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— Kathy Schneider, superintendent of Pullman National Monument



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High school students helped artist Rahmaan Statik paint a mural on the viaduct beneath the new Metra station at 11th Street. The work celebrates Barack Obama, Pullman porters and notable Pullman buildings.

Progress on Pullman monument out of steam

Restoration impeded by lack of funds; plans for visitors center, artist apartments on hold

BY TONY BRISCOE
Chicago Tribune

Three years ago, then-President Barack Obama returned to Chicago amid much fanfare to designate part of the city's historic Pullman neighborhood as the state's first national monument.

The proclamation was intended to kick off the restoration of the historic factory grounds of George Pullman's namesake town, which were devastated by arson. Supporters also hoped to tell of the area's architectural

significance and founding as a model town, the industrial innovation behind the Pullman Palace Car Co.'s luxurious sleeping rail cars, and the rise of the labor movement and an African-American union's contribution to the civil rights movement.

Since 2015, progress on those goals for Pullman National Monument has been sluggish. The state-owned grounds are in the midst of an extensive cleanup from decades of industrial waste. Work on the National Park Service's visitors center, planned for the clock tower building,

has been pushed back at least a year. Plans mapping out the monument's long-term future were supposed to be completed within three years but are only now beginning. State and federal money has been minimal, and movement on some projects has been slowed because of several federal government shutdowns and an unprecedented two-year state budget standoff.

The one project that could move forward, an apartment building for artists, is on hold after federal officials told the developers to seek additional input from the public.

"My wife and I have been here for 50 years, and we've seen different

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Neighborhood Lincoln bust resurfaces

Immigrant's landmark looked over W. Englewood corner for 91 years

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
Chicago Tribune

A pale gray curl of snow spun in the air where the statue once stood. It had been a modest memorial, occupying a narrow median of grass, between the rusting padlocked ruins of a Chicago gas station and the corner of 69th Street and Wolcott Avenue. It wasn't much, just an unremarkable concrete bust of Abraham Lincoln, maybe 4 feet tall, a head and shoulders that looked out across a stretch of the West Englewood



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"We have no idea where it went," a resident said of the bust of Lincoln, "and it was the only statue we had."

neighborhood, its brick bungalows, long-derelict businesses, snowdrifts that avalanched through broken windows. The bust too had seen better days — a glance

would remind you those days were decades ago.

The statue had watched this corner for 91 years. In that time it was chipped, covered in trash, tagged

with graffiti, used as a launching pad for fireworks, painted black, then painted white, painted red, given a green mohawk, painted white again, painted black again. It was also washed and cleaned by its neighbors, used for Boy and Girl Scout ceremonies and, during wars, it's where West Englewood mourned its fallen soldiers.

"Everything that neighborhood has seen in the past century is reflected off that bust," said Camilo Vergara, a New York-based photographer and MacArthur "genius grant" winner known for shooting the same neighborhoods over many decades. He has been photographing the Lincoln statue annually since 1997,

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Indictments complicate hoax claims

ANALYSIS: President adjusts his Twitter attacks after Mueller action vs. Russians

BY TRACY WILKINSON
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Before Friday, when special counsel Robert Mueller handed down a damning indictment against Russians for 2016 election meddling, it was much easier for President Donald Trump to dismiss the entire inquiry as a Democratic hoax and witch hunt.

Trump had long sought to discredit claims of Russian interference, suggesting that email hacks of the Democratic National Committee might instead have been the Chinese, North Korea or a even a hacker sitting in his bedroom.

But Mueller's steady, relentless probe is complicating Trump's efforts to spin the Russia debate, cutting off some of his favorite lines of defense

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and forcing him to adjust his attacks.

Those difficulties were apparent in a series of 15 tweets over a 19-hour period late Saturday and early Sunday — an unusual outburst for even this president. In one, Trump attempted to conflate the Mueller probe with the FBI's failure to act on warnings about the Florida school massacre shooter.

Trump tweeted that it was "very sad" that the FBI missed clues from

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Traffic deaths in Chicago, U.S. are on the rise

Distracted driving, drinking among causes of upswing



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

The traffic death toll in Chicago is growing, and the national count remains at historic highs, despite new car safety technology.

That means it's past time to slow down, stay sober and stop trying to multitask while you drive, according to traffic safety experts.

"We're really treading water in terms of roadway safety, which is unfortunate" said Kenneth Kolosh, manager of statistics for the National Safety Council, a safety

advocacy organization based in Itasca. "We'd like to see actually very large decreases."

Safety improvements to cars, like crash-avoidance technology, "really haven't moved the needle," Kolosh said. He cited a host of factors contributing to the high death count: more cars on the roads because of low gas prices and an improved economy, distracted drivers and pedestrians, high speeds and alcohol use.

In Chicago, the number of traffic deaths rose sharply last year over 2016, to 133 from 113, an 18 percent jump, according to city transportation and police department figures. This is above the 2011-15 average of 126.2

In the U.S., traffic deaths and injuries have plateaued, with a slight decrease of 1 percent from 2016 to 2017, with an estimated 40,100 people

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Fla. students declare 'never again'

Students of a Florida school where 17 people were killed last week said they will organize nationwide marches for gun control next month. **Nation & World, Page 9**

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Officers from Cmdr. Paul Bauer's 18th District assemble for his funeral Saturday at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church.

When a police officer is killed, all Chicagoans mourn together



DAHLEEN GLANTON

When a police officer is slain, we all mourn.

Our tears have no color. They are not black or brown or white. It is perhaps the only time we see the impact of violence in our city through a clear lens, without race as the measure of our grief.

When a police officer is killed, it seems irrelevant to distinguish him as a North Side man, a South Side man or a West Side man. The only thing that matters is that he was part of our expansive community of Chicagoans, who drink the same water and breathe the same air.

In neighborhoods where law enforcement and citizens often collide, residents do not claim victory. When a police officer dies, we lose a brave ally in our battle to reclaim our streets and keep criminals at bay.

Three Cook County Jail detainees who were reprimanded for applauding when suspect Shomari Legghette walked by do not represent our communities. Most of us find their behavior despicable.

From what we have been told about Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer, he was one of the good ones.

He died a hero last week, thrusting himself into the chase for a man being sought by police for questioning. It

was not his official duty as a high-ranking law enforcement official to try and apprehend the four-time convicted felon, who was allegedly carrying a gun outside the Thompson Center in downtown Chicago.

But he did so without hesitation. Because that's what good cops do.

When the funeral procession for the 31-year veteran made its way through the streets of Chicago on Saturday, our hearts were filled with an unusual heaviness, because it is not often that we bury a slain police officer in our city.

In that regard, we consider ourselves lucky. But it is of little comfort to Bauer's family.

We extend our prayers and warm thoughts to his wife and young daughter. We think about Erin's pain of becoming a widow and the void left in the life of 13-year-old Grace, growing up without a father.

We wonder how such a senseless act of violence could occur. And we ask if there is anything we could have done that would have kept it from happening.

When a police officer becomes a victim of Chicago's out-of-control violence, it is a signal that the carnage spares no one. It shatters our sense of security. It makes us feel less safe and more vulnerable.

Yet we become more defiant, even angry — as we should.

Bauer is said to have been fed up with what he saw as a revolving door of career criminals — those who commit a crime, go to jail for a short time and commit more crimes once they are released.

This cycle of injustice frustrates all of us, though we might disagree on what to do about it. Why do I call it a cycle of injustice? It is because innocent people — and good cops like Bauer — too often are its unjust victims.

The man accused of killing Bauer had been in and out of prison for committing crimes involving drugs, guns and robbery. Legally, he should not have had a gun. But we know that gun laws aren't always effective in keeping weapons out of the hands of criminals.

Now is not the time, though, to argue about mandatory minimum sentencing laws — whether offenses involving illegal guns should guarantee more time in jail than similar crimes.

It is the time for all of us to mourn the loss of a good cop.

But soon, we must have that discussion. We must talk openly about whether such laws have a disproportionately negative impact on minority communities. But we must also be open-minded to the idea that harsher penalties could keep serial criminals out of our midst.

When it comes down to it, most Chicagoans want the same things — to be safe in our communities and to protect the many good cops who strive to make it possible.

To reach a compromise on this issue would be a fitting tribute to a slain police officer. And a much-needed service to all of Chicago.

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Marchers in Loop denounce gun violence

Organizers speak out against pols funded by NRA

By ELVIA MALAGON AND TONY BRISCOE
Chicago Tribune

The debate surrounding gun laws is nothing new for Jaquie Algee.

Unzipping her black winter coat in front of hundreds of people gathered at the Federal Center Plaza on Sunday, Algee revealed a blue T-shirt memorializing her 19-year-old son who was shot dead in 1995 in Chicago.

"Shame on us that we have not done any better," she said to the crowd. "That we come to a week that we just had this past week where we are losing more children, more families are hurting and in pain and suffering at the loss of their children who just simply got up and went to school and should have returned home. That ain't right."

Algee, an organizer with the Women's March Chicago, was among those gathered at Federal Plaza to demand changes to how Americans get guns. The peaceful rally that ended within a couple of hours also included speakers from Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Illinois Education Association and Indivisible Chicago.

The rally came three days after 17 people were killed and several others were wounded when a shooter opened fire at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. A 19-year-old former student,



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Katie Layden, 12, left, and Julia Ahrens, 9, both of La Grange, march in support of gun-law reform in the Loop on Sunday.

Nikolas Cruz, was charged in the shooting, and officials have confirmed he legally bought an AR-15 that is believed to have been used in the attack.

At Sunday's rally, organizers urged the crowd to drop its support for politicians who get funding from the National Rifle Association, a nationwide group that advocates for gun rights. Armed with protest signs, the crowd made its way through the Loop to Trump Tower while chanting, "Enough, enough! Not one more!"

Melissa Oquendo's 9-year-old daughter, Zemirah,

held a sign saying, "It could have been ME." Her school friend Haley and Haley's mother, Heather Durham, joined them for the rally.

Both mothers said their daughters are growing up with regular active shooter drills in school. Oquendo said even her 5-year-old son is learning how to hide under a desk and be quiet. Both women think there needs to be more regulation of guns.

"I'm just tired of it," Durham said. "Times have changed and so should the laws."

Alexander Swerdlow, a founder of the mobilizing

app Gather, was part of a group from the University of Chicago that joined the march. He walked through the Loop because he felt it was important to do more than just post calls for reform on social media. His family lives about 20 minutes from where the shooting took place, and his younger brother has played sports at that school.

"It's disgusting," Swerdlow said. "He's 18 years old, and he has to go to high school with the fear of his entire class (being) riddled with bullets."

At the riverwalk across from Trump Tower, the

crowd fanned out to display their signs while shouting, "No more silence, end gun violence!" Later, a chorus of protesters transitioned to softly singing songs to a drum beat, including "We Shall Overcome."

Fox Lake resident Lynette Murphy and her 7-year-old son Liam were among the crowd looking toward the skyscraper with the large metallic lettering. Murphy said she hoped having children be the center of attention could encourage lawmakers to start a conversation on reforms.

"Any solutions would be better than where we are

now," Murphy said. "Nothing's happening. It always brings me back to Sandy Hook, these innocent first-graders, or even the kids caught in crossfire in Chicago. These little kids dying who are defenseless and don't even know about this life, it doesn't spark (lawmakers) to make a change. It's very disheartening for our country. It's like we live in this great America, but we can't even protect our kids."

Murphy and other protesters said they were frustrated by the political gridlock and polarized partisanship that has stymied compromise efforts on gun laws.

But at least one person from the other side of the aisle was willing to discuss the issues. Nick Fuentes, 19, of La Grange, arrived at the event wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat.

Fuentes had several people come up and talk to him. In some aspects, such as screening gun purchasers, he agreed with protesters. In others areas, such as banning some types of high-caliber rifles, he disagreed. But at the end of their dialogue, at least two protesters shook his hand and told him they appreciated the conversation.

"I came out here to see what's going, start a conversation and engage with people," he said. "Gun control is one of the few things where I'm willing to hear the other side, because I think there are ways to fortify our laws, but I also think there needs to be some moderation."

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\$8M raised for visitors center at Pullman

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cycles and levels of interest from people working in Pullman," said resident Mike Shymanski. Progress "takes time and takes patience, but once the restoration is done it'll be around a long time."

Pullman was expected to draw 300,000 visitors per year by 2025, however, with its current annual attendance at only 50,000, those estimates seem ambitious.

Now, the park is contending with a president who is less supportive of conservation. The Trump administration recently shrunk two Utah national monuments, bringing about at least two legal challenges and legislation to counter the move.

Illinois Democratic Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth have joined a group of lawmakers who are co-sponsoring legislation that would reinforce Congress' role as the determining body on whether national monuments can be reduced or altered.

"An attack on one monument is an attack on them all," Durbin said in a statement last week. "If President (Donald) Trump can disregard tribal communities' wishes on Bears Ears in Utah, then he can disregard local Chicagoans' wishes on Pullman National Monument."

Those concerns coincide with the dispute over a proposed housing development within the national monument boundary. Minneapolis-based developer Artspace and Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives acquired a parcel of land with a vacant lot and two historic apartment buildings. The developers plan to build a new apartment building on the lot where a tenement building once stood and rehab the two other buildings, creating 38 units for artists as well as spaces for them to work.

Pullman resident Mark Cassello, a member of the watchdog preservation group Pullman National Monument Preservation Society, said the plans destroy the foundation of the tenement building, and the proposed footprint would be larger than the former building, upsetting the symmetry of the area and dwarfing many of the historic buildings — including the stately Hotel Florence, the grand inn where Pullman hosted his guests.

"After the national monument designation, it brought so much attention to Pullman," Cassello said. "We just think any projects should stick to the federal guideline, otherwise we'll be destroying the very thing we're trying to protect."

At issue is whether federal guidelines apply to any land controlled by the park service or only to land that is owned by the park service. The agency owns nothing but the quarter-acre where the clock tower sits. But it is in charge of operating everything in the 203-acre monument area.

Cassello said Obama's presidential proclamation suggests blanket protection for historically relevant places and items within the boundary.

Others disagree, including University of Minnesota professor Ingrid Schneider, an expert on national parks, who said the federal government can control only property it owns.

"Given the relatively small (park service) ownership at Pullman, one of the challenges is significant reliance on collaborative partnerships with other public entities as well as the private sector," Schneider said.

Shymanski, a supporter of the artist lofts, said that rebuilding a historic structure is an unreasonable expectation and that restoring the two neighboring buildings is a coup on its own.



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Kathy Schneider, superintendent of the Pullman National Monument, said construction is expected to begin next year on the monument's visitors center.



The visitors center will be located inside the clock tower building, left, at the Pullman National Monument.

"I think the standards and guidelines are quite reasonable," said Shymanski, founding member of the Historic Pullman Foundation. "You want to introduce (new development) in the context of a historic district. You don't want it to be a fake Disneyland version of things. You want to have the viewer understand what is original and what isn't."

The public input phase was largely completed last month, but another meeting with those who registered as "consulting parties" is expected to address any lingering issues before construction begins, said David Doig, president of Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives. Although work has been postponed for a couple of months, the groundbreaking is still scheduled for spring.

George Pullman founded his namesake town in 1880 as a utopian industrial town designed to meet all the needs of his workers at the Pullman rail company. The community was marked by the sprawling factory grounds, a church, a theater and distinctive rowhouses for his workers.

This exhaustive urban planning earned the locale the title of world's most perfect town at the Prague International Hygienic and Pharmaceutical Exposition of 1896.

It was this combination of history and architecture that drew Cassello, an assistant English professor with interests in literature from that era, to the neighborhood in 2013.

"Everything here, not only does it have deep associations with national

historic events but was conceived under a framework of total design," Cassello said. "Everything from the shrubbery to the spacing of the buildings to the setback of the building from the street — everything is completely unified."

Residents must maintain the historic integrity of the homes, Cassello said, in some cases installing or restoring the double-hung wooden windows — a threshold the new building won't have to meet. It will feature aluminum casement windows because new construction has to comply with modern building codes, Doig said.

Although change has come slowly to Pullman, which celebrates its anniversary Monday, some of the most noticeable additions have come from the artist community.

JB Daniel's "Labor paste" images of historic figures are installed across the neighborhood. Artist Rahman Statik and volunteer high school students painted a mural — which features Obama, Pullman porters and notable Pullman buildings — on the viaduct beneath the newly minted Metra station at 111th Street.

Once the state Environmental Protection Agency deems the grounds safe for visitors, the fencing can come down and construction can start on the visitors

center. The agency has removed an underground storage tank and done away with an underground transformer pit and areas of contaminated soil. The state still needs to pave or block off the remaining areas that might be considered hazardous to visitors.

The National Park Foundation has raised \$8 million toward its \$13 million goal to fund construction of the visitors center, monument Superintendent Kathy Schneider said, and work is expected to begin next year and take about a year to finish.

The monument's main attraction — a Pullman rail car owned by Robert Todd Lincoln — could arrive next year. The state aims to have a contractor restore it to the era when Lincoln owned it.

"We are determined not to open the visitor center without at least one Pullman rail car here," Schneider said.

The first floor of the state-owned Hotel Florence could open even sooner, possibly over the summer after contractors finish building an accessibility ramp and restoring and furnishing the elaborate interior.

The park service also plans to work outside the monument to generate buzz through a grant from the McCormick Foundation to develop curriculum in area classrooms on nationally significant themes: transformation of passenger rail travel, urban planning, Pullman's role in the American labor movement and the porters' civil rights movement.

"I love the stories of Pullman, mostly because they are so relevant today," Schneider said. "One of the challenges we have is making visitors realize the relevance. This isn't just history. This isn't just something that happened 130 years ago. The labor story is as important as it was in the 1890s. The civil rights movement and the Pullman porters' role in that, it's a relevant story we should be talking about. Immigration was a big part of the Pullman story. It's so relevant to what's going on today."

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Traffic death toll up in recent years

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killed and 4.57 million seriously injured on the roads, according to data released last week by the National Safety Council. The council gets preliminary numbers from all 50 states ahead of the official count that will be released in December by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

But a plateau is nothing to be happy about — it's just a leveling off of the steepest two-year increase in over 50 years, according to the council. Deaths have exceeded 40,000 for two years in a row.

Illinois has followed the national trend — the numbers remained largely unchanged from 2016 to 2017, but deaths last year were six percent higher than they were in 2015, the National Safety Council said.

In Chicago, deaths for motor vehicle drivers and passengers rose to 80 last year from 63 in 2016; pedestrian deaths rose to 46 from 44; and bicycle fatalities involving motor vehicles rose from 6 to 7. Pedestrian and bike deaths were both above the 2011-15 average of 38.2 and 6.2, respectively.

There has also been a large increase nationally in



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Master Sgt. Peter Dimopoulos with the Illinois State Police looks for drivers using cellphones on I-90/I-94 last April.

pedestrian deaths — up 9 percent in 2016 from 2015, along with an increase in fatalities for other vulnerable road users such as cyclists and motorcycle riders, Kolosh said. Pedestrian, bike and motorcycle numbers were not yet available nationally for 2017.

Rebekah Scheinfeld, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Trans-

portation, said while cellphone use by walkers may be a factor in some fatal crashes, the bigger issue is driver behavior.

A pedestrian "using their cellphone does not pose the same risk as someone driving and looking at their cellphone," Scheinfeld said.

Mike Amsden, an assistant director of planning with the department, noted

that most pedestrian deaths happen when the pedestrian is doing something legal, like crossing the street. Eighteen of last year's pedestrian deaths were hit-and-runs.

Patrick Salvi, a lawyer whose firm, Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard specializes in traffic-related deaths and injuries, said he often sees cases where pedestrians

were not obeying the rules of the road. "They've got to stay visible, avoid distractions and avoid using alcohol," Salvi said.

Knowing the risk of using technology like mobile phones and GPS does not keep drivers from doing it, according to a recent survey of more than 1,000 U.S. drivers by Esurance Insurance Services. While 91 percent of surveyed drivers believe that texting while driving is distracting, more than half admit to doing it anyway, because they're busy or bored.

Three out of 10 of those surveyed know someone who has experienced a distracted driving crash or close call, and 1 out of 10 have experienced a crash or close call personally, the survey found.

Kolosh said the distracted driving trend seems to be "evolving" with more advanced technology, but that does not mean things are getting better. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration studies see a decrease in the percentage of drivers observed using their cellphones, Kolosh said.

However, hands-free technology has been found to be just as distracting and "cognitively taxing" as using your hands to operate a phone, Kolosh said.

"There is no safe way to interact and do multi-tasking behind the wheel," Kolosh said.

Regarding alcohol use, Kolosh said the U.S. is "out of line" with many other developed countries in its driving-under-the-influence laws. The U.S., Canada and Great Britain all use the .08 alcohol standard while most other countries charge drivers if they are caught with blood alcohol levels of .05 or less.

"Research shows there's really no safe level of alcohol in your system while you're driving," Kolosh said.

In the 1990s, states started increasing highway speed limits, and some western states now allow speeds of 80 mph. "While you may save some time with higher speed limits, you're paying for those few minutes with lives lost," Kolosh said.

Vision Zero and crashes

The city put forward a "Vision Zero" plan last June to eliminate traffic deaths and serious crashes. Under the plan, the city said it is pushing for more safety education, intersection changes like curb "bump-outs" to shorten walking distances across streets, and encouraging policies and technologies that make for safer vehicles and professional drivers.

The city said it is also focusing efforts on high-crash areas, which tend to be in low- to moderate-income communities, including Austin on the West Side, Belmont-Cragin on the Northwest Side and Englewood on the South Side.

Vision Zero programs are being tried in other cities around the world, including New York, which began its program in 2014 and has seen a 45 percent decrease in pedestrian deaths, according to the city's website.

So far, Chicago Vision Zero representatives have reached out to almost 8,000 residents on the West Side about ways to make the streets safer, according to Luann Hamilton, deputy commissioner of Chicago's transportation department.

Kyle Whitehead, government relations director of the Active Transportation Alliance, said he did not see the increase in fatalities as showing Vision Zero is not working — it just started.

But Whitehead said the death numbers are evidence that more needs to be done at a city, state and national level to reduce dangerous travel behavior, like speeding.

"All of these crashes are preventable," Whitehead said.

Transportation song quiz

Last week's transportation song is about a guy who wants to take his girl for a ride in a uniquely modern vehicle. It's a favorite of both Rose Bukater and Mr. Burns. The song is the 1910 hit "Come Josephine in my Flying Machine." Noah Cunningham of Peoria was first with the answer.

This band had one form of transportation in its name, but changed it to another. What's the band? The winner will get a Tribune notebook, and glory.

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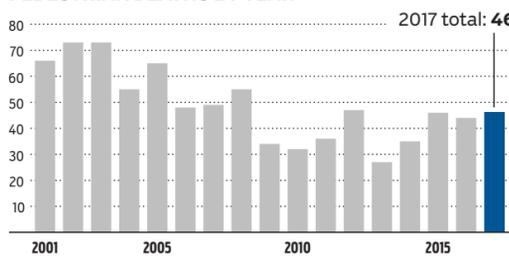
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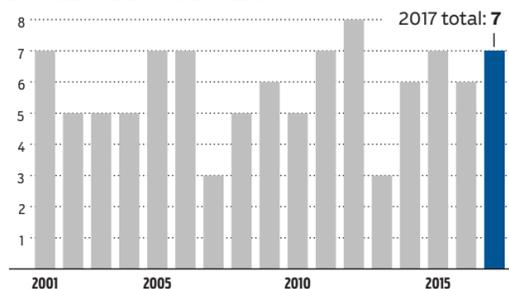
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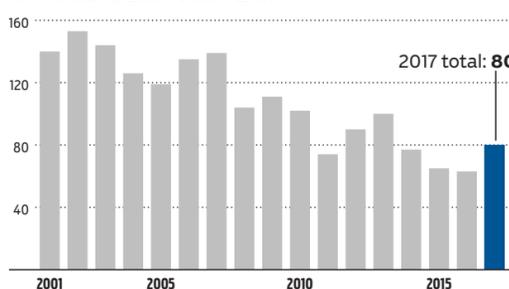
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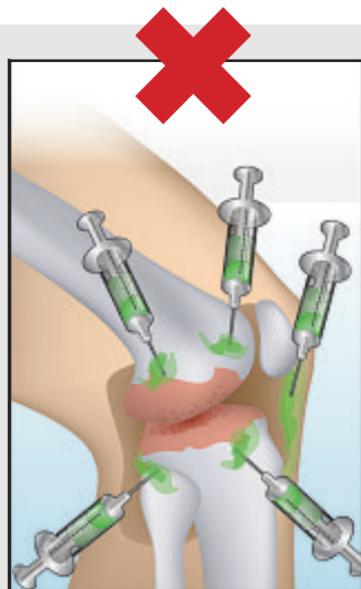
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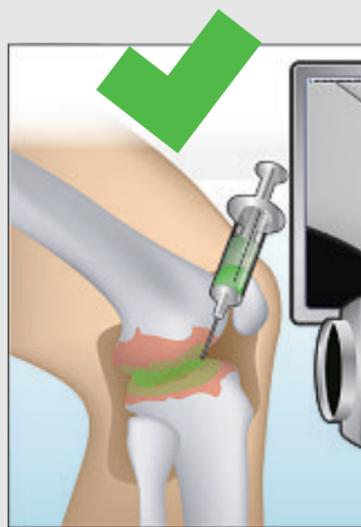
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Battered, beloved statue resurfaces

Statue, from Page 1

“because it brings together so many issues that you just don’t consider standing in front of other Chicago Lincolns. It was white, then black, cared for, then marked by gangs — it was never going into a museum, and who cares?”

It was loved. Never mind that no one is entirely certain who made it, or where exactly it came from.

Never mind that its nose has been missing for so long that some people in the neighborhood didn’t recognize the statue’s deformed face as Honest Abe. It was community wallpaper, the kind of local landmark you see so often you stop seeing it. Jerome Wallace, a customer at the Transcending Kutz barbershop a block away, said: “I’m 43, and I’ve known that statue since I was a kid, when the school bus passed the Lincoln, I knew I was almost home.”

“It was like West Englewood’s Egyptian statue,” said barber Will Cook. “No nose!”

And then last summer, just before Labor Day, it vanished.

“We have no idea where it went,” Wallace said, “and it was the only statue we had.”

Outside the barbershop recently, a woman walked fast down 69th Street to a waiting bus. She nodded at the spot where the statue stood and called over her shoulder: “No idea what happened, who took it, when it’s coming back, if it’s ever coming back. This is Englewood — don’t hold your breath.” When Vergara arrived last summer to shoot it, he found only a flattened patch of dirt. He sent the image to Tim Samuelson, Chicago’s official cultural historian. Samuelson has done more than anyone to trace the statue’s history.

Samuelson knew what had happened. A lot of people knew what had happened — the news of the statue’s removal briefly became a *cause celeb* within political left and right media.

Here’s what happened: The bust of Lincoln was removed last August by the Chicago Department of Transportation, at the request of Ald. Ray Lopez of the 15th Ward. Though the statue was located in the 17th Ward, Lopez said he stepped in “only after it became obvious that nobody but myself was concerned about the health of this statue.” (The 17th Ward alderman, David Moore, did not respond to multiple requests for comment.)

Lopez contacted the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, which contacted CDOT for removal. He said he became concerned after the statue was vandalized twice last August: A resident called to say the statue was painted black; soon after, it was set on fire. (Lopez said the vandals used tar and roofing paper.) “It was around the time of the Charlottesville (Va. white nationalist)

marches. A lot of hate-filled things were said, and I’ll be the first to admit this statue had seen a lot of wear and tear — of youthful indiscretions — but two acts to happen about that same time? It just felt like something else happening.”

He offered no evidence of who might have vandalized the statue, and though no one has since been arrested for the vandalism, or claimed responsibility, Lopez noted that nearby Marquette Park had been a stronghold for Illinois Nazis. He wasn’t comfortable leaving the statue on 69th, vulnerable to more attacks. He told the Chicago Sun-Times in August that President Donald Trump’s (widely condemned) response to the violence in Charlottesville had emboldened white supremacists; Lopez sent a letter to Department of Cultural Affairs Commissioner Mark Kelly, concerned that, as left-leaning groups called for the removal of Confederate statues, right-leaning groups could seek revenge on monuments to the Great Emancipator. Soon after, the bust at 69th and Wolcott was removed, without ceremony or a timeline for when or if it might be returned.

“It’s frustrating,” said Samuelson, the historian with the cultural affairs department, “because the department I work for handles public art in Chicago, so every once in a while they get calls from Englewood residents complaining about the statue: ‘How could the city of Chicago allow that statue to sit all busted up like that?’ The truth is, it’s not ours — the statue was placed there privately, and became a meaningful thing. When I saw Camilo’s picture of 69th Street without its Lincoln, just a patch of dirt, it was startling — it looked like a fresh grave.”

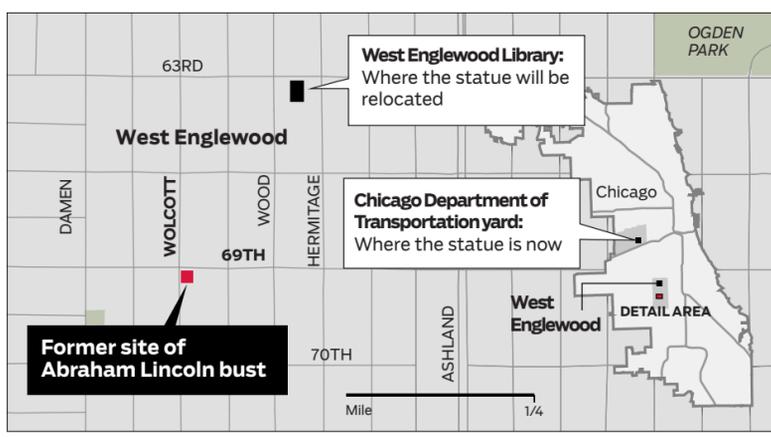
Of course, the United States doesn’t lack memorials to its 16th president. There are highways and cities and schools and tunnels and car companies named after Lincoln. Samuel Wheeler, Illinois’ state historian, said: “Lincoln is the quintessential American — born in a log cabin with a dirt floor, and despite only one formal year of education he dies one of the most powerful men in the world. It’s such a familiar name we tend to forget that a life inspired those memorials, across the globe.”

Indeed, “Lincoln is one of the few figures in Western Civilization, other than Jesus Christ, whose entire life story can be found in our statues and monuments,” said Dave Wiegner, an amateur photographer from Gurnee whose “near obsession” is documenting Lincoln statues.

Ask him to tell you about Lincoln statues in Illinois and be prepared to listen: There’s the very formal Augustus Saint-Gaudens’ statue in Lincoln Park; the hunkier 9-foot-tall young Abe in Senn Park; Abe with an axe in Garfield Park; and Abe with kids and a dog in Berwyn; the Abe just erected inside the courtyard of the Palmer House; the



The Lincoln bust removed from its decadeslong place in Englewood sits in a CDOT facility.



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seven Abes marking the locations of the Lincoln-Douglas debates ...

“But that (West Englewood) statue,” he said, “that’s one I get asked about the most.”

Unlike most statues to U.S. presidents, generals, activists, favorite sons, favorite daughters, it was not erected by a municipality, or a formal organization. It was placed there by a Swedish immigrant, and through endurance and default, became folk art.

A small hand-stamped brass plate at its base tells us it found a home on Aug. 31, 1926, and the man who placed it was a 39-year old mechanic named Philip Bloomquist.

Actually, his full name was Philip Gustaf Bloomquist, according to Cheryl Koranda, his granddaughter and last known relative, a middle-school art teacher in Urbana. He was born in 1887 and moved here from Sweden when he was about 13; he came with only his mother and sister, settling first in Indiana, then in Chicago. “He came here without much money and lived a middle-class life,” Koranda said. He bought a bungalow in West Englewood in 1915, at a time when the neighborhood was predominantly European, full of immigrants from Germany, Ireland, Italy, many of whom worked in factories. The neighborhood’s busy train depot had been a first stop for newcomers.

Koranda said her grandfather was tall and handsome, and lived on the 6600 block of South Hermitage Avenue for many years with his wife, Blanche, and two daughters, Edna and Ruth (Koranda’s mother). He was

a devoted White Sox fan and worked many jobs around the South Side to eke out a living. For a short time, he operated the Lincoln Gas Station at 69th and Wolcott, “though the story in our family was that he was screwed out of his money.”

It was named the Lincoln Gas Station because, until 1939, Wolcott was Lincoln Avenue.

Before the station could change hands, Bloomquist placed a bust of Lincoln out front. “Like a lot of immigrants, he wanted to be American,” his granddaughter said. “He refused to honor old Swedish customs. He liked his herring — but he also liked Lincoln.”

The statue classed up the corner.

Though likely it was placed there partly to advertise the gas station, Samuelson said. He added the bust is probably an inexpensive adaptation of the Saint-Gaudens in Lincoln Park, a stock sculpture purchased at one of the several statuary businesses in Chicago then. That said, Samuelson is also not entirely certain of the statue’s origins.

“Came from a scrap yard!” said John McGrath, an 84-year-old retired AT&T salesman in Oak Lawn, who grew up at 70th and Wolcott. He said his own father, a railroad foreman, “was a handy guy who visited salvage yards all the time, and the story in my family is that my father and another guy — don’t know who — found that sculpture in a dump, and what I think happened was they somehow got it to the station and built a base for it.”

He said the statue was salvaged from a junkyard of scrap parts of the White

City. That said, he himself is not sure if the story referred to the White City of the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition or the long-gone White City Amusement Park at 63rd Street. Indeed, Samuelson said the nearby park suffered a major fire in 1925 — the year before the statue was erected — and its design had suggested the “classical majesty” of the 1893 Exposition in amusement park form, with much cheaper materials. So it’s very possible the Lincoln bust was a decorative element of a decaying amusement park. “Or the junkyard story is a bit of innocent family folklore that came to be regarded as fact.”

The truth is distant now.

McGrath said that, without a doubt, “the neighborhood had so many functions there when I was a kid.” After a brother was killed in World War II, the family held a ceremony at the statue. Bloomquist had long left the gas station, but his statue remained, literally a community pillar. Koranda and her mother and father lived with Bloomquist until she was 13. “At which point, in the late 1960s, during the riots, that time of white flight, my parents were very scared of living in the city, so we moved to Homewood. But my grandfather refused to leave the neighborhood. He really loved it, and my mother was heartbroken.”

Bloomquist died at 83 in 1970, of heart failure.

West Englewood is 77 percent black now, and is a frequently cited example of what seemingly intractable urban neglect and racism can do to a once vibrant, middle-class community. More than 40 percent of its children alone live in poverty. And there’s nothing at

the corner of 69th and Wolcott now. Just some old garages in a bleak abandoned lot. “The truth is, when I heard about the vandalism to the statue last summer, I wondered if someone, symbolically, took Lincoln out of his misery,” Vergara said. “I wondered if someone looked around at how badly an American neighborhood full of black people can be treated, and they decided to destroy Lincoln to save him.”

So, where is the statue now?

There were theories and rumors on 69th Street.

Not long after the bust was removed, notices were pasted to telephone poles about the commercial rezoning of the street — some in the neighborhood say removing their weird, battered Lincoln was a first small step to gentrification. Others said the statue was destroyed: Antonio De Luna, who owns the muffler shop across the street with his brother Pablo, said they watched a crane lift the brittle bust “then (accidentally) break — like, into two pieces.” The stories didn’t stop at 69th Street: After Ald. Lopez posted on Facebook about the statue being vandalized, the Lincoln bust briefly became a political football, with even right-wing Breitbart News Network claiming “The destruction of the 90-year-old statue lends credence to President Donald Trump’s contention that left-wing activists will never be happy with merely destroying Confederate statues.”

A week before Lincoln’s Birthday, the Tribune asked Lopez about the state of the Lincoln. He said he hadn’t witnessed it being removed but believed it was in the possession of the Department of Cultural Affairs. A department spokesperson said the department had not seen the bust. Lopez then asked commissioners for the department, the Department of Transportation and the Chicago Public Library about the status of the statue. He received an email from cultural affairs Commissioner Kelly: The bust was in storage, it had not received “additional damage,” and despite “a backlog of conservation projects,” this aesthetically prosaic, crumbling statue would go at the top of the department’s conservation list.

