



Ex-Trump aide Gates cops plea

Manafort business partner charged with conspiracy against the U.S., lying to FBI

BY CHRIS MEGERIAN, DAVID WILLMAN AND JOSEPH TANFANI
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Rick Gates, who helped manage Donald Trump's presidential campaign after making millions of dollars advising Ukraine's pro-Kremlin

government, pleaded guilty Friday to conspiracy against the United States and lying to federal agents, becoming the latest former Trump aide to cooperate with prosecutors in the sprawling Russia investigation.

Court papers reveal Gates lied to special counsel Robert Mueller and the FBI as recently as Feb. 1,

when he already was negotiating with prosecutors about the raft of criminal charges he was facing.

Gates, who appeared in court before U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson, is the fifth person to plead guilty to charges stemming from the Mueller probe, and the first to confess to more than one criminal charge.

While Gates, 45, could face more than five years in prison on the two charges, he is expected to be sentenced to about 18 months,

according to a person familiar with the plea negotiations.

Mueller has proven adept at securing cooperation from Trump's former associates as he investigates Russian meddling in the 2016 election, and whether anyone in the Trump campaign assisted in that operation or committed other potential crimes, including obstruction of justice



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Richard Gates leaves the federal courthouse Friday.

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"Black entrepreneurs show us there is a way to create your own destiny," said Keeana Barber, who founded and runs WDB Marketing.

Black-owned businesses hope to grow in light of Obama center

Entrepreneurs in poor areas create jobs with little help from outside

BY LOLLY BOWEAN
Chicago Tribune

When Keeana Barber's guests arrive at her gala in the South Loop on Saturday night, hundreds of black entrepreneurs will be introduced to younger visionaries and hear their

itches for new businesses, one of which they will help fund.

Then the group will raise a glass for accomplishing a feat that elsewhere is often taken for granted: building thriving businesses in under-resourced, often overlooked communities in the Chicago area.

"Black entrepreneurs show us there is a way to create your own destiny," said Barber, who runs the marketing firm WDB Marketing. She began holding the

gathering to spotlight and celebrate small-business owners. "We are job creators. We are community assets. This event is really about telling a new story and changing perceptions. We are here and people should see us."

Barber's celebration, the LEGACY Gala, isn't the first effort to connect African-American business owners or celebrate them as a way of encouraging them to grow. The Chicago

Urban League and the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition have annual events and educational programs aimed at nurturing minority entrepreneurs.

But Barber's event comes when there is a growing urgency to cultivate and support black-owned businesses and firms in the Chicago area. The Obama Presidential Center is expected to bring thousands of visitors to

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City blasts feds over sanctuary city threat

Letter to DOJ questions 'integrity' of agency

BY JEFF COEN
Chicago Tribune

The city of Chicago has told federal officials it is complying with a request for documents related to the ongoing dispute over its "sanctuary city" status by sending the Chicago Police Department's general orders and its immigrant welcoming ordinance, among other orders, brushing off what it calls "insinuations" of violating federal law.

The city's letter to the federal government Friday was in response to a Department of Justice request for records to Chicago, Cook County and other municipalities across the country that have not fallen in line with the new immigration policies of the administration of President Donald Trump.

The federal government had sought records showing local law enforcement agencies are sharing information with federal agents, and it threatened the loss of federal grants if they didn't comply.

In its letter Friday, the city said it believed it was already in compliance with federal law and called into question the Justice Department's "integrity" as it pursues so-called sanctuary cities. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle also sent a letter Friday saying the county was already in compliance.

"The Department's insinua-

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Ex-Playboy model vs. Billy Goat owner vs. artist

Unusual trio running for open spot on Cook County judicial bench

BY STEVE SCHMADEKE
Chicago Tribune

It may sound like a Mike Royko fever dream come to life, but an experienced family law attorney who once posed nude for Playboy is challenging a co-owner of the Billy Goat Tavern for a seat on the Cook County bench.

A longtime public defender known for his paintings of alleys and criminal defendants rounds out the three-way race for Cook County judge in the March 20 Democratic primary, which will ultimately decide who wins the \$194,000-a-year job, considering there are no Republican con-



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Family attorney Corri Fetman once posed nude for Playboy.



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Former prosecutor Tom Sianis co-owns the Billy Goat Tavern.



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Defender Tim Leeming painted a series called "The Accused."

tenders to face in the fall general election.

With judges unable to campaign on political issues and dozens of races on the ballot each election cycle, many of

them uncontested, most judicial races slip under the public's radar despite the power judges wield. But the race to replace retiring Law Division Judge Deborah Dooling has attracted a

trio of interesting candidates — perhaps in part because no heir apparent was tapped for the job.

