good place to be,” Hostetler said. “(Foles) doesn’t have to prove anything to anybody outside that team. I think that’s the key. He’s not playing Tom Brady.

“The biggest thing is, it doesn’t matter who’s on the opposite side of the field and what they’ve accomplished. That’s the reason you play the games. You never know what’s going to happen each game. For Nick, that’s one of the ones where you pull yourself away from all that distraction stuff, and just concentrate on football the next two weeks.”

Echoed Williams: “Nick Foles is up against Nick Foles, and nobody else.”

Super Bowl XXII got off to a horrible start for the Redskins, with the Broncos taking a 10-0 lead on their first two possessions and Williams suffering a twisted knee that looked as if it might end his day. The Redskins would roar back with a record-setting, 35-point second quarter on their way to a 42-10 rout.

For Redskins fans, that early deficit felt like a root canal. And, in fact, Williams had undergone emergency oral surgery the day before to repair an abscess under a dental bridge. Reports at the time said Williams was under anesthesia for six hours, but he remembers it as four. Regardless, it wiped out a Saturday’s worth of preparation.

“By the time I got back, the team was loading the buses,” Williams said. “We went to the

Lawrence Welk resort outside of San Diego. I got to my room and was medicated all night. Woke up Sunday and I wasn’t in pain. I was probably too hyped to even think about pain.”

Williams started just two games that season — Jay Schroeder was the regular starter — but three times came off the bench to win games.

“I didn’t come into the league as a backup,” said Williams, whose NFL career began with the Buccaneers. “I had never been a backup. So my mentality has never been a backup mentality. My mentality was always one of opportunity. I got that opportunity, and I brought my starter mentality.”

In his first go-round with the Eagles, Foles had one spectacular season as a starter, with 27 touchdowns and just two interceptions in 2013. In the three seasons that followed — with the Eagles, Rams and Chiefs — Foles never came close to matching his 2013 prowess.

He returned to the Eagles this season to back up Carson Wentz, and stepped in as the starter after the second-year star was injured in a Week 14 game at the Rams. After an up-and-down finish to the regular season, Foles turned in a couple of strong performances in playoff victories over the Falcons and Vikings.

“You watch how he played last week, and he’s playing like it’s his job,” Williams said. “And you know what? That’s the only way to play, because it is his job.”

Heading into this Super Bowl, Foles has far more playing experience than Hostetler had in

1990, when he replaced the injured Phil Simms.

The Giants were 11-3 when Simms went down with a broken foot. The Eagles were 11-2 when Foles made his first start in place of Wentz, who suffered a season-ending knee injury.

Hostetler, who had waited 6½ years for his opportunity, wound up going 5-0 as a starter — two games in the regular season, and three in the postseason.

“I had faced our defense in practice for I don’t know how long,” he recalled. “Those guys were the ones right off the bat who I felt the most support from right away. They knew I could do the job. They’d seen me, they’d worked with me, and they had my back.

“Offensively, it was great because I knew these guys well, but I’d never gotten to take the offensive reps. They knew what I could do, and they were happy for me because I was finally getting the opportunity. Six-and-a-half years is a long time.”

He has been in Foles’ cleats. “These games, they aren’t real kind to quarterbacks without experience,” Hostetler said. “I know Nick has more experience than I had; that’s a huge plus. Similar circumstances. They’ll be underdogs again. Nobody — except the guys in that locker room — had given them a chance three, four, five weeks ago. And here they are, one game away.”

He paused for a moment, then added: “You haven’t made it just because you’ve made it there. You’ve got to win it.”

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MICHIGAN STATE 74, MARYLAND 68

Weight of scandal takes toll on Izzo

Emotional coach, focused Spartans put distractions, Terps aside

By DON MARKUS
Baltimore Sun

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The past few days proved too much for Tom Izzo.

After the final buzzer sounded Sunday at the Xfinity Center to signify the end of his sixth-ranked team’s 74-68 victory over Maryland, Michigan State’s Hall of Fame coach was clearly emotional for what normally would have been a run-of-the-mill road win for the Spartans (20-3, 8-2 Big Ten) over the reeling Terps (15-8, 4-6).

Izzo’s emotions spilled over several times during a sometimes contentious postgame news conference when he was challenged by an ESPN reporter over eight-year-old rape allegations against a former player and student assistant.

Neither former star Adreian Payne nor Travis Walton was ever charged. ESPN’s “Outside The Lines” reported on an alleged rape by Payne and Keith Appling in 2010, as well as Walton allegedly punching one woman in the face and raping another that year.

“It’s been hard to focus in on basketball,” Izzo said. “When I do, I feel guilty. There are so many things you don’t know. I feel guilty talking about anything else. And those women that I watched (who were victims of sexual abuse by former Michigan State doctor Larry Nassar). I’m sure it was draining at the end for me.”

Izzo, who called himself an “emotional guy,” said he was proud of the way his team responded.

“I was proud of the job they did and I hope people rally around them,” Izzo said. “And I hope we’ll

rally around people that need us.”

Sophomore guard Cassius Winston, who scored all 13 of his points in the second half, said the Spartans have become closer as a team while the controversy surrounding their coach has grown, including reports that he might quit.

“It’s been crazy,” Winston said. “Anytime something happens where there’s a lot happening around us, we just keep it tight. This is just really a family. We’ve got Coach Izzo’s back, and he has ours. Out there, that was just us proving it. We’ve had a little adversity. We were in their place. A lot of things could have happened, but we found a way to stick together and fight through this.”

Izzo is clearly fighting to keep his once-pristine reputation intact.

Asked by ESPN’s Tisha Thompson why he allowed Walton to continue in his role after charges by a former female student were pending, Izzo said: “As I said before, we’ll cooperate with any investigation and I always have. We’ve done it before and we’ll do it moving forward. But that’s all I’m going to say on it.”

Asked if he had any regrets about the way his program has handled allegations such as these in the past, Izzo’s tone sharpened.

“I’ve cooperated (with) every investigation,” he said. “And I will continue to cooperate with every investigation. Every one.”

A reporter from Michigan who covers the team asked Izzo whether his team’s comeback from a 13-point halftime deficit had something to do with what has transpired off the court.

“This is something that affects them,” Izzo said. “But don’t feel sorry for me or them. There’s 140-something women we’ll feel more sorry for.”

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Custer lifts Loyola to 7th straight win

Tribune news services

Clayton Custer scored a season-high 21 points on 9-of-12 shooting and Missouri Valley Conference leader Loyola defeated Northern Iowa 70-47 Sunday at the Gentile Center for its seventh consecutive victory.

Loyola (18-4, 8-2) hasn’t won seven league games in a row since a 12-game streak in the 1984-85 season.

Northern Iowa fell to 11-11, 3-7.

Seton Hall 86, DePaul 70: Angel Delgado grabbed 19 boards to become the all-time Big East rebounding leader in conference games, Myles Powell scored 21 points and the Pirates (16-5, 5-3 Big East) defeated the Blue Demons at Wintrust Arena.

Tre’Darius McCallum scored 16 to lead DePaul (9-12, 2-7).

Delgado has 719 rebounds in conference games, passing former Syracuse and NBA star Derrick Coleman, who had the record since 1990 with 701.

Purdue 74, Indiana 67: Isaac Haas matched his career high with 26 points, Vincent Edwards added 19 and the No. 3 Boilermakers (21-2, 10-0 Big Ten) held off the Hoosiers in Bloomington, Ind., for their school-record 17th consecutive victory. Indiana is 12-10, 5-5.

Top 25: Jalen Brunson scored 31 despite leaving briefly with an ankle injury to lead No. 1 Villanova (20-1, 7-1 Big East) to an 85-82 win over Marquette (13-8, 4-5) in Milwaukee. ... Austin Reaves scored all of his career-high 23 before halftime to lead No. 17 Wichita State (17-4, 7-2 American) to a 90-71 win over visiting Tulsa (11-10, 4-5). ... Marquise Reed hit the go-ahead layup with 28 seconds left and No. 18 Clemson (17-4, 6-3 ACC) held on for a 72-70 win over Georgia Tech (10-11, 3-5).

Bradley 81, Indiana State 73: Nate Kennell scored a career-high 25 to lead the Braves (16-7, 6-4 MVC) over the Sycamores (10-12, 5-5) in Terre Haute, Ind.

Evanston’s instant star

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Jalen Christian, who wore them during the celebration. When the whole Wildkit and caboodle finally calmed down, Evanston coach Mike Ellis congratulated Peters, who joined the program last summer after moving from Highland Park.

“Well,” Ellis said to Peters, “it only took five months for you to become a legend.”

This tale will be told long after Peters leaves to save college basketball games.

If possible, the buzzer-beater meant even more to Peters because he turned the ball over with Evanston down 43-42 with eight seconds left. Ellis tried signaling time out when two Maine South defenders trapped Peters, but the official never saw him. In the stands, Ashley Peters, Blake’s dad, sent a text to his wife, Shana, who missed the game visiting her father in Florida.

“I just texted, ‘Turnover,’ and in my mind I’m thinking this game is over,” Ashley said.

That’s what everyone thought when Maine South’s Michael George went to the line with 2.6 seconds left after getting fouled. During a timeout before the free

throws, Ellis drew up a play if George hit both shots. He offered prescient advice if George missed the second one.

“I remember (Ellis) saying, specifically, ‘If he misses, just throw it up,’” Peters said. “And that’s what I did.”

Just before the free throws, Peters switched sides of the lane with Harry Porter so they would be in the right spots for Ellis’ designed play. When the 6-foot guard wrestled the rebound away from the only Maine South player positioned in the lane, he took one dribble and let it fly. The last second ticked off as The Peters Prayer sailed over half-court.

“It was a three-quarter, sidearm shot and I saw the angle from the bench and thought, ‘No way that’s going in,’” Ellis said.

It went in, and in the stands Ashley and his 11-year-old son, Ian, jumped for joy with most everyone else inside Beardsley Gymnasium.

“I didn’t think he was going to hit it and then I turned to my dad and he was like, ‘OH MY GOD!’ and I was like, ‘OH MY GOD!’ ” Ian said. “I was screaming.”

Ashley scrambled to text his wife and mother: “Blake just hit a full-court shot to win it! Amazing. The place is crazy.”



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Evanston’s Blake Peters woke up Sunday as a viral video star for his game-winning heave Friday night.

As bedlam ensued and teammates buried Peters, a stunned Ellis stood on the sideline full of mixed feelings. Friday marked the first game for Maine South since Thomas Gardiner, the father of Hawks senior forward Tommy, died in a single-car accident Jan. 15 on his way to watch his son play in Galesburg. For warmups, both teams wore black T-shirts with white letters on the front that read: “Bigger Than Basketball.” Ellis bought 20 of those shirts that sold for \$10 apiece to raise money for the grieving family, which the Evanston coach thought of immediately after Peters’ shot went through the net and the ball bounced closest to Tommy Gardi-

ner.

“Honestly, when it went through, 50 percent of my feelings were joy and 50 percent were feeling for the Gardiner family,” Ellis said. “I have so much respect for Maine South and (coach) Tony Lavorato. After enduring all that, they waited for our guys to shake hands.”

Postgame remains a bit of a blur of emotions for Peters, who remembered feeling redemption for his late turnover and crediting the new Drake song, “God’s Plan,” he listened to pregame. He also recalled wanting to text his mom, except a steady stream of social-media well-wishes into the hundreds kept interrupting him.

“I’ve never had that many alerts ever,” Peters said.

By the time Peters and some friends from Highland Park gathered at his house, the shy freshman who knew 10 people on his first day of school last fall had become the most popular guy in town. Within an hour of the shot, Peters gained more than 1,000 Instagram followers after he changed his privacy settings. ESPN anchor Scott Van Pelt tweeted, “Hooray for sports” — Peters’ favorite response. Sports Illustrated’s Twitter account posted a video of the shot under the caption: “Blake Peters is going to remember this shot for the rest

of his life.”

“That’s when I thought this might really be big,” Peters said.

More confirmation came Saturday night when Peters walked into the Robert Crown Center for an Evanston-Lake Forest hockey game. His given first name, Russell, quickly has become a household name.

“Everyone just started chanting ‘Russell Peters! Russell Peters!’ ” Peters said.

A crew from WCUI-26 is expected to greet Peters at school Monday morning. A newfound celebrity awaits Peters, a grounded young man who seems 15 going on 35.

“There would be a lot of high school players who would walk through the hallways Monday like he was elected mayor of Evanston,” Ellis said. “Blake will walk in like nothing happened. He’s mature enough to handle this.”

To keep Peters humble amid the hoopla, Ellis had fun challenging his frosh phenom at Saturday’s shootaround.

“Coach said, ‘Blake, go to the free-throw line and do it again,’” Peters said. “And I tried but hit the wall.”

That’s why they call it a once-in-a-lifetime shot.