Soon after, we were led to the bust itself.

We found it in a muddy CDOT maintenance yard, in South Lawndale. It sat just inside a metal shed, surrounded by stacks of rock salt and metal fencing. When it was removed from West Englewood, the pedestal snapped away from the bust, so Lincoln sat on the floor, across from the thick, blocky base. And CDOT masons had stripped 90 years of paint. It’s the drab tan-brown of concrete now, with only a hint of char around the eyes.

The statue will never return to 69th and Wolcott.

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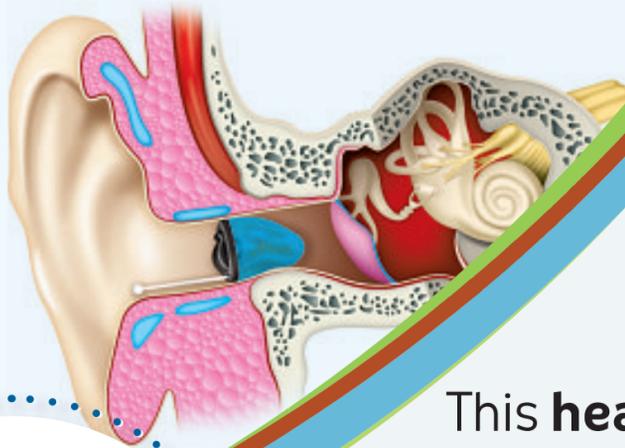
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Fla. students declare 'never again'

Teens to organize march in push for stricter gun laws

BY BRIAN BALLOU AND LARRY BARSZEWski
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

PARKLAND, Fla. — The students of a Florida school where 17 people were killed last week said Sunday they are using their anger and sorrow as motivation to spark change.

Their message: "Never again."

As the teens gathered Sunday at a park not far from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School where 14 classmates and three educators were killed Wednesday, the picnic tables under the gazebo became their makeshift headquarters to continue their campaign against gun violence.

Munching on powdered doughnuts and pizza at the park, the students led chants of "Action now!" and held up poster boards with messages such as "Gun violence is domestic terrorism" and "Enough is enough."

Students said they will organize nationwide marches for gun control next month and try to create a "badge of shame" for politicians who take money from the National Rifle Association and other gun rights groups.

Some of the teens appeared on multiple Sunday morning political shows to discuss their views and goals in the wake of the shooting.

"We are losing our lives while the adults are playing around," Cameron Kasky, a junior, said on CNN's "State of the Union." "This is about us begging for our lives. This isn't about the GOP, this isn't about the



Angelina Lazo, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, takes part in a demonstration on Sunday.

Democrats, this is about us creating a badge of shame for any politicians accepting money from the NRA and using us as collateral," said Kasky.

Kasky and other students said they are organizing "March for Our Lives" rallies in Washington, D.C., and other major U.S. cities on March 24 to demand action on gun violence.

Another student, Emma Gonzalez, said on ABC's "This Week" that the students want to talk to political leaders, including President Donald Trump, about gun control.

"We want to give them an opportunity to be on the right side of this," said

Gonzalez.

Some students focused their anger at Trump, contending that his response to the attack has been needlessly divisive.

"You're the president. You're supposed to bring this nation together, not divide us," said David Hogg, 17, on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Hogg was responding to Trump's tweet Saturday that Democrats hadn't passed any gun control measures during the brief time they controlled Congress with a supermajority in the Senate. Trump also alluded to the FBI's failure to act on tips that the suspect was dangerous, while bemoan-

ing the bureau's focus on Russia's role in the 2016 election.

Trump was at his Florida estate Sunday but did not mention the attack in a series of tweets. After more than a day of criticism from the students, the White House said the president would hold a "listening session" with unspecified students on Wednesday and meet with state and local security officials Thursday.

Nikolas Cruz, a 19-year-old who had been expelled from the school, is being held without bail in the Broward County Jail, accused of 17 counts of first-degree murder.

School and government records obtained Sunday show Cruz was diagnosed as developmentally delayed at age 3 and had disciplinary issues dating to middle school. In February 2014, while in eighth grade, Cruz was transferred to a special school for children with emotional and behavioral issues. He stayed there until 10th grade, when he was transferred to Stoneman Douglas. A month after arriving, Cruz was written up for using profanity. Last year, Cruz was expelled.

On Sept. 28, 2016, an investigator from the Florida Department of Children and Families visited

Cruz and his mother, Lynda Cruz, after he posted video on Snapchat showing him cutting himself. The report showed that Cruz had written a racial epithet against African-Americans and a Nazi symbol on his book bag, which his mother had forced him to erase. The investigator said Cruz was suffering from depression and on medication and had told Lynda Cruz he planned to buy a gun, but she couldn't determine why.

She said he had been depressed after breaking up with a girlfriend who had been cheating on him, the investigator said. A school counselor told the investigator that Lynda Cruz had always tried to help her son and followed through on his therapy and medication, but the counselor was concerned about the youth's desire to buy a gun.

A crisis counselor told the DCF investigator he had visited the school and that he did not believe Cruz was a danger to himself or others. The case was closed, with the investigator concluding that Cruz was receiving help from his mother and counselors, and "no other referrals or services were needed."

After Lynda Cruz died in November, Cruz moved into the home of a teenage friend. The friend's parents told the Sun-Sentinel they had no idea the extent of Cruz's issues. "We had this monster living under our roof and we didn't know," Kimberly Snead told the newspaper in an interview published Sunday. "We didn't see this side of him."

The Washington Post and Associated Press contributed.

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Gates now expected to plead guilty, testify vs. Manafort

BY DAVID WILLMAN
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A former top aide to Donald Trump's presidential campaign will plead guilty to fraud-related charges within days — and has made clear to prosecutors that he would testify against Paul Manafort, the lawyer-lobbyist who once led the campaign.

The change of heart by Trump's former deputy campaign manager, Richard Gates, who had pleaded not guilty after being indicted in October on charges similar to Manafort's, was described in interviews by people familiar with the case.

"Rick Gates is going to change his plea to guilty," said a person with direct knowledge of the new developments, adding that the revised plea will be presented in federal court in Washington "within the next few days."

That individual and others who discussed the matter spoke on condition of anonymity, citing a judge's gag order restricting comments about the case to the

news media or public.

Gates' defense lawyer, Thomas Green, did not respond to messages left by phone and email. Peter Carr, a spokesman for special counsel Robert Mueller, declined on Saturday to comment.

Mueller is heading the prosecutions of Gates and Manafort as part of the wide-ranging investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election and whether Trump or his aides committed crimes before, during or since the campaign.

The imminent change of Gates' plea follows negotiations over the last several weeks between Green and two of Mueller's prosecutors — senior assistant special counsels Andrew Weissmann and Greg Andres.

According to a person familiar with those talks, Gates, a longtime political consultant, can expect "a substantial reduction in his sentence" if he fully cooperates with the investigation. He said that Gates is apt to serve about 18 months in prison.

The delicate terms reac-

hed by the opposing lawyers, he said, will not be specified in writing: Gates "understands that the government may move to reduce his sentence if he substantially cooperates — but it won't be spelled out."

One final discussion point has centered on how much cash or other valuables — derived from Gates' allegedly illegal activity — that he will forfeit as part of the guilty plea.

Gates, 45, who is married with four children, does not appear to be well positioned financially to sustain a high-powered legal defense.

"He can't afford to pay it," said one lawyer who is involved with the investigation. "If you go to trial on this, that's \$1 million to \$1.5 million. Maybe more, if you need experts" to appear as witnesses.

The Oct. 27 indictment showed that prosecutors had amassed substantial documentation to buttress their charges that Manafort and Gates — who were colleagues in political consulting for about a decade — had engaged in a series of illegal transactions rooted in Ukraine. The indictment



Rick Gates, left, and his attorney Tom Green depart Federal District Court last week in Washington, D.C.

alleged that both men, who for years were unregistered agents of the Ukraine government, hid millions of dollars of Ukraine-based payments from U.S. authorities.

According to the indictment, Gates and Manafort "laundered the money through scores of United States and foreign corporations, partnerships and bank accounts" and took steps to evade U.S. taxes.

Gates joined Trump's presidential campaign in June 2016, when the candidate hired Manafort as its chairman. At the Republican National Convention the next month, Gates directly handled the campaign's operations as Manafort's top aide.

In mid-August 2016, Trump fired Manafort following reports of possibly improper payments he had received from a pro-Russia

political party aligned with his longtime client, Viktor Yanukovich, who was Ukraine's prime minister from 2010 to 2014.

Gates, however, remained with the Trump campaign through the election, serving as a liaison to the Republican National Committee. He also assisted Trump's inaugural committee.

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Facebook says it's taking steps to stop meddling

Associated Press

MENLO PARK, Calif. — Facebook will soon rely on centuries-old technology to try to prevent foreign meddling in U.S. elections: the post office.

Baffled in 2016 by Russian agents who bought ads to sway the U.S. presidential campaign, Facebook's global politics and government outreach director, Katie Harbath, told the National Association of Secretaries of State in Washington on Saturday that the company

would send postcards to potential buyers of political ads to confirm they reside in the U.S.

The recipient would then have to enter a code in Facebook to continue buying the ad. The method will first apply to ads that name candidates ahead of the midterm elections in November, said Facebook spokesman Andy Stone.

The plan was unveiled a day after special counsel Robert Mueller charged 13 Russians with interfering in the presidential election.

Mueller's indictment described how Russian agents stole social security numbers and other information from real Americans and used them to create bank and PayPal accounts in order to buy online ads. Agents also recruited Americans to do things such as hold up signs at rallies organized to create content for Russian-created social media posts.

Facebook uncovered some 3,000 Russian-linked ads on Facebook and Instagram bought before and

after the November 2016 election.

But ads were only part of the problem, as the Mueller indictments say that Russian agents also set up fake pages that had hundreds of thousands of followers.

Facebook did not say how the new postcard method of verification would prevent foreign agents from setting up local mailing addresses and hiring people in the U.S. to check them. But Stone said the method was "one piece of a much larger effort."



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The Mueller indictments say that Russian agents set up fake social media pages that had thousands of followers.



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President Donald Trump took a swipe on Twitter at his own national security adviser, H.R. McMaster.

Indictments complicate hoax claims

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accused gunman Nikolas Cruz because, in his view, the agency was preoccupied with the Russia probe. He provided no evidence to back up the assertion, and critics said the assertion was baseless.

"This is not acceptable," Trump tweeted from his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida. "They are spending too much time trying to prove Russian collusion with the

Trump campaign — there is no collusion. Get back to the basics and make us all proud!"

In other tweets, Trump seemed to be scrambling to rewrite his past statements and parse his positions — acknowledging Russian meddling but insisting, without evidence, it didn't affect the outcome of the presidential race or include any collusion with his campaign.

He tweeted that Russians

"are laughing their asses off in Moscow" because they had "succeeded beyond their wildest dreams" in sowing discord in the U.S.

In doing so, Trump seemed to again acknowledge Russian interference but suggested that U.S. actions to investigate the activity were weakening the nation.

The indictment handed down by Mueller accused 13 Russians and three Russian companies of orchestrating

an elaborate, secret campaign using social media to undermine the Hillary Clinton candidacy while promoting Trump.

In addition to forcing Trump into some untenable positions, the latest indictments also make it much more difficult for Trump to shut down the probe as a waste of time or money, by firing Mueller or Deputy Attorney Gen. Rod Rosenstein, as some reporting has suggested the president has wanted to do.

And it raises new questions about Trump's steadfast refusal to take any action against Russia as a result of the meddling. Since before taking office, he has refused to criticize President Vladimir Putin or fully enact sanctions against Russia that were approved almost unanimously by Congress as punishment for its interference.

U.S. intelligence agencies warn that Russians will interfere in the coming midterm vote.

Instead of focusing on focusing on Mueller's findings about how Russians interfered in the election, Trump has emphasized that the indictments Friday did not specifically target his campaign for criminal wrongdoing.

"This is a president who claims vindication anytime someone sneezes," Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee that is also investigating Russian activities, said Sunday on CNN.

Trump also took a swipe at his own national security adviser, H.R. McMaster, who on Saturday said the indictment proved that Russian meddling was beyond dispute.

"General McMaster forgot to say that the results of the 2016 election were not impacted or changed by the Russians," Trump tweeted, before launching into his familiar accusation that it was actually Clinton who colluded with the Russians.

McMaster spoke at an international security conference in Germany, which was also attended by senior Russian officials, who scoffed at the Mueller indictment as "blabber" and fantasy — a characterization repeated by Trump surrogates on Fox News Channel on Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, Republican Gov. John Kasich of Ohio, a frequent critic of Trump, said Sunday that although the FBI made a "terrible mistake" in dropping the ball on Cruz, it was "absurd" to link that to the Russian investigation. He was speaking on CNN's "State of the Union."

Numerous Republican and Democratic lawmakers spoke out Sunday to criticize Trump for mixing the issues and for continuing to fail to address the core problem of Russian meddling.

"They're going to try it again," Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., said on CBS News' "Face the Nation," referring to Russian operatives. "Russia is not our friend," he added, saying that the government of Putin is "trying to subvert our democracy."

"Americans — not Democrats or Republicans — are the victims," Gowdy said.

Putin "is not going to stop until we stop him," Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., said on the same program.

Coons called for a wider offensive against Russian meddling that involves not only Congress but European allies who also have found Moscow attempting to tamper with their elections. He lamented a lack of leadership at the top. "Why is President Trump failing to act to protect our democracy?" he said.

Conservative Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., was more supportive of Trump, suggesting the still-uncompleted Mueller investigation has not revealed evidence that the outcome of the 2016 election was changed by the Russian efforts. But, he added, "there's no question Russians have done all they can to meddle in our elections."

Several law enforcement experts also criticized Trump's effort to blame the FBI's work on Russia interference for its failure to stop the Florida gunman.

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All 65 on board feared dead in Iran plane crash

BY NASSER KARIMI AND JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — An Iranian commercial airplane brought back into service only months ago after being grounded for seven years crashed Sunday in a foggy, mountainous region of southern Iran, and officials said they feared all 65 people on board were killed.

The crash of the Aseman Airlines ATR-72 marks yet another fatal aviation disaster for Iran, which for years was barred from buying airplane parts for needed maintenance due to Western sanctions over its contested nuclear program.

Its nuclear accord with world powers allows it to get those parts and the country has made deals worth tens of billions of dollars for new aircraft. However, President Donald Trump's refusal to recertify the deal has injected uncertainty into those sales while Iranians still fly in aging aircraft.

The ATR-72, a twin-engine turboprop used for short-distance regional flying, went down near its destination of the southern Iranian city of Yasuj, some 485 miles south of the Iranian capital, Tehran, where it took off.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the crash, although weather was severe in the area. Dense fog, high winds and heavy snow in the Zagros Mountains made it impossible for rescue crews in helicopters to reach the site Sunday, state television reported.

Aseman Airlines spokesman Mohammad Taghi Tabatabai told state TV that all on board Flight EP3704 were killed. Those on board included 59 passengers and six crew members, the state-run IRNA news agency reported Sunday

night.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and President Hassan Rouhani offered their condolences.

Tabatabai said the plane crashed into Mount Dena, which is about 14,435 feet tall. The plane's last signal, at 12:35 a.m. EST, showed it at 16,975 feet and descending, according to airplane-tracking website FlightRadar24. The pilot was in contact with the tower 14 miles from the airport, state TV said.

One previous passenger on the route posted a video Sunday showing that the flight typically comes in just over the mountain peaks. Aeronautical charts for the airport warn pilots to keep an altitude of 15,000 feet in the area.

Locals described hearing the crash, although no one had found the crash site yet, according to state TV.

Aseman Airlines, owned by Iran's civil service pension foundation, is a semi-private air carrier headquartered in Tehran that specializes in flights to remote airfields across the country. Aseman Airlines is Iran's third-largest airline by fleet size, behind state carrier Iran Air and Mahan Air. It is banned from flying in the European Union over safety concerns.

The carrier has 29 aircraft, including six ATR aircraft, according to FlightRadar24. The ATR-72 that crashed Sunday had been built in 1993, Aseman Airlines CEO Ali Abedzadeh told state TV.

On Instagram, Aseman Airlines highlighted the doomed aircraft in October, saying it had been "grounded" for seven years but would be "repaired and will be operational after checking and testing." Iran only recently regained access to the airplane parts market after the nuclear deal.

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Main party candidates formally join Mexico presidential race

MEXICO CITY — Three presidential candidates have accepted the nominations of Mexico's main parties for the July 1 election, formally entering what is shaping up to be a crowded race.

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador of the leftist Morena party is the front-runner in early polls and is making his third bid for the presidency.

Ricardo Anaya of the conservative National Action Party is the standard-

bearer of a coalition with the left-leaning Democratic Revolution Party.

And for the first time in its nearly 90-year history, the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party is running a non-member, Jose Antonio Meade.

They are expected to face competition from three independent candidates who are poised to qualify for the ballot, pending official ratification by electoral authorities.

After questions about travel, EPA head delays trip to Israel

WASHINGTON — Environmental Protection Agency administrator Scott Pruitt is postponing a planned trip to Israel.

The decision comes as Pruitt is under pressure over the cost of his travel, including frequent first-class flights.

EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman confirmed the postponement in an email Sunday. She did not explain why the trip had been postponed or im-

mediately respond to an email asking if the decision was related to reports about Pruitt's travel.

Pruitt has said a "toxic environment politically" required first-class travel and protection by a 24-hour security detail.

According to travel vouchers obtained by an environmental organization, Pruitt and staffers billed taxpayers nearly \$200,000 for his trips over six months last year.

Russia: 5 dead in church shooting; police kill suspect

MAKHACHKALA, Russia — A gunman opened fire with a hunting rifle on churchgoers leaving a service in Russia's Dagestan region, killing five people and wounding four others, then was shot and killed by police, authorities say.

The shootings took place Sunday evening in Kizlyar, a town of about 50,000 people on the border with Chechnya.

Four people died at the

scene and a fifth died at a hospital, a regional Interior Ministry spokesman said. The gunman was a local resident, and his wife has been detained for questioning, he said.

The motive for the attack was not known.

Dagestan is a predominantly Muslim region between Chechnya and the Caspian Sea. After two separatist wars in Chechnya, an Islamist insurgency spread to Dagestan.



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Rally for Zimbabwean statesman: Supporters of Morgan Tsvangirai attend a memorial for Zimbabwe's veteran opposition leader on Sunday in the capital, Harare. Tsvangirai, 65, died Wednesday and he will be buried Tuesday at his rural home.

Israel's prime minister to Iran: Don't test his country's resolve

MUNICH — The nuclear deal with Iran has emboldened Tehran to become increasingly aggressive in the Middle East, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday, warning that Iran should "not test Israel's resolve" as he showed off what he said was part of a downed Iranian drone.

Netanyahu said of Iran that if the U.S. decides to scrap the 2015 nuclear deal, which he has long opposed, "I think they'll do nothing."

But Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, appearing two hours later at the same

Munich Security Conference, fired back that Netanyahu's comment was "delusional thinking."

"I can assure that if Iran's interests are not secured, Iran will respond, will respond seriously. And I believe it would be a response that means people would be sorry for taking the erroneous action they did," he said.

President Donald Trump has expressed deep skepticism about the Iran nuclear deal that lifted sanctions against the country. He extended sanctions waivers in January but said he would not do so again

when they come up for renewal in May unless his concerns are addressed.

Former Secretary of State John Kerry, a main architect of the nuclear deal, said it was "absolutely critical" to ensure it survives.

"We know what the world looks like without the Iran nuclear agreement," he said Sunday at the same conference. "It's not a better place."

Kerry dismissed Netanyahu's contention that Iran would be on its way to having a nuclear arsenal in 10 years, saying "that's fundamentally not accurate."

Hungary PM calls Christianity 'Europe's last hope'

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Hungary's prime minister says that "Christianity is Europe's last hope" and that politicians in Brussels, Berlin and Paris favoring migration have "opened the way to the decline of Christian culture and the advance of Islam."

Viktor Orban said Sun-

day during his 20th annual state of the nation speech that his government will oppose efforts by the United Nations or the European Union to make migration acceptable to the world.

He conjured the image of a Western Europe overtaken by Muslims, saying

that "born Germans are being forced back from most large German cities, as migrants always occupy big cities first."

Orban claimed that Islam would soon "knock on Central Europe's door" from the west as well as the south. He will seek a third consecutive term in April.

Poland seeks talk with Israel on 'difficult history'

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's prime minister said Sunday that dialogue with Israel about the Holocaust is necessary and would serve as a warning to prevent such "exceptionally terrifying" crimes from happening again.

Mateusz Morawiecki tweeted his thoughts after a telephone conversation with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The call was prompted by a comment the Polish politician made that equated Polish collaborators in the Holocaust to alleged "Jewish perpetrators."

The remark, given Saturday at the Munich Security Conference, reignited a weekslong diplomatic dispute over Poland's new law prohibiting some statements about the Holocaust. The law reflects the current Polish government's approach to World War II history, which focuses on Poland's suffering and heroism.

Former first lady Rosalynn Carter is recovering from surgery at an Atlanta hospital.

Carter, 90, had successful surgery on Sunday to remove scar tissue from her small intestine, The Carter Center said in a statement. The scar tissue, the statement said, developed after a cyst was removed many years ago.

Authorities say two skiers — a 44-year-old man and his 11-year-old daughter — were killed by an avalanche in the French Alps, and two more people were injured by an avalanche in Switzerland near the border with France. The fatal avalanche occurred Sunday at the Val-d'Isere ski resort, close to the Italian border.

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Job center in Jordanian camp aims to improve Syrian lives

BY ALICE SU
Associated Press

AZRAQ REFUGEE CAMP, Jordan — A job center opened Sunday in Jordan's second-largest camp for Syrian refugees, the latest sign of an EU-backed policy shift meant to improve the lives of the displaced in regional host countries and discourage them from migrating onward.

Refugees crowded around long tables in a community center in the Azraq camp to register with potential employers for jobs in factories and on farms. "Any work is OK for me," said Sumaya Mohamed Jidaa, a 39-year-old widow and mother of six inquiring about a sewing job. "Just give us money to take care of our children."

Under the so-called Jordan Compact, a deal struck with donor countries in 2016, the kingdom promised to provide 200,000 work permits for Syrians over three years, in exchange for several billion dollars in development assistance and reduced tariff barriers on Jordanian exports to Europe.



RAAD ADAYLEH/AP

Syrian refugees register Sunday at an employment office in the Azraq refugee camp.

Implementation has been slow because of Jordan's economic downturn, high unemployment and the slow pace of regulatory change. About 90,000 Syrians have obtained work permits so far, and only two factories are exporting goods to Europe under the new rules, officials said.

"You cannot expect the private sector to simply make use of a trade agreement if the proper support is not being provided," said

Patrick Daru, country coordinator of the International Labor Organization.

The job center is a project of the ILO, the U.N. refugee agency and Jordan's Labor Ministry.

Jordan has been struggling with the fallout from prolonged conflict in neighboring Syria and Iraq, leading to unemployment of about 18 percent, with twice that rate among the young.

At the same time, the kingdom has more than 300,000 registered foreign workers and up to 1 million unregistered ones, according to the Ministry of Labor. Most are Egyptian and South Asian migrants in low-skilled jobs like domestic care, construction and agriculture.

The government has attempted labor reform, but many Jordanians disparage the manual labor traditionally performed by migrant workers, leaving a gap that Syrian refugees may now partially fill.

Job creation is Jordan's central problem, Daru said. "It's a problem of investment. It's a problem of getting European companies to source from Jordan, and this is the main game-changer," he said.

The job center, supported in part by the Dutch Embassy, contributes to the goal of keeping refugees as close to home as possible, said Dutch Ambassador Barbara Joziase. "At least people now can apply for a job and earn their own income, so you have some dignity, you have pride, you have income, you can continue building your life and developing yourself and your family," she said.

The Syria conflict has displaced millions, including some 5.5 million who fled civil war in their homeland. Jordan hosts about 660,000 registered Syrian refugees, though Jordanian authorities say the actual number of Syrians in the country is twice as high.

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Endorsements for the U.S. House, round 1

This is the first installment of the Tribune Editorial Board's endorsements for contested U.S. House races statewide in the March 20 Illinois primary. You'll find the candidates' answers to our surveys, and our endorsements for this election, at chicagotribune.com/candidates. You'll find the editorial board's statement of principles at chicagotribune.com/principles.

Across the country, Democrats and activists smell blood. They believe President Donald Trump's divisive leadership and low approval ratings make Republicans vulnerable in the general election.

Could Democrats grab control of the House of Representatives? It's possible, especially if they pick off Republican-held seats in blue states such as Illinois. As a result, several superheated Democratic primaries will determine who faces a Republican on Nov. 6. We'll start with one of the races getting national attention.

6th District

Many U.S. House primaries turn on local issues, politics and personalities. Welcome to the 6th Congressional District in the west and northwest suburbs, where the Democratic primary is noteworthy because the party believes it has a shot at unseating prominent Republican Rep. Peter Roskam of Wheaton. Why? The district favored Hillary Clinton over Trump in 2016 by 7 points, while Roskam played key roles passing Trump's tax reform measure and opposing the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. That could make the November vote a 6th District referendum on Roskam and Trump.

Seven Democrats are competing in the primary. That's a lot of candidates vying to face Roskam, who coasted to victory in most of his six previous House races and is unopposed in the Republican primary. Some of the Democrats are new to politics; most are new names to the national political scene. All want to distinguish themselves from Roskam and Trump. It's a strong field, which is always good for voters.

Kelly Mazeski has served for 18 years in local government and is currently a plan commissioner in Barrington Hills. A breast cancer survivor, Mazeski announced her candidacy in May 2017 on the day Roskam and other House Republicans voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act. "The ACA is being sabotaged right now," Mazeski said. "What's happening now is the opposite of what needs to happen." She wants the

government to support and improve Obamacare, but says Congress also should pass a version of Medicare-for-all that would compete with private insurers, a system she believes would push down prices.

Amanda Howland of Lake Zurich is a College of Lake County trustee who lost to Roskam in 2016. She is a kidney cancer survivor who also is making health care a campaign focus. The best way to provide care, she said, is for the United States to end private insurance and institute a single-payer, taxpayer-supported system that covers everyone. "Get it out of the pockets of the big insurance companies," she said, while acknowledging, "you can't do that overnight." Howland supports the Bernie Sanders socialized medicine approach, a model that is as expensive as it is impractical and, we believe, ineffectual.

Becky Anderson Wilkins is a member of the Naperville City Council and co-owner of a bookstore chain. Also a breast cancer survivor, Anderson Wilkins wants to stabilize the ACA. She says her perspective as a small business owner and city official would be advantageous in Congress. "When was the last time we told a department within the federal government they had to cut and gave them a goal?" she asked.

Sean Casten, a scientist and clean energy industry entrepreneur from Downers Grove, thinks his business background would sway Republican voters to his side in November. To beat Roskam, he said, the challenger will need to persuade 40,000



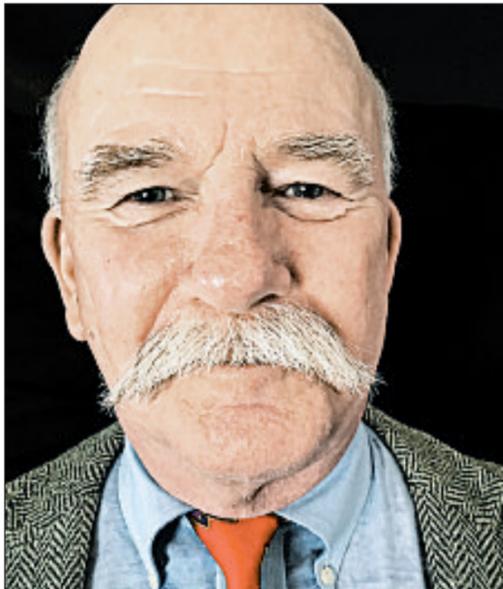
CAROLE CHENEY CAMPAIGN

In the 6th District, Democrat Carole Cheney of Naperville wants to help fix Obamacare and strengthen Medicare.



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In the 2nd District, Rep. Robin Kelly of Matteson, seeking her fourth term, is an effective, engaged representative.



PATRICK HARMON CAMPAIGN

Patrick Harmon of Barrington, a 2nd District Republican candidate, has an earnest and realistic approach.

Republicans to switch their votes to the Democrat. "I've created more jobs and put a lot more infrastructure in the ground than Roskam has," he said. Casten said climate change is the biggest challenge of this generation and he favors caps on carbon emissions, with market-based regulations to spur investment in clean energy.

Our pick is **Carole Cheney** of Naperville, who has a detailed perspective on how to represent Illinois constituents in Washington. She is a former district chief of staff to U.S. Rep. Bill Foster, the Democrat who represents the west suburban 11th Congressional District. Cheney

said that when 6th District constituents who support Obamacare felt Roskam wasn't listening to them, they called Foster's office. "These constituents were literally being deprived of their voice," she said. "I want to be a voice for the people of the 6th, both in terms of constituent services and policy."

We like Cheney's balanced perspective on major issues such as health care — she wants to fix Obamacare and strengthen Medicare. She said she supports the concept of universal coverage but would take steps only "in a way that makes sense economically." As for promoting economic growth, Cheney is focused in part

on encouraging the development of training programs and apprenticeships to bolster high-tech manufacturing employment. "I'm not seeing a critical dialogue on this issue at the federal level," she said, citing U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi of the suburban 8th District as one member of Congress pushing these ideas.

Cheney's firm grasp of policy is matched by her on-the-ground experience representing suburban constituents. Cheney is endorsed.

Also running are Jennifer Zordani, an attorney from Clarendon Hills, and Ryan Huffman of Palatine, a data analyst who was once a White House intern.

2nd District

Democratic Rep. **Robin Kelly** of Matteson, seeking her fourth term, is an effective, engaged representative for her district, which stretches from Chicago's South Side to Kankakee. She sponsors job fairs and is a voice of empowerment for African-American women and girls. She's also a prominent advocate of gun control, supporting legislation that would require background checks on all commercial gun sales including those at gun shows. In the wake of the Las Vegas mass shooting, Kelly joined others in Congress to push for a ban on bump stocks as well as assault rifles. When the White House mistakenly asserted that Chicago has strict gun control, Kelly fired back

via Twitter, noting that more than half of Chicago's "crime guns" come from other states.

Marcus Lewis of Matteson, a minister and former U.S. Postal Service employee, is again challenging Kelly for the Democratic nomination. He proposes a New Deal-style jobs program to rebuild the Southeast Side, and would repeal the Trump administration's tax reform law to assure that the affluent pay their "fair share." If that doesn't happen, Lewis told us in his questionnaire, "I will propose to raise them on you without mercy and you will still have plenty." Kelly is endorsed.

On the GOP side, John F. Morrow of Country Club Hills is running again after losing to Kelly in the 2016 general election. In that race, he had concerns about Morrow, who said he supported detaining gang members outside the criminal justice system. **Patrick Harmon** of Barrington, a hazmat team trainer, has an earnest and realistic approach to government. He notes that "Congress doesn't work well because it's designed that way." Harmon stresses that he's idea-oriented, focused on fixing urban education and improving high school equivalency course access, an area where he sees a ray of hope for bipartisanship. If elected, Harmon would need to live in the district. Also running is David Merkle of Bourbonnais. Harmon is endorsed.

Next: More choices for U.S. House races.

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America's national debt now exceeds the entirety of her GDP, and trillion-dollar deficits are on their way back. ... Only an inebriated deadbeat would expand the government's budget during bad times and good, but that's Congress for you.

The reality, of course, is that we cannot top off every pot: The money we spend now is borrowed from our children, and though we need not entirely eliminate the national debt, much of its red ink will have to be mopped up. We did just that following the Civil War and Second World War, but that was because the politicians of those times, including the Republican administrations of Grant and Eisenhower, weren't afraid of rejiggering fiscal policy to achieve surpluses, which were then used to pay down debt.

By contrast, today's Lilliputian GOP seems too timorous (or too delusional) to so much as turn away the

General Dynamics lobbyists lurking outside their offices. P.J. O'Rourke's characterization of Congress as a "parliament of whores" now seems unfair to brothels, which must at least pay their bills in order to stay open.

Matt Purple, The American Conservative

President Trump's words don't just reshape Republican attitudes. Just as often they empower and radicalize his critics. One could say that, despite his fondness for gilded touches, Trump evinces not a Midas touch, but a Moses touch — an extraordinary talent for planting a stake in the ground and dividing the landscape before him.

This Moses effect is most evident when it comes to Russia and immigration. In mid-2016, 20 percent of both Republicans and Democrats considered Russia an "ally" or "friendly." One year later, Republicans were

more than twice as likely as Democrats to say the same. Immigration had for years been a marginal political topic, especially when compared with issues like jobs and terrorism. But Trump effectively recast immigration as a question of American identity and national security. The construction of a wall along the Mexican border, once a fringe scheme, became the centerpiece of the GOP presidential candidate's agenda. Today, three-quarters of Trump supporters say that "building the wall" should be the highest priority of his presidency. And yet, because Democrats have become more pro-immigrant under Trump, a record-high share of Americans now say "immigrants strengthen the country." Essentially, Trump has popularized the liberal position on immigration while radicalizing the right's.

Derek Thompson, The Atlantic

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The portrait of former President Barack Obama, painted by Kehinde Wiley, was put on display in Washington last week.

Presidents in portrait

On this holiday honoring our nation's leaders and inspired by the unveiling of President Barack Obama's striking addition to the collection, we offer this look at the complete set. Some are classics. Some are boring. One has lots of extra hands. Each attempts to capture the man in the era in which he led.