Retiring judges frequently put

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JOE RAEDLE/GETTY

A girl weeps Friday at a cross honoring one of those slain in a school shooting in Parkland, Fla.

Fla. leaders propose new firearms laws

Florida Gov. Rick Scott announced plans Friday to put more armed guards in schools and to make it harder for young adults and some with mental illness to buy guns. **Page 5**



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Aldermen: Expand sexual harassment rules

Ban would apply to interactions with residents, lobbyists

BY HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

Chicago aldermen on Friday moved to expand a recently enacted ban on sexual harassment, so more potential victims would have recourse if city officials attempt to trade sexual favors for government decisions or employment.

The change advanced by

the City Council Workforce Development and Audit Committee was a fix to the ban that was approved by the council in November, amid the early weeks of the scandals involving prominent men in the arts, politics and media.

Last year's measure added elected officials, including the mayor, to rules barring sexual harassment of other city officials or employees. But it left out a wide swath of people who interact with city officials — including residents, lobby-

ists and business owners — whom bad-acting officials could still harass without running afoul of the city ethics code.

"It strengthens the city's sexual harassment protections," Ald. Margaret Laurino, 39th, said of the proposed expansion.

"It provides that elected officials cannot sexually harass constituents, developers, business owners. Previously, this applied only to the harassment of other elected officials or city employees."

Laurino's latest proposal also expands the definition of sexual harassment, so "submission to" sexual advances or requests for sexual favors cannot be a condition of "any governmental decision." Current city code already prohibits making submission to advances or requests a condition of employment. The changes will be considered next week by the full council.

Until aldermen acted last year, city employees could face fines or other discipline for sexual harassment

under the city ethics code, but elected officials weren't covered by the same rules.

Now, the city inspector general can investigate claims of sexual harassment against officials. After an investigation, the Board of Ethics could fine officials \$1,000 to \$5,000 or seek to settle the issue in "such other manner as it deems appropriate."

City employees can be suspended or fired for violating the sexual harassment policy. But that's off the table for elected officials

because they are officers under state law, and the Board of Ethics doesn't have the authority to suspend or remove them.

The council also recently passed an ordinance requiring all city employees and elected officials to take annual training courses aimed at preventing sexual harassment.

If they don't comply, they would face daily fines of \$200 to \$750.

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Black-owned businesses seek growth

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the South Side, which could infuse the area with a new customer base and even new residents.

As South and West side communities are redeveloped, activists and some leaders want to make sure African-American entrepreneurs are part of the renaissance, said Torrey Barrett, who founded a Washington Park community center and is part of a nonprofit group charged with helping steer economic opportunities related to the Obama center.

"Already I see black-owned businesses are collaborating with each other. It's happening naturally," he said. "The community is following the lead of the (former) president and first lady. They wanted minority participation in the development of their center and they wanted minorities to benefit."

Having black-owned establishments in historically black communities provides jobs to residents and attracts more investors, Barrett said. They also signal to residents there that although the community is improving, there is reason for them to stay, Barrett said.

"It sends a message that you are not being displaced or forced out. You can shop with people who look like you, you can shop in the places you normally shopped in, now there's just more places for you to go," he said.

Nationally, there has been a broad push in recent years for consumers to consciously buy from black vendors, hire diverse talent and bank at black-owned establishments.

More African-Americans are realizing that not only is entrepreneurship the pathway toward wealth, it is the only way crime-plagued, poor communities will ever improve.

It's small businesses that



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Julius Thomas started out selling tacos from the trunk of his car. Now his Jerk Taco Man restaurant employs 60 people.

are willing to give job opportunities to people who get dismissed by corporate America, said Steven Rogers, a professor at Harvard Business School who teaches a course called Black Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs.

"We know from research that black-owned companies have a higher percentage of black employees than any other companies in the country," Rogers said. According to his research, even in cities that are majority minority, black-owned firms have a higher number of black employees than their competitors.

"Part of the solution to black unemployment in Chicago is the support, growth and development of black businesses," Rogers said. "Black business owners also become the great philanthropists. ... They provide the capital for other small entrepreneurs."

Chicago has a long history of black entrepre-

neurship dating to its founder, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, a fur trader who worked for himself. The city has been home to John H. Johnson, Oprah Winfrey, John Rogers, Fred Luster, Ed Gardner, Jim Reynolds and hundreds of other business leaders.

But in the past decade, as the economy fluctuated and Chicago's black population greatly decreased, dozens of those businesses closed, residents and experts said. Some flower shops, bakeries and grocery stores were dramatically affected by the demolition of public housing complexes, which relocated thousands of customers.

New York and Atlanta outrank Chicago in the number of black-owned businesses and firms, according to the 2012 census, the last figures available. Still, with 110,155 black-owned firms, Cook County leads all other counties in the country, the data show.