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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			@POR 9 NBCSCH AM-890			@LAC 2:30 NBCSCH AM-890	
		@NAS 7 NBCSCH AM-720		@VAN 9 WGN-9 AM-720		@CAL 9 NBCSCH AM-720	

MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	EVENT	NETWORK
8 p.m.	Celtics at Nuggets	NBA TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
6 p.m.	Northwestern at Michigan	FS1, WGN-AM 720
6 p.m.	Notre Dame at Duke	ESPN, WMVP-AM 1000
6 p.m.	Lehigh at Holy Cross	CBSSN
8 p.m.	Nebraska at Wisconsin	BTN
8 p.m.	Kansas at Kansas State	ESPN
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
8 p.m.	Marquette at DePaul	FS1
GOLF		
10 a.m.	Farmers Insurance Open playoff	Golf Channel
AHL		
6 p.m.	All-Star Game	NHLN

POSTSEASON GLANCE

PRO BOWL	ROGUE BOWL
Sunday in Orlando, Fla. AFC 24, NFC 23	Sunday in Dallas, Texas AFC 24, NFC 23

PRO BOWL	AFC STARS 24	NFC STARS 23
AFC All Stars	7	13
NFC All Stars	3	0
	14	7
	2	14
	1	7
	1	2

TEAM STATS	NFC	AFC
First downs	20	18
Total net yards	251	317
Rushes-yards	19-60	12-17
Passing	19-1	29-6
Punt returns	0-0	1-0
Kickoff returns	0-0	0-0
Int. returns	3-79	11-37
Comp-att-int	26-41-1	25-39-3
Sacked-yds lost	3-20	0-0
Punts	1-60	0-0
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	6-30	1-5
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		@NAS 7 NBCSCH AM-720		@VAN 9 WGN-9 AM-720		@CAL 9 NBCSCH AM-720	

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL	BASKETBALL	HOCKEY
NBA Rangers: Assigned D Sergey Zorov from Hartford (AHL) to Greenville (ECHL).	NFL Rangers: Assigned D Sergey Zorov from Hartford (AHL) to Greenville (ECHL).	NHL Rangers: Assigned D Sergey Zorov from Hartford (AHL) to Greenville (ECHL).

LATEST LINE

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
NBA									
at Indiana	3	0							
Minnesota	5½	0							
at Memphis	Off	Off							
at Milwaukee	Off	Off							
Miami	1½	1							
at Denver	1½	1							

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
NFL									
at Michigan	9½	0							
at Duke	15	0							
at Milwaukee	4	1							
Kansas	1½	1							
at Wisconsin	2½	0							

ROGER FEDERER IN GRAND SLAMS

YEAR	AF	FR	WMB	US
1999	Q1	R1	R1	Q2
2000	R3	R4	R1	R3
2001	R3	QF	QF	R4
2002	AF	QF	R1	R4
2003	R4	R1	Won	R4
2004	Won	R3	Won	Won
2005	SF	SF	Won	Won
2006	Won	F	Won	Won
2007	Won	F	Won	Won
2008	SF	F	Won	Won
2009	F	Won	F	F
2010	Won	QF	QF	SF
2011	SF	F	QF	SF
2012	SF	SF	Won	QF
2013	SF	QF	R2	R4
2014	SF	R4	F	SF
2015	R3	QF	F	SF
2016	Won	DNF	SF	DNF
2017	Won	DNF	Won	QF
2018	Won	—	—	—

EVENT CHAMPIONS

WOMEN'S SINGLES	MIXED DOUBLES	BOYS' SINGLES	BOYS' DOUBLES
Caroline Wozniacki	Rita Pavic/Gabriela Dabrowski	Sebastian Korda	Liang En-shuo/Hugo Gaston
Oliver Marach	Sebastian Korda/Kristina Mladenovic	Liang En-shuo/Hugo Gaston	Sebastian Korda/Kristina Mladenovic
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WOMEN'S SINGLES FINALS

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
NBA									
at Indiana	3	0							
Minnesota	5½	0							
at Memphis	Off	Off							
at Milwaukee	Off	Off							
Miami	1½	1							
at Denver	1½	1							

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
NFL									
at Michigan	9½	0							
at Duke	15	0							
at Milwaukee	4	1							
Kansas	1½	1							
at Wisconsin	2½	0							

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TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
NFL									
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NBA

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC									
Boston	35	15	.700	—	5-5	L-1	18-4	17-7	22-10
Toronto	33	15	.688	1	5-5	W-1	18-4	15-11	20-6
Philadelphia	24	22	.522	9	7-3	L-1	12-10	12-12	12-10
New York	22	28	.440	13	3-7	W-1	15-9	7-19	10-16
Brooklyn	18	32	.360	17	3-7	L-3	10-15	8-17	11-18
SOUTHEAST									
Miami	28	21	.571	—	6-4	W-1	13-10	15-11	20-11
Washington	27	22	.551	1	4-6	W-1	15-9	12-13	15-12
Charlotte	20	28	.417	7½	5-5	L-1	14-14	6-14	10-16
Orlando	14	34	.292	13½	2-8	L-2	8-13	6-21	8-21
Atlanta	14	35	.286	14	4-6	L-3	10-15	4-20	6-24
CENTRAL									
Cleveland	29	19	.604	—	4-6	W-2	18-6	11-13	22-10
Milwaukee	26	22	.542	3	5-5	W-3	16-9	10-13	13-16
Indiana	27	23	.540	3	6-4	W-1	16-10	11-13	18-13
Detroit	22	26	.458	7	1-9	L-8	13-10	9-16	13-18
BULLS	18	32	.360	12	4-6	L-4	11-14	7-18	16-15

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
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Houston	35	13	.729	—	8-2	W-1	19-6	16-7	21-8
San Antonio	33	19	.635	4	5-5	W-1	21-4	12-15	18-9
New Orleans	27	22	.551	8½	7-3	L-1	14-10	13-12	13-16
Memphis	17	31	.354	18	5-5	L-2	12-15	5-16	11-19
Dallas	16	34	.320	20	3-7	L-3	10-17	6-17	8-23
NORTHWEST									
Minnesota	32	20	.615	—	6-4	W-1	20-6	12-14	24-9
Minnesota City	20	20	.500	1	8-2	W-0	19-7	11-13	15-13
Portland	27	22	.551	3½	4-4	W-2	14-10	13-12	15-14
Denver	26	23	.531	4½	5-5	W-3	19-6	7-17	16-16
Utah	21	28	.429	9½	5-5	W-2	14-9	7-19	11-14
PACIFIC									
Golden State	40	10	.800	—	8-2	W-3	19-6	21-4	21-7
L.A. Clippers	25	14	.643						



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Reality TV personality Brielle Biermann and Michael Kopech check out Guaranteed Rate Field on Sept. 6.

Rookie reality about to set in

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what they're going to do," he said Friday at SoxFest. "I can't speak for the White Sox, but I just know that's the way a lot of guys' pasts have gone, so I would suspect that's probably going to be done by a lot (of teams)."

With two weeks left before spring training, Kopech is ready for anything. He's the next core player in line to make his Sox debut, and if someone could figure out a way to spin his baseball life into a reality show, Sox fans would have the best of both worlds.

For those who don't follow the exploits of the characters from the "Real Housewives" series, Kopech has been a recurring supporting member of the reality show "Don't Be Tardy," which has run for six seasons on Bravo.

The show stars Kim Kolciak-Biermann, formerly of "The Real Housewives of Atlanta." Honestly, having never seen it, I'm not sure if she won or not.

Anyway, Kopech is dating Kim's daughter, Brielle Biermann, and the relationship apparently was getting serious in Season 6. In an episode from last fall titled "Brielle Throws a Curveball," Kopech and Brielle were seen trying to convince Brielle's parents to consider letting the two move in together.

Kim tells Brielle the "rule" around the house is "no ring, no moving out." Kopech interjects, telling the parents: "I disagree there has to be, like, a level of commitment. And the only reason I don't completely agree from that standpoint is we don't get to spend too much time together because we're long distance. So, like, if we're not getting to spend that much time together, I propose and then we're together every single day, we haven't really got to experience life together that much."

No spoiler alert, and I won't give away how it turns out. After catching up with Kopech at SoxFest, waiting out an interview in which he was asked about his favorite hair products, I asked if he was still on that "reality show."

"Yeah, I guess, whenever they want to put me on there," he said. "That's really how it goes."

I told Kopech from my limited



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"For the most part, it's all fun. There are some advantages and disadvantages."

—Michael Kopech on being 'Mr. Invisible' when he is with Brielle

viewing of the show, it seems as though he just kind of hangs around, not that there's anything wrong with that. He appears to be a natural on TV, and he said he enjoys being a part of "Tardy."

"Yeah, it's different," he said. "When I think of being on TV, I think of being on the mound. Sitting there having a camera on my face when I'm talking, it's a little different. It's not quite an interview. It's something I had to get used to, for sure."

Kopech already is used to being "the guy" people don't recognize when he's around Brielle. That should change when he gets to the Sox, but for now he's Mr. Invisible.

"I can go anywhere with my girlfriend, and I'll stand right there (unnoticed) and they'll ask her, like, 'Why you in Chicago?'" he said.

Kopech said Brielle then points at him and says: "My boyfriend right here."

Just thinking about it again made him chuckle.

"I love it," he said. "For the most part, it's all fun. There are

some advantages and disadvantages."

One of the biggest disadvantages, he said, was the "backlash" they get from people who aren't big fans of the genre.

"Close-minded people that are against the reality TV thing," he said. "In my opinion, if it doesn't affect you, it shouldn't bother you too much."

Nothing much seems to bother Kopech, one of the reasons Sox fans are looking forward to Year 2 of the rebuild.

Sox general manager Rick Hahn is well aware of Kopech's side gig as a reality show personality, but admitted earlier this winter he hadn't seen the show. I suggested to Hahn a reality show at Sox camp, a mash-up of a "Hard Knocks"-style documentary with a Bravo-style domestic drama.

Kopech and Eloy Jimenez could be the co-stars.

No response yet, but hope springs eternal.

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Glut behind plate doesn't faze Smith

With Castillo, Narvaez in mix, catcher eager to fight for playing time

By CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

In what has been a stagnant free-agent market, the White Sox made one of the biggest splashes when they signed veteran Wellington Castillo Dec. 1 to a two-year deal to be their starting catcher.

The move by a team in the midst of a rebuild came as a surprise to nearly everyone, including the catchers who shared duties behind the plate during the 2017 season: Kevan Smith and Omar Narvaez.

"Omar and I kind of thought we were going to be the guys this year, but Wellington was a great signing," Smith said during SoxFest, which wrapped up Sunday at the Hilton Chicago. "I don't blame the White Sox for signing him. He's a heck of a player."

Suddenly, the Sox have a glut at catcher at the major-league level and a battle for the likely backup spot is brewing between Smith and Narvaez. That will be one of the more interesting storylines to follow when the Sox open spring training camp in mid-February.

For Smith, who had a bit of a breakthrough season in '17 by slashing .283/.309/.388 with four home runs and 30 RBIs in 87 games (Narvaez went .277/.373/.340 with two homers and 14 RBIs in 90 games), fighting for a job is nothing new.

"I've been dealing with it my whole career," Smith said. "When you finally think that you're safe, something happens, regardless if they sign somebody or you have to go back to a team that you weren't expecting. It's just the punches you have to roll with each and every year."

The affable Smith doesn't harbor any grudges about once again having to scratch and claw for a job and, in fact, plans to pick Castillo's brain to better his odds.

"I'm going to do as much as I can to learn from him, to talk to him and see why he's been so successful throughout his career," Smith said. "I'm still a young player. I get criticized a lot because I'm 29, but I didn't play baseball for four years (while playing quarterback at the University of Pittsburgh). Really, I'm 25. So I still look at myself as a young baseball player and I still have a lot of years ahead of me. Last year was a huge confidence-booster just knowing that I can play and compete at that level."

Smith isn't completely sold on the idea that he will be stuck in a backup role with the Sox — or another team.

"Everybody is competing for that starting spot," Smith said. "You can look at money figures



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"I don't blame the White Sox for signing him. He's a heck of a player."

—Kevan Smith on the acquisition of catcher Wellington Castillo

and years and contracts, but at the end of the day, a team is going to play the best catcher out there.

"Every catcher that I've ever played with or competed with, I always tell them, 'Listen, man, this isn't a personal thing. We're going in this as teammates, we're going to support each other, we're going to work with each other and at the end of the day if we're both worthy of being starters in the big leagues, that's what's going to happen.' It could be I go somewhere else or (Castillo) goes somewhere else or Omar goes somewhere else. It's this mindset that you can't create enemies and you can't create this unhealthy competition among your teammates. It's just no negativity, stay positive and just learn from each other and the chips will fall where they fall."

The Pittsburgh native entering his second season in the big leagues plans to be more patient at the plate in '18. Smith drew just nine walks in 294 plate appearances last season.

"I have the luxury of maybe not always swinging at the first pitch or the first thing I see because I'm a high-contact guy," Smith said. "That first year you're kind of anxious and you want to show people that you can do something so you're aggressive and you're swinging at a lot of things. I'd like to see my walk numbers go up. You're not going to score runs sitting on the bench. The power numbers are going to come. I've been working on some mechanical things, but that just all comes with confidence and seeing pitches. Every league that I've been to I've adapted to and thrived in. I'm just going to trust my ability and just go out and compete."

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NOTES

Confident Garcia eyeing even better things in '18

By CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

White Sox outfielder **Avisail Garcia** has been up with the sun in an effort to build off his first All-Star season.

At his home in Miami, Garcia has been getting up at 5 a.m. each day for hour-plus workouts as he prepares for spring training. Garcia credited an increased fitness level for his standout 2017 season during which he slashed .330 batting average/.380 OBP/.506 slugging percentage with 18 home runs and 80 RBIs, and the 26-year-old isn't about to rest on his laurels.