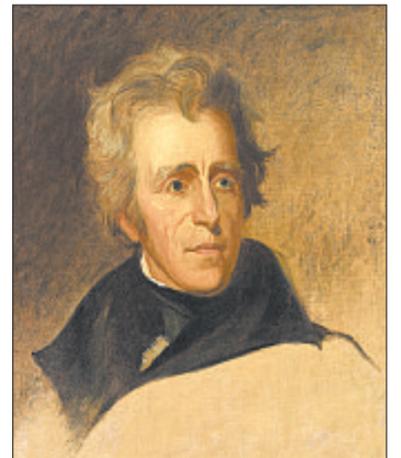
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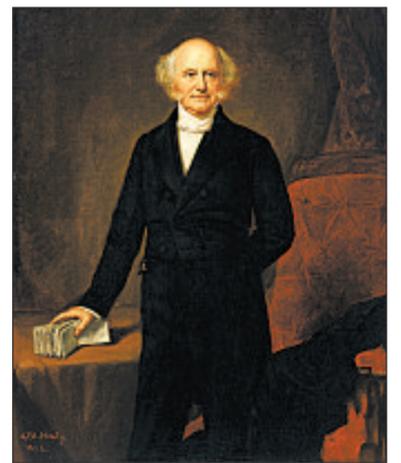
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Artist: Chester Harding;
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7. Andrew Jackson (1829-1837)
Artist: Thomas Sully;
oil on canvas, 1824



5. James Monroe (1817-1825)
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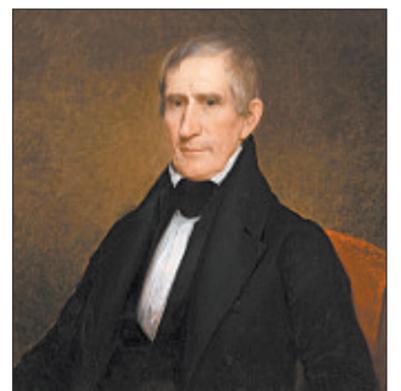
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Artist: John Trumbull;
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3. Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809)
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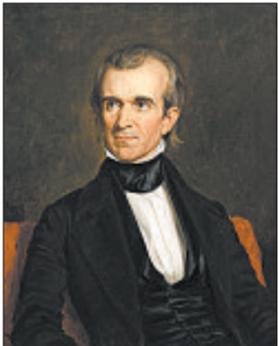


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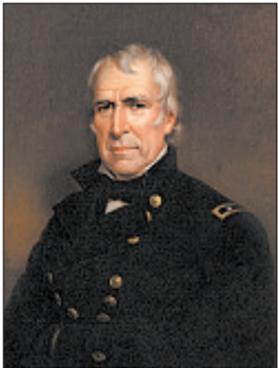
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10. John Tyler (1841-1845)
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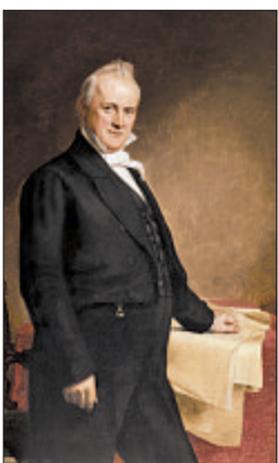
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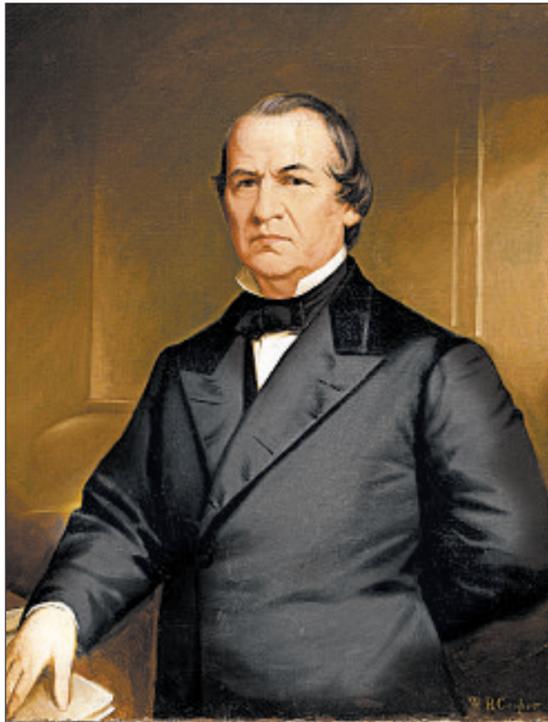
14. Franklin Pierce (1853-1857)
Artist: George Peter Alexander Healy; *oil on canvas, 1853*



15. James Buchanan (1857-1861)
Artist: George Peter Alexander Healy; *oil on canvas, 1859*



16. Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865)
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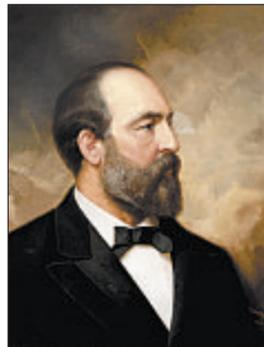
17. Andrew Johnson (1865-1869)
Artist: Washington B. Cooper; *oil on canvas, after 1866*



18. Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877)
Artist: Thomas Le Clear; *oil on canvas, c. 1880*



19. Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-1881)
Artist: Eliphalet Andrews; *oil on canvas, 1881*



20. James Garfield (1881)
Artist: Ole Peter Hansen Balling; *oil on canvas, 1881*



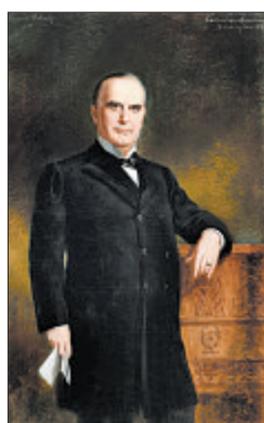
21. Chester A. Arthur (1881-1885)
Artist: Ole Peter Hansen Balling; *oil on canvas, 1881*



22. and 24. Grover Cleveland (1885-1889, 1893-1897)
Artist: Anders Zorn; *oil on canvas, 1899*



23. Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893)
Artist: Theodore Clement Steele; *oil on canvas, 1900*



25. William McKinley (1897-1901)
Artist: August Benziger; *oil on canvas, 1897*



26. Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909)
Artist: Adrian Lamb, after Philip Alexius de Laszli; *oil on canvas, 1967, after 1908 original*



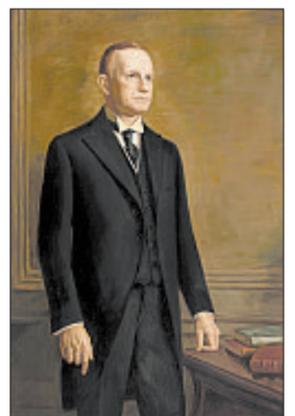
27. William Howard Taft (1909-1913)
Artist: William Valentine Schevill; *oil on artist board, c. 1910*



28. Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921)
Artist: John Christen Johansen; *oil on canvas, c. 1919*



29. Warren G. Harding (1921-1923)
Artist: Margaret Lindsay Williams; *oil on canvas, 1923*



30. Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929)
Artist: Joseph E. Burgess, after Ercole Cartotto; *oil on canvas, 1956*



31. Herbert Hoover (1929-1933)
Artist: Douglas Chandor; *oil on canvas, 1931*

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32. Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1933-1945)
Artist: Douglas Chandor; oil on canvas, 1945



33. Harry S. Truman (1945-1953)
Artist: Jay Wesley Jacobs; oil on canvas, 1945



34. Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961)
Artist: Thomas E. Stephens; oil on canvas, 1955



35. John F. Kennedy (1961-1963)
Artist: Elaine de Kooning; oil on canvas, 1963



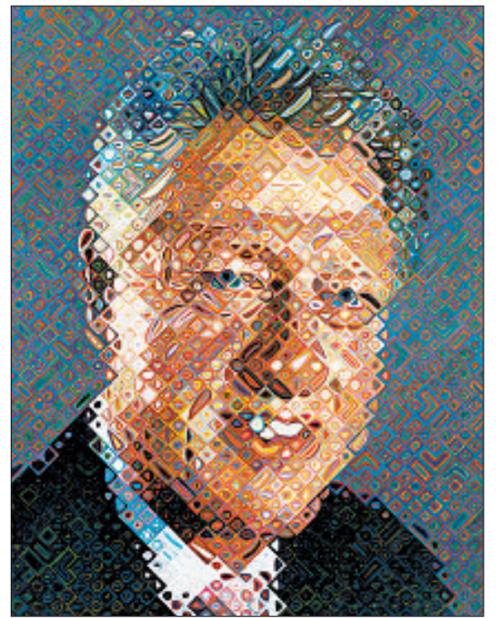
38. Gerald R. Ford (1974-1977)
Artist: Everett Raymond Kinstler; oil on canvas, 1987



41. George H. W. Bush (1989-1993)
Artist: Ronald N. Sherr; oil on canvas, 1994-95



39. Jimmy Carter (1977-1981)
Artist: Robert Templeton; oil on canvas, 1980



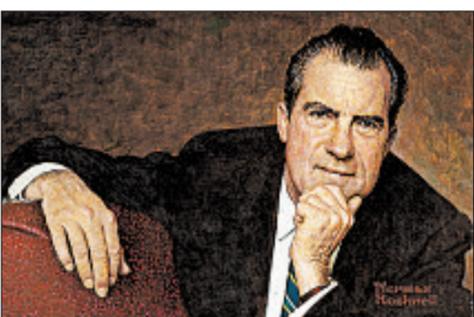
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Artist: Chuck Close; oil on canvas, 2006



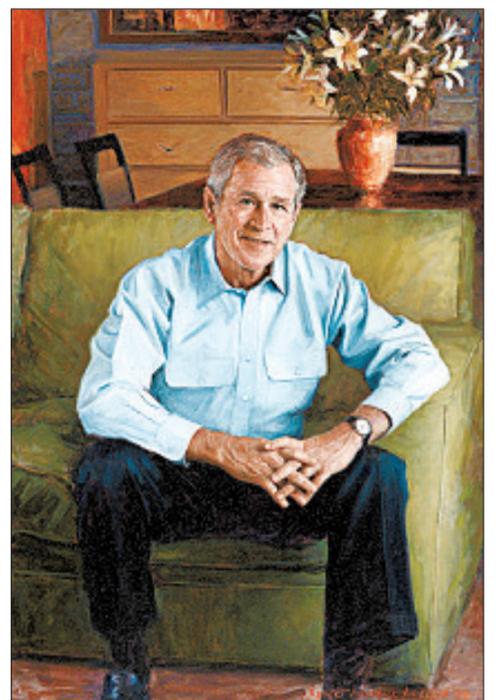
36. Lyndon Baines Johnson (1963-1969)
Artist: Peter Hurd; tempera on wood, 1967



40. Ronald Reagan (1981-1989)
Artist: Everett Raymond Kinstler; oil on canvas, 1991



37. Richard Nixon (1969-1974)
Artist: Norman Rockwell; oil on canvas, 1968



43. George W. Bush (2001-2009)
Artist: Robert Anderson; oil on canvas, 2008



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Jill on Money

Haven't filed your taxes yet? Here's what to know

Tax season opened on Jan. 29, and the IRS expects more than 155 million returns to be filed this year. More than 70 percent of filers should receive a refund. Once again, due to a District of Columbia holiday (Emancipation Day), the filing deadline is delayed. Procrastinators, mark April 17, rather than April 15, as your drop-dead date.

Although the IRS began accepting electronic and paper tax returns in late January, paper filers won't see refunds as quickly. The agency began processing their returns in mid-February. Choosing e-file and direct deposit for refunds remains the fastest and safest way to file.

The IRS expects more than four out of five returns will be prepared electronically using tax software and expects to issue more than nine out of 10 refunds in less than 21 days.

Now, on to completing your return. Here's what you need to know about this filing season: While many of the recently enacted changes to the tax code go into effect next tax season, one big thing changes this year. If you itemize deductions on Form 1040, Schedule A, the new law allows you to deduct qualified medical and dental expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income. That's a lower threshold than the previous one of 10 percent. (The level returns to 10 percent beginning Jan. 1, 2019.)

Medical care expenses are a big category, and you should check out the IRS list of what qualifies, such as fees to doctors, dentists, surgeons, chiropractors, psychiatrists, psychologists and nontraditional medical practitioners, as well as insurance premiums you paid for policies that cover medical care or for a qualified long-term care insurance policy.

Although the GOP tax law repealed the individual mandate to carry health insurance, that does not go into effect until 2019. So you still need to provide proof of coverage or pay the penalty, which is the higher of 2.5 percent of your AGI, or \$695 per adult and \$347.50 per child, up to a family maximum of \$2,085.

What about next year?

This is where the process gets tricky. The IRS has created new withholding tables (IRS Notice 1036), but the amounts cited may not be enough to cover a lot of taxpayers' liability, especially those in high-tax states who could lose certain deductions. To be safe, at least for the first year the new law is in effect, you may want to assume that your tax liability will be at least the same as this year's. To avoid a penalty, you can pay 100 percent of your income tax liability from 2017 or 110 percent if you earn more than \$150,000.

To get a better sense of your situation, be sure to check out the revised IRS withholding tax calculator on IRS.gov, which should be available by the end of February.

Here are some resources for filers, courtesy of the IRS:

- **IRS Free File:** Prep and filing software for individuals and families with incomes of \$66,000 or less.
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly:** Free tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance.
- **Where's My Refund?** tool on IRS.gov and the IRS2Go phone app.
- **Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers:** A database of return preparers with credentials and select qualifications.

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They'll always be out there



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Entrepreneurs still have to deal with toxic people — here's how to survive

BY ADELE CEHRS | **Inc.**

A big idea. A thirst for freedom. The search for a more interesting life. A need to reach your full potential.

Entrepreneurs have many inspiring reasons for taking the leap. But there's another, less glorious reason many of us strike out on our own: getting away from toxic people.

You may have left a job and become an entrepreneur because the head honcho was poisonous or your co-workers were vicious back-stabbers. You have the freedom now to do what you want and, hopefully, be left alone.

But, unfortunately, toxic people are everywhere. As an entrepreneur, you may have to contend with shifty suppliers, deadbeat clients, passive-aggressive partners, bad-faith negotiators, know-it-alls, know-nothings, slackers, whiners, drama queens — the list goes on and on.

I've had my fair share of toxic bosses. From liars to criers, dealing with difficult people at any level has its challenges. Understanding how and when to respond to vitriol is critical to succeeding in business.

What works is to focus on the relationship, not the person.

I recently sat down with the founder of the Brilliance Movement, Simon T. Bailey, a life coach, keynote speaker and author of motivational books, including "Release Your Brilliance." Bailey had some solid insights about dealing with difficult people.

Where we might see a toxic person, Bailey suggests we focus instead on our relationship to that person.

"There are relationships that are assets, there are relationships that are liabilities, and every day we are in a relationship with something," Bailey says. "The news we hear and repeat, and what we decide to do with that

The meetings we decide to take. The phone calls we decide to have. The choices we decide to make."

Entrepreneurs are individualists by nature. It makes you bold and self-sufficient, but on a bad day, it's easy to feel like it's you against the world. Looking at your world as a web of relationships makes for a more measured and strategic perspective. It depersonalizes conflict and helps defuse anger and resentment.

As Bailey points out: "Moving forward requires you to think. If you won't do the work, if you won't evaluate and decide, you stay where you are."

Bailey suggests a simple exercise to help you put up with difficult people.

Write down the name of someone who really gets under your skin. Then, give yourself 60 seconds to list as many of that person's negative and positive attributes as you can.

"It's going to be like pulling teeth but it's also like digging for gold," Bailey says. "The mere fact that you wrote all this down doesn't change that person. It changes you. It changes how you see them, how you invest your time in them."

Also, the very qualities that make a good entrepreneur, like self-confidence, self-reliance and self-motivation, can also make us a tad self-absorbed.

"I think sometimes, as entrepreneurs, we see people as we are instead of as they are," Bailey says. "We have to step back and say, 'What is right about this

person?' 'What makes them amazing?'"

Instead of judging people through our own exacting standards, Bailey would have us celebrate what they do right. What gets recognized gets repeated.

Entrepreneurs have their own way of doing things, but your way is not the only way. It may not even be the best way. Entrepreneurs also tend to have impossibly high standards, but the fact that someone doesn't quite meet your standards doesn't make him or her a bad person.

You can't always change challenging people, but by changing how you relate to them, you may be able to change the relationship.

As a first step, ask yourself the following questions:

- Are you stingy with positive feedback?
- How do you communicate to them what they're doing right?
- Can you change your tone and edit your word choice to alter their behavior or coax a better performance out of them?
- Do you know their learning style? Perhaps you can communicate with them in a way will make them more likely to "get it." For example, some people would rather get their marching orders in person, while others prefer a written memo they can mull over.

Ultimately, some relationships will continue to be what Bailey refers to as liabilities. Those are the ones you can safely jettison.

Save the hard work of understanding and getting along for those relationships that can benefit you and your business.

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TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

There's a trade-off when trying to minimize risk

What's your appetite for risk?

When choosing food at a buffet, your appetite might increase at the sight of all the offerings, even though you thought you weren't very hungry.

The same is true with the stock market. All those headlines about stocks making new highs, with gains and profits so easy to grab, may have overwhelmed your sensible appetite for risk.

Now comes the indigestion. Only when the market goes against you do you really understand how scary it can be to lose some of your money. Wall Street took a tumble early this month, and the selling resulted in two 1,000-point drops that left the Dow in a correction, a 10 percent decline from previous highs. But it's important to keep that in perspective.

If you've been contributing to an investment account since 2009, those purchases are likely still up 250 percent. But if you were among those investors who poured billions of dollars into the market in January, buying stocks and mutual funds at the top (so far), then you likely have a very different perspective.

Perspective is essential

In assessing risk, perspective is one key ingredient. In stocks, the risk is obvious, and more so in hindsight. In January, many felt the economy was growing, the tax bill would create more profits and that stocks were the place to invest.

Nothing fundamental changed about the economy in the past few weeks — not the outlook for corporate earnings or the federal budget or economic growth. We all know the Fed is on track to raise rates, and that a growing economy could ignite inflation. Yet the market suddenly swerved, taking with it all the gains of the first six weeks of the year, and more.

Assess risk in perspective

Most homeowners know the risk of loss that would occur if their house burns down, so they buy fire insurance. It's a risk people don't want to take.

How much risk are you willing to take with your own personal finances? If it's a retirement account, the perception of risk is (or should be) magnified if you are closer to your planned retirement date.

A younger person logically thinks that retirement is a lifetime away, with plenty of time to recoup any losses. But if you have to start drawing on your accounts in a few years, the perceived — and real — risk of stocks is a lot greater.

Understand risk in the alternatives

Removing some of your money from the risk of equities still leaves you with a challenge: Where can you hide from risk? The simple answer is that every alternative also involves some risk, but of a different type.

For example, don't think you can jump into bonds or bond funds as a safer alternative to stocks. All bonds, even the highest-rated ones, will lose market value as interest rates rise.

The safest choice when it comes to risk is a short-term FDIC-insured bank CD or a money market account. But you barely earn any interest on those choices these days. That's the trade-off for minimizing risk.

The essential element of risk is the understanding that no one knows for sure if, and when, the most disastrous risk will materialize. So stop watching TV pundits who claim to know all. Stop looking for chart signals and volatility indexes. Sure, they can help, but they can also confuse. And there is no guarantee they will be right.

Instead, stop and listen to your own inner voice, the one that tells you how your life would change if the worst potential risk comes true. Then make a rational, sensible decision that is not a result of emotion. And don't look back. That will let you sleep at night. And that's The Savage Truth.

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ELLIOT RAPHAELSON

When people live past 65, there is a high probability that they will need some form of long-term care.

A major problem for many insurance companies in the long-term care industry is that they are not profitable or are losing money.

People are living much longer now than when many of the long-term care policies were sold. Many of the assumptions that actuaries used proved to be erroneous.

For example, it was commonly assumed that 5 percent of policyholders would allow their policies to lapse annually. In fact, only about 1 percent of policyholders have done so.

Another assumption was that insurance companies would be able to invest their capital at a 7.5 percent return. Interest rates, however, have remained below historical levels, and returns in 2017 were approximately 4.6 percent, according to A.M. Best.

Many insurance companies offering LTC policies have either gone out of business or discontinued selling the policies. Most of the companies that

remain in the business have taken steps to increase premiums for existing policyholders and new customers.

Insurance companies cannot arbitrarily raise premiums for existing customers without the approval of the state insurance department. When premium increases have been granted, they have more than doubled. For those who had the foresight to buy these policies many years ago, it seems very unfair.

The majority of policyholders expected that their premiums would remain fixed. Unfortunately, I am not aware of any insurance company that guaranteed premiums would not increase.

Policyholders who have seen their premiums raised significantly are faced with three unpleasant options: pay more, allow their policies to lapse or accept less coverage.

This seems unfair because when they bought the policies, they were under the impression that premiums would be stable.

With most other policies, such as term life insurance or standard whole life policies, the premiums are fixed. Now facing substantial premium increases, policyholders are understandably very upset with their insurance companies.

Another factor that makes the situation worse is that many of these policyholders have already retired and have few or no options to increase their income to be able to afford premium increases.

Insurance companies can go to their state insurance departments to try to obtain approval for premium increases. If the insurance department refuses to approve premium increases, the insurance company — facing large losses — may have to liquidate.

When an insurance company is forced to liquidate, the policyholder generally loses some coverage. There is no guarantee, when a company does liquidate, that policyholders will receive the coverage they initially contracted for.

The bottom line is that anybody considering buying a standard long-term care policy should understand that there is no guarantee that these premiums will be fixed. Prospective policyholders should determine the past history of the company regarding approved premium increases.

They should also review the financial rating of the insurance company, specifically their A.M. Best rating. Only consider companies with top ratings.

Another consideration is how long the company has been offering these policies. Currently, only about a dozen companies still offer LTC policies.

I suggest you only consider companies that have been in this business many years, have an excellent financial rating and have not increased their rates or have only increased premiums minimally.

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Savvy moves to get retirement on track

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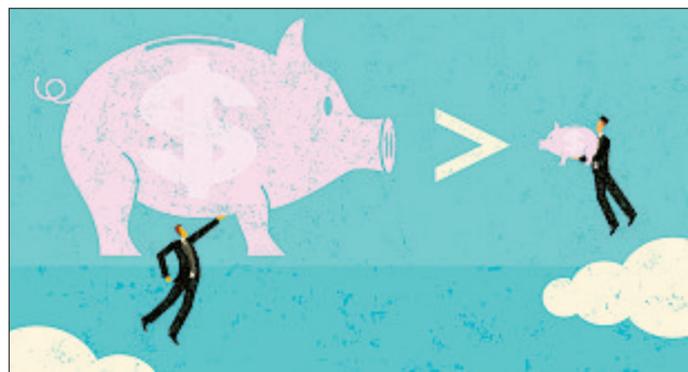
Retirement challenges for today's younger baby boomers, now in their mid-50s, are greater than those of the oldest boomers, who now are entering their 70s.

Younger boomers are less likely to have traditional pensions, they've paid more for their children's college education and they've benefited less from home appreciation, says Mary Beth Franklin, a contributing editor at InvestmentNews.

If you're among this age group, here are ways to overcome these hurdles so you can still retire when you want:

Save more: In 2018, you can contribute \$18,500 on a pretax basis to a 401(k), plus another \$6,000 if you're 50 or older. As long as you turn 50 anytime this year, you can start making those catch-up contributions now.

This money will be taxed when you withdraw it in retirement. Because of this, a tax-deferred account may be depleted 25 percent to 35 percent faster in retirement than a taxable account, says Jennifer Davis, a CFP in Rockville, Md. She suggests also stashing money in a



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Roth IRA, which offers tax-free withdrawals in retirement, or in an after-tax investment account. This will give you flexibility to draw from different accounts to minimize taxes later.

Trim expenses: To free up more money for savings, you may have to reduce expenses by, say, eating out less, cutting the cable cord or replacing cars less often. If you need to make bigger cuts, consider downsizing from a house to a condo.

After their financial planner told Denise and Mike Sikora to save more, they sold their house in New Jersey and downsized to a nearby co-op, investing their home-sale profits and slashing their high New Jersey property taxes. A year later, they sold the co-op and bought a house in an even less-expensive area—a retirement community in central Florida. The move to Florida saved them mon-

ey in other ways. Florida has no state income tax, so it doesn't claim part of their retirement income and Social Security benefits. The Sikoras' property taxes are now about one-fifth what the couple paid on their New Jersey house.

Work longer: Staying on the job an extra couple of years can make a huge difference to retirement savings. You can continue to make contributions to retirement accounts, you'll be able to delay Social Security and earn a bigger benefit, and you'll have fewer years of retirement to fund. Even a part-time job paying, say, \$10,000 a year can be a big help.

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Budget travel alert: Fiji



A Pacific Ocean island vacation sounds dreamy when the weather is dreary, but it may also seem too expensive. Try Fiji, which, unlike some of its fancier neighbors, is a budget-friendly delight.

Things to do

Fiji is an archipelago of more than 300 islands and is famed for rugged landscapes, palm-lined beaches and coral reefs with blue lagoons that beckon divers and snorkelers. A half-day snorkeling excursion is about \$40 and up from Nadi.

**Lodging and food**

Thanks to an influx of backpackers, affordable guesthouses, especially in the popular Yasawa Islands, are available, according to NomadicMatt.com. There are guesthouses and hostels starting at a mere \$12 per night. Have a few money options for your trip — take a credit card, a debit card and a small amount of foreign currency, Lonely Planet recommends. You can get a meal in a modest restaurant for about \$7.

Airfare

It takes awhile to get there, and the airfare will set you back a fair bit. Expect to pay at least \$1,200 round-trip to get to paradise in October and November from Los Angeles.

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Cooking up change

How the hospitality industry can alter the gender dynamic

BY CATHY HUYGHE
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Recent allegations of sexual misconduct have been leveled against some of the food world's most visible stars. Workplaces across the country are assessing behaviors that have gone unchecked for decades, and the cultural shift we're experiencing as a result will be a defining moment for women and men alike.

The food, beverage and hospitality space has been shaken by allegations against high-profile chefs and restaurateurs like Mario Batali, Ken Friedman and John Besh. As the culture shifts, space is opening for women and men to disrupt the traditional ways that work in this industry has always been done.

Hospitality is about the guest experience. With increasing attention on the experience of the employee as well, there is a double opportunity to enhance the way relationships are built.

Though the hospitality sector is the inspiration for this column, the three applications below are universally relevant for reshaping the gender dynamic, particularly for entrepreneurs and for those looking to innovate within already-established companies.

Redefining leadership, deliberately

Women and men in the hospitality industry are putting more focus on defining their leadership style, and they're doing it deliberately. It's a move that highlights the difference between cause and effect, between being proactively at

the forefront of changing behaviors or being swayed by it and, worse, continuing old ways without adapting to the cultural shifts that are permeating the industry.

How do we change things for the better, and do it in a productive manner?

"It comes from education," said Marlene Leslie, a former vice president for food and beverage at Virgin Hotels, who has shifted to hospitality consulting and executive coaching. "One of the great things about women that men can learn from is self-awareness. We're at the cusp of overcoming the old ways, and in order for this shift to be successful, men need to be more aware and more effective listeners."

Lesson: Proactively and deliberately define your leadership style so that it pays more than lip service to a "fair working environment." This includes everyday interactions and conversations as well as long-term strategies. Identify opportunities where you can actively execute, such as reviewing salaries and setting an achievable deadline for pay equity.

Company culture as differentiator

It's no secret that the hospitality industry has a less-than-stellar track record for work-life balance and for hiring and promoting women to high-profile, senior executive positions.

That will change, Leslie believes, but it will take time. What gives her hope are more organizations — and lifestyle brands in particular — recognizing that company culture is a differentiator.

As attitudes begin to shift more in

favor of practices such as flexible work schedules and virtual rather than in-person meetings, women will start to see that they can be high level without having to choose between work and family.

Lesson: Advocate for a shift of focus to flexible schedules and remote work. Speak up in support of those who aren't in the office for 10 hours every day. Their contribution is just as valuable.

Aggression and intimidation not required

Restaurant kitchens are largely populated by male cooks and executive chefs, and leadership habits such as aggression and intimidation are common and even perceived as required in order for employees to advance.

"Women are very intuitive, creative, resourceful, and we need to own those qualities rather than downplay them," Leslie said. "Rather than adapt to their surroundings, I work with women to embrace their voice and be confident in their ability to solve a problem or challenge convention about why something isn't working."

That voice can be particularly useful within hospitality, as the emphasis continues to grow on heightening the guest experience. That requires the key skill of empathy and sensitivity.

Lesson: Leslie identified two actions that women can take to succeed on a bigger scale. The first is learn how to delegate and the second is to challenge the status quo. Speak up and draw attention to aggressive behavior. Don't accept it or excuse it.

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Beware of loan promises that sound too perfect

It started with a series of stunning promises: lower monthly student loan payments, reduced interest rates and loan forgiveness guarantees.

All a borrower had to do was sign a contract and pay an upfront fee ranging from \$499 to \$799, which would be applied toward paying off loans.

The promises also came with a money-back guarantee.

The pitch came from a Florida company called American Student Loan Consolidators. The business also operated under names such as United Student Loan Processing, United Processing Center, United SL Processing and ASLC Processing.

Only later did borrowers discover that they bought into a series of false promises, according to allegations made in court documents filed by the Federal Trade Commission. Regulators alleged that American Student Loan Consolidators and its related companies bilked borrowers out of about \$11 million over a few years.

The alleged debt-relief scheme is just one of many that target student loan borrowers. These frauds come with many pitches, often urging borrowers to "be informed, check your options" and to "take advantage of new federal programs" through a streamlined process.

To fight back, the FTC formed a task force last year that included state attorneys general and other law enforcement authorities from 11 states and the District of Columbia. The states included Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas and Maryland.

The enforcement effort, which is ongoing, is called Operation Game of Loans.

The operation is the first coordinated federal-state law enforcement effort targeting deceptive student loan debt-relief scams, FTC says.

In early February, regulators charged American Financial Benefits Center with bilking thousands of consumers nationwide out of at least \$28 million by falsely promising that monthly payments would be used to pay off student loans.

The California company, according to the FTC, allegedly charged up to \$800 in upfront enrollment fees, a \$100 to \$1,300 fee to enroll in a financial education program and monthly \$49 to \$99 membership fees for the life of the loan.

In October, regulators announced seven court actions, including five new cases, one judgment in favor of the FTC and a preliminary injunction in a case filed last year. The five new cases involved about 30 defendants who allegedly bilked borrowers out of about \$95 million in illegal upfront fees.

Other companies were AI DocPrep Inc., Alliance Document Preparation, Student Debt Doctor and Student Debt Relief Group. An FCC spokeswoman said preliminary injunctions have been filed and assets have been frozen.

However, the scammers have only worsened the plight of many of the 42 million student loan debtors who are carrying outstanding loan balances adding up to \$1.4 trillion.

With so much debt, many desperate student loan borrowers become prime targets for scams.

American Student Loan Consolidators, for example, used telemarketing calls and online pitches to attract customers. Borrowers were often told they were approved or pre-approved for student loan forgiveness and were given guarantees that if the company couldn't secure a better deal, their fees would be refunded, according to court documents.

Be wary of any unsolicited phone calls, especially if anyone says they are with the federal government or a loan servicing company, are offering fast loan forgiveness or want an upfront fee for help. Those are big red flags.

Borrowers can apply for free for loan deferments, forbearance, repayment and forgiveness programs from the U.S. Department of Education or their loan servicing company. For more information related to student debt-relief scams, go to www.ftc.gov/StudentLoans; report a possible scam at www.ftc.gov/complaint.

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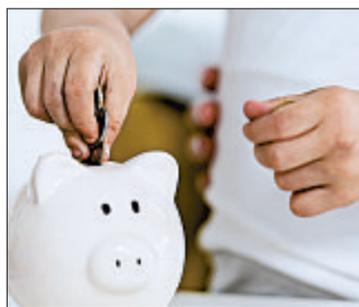
529 funds now can be rolled over into ABLE account

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Q: I heard that the new tax law now allows money from a 529 plan to be rolled over into an ABLE account for children who have special needs. How would I do that, and are there any limitations or special issues to consider?

A: Yes, the new tax law now allows families to roll over money from a 529 college-savings plan into an ABLE account. This year, you can roll over up to \$15,000, which includes any rollovers and new contributions to the ABLE account. So if you or others have already put some money into a child's ABLE account in 2018, those contributions will reduce the amount you can roll over this year.

If you want to move a larger balance from a 529 to an ABLE, you can spread your rollovers over several years. You can roll over the money from any state's 529 into any state's ABLE. (You can only have an ABLE in one state at a time).



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Also, a rollover is only permitted if the ABLE account beneficiary is the same as the 529 beneficiary or at least a family member of the 529 beneficiary. The technical definition of family member is slightly different for 529s and for ABLEs, and the states are now ironing out the details. Because the rollover provision is so new, most states don't have forms to make the transfer automatically yet.

"Someone interested in a rollover should check with both plans and figure out the most efficient way for them to facilitate the rollover at this time," says Kaellen Hessel of the Oregon ABLE Savings Plan.

Moving money from a 529 to an ABLE can be particularly helpful for families that started saving for a child's college in a 529 but now aren't sure if the child will go to college because of a disability.

By rolling over money from the 529 to the ABLE, they can use it tax-free at any time for a wide range of qualified expenses to help the child maintain or improve his or her health, independence and quality of life. The money in the account doesn't affect eligibility for most government disability benefits, and up to \$100,000 doesn't count toward the \$2,000 asset limit for Supplemental Security Income Benefits.

Not everyone with a disability qualifies for an ABLE account, however. Beneficiaries can be any age, provided they developed a qualifying disability before age 26. They also must meet the disability requirements of either Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance. Or they must submit a "disability certification" from a physician confirming that they meet the functional disability criteria.

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PAUL G. JURKSCHAT 1963-2018

Designer created lights for theaters, concert hall

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**
Chicago Tribune

Paul G. Jurkschat spent more than a quarter century as an antique light fixture expert who designed and restored lighting fixtures for homes and businesses.

Jurkschat's work included creating custom-designed fixtures and restoring antique ones, and his larger projects were for chandeliers and fixtures in places like Orchestra Hall, the Oriental Theatre, Northwestern University, the Chicago Theatre and the Field Museum of Natural History.

"The thing about Paul is that he was so connected to the design of the past and nostalgia, and that's why the restoration work was such a great thing for him," said his former wife, Allyson. "It just connected to his psyche."

Jurkschat, 54, died Jan. 19 at his home of heart failure brought on by the flu, Allyson Jurkschat said. He was a longtime resident of Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood.

Born in Chicago to German immigrant parents, Jurkschat grew up in the Back of the Yards neighborhood on the South Side and graduated from Luther High School South in the Ashburn neighborhood. He then studied architecture and interior design at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and began his career designing custom furniture and cabinetry.

Starting at age 17, Jurkschat worked as a stock boy for the high-tech furniture store Granfalloon, owned by Barry Bursak and located in River North. Jurkschat continued working for Bursak after he opened the sleek home furnishings store City, also in River North in the fall of 1982.

"I know he liked design, and I kept him involved in my business. He was working there to be involved in the world of design. He was just a very special guy," Bursak said.

Jurkschat eventually left City — which went out of business in 1989 — to work with a furniture designer,



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Paul Jurkschat, shown at New Metal Crafts in 2001, made custom-designed fixtures and restored antique ones.

John Cockrell. After Cockrell's death, Jurkschat took a job as a lighting designer at New Metal Crafts, a lighting design, manufacturing and restoration company with a showroom in River North and a factory in the West Town neighborhood. Jurkschat found his unique field suited him well.

"This isn't something you learn in school," Jurkschat told the Tribune in 2001. "Each of us learned on the job as an apprentice."

New Metal Crafts' owner, Jim Neumann, said he hired Jurkschat because "I liked his attitude and his background was sufficiently interesting and I thought that he might fit in well."

"He really dedicated himself to learning the processes. Combined with a fine work ethic and a dedication — and he probably uncovered some skills that he didn't know he really had — he turned out to be an exceptional employee, in every sense of the word," Neumann said. "It was a process that he learned, but he was very open to learning the field. And it was very challenging work and he was not a person who was afraid of challenges."

Jurkschat's work was evenly divided into projects for homes and businesses. Jurkschat's most extensive work likely was for the Severance Hall concert hall in Cleveland, which is home to the Cleveland Orchestra. Jurkschat and his colleagues fabricated Art Deco-style fixtures to match some original fixtures in the building, which opened in 1931.

"The new ones had to blend in with the old," he told the Tribune in 2001.

Juggling several designs at any given time, Jurkschat made initial sketches by hand for prospective clients, followed by full-scale drawings.

"My motto is 'grin and bear it,' because there's always going to be a crisis," Jurkschat told the Tribune. "You just have to handle each problem and deadline and move on."

Over time, Jurkschat's duties expanded to serving as a plant supervisor.

"We were in a business where you had to produce a certain product by a certain time, and he never missed a deadline," Neumann said. "And he oversaw maintenance of the factory, which was an extensive job, and he did all that humbly and very dedicated and absolutely no problem at all."

Jurkschat remained with New Metal Crafts until the business shut down and liquidated in 2016. He then took a job working at O'Brien Metal in West Town, where he worked until he died.

Outside of work, Jurkschat enjoyed cooking and reading mystery novels, Allyson Jurkschat said.

Jurkschat is also survived by a son, Max; his mother, Anni Erslavas-Jurkschat; a sister, Ruth Hannenberg; and a brother, Ron.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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Boyle, Catherine

Catherine Boyle, nee Bonner, age 82, Native of Co. Donegal, Ireland; beloved wife of the late Alphonsus; loving mother of John and Barry Boyle and Colleen (Brad) Pusch and mother-in-law of Maureen Boyle; proud grandmother of Austin, Kevin, Danny and Katie Boyle and Erin and Colin Pusch; dear sister of Josephine, Susan, Helen, Frances, Charley, John, Willie, Rose, Mary, Will and Elizabeth. Visitation Monday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Petkus Lemont Funeral Home**, 12401 S. Archer Ave., (at Derby Rd.), Lemont, Friends and family will gather for a Mass of Christian Burial Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. at SS Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 608 Sobleski Street, Lemont. Interment Good Shepherd Catholic Cemetery, Orland Park. For funeral information please call 1-800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneral-homes.com

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Carlson, David L.