Phillip Jackson, executive director of the Black Star Project, said that not only did business closings leave communities with boarded-up storefronts and crumbling buildings, it was a blow to the job market.

"Black people used to employ tens of thousands of other black people in this city," he said. "There was a time when we owned gas stations and drugstores and corner stores. We had anchor businesses that created opportunities for other businesses. They are gone."

To help spark a pipeline toward entrepreneurship, Jackson has developed a curriculum for young students to learn about black millionaires and to take lessons from them.

"If we don't teach how black entrepreneurs became millionaires, then we are part of the problem," he said.

Keeana Barber's gathering started out as a party to celebrate her first decade in

business, she said. But as she and her staff began planning, they wanted to also highlight the many entrepreneurs who helped her enterprise grow.

"I started my company to honor my brother, who died from gun violence in 2004. After 10 years, it was more than about just us. The people in our network deserved to have a light shined on them too," she said.

She wanted to create a space where business owners could have fun and trumpet their successes as they inspired each other. And she wanted to encourage them to contribute to the generation behind them. It was her way of turning a fragmented group into a supportive community.

Most small businesses struggle for years before they see a profit. But black owners face special hurdles and obstacles, said Emile Cambry, the owner of Blue 1647, a tech innovation cen-

ter in the Pilsen neighborhood. They often don't have access to loans or investors.

At times, they set up in communities where residents, long deprived of retail, are less forgiving of small mistakes. And they can struggle to attract customers who are in the habit of going elsewhere.

"We've realized that we are the solution to our problems and we are the ambassadors in our communities," he said.

Julius B. Thomas knows the hurdles well.

Thomas, who owns the successful Jerk Taco Man restaurant and food truck, started without formal financing, bank loans or investors.

In 2013, he began selling handmade tacos along 63rd Street Beach from the trunk of his Chevy Impala. Then he set up inside a hair salon and later on a vacant West Side lot in the West Garfield Park neighborhood.

"My background wouldn't allow me to get a loan, go that route. I didn't have collateral," he said. "I had a lot of hustle. I knew how to grind and get things done. I went to the streets."

As Thomas grew a loyal customer base, he got a lease on a restaurant, he said. Not only was the overhead for the space less expensive than in other parts of the city, it was in a neighborhood that had few other restaurants.

His customers followed him. Soon there were lines up and down the sidewalk. He used social media to get more attention.

"I've never really been successful working for anyone," he said. "I'm better on my own. I have drive and I have no problem doing what I need to become successful."

Last week, he formally opened a Chatham location. What started as a one-man operation now employs 60 people.

"We could be located in the heart of a white community, but I want to employ black people, serve the black community," he said.

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City road estimate for Obama site: \$175M

BY BLAIR KAMIN AND MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Proposed roadwork and underpass construction for the planned Obama Presidential Center will cost about \$175 million, Chicago officials said Friday. It's the first time the city has given an estimate of the public cost of the privately funded center.

The proposed changes include widening portions of Lake Shore Drive and Stony Island Avenue to accommodate a key feature of the center, the closing of a portion of Cornell Drive. A report prepared for city and state transportation officials said Cornell would need to be closed by the end of 2019 for the center to open as planned in 2021.

The plan also calls for four or five new underpasses, including one at 67th Street and the Lake Shore Drive.

The number of underpasses is uncertain because the city is still considering whether to put in one or two underpasses at Hayes Drive and Cornell.

Officials did not specify

how they would fund the roadwork, saying that they are pursuing "all potential options," including funding from the state of Illinois.

"These proposed investments are intended to make the (center) and surrounding Jackson Park a world-class destination on par with Chicago's Museum Campus," the city's Department of Transportation said in providing the figures in response to questions from the Tribune.

A separate statement said a traffic study "found that with these roadway changes and mitigations looked at as a whole, travel times for drivers in and around the park will remain relatively unchanged."

The estimate was released in advance of a public meeting Tuesday at McCormick Place, where the Obama Foundation, the nonprofit charged with building the center, will discuss its latest plans.

In January, the foundation submitted documents to the Chicago Plan Commission, requesting a zoning change that would allow it to build its 19-acre complex in historic Jackson

Park. The Plan Commission is expected to consider the proposal this spring.

Foundation officials have said they want to break ground before the end of this year so the center can open in 2021.

The center's projected cost of construction is more than \$300 million, with its overall cost estimated at \$500 million.

According to CDOT spokesman Michael Claffey, presidential libraries often receive state funding for surrounding infrastructure work. He noted that the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield received \$100 million in state funding.

Margaret Schmid, co-president of the community group Jackson Park Watch, questioned the city's \$175 million estimate, saying the potential cost of the additional pedestrian underpasses would likely boost the total beyond that. She said the project would have been cheaper if it was built in Washington Park, another site that had been considered.