"I'm continuing to work hard and be confident in myself that I can do it again and be even better," Garcia said during SoxFest, which concluded Sunday at the Hilton Chicago. "I think that's everything, confidence."

The Venezuela native was confident enough to finish second in the American League in hitting last season, which came as a surprise to most everyone except Garcia.

"I knew the talent was there," he said. "I had to figure out how to control it. I thank God that I showed it last year and hopefully it stays like this and I stay healthy too. I sacrifice a lot (and) I work hard every day."

Role model: Slugger **Jose Abreu**, who turns 31 Monday, takes his role as a leader and mentor to the Sox's young players seriously.

"I have a responsibility with this organization and a responsi-

bility with the manager and all the people involved with this organization, (and) part of that responsibility is just step up and be an example for all the guys, especially for the young guys," Abreu said via a team interpreter. "I know that my English is probably not so good right now, but I'm trying to get better in that aspect and I'm pretty sure I'm going to be better this year in how I can influence all of them in the clubhouse. That's one of my goals. I started on it last year and I think this year I'm going to be more able to do it with more confidence."

Starting point: With left-hander **Carlos Rodon** rehabilitating after surgery on his throwing shoulder, **Carson Fulmer** is penciled into the starting rotation. The right-hander had a successful run down the stretch of the 2017 season, going 3-1 with a 3.86 ERA in seven appearances. Fulmer said he's ready for the opportunity to do more.

"I definitely have the confidence to compete and give our team the best chance to win," Fulmer said. "I started figuring some stuff out toward the end of the year, and I definitely worked in the offseason."

Fulmer said he hasn't thought about what will happen when Rodon is healthy and ready to join the rotation.

"We need (Rodon) to come back healthy," Fulmer said. "We will all just give it our best and try to win as many ballgames as we can and leave it up to the organization when it comes to that point."

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Living in different world

Bobroczky, a 7-foot-7 Romanian, learning to adjust

By ROMAN STUBBS
Washington Post

DAYTON, Ohio — Robert Bobroczky was the last player to emerge from the victorious locker room, arching his neck just enough to fit under the doorway.

He put a red hood over his head and made his way through the cinder-block hallways of an unfamiliar arena. He couldn't find his teammates.

Bobroczky stood behind a black curtain by the entrance of the gym. He peeked out and could see people were already gawking. Finally, he spotted his teammates in the stands and made a run for it.

Hundreds of people whipped out their phones and began recording, some trying to be discreet, as if they felt bad about filming a 17-year-old who has never had a say in being 7-foot-7.

Bobroczky walked up to a section filled with students and kept his head down. Little kids, giggling, chased him and formed a line to get his autograph in their tournament programs, which advertised Bobroczky as an "attraction" even though he hadn't played a second in the game his team just won.

He signed at least a hundred items, nodding after each child thanked him. He shooed away all photo requests from older spectators, refusing to be a trophy on their Instagram and Facebook accounts. Already he has reported three Instagram accounts for using his name and videos of him.

"Hey, Rob, can you go sit somewhere else? We're trying to watch the game," one teammate joked, and Bobroczky's face turned red before he let out a laugh.

He has been both a medical study and a social media curiosity for years, but his friends always make him feel normal. He lowered his hood. The line of autograph seekers and photo hounds thinned.

"Good job, Rob," one of his teammates said, patting Bobroczky on the shoulder.

A half-hour earlier, Bobroczky watched his Spire Academy teammates win the opening game of the Flyin' To The Hoop tournament, considered one of the premier high school basketball events in the country. His young coach, Justin Clark, stood protectively beside Bobroczky outside the locker room afterward.

"Where did they go?" Clark asked before Bobroczky made a break for it, wondering where the rest of his players were sitting. "I just don't want him to get bombarded."

Clark scanned the arena for different routes to reach the rest of the team in the upper deck. This has become normal for the coach because Bobroczky's high school experience is anything but. He's thousands of miles from his family in Romania, and for any teenager that would be difficult enough. But his height exacerbates everything.

The Spire Institute is nestled between Lake Erie and Interstate 90, on an unassuming 175-acre plot about 45 minutes east of Cleveland. Built in 2009, the 750,000-square-foot facility has been christened as a U.S. Olympic and Paralympic training facility, and the small town of Geneva, Ohio, has become a beacon for high school athletes who seek specialized training and living accommodations at the complex.

It has also become something of a basketball factory since its inception, saying on its website that it has placed more than 100 players in college programs over the last five years. The prospects have been stockpiled largely by the academy's director, 34-year-old Bobby Bossman, who has built a vast network of relationships with coaches

at the college, high school and AAU levels — as well as with agents and middlemen in overseas markets — to recruit players to his programs. Rarely does he stumble upon prospects out of sheer luck.

Bossman was sitting in his office at Spire one afternoon in 2014 when he came across a YouTube video of Bobroczky, then 7-3 and 13 years old, playing for A.S. Stella Azzura, an amateur basketball club in Italy that produced Andrea Bargnani, the No. 1 pick in the 2006 NBA draft.

"Holy Toledo," Bossman said under his breath. Bossman Googled Bobroczky's name and learned that he was already one of the tallest players in Europe.

Bossman immediately sent Bobroczky a Facebook message, but he didn't initially believe it would lead anywhere. When Bobroczky replied, they began an unlikely relationship that continued with periodic messages over the next year. Only then did Bossman begin to peel back the layers of his most fascinating recruiting story.

Bobroczky had grown up in a basketball family in Romania. His father, Zsiga, is 7-1, played professional basketball and was on Romania's national team with Gheorghe Muresan, the former Washington Bullets player who at 7-7 is the tallest player in NBA history. That lineage explained Robert's infatuation with the sport, and his parents' size — his mother stands 6-foot — could at least explain his rapid growth early in his preteen years.

But that didn't make it any easier.

"When I was small, I focused on the negatives," said Bobroczky, who at 8 was already 6-2. By the time he was 12, he had surpassed his father's height. That year at a tournament in Romania Bobroczky met Muresan, which helped change his perspective about his height.

"I had to look up for the first time," Bobroczky said. "We talked about never being shy, never feeling sorry for ourselves, just accept it, be happy and live with it."

Still, doctors studied Bobroczky's rare growth at every turn. They worried about his heart and weight. Bobroczky has scoliosis, a sideways curvature of the spine, and he developed pain in his knees as he grew.

At 14, when he was 7-6, his parents brought him to Washington for a week of tests at Children's National Medical Center. Doctors didn't know when he would stop growing. Serious disorders — such as gigantism, caused by excessive release of growth hormones from the pituitary gland, and Marfan syndrome, a genetic disorder that affects the body's connective tissue — were ruled out.

In free time between tests, his parents would take him to see the city's monuments.

"We took the subway for some reason," said Bobroczky, who had to crouch just to fit on the train. "I was like, 'Are you serious?'"

He found comfort on the basketball court when he returned to Europe, where his dad taught him back-to-the-basket moves and sky hooks; that helped Bobroczky land a spot with the club team in Italy. He continued to develop his shooting and court vision, but moving with his thin frame was difficult.

Off the court he heard jeers, mostly from tourists when he ventured out into Rome. He reminded himself of a credo his father would recite: that height "could either be a curse or a blessing — you choose."

"At the beginning, I just tried to ignore it," Bobroczky said. "But as I grew up a bit and got more

mature, I realized that just ignoring it is not necessarily the right solution. You have to be smart about it.

"Not everyone is polite, and some people have never seen such a tall person before, so it's a normal reaction. Now I try to be more accepting and just smile."

Two years after first hearing from Bossman, Bobroczky said he wanted to visit Spire. The benefits for both the school and teenager were clear.

Spire would inherit the ultimate basketball project, a player with above-average skills whom Bossman believed could eventually help his three high school teams. Spire was also keen on the attention that Bobroczky would bring its relatively young program; only 30 humans on Earth are verifiably taller, and having Europe's tallest player, who had already become something of a viral curiosity, certainly couldn't hurt marketing in the social media age.

The institute would cover Bobroczky's \$55,000 annual room and board and complement its basketball training with full medical services, which includes monthly testing at the Cleveland Clinic and access to a sports psychologist.

"If you're 15, 16 years old and you're 7-foot-7, I can't even imagine the day you go through, the way people look at you, what people say," Bossman said. "So the mental component was really big for us."

The medical challenges of training such a rare specimen are significant enough. As a sophomore this season, Bobroczky has been limited to five to 10 minutes per game, and he is not on the same practice regimen as the rest of the players.

He arrived at Spire weighing just 180 pounds and was quickly put on a 5,000-calorie-per-day diet. Spire's medical and training staff is concerned that rapid acceleration of weight-gain and training goals could affect his heart. Bobroczky has never suffered a major injury playing sports, but his back and his knees are sources of discomfort.

"Nobody has ever trained anyone like him," said Brandon Strausser, a trainer at Spire who had not encountered a 7-foot person until Bobroczky. "We've had to keep a very open mind."

They've also had to be creative, as evidenced by a workout in the middle of December.

Bobroczky cannot put any weight on his back when he squats, so the training staff propped his back up with a medicine ball against a pillar in the weight room, then had him squat as far as his fragile hips allowed. Instead of working him on a hamstring curl machine, movement was simulated by tying a band to Bobroczky's feet and having him extend his leg while lying facedown on the floor. At the end of the workout, as always, he added a few chest lifts because he dreams of adding muscle.

"I have to gain at least 60 pounds . . . everything is centralized around getting big," Bobroczky said. "The biggest struggle (on the court) is getting from Point A to Point B."

What hasn't been a struggle for Bobroczky is building close relationships at Spire. Between sets during his workout routine in the weight room, he cracked jokes with Strausser, the trainer. They talked about Bobroczky's favorite player, Kristaps Porzingis, and the Ball brothers' move to Lithuania to play professional basketball.

"If you're going from Europe to (the) U.S., you're OK; if you're going from (the) U.S. to Europe, nah," Bobroczky said.

He finished his session



KATHERINE FREY/WASHINGTON POST

Seven-foot-7 high school player Robert Bobroczky greets 11-year-old fan Xavier Henderson.

and went back to the locker room to put on his custom-made jeans with the 57-inch inseam; they hung over his size-17 Adidas. Bobroczky then walked through the silent hallways of the cavernous facility, ducking through every doorway and around every air vent, before arriving at the cafeteria for dinner with his teammates.

He has done everything in his power to blend in off the court. When Donald Trump held a campaign event at Spire in October 2016, Bobroczky was invited to sit in the front row; he declined because he didn't want to obstruct anyone's view. He moved into a new dorm with some teammates this year, and the facility managers moved two beds together so Bobroczky could fit comfortably. He took the beds apart and stacked suitcases at the end of one bed so his feet would fit.

But there are some things he can't control.

"I've been looking for you!" Spire's chef said for Bobroczky as he arrived for dinner at the cafeteria and received a plate stacked with mounds of spaghetti and broccoli. Bobroczky took his seat at a special elevated table, then sat on

an elevated chair. His teammates sat beside him at a lower table.

Bobroczky dropped a protein bar out of his coat and had to get on both knees to pick it up. Grabbing a napkin was less of an inconvenience — he simply extended his arms to get one from two chairs down. None of his teammates, who have grown protective and accustomed to shooing away photo seekers whenever they go to Cavaliers games or the mall, seemed to notice.

"Rob, we playing 'Call of Duty' tonight?" a player asked. Bobroczky shrugged. He still had study hall — he's a straight-A student at a nearby boarding school who is fluent in Romanian, Hungarian, Italian and English — and he needed sleep.

Bobroczky has dreamed of playing professionally.

"If I make it, my whole country would be proud," he said, even though he knows he has a long way just to play more meaningful minutes at the high school level. He has two years of eligibility remaining, although nobody knows for certain if he will be able to get his body in shape enough to become a college prospect.

Bobroczky and his team-

mates stayed for the nightcap of the Flyin' To The Hoop event, which featured 7-3 Bol Bol, one of the country's top college prospects and the son of the late Manute Bol, who stood 7-7 and along with Muresan set the NBA height mark.

In Dayton, Bobroczky earned gasps during warm-ups when he hit a few 3-pointers and hardly needed to jump to dunk. As his team pulled out a win over host Fairmont, the plan was to get Bobroczky a few minutes of playing time, but it never happened. He sat at the end of the bench, occupying two chairs to prop himself up as he watched.

After the first night of the tournament was done, Bobroczky put back on his hood and headed for the exits along with thousands of spectators. It was a frenzy.

"Oh, my god! He's a giant!" one kid screamed, and more high schoolers whipped out their phones to document his descent from a staircase to the front door of the arena. It stopped only when Bobroczky walked outside into a dumping snowfall. It touched his head first.

"To be able to see the world from up there," he said, "is just different."

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John Daly grasps his helmet with his hands after a bad final run dropped him out of medal contention at the 2014 Olympics. After some soul searching, Daly will be back this year.

Disaster won't stop him

Final run cost '14 skeleton medal, but Daly rejuvenated, refocused

BY ADAM KILGORE
Washington Post

John Daly had made peace with life as a former Olympian, or so he believed. His final run on a skeleton sled had ended in heart-break at the 2014 Sochi Games, such a bitter finish he had chosen a clean split from a sport he loved.

He relocated to Washington and found he enjoyed life without skeleton. He excelled at his job, traveled on weekends and could order one more vodka soda without worrying how he would feel at morning workouts. He had moved on, started over.