Age 68, passed away peacefully the evening of February 11, 2018. Cherished son of the late Janet (nee Fowler) and the late Carl Carlson. Beloved brother of Alan, Steven, Jeffrey and Douglas Carlson. Proud uncle of many nieces and nephews. Private funeral services to be held.

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DeMaria, Marion

Born September 29, 1932 in Chicago, passed away peacefully at her home in Cary February 17, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Salvatore, loving mother of Louise (John) Haggerty, Marina (Jerry) Solinski, Donna (Nicholas) Bernardi, and Frank (Sandy) DeMaria; dear grandmother of Tamara (Telly), Michelle, Kelly, Salvatore "Sam" (Julie), Anthony (Amber), Nicholas (Jessica), Mark, and Steven; and great grandmother of Isabella, Liam, Devon, Connor, and Nathaniel; fond sister of Dr. Andrew (Nancy) Alongi; and sister in law of Joe Ohlson. Marion was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She cherished time spent with family. Visitation will be 10:15am until the funeral mass at 11am, Wednesday, February 21 at St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church, 135 S. Buesching Road, Lake Zurich followed by burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Hillside. Arrangements were entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, Lake Zurich. Please visit davenportfamily.com to send condolences, or call 847-550-4221 for information.



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Dorth, Diane K.

Diane K. Dorth, nee Blonar, age 74; beloved wife of Gunther; loving mother of Steven (Nanette Kalinski) and David (Kari); fond sister of David Blonar. She lived and loved for her God, her family and her friends. Visitation Thurs., Feb. 22, 2018, 3-9 PM at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd. Mt. Prospect. Funeral Fri. 9:30 AM to St. Emily Church for mass at 10 AM. Interment All Saints. Member of the Des Plaines Garden Club and an associate of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society appreciated. 847/394-2336

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Gutekanst, Thomas Edward 'Tom'

Thomas Edward Gutekanst, 90, of Fairview, NC passed away on February 13, 2018. He was born on September 17, 1927 in Chicago, IL to Chris George Gutekanst and Inez Marguerite Porter Gutekanst. In addition to his parents, Tom is preceded in death by his brothers William Gutekanst and Chris Gutekanst. Tom served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He is survived by his sister, Marguerite Gutekanst; children, Joe (Marcia), John (Debra), Jim (Gail), Mark, Matt, and Pete (June); mother, Faye Johnston; and grandchildren, Meg, Graham, Grace, Antonio, Sam, Jacob, Jimmy, Kimberly, Christopher, Stephen, Keyla Hope Jones and Andrew. Tom worked as a carpet salesman, ran a restaurant, and was involved in a myriad of projects involving his sons and many others. He was a hero to his sons. Tom was a beloved father, grandfather, and uncle and we will miss him so very much. A funeral service will be held on Friday, February 23 at 2PM EST at Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain. The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the State Veterans Cemetery and Madison Health and Rehabilitation and CarePartners Hospice Care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made as a memorial to the Black Mountain Neuro Medical Treatment Center.

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Halperin, Joan

Joan Halperin, 84. Loving mother of Bari Halperin, Daniel (Sharon) Halperin, and Robert (Julie) Halperin; cherished grandmother of Madeline, Sydney, Caroline, and Sam. Visitation Tuesday, February 20th, 12 p.m. until time of service at 1 p.m., at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Interment Private. Family will be sitting Shiva at 726 Bonnie Brae Place, River Forest, IL from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Jewish United Fund or Oak Park Temple are appreciated. Funeral info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191

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Lagahit, Jose S.

Jose S. Lagahit, age 73, of Country Club Hills. Beloved husband of Josefina (nee Quijano). Loving father of Jennifer (Michael) Brown, Joseph Lagahit and John (Rita) Lagahit. Fond grandfather of Ethan, Jadian and Neena. Dearest brother of Digna (Fabian) Salvador. Funeral Wednesday, February 21, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. from the **McKenzie Funeral Home**, 15618 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Forest to St. Emeric Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment is private. Visitation Tuesday, February 20th from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. For information: 708-687-2990.

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Lamich, Robert Peter 'Bob'

Robert "Bob" Peter Lamich, age 90, WWII Navy Veteran, of Plainfield, formerly of North Riverside and Tavares, FL. Beloved husband of Dolores "Dee" Lamich, nee Powell; loving father of Diane Lamich, Rob (Donna) Lamich and Rick Lamich; devoted grandfather of Megan (Patrick) Campagna and Ashley (Brett) Studer; great grandfather of Avery Campagna; brother of Margie Pawlak, the late Audrey Klos, Thomas Lamich and Paul Lamich; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 10:30 A.M. to Time of Service 11:30 A.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home Ltd.**, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield. Memorials appreciated to Joliet Area Community Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Lukey, Thomas E.

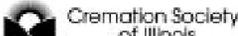
Thomas E. Lukey 86 of Bloomingdale, Beloved husband of Janet (nee Timm); Loving father of Debra (Stuart) Axelrod, David (Vicki) Lukey, Jody (Jan) Lukey and Timothy Lukey; Cherished grandfather of Laura Axelrod, David Lukey Jr., Sarah Lukey and Christian Lukey; great grandfather of Ryder Anthony Hernandez; Dear father in law of Joanne Lukey; Dear brother of Patricia Lukey; Fond brother in law of Ralph (Joann), Charles and Linda Timm and Carol (Albert) Wege; Dear uncle of several nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, 3:00-8:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.). Funeral Wednesday, Family and friends are asked to gather at Trinity Lutheran Church 403 Rush St. Roselle, IL. for visitation from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. time of service. Interment Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or the charity of your choice.



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Manderschied, Pauline Lucille

It is with great sadness that the family of Pauline Lucille Manderschied of Chicago, IL, announces her passing on February 14, 2018, at the age of 67 years. Beloved wife of Ronald; loving mother of Anthony (Kelly) and Rebecca; devoted grandmother of Thomas and Anna; fond sister of Patsy Youngkrantz (Glen), Dorothy, Mike (Bev), Dennis (Hmong), Jim (Joan), and Bob Ryan. Predeceased by her parents John and Mary Lou Ryan of Bird Island, Minnesota and brother Chuck Ryan (Charlene) of Las Vegas, Nevada. Wake, Wednesday February 21, 2018 from 5:00-8:00 pm (prayer service at 7:00 pm) at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 708 W Belmont Ave in Chicago. Funeral Mass, Thursday February 22, 2018 10:00 am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church 708 W Belmont Ave in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to JourneyCare Foundation, 2050 Claire Ct, Glenview, IL 60025; or, Northwestern Settlement, 1400 W Augusta Blvd, Chicago, IL 60642.



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Mayer, Helene M.

Helene M. Mayer, beloved daughter of the late Eugene and Wanda, nee Adamowicz; proud godmother of Mary Beth Conrad; treasured friend of Barbara, Dottie and Tiger Valocik; also survived by many loving friends. Visitation Wednesday 9:00 AM until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 AM at St. Mary of Gostyn Church, 445 Prairie Ave., Downers Grove, IL. Entombment Resurrection Mausoleum. Retired 40 year employee of the FBI, proud volunteer at Rush University Medical Center, member Salt Creek Quilters Guild and Beverly Hills Embroiderers' Guild. Helene loved to travel with the CIBC Bank Travel Club. In lieu of flowers, memorials to University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060 will be appreciated. Info: 708-636-1193 or www.blakelambobaklawn.com.



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Niemi, David J.

David J. Niemi, 57 of Bartlett; Beloved husband of Susan (nee Harrison); Loving son of Marcia and the late Don Niemi; dear brother of Donna (Eric) Chellstorp; fond brother in law of Stephen (Dawn), John (Sherril) and Mark (Gina) Harrison, Dear son in law of Rosalie (the late Hillery) Harrison; Cherished uncle of Kyle, Cody, Stephen Jr., Colin, Alexis, Ryan, Sean, Bailey, Cody, Aiden and Reagan. David was a proud Eagle Scout, member of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity and worked in the electronics industry, most recently at NEP Electronics for the last 9 years. Funeral Wednesday 9:30 a.m., family and friends are asked to gather at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) to St. Walter Church. Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment private. Visitation Tuesday 4:00-9:00 p.m. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com



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ON FEBRUARY 19 ...

In 1473 Nicolaus Copernicus, the founder of modern astronomy, was born in Torun, Poland.

In 1807 former Vice President Aaron Burr was arrested in Alabama.

In 1878 Thomas Edison received a patent for his phonograph.

In 1942 President Franklin Roosevelt signed an executive order giving the military the authority to relocate and intern Japanese-Americans as well as Japanese nationals living in the United States.

In 1945, during World War II, some 30,000 U.S. Marines landed on Iwo Jima, where they began a month-long battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces.

In 1963 the Soviet Union informed President John Kennedy that it would withdraw "several thousand" of an estimated 17,000 Soviet troops in Cuba.

In 1979 Iran's new Islamic government severed all relations with Israel and pledged support for the Palestinian war against the Jewish state.

In 1985 about 150 people were killed when an Iberia Airlines Boeing 727 crashed into a mountain while flying from Madrid to Bilbao.

In 1986 the U.S. Senate approved a treaty outlawing genocide, 37 years after the pact had first been submitted for ratification.

In 1989 Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini rejected the apology of Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," exhorting Muslims to "send him to hell" for his alleged blasphemy against Islam.

In 1997 Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, the last of the nation's major communist revolutionaries, died in Beijing; he was 92.

In 1999 President Bill Clinton posthumously pardoned Henry Flipper, the first black graduate of West

Point, whose military career was tarnished by a racially motivated discharge.

In 2004 former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling was charged with fraud, insider trading and other crimes in connection with the energy trader's colossal collapse. **Also in 2004**, after sanctioning more than 2,800 gay marriages, the city of San Francisco sued the state of California, challenging its ban on same-sex marriages.

In 2013 bandits dressed as police officers snatched \$50 million in diamonds off a Helvetic Airways plane at Brussels Airport in Belgium.

In 2017 software engineer Susan Fowler posted on her website a lengthy account of the sexual harassment and company hostility she said she experienced during her time at Uber; CEO Travis Kalanick responded the next day with a supportive tweet, but by June, after a string of other scandals and missteps, he was forced out of the company.

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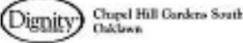
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Pignato, Viola
 Viola R. Pignato nee Zucco, age 90, at rest February 15, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Salvatore; loving mother of Kristine Pignato, Marie (Daniel) Finn and Gina Pignato; devoted grandmother of Savario (April) Roppo, Tiffany and Amanda Castro, Tara and Erin Finn; dearest great grandmother of Emily, Sophia, Isabella, Vincent, Cody, Lillian and Violet; dear sister of Joseph (Louise) and the late Arthur (Francis) Zucco; fond aunt of nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents, Mario and Christine Zucco. Visitation Wednesday February 21, 2018 from 10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at **West Suburban Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Anthony P. Cappetta, Director**, 39 N. Cass Ave., Westmont, followed by Funeral Services at 11:30 A.M. at the funeral home. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Association Greater Illinois Chapter 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60631. Info 630-852-8000 or www.westsuburbanfh.com
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Ruge, William D. 'Bill'
 William D. "Bill" Ruge, 94, passed away on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 in Lincolnshire. He was born Jan. 17, 1924 in Chicago and has been a resident of Vernon Hills for the past 41 years. He was a veteran of the US Army Air Corps, having served in Europe during WWII, enjoyed fishing and was a former employee of the Continental Can Corporation in Chicago for 24 years. He was the beloved son of the late William and Louise Ruge; loving brother of Shirley Ruge, Ruth Barkes, and the late Dorothy Higgins and Loretta Niedbala; Also surviving are 11 nieces and nephews, 11 great nieces and nephews, 16 great great nieces and nephews and his dear friends, Sue (Richard) Szybkowski and his pug Maui. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 pm Monday, Feb. 19 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. A funeral service will be held at 11 am Tues. Feb. 20 at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Concordia Cemetery in Forest Park. Memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the on-line guest book at www.burnettdane.com.
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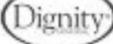
Sitkowitz, Elmer W.
 Elmer W. Sitkowitz age 90; beloved husband of Betty nee Brunner; loving father of Donald E. (Susan), Susan (Paul) Vorel and Nancy (Tom) Farrington; dear grandfather of Bryan, Jim, Lauren, Mike, Alyssa, Matt and Brett; fond brother of the late Dolly (late John) Walsh and brother in law of the late Irma (late John) Frank; also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Alzheimer's Association or St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church appreciated. Visitation Tuesday February 20, 2018, 3 pm to 8 pm at **Kosary Funeral Home** 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. Funeral Wednesday February 21st; Lying in State 10 am to time of Funeral Service 11 am at St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church 8550 S. Kedvale, Chicago Interment Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneralhome.com
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Tebbens, Marilyn J.
 Marilyn J. nee: Mutzbauer (age 83) Beloved wife of the late Richard. Loving mother of Richard Jr. (Eileen), Cathy (Kenneth) Miller, and the late Edward. Cherished sister of Elaine (Tom) Angone. Proud grandmother of Richard "Lee", III, Morgan, and Brooke. Marilyn was a very special relative to many, loved by everyone and a friend to all. Visitation: 3p.m.-8p.m. Tuesday February 20, 2018 at Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home & Cemetery 11333 S. Central Ave. Oak Lawn, IL. 60453. Funeral: Lying in state Wednesday at Peace Memorial Church, 10300 W. 131st Street, Palos Park 10:30a.m. until time of service at 11:30a.m. In lieu of flowers donations to Peace Memorial Church would be appreciated. Interment: Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. Info: 708-636-1200 or www.chapelhillgardensouth.com



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Waldron, Marian B.
 Marian B. Waldron (nee Biehl) age 92; Beloved wife of the late Austin J. Waldron Jr.; Loving mother of Austin J. Waldron III, Susan (Mark) Sheedy, Eileen (Rick) Cunningham, Therese (Tom) Campbell, Karen (Dave) Marks, Joanne (Daniel) Truesdale, the late Ellen Waldron and Patricia (Jim) Durnell; Cherished grandmother of 16 and a great grandmother; Dear sister of the late William Biehl. Visitation Tuesday 3 to 9 P.M.; Funeral Wednesday 9:15 A.M. from the Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, 10727 S. Pulaski Rd., to St. John Fisher Church for mass at 10:00 A.M.; Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Blue Cap, 2155 Broadway St., Blue Island, IL., 60406, would be appreciated. Please sign guestbook at andrewmcgann.com, for info 773-783-7700.



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Wesber, Leatrice
 Leatrice Wesber, nee Park, 94, beloved wife of the late Emanuel for 68 wonderful years; cherished mother of Gail Frost; proud and loving grandmother of Melissa and Greg Frost; dear sister, aunt and friend of many. Chapel service Wednesday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org). For information: (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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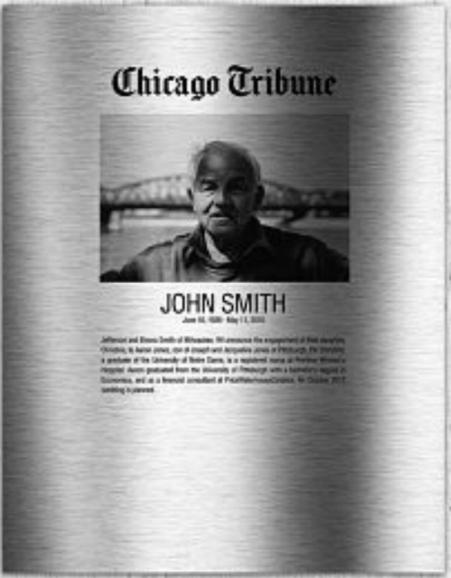
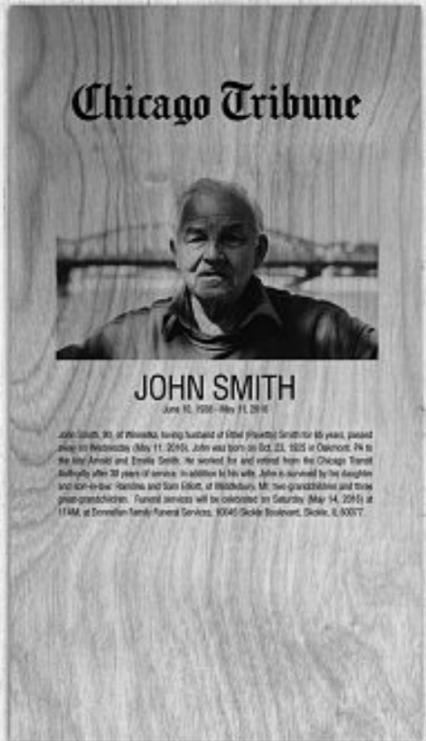
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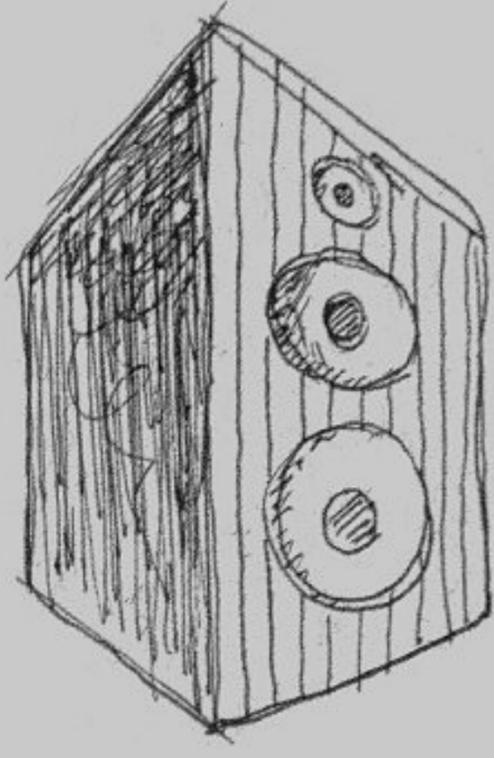


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Emotional Daytona 500 victory

Austin Dillon, right, takes the iconic No. 3 to Victory Lane, honoring the memory of close family friend Dale Earnhardt, who drove the No. 3 car the day he died at the Daytona 500 in 2001. **Page 5**



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BLACK & WHITE

Hawks should make it clear: No place in sports — or at UC — for racial taunts

On Saturday at the United Center, a beautiful night on the ice coincided with ugliness in the stands when four racist jerks embarrassed themselves, the Blackhawks, the sport of hockey and the city of Chicago.

It should be their last Hawks game at the UC. Come to think of it, every one of Chicago's professional sports teams should ban the offending Neanderthals from walking through their gates. Zero tolerance is the best way to fight intolerance.

In the third period of a 7-1 victory over the Capitals, ushers ejected the so-called fans after they taunted visiting forward Devante Smith-Pelly, who is black, after he was sent to the penalty box for fighting



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

with Hawks defenseman Connor Murphy. The men yelled "basketball, basketball, basketball" at Smith-Pelly, who was visibly upset and reacted by tapping the glass with his stick.

"It's sad that in 2018 we're still talking about the same thing over and over," Smith-Pelly told reporters Sunday.

"You'd think there would be some sort of change or progression, but we're still working toward it, I guess, and we're going to keep working toward it."

Don't be one of those people parsing the offensive language to see if it rises to the level of racism. Don't diminish the power

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The Capitals' Devante Smith-Pelly, above right, exchanges words with Blackhawks fans from the penalty box Saturday at the United Center. **TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION USING AP PHOTO**

Rizzo's words carrying more weight than ever

Heartfelt speech vital as community tries to heal

MESA, Ariz. — When Anthony Rizzo left Cubs camp Wednesday, he was just another baseball player.

But that all changed with the shooting that left 17 dead at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., the school from which Rizzo graduated and where he first drew the attention of baseball scouts in 2006 and '07.

After tweeting that gun violence was "out of control and our country is in desperate need for change," and then giving an emotional, heartfelt speech Thursday night at the vigil for shooting victims, Rizzo has a choice.

He can continue to speak out



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

on the issues he believes in or he can put it on the back burner and focus on the season at hand.

It's difficult to do both, as LeBron James and many of his outspoken peers in the NBA know all

too well.

Rizzo briefly appeared at camp Sunday and will address the media Monday. Whatever he decides, he knows he has the full support of Cubs management and his teammates.

"Joe (Maddon) said it the other day, it's hard to be more proud of one of your guys, watching him handle this the way he's handled it," general manager Jed Hoyer

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KRISTEN NORMAN/FOR THE TRIBUNE
Charles Matthews, a redshirt sophomore transfer, is averaging 13.5 points for the Wolverines.

MORE COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Illinois beats Nebraska; Loyola clinches MVC title share. **Page 7**

COLLEGES

This Matthews band is bonded by basketball

Dominique, Charles are home-schooled in hoops

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Family lore says all three boys in the Matthews family were named after NBA legends.

Dominique Matthews, a redshirt sophomore guard at Illinois-Chicago, was named after Dominique Wilkins; Charles Matthews, a redshirt sophomore transfer at Michigan, after Charles Barkley; and Jordan Matthews, a senior guard at St. Rita, after Michael Jordan.

Charles said he thinks his parents may have fabricated this story after all three kids became skilled basketball players. But his mom, Nichole, said: "How would he know? We're the ones who named them."

Whether the story behind their names was fate or fiction, the Matthews brothers have been bonded in large part by basketball.

Dominique and Charles played together at St. Rita, winning Catholic League South Division titles in 2013 and 2014 and a Class 4A IHSA regional championship on a team that included Northwestern's Vic Law.

They've gone their separate ways in college. The 6-foot-6 Charles averages 13.5 points and 5.5 rebounds for No. 22 Michigan (22-7, 11-5 Big Ten) after sitting out last season following his transfer from Kentucky. The 6-2 Dominique averages 9.0 points

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COMMENTARY

Yankees still have catching up to do

BY MIKE LUPICA | New York Daily News

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — The Yankees are the team to watch this season in baseball, without question. Are you kidding? They've got All Rise Judge, who finished second in the MVP voting in the American League and hit 51 home runs, and even hit some balls at the Home Run Derby in Miami that have just now come down in Georgia someplace. The Yankees now have Giancarlo Stanton, who won the MVP award in the National League and hit 59 home runs in Miami. And they've still got Gary Sanchez. They aren't just built to break records. They're built to break windows.

But are they really the team to beat in the American League? And does Stanton make them better than the Astros? Sometimes you think that the Yanks got the kid Ohtani when they got the big guy from the Marlins, and that maybe Stanton can pitch too.

Only here is Lance McCullers Jr., who was last seen sending the Yankees to the team bus in Game 7 of the American League Championship Series with what looked that night in Houston to be about a hundred breaking balls in a row, standing in front of his locker at The Ballpark of the Palm Beaches last week, smiling and saying, "Look out: Our band of brothers is back together."

The Astros are the ones who won it all last season, even if the Yankees thought they were going to once they got ahead of them three games to two in the ALCS, part of the great Yankee rising last October, and not just from Aaron Judge.

But before the Astros beat the Dodgers in seven in the World Series, they beat the Yankees in seven. Justin Verlander dominated the Yankees in Game 6 and then Charlie Morton and McCullers were just as dominant in Game 7: Five shutout innings for Morton. Four shutout innings in relief from McCullers, who would later start Game 7 of the World Series and watch Morton be the one to close everything out with four innings out of the bullpen.

So now the Yankees have retooled the offense that stopped scoring in the ALCS after Game 5. So the Yankees have added Stanton and, who knows, Brian Cashman may still add another veteran bat or maybe even another arm before the start of the season.



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

With NL MVP Giancarlo Stanton added to the lineup, the Yankees are a team to watch.

So the Yankees, who can mash and pitch, have the highest expectations they have taken into a season in nearly a decade. And an awful lot of people are making them the team to beat, and not just in the AL East. The Yankees are once again reveling in their bigness and badness and all-around Yankee-ness.

This is the way things were in the old days when they traded for Alex Rodriguez. There is once again the idea, now that they do have Stanton, that the rest of baseball is supposed to be afraid to come out of the clubhouse. But again: Four months after Game 7 at Minute Maid Park, does Stanton make them better than the Astros?

If the Astros do repeat this season, they will become the first team to do that in baseball since Joe Torre's Yankees in 2000, so you know repeating is no easy thing to do. Except that the band of baseball brothers to which McCullers referred brings back everybody on their team that matters. And they have added a front-line starter in Gerrit Cole, who was in Pittsburgh last season. And, oh, by the way, they will have Verlander for the entire season, which sure isn't nothing.

Of course the Yankees are loaded. Of course we know how close they came last

October. They might get 100 home runs or more out of Stanton and Judge, and who knows how many Sanchez hits if he stays healthy? They have that kind of power in the batting order and we know how much power they have out of the bullpen.

And the Astros still have Verlander and Dallas Keuchel and Morton. And now have Cole. And Jose Altuve, who was the best baseball player in the world last season. They have Carlos Correa and George Springer, who merely hit five home runs and became MVP of the Series. And they have a tough, talented winner like Alex Bregman at third. The Yankees could actually use at least a couple more like Bregman, underneath the roar of the crack of the big bats.

It is why the Astros are still the favorites. And, guess what? As well as the Yankees played against the Indians in a rousing division series last season, they mostly were able to do what they did in the end of that series because the Indians' ace, Corey Kluber, was hurt.

Yep. Yankees are loaded. Team to watch, even now. Just not the team to beat, at least not yet. People act as if they're the ones with the targets on their backs. Tell that to the guys in Houston.

THE LINEUP

Tebow time in majors?



Tim Tebow arrived at Mets spring training camp on Sunday, and the attention immediately turned to whether the quarterback who became an outfielder could make it all the way to Citi Field in the future.

Guess what? Mets general manager Sandy Alderson votes yes.

"Somebody asked me if I thought he'd be a major-league player at some point. I think he will play in the major leagues. That's my guess," Alderson said. "This experiment is not going to last forever, but he's made meaningful progress."

Tebow, 30, said: "I believe in myself and want to strive for that."

Tebow earned a midseason promotion from Low-A Columbia to High-A St. Lucie in late June despite hitting just .220 in 64 games. With St. Lucie, he hit .231 with five homers and 29 RBIs in 62 games. *New York Daily News*

Durant mending fences



The friendship between Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook may never again be as strong as it was when they were both on the Thunder, but it appears to have improved greatly since Durant stunned all of Oklahoma City, and his former All-Star teammate in particular, by defecting to the rival Warriors in 2016. Durant took the latest step toward patching things up this weekend, when he took the blame for creating "a thing" between Westbrook and himself.

"I just got out of my own head, and got out of my own way, and stopped thinking it was even a thing," Durant said. "I feel like I (bleeped) that up. ... I feel like I just made it a thing when it shouldn't have been. It's cool to kind of get past that. ... And it's all love at the end of the day." *Washington Post*

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Rizzo comforts Parkland

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said Sunday after the Cubs workout. "It's not the least bit surprising. He's done such a great job, and certainly the awards he got last year (including the Roberto Clemente Award) were well deserved. He's proving why he got those awards now."

But Hoyer is aware of what happens when athletes or celebrities speak out. The backlash from those who don't agree with your views is louder than ever, and social media becomes the preferred conduit for those trying to silence opposing viewpoints.

Is it worth speaking out on guns and dealing with Twitter trolls?

"I'd leave that up to him," Hoyer said. "If he feels strongly about doing that, then he should do it. That's the world we live in. If you speak out on any issue as an athlete, 50 percent are going to tell you, 'Stick to sports.' That's just the nature of (social media). But if he feels strongly, then absolutely he should do what his instincts tell him."

Rizzo's presence in Parkland was vital for a community trying to heal from the horrific incident. He's not a natural speaker, which made his words more powerful.

"What he did and how he did it is spectacular," Maddon said. "We're all proud of him. When he gets back, we'll sit down and talk face-to-face. ... Whatever we can do to help moving forward, I want to know what that might be."

My guess is Rizzo is not done talking about the most important issue, curbing gun violence. But who knows?

On one hand he already has said his piece and perhaps wants to move on and concentrate on baseball. Spring training is typically a time for teams to bond, and as the center of attention on this particular bunch, the fun doesn't really start until Rizzo's in the house.

On the other hand, he's the most famous alumnus of Stoneman Douglas High, and watching the strength of the students, parents and the entire Parkland community may provide the impetus for Rizzo to continue speaking out. He easily could've sent his condolences from camp, but he didn't hesitate to go home and help with the healing process.

Maddon mentioned the students at Parkland, who have stood up and let their feelings be known.

"I know the kids down there are being very proactive, and good for them, because at some point you've got to stir up some action," he said. "When Anthony comes back, we'll get some ideas from him. ... I'm curious and eager to hear him talk."

The only certainty after last week is Rizzo's life will forever be changed — again. It changed once already when he became a cancer survivor and began a



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Anthony Rizzo and Joe Maddon huddle before Game 3 of the NLDS on Oct. 9.

foundation to support children and families battling cancer.

Now he has another fight on his hands, if he chooses to use his voice for the cause.

"He's a special guy, obviously," Ben Zobrist said. "Some of the things that he's gone through and his community have gone through the last couple days here, I'm looking forward to giving him a big hug and just welcoming him back."

"He needs hugs. We give a lot of hugs around here. We're a tight-knit group and he'll be excited to get back into the game too. That's one of the best things about baseball. It helps everybody kind of move on from difficult things that happen."

Maddon knows the perils of discussing anything political in public. When he said Thursday that "it just doesn't make any sense that an automatic rifle has to be in anybody's hands," he drew some criticism on social media.

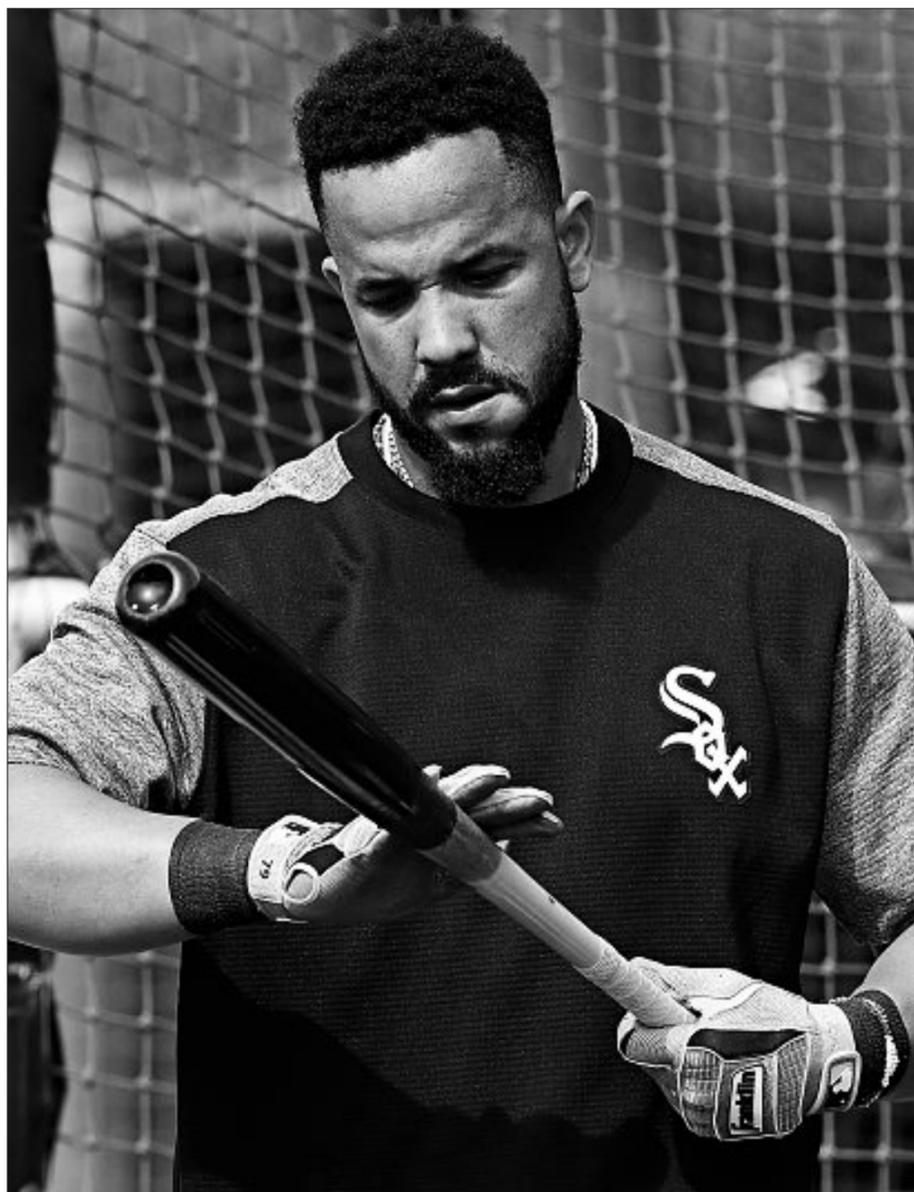
"I can't worry about that, social media," Maddon said. "I don't have a high opinion of that. It's going to happen. Everybody's got a voice these days ... and if you ask me my opinion, of course people are going to disagree with it. I expect that. I kind of enjoy it. So I don't mind any of that, but if I say something, I want to be committed and believe what I say (to the media) first."

"If I'm uncertain, I'll tell you I'm uncertain. But to be disagreed with by someone anonymously, typing messages in a basement or off their phone in a bathroom? I don't really worry about that. It's just part of our culture right now."

Rizzo has already done his part. If he decides it's not worth it to speak his mind, no one should blame him.

But his voice can carry a long way, and now is the time to use it.

WHITE SOX



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Jose Abreu wipes his bat before practice Saturday at the White Sox's training facility in Glendale, Ariz.

Hey, not so fast

New man of steal? Abreu wants green light on basepaths

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — White Sox first baseman Jose Abreu has pinpointed two ways in which he wants to improve this season: steal more bases and learn to speak some English.

Asked if more steals really is a goal for 2018, Abreu responded with a nod to that second goal.

"Yes," Abreu exclaimed in English, the only time the native of Cuba used the language during a media session after workouts Sunday.

Why is it that a player who had three stolen bases in 156 games in 2017 and has a grand total of six in his first four seasons while establishing himself as one of the top hitters in baseball wants more steals?

"Just because I think I can do it," Abreu said via a team interpreter. "I really believe I can do it and I like the challenge."

So are we talking 30-30 Club territory or what?

"Who knows?" Abreu said. "The mind of the human being works in a lot of different ways. If you fill your mind with good things, good things are going to happen."

Abreu added that he's going to ask manager Rick Renteria for the green light to run at will, to which the manager responded

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4 Days until the Sox's spring opener (2:05 p.m. Friday at Dodgers).

with a laugh, "I'm actually more concerned about him making sure he gets himself ready to swing the bat and catch the ball."

So, no green light for Abreu then?

"No, we just want him to continue to be a good baserunner and give us a good effort," Renteria said, chuckling.

Abreu has been giving the Sox good efforts since breaking into the league in 2014, including last season when the 31-year-old slashed .304/.354/.552 while belting 35 home runs and knocking in 102. In an effort to build on those numbers (and the three stolen bases), Abreu reported to camp with a slimmer build, saying he weighs 244 and plans to be down to 240 for the start of the season.

"I like to work a lot and that's what I did during the offseason," he said. "Right now, I'm feeling good (and) I'm in very good shape. I'm happy with all the things this organization is doing. Good times are going to come and I'm just excited for that time to come and to be a part of (it)."

Abreu started his day in the batting cages along with Yoan Moncada and Luis Robert and was providing tips to the Sox youngsters while they hit off tees.

"I have a commitment with myself to help this team and to help the ... young guys, to get

better," Abreu said. "I always try to do my best, always try to talk with them and to teach them things. Since I came to this country, I learned three keys to be a success: You need discipline, work hard and be always on time. If you apply those three keys I think you're going to be good."

Abreu embraces the role of mentor to some younger players.