Obama center roadwork



Schmid also questioned the city's proposal that includes a so-called "road

diet" for Cornell between 57th and 59th streets, which would reduce the street to

one lane in each direction by adding on-street parking. "It would cause massive traffic jams," Schmid said.

According to the transportation report, an analysis of traffic volumes was done and indicates there would be no "significant traffic impacts" as a result of the project. The city predicts that most Cornell traffic would be diverted to Lake Shore Drive, with the rest going to Stony Island and other routes.

Besides the closing of Cornell between the North Midway Plaisance and Hayes, other roadway segments that would be closed and converted into open space would be South Midway Plaisance between Stony Island and Cornell, and Marquette Drive between Stony Island and Richards Drive.

The proposal also would cause a loss of about 236 on-street parking spaces, though the city said it would still leave enough for peak demand.

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Distraught people exit the criminal court building after a hearing Friday for Rolando Ortiz, who was denied bail.

Little Village dad re-enacted slitting tot's throat, officials say

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

The man charged with killing his young son re-enacted how he slit the boy's throat as he gave a video confession to Chicago police, Cook County prosecutors said Friday.

The details were so gruesome that a court clerk wiped away tears as she listened in the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

Rolando Ortiz, 37, wearing a flimsy blue jumpsuit with his hands cuffed in front of him, was ordered held without bail by Judge Mary Marubio as a public safety threat to the community.

Ortiz's son, Mateo Garcia Aguayo, who would have turned 3 next month, was cut so severely that his spinal cord was severed and his head was nearly decapitated, prosecutors said.

In a recorded interview with Chicago police, Ortiz

admitted he killed the boy "because he was trying to sleep and the victim was not letting him," said Assistant State's Attorney Jamie Santini. He told police he knelt on the boy to hold him down while cutting his throat, Santini said. He admitted he put the body in a garbage bag, intending to throw it in the garbage, according to the prosecutors.

Ortiz even re-enacted the slaying on video, using a doll to show how he slashed the boy's throat, Santini said.

Ortiz, who worked a night shift at a factory, cared for Mateo while his wife worked days at the same factory and their two older children attended school.

Ortiz brought Mateo into bed with him to try to sleep, but the toddler wouldn't stop moving and jumping on his father, Santini said.

When the boy got off the

bed and started running around, Ortiz grabbed him by the arm, dragged him to the kitchen and pinned him to the floor so he could not move, Santini said. Ortiz then got a large kitchen knife and used it to slash his son's throat repeatedly while he held the boy down with his other arm, he said.

He then placed the boy's body in a garbage bag and wiped blood off the kitchen floor with dirty clothes, Santini said.

He called a witness — identified by police as his wife's sister — and admitted to her that he killed his son, telling her that the boy "was with God now," Santini said. Two other witnesses then went to the residence, found the body and called 911.

When Ortiz heard the approaching sirens, he fled the apartment in a truck, Santini said. Chicago police tracked his cellphone to a location in Kankakee and arrested him within a few

hours of the homicide.

It marked his first arrest by Chicago police.

At a news conference Thursday, Chicago police said Ortiz "made a pretty weak attempt" to cut his own wrists after realizing what he had done.

"Mateo wasn't old enough to make a bad decision. Mateo wasn't old enough to take the wrong path in life," Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson told reporters. "He was just an innocent kid whose trust and safety was betrayed by one man he should never have to question: his father."

Ortiz's court-appointed lawyer said his client has lived in Chicago for 14 years and worked at the factory for six years. The family lives in the 2700 block of South Avers Avenue in the Little Village neighborhood.

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Fatal high-speed crash suspect found dead

BY CLIFFORD WARD AND MATTHEW WALBERG
Chicago Tribune

Brian Thunderkick, the man authorities say was responsible for a fiery crash last year that killed a young woman from Elgin, was found dead in his Warrenville home Thursday along with the body of his former wife.

Thunderkick and Laura Arns were identified by the DuPage County coroner's office Friday as the two people discovered dead inside a Pierre Curie Lane townhouse after authorities from Warrenville and

Wheaton arrived there to serve court papers.

Thunderkick missed a court hearing in DuPage County court Thursday on a reckless homicide charge pending against him from a September crash in Wheaton that killed Erika Villagomez, a 22-year-old Northern Illinois University student from Elgin.

Because he was a no-show in court, authorities issued a warrant for Thunderkick's arrest, which was apparently what led law

enforcement officials to visit his home later that day.

The coroner's office did not provide a cause of death, saying further testing is necessary.

Officers said they found no signs of violence or forced entry. Warrenville Police Chief Raymond Turano

said in a release that the deaths were not the result of a random act and that there was no danger to the community.