But in the fall of 2016, after another Thursday of selling medical devices, Daly chatted with a woman he had met online over tapas at a D.C. restaurant. They swapped get-to-know-yous until she asked a question that startled Daly.

"So," she asked. "What are you passionate about?" Daly paused, mulled it over and leaned back in his chair.

"Nothing," he finally blurted.

The answer led Daly back to skeleton, back to another Winter Olympics and to Pyeongchang, South Korea, where next month Daly, at 32, will take another run at a medal he came so agonizingly close to in Sochi, Russia. For Daly, the upcoming Games represent an opportunity to rewrite an ending—despite the risk of opening an old wound.

On the date, he made a joke to move past the question. But that entire weekend, a sudden and surprising realization washed over him: As much comfort as he derived from life after skeleton, and as much as he

thought his bitter end had extinguished his love for the sport, he had not found anything that made him feel so alive. That Monday, he sent an email to Amanda Bird, a USA Bobsled official, and asked her, "Would this even be possible?"

Still, Daly made certain not to announce a comeback. He had a lot to consider, both practical and mental. He wanted to wait before making anything official because another question had started rattling around his head: What if it happened again?

Past glory

On top of the track at Sanki Sliding Center, Daly had reached the pinnacle of his athletic career. Four years earlier, in Vancouver, he had finished 17th in his Olympic debut. Now, at his second Games, Daly had come to win.

"In Sochi," USA Skeleton coach Tuffy Latour said, "he was a beast."

Earlier heats left him in third place. With one more of his best runs in his final trip down the track, Daly had a shot at an Olympic medal.

Daly sprinted off the line. As he transitioned to leap onto the sled, his knees veered slightly out of alignment, too close to the sled. On some runs, it might not have mattered. On that day, on that track, his sled popped out of the groove. He skidded diagonally, his shoulders bouncing off the walls. It was a disaster, a slider's worst nightmare at the worst time.

He knew instantly he had lost his chance at a medal. For more than a minute, Daly felt like he was sliding in slow motion, or as if he

were watching himself from afar. As he skidded to the finish, all his speed lost and all his hope drained, he held his hands to his visor.

"There's really nothing you can do," said Daly, who ended up falling from third place to 15th. "I wish there was an exit ramp. There's just no saving it. You're stuck on a one-way street down a mile of ice to the bottom. I had a mile to think about what just happened."

Daly walked into the locker room, tore off his helmet and screamed. He sat down against a wall, alone, and anger turned to sadness. Matt Antoine, his friend and roommate in Sochi, took his final run. With the door opened by Daly's crash, the Wisconsin slider won bronze.

Through postrace commotion, Daly watched the medalists walk toward the podium. He trudged across the track and found his parents. His father, Jim, wiped tears off John's face and hugged him. Normally in such moments, Daly would expect his father to offer quiet support. Instead, Jim leaned close and told his son, "What happens here today will make you the man you are tomorrow."

The words, Daly said later, were the best thing he could have heard.

"They come from your heart," Jim Daly said. "Because your heart is breaking. It's your son. His heart is breaking."

Daly told an NBC interviewer he would have to wait four years to redeem himself. Inside, he believed he was done. It wasn't that he had lost. It was that the accident had robbed him of a chance to find out if he was good enough to win an Olympic medal.

"He was like, 'That was it, I'm done with the sport,'" Latour said. "I felt bad for him because I knew he had

so much more in him."

Daly had planned to throw himself a retirement party, but how could he celebrate? He had been sliding since he was 12, when he threw a snowball at his bobsled coach's face, so the coach made him try skeleton instead. Right away, he loved it—the sprint at the top, the rush of accelerating headfirst. Now, even though he was 28, it felt like his childhood was ending.

"There's definitely a lost feeling about what to do now," Daly said. "That's also why it was so upsetting about how it ended. Instead of getting a couple weeks and celebrating, it was over right then and there. There's nothing to celebrate. It ended. It didn't end the way you want. It was tough to switch gears."

Back home in Long Island, most of his friends, freed from the constraints of Olympic training and travel, had married and had kids. He wanted a fresh start, where nobody knew him as an athlete. He always liked Washington, milder than New York in both climate and temperament, he liked to say. Daly got a place in Arlington, Va., and landed a job selling pediatric medical equipment for Smith & Nephew.

One night, his father asked Daly his feeling about racing again.

"I could go back," Daly told him. "And the exact same thing could happen again."

A new life

Daly happily transitioned into life without skeleton. He checked out the monuments, made new friends, settled into routine. He traveled to bachelor parties and weddings, made a fishing trip to Wisconsin with old teammates.

He would give technical

advice to doctors using his product—a device that helps remove tonsils from kids with sleeping disorders—during surgery. On the way home, he would stop at a local school field to work out and avoid traffic.

In the spring of 2016, Antoine visited Daly in Arlington. "Man, it's not the same without you," Antoine told him. Though Daly insisted otherwise, Antoine sensed Daly might be edging toward skeleton again.

"I think maybe he had a different perspective a little bit on life outside the sport," Antoine said. "He just realized skeleton was something that he loved. It kind of made him feel alive. He just wasn't getting that aspect outside the sport, even though he loved his job and was doing well at it. He kind of seemed like he was lacking a little excitement."

When his date asked her question that fall, it rattled him into considering coming back. Still, he hesitated. Sliding again would mean putting his new life—a life he liked—on hold. Did he have the willpower to do it? Would work allow it? Would the federation? Could he find equipment?

Smith & Nephew valued him enough to let him work as he trained if he wanted. Daly found new gear—what he hadn't donated to rookies, he had sold. He quietly arranged a trip to Lake Placid, N.Y., to see if he still had the ability to slide at a world-class level.

"He was flying downhill," Latour said. "That sparked the interest. He felt, 'I love this sport.'"

The workouts came easily. The mental hurdles were harder to clear. Life without the stakes of failure or success, without a time on a clock defining him, had been comfortable.

"It was tough to transition, not out of it, but back

into it," Daly said. "It was very tough to turn that competitive edge back on, to bring back all those emotions and put yourself out there to potentially a victory or defeat all over again. That was the hardest part."

Ready to rock

Daly believes he has regained his form. He feels stronger now—"old man strength," he joked—despite training while still holding down his full-time job, a nearly unheard-of balance. He would visit doctors during the day, train at night and fly to Lake Placid or Europe on weekends for sliding or World Cup events.

"He always bites off more than he can chew," Jim Daly said. "And then he chews it."

Daly mingled last week at a fundraiser at a hotel, sipping a Corona and posing for pictures in a white Team USA sweater. Teammates love having him back. His charisma, Latour said, makes everyone else better, more confident.

"To me, the kid's a champion," Latour said. "He popped a groove. Things happen in our sport."

Daly does not dwell on his last run at Sochi, but he does not lie about it either. It's in the back of his mind. It will be on his mind at the top of the track in Pyeongchang.

"If it happens again, I still have not come up with an answer," Daly said. "That would be a tough one to live with. That part, if it happens again like that, that might break me."

What is certain about Daly's comeback is it has shown him what he really thinks about skeleton. He might let the sport break his heart again, and that acceptance, of course, is only a condition of love.

60TH GRAMMY AWARDS



MATT SAYLES/INVISION

Kendrick Lamar, center, performs at the 60th annual Grammy Awards at Madison Square Garden in New York on Sunday.

Protests, poses and hip-hop

It was white on red Sunday night at the Grammys as many musicians walking into New York's Madison Square Garden wore white roses in solidarity with the Time's Up and #MeToo movements against sexual mis-

conduct. Inside, the night reflected the music industry's overdue embrace of hip-hop, reflected by the genre's dominance of the nominations. For more on the awards and fashion, see **Page 3**.



GREGG GILMAN PHOTO

Jim Poole and Melissa Riemer in "Hinter" at Steep Theatre.

IN PERFORMANCE 'HINTER' ★★ 1/2

A Bavarian murder gets dark, overly complicated

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

The German equivalent of the crime of the century took place on March 31, 1922, on a small farm in rural Bavaria. On that night at the Hinterkaifeck farmstead, the farmer, his wife, their widowed daughter, two grandchildren aged 7 and 2, and the family maid, all were killed with a mattock, or pickax. It was the maid's first day on the job.

The murders, which are the topic of the very challenging new Calamity West play "Hinter" at Chicago's Steep Theatre Company, have never been solved. Various theories have been propagated, including the existence of a local serial killer, a brutal robbery, and the aftermath of an incestuous relation-

ship between the farmer and his daughter, involving the return of her husband, presumed dead in World War I but maybe very much alive. And angry.

West is a colossal Chicago talent with a formidable intellect and a mass of swirling ideas in her brain — she is on the edge, I think, of a major breakout play, although not necessarily with this particular play, which is dense to the point of being very difficult to follow. I think the issue here is that West is taking too much knowledge on the part of the audience for granted; she wants to explore the various implications of the murders (apropos of gender, class and so on) without sufficiently telling the story of the murders themselves. Thus

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'THE CHI' EPISODE 4 RECAP

Art reflective of life in the city

BY WILLIAM LEE
 AND NINA METZ
 Chicago Tribune

Each week, William Lee and Nina Metz recap and discuss the first season of "The Chi," which airs at 9 p.m. Sundays on Showtime. Spoilers ahead

William Lee: The fourth episode is the most ominous yet as several foreboding storylines came to a head, starting with Ronnie's near-death experience as he stumbles out of an underpass with a shot to the gut, while Brandon and Kevin flee into the street.

The episode uses incomplete flashbacks to draw out the drama of exactly how Ronnie (Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine) was shot, and Brandon's (Jason Mitchell) home life is uprooted after Jerrika (Tiffany Boone) finds the handgun he brought home and kicks him out. This sends him to his mother Laverne's (Sonja Sohn) home for what would end up being a short, tumultuous stay.

Nina Metz: It's worth noting that Common, who is an executive producer on the show, has a cameo here as part of a group of men whose evening prayers in a storefront mosque are interrupted by the sight of a bloodied Ronnie staggering down the street.

I wasn't a fan of the repeated flashbacks largely because what I've liked about "The Chi" so far is that it hasn't tried to portray gun violence as something epically cinematic — and this epi-



MATT DINERSTEIN/SHOWTIME

Shamon Brown as Papa in a scene from Episode 4 of "The Chi."

sode pretty much abandoned that idea. I'm curious to know your thoughts.

WL: I absolutely agree with you on dislike of the flashback. The previous episodes have occurred in linear fashion and to handle Ronnie's shooting in such a herky-jerky way doesn't fit.

It's funny, after reading some of the critiques of the show that have come out, I worried that I wasn't being critical enough. But truthfully, I think "The Chi" works as art reflective of life in Chicago. It certainly isn't a 100 percent accurate reflection, but many of its situations ring true.

NM: As much as I like the show, I think some of its weaknesses are starting to deepen, and Jerrika's character is a good example of that. Her parents own and run a real estate agency in Hyde

Park — that's the extent of her back story. Even the get-together with her girlfriends this episode doesn't do much to develop her as a character. I wish the show would give us a better sense of her world. Or that of Kevin's mother. Or Tracy (Tai'isha Davis), who still has to go to work every day while swallowing down her grief.

WL: I agree, a criticism that's become more clear to me now as the series goes on is that the male characters are the heart of the show, while there are very few female spaces present. The women of the show are there to fix and repair, mold or harangue the male characters, but they have very few things that are just for them. Jerrika's drink with friends isn't particularly deep or

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Three more women made claims against Jeremy Piven.

Piven faces, denies more sex allegations

Jeremy Piven, who has strongly denied allegations of sexual misconduct from at least three women, is facing further accusations that date back decades, an online news site reported Saturday.

Three additional women claim Piven acted in a physically aggressive or threatening manner, BuzzFeed News reported in a story that included the actor's rejection of the allegations as "false." The women said they were speaking out because of frustration over Piven's previous denials.

One incident allegedly involved a high school student working as an extra in 1985 on Piven's first film, "Lucas," when he was 17. The other encounters took place in the 1990s, BuzzFeed said. Two of the women are identified in the BuzzFeed story. The third asked that her name be withheld, the website said.

One woman told BuzzFeed that Piven followed her into a set trailer, held her down and attempted to grope her. She fended him off and fled, she said.

Another said she met Piven in 1996 when he was appearing on the Ellen DeGeneres sitcom "Ellen" and she was an extra. She described a consensual romantic encounter at Piven's home that changed when he allegedly exposed himself and tried to force himself on her, BuzzFeed reported.

The third woman alleged that Piven pushed her against a hotel room wall in Montreal in the early 1990s and attempted to force himself on her, BuzzFeed reported.

In a statement to BuzzFeed, Piven said the claims "are false. I have never forced myself on anyone, nor have I ever exposed myself or restrained anyone against their will. To the contrary, if any woman ever said no, I stopped."

— Associated Press

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- Maze Runner: The Death Cure
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- Hostiles
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- The Greatest Showman
\$9.5
- The Post
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- 12 Strong
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- Den of Thieves
\$8.4
- The Shape of Water
\$5.7
- Paddington 2
\$5.6
- Star Wars: The Last Jedi
\$4.2

SOURCE: Associated Press, estimated sales, Friday-Sunday.