"I'm doing that from the bottom of the heart," he said. "I just like to help people. When I started playing at the age of 16 in Cuba, I had older people who helped me to get better. As my parents raised me, I need to be glad with life, glad with the people that helped me out, (so) I want to give back things that I've learned and pass that along. I'm just glad to help them and to get them better."

Abreu hopes to help young Sox players throughout the duration of his career. His name was bandied about in trade rumors during the offseason as Abreu is under team control for two more seasons and figures to get a big payday when his contract expires. It remains to be seen whether the Sox will try to sign Abreu to an extension.

"I'm very glad with life," he said. "I'm really happy to have an opportunity to make my mom's dream come true to see me play in the major leagues. I hope to play my whole career in the majors with the White Sox, but I can't control that."

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Volstad glad to return for 3rd season

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — **Chris Volstad** has seen the list of remaining free agents and is grateful to have jumped at the White Sox's offer when they contacted the pitcher late last month.

"There are still a lot of guys out there completely capable of making a major-league team or throwing in Triple A who have been doing it for a long time and they're still waiting for an opportunity," Volstad said Sunday. "When the White Sox called, it was a no-brainer. They contacted me really quickly so there wasn't any opportunity to talk to anyone else. It wouldn't have mattered."

That's because Volstad has enjoyed the last two seasons with the Sox, including 2017 when the right-hander was called up from Triple-A Charlotte late in the season and made six appearances — including two starts.

"I'm glad to be back," Volstad said. "I'm getting more comfortable each year, and working with the same coaches and being around the same guys is great."

Volstad, who signed a minor-league contract Jan. 22, said he is prepared to do "whatever is needed" for the Sox and that versatility bolsters his chances to make the team.

"Last year I was kind of doing three different things within a three-week span, coming in as a long guy, during the later innings a few times (and) I started a few games at the end of the season," he said. "One thing that works to my advantage is I can do a lot of those different things. If there's a spot in the rotation I'd love to have that, if a long-relief role is needed, I'm fine with that also."

Blast off: Top prospects **Eloy Jimenez** and **Luis Robert** arrived in camp and put on impressive displays during batting practice. Manager **Rick Renteria**

said no matter how well the two young sluggers play, the organization will practice patience during their development.

"They're very well put together and obviously have a tremendous skill set," Renteria said. "We're going to continue to follow a process to make sure we make the right decision in a particular moment to give them the best chance to have success when they get to the big leagues. I'd be the first one to tell you that I'm just as excited about the possibilities. We also know that we need to continue to see them perform and show everybody that they're truly capable of being here and giving themselves a chance to be ready."

Extra innings: Outfielder **Willy Garcia** is limited by a sore left wrist. ... The Sox outrighted **Dylan Covey** to Charlotte, but the right-hander will remain in camp and receive opportunities to pitch.

CUBS

Fresh perspective: Zobrist feels good

Veteran utility man says his wrist healthy, team hungry for another run

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Even Ben Zobrist can't say how many at-bats he'll wind up with this year, but the 36-year-old is sure of one thing: The Cubs' 2016 World Series hangover is over.

"I can tell you this," Zobrist said Sunday. "The hunger is back for this team. We're excited to get back at it and prove to the league we're the best team again."

That declaration might seem bold, but Zobrist won consecutive World Series titles with the Royals in 2015 and the Cubs in 2016. A miserable 2017 season is behind him, thanks to rest and a pain-free right wrist.

That puts Zobrist in position for a best-case-scenario 2018, which would include starting 130 games at various positions and a large number of games in the leadoff spot.

The switch-hitting Zobrist batted .232 last season, his lowest average for a full season — including .179 from the right side — due in large part to the wrist pain he tried to play through. The wrist eventually caused him to miss 17 games. He has taken a wiser approach since, while he knows the Cubs have young, versatile players ready to seize more playing time.

"I'll be good with what we have to do," Zobrist said. "Because we've got a lot of great players, and there are going to be good players who are going to sit on the bench at times."

"But no one ever rusts there. Joe (Maddon) uses everybody."

Maddon admitted he was curious to see how Zobrist performs,

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noting he appears to be in great shape. Maddon said he'll need Zobrist to play a variety of positions — including first base in case Anthony Rizzo needs a break.

"He was not pleased with his year last year, took time to reflect upon it, and now he's been refreshed," Maddon said. "I think you're going to see the best form of Ben Zobrist."

At this point in Zobrist's career, individual goals have taken a back seat.

"Everyone wants to have great seasons," Zobrist said. "I told (Maddon), 'Wherever you need me, I'm ready.' I'm going to try to be prepared to fill spots that need to be filled, and be a great complement to what we have."

Zobrist plans to communicate more frequently with Maddon and the training staff regarding his health and not try to play through injuries like he did last season.

"Some guys, if they have a hangnail, they might not want to play," Zobrist said. "That wasn't me. I've tried to push through everything."

At the same time, Zobrist will try to lead by example and speak up more often to the younger players.

"I'll do what I can to encourage guys down the path that every major leaguer goes down," Zobrist said. "Some are mature beyond their years. We all need somebody next to us to encourage and push us along the way."

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Cubs utility player Ben Zobrist, 36, hit .232 in 2017, his lowest average for a full season. He also missed 17 games because of a painful wrist.

CUBS NOTES

Maddon knows managing playing time delicate dance

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Manager **Joe Maddon** faces a delicate situation in finding playing time for his young players, especially if the Cubs roster stays healthy.

That's why Maddon is happy to hear that veterans such as **Ben Zobrist** plan to speak up more often to the youngsters who might not get the at-bats they want.

"When you're not starting, you have to maintain that team attitude," Maddon said. "We need that."

"Because a guy is not playing, we cannot permit or accept that person being a negative drag on the group. It's more difficult with young players because young players need to play to get better. We're at that point the group takes care of itself."

Maddon admits the task of keeping all the bench players ready is difficult when it involves young players, especially those with high ceilings. Maddon usually tells players a day in advance when they're getting a rest, but he admitted one of the factors in finalizing the opening-day roster is projecting if a young player, such as catcher **Victor Caratini**, can get enough at-bats as a reserve.

"We've got to play it all the way through," Maddon said.

Maddon insisted that mental

fatigue from the 2016 World Series was gone by the All-Star break last year, allowing the Cubs to finally seize the 2017 National League Central title.

He said "any deficiencies we showed early" last year were the result of the march to the World Series title and its aftermath.

"We had to supply our own adrenaline," he said. "Any perception other than that would be contrived."

Right on time: Maddon isn't in favor of starting spring training workouts later in the day to help prepare for the regular season, as the Yankees and Mariners have done.

"I'm fine with the way it plays," Maddon said of the Cubs practice schedule, which usually starts no later than 9:30 a.m. "I want them out of here. I don't want you lingering around here."

"Spring training to me is that casual slow dance. And come out, get your work done, the camaraderie that's involved, go play golf if you want, have a good dinner, meet with some of your buds, come back (in the morning). It's a good thing. I don't want to mess with it."

Comings and goings: Pitcher **Williams Perez** was released from his minor-league contract. Outfielder **Charcer Burks** was added to the spring roster.

BLACKHAWKS

Bettman: No room for racism

Commissioner says NHL backs response of Hawks, UC

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman issued a statement Sunday after four fans were ejected from the United Center during the Blackhawks-Capitals game late Saturday night for directing racial taunts at a Capitals player.

Forward Devante Smith-Pelly was sitting in the penalty box during the third period when, he said, the fans began provoking him with chants of "basketball, basketball, basketball."

Smith-Pelly is one of around 30 black players in the NHL.

Smith-Pelly arose from his seat and walked toward the glass that separates the penalty box from the stands. A video shows Smith-Pelly exchanging words with the fans through the glass before an NHL official intervenes. United Center security escorted the fans from the building.

"Last night in Chicago, individuals directed racial taunts and abuse at Washington Capitals player Devante Smith-Pelly," Bettman said in a statement. "The National Hockey League condemns this unacceptable and reprehensible behavior. The league fully supports the actions taken by the United Center and the Blackhawks to eject the offenders and would expect the same response to any similarly unacceptable behavior at any of our arenas."

Bettman's statement went on to say the "incident was isolated" and that nobody "should ever have to endure such abuse at one of our games."

"The league will take steps to have our clubs remind all stakeholders that they are entitled to enjoy a positive environment — free from unacceptable, inappropriate, disruptive, inconsiderate or unruly behaviors and many not engage in conduct deemed detrimental to that experience."

Smith-Pelly responded to the incident after practice Sunday in Buffalo.

"It's sad that in 2018 we're still talking about the same thing over and over," Smith-Pelly told reporters. "It's sad that athletes like myself 30, 40 years ago were standing in the same spot saying the same thing. You think there'd be some sort of change or progression, but we're still

KINGS AT BLACKHAWKS

TV/radio: 7:30 p.m. Monday; WGN-9, WGN-AM 720.

Storylines: The Blackhawks ended their eight-game losing streak overall, and seven-game skid at home, with a convincing 7-1 win over the Capitals on Saturday, but according to hockey-reference.com they still have just a 0.6 percent chance of making the playoffs.

Trending: The Hawks have scored a power-play goal in seven of their last eight games. ... The Kings are two points and two teams out of the second wild-card spot in the Western Conference.

working toward it, I guess, and we're going to keep working toward it."

The league designated February "Hockey Is for Everyone" month, a program that promotes inclusion in hockey regardless of "race, color, religion, national origin, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, socio-economic status and those with disabilities."

The Blackhawks held their "Hockey Is for Everyone" night Thursday at the United Center.

Capitals coach Barry Trotz said after the game that Smith-Pelly was "upset," but the two hadn't yet had a chance to talk.

"There's absolutely no place in the game of hockey or our country for racism," Trotz told reporters. "I think it's disgusting. ... Athletes in our country don't deserve that. It just shows ignorance."

In a statement released late Saturday night, the Blackhawks said they were "aware of an incident ... involving a group of attendees who made harmful comments directed at ... Devante Smith-Pelly."

"The fans were immediately removed and we apologize to Smith-Pelly and the Washington Capitals organization," the statement continued. "We are committed to providing an inclusive environment for everyone who attends our games and these actions will never be tolerated."

The Hawks have not yet responded to a Tribune inquiry sent Sunday morning about whether or not the individuals ejected will be allowed back in the United Center.

The Capitals released a statement Sunday afternoon expressing their disappointment in the "intolerant behavior" and said the team has "zero tolerance concerning any form of racism."

"Such behavior is unacceptable and has no place in hockey or society. It is crucial to confront such appalling conduct, and the Capitals extend their appreciation to the Blackhawks ... and United Center security for swiftly removing the fans."

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Hawks must punish racist fans

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of derogatory words, even if they aren't the ones some usually associate with hate speech. A slur is a slur, and its hateful origin was based on Smith-Pelly's skin color. That's vile anywhere and unacceptable everywhere. Paying \$500 for a seat behind the glass doesn't buy anyone the right to act like a bigot.

Capitals coach Barry Trotz set the right angry tone postgame. "There is absolutely no place in the game of hockey or our country for racism," Trotz said. "Disgusting. Athletes in our country don't deserve that. It just shows ignorance."

The Hawks quickly concurred. The team issued a statement late Saturday night that included an apology to Smith-Pelly and the Caps organization.

"We are committed to providing an inclusive environment for everyone who attends our games and these actions will never be tolerated," the statement read.

Any game marred by a racial incident qualifies as bad. What made this one even worse was that it came in the midst of the NHL's "Hockey Is For Everyone" month, a February promotion intended to show how the game can "drive positive social change and foster more inclusive communities."

Hockey most certainly can. Their cause is just, the goal noble. But, unfortunately, somewhere out there, a talented young black kid learning how to stick-handle might read a headline from Saturday night and wonder if the game is for him.

Roughly 30 NHL players are black. For hockey to indeed become a more inclusive community, like the ad says, then the league must commit to policing its rinks and responding as responsibly as the Hawks did — even if the incident represents the exception more than a rule as it pertains to NHL fans.

How encouraging that NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman recognized as much.

"Last night in Chicago, individuals directed racial taunts and abuse at Washington Capitals player Devante Smith-Pelly (and) while this incident was isolated in nature, no player, coach, official or fan should ever have to endure such abuse at one of our games," Bettman said in a statement issued Sunday. "The league will take steps to have our clubs remind all stakeholders that they are entitled to enjoy a positive environment — free from unacceptable, inappropriate, disruptive, inconsiderate or unruly behaviors or actions and may not engage in conduct deemed detrimental to that experience."

A league with a fan base not exactly

... Every one of Chicago's professional sports teams should ban the offending Neanderthals from walking through their gates. Zero tolerance is the best way to fight intolerance.

known for its diversity took the strong stand it needed to take. The Hawks and NHL set the kind of example we increasingly have come to expect from sports teams and their stars. Sports indeed can lead important and necessary social discussion and, if you doubt that, you slept through last week.

Look at Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo, whose eloquence and awareness speaking at a candlelight vigil in Parkland, Fla., for the shooting victims at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, which Rizzo attended, displayed as much power as anything he has ever done at the plate.

Look at the four Hawks — Patrick Kane, Duncan Keith, Patrick Sharp and Brent Seabrook — who supported the Chicago Police Department by standing in line Friday in Bridgeport with so many other mourners to pay their respects to fallen Cmdr. Paul Bauer at the officer's wake.

Look at LeBron James, one of the most polarizing athletes in sports, who not only understands his reach but embraces his responsibility as a role model tightly enough to engage discussion — even after Fox News host Laura Ingraham disparagingly told James to "shut up and dribble."

"I will definitely not do that," James told reporters Saturday at NBA All-Star weekend festivities in Los Angeles. "I mean too much to society, I mean too much to the youth. I mean too much to so many kids that feel like they don't have a way out and they need someone to help lead them out of the situation they're in."

You don't have to like James to respect his intentions to offer kids hope and open people's minds. Sports often can offer a light that leads out of darkness, an avenue to enlightenment or empowerment.

Sports should be the place we can escape society's ills for a few hours, not encounter the type of ugliness that happened Saturday night at 1901 W. Madison St.

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NASCAR DAYTONA 500



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Austin Dillon celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series' season-opening Daytona 500 on Sunday.

Down memory lane

Dillon honors 'family' with Daytona victory in Earnhardt's No. 3

BY GEORGE DIAZ | Orlando Sentinel

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The time stamp was etched in tears of joy and pain, a throwback number and the memory of a NASCAR icon and ties that bind forevermore.

Austin Dillon strolled into Daytona's victory circle 20 years ago as a 7-year-old smitten by all the confetti and champagne and celebratory hugs to celebrate a man called Dale Earnhardt.

That champion was his grandfather's best friend, and a man who drove granddaddy's car really fast.

"I was just having fun collecting hats and crawling on the trophy," Dillon said.

Two decades later, the world is celebrating the rise of Dillon as a speed-racer and the winner of the 60th running of the Daytona 500 on Sunday.

The pain comes with the memory that Earnhardt died on the last lap of the 2001 Daytona 500. Dillon burned a "3" into the infield on his victory spin to honor a man who is family and always will be.

Dillon drives for Richard Childress Racing. Childress, Dillon's grandfather, was Earnhardt's best friend and former team owner when Earnhardt won the Daytona 500 in 1998.

"I know he's smiling down on us in victory," Childress said.

The victory will also include the contro-

versial context of Dillon making a move on Aric Almirola on the last lap, getting to Almirola's bumper and knocking him out of the way.

Dillon led only that last lap, but it was the only one that mattered. Darrell "Bubba" Wallace was second, followed by Denny Hamlin. Ryan Blaney led a race-high 118 laps but finished seventh.

"I guess I could have lifted and gave it to him," Dillon said. "That was my other option. Give up the Daytona 500 ring that I'm wearing. I'm glad he's not mad. If he needs to do it to me at Talladega to make people feel good, I have a Daytona 500 championship, trophy, ring, whatever.

"I got the 3 back in Victory Lane at Daytona. It feels pretty good."

Not so much for Almirola, who handled the disappointment with a gentlemanly perspective.

"It was the last lap and we're all trying to win the Daytona 500," he said. "It's the biggest race of the year and it's a career-changing race, so we were just racing really aggressively."

Dillon, 27, has traveled a demanding path since 2013 when, with the Earnhardt family's blessings, he took on the No. 3 in the Cup series.

It was a long journey for the Childress and Earnhardt family. Childress was so despondent and devastated after Earnhardt's death that he stood on the deck of Bill France Jr.'s dock in Daytona ready to walk away from the sport.

Then he recalled a hunting trip to New Mexico with Earnhardt in the 1980s, and Earnhardt's cantankerous voice came to life. They were climbing a mountain. Their

horses were bridle-less. Dale's horse started slipping and started rearing up, back toward Childress, who had no choice but to jump off the mountain. The horse went flying with him, but they were both fortunate they were caught in a cluster of trees.

They were laughing about it later that night over a few adult beverages. Earnhardt called it the "great horse wreck." And then things got serious.

"You know, Dale, if I got killed on the mountain today you'd have to race Phoenix," Childress said.

Earnhardt looked Childress in the eye and said: "If it ever happens to me, you'd better race."

They have kept racing, Childress with his team and his grandsons, Austin and Ty. Dale Earnhardt Jr. kept racing until the end of the 2017 season when multiple concussions forced him to walk away before things got fuzzy permanently.

Dale Jr. came back Sunday as the grand marshal for the race, reflecting on his father's death, saying that he has made his peace with Daytona. He chooses to embrace this place for all the good things that have happened here.

Childress said he fell in love with the place in 1965 when he came to Daytona and slept in a tent off Nova Road. The love was broken in 2001, ever so briefly, but it came back just as quickly.

There were magical sparks once again Sunday, with the ending scripted by a kid who made an aggressive move reminiscent of a NASCAR legend named Earnhardt.

"The Intimidator" would approve.

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NBA

ALL-STAR GAME

MVP James lifts his own team to a win

Game's new format boosts intensity for Team LeBron

BY GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — LeBron James scored 29 points and hit the go-ahead layup with 34.5 seconds to play, winning his third All-Star Game MVP award while his hand-picked team rallied to win an uncommonly entertaining showcase, beating Team Stephen 148-145 Sunday night.

For the first time in the 67 editions of the All-Star Game, the league abandoned the traditional East-West format used since 1951 and allowed team captains James and Stephen Curry to choose their own rosters. That twist turned a sometimes staid event into the world's richest pickup game.

On the final possession, James and Kevin Durant blanketed Curry, preventing the 3-point-shooting superstar from getting off a potential tying shot.

"I think myself and Stephen took it upon ourselves when we took on this format that we had to change the way this game was played," said James, who also had 10 rebounds and eight assists.

Team LeBron rallied from a double-digit deficit in the final minutes, tying it at 144-144 on James' 3-pointer with 1:31 to play.

DeMar DeRozan hit one free throw to put Team Steph ahead, but LeBron claimed the lead with his layup. DeRozan then made a turnover on an attempted pass to Giannis Antetokounmpo, and Russell Westbrook broke out for a layup with 10.7 seconds left.

Team Steph had one last chance, but Curry couldn't find enough space to launch a 3 between his fellow captain and Durant, his Warriors teammate.

Curry finished with 11 points on 4-for-14 shooting.



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MVP LeBron James goes for two of his 29 points Sunday in the All-Star Game.

Silver discusses playoff reseeding

BY TIM BONTEMPS
Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — For years, the idea of reforming the NBA playoffs to take the league's 16 best teams regardless of conference has been bandied about. At every turn, it's been dismissed as an impossibility.

That made it interesting to hear NBA Commissioner Adam Silver appear to raise the possibility of reseeding the playoffs in the future by continuing to take the top eight teams from each conference regardless of record, but then seed them from 1-16.

"When we get to the playoffs, should we be taking either the best 16 teams or even if we go eight from the West, eight from the East, seeding 1 through 16 going into the playoffs?" Silver asked at his annual All-Star Weekend news conference Saturday night at the Staples Center.

"And that is something that's gotten serious attention, not just recently, but over the last few years at the league office. I think the obstacle is travel, and it's not tradition in my mind, at least. Having said that, you also would like to have a format where your two best teams are ultimately going to meet in the Finals, and obviously, if it's the top team in the East and top team in the West, I'm not saying this is the case this year, but you could have a situation where the top two teams in the league are meeting in the conference finals or somewhere else."

The possibility of getting to that point would require clearing some significant obstacles. For starters, while Silver addressed the potential travel issue, the far bigger obstacle to making a significant change in the league's playoff format is that 20 of the league's 30 teams would be needed to vote for it. That fact has always been the biggest impediment to the league going to a 1-16 format.

That's why Silver's proposal, which he brought up completely on his own, could be a potential compromise, as it wouldn't see either conference lose playoff participants. The path to actually making it happen still seems littered with potholes.

Caught in 7-car crash, Patrick 'just sad that it ended that way'

BY MATT MURSCHER | Orlando Sentinel

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — There was no fairy-tale ending for Danica Patrick.

There was no checkered flag, no trip to Victory Lane and no Cinderella story in her final NASCAR race.

Instead, Patrick wound up a casual bystander after her No. 7 GoDaddy Chevrolet got caught up in a crash in Turn 3 halfway through the 200-lap race, ending her day prematurely.

Chase Elliott tried to block Brad Keselowski but instead, it turned into a seven-car accident that would wind up taking out Patrick.

"It was just a superspeedway accident," a disappointed Patrick said. "We weren't the fastest car out there, but the car was competitive and that's what's important.

"I'm just sad that it ended that way."

Patrick said she hopes she was able to deliver fun to all of the people who were out there watching her race.

"I love to fulfill the storybook, but we didn't get to do that today," she said.

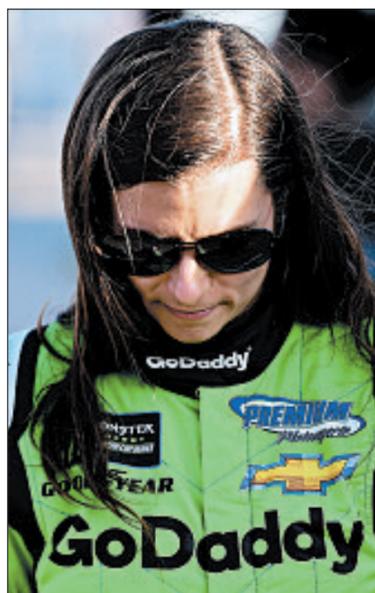
Patrick, 35, wraps up her time at Daytona with 12 career starts, and with her best finish at the Daytona 500 being eighth in 2013. Her average career finish at the track was 25th.

After five seasons at the NASCAR Cup series level, Patrick is calling it a career. She will wrap up her racing career in May with a run at the Indianapolis 500.

Patrick never won a NASCAR race and failed to have a top-5 finish. She did become the first woman to win a pole at a NASCAR race, at Daytona in 2013.

But she became a household name in a male-dominated sport. Her popularity helped push the sport along with drivers such as Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

"I hope they remember me as a great driver and that I was a woman and that it was really cool to watch and to be there for," she said.



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Danica Patrick walks away from the infield care center after a crash ended her day.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

“Every day growing up together, we were always there to support each other.”

— Charles Matthews about his relationship with his older brother, Dominique



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Michigan's Charles Matthews had to sit out last season after transferring from Kentucky. The Matthews brothers starred at St. Rita.

Bonded by basketball

Matthews, from Page 1

for the Flames (16-12, 11-4 Horizon League), who have won eight of their last nine entering Monday night's home game against Detroit Mercy.

“Every day growing up together, we were always there to support each other,” Charles said.

Being supportive also meant being competitive. Each credits a good portion of his success to being pushed by the other from a young age.

“The first memories are of playing ball in my grandmother's backyard,” Dominique said. “It wasn't the best rim. It didn't have any backboard. There were a lot of battles. If we didn't have a ball, we'd go inside the house, get a hanger and bend it and put it on a door, ball up some socks and shoot them.”

“We were just always playing ball. The arguments, fights, everything, it didn't do anything but make us better.”

The boys played in park district and YMCA leagues to occupy their after-school hours while their parents worked. They said they didn't take the sport seriously until high school.

Dominique was taller at the time than Charles, who is two years younger, and Charles struggled to beat him one on one.

“He would write up plays on paper trying to come up with ways to beat his older brother,” Nichole said.

Going into high school, Dominique wanted to go to Simeon and Charles wanted to go to Young. But their dad, Charles, wanted them in a stricter atmosphere.

Each bristled initially at the idea of an all-boys school.

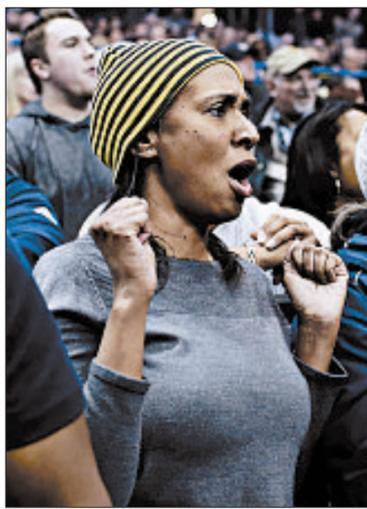
“It wasn't even a basketball decision,” Charles said. “It was just the social aspect. We grew up in public schools in elementary school, so a Catholic school was complete culture shock. We weren't as open to it. My dad said trust him on this one, and we did. We both wound up going to college for free.”

After they began to play together at St. Rita, they saw how it could work out.

“We would be up at home at night discussing how to win, talking about different strategies,” Dominique said. “A lot of our relationship is tied to the court. We know each other's games well. He knew what I could do and I knew what he could do. He would always see me in the corner. He knew where I was.”

They were still competitive with each other.

“In practices, for two years, I could



KRISTEN NORMAN/FOR THE TRIBUNE (NICHOLE); JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (DOMINIQUE)

Mother Nichole Matthews tries to cheer on her sons at every game. Dominique Matthews averages 9 points at UIC. He was the 2014 Catholic League player of the year.

never have them guard each other,” St. Rita coach Gary DeCesare said. “They're very, very competitive. To make life easier, I had them on the same (practice) team.”

The road to college success has taken a few twists for both.

While Dominique was ranked the No. 1 shooting guard in Illinois for the Class of 2014 by ESPN.com and was the Catholic League player of the year as a senior ahead of Law and his brother, he wasn't heavily recruited. So he spent a season at Victory Rock Preparatory School in Florida, then chose UIC over offers from Ole Miss, Southern Miss, Milwaukee and Toledo.

After averaging 9.7 points through nine games as a freshman, Dominique suffered a broken thumb and missed the rest of the season. He was granted a redshirt and made the Horizon League's all-freshman team last season, when he averaged 10.9 points, including 12.4 in conference play. After starting 12 of the first 14 games this season, he has been coming off the bench lately for the Flames, who are one game behind Horizon co-leaders Wright State and Northern Kentucky.

Charles, meanwhile, was ESPN's No. 42 player in the Class of 2015 after earning all-state honors and chose Kentucky over offers from Illinois, Kansas, Michigan State and Marquette. But he averaged only 1.7 points and 1.6 rebounds in limited minutes as a freshman. He had 40 offers when he announced his plans to transfer, Nichole said.



“It was a really difficult decision,” Charles said.

The family made a list and graded each school in categories such as location and academics. Michigan graded the highest.

While sitting out last season, per NCAA transfer rules, Charles approached his role on the scout team with a competitive mindset.

“Try to treat those like game situations in my mind,” he said. “I didn't want to go through the motions. I tried to make sure the group I was with was winning.”

“He brought a great attitude,” Michigan coach John Beilein said. “He wants us to get better. He wants to work really hard.”

“He's now trying to figure out, what does his game look like, how can he be more aggressive and play with better balance. I have high hopes he can emerge from Michigan as a really good combo guard.”

Nichole has the Amtrak schedule to Ann Arbor, Mich., nearly memorized and has been able to catch almost all of UIC's and St. Rita's home games. Sometimes Dominique and Charles will ask her to FaceTime from the other's game so they can watch live.

They usually find a text waiting from the other after games.

“For me to watch him on TV playing games, it puts a smile on my face,” Charles said. “We always have each other's backs.”

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ILLINOIS 72, NEBRASKA 66

Edge means ‘everything’ in Illini win

‘Emotion ... fight,’ Black's 28 help hold off Huskers, end skid

By SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

Clinging to a one-point lead with nine minutes left against Nebraska, Illinois players saw the ball pop loose, and they pounced.

Mark Smith, Greg Eboigbodin, Leron Black and Te'Jon Lucas all dived. Someone in the scramble managed to dish it to Trent Frazier, who missed a 3-pointer.

It was a big pileup with two Nebraska players fighting for the ball, and it didn't have the impact of a game-winning shot or a key free throw. But for Illini coach Brad Underwood, the play meant something.

“That's everything, everything, everything we have to be about,” he said. “That wasn't one guy on the floor. That wasn't two guys on the floor. That was three, four guys on the floor all fighting to win a game. They didn't care about a little burn on the floor. Didn't care about getting knocked. You haven't seen that often. I knew we were in great shape. That was selfless.”

Playing with an edge in front of a sellout State Farm Center crowd Sunday helped Illinois secure a 72-66 victory against Nebraska.

“We've been talking about it all week in practice, playing with emotion,” Frazier said. “We came out to fight every night like that, we'll win.”

The Illini (13-15, 3-12) snapped a four-game skid and without tournament hopes of their own — save a Big Ten tournament championship — they relished playing potential spoiler to the Cornhuskers (20-9, 11-5). Nebraska is fighting for a tournament bid, and this won't help.

Black was dominant, scoring a career-high 28 points on 11-of-18 shooting to go with seven rebounds. He scored 17 of the Illini's first 28 points and hit all three of his first-half 3-point attempts, helping them to a 43-36 halftime lead.

“I was able to knock down some 3s and that's really what got me going,” Black said. “My teammates were finding me.”

With 27.7 seconds left and Illinois leading 67-64, officials overturned a key out-of-bounds turnover after reviewing the play to give the ball back to Illinois.

Frazier was fouled and he made the first of two free throws to extend the Illini lead to 68-64.

The Illini hit five of their final six free throws to secure the victory and avenge a 64-63 last-second loss at Nebraska in January. The Cornhuskers made just one of their last nine shots.

Isaac Copeland led Nebraska with 17 points.

Illinois forward Kipper Nichols, who had 12 points and seven rebounds, fouled out with three minutes remaining. Forward Michael Finke missed his third straight game with a concussion.

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ROUNDUP

Loyola clinches share of MVC

Tribune news services

Marques Townes scored 22 points and Clayton Custer added four 3-pointers and 17 points as Loyola claimed at least a share of its first Missouri Valley Conference regular-season championship Sunday with a 76-66 road victory over Evansville.

Donte Ingram added 14 points for the Ramblers (23-5, 13-3), who have won five straight. Loyola claimed its first league title since 1986-87, when it shared the crown in the Midwestern City Conference — now the Horizon League — with Evansville.

Evansville (16-13, 6-10) led by one at halftime.

Seton Hall 82, DePaul 77: Desi Rodriguez scored a career-high 33 points and grabbed eight rebounds to hold off the Blue Demons (10-16, 3-11 Big East).

The host Pirates (18-9, 7-7) ended a four-game skid.

Top 25: Landry Shamut scored 19 points, and No. 19 Wichita State (21-5, 11-3 AAC) ended No. 5 Cincinnati's nation-best 39-game home-court winning streak with a 76-72 victory. ... Carsen Edwards scored 27 points to help No. 6 Purdue (24-5, 13-3 Big Ten) snap a season-worst three-game skid with a 76-73 victory over visiting Penn State. Boilermakers forward Vincent Edwards didn't play after spraining his left ankle during practice Saturday. ... Jordan Poole scored 12 of his 15 points in the first half to help No. 22 Michigan take the lead and never look back in a 74-62 home victory over No. 8 Ohio State. The Wolverines (22-7, 11-5 Big Ten) helped out rival Michigan State, giving the No. 2 Spartans a one-game lead atop the conference standings. ... Gary Trent Jr. hit three foul shots with 1:31 left to help lift No. 12 Duke (22-5, 10-4 ACC) to a 66-57 road win over No. 11 Clemson.