Thunderkick

According to authorities, Thunderkick, 62, may have been driving up to 135 mph along Butterfield Road in Wheaton when his Camaro rear-ended the car Villagomez was driving about 11 a.m. Sept. 30. Her vehicle burst into flames, trapping her inside.

Thunderkick was previously known as Brian G. Arns but legally changed his surname in 2005.

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Illinois receives middling grade on infrastructure

Engineering group issues C-minus on roads, spans, transit

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

An engineering trade group has given Illinois' roads, bridges, rail, transit and other infrastructure a grade not worthy of hanging on the refrigerator: a C-minus.

The grade was part of a report by the American Society of Civil Engineers, a national organization that represents those in the business of designing and fixing bridges, roads and other structures. The group also issues grades for other states.

The low mark comes in the same month as the release of President Donald Trump's infrastructure program, which asks that states and local governments pay a greater share for projects.

"After the last four years of pension crises, unpaid bills and budget stalemates, infrastructure has fallen off the radar of our policymakers — and our citizens are paying the price," the Illinois report said.

Engineering society members announced the findings Friday, along with government officials and transportation experts, including representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation, Chicago's water department and the Illinois Farm Bureau.

State Sen. Karen McConaughay, a suburban Republican and minority spokeswoman for the Senate Transportation Committee, told the lunchtime gathering in Chicago that professionals like civil engineers have to regularly reach out to representatives in Springfield and hammer home the importance of infrastructure funding to the state's economy.

"Most of the members of the General Assembly don't know that and don't care," she said, noting that politicians are notoriously shy about doing anything that would raise taxes.

"If you're not willing to put us on the spot on infrastructure, it's not going to happen," McConaughay said.

As poor as it is, the Illinois grade is a little better than the 2017 national average grade of D-plus. Illinois' mark has not changed since

the last time it was graded by the engineering society, in 2014.

The overall Illinois grade was a combination of individual grades for different elements of state infrastructure, including aviation, bridges, drinking water systems and rail.

The card's lowest individual grade — a D-minus — went to the care of navigable waterways, noting that the confluence of the Illinois, Mississippi and Ohio rivers are crucial to the country's navigation system. But that advantage is threatened by deferred maintenance on locks that have "long exceeded" their 50-year design life, the group said.

Illinois' roads got a D, as they are ranked third nationally for travel delay, excess fuel consumed, truck congestion cost and total congestion cost, the engineers found. The report noted that despite the need for maintenance and repair, the state's 19-cent-per-gallon fuel tax has remained the same since 1991. Other states have raised their gas taxes in recent years to pay for road programs.

Illinois transit also got a D, because of lack of capital funding, according to the society.

The engineering society also has recently graded Texas, which also got a C-minus, and Louisiana, which scored a D-plus.

The society recommended that the state prioritize infrastructure, find a source of sustainable funding and pass a state capital plan, which Illinois has lacked since 2009. The engineering group also recommended that the state capitalize on its advantageous location as the nation's crossroads, and consider new technologies and shifting social and economic trends as it designs future projects.

The state's drinking water and wastewater systems both got a mark of C-minus. Randy Conner, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Water Management, told the group that through investing in the city's system, the city has been able to reduce the amount of water that gets wasted. Chicagoans have been paying for the investment through higher water and sewer fees, which have doubled since 2011.

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Corporation counsel Ed Siskel, at lectern, shown in August with Mayor Rahm Emanuel and other officials announcing a suit against the Justice Department over sanctuary city grants, says the DOJ's actions call into question its integrity.

Chicago, county fire back at feds

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tions about Chicago's compliance with federal law are especially puzzling given that it is the Department's misguided policies against welcoming jurisdictions, like Chicago, that judges across the country repeatedly have found to violate the Constitution and federal law," wrote Ed Siskel, corporation counsel in Chicago's Department of Law.

The federal government had included threatening legal language in its past letters for compliance, delivered Jan. 24, prompting Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, New York Mayor Bill DeBlasio and others to skip a planned meeting with Trump that week.

The letters had set a deadline of Friday for recipients to provide documents proving they are giving information to agents on the immigration status of people in their custody. The Chicago Police Department had said in the past that it does not provide such data to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and agents also do not have access to inmates being held at Cook County Jail.

In a letter Friday on behalf of Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, Siskel suggested the Justice Department's efforts weren't transparent.

"Rather than being motivated by a sincere desire to reduce violent crime in Chicago and other cities, it is increasingly clear that the Department's policies... are in fact a pretext for the Department's true purpose: to demonize immigrants and penalize municipalities that refuse to fall in line with the Department's unlawful demands," he wrote.

Further, the city asked the federal government to respond to its own Freedom of Information request about what documents the government believes the law entitles it to receive regarding immigrant populations in local jurisdictions, saying the government's requests have been unclear and "outright contradictory."