Trump vs. Jay-Z: President Donald Trump is urging his followers to inform rapper Jay-Z that "because of my policies," unemployment among black Americans is at the "LOWEST RATE EVER RECORDED!" The president's tweet Sunday appears to be in response to a CNN interview in which the rapper called the president's vulgar comments about African countries and Haiti "disappointing" and "hurtful." Jay-Z said on Saturday's debut episode of "The Van Jones Show" that lower unemployment among blacks doesn't make up for the president's attitude. "It's not about money at the end of the day," and it "doesn't equate to happiness," Jay-Z said.

Jan. 29 birthdays: Actor Tom Selleck is 73. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 64. Actor-director Edward Burns is 50. Actress Sara Gilbert is 43. Singer Adam Lambert is 36.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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'Kids' reject father's new marriage

Dear Amy: I am a 52-year-old divorcee who recently married a wonderful 62-year-old widower.

We are very happy except for one thing: Before we married, my husband's grown children (37 and 35) attempted to stop us.

His son was happy and supportive initially, but his daughter apparently influenced the son to change his mind. Neither attended our wedding. I understand they were trying to prevent their father from rushing into marriage. On the other hand, we didn't think we needed his children's permission to marry. Our romance was a bit of a whirlwind, but we have known each other for six years.

Meeting his daughter upon our return from our honeymoon would have been my priority (she lives locally), but now I'm wondering if that will ever happen. Now that we are home, her father has been to see her, but he can't get her to acknowledge me or our marriage.

I am very sad. Should I reach out to his children?
— *Baffled Bride*

Dear Baffled: Well, you're off to a bad start, and the person who could fix this — possibly quite quickly — is your husband.

He did not need his daughter's permission to GET married, and now he should stop trying to get her permission to BE married. His marriage to you should be presented as a very happy occurrence, and his adult children should be encouraged in a friendly, firm and no-nonsense way, to accept it.

You don't say when your husband's late wife died,

but you should all understand with compassion that his children might have difficulties with his new relationship. But they are adults. Giving them the option NOT to cope will not help them.

If your husband's daughter wants to have a happy and loving relationship with her father, she should be willing to meet you and accept the fact that you exist and that you are married to her father. She doesn't have to embrace you as a mother-figure, but yes, she does have to face reality.

The more often her father visits her without you, the more he is demonstrating through his actions that she has the option of rejecting you.

Yes, I think you should reach out. Write a friendly email inviting both of them to dinner on a specific night (if his son is in town). Expect that they will possibly ignore or reject the invitation. Choose not to take this personally — because how can you? You've never met!

Strongly encourage your husband to handle this, quickly — otherwise you could face a divided household, and that is no way to run a family.

Dear Amy: Don't laugh at this, because it is getting serious. My wife and I are retired and winter in the Southwest. We faithfully watch the popular game show "Wheel of Fortune" every night after supper.

I found out about a month ago the show was on an hour earlier back home in the Midwest, so I decided to have a friend text me the answers prior to us watching it.

My wife and I are very competitive regarding who can come up with correct answers first. Of course, I get them all right, quite quickly! At first, she was kind of amazed. Now it's getting serious.

Some of my friends back home know what I'm doing, and I'm sure someone will tell her. How can I get out of this situation before she finds out?
— *Hooked on the Wheel*

Dear Hooked: Here's your clue: Two Words, 12 letters. (Stop cheating!)

You might want to taper down slowly, and gradually decline from savant status to mere mortal. And come clean with your wife. Do so over a nice dinner, present your confession in clue form and attach a prize for her correct guess.

Dear Amy: Regarding healing from "emotional affairs," my husband and I both had them. We confessed our indiscretions and started counseling. I secretly kept in contact with my affair partner for another year. By doing this, I was wasting all we were investing in the counseling and our marriage.

It wasn't until I became honest with myself and completely ended my friendship and affair that my marriage could heal. We are about to celebrate 23 years of marriage and although it was a hard lesson, it brought us closer together in the long run.
— *Happy Now*

Dear Happy: Congratulations!

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 - Ashen-faced
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 - Outperforms
 - Goals for the Raiders; abbr.
 - Coral ridge
 - "Gimme ___!"; old Nell Carter TV sitcom
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 - Wise man
 - Rejuvenated
 - Colorful shawls
 - Gladden
 - ___ well that ends well"
 - "The Farmer in the ___"
 - Hut
 - Fannie ___; type of home loan
 - Prayer stating one's beliefs
 - Makes fun of
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- DOWN**
- Home of twigs
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60TH GRAMMY AWARDS

Mars sidelines hip-hop with sweep

BY GREG KOT
Chicago Tribune

Bruno Mars crashed the expected hip-hop party Sunday and walked away with all the big Grammy Awards.

Though the preponderance of hip-hop artists among the nominations announced several months ago was met with a barrage of media coverage championing a rap breakthrough, it was business as usual in the top categories. Despite nominations for Kendrick Lamar, Jay-Z, Childish Gambino and Logic for song, record and album of the year, the Recording Academy embraced a mainstream pop performer with a relatively safe retro sound.

Mars won album of the year ("24K Magic"), record of the year ("24K Magic") and song of the year ("That's What I Like") among his six Grammys. Lamar won five Grammys, including rap album of the year ("DAMN."), but was shut out in the major categories. Hip-hop artists have won album of the year only twice in Grammy history: OutKast in 2004 and Lauryn Hill in 1999, a shameful snub of an art form that has shaped youth culture for the last 40 years.

Some highs and lows from the nationally televised broadcast, which honored recordings released between Oct. 1, 2016, and Sept. 30, 2017:

Politics as unusual: The Grammys have never been a wellspring of political commentary, but Sunday was at least slightly different. There were celebs reading from Michael Wolff's best-seller "Fire and Fury" about President Donald Trump's White House, most notably Hillary Clinton. "The Grammy's in the bag," she exclaimed, though the segment overall came off as more gratuitous than humorous. Immigra-



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Bebe Rexha, from left, Cyndi Lauper, Kesha and Camila Cabello perform with Andra Day and Julia Michaels (neither shown) Sunday at the Grammys.

tion issues were on the docket as U2 cruised past the Statue of Liberty while performing on a barge in the Hudson River, and singer Camila Cabello championed her Cuban-Mexican heritage as she said, "This country was built by dreamers for dreamers chasing the American Dream."

Kesha owns the moment: The singer, who has her own long history with battling abuse in the music industry, rose to the #Time'sUp occasion with a wrenching performance of "Praying," framed by a gaggle of women. Janelle Monae offered an eloquent introduction, and Kesha's chorus included Bebe Rexha, Andra Day and Cyndi Lauper.

#Time'sUp gets its due: Monae brought the fire while introducing Kesha. "We are also wives, daughters, mothers, sisters," she said. "We come in peace, but we mean business. Time's up for harassment of any kind and time's up for the abuse of power. ... It's right here in our industry as well. ... We have the power to undo the culture that does not serve us well. Let's work together, women and men ... to create a safe work environment, equal pay and access for all women."

Best meta commentary: Lamar sets the bar for the rest of the evening by rolling out an opening medley billed as a "satire," with Dave Chappelle offering running commentary. "Is this OK for CBS?" the

comic asks, just before a bunch of dancers pretend to be gunned down. The "XXX/American Soul" performance included a blink-and-you-missed-it walk-on by some Irish guys. Oh, that was U2, you say?

Nostalgia rules: If you thought this was a flashback to a Grammy telecast circa 1990, you were not alone. Elton John and Sting performed ancient-hits, and an old Eric Clapton song was repurposed as a tribute to shooting victims. Apparently, programmers were concerned that all those hip-hop nominees would chase away all viewers over 35, so they needed to salt the proceedings with some — ahem — heritage artists.

The guy looks the part:

Chris Stapleton is the new poster boy of country music, which is especially good because he doesn't look anything like a poster boy but the kind of long-haired troublemaker who'd look right at home sitting next to Waylon Jennings and Merle Haggard at a saloon. It doesn't hurt that his music carries a thread of honky-tonk grit. Yet one of the token country tunes of the evening fell flat, mainly because it's a Clapton ballad.

Another best-new-artist head-scratcher: This one seemed to be in the bag for R&B singer SZA, whose debut album, "Ctrl," spawned 2 million-selling singles and widespread critical acclaim. But instead the award went to industry

insider Alessia Cara. Flashback to Meghan Trainor over Courtney Barnett for best new artist in 2016, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis over Lamar in 2014, Fun over Alabama Shakes and Frank Ocean in 2013, and on and on.

Words matter: No one appreciates that more than Lamar, whose acceptance speech for best rap album ("DAMN.") was a brief but potent homage to the music that nurtured, educated and sustained him. Hip-hop, he said, is "about expressing yourself and putting that paint on the canvas for the next generation to evolve."

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Protest doesn't dull Grammy's red carpet

BY DAVID SYREK
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The Grammys have never had a shortage of memorable fashion moments, and Sunday night's music industry icons also arrived mostly in black or neutral colors but in edgier, high-volume looks (Janelle Monae in a dramatic embroidered tux, best new artist nominee SZA in a sheer, beaded tulle gown with thigh-high slits).

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Cardi B looking angelic in a white lace gown by Ashi Studio.



ANGELA WEISS/GETTY-AFP

Janelle Monae rocks a Dolce & Gabbana floral embroidered tuxedo with wide-legged trousers.



JAMIE MCCARTHY/GETTY

Lady Gaga in a showstopping, beaded bodysuit under a ball gown skirt by Armani Prive.



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

SZA dressed to kill at her first Grammy Awards in a sheer, sparkly tulle gown.



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

Maren Morris in a crystal-beaded Julien Macdonald gown with cutouts.



JAMIE MCCARTHY/GETTY

Ne-Yo looking dapper in a double-breasted, mustard yellow velvet jacket and tux pants.



JAMIE MCCARTHY/GETTY

Lana Del Rey wearing a custom Gucci ivory silk gown with crystal star embroidery and a headpiece made of crystal and silver stars.

IN PERFORMANCE

Monk lives on with MONK'estra

By HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

Last year, the world celebrated the centennial of Thelonious Monk, whose music — at this late date — still sounds remarkably fresh and utterly original.

One hesitates to make hard-and-fast judgments about why any composer's work endures, but surely in Monk's case part of the reason lies in the idiosyncrasy and originality of these compositions. The quirky rhythms, piquant dissonances and angular melodies that distinguish so many of Monk's compositions render them unlike anyone else's and, therefore, ever fresh.

Or as conductor-arranger-pianist John Beasley put it from the stage of Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center on Friday evening, "Monk's music is very pliable."

Meaning that no matter what you do to a Monk tune — play with its chord structures, embellish its

melody, change its rhythmic context — the spirit of Monk somehow prevails.

Beasley has tested that thesis in two eponymous albums with his MONK'estra, which, as its name suggests, brings Monk's music to an orchestral palette. What's more, Beasley's arrangements in some cases apply funk, electronic and other seemingly anachronistic influences to Monk's music, as if pushing this repertoire to a stylistic breaking point.

Each listener will decide whether the experiment works, but in concert Beasley and the MONK'estra made a compelling case for the extraordinary malleability of this music. As Leonard Bernstein used to say of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," Monk's tunes ultimately are indestructible.

Considering all the instrumental firepower that Beasley convened, the concert got off to a surprisingly lackadaisical start, with Monk's "Epistrophe"

The casual tempo, nonchalant delivery and bland tonal palette represented an anemic way of opening the set. But by the time Beasley and friends reached the final pages, they'd begun to summon the rhythmic energy and sonic heft that would define the best parts of the evening.

Certainly the arrival onstage of harmonica soloist Gregoire Maret, to collaborate with Beasley and the band in Monk's "Brake's Sake," brought much-needed tension to the proceedings. To hear Maret improvising freely over the orchestra's pulsing accompaniment was to savor the clash of two epochs: Maret's bebop-inspired lines and the band's funk-tinged backdrop. Though these forces sometimes pushed volume levels too high for this room, the excitement of the give-and-take at least explained why. And a concluding passage in which Maret took flight with only the reeds backing him gave this piece — and

the entire enterprise — quite a lift.

Indeed, with each work the musicians sounded increasingly persuasive, as if warming to the repertoire and its demands. The melancholy undertone they expressed in "Ask Me Now" and the exquisitely detailed orchestral writing in "Criss Cross" — the tour de force of the evening — underscored the value of this enterprise.

For once Beasley and the band found their voice, they left no doubt that Monk's music can adapt to practically any aesthetic circumstance.

Tenor saxophonist Melissa Aldana opened the evening leading a quintet, her Orchestra Hall debut reaffirming earlier impressions of her work in a club setting. For even in a large auditorium, there was no mistaking the airy translucence of her sound, nor the cerebral quality of her phrase-making.

She opened with her "Over There," the nearly



CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Harmonica player Gregoire Maret collaborated with John Beasley's MONK'estra at Symphony Center on Friday.

vibrato-less quality of her timbre and the ornate nature of her lines giving listeners a great deal to ponder and absorb. This is not a musician, in other words, who opts for theatrical, audience-pleasing ostentation. On the contrary, Aldana tries to pack as much melodic content and harmonic complexity into her solos as possible, the sheer intricacies of her statements worth studying.

Aldana has found an excellent foil in trumpeter Philip Dizack, whose ballad "Box Office" gave this set some of its most lyrically profound moments, especially when he and Aldana

played in unison.