Kennedy done: Less than a week after announcing he would step down at the end of the season, Mississippi coach Andy Kennedy resigned effective immediately.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				PHI		@MIN	
				NBCSCH		WGN-9	
				AM-670		AM-670	
	LA		OTT		SJ	@CBI	
	7:30		7		7:30	6	
	WGN-9		NBCSCH		WGN-9	NBCSCH	
	AM-720		AM-720		AM-720	AM-720	

MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. Maryland at Northwestern FS1, WIND-AM 560

6 p.m. Miami at Notre Dame ESPN, WMVP-AM 1000

6 p.m. Howard at North Carolina Central ESPNU

8 p.m. Minnesota at Wisconsin FS1

8 p.m. Oklahoma at Kansas ESPN

8 p.m. Alcorn State at Alabama State ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5 p.m. Florida State at Duke ESPN2

7 p.m. Baylor at Texas ESPN2

9 p.m. UCLA at Oregon ESPN2

NHL

3 p.m. Bruins at Flames NHLN

7:30 p.m. Kings at Blackhawks WGN-9, NHLN, WGN-AM 720

WINTER OLYMPICS

6:10 a.m. Women's hockey semifinal: Canada vs. Olympic Athletes from Russia NBCSN

7 p.m. Bobsled, freestyle skiing, figure skating NBC-5

7 p.m. Figure skating NBCSN

9:10 p.m. Men's hockey playoff NBCSN

11:05 p.m. Freestyle skiing NBC-5

11:30 p.m. Men's curling: Canada vs. Japan NBCSN

1:40 a.m. Tue. Men's hockey playoff NBCSN

SOCCER

1:20 p.m. Bundesliga, Leipzig at Eintracht Frankfurt FS2

1:30 p.m. FA Cup, Manchester City at Wigan FS1

TENNIS

12:30 p.m. ATP Rio de Janeiro Tennis Channel

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP DAYTONA 500

Daytona International Speedway; Daytona Beach, Fla.; lap: 2.5 miles

FP	SP	DRIVER	M	LAP	PT
1	14	Austin Dillon	C	207	42
2	7	Darrell Wallace Jr.	C	207	39
3	2	Denny Hamlin	T	207	35
4	5	Joey Logano	F	207	41
5	21	Chris Buescher	F	207	32
6	16	Paul Menard	F	207	42
7	3	Ryan Blaney	F	207	48
8	13	Ryan Newman	C	207	29
9	22	Michael McDowell	F	207	39
10	24	Aric Almirola	C	207	27
11	37	Aric Almirola	C	206	37
12	29	Justin Marks	C	206	0
13	18	Trevor Bayne	F	206	28
14	39	David Gilliland	F	206	0
15	10	Clint Bowyer	F	206	22
16	19	Jimmie Murrays	F	205	21
17	1	Alex Bowman	C	205	29
18	24	Martin Truex Jr.	T	205	30
19	18	Kyle Larson	C	204	18
20	34	Gray Gaulding	T	204	17
21	27	Jeffrey Earnhardt	F	204	16
22	40	Mark Thompson	F	203	15
23	33	William Byron	C	203	14
24	30	D.J. Kennington	T	201	13
25	12	Kyle Busch	T	200	12
26	11	Kurt Busch	F	198	12
27	36	Matt DiBenedetto	F	198	10
28	25	Brendan Gaughan	F	198	9
29	19	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	F	197	15
30	15	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	F	197	17
31	6	Kevin Harvick	F	105	10
32	31	Brad Keselowski	F	102	5
33	3	Chase Elliott	C	101	7
34	26	Kasey Kahne	C	101	3
35	28	Danica Patrick	C	101	2

DAYTONA 500 RECENT CHAMPIONS

YR	DRIVER	MAKE	AVG	SP OWNER	POLE
2018	Austin Dillon	Chevrolet	150.551	14 Richard Childress	Alex Bowman
2017	Kurt Busch	Ford	143.187	8 Stewart-Haas	Chase Elliott
2016	Denny Hamlin	Ford	157.549	11 Joe Gibbs	Joey Logano
2015	Joey Logano	Ford	161.939	5 Penske	Jeff Gordon
2014	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	Chevrolet	145.290	9 Hendrick	Austin Dillon
2013	Jimmie Johnson	Chevrolet	159.250	9 Hendrick	Danica Patrick
2012	Matt Kenseth	Ford	140.256	4 Roush Fenway	Carl Edwards
2011	Trevor Bayne	Ford	130.226	3 Wood Brothers	Dale Earnhardt Jr.
2010	Jimmie Johnson	Chevrolet	137.284	13 Earnhardt-Ganassi	Mark Martin
2009	Matt Kenseth	Ford	132.816	39 Roush Fenway	Martin Truex Jr.
2008	Ryan Newman	Dodge	152.672	7 Penske	Jimmie Johnson
2007	Kevin Harvick	Chevrolet	149.335	14 Richard Childress	David Gilliland
2006	Jimmie Johnson	Chevrolet	142.734	9 Hendrick	Jeff Burton
2005	Jeff Gordon	Chevrolet	135.173	15 Hendrick	Dale Jarrett
2004	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	Chevrolet	156.345	3 Dale Earnhardt Inc.	Greg Biffle
2003	Michael Waltrip	Chevrolet	133.870	4 Dale Earnhardt Inc.	Jeff Green
2002	Ward Burton	Dodge	142.971	19 Bill Davis	Jimmie Johnson
2001	Michael Waltrip	Chevrolet	161.783	19 Dale Earnhardt Inc.	Bill Elliott
2000	Dale Jarrett	Ford	155.669	1 Robert Yates	Dale Jarrett
1999	Jeff Gordon	Chevrolet	161.551	1 Hendrick	Jeff Gordon
1998	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	Chevrolet	172.712	13 Richard Childress	Bobby Labonte
1997	Jeff Gordon	Chevrolet	148.295	6 Hendrick	Mike Skinner
1996	Dale Jarrett	Ford	154.308	7 Robert Yates Racing	Dale Earnhardt
1995	Sterling Marlin	Chevrolet	141.710	3 Morgan-McClure	Dale Jarrett
1994	Sterling Marlin	Chevrolet	156.931	4 Morgan-McClure	Loi Allen
1993	Dale Jarrett	Chevrolet	154.972	2 Joe Gibbs	Kyle Petty

GOLF

GENESIS OPEN

Nick Taylor 71-71-74-68 Cristle Kerr 71-72-71-69
 285 (+1) \$17,964 Tiffany Joh 73-71-69-70
 Paul Casey 73-71-73-68 284 (-4) \$16,933
 Austin Coles 72-71-71-72 Nico Larsen 72-74-68
 283 (-5) \$14,832 Chella Choi 69-73-70-72
 Brendan Steele 72-71-71-71 Nasa Hataoka 72-72-73-73
 286 (+2) \$16,437

CHUBB CLASSIC

Naples, Fla. Par: 72
 Matt Kuchar 71-71-73-71 \$14,832 M. Angel Jimenez 67-68-72
 Adam Schermer 72-71-70-73 201 (-15) \$98,560
 Adam Hadwin 70-71-66-56 287 (+3) \$15,696 Lee Janzen 66-67-64
 Kevin Na 68-70-67-69 277 (+9) \$14,832 Matt Kuchar 71-71-73-71 \$14,832
 Patrick Cantlay 69-69-69-71 Ryan Blum 71-70-72-74 Billy Mayfair 68-69-64
 Scott Stallings 71-68-68-68 288 (+4) \$14,832 Nico Larsen 72-74-68
 Matt Kuchar 73-71-69-69 283 (+9) \$14,832 Robert Rock 69-71-69-69
 Scott Stallings 71-68-68-68 288 (+4) \$14,832 Steve Stricker 68-63-70
 Ryan Moore 71-70-69-67 Kelly Kraft 71-72-73-73 202 (-14) \$57,600
 J. Schauffele 71-70-68-68 287 (+3) \$14,832 Scott McCarron 69-71-69-69
 Jordan Spieth 71-70-69-67 Ryan Armour 71-71-74-73 203 (-13) \$51,200
 Justin Thomas 69-71-67-70 P. Harrington 71-73-71-74 John Daly 68-68-67
 278 (-6) \$14,832 Sean O'Hair 71-72-73-73 204 (-12) \$44,800
 A. Baddeley 70-69-70-69 290 (+8) \$14,832 M. Angel Jimenez 67-68-72
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 D. Johnson 74-69-64-73 Greg Chalmers 72-69-75-75 Kevin Sturdivant 66-68-71
 Sung Kang 70-72-69-69 288 (+4) \$14,832 M. Southgate 65-70-69-75
 Alex Noren 279 (-5) \$14,832 C. Schwartzl 71-73-73-74
 Bud Cauley 70-72-69-70 292 (+8) \$13,996 T. Van Aswegen 70-72-75-74
 Kevin Chappell 69-71-70-71 292 (+8) \$13,996
 Taylor Gooch 70-72-70-70 293 (+9) \$14,832
 Jason Kokrak 68-72-69-67 287 (+3) \$14,832
 Ryan McIlroy 71-69-73-68 282 (+2) \$46,996
 Vaughn Taylor 72-70-68-71 LPGA ALUMNIST OPEN
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 C.R. Beitz 72-67-73-70 292 (+8) \$13,996
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 Luke List 72-71-69-70 281 (+1)
 Peter Uihlein 70-73-69-70 287 (+3)
 D. Bozzelli 67-75-69-71 284 (+4)
 Matt Kuchar 73-71-69-69 283 (+9)
 Anirban Lahiri 72-69-67-74 288 (+4)
 J. Lovemark 68-70-73-71 287 (+3)
 G. McDowell 69-66-70-77 276 (-10)
 R. Rodgers 68-68-72-69 282 (+2)
 Sam Saunders 67-69-72-74 283 (+1)
 Luke Donald 71-72-72-68 281 (+1)
 T. Fleetwood 70-72-70-70 281 (+1)
 Branden Grace 70-72-69-72 281 (+1)
 C. Howell III 74-70-69-70 284 (+4)
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 Jonas Bliedt (12) 71-68-74-64 A. Jutanajung 68-72-69-68
 B. DeChambeau 71-69-72-72 Emma Talley 68-69-76-69 Sam Brazeal 68-71-70-70
 Brandon Harkins 71-70-69-71 Sun Yeon Ryu 69-69-74-69
 C. Hoffman 65-69-69-71 Jiayi Shin 67-71-74-70 E. Molinari 73-71-67-70
 Troy Merritt 68-71-72-73 Sun Young Yoo 68-70-72-72 Andrea Pavan 70-72-70-69
 Pat Peirce 70-69-73 283 (+5) \$20,951 Andy Sullivan 67-73-73-70
 Kevin Streelman 72-70-69-73 283 (+5) \$20,951

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man United	23	3	1	79	20	70
Man City	17	5	5	51	19	56
Liverpool	16	6	6	53	28	54
Chelsea	16	5	6	49	23	53
Tottenham	15	7	5	42	24	52
Arsenal	13	6	8	51	36	45
Burnley	9	9	9	21	24	36
Everton	9	7	11	39	40	35
Bournemouth	8	7	12	31	46	31
Watford	8	6	13	37	40	30
West Ham	7	9	11	34	37	30
Newcastle	7	11	13	26	28	28
Brighton	6	10	12	32	36	28
Crystal Palace	6	9	12	25	42	27
Swansea	7	6	14	20	37	27
Huddersfield	7	6	14	23	47	27
Southampton	5	11	13	28	40	26
Stoke	6	7	14	27	53	25
West Brom	3	11	13	21	40	20

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston: Designated RHP Ben Taylor for assignment to Hartford (AHL).
Edwin Nunez on a two-year contract.
White Sox: Assigned RHP Dylan Covey outright to Charlotte (IL).
Minnesota: Placed RHP Michael Pineda on the 60-day DL.
Tampa: Traded RHP Jake Odorziel to Minnesota for SS Jermaine Palacios.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Los Angeles: Agreed to terms with 2B Chase Utley on a two-year contract.
Miami: Assigned RHP Severino Gonzalez outright to New Orleans (PCL). Agreed to terms with LF Eric Campbell on a minor league contract.
New York: Placed 3B T.J. Rivera on the 60-day DL. Agreed to terms with LHP Jason Vargas on a two-year contract.
Philadelphia: Agreed to terms with LHP Fernando Abad on a minor league contract.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

NY Rangers: Returned G Brandon Halverson outright to Hartford (AHL).
San Jose: Assigned RHP Ryan Murray to San Jose (AHL).
AHL: Suspended Rochester F Colin Blackwell two games.

LATEST LINE

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

at Notre Dame 4% Miami
 at Northwestern 1% Maryland
 at N. Kentucky 16% Youngstown St.
 at Wright St. 14% Cleveland St.
 at Ill.-Chicago 10% Detroit
 at Wisconsin 6% Minnesota
 at Kansas 8% Oklahoma
 Oakland at Iupui

NHL

Los Angeles -109 at Blackhawks -101
 Minnesota -116 at N.Y. Islanders +106
 at Buffalo Off Washington Off
 at Calgary Off Boston Off
 at Nashville -215 Ottawa +195
 at Vegas -170 Anaheim +158

TENNIS

ATP NEW YORK OPEN

Uniondale, N.Y.; hard-indoor
Championship \$568,450 (w/250)
Champion #1 Kevin Anderson, D.
 #2 Sam Querrey, 4-6, 3, 7-6 (1)

ATP ARGENTINA OPEN

Buenos Aires, Argentina; clay-outdoor
Purse: \$568,190 (w/250)
Champion #1 Dominic Thiem D.
 Aljaz Bedene, 6-2, 6-4

WTA QATAR TOTAL OPEN

Doha, Qatar; hard-outdoor
Purse: \$3.17 million (premier)
Champion #16 Petra Kvitova D.
 #4 Garbine Muguruza, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4

WTA QATAR TOTAL OPEN

SF at Doha, Qatar; hard-outdoor
Purse: \$3.17 million (premier)
 #16 Petra Kvitova D.
 #1 Caroline Wozniacki, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 7-5

NBA G LEAGUE

CENTRAL DIVISION

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB
Fort Wayne	21	15	.583	-
Grand Rapids	20	18	.526	2
Wisconsin	17	20	.459	4 1/2
WINDY CITY	16	20	.444	5
Canton	14	23	.378	7 1/2

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Delaware at Windy City, 10 a.m.
 Greensboro at Lakeland, 10 a.m.
 Oklahoma City at Canton, 6 p.m.
 Erie at Raptors 905, 6 p.m.
 Iowa at Westchester, 6 p.m.
 Northern Arizona at Memphis, 7 p.m.
 Austin at Texas, 7 p.m.
 Fort Wayne at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
 Salt Lake at Reno, 9 p.m.

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
Manitoba	32	13	4	3	71	180	127
Wolves	25	16	7	3	60	163	158
Las Vegas	24	15	4	3	63	171	153
Milwaukee	26	17	6	2	60	158	144
Wolverine	25	21	4	1	55	144	162
Rockford	25	22	3	3	56	162	166
Cleveland	17	27	4	3	41	124	167

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Arizona State at Arizona, 7 p.m.
 St. Louis at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Houston, 7 p.m.
 Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
 Detroit vs. NY Yankees in Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (SS) vs. in Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay (SS) in Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Boston in Ballymore, Md., 12:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. Toronto in Dunedin, Fla., 12:07 p.m.
 Atlanta vs. NY Mets in Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:15 p.m.
 Cactus League
Cubs vs. Milwaukee (ss) in Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
White Sox vs. LA Dodgers in Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
LA Angels vs. Oakland in Las Vegas, 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (ss) vs. San Francisco in Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland in Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Colorado in Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Seattle vs. San Diego in Peoria, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Arizona State at Arizona, 7 p.m.
 St. Louis at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Houston, 7 p.m.
 Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
 Detroit vs. NY Yankees in Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (SS) vs. in Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay (SS) in Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Boston in Ballymore, Md., 12:05 p.m.
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Cincinnati vs. Cleveland in Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Colorado in Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Seattle vs. San Diego in Peoria, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD: U.S. INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONVENTION CENTER; Albuquerque	WOMEN'S 1,500	WOMEN'S LONG JUMP	400:	MICHAEL CHERRY 45.53	MEN'S 3,000
at Albuquerque	Shelby Houlihan 4:13.07	Brittney Reese 22-7	Donavan Brazier 1:45.10	Paul Chelimo 7:57.88	
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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

U.S. PROSPECTS

Prestige sliding downhill

Expected to finish near top of medals table, Americans falling well short of goals

BY TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — It was, perhaps, the defining moment for the U.S. team at this Olympics.

Not Shaun White blitzing the halfpipe in a final run to win gold, a victory that came with some baggage by itself.

And not Chloe Kim delighting fans from two countries when she won her halfpipe title.

No, it came Friday when, within 20 seconds of each other, Nathan Chen skated his way out of medal contention and Mikaela Shiffrin faltered in the slalom she had been expected to ski away with.

And with it went any chance the U.S. had of redeeming itself in what is shaping up as a frustrating Olympics for an American team that had hopes of ending up near the top of the medal table.

The biggest team in the Olympics, with 241 athletes, has been a flop so far, winning so few medals that you can count them on both hands. Take away the new wave of snowboarding events, and you can count them on one hand.

But if those waving the red, white and blue want a statistic that really stuns, consider this one:

Norway, a nation of 5.3 million people, is leading the race with 25 medals so far, or one for every 212,000 Norwegians.

The U.S., a nation of some 320 million people, has 10 medals, or one for every 32 million Americans.

It could be worse. Russia, which won the medal count in Sochi four years ago, is still waiting for its first gold medal. But at least the Russians, who are not an official team here, have an excuse because some of their best athletes from Sochi were banned from these Games for doping violations. But even the partial Russian team has 10 medals overall, same as the Americans.

The U.S. runs an extensive winter training program with millions of dollars spent every year to train top athletes just for this occasion. The U.S. Olympic Committee took in more than \$300 million in 2016 alone, with a big chunk of that used to train elite athletes.

That's a lot of money with very little to show for it. At the end of Sunday's competition, American athletes were fifth on the medals list.



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Young American Nathan Chen falls while performing during his disastrous short program — though he rebounded well in the free skate.

Take away the new sports added to the Olympics since 1992, and the U.S. would have a grand total of two medals.

The Associated Press had projected the U.S. to have 20 medals at this point, and Team USA has averaged 30 medals total over the last three Winter Olympics.

With the dismal performance have come dismal ratings for NBC, which paid \$963 million for the Games, up from \$775 million for Sochi.

While the Olympics still win the prime-time battle in the U.S., the total audience tuning in was down 16 percent Thursday night, with the viewership on NBC alone down 29 percent.

What should be more concerning to the network — and U.S. officials — is the lack of star power emerging in South Korea.

Shiffrin delivered gold in her first race but stumbled in the slalom and will have to rebound in the combined or, if she enters,

the downhill if she is going to become a multiple medalist in these Games.

White, meanwhile, may be in his last Olympics and was tarnished by reports of a civil sexual harassment suit against him.

U.S. teenagers have a lot of potential. Kim dominated in the halfpipe and could be a favorite in future Olympics, as could fellow 17-year-old Red Gerard, who won gold in men's snowboard slopestyle.

Teen figure skaters Nathan Chen and Vincent Zhou finished fifth and sixth, but they were the biggest jumpers in the competition and could be back with more experience.

At the other end of the experience spectrum, former gold medalists Lindsey Vonn and Ted Ligety have so far failed to deliver.

Add the lackluster performance of the U.S. hockey team — which must win an elimination game against Slovakia just to

get into the quarterfinals — and the absence of any medals in (non-short-track) speedskating, and there's not a lot to cheer about.

The Games could still be salvaged somewhat by some of the stars with more events left. Shiffrin has an outside shot at two golds in the combined and downhill, though she has yet to commit to run the latter. Vonn is one of the favorites in the downhill. There's a new Big Air event in which Americans should be competitive, and there may be a medal or two left in some of the outlying sports.

But the days when Eric Heiden could win five speedskating golds or American figure skaters could dominate appear over. Hard to believe, but the last medal for a U.S. woman figure skater was the silver Sasha Cohen won in Turin 12 years ago.

The rest of the world has caught up. That's little excuse, though, for what has been so far a flop of Olympic proportions.



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Bronze-medal Russian curler Aleksandr Krushelnitskiy tested positive for meldonium.

DOPING

Can you say 'bad optics'?
Russian fails doping test

BY MARK ZEIGLER
San Diego Union-Tribune

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Just what Russia needs: a doping positive.

A Russian athlete — a curler, of all people — tested positive for the banned substance meldonium, best known for fetching a 15-month ban for Russian tennis star Maria Sharapova in 2016.

Russian Olympic officials disclosed they had been informed of a positive test but said the B sample had yet to be tested to confirm the findings.

Other reports identified the athlete as Aleksandr Krushelnitskiy, who won a bronze medal last week in the mixed curling competition with his wife.

"Meldonium in the doping test? I'm not aware of all this," Krushelnitskiy said in Russian in a story published by the Russian news outlet RIA Novosti.

If true, the headlines won't look good — "Russian tests positive at Olympics" — in light of the allegations of widespread state-sponsored doping at the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi.

That resulted in a diluted team of 168 athletes being invited to Pyeongchang to compete under a neutral flag as "Olympic Athletes from Russia" after supposedly being vetted for any doping suspicion.

The Russian flag was not present at the opening ceremony, but the International Olympic Committee had left open the possibility of it returning for the closing ceremony if the Russians behaved.

The circumstances of the doping offense, though, may provide some mitigation, being a substance of debatable performance enhancement in a sport where it would appear to do little good.

Meldonium was developed by Soviet scientists in the 1970s to treat coronary disease in arteries by expanding them and thus increasing blood flow.

It is primarily used in Eastern Europe and was not on the radar of anti-doping officials until they realized huge numbers of Russian athletes were using it. According to one 2015 study of tests from more than 4,000 Russian athletes, 17 percent had chemical traces of it in their urine.

The World Anti-Doping Agency put it on its monitoring list in 2015 and formally banned it in January 2016. Two months later, Sharapova confirmed she had tested positive for meldonium, admitting she had taken it for 10 years to treat various ailments and claiming she didn't know it was a prohibited substance.

This is believed to be the first meldonium positive in curling, which rarely if ever has brushes with the doping police.

ROUNDUP

Hirscher takes giant slalom;
defending champ Ligety fades

News services

After winning the Alpine combined last week, Austrian star Marcel Hirscher took the Olympic giant slalom Sunday — and has a good shot at one more gold medal.

Hirscher's 1.27-second giant slalom victory over Norway's Henrik Kristoffersen was the largest margin in the Olympics in 50 years. And Hirscher still has the slalom — his best event — to come.

"At the moment, I'm pumped!" Hirscher said. "I had no choice. I knew I had to give 100 percent and I had to go into this battle." American Ted Ligety, the 2014 Olympic champion, was 15th with a time of 2:21.25.

"Today was just a really off day," Ligety said. "A really bad day and time to not ski up to the level I wanted to. Nothing to blame but myself. Just didn't have the speed and the legs today, I guess."

Ligety, 33, said he was unsure if he would try to make the 2022 Olympic team.

Back in the pack: Four years ago, the American men swept the Olympic medals in slopestyle skiing. But injuries and some new faces have leveled the field.

"There are so many countries so competitive and so good in slopestyle," said defending silver medalist Gus Kenworthy, who finished last among the 12 finalists Sunday.

The international talent showed up as Oystein Braaten of Norway won the gold medal and Alex Beaulieu-Marchand of Canada took the bronze. The lone U.S. representative on the podium was Nick Goepper, who needed a dazzling final run to secure the silver medal.

At the very least, Goepper achieved his goal to improve on the bronze he won at the 2014 Sochi Games.

Joss Christensen, the 2014 gold medalist, didn't even make the team as he recovered from knee surgery. Kenworthy broke his thumb last week. And defending world champion McRae Williams and Alex Hall failed to get out of qualifying.

A new job: Adam Rippon, who finished 10th in figure skating, changed his mind and will not join NBC as a correspondent for the rest of the Olympics.

Rippon said he was "flattered" with the offer but said he "would have to leave the Olympic team ... and I really feel like I need to be there for them during their events."

Also: In a dramatic photo finish in the biathlon 15-kilometer mass start, Frenchman Martin Fourcade edged Simon Schempp of Germany to win his second gold medal of the Games. ... Japan's Nao



DIMITAR DILKOFF/GETTY-AFP

Austria's Marcel Hirscher, who'd already won the combined, tells everyone who's No. 1 after winning the giant slalom.

BY THE NUMBERS

MEDAL COUNT	G	S	B	TOT
Norway	9	9	8	26
Germany	9	5	4	18
Canada	5	6	16	27
Netherlands	6	5	13	24
OA Russia	0	3	11	14
U.S.	5	3	2	10
Austria	4	2	10	16
France	4	2	10	16
Japan	2	5	10	17
Sweden	4	3	7	14
Switzerland	2	4	1	7
South Korea	1	2	6	9
Italy	1	3	6	10
Czech Republic	1	2	3	6
China	0	5	1	6
Britain	1	0	4	5
Slovakia	1	2	3	6
Australia	0	2	3	5
Finland	0	0	3	3
Belarus	1	1	0	2
Spain	0	2	2	4
Poland	1	0	1	2
Ukraine	1	0	1	2
Slovenia	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1
Liechtenstein	0	0	1	1

NOTE: through 61 medal events

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
ALPINE SKI Men's Giant Slalom
G Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 2:18.04
S Henrik Kristoffersen, Norway, 2:19.31
B Alexis Pinturault, France, 2:19.35
11. Ryan Cochran-Siegle, U.S., 2:20.74
15. Ted Ligety, U.S., 2:21.25
20. Tommy Ford, U.S., 2:21.63
NR. Tim Jitloff, U.S., DNF first run.
CROSS-COUNTRY SKI A10 Relay
G Norway, 1:33:04.95 OA Russia, 1:33:43.3
B France, 1:44:41.8; Finland, 1:34:45.4
14. U.S. (Andrew Newell, Noah Hoffman, Reese Hanneman, Scott Patterson), 1:42:29.1

BIATHLON Men 15km Mass Start
G Martin Fourcade, Fra., 35:47.3 (2)
S Simon Schempp, Ger., 35:47.3 (1)
B Emil H. Svendsen, Nor., 35:58.5 (2)
FREESTYLE SKI Men's Aerials
G Olek Abramenko, Ukraine, 128.51
S Jia Zongyong, China, 128.05
B Ilya Burov, OA Russia, 122.17
Men's Slopestyle
G Oystein Bratten, Norway, 95.00
S Nick Goepper, U.S., 93.60
B Alex B Marchand, Canada, 92.40
12. Gus Kenworthy, U.S., 35.00
SPEEDSKATING Women's 500
G Nao Kodaira, Japan, 36.94
S Lee Sang-Hwa, S. Korea, 37.33
B Karolina Erbanova, Cz. Rep., 37.34
S Brittany Bowe, U.S., 37.530
11. Heather Bergsma, U.S., 38.13
24. Erin Jackson, U.S., 39.20
MEN'S CURLING
Norway 10, Denmark 8; Japan 8, U.S. 2
Norway 8, U.S. 5
WOMEN'S CURLING
Sweden 8, Switzerland 6
Canada 10, Britain 8
S. Korea 12, China 5
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Germany 2, Norway 1, SO
Cz. Republic 4, Switzerland 1
Canada 4, S. Korea 0
Sweden 3, Finland 1
Women: Switz, 2, Korea 0
Japan 2, Finland 1, OT

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
FIGURE SKATING
Ice Dance Free Skate
FREESTYLE SKIING
Women's Halfpipe Finals
ICE HOCKEY
Women's semifinals
Canada 4, OA Russia
SKI JUMPING
Team Event Large Hill
SPEEDSKATING
Men's 500

Kodaira took the women's 500-meter speedskating title in an Olympic record of 36.94 seconds, the first woman to race under 37 seconds at sea level. Brittany Bowe of the U.S. was fifth. ... Norway won its fifth cross-country skiing gold of the Games, taking the men's 4-by-10-kilometer relay. ... Oleksandr Abramenko won the men's aerials, giving Ukraine just its third gold ever at the Winter Games.

2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

MEN'S HOCKEY

Granato totally sold on Chelios

Coach ecstatic with 'warrior' as his assistant for Olympics

BY MARK ZEIGLER
San Diego Union-Tribune

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Chris Chelios was on the U.S. bench Saturday for its Olympic hockey game against the Russians. He was stuffed into a dark blue suit with a pressed shirt and tie. He looked uncomfortable and out of place.

In the suit, not the Olympics. No American has been part of more of these five-ring adventures than Chelios. He was on the 1984 team when they still took college kids, then captained the 1998, 2002 and 2006 teams with NHL players. Now he's an assistant coach on Tony Granato's staff.

Chelios admits he doesn't "like to be told what to do" because of "the stubbornness in me," but Granato has known him for 35 years and knows enough to get out of his way.

Chelios handles the defense and penalty kill, and the ragtag U.S. team — which next faces Slovakia on Monday night (U.S. time) for a spot in the quarterfinals — successfully killed 17 minutes, 30 seconds of penalties until Russia scored late in the second period Saturday.

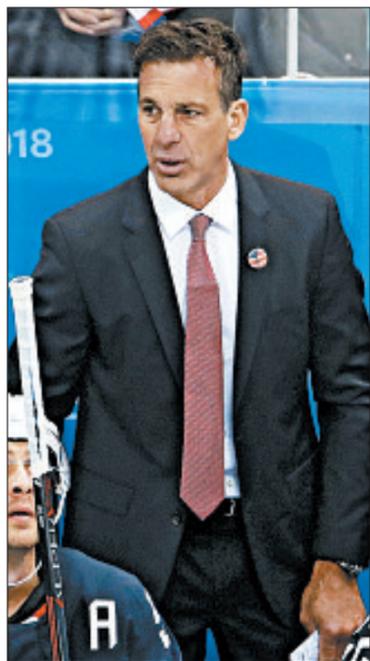
That Chelios is here, that he is wearing a USA jacket and cap in practice, that he is still part of the national program, is a testament to his value and repute. Because few others could have survived what happened in 1998 in Nagano, Japan.

Under the captaincy of Chelios, several U.S. players drunkenly trashed their Olympic Village rooms and were spirited out of the country. The episode ranked as arguably the most embarrassing in U.S. Olympic history until Ryan Lochte relieved them of that distinction in Rio two summers ago.

Chelios has refused to disclose who was responsible. It may not have endeared him to the public or to NHL executives bent on identifying the perpetrators. But it endeared him to fellow players and coaches, and there he was in Salt Lake City in 2002 as captain. And again in 2006 in Turin, Italy.

"He's a warrior, he's an American hero, he's been a tremendous leader for our program, a tremendous player and ambassador," Granato said of the man considered by many as the greatest U.S.-born hockey player. "There was no hesitation whether Chris Chelios would be on our staff. He was going to be on our staff."

"It speaks to his character. Anyone who has ever played with or been around Chris Chelios wants him on his team, and we're fortunate enough to have him on our side."

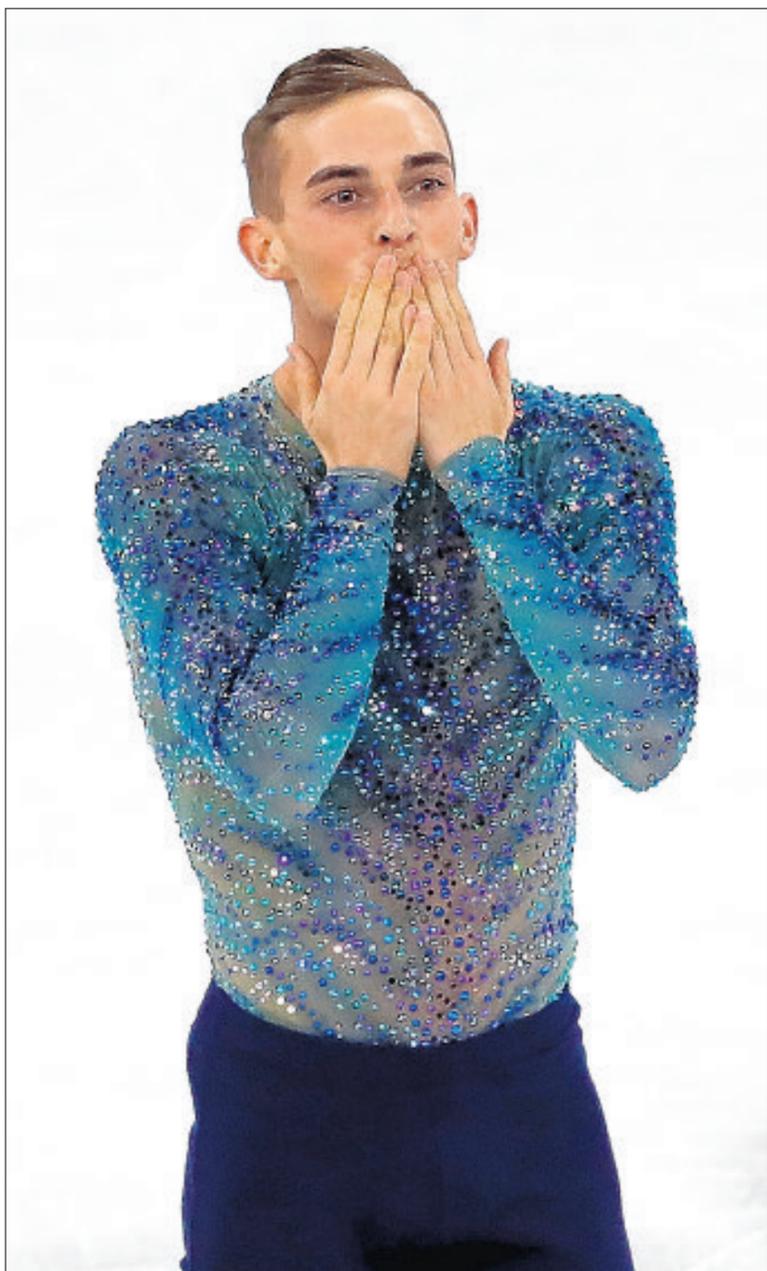


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Chris Chelios now wears a suit, not a jersey, as the U.S. assistant coach.

WHAT TO WATCH MONDAY

The struggling U.S. men's hockey team faces elimination against Slovakia. Maddie Bowman tries to defend her 2014 gold medal in freestyle skiing halfpipe. The gold medal will be awarded in ice dancing. **TV listings, Page 8**



DEAN MOUHARPOULOS/GETTY

Adam Rippon's engaging style and competent skating make him an Olympic winner.

Figure skaters pick up 2 W's

Weather, announcers, Russians also among winners, losers

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL, TIM BANNON AND PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

Just over halfway through the Olympics, there are so many wonderful and so many confounding moments. Let's review.

Winner: Weather radars. NBC-5 keeps telling viewers it has two radars, which, apparently like the blades in disposable razor ads, is better than one. Which station will be the first to boast of having three radars or maybe a rotating head?

Loser: Acronyms. In a clumsy solution to allow some Russian athletes to compete even though the Russian nation was banned from the Games for doping, the International Olympic Committee devised a new entity: "Olympic Athletes from Russia." And now we're all fumbling over that absurd euphemism. They're Russians, so let's call them Russians.

Winner: Yuzuru Hanyu. The Japanese figure skater became the first men's Olympic champion to repeat since Dick Button in 1948 and '52. Then he did something even more stirring, inviting his fellow medalists — Shoma Uno of Japan and Javier Fernandez of Spain — to join him on the top step of the podium and put his arms around them. Talk about grace.

Loser: Dan Hicks. NBC's skiing announcer declared Austria's Anna Veith winner of the super-G as NBC cut away from live coverage to join figure skating. "I just about can't believe it!" Hicks said, correctly. Ester Ledecka, a Czech snowboarder thought to have little chance in the ski event, won by 1/100th of a second — using America Mikaela Shiffrin's skis.

Winner: Leigh Diffey. How do you make skeleton, luge and bobsled — arguably the least interesting and least athletic Olympics sports — compelling? You hire Diffey, the ebullient Australian announcer most famous for calling Formula One and IndyCar racing. Is he available to finish out the Bulls and Blackhawks seasons?

Winner: Adam Rippon. Every time this U.S. figure skater was on television, whether skating or being interviewed, he made things more interesting. This isn't the last time he'll be on TV.

Loser: The weather. The weather has been knocking down skiers; blowing over fences, tents and other objects; forcing park closures; and basically freezing everyone's quivers off. According to a Reuters report, Pyeongchang is likely to be the coldest Winter Olympics since 1994 in Lillehammer, Norway.

Winner: Chloe Kim. The 17-year-old snowboard star who won gold in the halfpipe is exceptionally well-positioned to cash in on her victory. Not only has the public found her endearing, her rep at Creative Artists Agency and her father have timed her endorsement deals to expire this year so she can have a say in her choices once she turns 18. Her birthday is April 23.

Winner: Vladimir Putin. The IOC set out to punish Putin's country for its PED chicanery four years ago by banning Russia this time around. The IOC, however, allowed competitors from there to compete. Through Sunday, the Russians had one more medal than Team USA. Not bad for a country that isn't there. Some punishment.

Winner: Nick Goepper. For the slopestyle skier, winning silver isn't just an athletic achievement, it's personal validation after overcoming alcoholism, depression and suicidal thoughts. "We did it baby! Different color this time!" Goepper tweeted, referring to his 2014 bronze.

Loser: Britain's women curlers. It's always tough when you're victim to a costly penalty. In this case a red-light sensor voided Eve Muirhead's final stone for not releasing it before it touched the red line. It's even worse when a video replay seems to vindicate you. On the bright side, at least viewers became acquainted with the term "hogged rock."

Associated Press contributed

HOME TEAM

Tracking local Olympians competing in Pyeongchang



Seun Adigun
Bobsled/Chicago area

Adigun will represent Nigeria on the country's first-ever bobsled team. She was born in Chicago and attended Evanston High School and then Home-wood-Flossmoor, where she ran track and played basketball.

Next: Bobsled, Tuesday



Aja Evans
Bobsled/Chicago

Evans is the brakeman for driver Jamie Greubel Poser. The pairing won bronze at the 2014 Olympics. The 2006 Morgan Park graduate won 10 state medals in track and field and sprinted and threw the shot at UNLV and Illinois.

Next: Bobsled, Tuesday



Bradie Tennell
Figure skating/Carpentersville

Tennell, who was born in Winfield and is now living in Carpentersville, skated a nearly perfect free skate at the U.S. championships, earning her first national crown and punching her ticket to Pyeongchang. She helped the United States earn a bronze medal in the team competition.

Next: Women's short program, Tuesday



Brian Hansen
Speedskating/Glenview

A Glenview resident and 2009 Glenbrook South graduate, Hansen, 27, finished seventh in the 1,500 meters at the 2014 Games and has a silver medal from the team pursuit in the 2010 Olympics. As part of Team USA, he finished last in the team pursuit Sunday.

Next: Mass start, Saturday



Emery Lehman
Speedskating/Oak Park

When he qualified for the 2014 Olympics, Lehman was a senior at Oak Park High School. He finished 10th in the 10,000 meters and 16th in the 5,000 meters in Sochi. As part of Team USA, he took last in the team pursuit Sunday.

Next: Mass start, Saturday

MEDAL WINNERS

- **Bronze:** Alexa Scimeca Knierim (Addison) for team figure skating
- **Bronze:** Bradie Tennell (Carpentersville) for team figure skating

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Twins Phil and Steve Mahre, right, finished first and second in the slalom at the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo. Then they both retired from competitive skiing weeks later.

No slowing Mahre twins

To this day, gold, silver slalom winners at '84 Games make 'retirement' really count

BY SCOTT HANSON
Seattle Times

SEATTLE — If it had been a script, Hollywood certainly would have turned it down.

Twin brothers finishing 1-2 in an Olympic skiing event, one hour after the gold-medal winner's wife delivered the couple's first son a continent away?

It would have seemed far too implausible and too perfect.

But 34 years ago in Sarajevo, that's what happened to twin brothers who grew up at Washington's White Pass, where their father managed the ski resort.