Twenty-three states, cities and counties had received the federal government's past request, which included the following:

"All documents reflecting any orders, directives, instructions, or guidance to your law enforcement employees (including, but not limited to, police officers, correctional officers, and contract employees), whether formal or informal, that were distributed, produced, and/or in effect during the relevant timeframe, regarding whether and how these employees may, or may not, communicate with the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, and/or Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or their agents, whether directly or indirectly," the letter stated. One was addressed to Johnson and one to Preckwinkle.

The department repeatedly has threatened to withhold Edward Byrne Memo-

rial Justice Assistance Grants from uncooperative sanctuary cities, money used for crime prevention programs and items ranging from body cameras to bulletproof vests. Chicago has sued to try to keep the Trump administration from making the grant conditional on "unrelated and unlawful immigration enforcement actions."

As for Cook County, Preckwinkle responded with a letter to the federal government Friday as well, stating that she also believes the county is already in compliance with the law and attaching various documents, including the county's resolutions on protecting immigrant citizens' rights and the sheriff's department's policies on handling and releasing inmates with unknown immigration status.

Those policies include the county's opposition to providing Immigration and Customs Enforcement access to inmates solely to investigate their immigration status, or holding inmates on ICE's requests alone.

Cook County has argued that it is in compliance in part because it does not ask about the immigration status of jail inmates, so it cannot turn over information it has not collected.

Preckwinkle, like the city, expressed opposition to the Justice Department tying immigration enforcement to federal grant money.

"Cook County does not concede that it is lawful to condition eligibility for federal grant funding... on compliance" with the department's request, she wrote.

Department of Justice

records show the city and Cook County received more than \$2.3 million through the Justice Assistance Grant program in 2016.

The DOJ letters made it clear that JAG recipients are expected to agree to cooperate in attempts by the Justice Department to monitor compliance with federal law that states no local official may restrict another from sending information to or receiving information from the federal government on someone's immigration status.

Chicago's suit challenges Attorney General Jeff Sessions' ability to attach conditions to a grant program created by Congress. Emanuel has said the city would not be "blackmailed into changing our values." In September, a judge granted a preliminary injunction against the Trump administration's efforts to tie the grants to immigration enforcement. Still, the Trump administration has not released the grant money, citing the ongoing litigation.

Siskel's letter also took issue with what he described as the federal government's threat of "criminal action" against public officials who don't comply with these requests.

"It should go without saying that, in a free democracy, the executive branch cannot threaten individuals with criminal charges for opposing the President's policies," Siskel wrote. "The Department's threats against welcoming cities raises serious questions about the integrity of the Department's decisions in this area."

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Chicago rapper, 2 others arrested on gun charges

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Chicago rapper G Herbo and two other men were arrested after their limousine driver tipped off police that some of his passengers had weapons, prosecutors said.

About 10:30 p.m. Thursday, officers curbed the limousine in the first block of East Roosevelt Road in the South Loop neighborhood, prosecutors said at a bail hearing Friday afternoon.

Once the officers stopped the vehicle, three men, including Herbert Wright, 22, who raps under name G Herbo, exited.

One of the men, Deavonte Royale Kimble, 25, of Compton, Calif., was seated alone in the third row of the vehicle and was the last person to get out. Officers found a Glock directly below where he was sitting, prosecutors said.

In court Friday, Defense Attorney William Laws appeared with all three men.

"Mr. Kimble is 25 years of age; he does have a local residence. He does have his GED. He is a music producer, he's been involved in the music industry... A weapon was found under a seat inside the car," said Laws.

He added Kimble made no oral statement to police whether he had knowledge of the gun.

Assistant State's Attorney Lorraine Scaduto argued Friday that one of the men charged, Marchello Walton, 36, of Phenix City, Ala., was observed in the front seat when the limousine was stopped. He had a gym bag with a drawstring that contained a loaded pistol with 21 rounds in the magazine, Scaduto said.

"Mr. Walton is 36 years of age; he too is involved in the music industry. He

also has an address where he can stay in the city," Laws said.

He added Walton is a graduate of Morehouse College, where he majored in education, and he has three children who he supports. "Never seen touching or handling the weapon," Laws said.

As for G Herbo, Scaduto said he was observed in the rear driver-side passenger seat, and officers saw him placing a handgun in the pocket directly in front of him. She said the gun was a Fabrique Nationale loaded with rounds designed to penetrate body armor. There was one bullet in the chamber and 30 in the magazine, she said.

Laws told the court that Wright has a fiancée who is pregnant. Wright has no prior felonies, no violent background and has been a lifetime resident of Chicago, he said.