The saxophonist produced meticulously sculpted phrases on the standard "Never Let Me Go" and conjured considerable rhythmic drive — while maintaining characteristically cool control — in her "Turning."

If anyone wondered why she won the 2013 Thelonious Monk International Jazz Saxophone Competition, the reasons were plain to hear, and plentiful.

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MATT DINERSTEIN/SHOWTIME PHOTOS

LaDonna Tittle as Ethel, right, and Yolonda Ross as Jada in one of the few heart-to-heart talks between women.

A look at lost innocence

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meaningful. In fact, the only sort of heart-to-heart conversations between women is between Ethel (Ronnie's grandmother, played by LaDonna Tittle) and Jada (Ethel's nurse, played by Yolonda Ross) after Ronnie is shot. Ethel's "Our boys are all we've got" speech feels real, if not heavy-handed. I'm sure the character believes what she's saying, but wouldn't she want Jada's help just because it's her grandson?

NM: Whenever I'm frustrated by aspects of this show, it rebounds and pulls me back in. There's that incredible moment when Brandon is walking home immediately after the shooting. He's already on edge and has a gun in his backpack — so when the cops do their stop-and-frisk, it's at once infuriating (Walking While Black appears to be the noninfracture that prompted the stop) but also unnerving because he was just involved in a violent crime moments earlier. There are all these complicated things happening in that scene.

WL: And at least we get to see Kevin (Alex R. Hibbert) and Jake (Michael Epps) at that after-school party dancing, as if to show the kids having a chance to do what kids do.

But I call shenanigans on the relative seamlessness of that party. It all seemed a little too clean and orderly, like an adult was in the next room. No parents anywhere want their kids throwing a party in their home without supervision. "My mama says I can't have company" has to be one of the most uttered lines in teendom. Just refer



Michael Epps, center, as Jake, who gets initiated into his brother's crime activities during Episode 4 of "The Chi."

back to the house party in another Chicago classic "Cooley High" from 1975 for background.

NM: Let's hear it for Papa (Shamon Brown Jr.) getting the party started! That kid is a riot, and every time the show spends time with the three pals — Kevin, Jake and Papa (all of who actually look like kids in other words, which I think is important) — you get a real sense of their easygoing camaraderie. It's the only consistent depiction of friendship on the show, interestingly enough.

We also see that people will go to some pretty extreme lengths to avoid the police — whether it's Ronnie's grandmother pulling a shotgun on Detective Cruz (would a cop really just let that go?) or her refusal to bring Ronnie to the hospital. This is purely about self-preservation, and it's understandable considering how badly things go for people of color when police get involved.

WL: The mistrust of police is a reality in some households — dare I say many, especially among younger people — but not all. As a

cop reporter, I know that people call police for many reasons aside from active crime. Some call police asking them to step in for an unruly child. Others call whenever teens (or drug dealers) gather in front of their homes, or are having a loud party next door. Some call police because they've locked themselves out of their homes or cars. There really are two extremes, in addition to the untold multitude who only call cops when they need them.

But the theme to this episode could very well be a loss of innocence as we see Jake get initiated into his older brother's crime activities during a creepy hot tub party. The thing that will stick with me is how Jake's life is about to change, his brother recruiting him to become a prepubescent gunman. This calls to mind Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an 11-year-old South Side boy who lived and died by the gun, in one of the saddest stories in city history.

Jake seemed excited at the prospect of being brought into his big brother's world of drugs and guns, but it will undoubtedly kill this boy whom

Kevin has known his whole life. There is a ring of truth to this for me. I recall how some happy-go-lucky classmates in grammar school grew into harder teens with few signs of the joyful children they had been.

NM: Those scenes with Jake and his older brother, Reg, are especially tough because there's just no mercy there. It looks like there aren't any parents around — that Reg (Barton Fitzpatrick) is raising his kid brother on his own, and he's intent on teaching some pretty brutal lessons. There's no sense of protecting the kid or "I want a different life for you," and I saw that hot tub party scene differently than you did — Jake seemed ready to throw up. He's not hard. None of these kids are. Which I think is one of the show's more potent themes. These are children, even if the city as a whole tends to forget that.

But to an earlier point you made, the more I think about the series, the more I wish the show was spending time on scenes that might seem mundane on the surface (making dinner, say) but that would actually just portray the intricacies of day-to-day life. Moments that aren't directly tied to the plot, in other words.

I'd love to see people cook together and then sit down for a regular degular meal. I want in-jokes and food preferences and the natural conversational back-and-forth that unfurls around a dinner table filled with people just going through their day like it's any other.

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Modern political climate has role in TV's 'Another Period'

By REBECCA RUBIN
Variety

Riki Lindhome gained exposure as half of the comedy music duo Garfunkel and Oates before hosting the Nerdist podcast "Making It." She stars and co-executive produces alongside Natasha Leggero in Comedy Central's "Another Period," which returns for Season 3 Tuesday. Lindhome and Leggero co-created the series, which they describe as a period sitcom at the intersection of "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" and "Downton Abbey." It's set in Rhode Island in the early 1900s.

Q: Where did you draw inspiration for the third season of "Another Period"?

A: We continually draw inspiration from "The Real Housewives," because if you take whatever they do and put it in the Gilded Age, it becomes funny. Also the current political climate has been a big part.

Q: Has the Donald Trump/post-Harvey Weinstein era changed the show's direction?

A: In our writers room during the election, we were planning this one political thing, then the election went a different way than we thought, and we had to start over. As far as our brother, Frederick, played by Jason Ritter, his storyline completely changed after the election. We wrote the show last fall,

so the Weinstein thing has not factored in, but there are a lot of episodes that touch on gender politics.

Q: Do you find it necessary to get political given your platform?

A: I do. It's nice to be able to show what feminism was back then, and we can see the parallels to now and see how far we've come and how far we've not come. Some of it is shockingly similar, and some is obviously very different. In 1902, women couldn't vote, women couldn't own land, but now we can. Yet a lot of things are still the same.

Q: Is it important for you to write strong female leads?

A: It wasn't conscious. We just wrote characters that we thought were funny, and some were male, and some were female. Being women, we write for women, but we also write for men. Our show is probably 50-50.

Q: What has been the best learning experience?

A: Season 1, when we asked to showrun it, and we didn't really know what we were doing. It was sink or swim, and we put everything we had into it and started to figure out our method. It was a huge leap of faith for Comedy Central to have confidence in us and give us the reins of a show when we hadn't done it before, and we're very grateful for that. We did most of our learning on the job.

Foggy 'Hinter' could use more pop, clarity

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unless you have the details of the funky Hinterkaifeck business already top of mind, you're in a bit of a fog for the first part of the night.

It might seem strange to similarly argue that director Brad DeFabo Akin's production is too grim and somber to work, given the topic of the play. But it's nonetheless true, especially since Steep weirdly is billing this piece as a dark comedy. That would be a dark comedy without any laughs. Alas, you just never feel like Akin, whose show feels very monochromatic and dour, successfully wrestled with the storytelling imperative. There is not enough dramatic tension; the show needs to pop more.

Actors at Steep Theatre never mess around or shirk from depth, and there are some very intensely performed scenes by a big cast of highly accomplished actors — Sasha Smith, Nate

When: Through March 3

Where: Steep Theatre Company, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave.

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: \$27-\$38 at 773-649-3186 and www.steeptheatre.com

Whelden, Lauren Sivak, Sigrid Sutter, Peter Moore, Aurora Adachi-Winter, Alex Gillmor, Jim Poole, Melissa Riemer, Eunice Woods. Entering with veracity into the craziness of 1920s Bavaria is far from easy and that was achieved here, for sure.

Any trip inside West's feverishly imaginative mind is rich and fascinating. This one is no exception, but it sure takes some unpacking. It needed a director focused more on clarity.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Mike Vogel

"The Brave" (9 p.m., NBC): There are just four weeks left before Dalton (Mike Vogel) and his team complete their deployment, yet they still find themselves racing the clock for a high-stakes mission in the Season 1 finale "Close to Home: Part 2." As they find out more about Hoffman (guest star James Tupper), Patricia (Anne Heche) and the rest of the group try to save innocent lives using his intel, but that information comes at a cost.

"May It Last: A Portrait of the Avett Brothers" (7 p.m., HBO): Filmed over two years of extensive access to the North Carolina band founded in 2001, this new documentary presents an inside look at the group's rise from obscurity to sold-out tours and a recent collaboration with iconic record producer Rick Rubin, who has worked with such legends as Johnny Cash, Jay Z, Dixie Chicks and the Beastie Boys. Brothers Scott and Seth Avett are the band's frontmen, backed by Bob Crawford, Joe Kwon, Tania Elizabeth, Paul Defiglia and Mike Marsh.

"Man With a Plan" (7:30 p.m., CBS): Typically on the light side, this series tackles a serious matter with the new episode "The Gunfight." Adam (Matt LeBlanc) starts to notice how forgetful his father (Stacy Keach) is becoming, and he's not sure how to have a discussion with his dad about it. Swoosie Kurtz continues her recurring guest role as Adam's mother. Liza Snyder and Kevin Nealon also star.

"The Resident" (8 p.m., FOX): Warren Christie ("The Catch") begins a recurring guest role as surgeon Jude Silva, who drops by the hospital to visit his old Army buddy Conrad (Matt Czuchry) in the new episode "Comrades in Arms." Meanwhile, the surgical team tries to save the life of an uninsured and undocumented patient, which puts them bitterly at odds with hospital administrators, who worry this patient will wind up costing the facility millions.

"Valor" (8 p.m., CW): One of several military dramas to premiere this season, this one closes out Season 1 with "Costs of War," which finds Nora (Christina Ochoa) seriously considering confessing, no matter what consequences may follow. Meanwhile, Ian (Charlie Barnett) is caught completely off guard by an ugly truth.

"9JKL" (8:30 p.m., CBS): When Josh (Mak Feuerstein) was a hot TV star, a stalker named Patty (guest star Cheri Oteri) made his life very uncomfortable, but he feels weirdly hurt when he hears she has moved on to another rising young actor. Seeing his reaction, Judy (Linda Lavin) decides to help him win back Patty's attention in the new episode "Stalker Status."

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Aaron Paul; actress D'Arcy Carden; comic Kellen Erskine.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Dakota Johnson; journalist Lester Holt; Jason Aldean performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): TV host Julie Chen; actor Joel Kinnaman; Talib Kweli performs with BJ the Chicago Kid.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

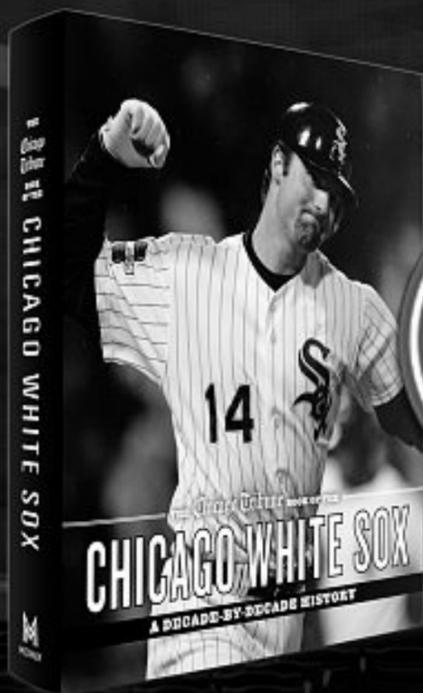
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	NBC	5	The Wall: "Steve and Nick." (N) ©	Better Late Than Never (N) ©			The Brave: "Close to Home: Part 2." (Season Finale) (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) †	
	ABC	7	The Bachelor (N) ©				(9:01) The Good Doctor: "Oliver." ©	News at 10pm (N) †	
	WGN	9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)	
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	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's		Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek: "The Man Trap."	Star Trek: Next			Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek †	
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ANIM			The Last Alaskans ©	The Last Alaskans ©			The Last Alaskans ©	Last Alask †	
BBCA			Star Trek: Voyager ©	Star Trek: Voyager ©			Star Trek: Voyager ©	Star Trek †	
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BIGTEN			Big Ten Elite ©		College Basketball: Nebraska at Wisconsin. (N) ©			The B1G	
BRAVO			Vanderpump Rules ©		Vanderpump Rules (N)		(9:01) Summer House (N)	Watch (N) †	
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HIST			American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		Pawn (N)	Pawn (N)	Pawn †
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IFC			Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Zohan †
LIFE			The First 48: Sexual		The First 48: Sexual		The First 48: Sexual		First 48 †
MSNBC			All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
MTV			Teen Mom OG ©		Teen Mom OG (N) ©		(9:01) Siesta Key (N) ©		Teen OG †
NBCSCH			Skiing: USSA U.S. Grand Prix: Freestyle Halfpipe.				Ski		The Loop (N)
NICK			Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG, '10) **	Zachary Gordon.			Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends ©
OVATION			(6) Mickey Blue Eyes (PG-13, '99) **		A League of Their Own (PG, '92) ***	Tom Hanks. †			
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TOON		King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV		Delicious	Delicious	Food (N)	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	America	Booze Tra.	
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 29): Your career prospects expand this year. Professional influence and status rise with your disciplined performance. Shifting partnership terms this winter lead to rising personal power. Your health, fitness and strength grow this summer, before romance sweeps you away. Love guides you.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Conditions are changing. Work could disrupt domestic plans. Focus on urgent priorities, and clean up later. Ask family and housemates for support. Everything works out.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Communication breakdowns require attention. Creative solutions arise in conversation. Rely on your local networks. You can get what you need. Focus on short-term objectives.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Cash flow limitations could threaten your plans. Defer what you can and stay in communication. Get creative with sourcing. Hold out for the best deal.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. You could feel especially sensitive. Take care of personal matters. Lay low, and avoid fuss or expense. Tidy up loose ends and recharge batteries.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 6. Choose privacy over publicity. Consider where you've been and what's ahead. Strategize for shifting objectives. Meditate on it, and discover a brilliant solution.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Get together with friends behind closed doors. Work out your team strategy to handle immediate necessities. Together, you can make things happen.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. A professional challenge has your focus. Someone important is watching your performance. A bonus is available. Consistent efforts win over the long run.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Keep following a productive thread to expand your frontiers. Research and study the possibilities. Tap into hidden assets. Learn from an experienced guide.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Collaborate with family to grow shared accounts. Determine what's needed and who can provide it. Find efficiencies and savings. Keep contributing.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Compromise and collaborate. Proceed cautiously with your partner. Listen, and make quiet inroads. Treat each other kindly. Take care of urgencies and clean up later.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Cutting corners with your work could get expensive. Follow rules scrupulously. Maintain standards for health, fitness and excellent service.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Relax, and spend time with people you love. Handle responsibilities and stay out of someone else's argument. Family fun and romance are possible.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



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Bliss By Harry Bliss



"I can't chase you today ... he's in one of his moods."

Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q97 ♥ A10 ♦ K843 ♣ Q532

Partner opens one club and right-hand opponent bids two spades, weak. What call do you make?

A.1—Three clubs would be an acceptable bid with some problems — partner might not have four clubs and, also, you would bid three clubs with less. Bid two no trump. That's about right on values.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J ♥ K43 ♦ 87542 ♣ KQ65

Partner opens one no trump, 15-17, and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.2—Puppet Stayman, asking for a five-card major, would be a useful tool here. Most of us don't have fancy conventions for a hand like this, so bid three no trump and hope for the best.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Void ♥ AJ764 ♦ AJ73 ♣ KJ92

South **West** **North** **East**

1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass

?

What call would you make?

A.3—If partner's bid created a game force, then we would have several sensible choices. Failing that, we must show our extra values as a supporting hand. Bid four diamonds.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q98 ♥ AJ92 ♦ K8 ♣ A864

West **North** **East** **South**

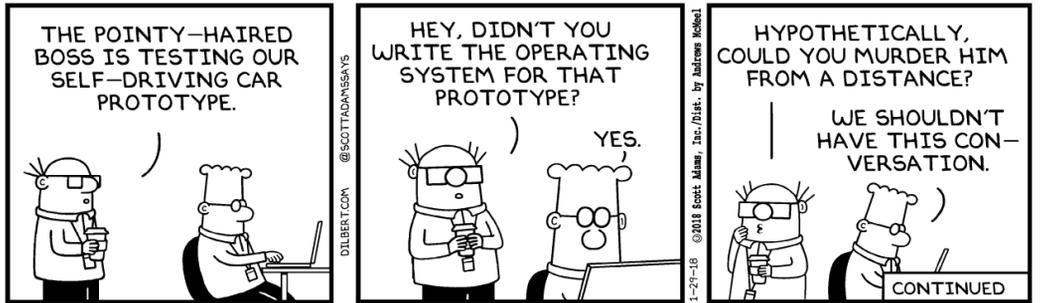
1♠ Pass 2♠ ?

What call would you make?

A.4—No action is completely sound, but we would hate this to be passed out and we end up defending this low-level contract. Double, and pass with a fake smile on your face should partner bid diamonds.

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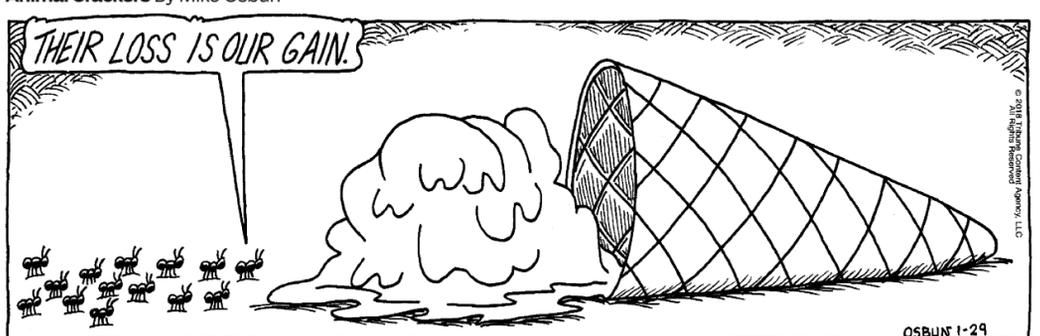
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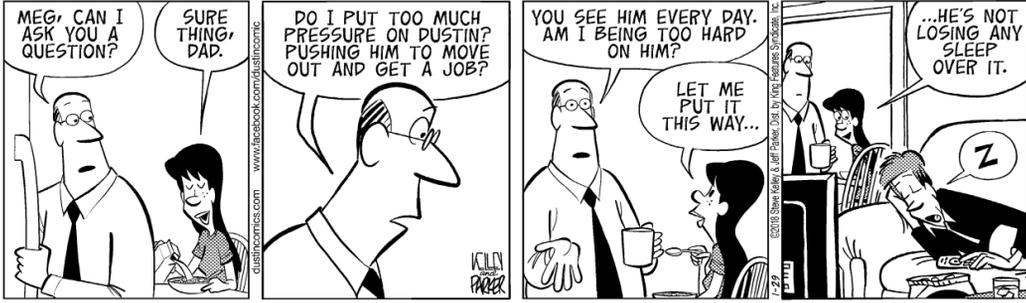


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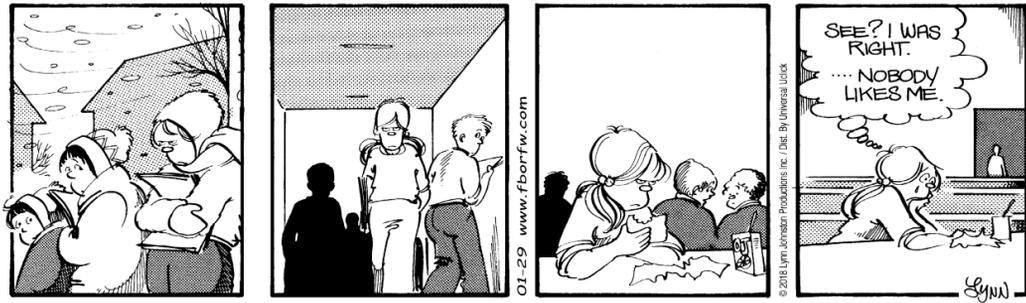


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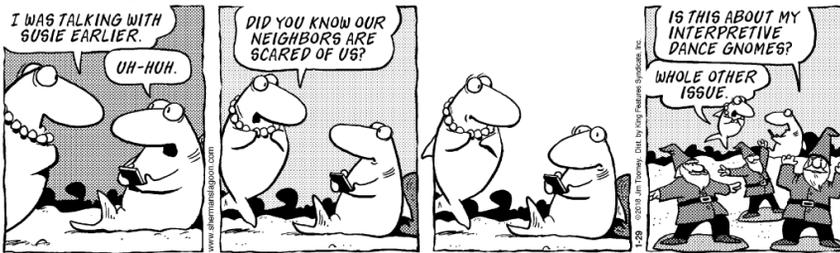
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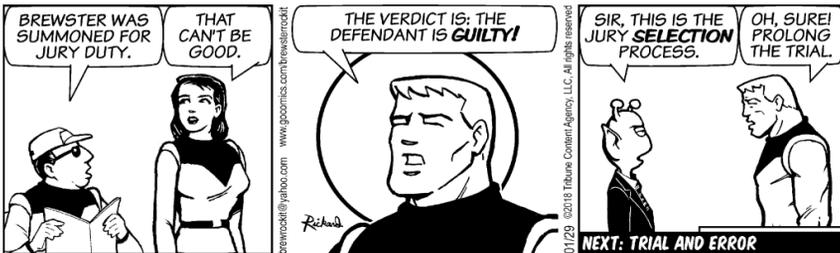
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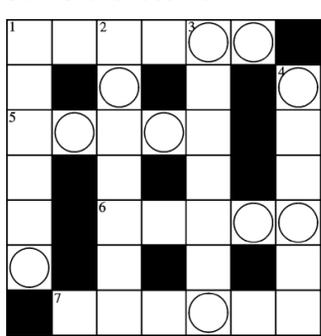
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Trivia Bits

Created by marine biologist Stephen Hillenburg, Patrick Star the starfish is a character in which animated series?
A) "Aquaman"
B) "Bubble Guppies"
C) "Splash and Bubbles"
D) "SpongeBob SquarePants"
Saturday's answer: Kriss Kross, Van Halen and The Pointer Sisters all had hit songs called "Jump."
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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
1. Optimistic
5. rate
6. Older person
7. Bank, often

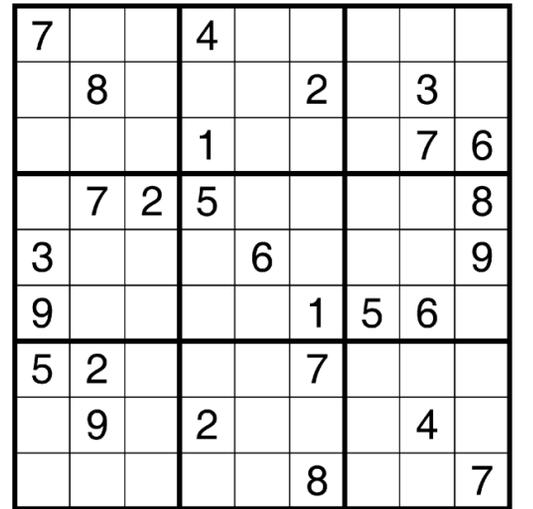
CLUE DOWN
1. Take out, remove
2. Trust, rely on
3. Modified
4. Holder

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS [Grid]
CLUE: In 1889, incoming President Harrison ordered a full set of this company's carriages and harnesses for the White House.
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ANSWERS: 1-V-UPBEAT 5-A-FILLES 6-A-ELDER 7-A-ELDER 2-D-FILLES 3-D-FILLES 4-D-FILLES 5-D-FILLES 6-D-FILLES 7-D-FILLES
By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

1/29



1	9	5	2	6	7	3	8	4
4	6	7	8	1	3	2	9	5
8	2	3	4	5	9	6	7	1
7	4	2	1	3	5	8	6	9
6	5	9	7	8	2	1	4	3
3	8	1	6	9	4	5	2	7
9	1	4	5	2	8	7	3	6
2	7	6	3	4	1	9	5	8
5	3	8	9	7	6	4	1	2

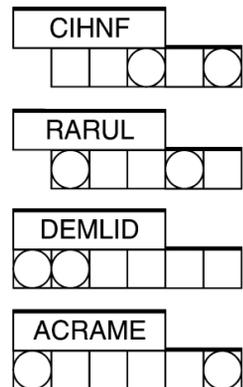
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



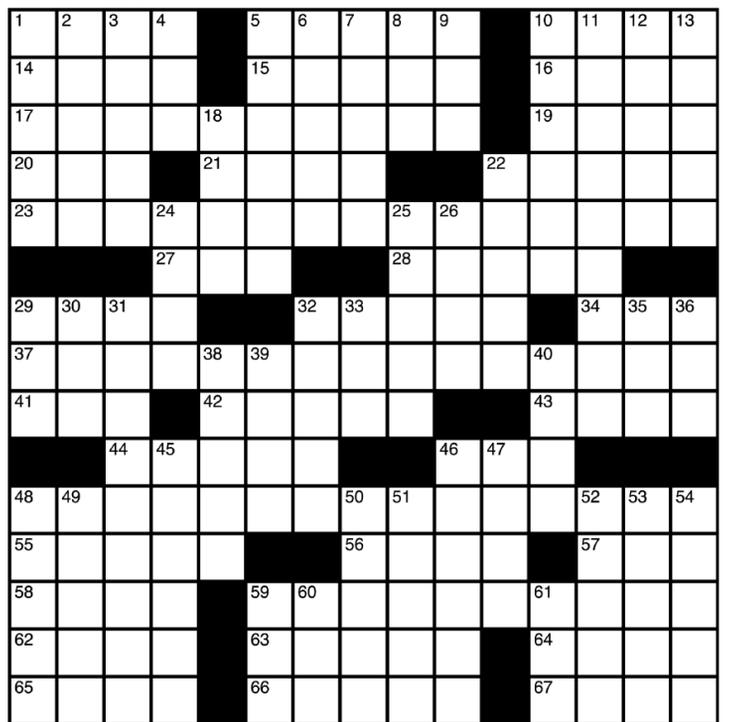
Saturday's answers

Jumbles: DWARF STOOD HONCHO CRUTCH
Answer: The seven and nine didn't get along and were often — AT ODDS