Phil Mahre, who was unquestionably the greatest men's skier in American history at the time, capped his brilliant career by winning the gold medal in slalom skiing.

Steve, who at the time was the second-greatest skier from the U.S., held on for second place. And after his victory, Phil learned during a TV interview that his wife had given birth to their son that day.

No American man has won a slalom medal since that day, and it would be a huge shock if the U.S. gets one Thursday in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

The Mahre brothers, now 60, have continued to succeed since capping their careers with that 1-2 finish, then retiring weeks later. They raised families, raced cars, started a ski-training center and recently started a home-construction company.

They continue to live in the Yakima area, two stars who never acted like it.

"I was well grounded and had eight other brothers and sisters to keep me in line, bring me back to earth if I ever did get a big head," Phil said. "We were just two individuals that happened to ski race. A lot of people, the sport defines who they are. Skiing never defined who Steve and I were. We were just two guys who just happened to ski and be successful at it."

The Mahre brothers are always together, just like they were on the podium in Sarajevo.

They were the fifth and sixth kids of David and Mary Mahre, with Phil born four minutes before Steve.

"We were inseparable," Phil said. "To this day we still are. We just have a certain bond that we don't have with any of our other siblings."

Didn't you guys ever fight growing up?

"We had one really good one, when we were somewhere between 10 and 13," Steve said. "We

got into it pretty good in the bedroom, and our oldest sister opened the door, and we stopped long enough to yell at her to get out. So she shut the door and we went back at it. I got a good shot in and I made him cry, and it made me cry that I made him cry."

"That was the last time we got into fisticuffs. All it proved was that I got a good punch in before he did."

Growing up next to a ski resort, and the son of a famed mountain climber, it was inevitable that they would be skiers. But even as kids, it wasn't the only thing they did. Among other things, they played on the Naches High School football team.

"I played middle linebacker at 125 pounds, so I wasn't going to go play college ball," Phil said. "But I loved to put the hurt on people. I liked defense more than offense."

For Phil Mahre, that incredible day in Sarajevo wasn't perfect. It came at a price. In winning that gold, he overtook Steve, who made a couple of mistakes in his second run after dominating the first. And if you understand the relationship the two have, it's easy to see why Phil has a bit of regret.

"When he won, I won, you know," Phil said. "If it was anyone else, I'd have cared less. But him, that was tough. If there was one race in our career that he should have won, it was that one. Unfortunately it wasn't, and because of it I kind of always had the upper hand on him."

"If he'd have won that race it would have been, Phil won the World Cup and Steve won the Olympics. I wanted him to win. I was so mad after that second run, but losing to him was a lot better than losing to somebody else from another nation."

Steve anticipated the question about him faltering a couple of words in.

"You had to mention that, didn't you?" he said, giving a bit of a laugh.

But while Phil's joy was muted by his brother's loss, Steve took solace that it was Phil who had won.

"We had a saying: Keep it in the family," Steve said. "If I didn't win, I wanted him to win. I was so mad after that second run, but losing to him was a lot better than losing to somebody else from another nation."

And now, after all these years, that day is one of the highlights for both brothers, with Steve earning his only Olympic medal.

"We'd finished 1-2 in other international races in the World Cup over the years, but to have it happen on that day — the Olympics only come around every four years and medals are hard to come by — is definitely a highlight, and one I'll never forget," Steve said.

The Mahre brothers began skiing at age 6 and racing at 8. As they moved up each level of competition in the U.S., the twins dominated. At age 15, Phil was moved up to the national team; Steve joined him when he was 16.

Despite injuries along the way, Phil finished with three World Cup titles, still the most by an American men's skier. His 27 World Cup victories were second all-time when he retired. He still ranks No. 11 on the all-time men's list. Steve won nine World Cups, second only to Phil among American men when he retired.

Had there been no Phil, Steve's accomplishments would have made him the top American men's skier of all time when he finished. But Steve said that without Phil, he might not have reached the heights he did.

"If Phil wasn't there, I don't know if I would have been pushed to win. A lot of times we would go to race and we would be three or four seconds ahead of everyone else. Had he not been there, maybe I wouldn't have pushed as hard to win, because I would have been winning so easily."

Phil first made a name for himself outside skiing circles in the 1976 Olympics, when he finished fifth in the giant slalom at age 18. The following year, he was second in the World Cup standings, then third in 1979 despite suffering a serious injury in March that year. He broke the tibia in his left leg and the joint where it joins the ankle.

"It was a very serious injury," he said. "Most doctors didn't give me a chance of ever being competitive again."

But there he was at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., and if not 100 percent, he was good enough to win the silver medal in the slalom. Steve, meanwhile, was 15th in the giant slalom.

And after finishing the World Cup season early that year, the Mahres thought they were done with international skiing.

"I took six months off and didn't do anything, really, as far as skiing is concerned," Phil said. "I was really kind of burned out on the sport. It's not a very glamorous life. You spend about nine months of your year on the road, living out of a suitcase, never in one place more than four or five days at a time. It wears on a guy, and I had other things going on in my life that I loved to do. There's gotta be more to life than just going around

that blue and red plastic pole."

But as late September rolled around, the brothers got the itch again. They returned to World Cup skiing, taking long breaks after each season. It turned out to be the perfect formula for success. Phil won three consecutive World Cup titles from 1981-83, still the most by an American skier. Steve was fourth and third in 1981 and 1982, by far his best finishes.

"After taking six months off and giving it another shot, I had the best four years of my career, so I made the right decision," Phil said. As did Steve.

But after both took home medals in Sarajevo, this time they were really done with World Cup skiing.

There has never been a regret. "A lot of people struggle with retirement," Phil said. "I couldn't have cared less. I could have walked away from skiing any time I wanted and it wouldn't have bothered me one way or the other because it didn't define me."

The Mahre brothers found a new competitive outlet in auto racing, went to driver school and found success in endurance races, competing at the highest levels.

In 1988 and 1992 they competed in the 24 Hours of Daytona, and they still compete in lower-level endurance races in Washington and Oregon.

They also did some dirt-bike racing, and Phil even made a short-lived skiing comeback at age 49, finding success while trying to qualify for the U.S. national championships. He might well have done it had he not suffered a knee injury that ended the return.

The brothers also stay busy with business interests. They have run the Mahre Training Center since 1985, doing ski camps and corporate outings out of Deer Valley, Utah.

And then, when Steve's son Andy, who was working in the ski business, was out of a job when K2 was sold last year, he talked to his dad about helping frame houses.

"I said, 'Why don't you call Uncle Phil, too?'" Steve said. "So we formed an LLC, Mahre Construction."

This last year, the Mahres framed four houses, and "we did the siding and put the windows in on two of them," Steve said. Phil is taking a bit of time off after recent knee surgery, but Steve is staying busy and says his son gets nervous seeing his dad on roofs at age 60. But Steve has a quick retort.

"I say, 'Hey Andy, I'm enjoying it, so don't worry about it,'" Steve said. "I'm thinking do this for seven or eight years with him."

Phil and Holly ended up having three kids and four grandkids. Steve has two children and two grandchildren. Among their favorite things is helping teach their

grandchildren to ski.

Phil estimates he is on the slopes 70 to 80 days a year, about 80 percent of that time working with their ski school and rest of the time with the grandkids and to have fun.

For Steve, watching his 10-year-old grandson on the slopes is great fun while also hard on the nerves.

"It puts you back into that time when you were that age and having fun doing it," Steve said. "You yell at them to slow down, get under control, and then you go, 'That's just what I was doing at their age.' I survived, but you still want them to behave well on the hill, but I guess I didn't behave so well on the hill when we were kids."

The Mahre brothers still enjoy watching Olympic skiing, even if their reserved style after victories is no longer in style.

"I was in a sport for the love of the sport," Phil said. "It's changed so much from what it was back then, with all the social media. When somebody's done competing, it's out, everybody knows, and usually that person's on Instagram bumping their chest or whatever. It used to be the sport that was revered. Now it's all about the personalities, it's not about the sport anymore."

The sport has changed as well, Steve said, with better equipment and the snow being harder.

"You know the memories of being there, but the racing is quite a bit different now," Steve said. "Guys are on 165- to 170-centimeter skis, and we were on 204 to 205, and it's just a different animal. So you watch what the guys are doing and you're in awe of it. If I were on their skis and tried to make slalom turns like they do, there would be no way in heck. Just blown away by what they can do on them."

Thirty-four years ago, the field was blown away by the Mahre brothers. The 1-2 finish in the slalom cemented their legacies in skiing history. Phil had an Olympic gold to complement his great career, and Steve would now end his illustrious career with an Olympic medal as well.

A dream come true? Not exactly.

For the Mahre brothers, it was never just about that.

"Our initial dream was just to go to the Olympics and represent the country," Phil said. "Medals never meant that much; you just go out and compete. I never said, 'I have to win a gold medal.' That was never my goal. My goal was just to go out and compete to the best of my ability, and if that meant winning a gold medal, great. But whether or not I won a gold medal in the Olympic Games, the sun was going to come up the next day regardless."

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In his 15th NBA season, LeBron James played in his 14th All-Star Game on Sunday in Los Angeles. Many think it's possible James returns to Los Angeles next season with the Lakers.

Another decision looms

Even at 33, James' impending free agency during offseason already hottest of hot topics in NBA

BY TANIA GANGULI | Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Dirk Nowitzki was fast asleep, across an ocean and past four countries, when his phone came to life with the news the rest of the NBA anticipated in July of 2010. The key that unlocked all the rest of free agency had finally been turned. LeBron James made a decision.

Nowitzki's phone wouldn't be ignored. So he woke up to the incessant buzzing around 3:30 a.m. in Germany and checked his messages. James was headed to Miami. "It just came a little bit out of nowhere," Nowitzki said.

Nowitzki was a free agent that summer, but by the time James' ESPN special aired to announce his move, Nowitzki had already re-signed with the Mavericks, the team with which he has spent his entire career.

Nowitzki was curious then, and he's curious now about what James will do this summer.

"I mean I guess everybody is. Every team that has cap space has a little LeBron hope." With that hope turns the future of the NBA's story.

James, now in his 15th season, still rules the NBA. Sunday he played in his 14th NBA All-Star Game, this one at Staples Center. The mere thought of his free agency causes teams to salivate and covet salary-cap space. The question of where he is headed, if he is headed somewhere, dominates the NBA landscape.

"Even if you don't like it, you gotta respect what he's doing because of the fact that he's doing it like it is a business and he's keeping all his options open," said Byron Scott, who officially became the Cavaliers' coach the day James became a free agent in 2010. "He's making sure he is holding the NBA, the teams, pretty much everybody hostage."

Whether the Lakers actually have a chance at James this summer or next summer is unclear. There is a sentiment in some circles, both inside the Lakers organization and around the NBA, that the Lakers' young talent might need more time to mature before they can fully take advantage of the addition of a star like James.

But the Lakers have spent the last year preparing for the opportunity to try, and this year's trade deadline quickly became a day that was very much about James.

The Lakers haven't had a superstar since

Kobe Bryant retired in 2016. They haven't had a superstar who could change the direction of the franchise for a few years before even that.

With the knowledge that James could become available this summer, president of basketball operations Magic Johnson and general manager Rob Pelinka laid out a very clear path — they would find a way to get enough salary-cap space to have room for two superstars. It wasn't a decision only about James, but it was a plan with James in mind.

At the trade deadline, the NBA landscape shifted dramatically and two teams were clear winners — and both had helped each other get there.

The Cavaliers remade their roster to one that could better compete for a championship, and perhaps better convince James to stay. As part of their makeover they traded Isaiah Thomas and Channing Frye to the Lakers for young players Larry Nance Jr. and Jordan Clarkson.

The Lakers also got a first-round draft pick, which they didn't have before. Trading Nance and Clarkson allowed them to clear enough cap space that with a few more moves they would have the room to sign two players to maximum deals.

"More power to LeBron James," said Reggie Miller, the Hall of Famer who is now a TNA analyst. "I don't think he's holding the league hostage. I think it's Cleveland and Dan Gilbert. ... As a player you always want that power. Only a few in the game over the years have had this type of power. Why not exert it?"

It was like this in 2010. It was like this in 2014, when James' pending decision paralyzed the NBA's free-agent market.

"These guys, when they become free agents, the world stops until these guys decide," said one NBA coach, who can't speak publicly about free agency because of NBA rules. "Nothing will happen on any other teams most likely until he decides."

James ultimately chose to return to Cleveland and announced the move in an exclusive piece in Sports Illustrated.

In June, Forbes Magazine estimated James makes \$86 million a year between his NBA salary, endorsements, his production company SpringHill Entertainment and his investment in Blaze Pizza. That estimate included the \$31 million he made last season from the Cavaliers. This year James makes \$33 million. While he hasn't changed

teams since 2014, he has opted to become a free agent since then, having signed shorter deals that give him the ability to capitalize on his constant, and sometimes increasing importance.

"He's still the most sought-after free agent?" said former NBA star Chris Webber, also a TNT analyst. "That's ridiculous. Maybe a couple years ago I would've agreed with that. In full context the fact that he's a free agent that garners this kind of attention in his 15th season is flat-out ridiculous."

He has this power because he is still this good.

An entire decade separates Suns teammates Jared Dudley and Devin Booker, but both still have a vivid memory of the first time they faced James.

Booker was a teenage rookie in 2015 who saw James coming at him full speed and did the only thing he could think to do.

"He's a freight train," Booker said. "I had to stop him somehow so I gave him a hard foul. ... I think he just looked at me."

Not long after that James would say in an interview that Booker was a future All-Star.

Dudley remembers the first time he faced James vividly too. He's only a year younger than James, but he came into the league four years later. He was a rookie for the Charlotte Bobcats and the Cavaliers were one of the better teams in the Eastern Conference.

"Athletic as he is right now, he was even more athletic," Dudley said. "His jump shot was streakier than it is now, but he was so explosive in transition off the pick and roll, getting downhill. He's so big if you don't have a good angle on him, when he gets you on his hip there's nothing you can do."

His mental acuity has only improved over the years. Physically, he has held off the kind of atrophy that naturally comes with age. The result: His 26.5 points per game are the most he has scored since the 2013-14 season. His 8.9 assists per game are the best of his career, and his 8.1 rebounds per game rank among the top three averages in his career.

"One thing that's overlooked when it comes to guys like LeBron James is the mind and how smart he is," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "And how he's learned to manage the game, manage making his teammates better, putting himself in positions to succeed wildly."

Booker might have been onto something about what it takes to successfully face James. One takeaway Lakers forward Luol Deng had from battling him in high stakes Eastern Conference games for years was that you can't let his physicality go

unchecked.

"It's definitely one of those guys from the get-go you gotta let him know you're also physical," Deng said. "If you're not, he's gonna take advantage of that."

He still does. It's why he is still this powerful.

"For players like that, who (people) constantly, every year talk about as an MVP candidate, you're always going to have that level where everybody wants you," Deng said. "And plus for what he created in his career, whether it's basketball or not, you want him on your team especially if you want to make money."

Scott still can't help but be impressed, even eight years later.

He entered the James sweepstakes in 2010 a little bit blind. He had coached in New Jersey and New Orleans before the Cavaliers hired him. He didn't know James at all when they met during a workout that summer. He didn't know what James was thinking, what he planned for his future. Scott knew his Cavaliers had a chance to keep James, but he had no idea how good of a chance. And when he sat down with James and faced the man, when the Cavaliers asked their franchise player to stay, one thing stayed with Scott.

"He didn't show his hand, not one time," Scott said. "He was very businesslike in his approach. It wasn't people coming in there and he gave everybody hugs."

"You could tell this was all about making the right decision for him and his family. ... I respected everything he did at that particular point."

They were one of six teams vying for James' services. Six teams that saved the cap space, that tried different ways to make themselves more attractive to the most dominant player in the game — a player around whom not just free agency but the whole summer centered.

That was nearly eight years ago.

Scott was at Cavaliers practice facility when he watched "The Decision." He turned off the television and turned his attention to a summer league practice. When he drove home he found himself surprised at the anger over one man's free agency decision.

"Seeing people wearing jerseys, seeing the big picture of LeBron on the side of the building being halfway down," Scott said. "I was a little surprised at how the people of Cleveland took that, because again he was, he had the right to make a choice to be able to go wherever he had to go."

That kind of passion surfaces only when a player means that much.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Andrew Stenson, from left, Marianne Crebassa, Elena Tsallagova, Ana Maria Martinez and Joshua Hopkins during a rehearsal of "Cosi Fan Tutte" at the Civic Opera House Wednesday.

IN PERFORMANCE 'COSI FAN TUTTE' ★★★ 1/2

A rom-com set to the sublime

Dark twist at end doesn't faze strong international cast in Mozart revival

BY JOHN VON RHEIN | Chicago Tribune

Sexual harassment of women? Mozart wrote an opera about that, 229 years ago.

The composer and his librettist, Lorenzo Da Ponte, titled their final stage collaboration "Cosi fan tutte" — loosely translated as "All Women Are Like That" — and its

quaint scenario makes it the most misogynistic opera with the most sublime music in the canon.

The romantic comedy revolves around two sisters who are dupes of a cruel deception in which their sweethearts are induced to wager on the women's fidelity.

The cynical Don Alfonso bets his soldier pals Ferrando and Guglielmo that their fiancées, Dorabella and Fiordiligi, will succumb to the advances of two strangers — actually their boyfriends in disguise — after the latter are called off to war.

The dark reality of war is an unexpected plot element in the production of "Cosi fan tutte" that returned to Lyric Opera on Saturday night at the Lyric Opera

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Alessandro Corbelli brings seasoned basso-buffo authority to the character of the manipulative Alfonso in Lyric's revival of "Cosi Fan Tutte."

IN PERFORMANCE 'Breach' ★★

An earlier, more predictable play by 'Pass Over' writer Nwandu

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

The American playwright Antoinette Nwandu made such extraordinary progress between "Breach," which is the kind of predictably self-questioning play most writers get out of their systems in school, and "Pass Over," which is a daring fusion of form and talent, you cannot help but be excited about what lies ahead. If there's another leap on this level, she'll be heading for the stars.

You can see her potential in "Breach," accurately subtitled "a manifesto on race in America through the eyes of a black girl suffering from self-hate," which the Victory Gardens Theater is billing as a world premiere, although the origins of the work predate the later "Pass Over," excitingly directed last summer at the Steppenwolf Theatre by Danya Taymor (speaking of huge talents), and soon to be released on film by Amazon and the director Spike Lee.

"Breach," which opened Friday night in Chicago, is a love triangle centered on an authorial alter-ego named Margaret (Caren Blackmore), a smart young woman who (as did Nwandu) teaches classes at a local community college. She has to choose between two men, each of whom offers things she finds desirable.

The first is Nate (Keith D. Gallagher), a Handsome Finance



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Caren Blackmore, right, as Margaret and Keith D. Gallagher as Nate in "Breach," running through March 11 at Victory Gardens.

Guy who likes \$7,000 bottles of champagne, can buy her shimmering jewelry and declares how he'll retire the moment he's made enough money — when he's, like, 30. The second is Rasheed (the likable Al'Jaleel McGhee), a rougher diamond, but a hardworking, rooted dude who has been through some travails but has taken the time out to be nice to Nwandu's parental figure, Aunt Sylvia (Linda Bright Clay).

Guess which one Margaret has to learn to love?

At intermission, if you'd of-

fered me million-to-one odds on Nate, I'd have turned you down.

I hold no candle for arrogant, MBA-type finance guys from the kind of Ivy League school attended by Nwandu — oh, believe me, I have my issues — but I always feel a bit sorry for them in progressive plays. All the character of Nate to do is open his mouth and talk about the mighty dollar, which he does about three seconds into the show, and you know he's going to be kicked to the floor, just as

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'THE CHI' EPISODE 6 RECAP

Finally, female characters are getting some love

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 Chi" is definitely moving toward a climax, and it knows how to yank you from your comfort zone.

First off, did you cringe when you saw the establishing shot of Emmett (Jacob Latimore) and the van full of sneakers underneath an isolated viaduct? I knew what would follow after that montage of people coming up to buy shoes out of the back of the van — that someone would try him. Not to justify gun violence, but now people can see why those who deal in illegal activities (like drugs or merchandise) often come armed to discourage those who would prey on them.

Any concerns I had about Emmett were deepened the moment Amir (Behzad Dabu) told him he had "borrowed" the money from Habib (Amro Salama), the shop owner.

Nina Metz: I did cringe — being alone with all that pricey merch made him a sitting duck. Where was Amir? I'm a little confused, though — did Emmett's last costumer rob him after pulling out that gun? Because all we see



PARRISH LEWIS/SHOWTIME

Jacob Latimore as Emmett with his son Emmett Jr. in Showtime's "The Chi."

is Emmett turn and hightail it with Emmett Jr. in his arms (oh, how I love Delan and Deylan Jackson, the little twins playing E.J.). Tonally, that was an interesting moment because it was almost played for laughs.

Either way, the Amir-Emmett scenes continue to be some of the most entertaining moments on the show. Emmett's pitch convincing Amir — aka the self-proclaimed Michael Jordan of haggling (!) — to invest in his plan to "flip" sneakers for a quick profit was so deeply per-

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Lupita Nyong'o stars as Nakia in "Black Panther," which earned \$192 million in its debut in the U.S. and Canada.

'Black Panther' smashes records

A wave of feverish anticipation, fawning critical acclaim and groundbreaking cultural meaning pushed "Black Panther" to a record-setting \$192 million debut in U.S. and Canadian theaters, firmly establishing the superhero sensation as a box-office landmark.

The Marvel film from the Walt Disney Co. blew past expectations to become the fifth-highest-grossing debut, not adjusting for inflation, following only "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," "Jurassic World" and "The Avengers."

In estimates Sunday, Disney predicted a four-day holiday weekend of \$218 million domestically and a global debut of \$361 million.

Although the film's international footprint doesn't include several of the largest markets — China, Russia and Japan — it still ranks among the top 15 global debuts. It's also the highest-grossing February opening weekend.

Ryan Coogler's film, which cost about \$200 million to make, is the most expensive movie with a largely black ensemble and among the few to be centered on a black superhero. The strong opening suggests "Black Panther" will easily set a box-office record for films directed by a black filmmaker.

Chadwick Boseman stars as T'Challa/Black Panther in the first stand-alone film for the superhero created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby in 1966. The cast also features Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o, Daniel Kaluuya and Letitia Wright.

— Associated Press

Box office

1. Black Panther
\$192 million
2. Peter Rabbit
\$17.3
3. Fifty Shades Freed
\$16.9
4. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle
\$7.9
5. The 15:17 to Paris
\$7.7
6. The Greatest Showman
\$5.1
7. Early Man
\$3.2
8. Maze Runner: The Death Cure
\$2.5
9. Winchester
\$2.2
10. Samson
\$2

SOURCE: Associated Press, estimated sales, Friday-Sunday.

BAFTA winners: "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" took the trophy for best picture at Sunday's British Academy Film Awards, Britain's equivalent of the Oscars. The movie's star, Frances McDormand, won the best actress prize, while Gary Oldman was named best actor for his portrayal of Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour." Allison Janney won the best supporting actress prize for playing ice skater Tonya Harding's ferocious mother in "I, Tonya." Sam Rockwell picked up the best supporting actor prize for his performance as a brutal, racist police officer in "Three Billboards."

Feb. 19 birthdays: Singer Smokey Robinson is 78. Actor Jeff Daniels is 63. Actress Justine Bateman is 52. Actor Benicio del Toro is 51. Actress Haylie Duff is 33. Actress Millie Bobby Brown is 14.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Grieving parent faces tough questions

Dear Amy: I'm wondering how to respond to people inquiring about your children when one of them died in the not-too-distant past.

My 35-year-old daughter died last summer, after a hellish battle with cancer. We are all, of course, still struggling with grief, though we've had great support and the impacts are diminishing over time.

My struggle is with questions like, "Do you have children?" "How many children do you have?" and similar questions that arise in casual conversation.

I don't believe in an afterlife, so I don't believe my daughter is still around, and using the present tense implies existence, so it feels wrong to me. And this is even worse when her 7-year-old daughter is with me: She knows that her mom is gone.

I never had to think about this before, and find it disturbingly confusing. Any advice?

— Grieving Grandpa

Dear Grandpa: My sincere condolences to all of you. It can be excruciating to try to describe your life in a casual way when you are so very sad.

You don't say how many children you had, so I'm going to say that (for instance) you had three. If people ask, "How many children do you have?" and you don't want to discuss things deeply, you can say, "My wife and I raised three kids." If you want to dip in a little more, you can say, "Our oldest, Gwyneth, passed away last year from cancer" (supplying the cause might spare you from more intrusive ques-

tions). If her daughter is with you, simply say, "And this is her awesome daughter and my granddaughter, 'Cammy!'"

Without question, this is extremely challenging, but I hope that through time you may realize that for every awkward or even heartbreaking plunge into grief you might experience through spontaneous reminders, there will be many, many examples of kinship, kindness and comfort from people who have walked a similar path.

Dear Amy: I am a guy in my late 30s. I have a "good friend" of the same age who lives in a different city four hours away.

Our friendship appears completely one-sided, and doesn't seem to move past texting. I only see this friend if I travel to see him.

He doesn't get in touch, with the built-in excuse of being "busy." Whenever I try to plan something other than me going to his city, I usually don't get a response ... not even a, "Sorry, I can't."

He travels to see other friends. (I see his social media posts.)

I am wondering if this is a real friend? Should I keep trying, or give up?

— Annoyed in Ohio

Dear Annoyed: No, this is not a real friend. This is a guy you happen to know.

Your contact with this person doesn't lift you up and make you feel good. It makes you feel inadequate and insecure.

So stop. Stop while you still have your dignity. If his social media posts about his awesome life and other more active friendships trigger self-esteem hits for

you, you should hide his posts from view. Do your best to turn your attention and energy toward other people who reciprocate in a more balanced way.

Dear Amy: "Caregiver" recently wrote to you regarding an elderly man with dementia and his granddaughter that moved in and "snuggles" with him in his bed every night.

Your advice was that she "must report this" to her supervisor and/or adult protective services.

I was so appalled reading that advice. Neither you, nor the caregiver, know what their relationship was like before the dementia. From the granddaughter's perspective, she is losing a part of her grandfather. It may just be her way of showing love, and she's obviously not trying to hide her behavior.

It sounds as though the caregiver feels threatened by the granddaughter's presence. If the caregiver is concerned about this behavior, she should contact the son or daughter of this man who probably hired her. This does not sound like elder abuse to me.

— Concerned RN

Dear Concerned: Others agree with you. However, I felt the tone of the question from "Caregiver" was reasonable, rational and based on professional experience. When a professional (who understands dementia) expresses concern, then yes, I believe she is compelled to do something about it, but I value your take.

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A 'Detour' to the director's chair

By DANIELLE TURCHIANO
Variety

Natalie Zea has been a working actress for almost 2 1/2 decades, starring on such dramas as "Passions," "Dirty Sexy Money" and "Justified," as well as comedies including "White Famous" and "The Detour." But for the first time, she has sat down in the director's chair to helm an episode of television.

"Actresses, if they're

smart, are hyperaware of their having an expiration date, and I want to stay in the business," Zea says.

"And the only real way to guarantee-ish that is to get behind the camera. We're not all Helen Mirren."

When she booked the role of Robin Parker in "The Detour" three years ago, she saw a chance. "I didn't ask for anything in the first two seasons," she says, planning to ask to direct in year three. "This is a good way to start because

nobody's going to just hand me an episode to direct."

Ahead of the broadcast of her directorial debut, Zea tells Variety: "The assumption is that it's so much easier directing a show that you're on, because you're already familiar with so many things, but the unique difference with our show is that we travel every season, so we don't take our crews with us. We have a new crew every year, and the tone is the same, but it's a completely different concept every season.

"And everybody shoots out of order within an episode, but we (also) shoot out of order in the season. I think the first thing we shot was a scene from Episode 7, so I shot fairly early on. I didn't know anybody's name (on the new crew)."

"The Detour" airs Tuesdays on TBS.

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IN PERFORMANCE

On latest tour, Katt Williams is still funny but not so fresh

BY ZACH FREEMAN
Chicago Tribune

It's 11 o'clock on a Saturday night inside the Wintrust Arena — the stadium and event center that opened in the fall next to McCormick Place, and the home court for the DePaul Blue Demons and the WNBA's Chicago Sky — and a comedy show has been going on for a little over 90 minutes (spread out over five comedians) when headliner Katt Williams rushes the stage in a giant fur coat and hat while Jaden Smith's "Icon" blares over the speaker system.

Williams — the first comedian to play the relatively new venue — jogs from one end of the stage to the other and back again as a black curtain slowly lifts to reveal a dazzling gold backdrop and four large screens displaying digital flames licking the poster for his "11:11" tour. Perhaps implying that Williams is, in fact, on fire?

No argument from this corner. Despite comedy's skyrocketing and ongoing rise in popularity, there still aren't many stand-up comics currently touring who can fill up a venue this size (if Wintrust holds over 10,000 at full capacity, it holds maybe 8,000 in concert mode). The feat is made all the more impressive by the fact that Williams just came through Chicago last March (when he filled up the UIC Pavilion on his "Great America" tour).

"As the most under-decorated comic that ever lived, the only award I ever need is that I could come to ... Chicago and sell this place out!" Williams crowed, after removing his heavy furs to reveal a white dress shirt, black pants and sneakers. He exudes energy, with a performance style that combines stand-up comedy and motivational speaking, and can get an audience of thousands cheering. But he's not without problems.

"I almost didn't make it tonight," he said confessionally. "Because, as you know, I'm on four probations."

Throughout his set, Williams didn't shy away from highlighting his checkered past and present (though he didn't delve into the details, perhaps because the charges, many of them alleging physical violence, aren't particularly funny). He dropped mentions of his frequent arrests — "I got 19 felony cases," he declared at one point — the way other comedians might name-drop their latest project. "Last time I went to jail, they didn't even take a mugshot," he said. "They let me choose from my catalog."

Williams said he couldn't even get into the arena without being extensively checked out. "The security lady stopped me. She said, 'I gotta check everybody,' I said, 'Me too?'" Here he pauses and looks out at the audience knowingly. "You especially."

And once he got backstage, he said a police officer showed up with a dog to sniff his bags. "I see you looking nervous," he said to the audience. "Me too!" While I've seen enough stand-up to fancy I know schtick when I see it, based on the prominence of this story in his set, and my own elaborate and circuitous route to get into the show (which found me spending some time in the rear security entrance and catching sight of a police officer with a dog), this particular bit seems more than plausible.

The theme of avoiding trouble returned again and again throughout his hourlong set, with Williams describing his current lifestyle as one that involves working and laying low (or, as he calls it, "going into the cave").

Though Williams is always an engaging presence, he could stand to go into the cave and work on fleshing out his latest show a bit more. The set he presented Saturday night was half filled with a mix of new and Chicago-specific material and half filled with bits from his recently released Netflix special "Great America" (which differs quite a bit from his 2017 Chicago set from the tour of the same name). In other words, it's a hybrid set that's likely transitioning but is currently only half formed.

This shows in the tour title as well. It's called "11:11" — a time that holds some spiritual/lucky



ANNE CUSACK/LOS ANGELES TIMES 2008

Comedian Katt Williams presented a hybrid set — one that's likely transitioning but is now only half formed — at Wintrust Arena on Saturday.

significance for some — but what Williams means by this title is never really made clear. "If you get through a morning and it's 11:11 and your morning ain't good yet, your day is (messed) up," he said at one point, but he also implied several times that "11:11" had to do with telling the truth.

Whatever the significance, Williams has some work to do to phase out the old material and provide some clarity to his set. And hey, if your show is titled "11:11" and you're actually onstage at that auspicious time, shouldn't it be highlighted?

Near the start of the night, Williams makes a good run of new political jokes — a topic he has always excelled with — but then he backs out carefully, swearing off political humor for the rest of the night: "Y'all know I'm in enough trouble as it is." Offstage may be a different story, but right now he could stand to get into a little more trouble onstage.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Odd turn for U. of C. Ligeti series

Performances strong but programming proves problematic

BY ALAN ARTNER
Chicago Tribune

Friday night's concert at the University of Chicago's Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts was an odd affair that showed a running down of the seasonlong series devoted to the music of Gyorgy Ligeti.

The penultimate program included a lark that proved better as a concept than a performance, an exercise presented on an instrument for which it was not written and a recent commission from someone else that threatened to overshadow the companion piece by the master.

Not at all odd was the level of performance from Third Coast Percussion and mezzo-soprano Rachel Calloway, which was stellar throughout.

The major work by Ligeti was "Sippal, dobbal, nadihegeduvel," a late (2000) cycle of seven songs for female voice and percussion quartet. It was his lone essay for those forces, and though brief — the whole takes only 14 minutes — everyone gets an exceptional workout, alternately exotic, inward and zany.

Calloway negotiated the Hungarian texts with ease and mugged with abandon. The players — Sean Connors, Robert Dillon, Peter Martin, David Skidmore — are often required to expressively turn on a dime, and they consistently did.

Just over a year ago, Third Coast Percussion and Calloway premiered Christopher Cerrone's "Goldbeater's Skin," a 21-minute-long song cycle setting poems by G.C. Waldrep. The composer



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Third Coast Percussion members David Skidmore, from left, Peter Martin, Robert Dillon and Sean Connors.

selected texts loosely based on the theme of companionship. Music for singer is played on primarily pitched instruments; the instruments for ensemble alone (plus one in which the singer recites) are mainly unpitched.

Cerrone is so successful at creating an atmosphere he calls "billowing" that listeners may easily have forgotten all instruments are struck, plucked or

minimally, bowed. The first interlude, tapped on wood, was so fast and exciting it left you breathless. However, much of the poetry was indecipherable despite being in English and having Calloway's voice amplified. The program provided no texts. The endings of the first and last songs might also be improved if they were less abrupt. Otherwise, the music had a welcome directness free from

Ligeti's humor and irony.

The program opened with a rare performance of Ligeti's "Poeme symphonique" for 100 metronomes. Sixteen students set them off and sat cross-legged at the front of the stage listening to them run down. Like certain gestures by John Cage, the audible result was less provocative than the underlying idea, which questions what constitutes music

in an age without restrictions.

The remaining piece was Ligeti's "Continuum," a mad dash for harpsichord lasting four minutes. Here it was played on marimba, which of course eliminated both the harpsichord's singular timbre and its historical associations, leaving a virtuosity that was not enough.

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MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Al'Jaleel McGhee, left, as Rasheed and Caren Blackmore as Margaret play two points of a love triangle that plays out predictably in "Breach."

Playing for laughs, not emotion

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soon as the protagonist Learns What's Important.

That's not to say her journey isn't intermittently fun. Director Lisa Portes' production is stylistically all over the map, presumably by intention, but most of the time she treats the show as high farce. So there are some genuine laughs, especially in the scenes with Clay and McGhee, and from the comic talent Karen Rodriguez, who plays another character from whom Margaret can learn. On opening night, much of the audience, enjoying the feeling of superiority from being ahead of the play, was having fun.

The problem with that approach, though, is that you don't emotionally engage with Margaret. Blackmore wasn't sufficiently comfortable with the text at Friday night's opening — perhaps there had been changes — to

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really listen to anyone else on the stage, and she's stuck for a long while with an over-the-top wig. It's intended to be emblematic of her initial self-hate, of course, but it really feels like nothing Margaret would ever wear, given the values that might be submerged but nonetheless must have been there the whole time.

In other words, the overplayed production goes to such extremes for its laughs and its pedagogy that the central character just never feels true. And when the

play then kicks into a more serious gear late in Act 2, and you start to be reminded again of what Nwandu can do, so much already has been telegraphed that the potential impact of Margaret's self-actualization is muted.

In any play about youthful self-discovery, you have to feel like change is occurring in the protagonist in real-time, that she is vulnerable to the impacts of a young professional career in the making and the disappointments of a man she has convinced herself she wanted to love. Here, alas, you know that wig soon will be going down the toilet with that man, and everything feels set from the beginning.

If only life were so simple. Betcha the next Nwandu show I review won't be either.