None of the men had firearm owner's identification cards, prosecutors said. All three were charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

Wright has worked with fellow Chicago rapper Lil Bibby, as well as Nicki Minaj, Chance the Rapper and Common.

He was ordered held on \$25,000 bail. Walton, who has a 2009 conviction in Georgia for aggravated battery, was given a \$15,000 bond and Kimble was ordered held in lieu of \$10,000 bail. All three will be placed on electronic monitoring.

Wright is still known by many as Lil Herb, whose "Welcome to Fazoland" mixtape from 2014 was one of the most critically lauded releases to come out of the city's scene that year.

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Wright

Unusual trio vies in race for judge

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out word of their departure to party leaders well in advance, giving the three Illinois Supreme Court justices from Chicago — Democrats all — time to appoint a judge to fill the slot who can run with a leg up as an incumbent in the next election. But the candidates said that didn't happen when Dooling, a former prosecutor, announced her retirement last year — about a year into her six-year term.

Scion to a cheeseburger empire and a former Cook County prosecutor, Tom Sianis, 41, of Park Ridge, won the Democratic Party's backing despite having fewer years of legal experience; he now works for the state agency that regulates securities, and he also handles legal affairs for his family's Billy Goat Tavern. Divorce attorney Corri Fetman, 54, who lives near Logan Square, and public defender Tim Leeming, 56 — whose wife is a Cook County judge — both easily survived ballot challenges to remain in the race.

The judicial race would have been perfect material for the late Royko, a renowned, nationally syndicated columnist for the Chicago Daily News, Sun-Times and Tribune. His cantankerous columns lit up politicians and judges alike. Tourists flocked to see his seat at the Billy Goat on Lower Michigan Avenue, and he railed at times in his

columns against what he saw as puritanical attempts to destroy "relatively stodgy" publications like Playboy.

Sianis says his breadth of experience — in criminal, securities and administrative law — makes him the most qualified candidate.

Fetman said her three decades of legal practice in family law and a lifetime of hard work would make her a well-rounded judge versed in the law and that she is also able to relate to people.

Leeming said his depth of experience in criminal law puts him head and shoulders above the other candidates and would provide much-needed perspective at the Leighton Criminal Court Building — home to many judges who are former prosecutors — where he believes he would likely end up.

New judges typically start out getting their bearings in traffic court, where any damage they can do is limited to disputes over blown stop signs and speeding, before moving on to another assignment.

Sianis' bid for the bench comes two years after the Cubs won the World Series, a victory that came after his family lifted a curse on the team. It was his great-uncle Bill who cast the curse after his beloved pet goat was not allowed in the ballpark — or so the story goes. While the "W" was the thrill of a lifetime, Sianis — who is married with two young children — said winning the election would be even greater.

"For the city, I think when the Cubs won that was bigger, but personally it would be a bigger honor to be elected judge," said Sianis, enforcement division chief for the Illinois Securities Department and a Western Michigan Uni-

"It's body shaming."

— Corri Fetman, judicial candidate, responding to the Chicago Progressive Candidate 2015 group's ad that called her a "poser" and showed images of her in a bikini

versity law school graduate.

Becoming a judge would be a capstone to Fetman's long legal career that has drawn the spotlight both for her Gold Coast billboard encouraging people to get a divorce and for her nude Playboy photo spread.

"I have a work ethic like nobody else," said Fetman, who says some of her friends still refer to her as "Barracuda Barbie" for her combination of ferocity and looks. "People say I'm intense. There's nobody who's more disciplined or dedicated to their work."

Fetman made international headlines a decade ago after commissioning a Viagra Triangle billboard featuring a scantily clad woman and a shirtless male — later revealed to be Fetman herself and her personal trainer — with the tagline: "Life's Short. Get A Divorce."

The billboard, up for a week before an alderman ordered it taken down, drew torrents of free publicity for Fetman's practice and an offer to pose for Playboy. Soon judges and fellow attorneys were asking Fetman to sign copies of her magazine spread, she said, and she still receives fan mail.

Fetman also began writing a "Lawyer of Love" column for the Playboy website, but later filed a \$4.5 million sexual harassment lawsuit against her boss there, Thomas Hagopian, who allegedly groped her, bombarded her with sexually explicit emails and phone calls and took away her column when she rebuffed his advances.

The Playboy executive

left the company, and records show the lawsuit was later settled. Fetman said the terms are confidential. She later wrote a similar column for ChicagoNow, a network of blogs owned by the Tribune.

Fetman said she was sickened several weeks ago when she saw an attack ad dubbing her a "poser" over images of herself in a bikini at a bodybuilding competition and in front of her controversial billboard. The video appeared last month — just after she secured her ballot spot — on the Facebook page of Chicago Progressive Candidate 2015, a group linked to a Sianis campaign consultant.