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Pearl Harbor site
- 5 Breaks under pressure
- 10 Fabric woven with metallic threads
- 14 Dec. 25
- 15 Aerosmith frontman Steven
- 16 Apple tablet
- 17 "Blueberry Hill" R&B singer
- 19 Telephoto, for one
- 20 Had lunch, say
- 21 Cry from one who's all thumbs
- 22 Boot camp nickname
- 23 Title passenger train with an "ever-lovin' light"
- 27 Integer after zero
- 28 Bank job
- 29 Frosty coat
- 32 Plant's sticker
- 34 Arabic "son of"

- 37 Cho-Cho-San story on which a Puccini opera was based
- 41 "Total Request Live" network
- 42 Bedouins, e.g.
- 43 90 degrees from norte
- 44 Ear-related
- 46 007 creator Fleming
- 48 Body of water bordering most of Connecticut's coast
- 55 Ancient Peruvians
- 56 Place to order a Reuben
- 57 _ Paulo, Brazil
- 58 Chow or lo follower, in Chinese cuisine
- 59 Undesired medication consequence ... and what can literally go with the end of 17-, 23-, 37- and 48-Across
- 62 Marching musicians
- 63 Opinion pieces
- 64 Fishing decoy
- 65 Gold medalist Korbut
- 66 Bottom-of-the-barrel
- 67 Copies

- 9 Sign of a sellout
- 10 Purple flowers
- 11 Pre-dinner drinks
- 12 Japanese comics
- 13 '50s Ford flop
- 18 Bump off
- 22 River through Paris
- 24 Screenwriter Ephron
- 25 Attempts to score, in hockey
- 26 Saucy
- 29 "I'm thinking ..."
- 30 Grain in Quaker cereals
- 31 Getting promotions precursor
- 33 Center of a wheel
- 35 Sandwich letters
- 36 "Science Guy" Bill
- 38 Roger who broke Babe's record
- 39 Times often named for presidents
- 40 Alternative to Vegas
- 45 Where Amin ruled
- 46 Least active
- 47 "Yeah, right!"
- 48 Dance under a bar
- 49 Tatum of "Paper Moon"
- 50 Puff _: snake
- 51 Requires
- 52 Exhaust
- 53 Mother-of-pearl
- 54 Adores to death, with "on"
- 59 Spread, as discord
- 60 NYSE debut
- 61 Ga.'s southern neighbor

Saturday's solution



Down

- 1 Britain-based relief agency.
- 2 Prized violin
- 3 Abhorrent
- 4 Navy sub initials
- 5 Moe, Curly or Larry
- 6 Lorelei, for one
- 7 Roster of invited celebs
- 8 Signer's writer

CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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MONDAY, JAN. 29 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 17° RECORD HIGH: 63° (2013) RECORD LOW: -16° (1966)

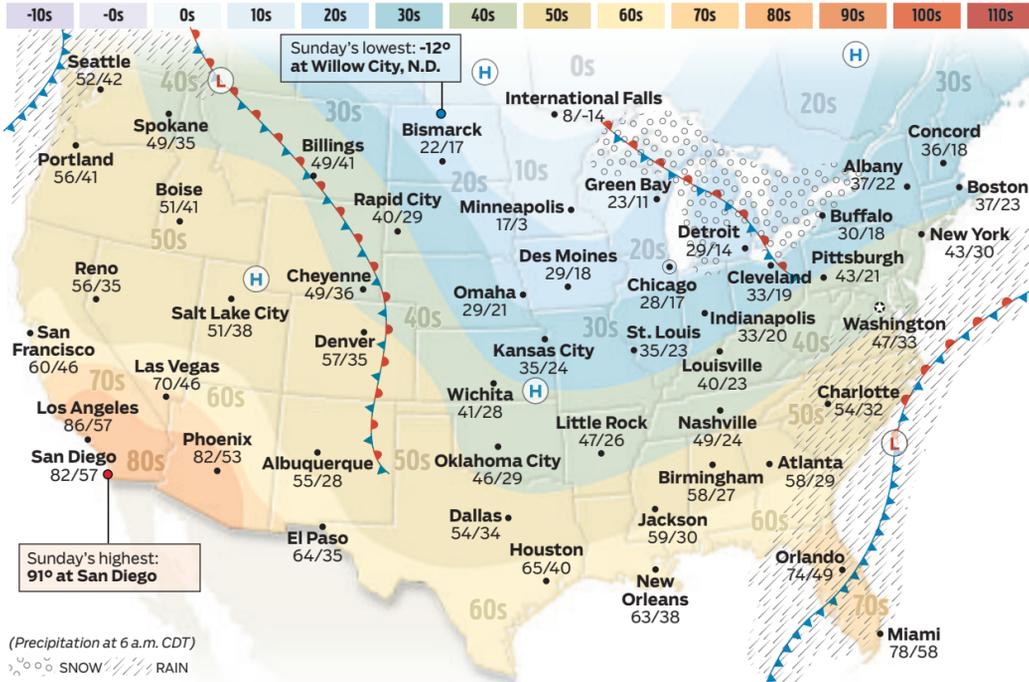
Colder air arrives, along with a dusting of snow

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 28 **LOW** 17

- Influx of polar air brings a January reality check.
- Mostly cloudy in the morning with a chance of snow showers, especially from the city, south and east. No heavy accumulations expected, but the AM commute may be hampered.
- Morning temps in the low-mid 20s rise slowly through the day, peaking in the upper 20s.
- Becoming mostly sunny for most of the area as snow showers shift across NW Indiana.
- Brisk N-NW winds 15-25 mph diminish late.

NATIONAL FORECAST



North winds developed Sunday afternoon, ending what had been a mild weekend featuring 50-degree temperatures. Sunday was a bit cooler, but the high of 40 and low of 28 at O'Hare International Airport was still 10 degrees above normal. The influx of polar air early this week will not be particularly barbaric, but readings are expected to stay below freezing through Tuesday. Snow showers may persist across parts of the area early Monday before focusing more on north-west Indiana. Temperatures will spike Wednesday as deep low pressure to the north sweeps mild, Pacific air into the Midwest. The latter part of the week will begin a stronger, more sustained push of arctic air. Highs Friday through Sunday are likely to average nearly 30 degrees colder than this past weekend.

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

HIGH 30 **LOW** 26

High pressure brings ample sun. Temps rebound to around 30 degrees after a crisp, cold start to the day. High/mid clouds invade late. Light winds turn SW around 10 mph.



WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

HIGH 44 **LOW** 25

The day opens windy and mild. Temps in the 30s rise to the low-mid 40s despite extensive clouds and possible sprinkles. Turning colder at night. SW winds 15-25 mph diminish late.



THURSDAY, FEB. 1

HIGH 26 **LOW** 10

Mostly sunny skies do little to raise temps as blustery NW winds deliver polar air. Readings hold nearly steady in the mid 20s. Clear and cold overnight with diminishing winds.



FRIDAY, FEB. 2

HIGH 20 **LOW** 12

Continued cold as polar high pressure settles across the area. Sunshine helps temps peak around 20 degrees. Clouds begin increasing late. NW winds 10-15 mph become light W.



SATURDAY, FEB. 3

HIGH 26 **LOW** 14

Clouds thicken leading to a chance of snow in the afternoon. Temps slowly climb to the mid 20s. Light winds become N-NE late. Snow likely overnight with some accumulation possible.



SUNDAY, FEB. 4

HIGH 17 **LOW** 5

Snow exits the area early, then clearing and quite cold. Lake snow continues across Michiana. Daytime temps hold in the teens. Biting NW winds produce subzero wind chills.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
After the 1967 blizzard, Chicago temperatures held pretty much in the 20s and 30s. Was it rare for the temperature not to fall below zero after such a big snowfall?

— David, Chicago

Dear David,
You are correct that no subzero weather followed the city's benchmark 23-inch snowstorm Jan. 26-27, 1967. The lowest reading through the end of the month was 15 degrees. Chicago residents are well aware that subzero weather often follows major snowstorms, especially from mid-December through mid-February, because the storms often develop along a frontal boundary ahead of an arctic air mass. Following the "Big Snow" the southern extension of the arctic air was pinched off, with the bulk of it spreading to New England and Quebec, while Chicago remained in a return flow of Atlantic air circulating around the departing storm.

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Mild spell to end after mid-week, as weather pattern shifts

CHICAGO'S MID-WINTER WARM SPELL NOW IN ITS SECOND WEEK

■ January 2018 has featured five days with temps of 50° or higher—and 11 straight days above normal.
■ Average daily temp departure Jan. 19-28, 2018: +13.7°

SNOWFALL LACKING ACROSS MUCH OF THE COUNTRY

Observed U.S. snowcover (Jan. 28)
Most of the snowpack is confined to the Rockies, Cascades and Sierra Nevada

■ At a time of the year when snowcover is near its climatological peak, only 27.5% of the continental U.S. has snow cover. (Long-term average is near 40%)



U.S. TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK

Forecast departures JAN. 29-FEB. 2



WEDNESDAY'S FORECAST

Forecast wind pattern (Noon Wednesday, Jan. 31)



NEXT SUNDAY

Forecast wind pattern (Noon Sunday, Feb. 4)



FEB. 3-7 FORECAST



MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES							
MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	MONDAY	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	ss	36	22	pc	40	30		Albany	pc	37	22	Kingston	pc	87	74
Carbondale	sh	31	17	pc	40	30		Albuquerque	su	55	28	pc	57	31	
Champaign	pc	32	18	pc	36	28		Amarillo	su	59	33	pc	71	42	
Decatur	pc	32	18	pc	36	28		Anchorage	su	21	9	su	19	9	
Moline	pc	31	14	pc	37	29		Asheville	pc	49	23	pc	33	19	
Peoria	pc	32	17	pc	36	29		Aspen	pc	43	21	pc	47	24	
Quincy	pc	33	20	pc	39	33		Atlanta	pc	58	29	su	45	26	
Rockford	pc	27	13	pc	32	27		Atlantic City	sh	42	31	ss	37	19	
Springfield	pc	24	19	pc	39	30		Austin	su	65	37	su	65	43	
Sterling	pc	31	14	pc	35	27		Baltimore	sh	43	34	ss	32	22	
Indiana	ss	33	19	su	35	26		Billings	pc	49	41	sh	49	30	
Bloomington	ss	36	22	pc	40	30		Birmingham	su	58	27	su	46	28	
Evansville	ss	36	22	pc	36	29		Bismarck	pc	22	17	sh	43	21	
Fort Wayne	ss	30	17	pc	30	22		Boise	sh	51	41	sh	48	30	
Indianapolis	ss	33	20	pc	33	25		Boston	ss	37	23	sh	33	18	
Lafayette	sh	31	17	su	32	25		Brownsville	sh	70	46	pc	67	53	
South Bend	ss	27	17	pc	29	23		Buffalo	ss	30	18	pc	21	15	
Wisconsin	pc	23	11	pc	28	24		Burlington	cl	23	12	ss	17	8	
Green Bay	pc	23	11	pc	28	24		Charlotte	ss	54	32	su	45	22	
Kenosha	pc	27	15	pc	31	26		Charlottesville	sh	59	40	su	50	30	
Madison	pc	22	9	pc	31	26		Charlottesville WV	sh	48	21	pc	31	17	
La Crosse	pc	22	9	pc	31	26		Chattanooga	su	58	27	su	44	24	
Madison	pc	22	9	pc	31	26		Cheyenne	pc	49	36	pc	56	32	
Milwaukee	pc	26	14	pc	31	26		Cincinnati	ss	38	19	su	32	23	
Wausau	pc	19	-2	cl	23	21		Cleveland	sn	33	19	sh	23	15	
Michigan	ss	29	14	su	26	19		Colo. Spgs	su	53	31	pc	65	34	
Detroit	ss	29	14	su	26	19		Columbia MO	su	34	21	pc	43	25	
Grand Rapids	sh	17	6	pc	22	17		Columbia SC	sh	58	35	su	40	34	
Marquette	sh	17	6	pc	22	17		Columbus	rs	36	18	sh	28	20	
St. Ste. Marie	pc	14	-1	pc	16	10		Concord	pc	36	18	sh	30	9	
Traverse City	pc	20	13	sh	26	21		Crps Christi	su	70	41	pc	62	50	
Iowa	ss	27	14	pc	39	31		Dallas	su	54	34	su	62	43	
Ames	su	27	14	pc	39	31		Daytona Bch.	ss	71	47	su	57	43	
Cedar Rapids	pc	28	12	pc	34	28		Denver	su	67	35	pc	67	34	
Des Moines	su	29	18	pc	42	33		Duluth	pc	16	-1	ss	24	22	
Dubuque	pc	27	13	cl	33	27		El Paso	su	54	35	su	66	38	
Florida	ss	23	11	pc	28	24		Fairbanks	su	-23	-31	su	-14	-20	
Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Fargo	su	10	3	pc	33	18	
Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Flagstaff	su	50	22	pc	58	26	
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Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Hartford	cl	41	25	sh	37	18	
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Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Int'l Falls	pc	8	-14	su	21	11	
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Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Jacksonville	sh	65	44	su	56	40	
Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Janeau	ss	25	17	pc	22	11	
Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Kansas City	su	35	24	pc	48	40	
Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Las Vegas	pc	70	46	pc	71	46	
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Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Lexington	rs	45	21	su	35	23	
Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Lincoln	su	31	21	pc	52	32	
Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Little Rock	su	47	26	su	48	32	
Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Los Angeles	pc	66	57	pc	83	54	
Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Louisville	sh	40	23	su	37	27	
Fort Myers	su	75	53	su	69	46		Macon	pc	61	33	su	52	28	
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