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Lyric revisits Mozart's rom-com

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House. Not a major element, mind you, but one that will disappoint many Mozarteans, as it did me.

On the positive side, Lyric has done its Mozart tradition proud on the musical end, casting young, vocally and physically attractive singers in the central roles and surrounding them with worthy contributions from the pit and production team.

Before director John Cox's otherwise traditional production, overseen here by revival director Bruno Ravella, throws in that dark twist in the final minutes, there is some of Mozart's most exquisite music to enjoy, along with performers who are fully invested in the bittersweet emotional trajectory of the drama. The laughs come readily, even if one has seen the gags countless times before.

The dramatic crux of "Cosi" is the effect the elaborate masquerade has on everybody — the confusion and guilt of the sisters after they throw over their beaus for new lovers, and the anger and bruised egos of the men. Mozart and Da Ponte neglect to tell us whether the fiances go back to their original partners. All we really know is that everybody is in for some sobering soul-searching.

Directors have devised various ways of glossing over the blatant male chauvinism and rescuing an unsatisfying ending. Cox proposes yet another solution. His production, which opened in Monte Carlo in 2004 and traveled to Lyric in 2006-07, sets the action in a luxury hotel on the Mediterranean at the outset of World War I. Alfonso is the croupier in a fancy casino. Fiordiligi and Dorabella are well-bred, upper-crust young women on holiday, attended by their worldly wise maid, Despina.

Once the deception is revealed and the girlfriends' weakness is chalked up to female DNA, Ferrando and Guglielmo give them mild pecks on the cheek before marching off to another sort of battlefield. The women are left alone to sift through the ruins of their romantic illusions. Curtain.

That was it? Isn't this rather a dramatic non sequitur after several hours of comic-romantic frivolity and tender emotional exchanges? Surely Mozart and Da Ponte wouldn't have gone to such lengths to make us care about these characters, only to leave them in the lurch in such manner.

What makes this bummer of an ending feel odder is that every-



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Andrew Stenson, left, and Joshua Hopkins, right, masquerade as testosterone-fueled sailors as they test their fiancées' fidelity in "Cosi Fan Tutte."

thing that came before is played fairly straight. The women have their exaggerated protestations of constancy. The men indulge in macho histrionics as the "Albanian" sailors who turn up uninvited and immediately put the moves on the women, aided by the amused Despina, whom Alfonso has let in on the deception.

Robert Perdziola's set, with its striped beach umbrellas and cabanas, and azure ocean sun-drenched in Chris Maravich's lighting, is easy on the eyes, as are Perdziola's spiffy period costumes.

Lyric's international cast is one of the strongest and most satisfyingly integrated vocal ensembles the company has fielded in recent "Cosi" memory.

Ana Maria Martinez and Marianna Crebassa looked and sounded just enough alike to be entirely credible as the susceptible sisters.

Martinez may lack a real trill, but she sang stylishly and expressively, especially in Fiordiligi's big

second-act aria in which guilt, confusion and weakening resolve mingle wonderfully in Mozart's music. That the Puerto Rico-born soprano remains a convincing Mozarteans despite her having taken on heavier roles like Rusalka and Tatyana in recent Lyric seasons says much about her as an artist.

Crebassa's mercurial Dorabella moved with a ballerina's grace, investing her character's mood swings with a peaches-and-creamy voice, a beautifully sculpted legato line and a delightful vulnerability that drew the audience to her side. The French mezzo-soprano and the vocally robust Canadian baritone Joshua Hopkins delivered one of the evening's vocal high points, the richly layered duet in which Dorabella and Guglielmo appeared awestruck by their newfound love.

Hopkins earned his ovation for Guglielmo's railing against the "perfidy" of womankind. (The audience had all it could do not to

groan at the sexist platitudes.) His firm baritone and sure dramatic instincts hit their mark in a character whose arrogance can be annoying in less sensitive hands.

The fine young American singer Andrew Stenson caressed the cantabile of Ferrando's "Un'aura amorosa" with a honeyed lyric tenor, making the aria an honest declaration from a loving heart. He and Hopkins threw themselves gleefully into their masquerade as testosterone-fueled sailors on the make.

In her U.S. debut, Russian soprano Elena Tsallagova made a lively and knowing Despina, savoring her bits of comic business without overdoing them, and singing beautifully as well. It was refreshing break from "Cosi" tradition to assign the supporting role to a younger singer, one with star presence at that.

Alessandro Corbelli brought seasoned basso-buffo authority to the manipulative Alfonso. His singing sounded rather muted at times, but it's always welcome to

hear Da Ponte's delicious lyrics roll trippingly off the tongue of a native Italian.

Taking over Lyric's Mozart mantle from music director Andrew Davis was the American conductor James Gaffigan, in his Lyric debut. He paced the score seamlessly, gave the singers rock-solid support, balanced stage and pit deftly, and drew clean playing from the orchestra, an errant solo horn notwithstanding. Bravo to William C. Billingham of Lyric's musical staff for the crisp recitative accompaniments he provided from the harpsichord.

Lyric Opera's production of Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte" continues through March 16 at the Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive; \$34-\$279; 312-827-5600, www.lyricopera.org.

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'Chi' fleshes out its cast of characters

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fect: "Listen, my guy knows a guy who *knows* a guy who stays out in Kenwood. Never met him before, but he's looking to sell his sneaker collection."

WL: I like Amir finally sharing a piece of his story and family struggles. "The Chi" does its best when it fleshes out the back story and motivations of its characters to show a more complete world.

NM: Yes! And Amir and Emmett's casual banter is the gift that keeps on giving:

Amir: "Yeah, so my family in Palestine, I'm always sending them back money, but it's never enough, they always want more — they want Levis, DVDs, CDs, shampoo, gummy bears ..."

Emmett: "Wait, gummy bears?"

Amir: "Yeah, they want gummy bears, like the green ones especially. I got 27 first cousins, so (stuff) adds up."

(The episode's writer is Casal-lina Kisakye.)

WL: What did you think about the focus on Jada this week? Finally the story focused on something resembling the struggles of women. Her conversation with Ethel (LaDonna Tittle) in the nail salon rang true to me, with actress Yolonda Ross delivering a real sentiment that I think many working women deal with — hurt by past pain and working hard to keep a roof over your head leaves little time for new love.

NM: I thought that was so insightful — both on the show's part and Jada's as well. A bad relationship can cut a person deep, and she has a good deal of self-awareness that ever since, she's created this protective wall around herself. Society likes to judge women and their choices, and I think the stakes as a black woman in America can be even more intense.

WL: Any thoughts on Brandon's (Jason Mitchell) budding romance with his boss Sarah (Kristina Emerson)? Something about this whole story arc bothers me. Is it weird that Brandon had such a drastic change of heart concerning his mother's marriage? Is it strange that Laverne (Sonja Sohn) seemed to accept Sarah more than she accepted Jerricka (Tiffany Boone)? Or am I reading too much into it?

NM: I don't know what to make of this storyline! Brandon turning on a dime to suddenly offer a "congratulations!" toast at the cookout — and now he's palling around with his new stepfather who he has barely tolerated up until this point — doesn't really track. You make such a good point about Laverne's treatment of Sarah compared to Jerricka; based on the way Laverne's been portrayed, I was expecting her to make a crack about Sarah's racially ambiguous appearance and was so relieved when she didn't. As the same time, I feel such tenderness for Laverne, and I find her desire to start over with this new marriage so meaningful and optimistic, even if it's driven by a need to distance herself from Coogie's death and her grief.

Did you notice, no Kevin (Alex Hibbert) and the boys this week? I've come to love their knockaround interactions so much that I missed seeing what they're up to — I'm especially curious how Jake (Michael Epps) is doing.

WL: I did notice the lack of the boys. I worried for Jake — believing he could be in the stash house — but they got a well-deserved week off.

Speaking of which, Quentin (Steven Williams) and his crew finally made their move and did things the correct way: using the cover of night to sneak into Trice's (Tosin Morohunfola) stash



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A romance is budding between Jason Mitchell's Brandon and Kristina Emerson's Sarah on "The Chi."



Sonja Sohn plays Laverne, Brandon's mother, who is trying to start over with a new marriage after the death of her other son, Coogie.

house, kill the guards and steal his cache of weapons as an "L" train passed by. What's next is not certain, but it's a pretty major power grab.

NM: I love what Williams is doing with the role — and I think it's because Quentin exudes such confidence *all the time*. He's unflappable and fearless, which is so

often funny. It doesn't feel realistic — What dark nights of the soul does he have? Who knows? — but it's incredibly fun to watch.

One more thing we learned this week: Jason had a girlfriend when he was killed — and she's now pregnant with his baby. I wonder how that will play into Ronnie's (Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine) state of mind going forward and if

the promise of a new life might help to pull him off whatever path he's currently headed down.

WL: Jason's life is a huge missing piece to this entire series, and I hope this is a way to make us care about him. This also means that his mother, Tracy (Tai'isha Davis), plays a bigger connecting part to all of this: She's Jason's mother and Ronnie's former lover and possibly Quentin's daughter. She also shunned Jason's pregnant girlfriend.

Executive producer and world-famous Chicago rapper Common made his second appearance in the series as a young Muslim who tells Ronnie that he converted after spending "12 years at Statesville." I wonder whether his overtures to Ronnie will bear fruit. Ronnie is dealing with the grief of killing an innocent. Perhaps faith will be his way to forgiving himself, if he makes it that far.

Read next week's recap after the episode airs on Showtime next Sunday.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Rebecca Romijn

“2018 American Rescue Dog Show” (7 p.m., Hallmark): Rebecca Romijn (“The Librarians”) and TV journalist Rich Eisen host this tongue-in-cheek competition spotlighting rescue dogs as they vie in such whimsical categories as Best in Wiggle Butt, Best in Couch Potato, Best in Senior Dog and Best in Talking. Celebrity judges include Linda Blair, Rick Springfield, Ross Matthews, Larissa Wohl, Brandon McMillan and Andrea Arden.

“DC’s Legends of Tomorrow” (7 p.m., CW): A literally explosive twist on the concept of Groundhog Day fuels the new episode “Here We Go Again,” as an endless time loop catches Zari (Tala Ashe) — and also the Waverider, which blows up, only to reassemble for that disaster to repeat itself. To stop it from reoccurring, Zari looks into the backgrounds of the Legends to determine if something in their pasts is the key to ending the phenomenon.

“The Big Bang Theory” (8 p.m., CBS): Leonard (Johnny Galecki) puts his career in jeopardy by giving an interview that doesn’t cast him in the best light — to put it mildly — in “The Retraction Reaction.” The whole university reacts badly to his comments, and he needs Penny’s (Kaley Cuoco) shoulder to lean on in the aftermath. Amy and Bernadette (Mayim Bialik, Melissa Rauch) find a common bond. Guest stars Ira Flatow and Regina King return. Jim Parsons also stars.

“The Alienist” (8 p.m., 9 p.m., TNT): The team gains some more insights into their murderous quarry in the new episode “Hildebrandt’s Starling.” Sara and Moore (Dakota Fanning, Luke Evans) share a moment of intimacy. Kreizler (Daniel Bruhl) turns to an old mentor for some much-needed advice. Meanwhile, Roosevelt (Brian Geraghty) is driven to take action.

“Bull” (9 p.m., CBS): Bull (Michael Weatherly) flies on his own professionally on “Thanksgiving” in an episode by that title, as he tries to help a boxer who’s facing a murder charge. The other members of the team have varying holiday celebrations, with Marissa’s (Geneva Carr) boyfriend (guest star Gary Wilmes) encountering unexpected trouble, and Chunk (Christopher Jackson) deciding something big while dining with his family. Freddy Rodriguez, Jaime Lee Kirchner and Annabelle Attanasio also star.

“The Good Doctor” (9:01 p.m., ABC): As might be expected, a patient who also has autism gives Shaun (Freddie Highmore) a particular challenge in “22 Steps.” The ensuing consultations and treatment test both of them. Dr. Kalu (Chuku Modu) runs up against unexpected boundaries that his surgical skills may not be able to get past. Antonia Thomas, Nicholas Gonzalez, Richard Schiff and Hill Harper also star.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actors James Franco and Ari Graynor; actress Noomi Rapace; Gary Clark Jr. performs.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Tom Hanks; journalist Katy Tur; Mac DeMarco sits in with Jon Batiste and Stay Human.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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	ABC 7	The Bachelor (N) ©			(9:01) The Good Doctor: “22 Steps.” ©	News at 10pm (N) †		
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 19): Expand territory this year. Coordinate your moves tightly with your team. Advance planning makes a difference. Romantic summer escapades provide love to soothe a transition before new energy floods your work and health.

Strengthen support networks for your community. Love works miracles.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Take care of personal matters. Something you try or propose falls flat. Don't rebel from authority without good reason. Wait for developments.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 5. It's OK to stay quiet and rest, despite social opportunities. Finish up a job. Slow down to get done faster. Keep your batteries charged.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Together, you can win satisfying results. Coordinate your actions with your team. Discuss possible directions to narrow options and choose. Others share an important view.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Watch for career opportunities. Make sure what you're building is solid before stepping out. Don't strain the budget. Use practical resources.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Travel and discovery beckon. Consider philosophy, metaphysics and mysteries. Business keeps you busy. Find a way to mix it with exploration and fun.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Review and update financial paperwork and communications. Wait for better travel conditions to go out. Pay bills and manage accounts first.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. You're on the same page with your partner. Take advantage to make financial decisions and review accounts. Synchronize your efforts for maximum efficiency.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Maintain health and fitness practices. Work with a partner or coach who can see your blind spots. Listen, and make adjustments.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Discuss your passions, and focus your work toward what you love. Love is the bottom line this month. Focus on growing the fun factor.

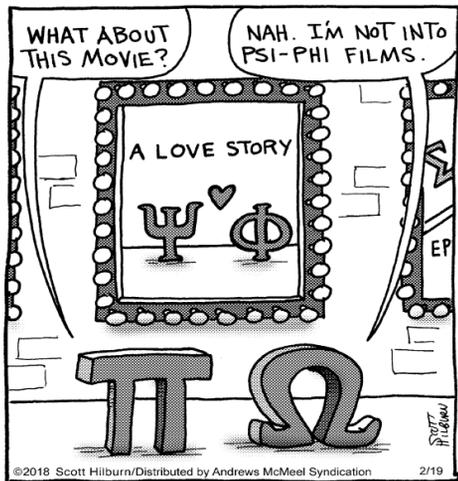
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Fill your home with love. Realize a renovation you've long dreamed about. Beautify your surroundings. Invite a special guest for something delicious.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Take advantage of a surge in creativity and brilliant ideas. Take part in a fascinating conversation, and collaborate with your talented network. Connect and share.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Profitable ideas abound. Study the most interesting ones. Sift data for golden opportunities. You're learning valuable skills; keep an open mind.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q J 10 ♥ Q 5 ♦ 7 ♣ K J 10 9 7 4 2

Right-hand opponent opens one heart. What call would you make?

A.1—We suspect that many readers will choose two clubs, which would not be a sin. We prefer to increase the pressure with this low-defense hand. Bid three clubs.

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A J 9 2 ♥ A Q 9 5 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ K 2

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

A.2—Experts disagree. Old timers want a two-spade rebid here to show extras. Many modern experts don't agree. Let's be modern. Bid two spades.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 9 7 4 ♥ K J 6 4 ♦ 9 ♣ Q J 9 8

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	2♦*	?

***Decent hand, forcing to at least 3D**

What call would you make?

A.3—If you wait for them to sign off in three diamonds before you double, partner will have to bid at the three level. Double now and partner will only bid at the three level if he wants to.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J ♥ J ♦ A K 10 8 6 5 3 2 ♣ A J 8

Two passes to you. What call would you make?

A.4—Were partner not a passed hand, we would open one diamond. Here it is too likely that the opponents will outbid you in a major, maybe to game. Open five diamonds.

— Bob Jones
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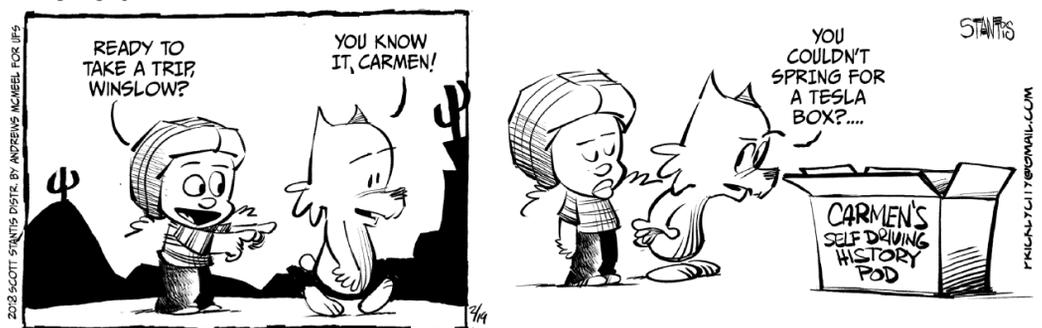
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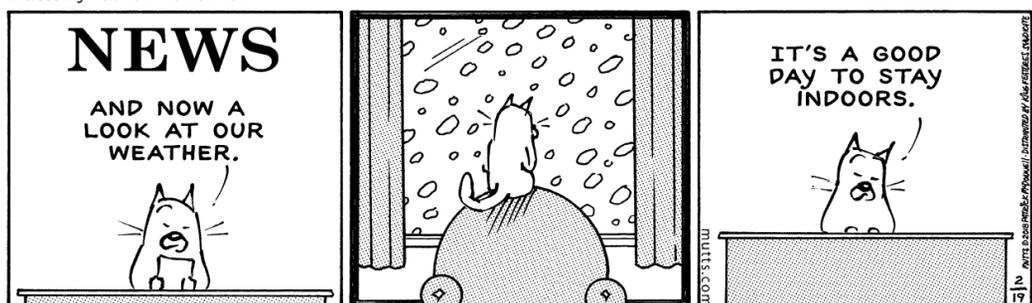
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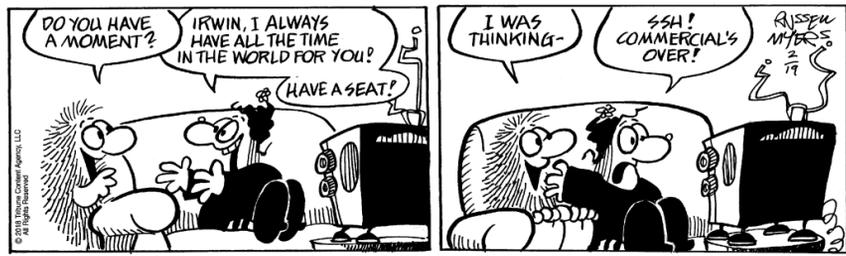
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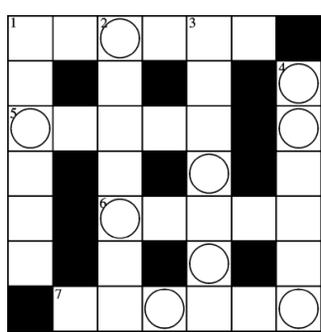
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

The 1987 documentary "Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll" commemorated whose 60th birthday?
 A) Chuck Berry
 B) Bill Haley
 C) Jerry Lee Lewis
 D) Little Richard
 Saturday's answer: Fredonia (or Freedomia) was the name of a breakaway republic in 1820s Texas and a fictional nation in the Marx Brothers' "Duck Soup."
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Jumble Crossword

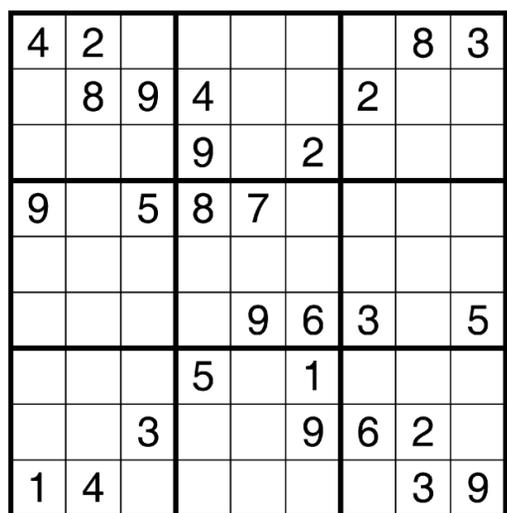


- CLUE ACROSS**
- Arrange troops
 - Danger
 - Impelled
 - Provide, furnish
- CLUE DOWN**
- Fife was one
 - ___ bottle
 - Duty-bound
 - Bird of prey
- ANSWER**
- ACROSS: PEDYOL, LIPRE, UGEDR, NERDRE
 DOWN: PUEDYT, EMEUFP, BDEGIOL, OCROND

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.
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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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7	9	6	1	3	4	8	5	2
1	5	4	9	8	2	6	3	7
3	8	2	6	5	7	9	1	4
9	4	3	8	2	5	7	6	1
6	2	5	7	4	1	3	8	9
8	1	7	3	6	9	2	4	5
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5	6	1	2	9	3	4	7	8
4	3	9	5	7	8	1	2	6

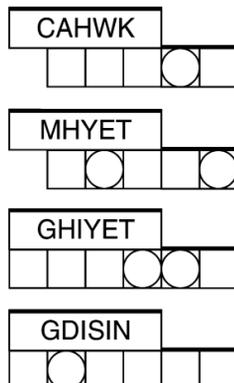
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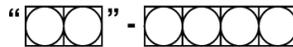
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Jumble

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



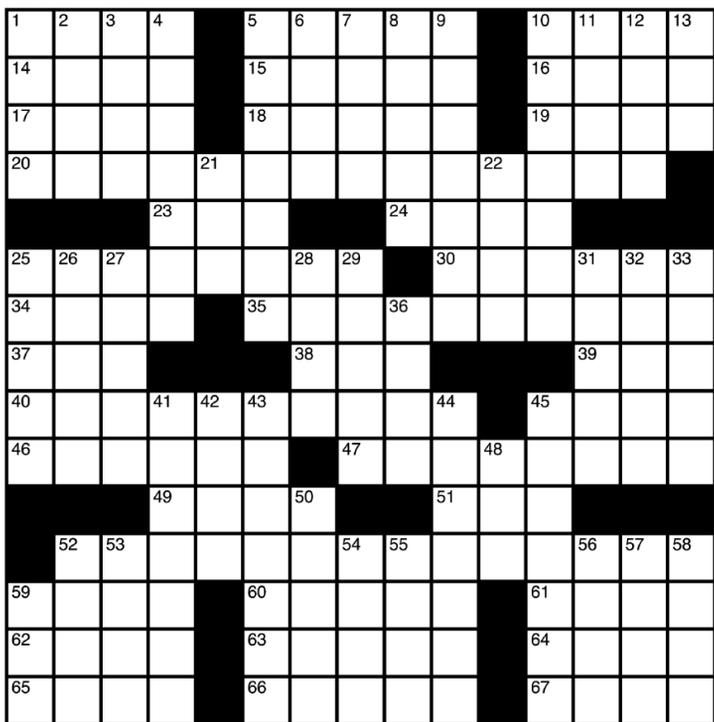
Saturday's answers

Jumbles: WRING ELOPE TENANT BEHIND
 Answer: To become successful, the musicians would — BAND TOGETHER

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Crossword

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- Across**
- Android downloads
 - Array around a surge protector
 - Words after deal or count
 - Bridges of Hollywood
 - Part of a sports complex
 - Enveloping glow
 - "NBA Friday" channel
 - 18 Peachy
 - Dental exam image
 - Inquiry meant to entrap
 - Right-angled shape
 - Per ___: daily
 - Freebies with a bowl of soup
 - Mud ___: type of wasp
 - Sharp-eyed fier
 - Nonfluctuating method of doing things
 - Org. supporting flossing
 - Freelancer's encl.
 - QB scores
 - Impressionist once labeled "The Man of a Thousand Voices"
 - Pedometer unit
 - "Already?"
 - First-stringers
 - Honorary legal degs.
 - Ipanema's city
 - Wealthy, and a hint to the first word of 20-, 35- and 40-Across
 - Pop music's "hottest spot north of Havana"
 - Shut down
 - Three, in Germany
 - Baking chamber
 - Makes docile
 - Folklore brute
 - Remain up in the air
 - Sport with clay disks
 - Can't live without
 - Vote against
 - Lodge logo animal
 - Hazmat suit hazard
 - Seals in the juices of 26 Traffic report source
 - Spy plane acronym
 - Sit for a bit
 - ERA and RBI, e.g.
 - Montana city
 - Tribal leader
 - Talks hoarsely
 - Stetson hat material
 - The Netherlands, informally
 - Lounge around
 - Formally accuses of, with "for"
 - Heart-to-heart
 - Used to change a ceiling light bulb, as a chair
 - Relieved (of)
 - Move on tiptoe, say
 - Wander
 - Take the lid off
 - It usually has a set of rules
 - "That makes sense"
 - Hard-to-resist feeling
 - Actor Richard
 - Moved quickly, old-style
 - Squad car driver

Saturday's solution



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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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MONDAY, FEB. 19 NORMAL HIGH: 37° NORMAL LOW: 21° RECORD HIGH: 69° (2017) RECORD LOW: -8° (2015)

April-level warmth to raise area flood threat

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 59 **LOW 56**

■ **Flood watch goes into effect at 6 p.m. this evening, and runs through Tuesday night.**

■ Gray and foggy to start the day. Temps already above freezing at daybreak.

■ Patchy rain/drizzle builds to heavier showers and possible t-storms during the morning.

■ Warm front lifts north across the area. Temps climb to near 60 degrees by late afternoon.

■ SE winds turn S at 15 to 20 mph.

■ Unseasonably mild at night, with periodic showers/t-storms. Heavy rain likely.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Another round of heavy precipitation is headed for Chicagoland, this time in the form of rain. Rain and embedded thunderstorms are to arrive Monday morning and continue periodically into Tuesday night. By early Wednesday, 2 to 3 inches of rain is expected to fall across the metro area. Aside from the heavy rainfall, other compounding factors are in place. The ground across northern Illinois and northwest Indiana remains frozen, so runoff will tend to pond in low-lying areas. Snow cover is another issue, especially west and south of the city, where as much as 5 inches of densely packed snow remains. As temperatures climb to near 60 Monday afternoon, this remaining snowpack will rapidly melt, adding to the runoff into area streams. A flood watch has been issued for the entire area through Tuesday night.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

HIGH 62 **LOW 33**

Springlike air brings ongoing threat of showers/t-storms. Heavy rainfall again likely. Temps peak in the low 60s. Front passes overnight. Rain diminishes as temps drop to near freezing.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

HIGH 37 **LOW 27**

Mostly cloudy. Colder and rather blustery with occasional drizzle or light snow. Temps hover in the mid-upper 30s. Chance of light snow at night. N winds 15-25 mph.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

HIGH 38 **LOW 30**

High pressure drifts across the Great Lakes bringing dry, seasonably cold weather. Temps hold in the upper 30s due to NE winds of 10-15 mph. Clouds increase again overnight.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

HIGH 44 **LOW 35**

Mild air, streaming aloft over the Midwest, brings mostly cloudy skies and a chance of light showers or sprinkles. Temps reach the low-mid 40s, then stay above freezing at night.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

HIGH 46 **LOW 34**

Weak system passes to the south, spreading clouds and a chance of showers into the area. Temps remain above normal, peaking in the mid 40s. E-SE winds 10-20 mph.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

HIGH 45 **LOW 31**

Clouds, and a chance of sprinkles linger early, then becoming partly sunny. Turning a bit cooler, but temps remain well above normal. NW winds 10-15 mph.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
We recently had multiple waves of snow in Chicago. What determines the total snowfall for a storm?
— David A., Chicago

Dear David,
A great question after a period of rapid-fire snow events. There is a debate on whether multiple-day or, in some cases, same-day snowfalls are part of the same storm, and there are no hard-and-fast rules. Sometimes there is a lull in the snow before it resumes, and it is usually considered one storm. In Chicago, there is occasionally a break between the "system" snow and the lake-effect snow, and that is usually considered to be part of the same storm.

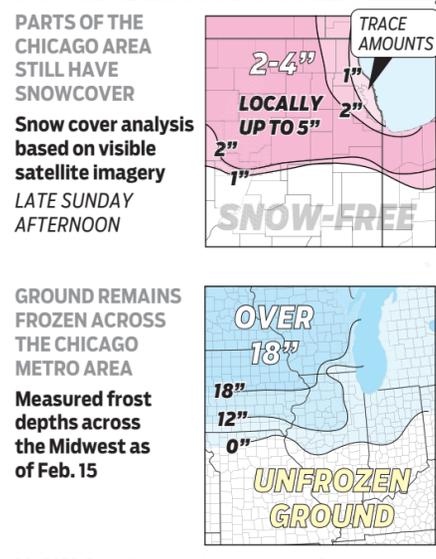
A few years ago, a group of forecasters did an in-depth review of Chicago's greatest snowstorms and in some instances added snowfall before or after the main event to storm totals. In other cases they determined that these snows were separate entities.

Write to: ASK TOM
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WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Several factors combining to raise flooding potential



MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
Shallow-topped storms may bring heavy downpours

6 a.m. MONDAY to 6 a.m. TUESDAY

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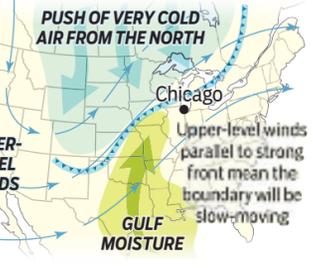


MIDWEST BEING PRIMED FOR FLOODING RAINS

Frontal boundary to focus rain over the Midwest

40 MPH LOW-LEVEL WINDS TRANSPORT MOISTURE-RICH AIR FROM THE GULF

SLOW-MOVING FRONT



MIDWEST CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	sh	68	58	ts	70	36
Champaign	rn	60	58	pc	66	31
Decatur	rn	61	59	pc	64	28
Moline	ts	59	44	pc	57	20
Peoria	ts	61	58	pc	62	25
Quincy	ts	64	59	pc	64	24
Rockford	rn	52	44	pc	55	21
Springfield	ts	64	60	pc	67	27
Sterling	ts	55	44	pc	58	20
Indiana						
Bloomington	rn	68	62	sh	70	46
Evansville	cl	69	62	sh	73	45
Fort Wayne	rn	60	57	pc	67	43
Indianapolis	rn	64	61	sh	69	46
Lafayette	rn	59	57	pc	65	35
South Bend	rn	55	53	pc	61	30
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	fr	36	27	fr	39	16
Kenosha	cl	59	51	rn	55	24
La Crosse	fr	35	29	fr	31	10
Madison	rn	39	32	rn	44	16
Milwaukee	rn	40	35	rn	52	22
Wausau	rs	29	23	fr	30	8
Michigan						
Detroit	rn	50	50	pc	61	49
Grand Rapids	rn	50	50	pc	59	33
Marquette	sn	27	21	rs	31	12
St. Ste. Marie	sn	39	33	rs	35	18
Traverse City	cl	42	37	pc	54	27
Iowa						
Ames	fr	34	25	fr	27	9
Cedar Rapids	rn	47	34	fr	37	13
Des Moines	sh	43	28	fr	30	12
Dubuque	rn	46	35	rn	42	15

OTHER U.S. CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	rn	46	43	sh	62	52
Albuquerque	pc	57	31	pc	43	24
Amarillo	pc	71	41	pc	58	16
Anchorage	pc	27	19	pc	29	18
Asheville	sh	62	52	pc	68	56
Aspen	sh	37	13	ss	20	1
Atlanta	sh	72	56	sh	76	62
Atlantic City	cl	50	48	sh	61	50
Austin	sh	74	65	ts	72	64
Baltimore	sh	50	47	pc	71	57
Billings	ss	2-14	pc	6-3		
Birmingham	pc	78	60	pc	79	65
Bismarck	ss	5-4	ss	9-14		
Boise	pc	31	13	ss	30	19
Boston	cl	48	45	pc	61	53
Brownsville	pc	83	70	pc	80	70
Buffalo	rn	49	48	pc	60	55
Burlington	sh	46	41	rn	51	50
Charlottesville	sh	62	54	sh	74	61
Charlston SC	pc	71	59	cl	73	62
Charlston WV	sh	73	58	pc	82	59
Chattanooga	sh	71	56	sh	77	62
Cheyenne	sh	7-5	pc	13-3		
Cincinnati	sh	69	61	cl	76	61
Cleveland	rn	59	57	sh	68	56
Colo. Spgs	pc	45	18	cl	25	7
Columbia MO	ts	65	61	pc	64	25
Columbia SC	cl	78	59	cl	80	64
Columbus	cl	64	59	cl	72	61
Concord	sh	45	39	pc	57	47
Corps Christi	pc	79	67	ts	75	65
Crawford	ts	71	66	ts	67	43
Dallas	sh	71	66	ts	67	43
Daytona Bch.	sh	79	66	pc	80	67
Denver	ss	30	7	sh	19	6
Duluth	ss	20	14	ss	20	3
El Paso	pc	66	47	cl	54	38

WORLD CITIES

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	cl	27	17	ss	31	12
Fargo	sh	11	1	ss	10	8
Flagstaff	ss	35	7	pc	29	3
Fort Myers	pc	87	69	pc	89	69
Fort Smith	ts	68	63	sh	68	40
Fresno	pc	53	29	su	55	32
Grand Junc.	sh	44	19	sh	31	13
Great Falls	sh	-17	su	8-10		
Harrisburg	rn	47	45	pc	71	52
Hartford	rn	48	43	pc	64	53
Helena	cl	-17	su	5-11		
Honolulu	cl	81	66	pc	81	67
Houston	cl	82	66	ts	76	67
Int'l Falls	cl	12	0	ss	12-8	
Jackson	pc	57	40	su	59	41
Jacksonville	pc	80	66	pc	81	68
Jameau	pc	32	20	cl	34	21
Kansas City	ts	62	44	rn	54	20
Las Vegas	pc	51	33	su	48	30
Lexington	sh	71	61	pc	77	63
Lincoln	sh	30	19	pc	24	8
Little Rock	cl	76	61	ts	76	49
Los Angeles	pc	57	40	su	59	41
Louisville	sh	73	63	cl	77	62
Macon	cl	77	59	sh	80	63
Memphis	pc	74	64	ts	75	58
Miami	pc	81	74	pc	82	74
Minneapolis	ss	23	17	ss	21	3
Mobile	pc	76	64	ts	77	67
Montgomery	pc	78	60	pc	82	66
Los Angeles	pc	57	40	su	59	41
New Orleans	sh	82	67	ts	81	69
New York	sh	50	48	pc	65	54
Norfolk	sh	60	57	sh	75	59
Oklahoma City	ts	71	60	pc	76	64
Omaha	sh	30	21	pc	25	8
Orlando	pc	85	67	pc	86	69

WORLD CITIES

MONDAY	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Algeria	pc	84	74	pc	82	74
Amsterdam	cl	61	43	pc	62	40
Ankara	cl	54	34	pc	56	37
Athens	sh	57	48	pc	59	41
Auckland	rn	75	66	pc	76	67
Bangkok	pc	61	45	pc	62	52
Barbados	sh	81	74	pc	80	70
Buenos Aires	cl	55	47	pc	55	47
Beijing	su	45	21	pc	51	24
Beirut	pc	64	53	pc	64	53
Berlin	sh	42	29	pc	42	29
Bermuda	pc	67	63	pc	67	63
Bogota	ts	68	46	pc	68	46
Brussels	sh	45	36	pc	45	36
Bucharest	ss	38	28	pc	39	29
Buenos Aires	ts	67	68	pc	67	68
Cairo	pc	73	52	pc	73	52
Canberra	su	83	74	pc	83	74
Caracas	cl	73	59	pc	73	59
Casablanca	su	64	47	pc	64	47
Copenhagen	rs	37	32	pc	37	32
Dublin	sh	55	38	pc	55	38
Edmonton	pc	17	-2	pc	17	-2
Helsinki	sh	21	7	pc	21	7
Hong Kong	sh	74	65	pc	74	65
Geneva	pc	45	32	pc	45	32
Guadalajara	pc	76	50	pc	76	50
Havana	pc	88	68	pc	88	68