"It's body shaming," Fetman said. "He didn't attack the other male candidate, he only attacked me."

"Posers, posers — we have enough of them in Chicago," a gravelly male voice says in the video. "Do we really need another one who's just posing to try to be a judge? Vote no on Corri Fetman's idea of being a judge. We need judges who are real, not posing."

The nonprofit Chicago Progressive Candidates was founded in 2015 by a group that includes political consultant Matt Harrington, who has received about \$10,000 since December from Sianis' campaign committee, according to the committee's campaign finance filings.

Sianis said he never authorized the ad and that, when he learned of it this week, he cut ties with Harrington.

"The ad is offensive, it's inappropriate, I had absolutely nothing to do with

that and I wish Corri all the best," Sianis said. "That's not how I run my campaign — I've never once said something bad about Corri... I'm running on my record."

"It's too little, too late," said Fetman, adding that she also wished Sianis the best.

Harrington could not be reached for comment. Sianis said his former consultant has been hospitalized in recent weeks.

Although she did not get the Democratic Party's nod, Fetman is a well-known, experienced divorce attorney who worked at a national firm and handled legal cases in state appeals court before launching her own practice — which for a time only hired female attorneys — in 1995. She is going back to school to learn accounting. And Fetman said she also has some influential backers, like former U.S. Attorney Dan Webb, one of the city's most prominent lawyers now in private practice.

A spokeswoman for the law firm where Webb is a partner did not respond to a request for comment.

Leeming, who has spent 30 years in the public defender's office and now works in the legal resource unit, which handles exoneration attempts on the most serious felony convictions, is married to Judge Pamela Leeming, who was appointed to fill a judicial vacancy in 2009 and then elected three years later.

"In my house, it's ladies first," he joked, in part, about his wife getting a judgeship first.

The father of four became interested in law as an Arlington Heights high school debate student in 1977 researching criminal justice reform. But after getting his law degree, Leeming couldn't quite

shake his love of art, attending the School of the Art Institute of Chicago on a scholarship.

He still paints, now in the basement of his Oak Park home, and puts some of the work on display at a cafe in town.

Leeming, whose legal work has led to five murder convictions being overturned, finds the artistic process similar to his job as a litigator. Among the work he's most proud of is a series called "The Accused" — a series of portraits, inspired by the etchings of French artist Honore Daumier, that were a commentary on the criminal justice system.

"You're communicating something; organizing something and truth telling," he said. "You have to decide what to leave in, what to leave out."

When it came to running without party backing, Leeming said he wasn't afraid to throw his hat in the ring. "No offense, but we didn't ask anybody" for permission," he said.

Leeming said he has the most legal experience of the three candidates. While he respects Fetman's legal experience, he questioned the "moral expediency" of her divorce billboard, saying it made light of a topic that's often devastating for families.

"It's not a joke. Getting a divorce because life is short and here's a picture of a woman in her underwear? It's a serious business and it's a tragedy."

Fetman declined to respond to the criticism but said the billboard was about helping her clients live their best life.

"I believe it's a positive message," she said. "I would never minimize what people are going through ever."

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Fla. leaders propose new firearm laws

Plan: Make it harder for the mentally ill, others to buy guns

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida Gov. Rick Scott announced plans Friday to put more armed guards in schools and to make it harder for young adults and some with mental illness to buy guns, responding to days of intense lobbying from survivors of last week's shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Scott unveiled his school safety proposals as teachers returned for the first time to Stoneman Douglas since the Feb. 14 shooting left 17 dead and 16 wounded.

The shooting sparked an intense push to restrict access to assault rifles fueled by student activists who swarmed the state Capitol demanding concrete gun control measures.

President Donald Trump said repeatedly Friday that he favored arming teachers to protect students, an idea many educators rejected out of hand.

"I am totally against arming teachers," Broward schools Superintendent Robert Runcie said. "They have a challenging job as it is."

Scott, a Republican expected to run for the Senate, outlined his plan at a Tallahassee news conference.

In addition to banning firearm sales to anyone under 21, the governor called for a trained law enforcement officer for ev-



Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School administrative staffers react at a memorial honoring the 17 killed on Feb. 14.



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ery school — and one for every 1,000 students at larger schools — by the time the fall school year begins.

Stoneman Douglas in Parkland, which has more than 3,000 students, had one armed resource officer who never entered the building under attack while a gunman was shooting people inside, officials said.

That failure was compounded by confusion about what was being shown to police on school

security cameras the day of the shooting and the lack of meaningful response to reports to the FBI and local police that suspect Nikolas Cruz, 19, might become violent, had guns and possibly would attack a school.

Cruz is jailed on 17 counts of murder and has confessed to the shootings, investigators say.

The governor's \$500 million plan would create a "violent threat restraining order" that would let a court prohibit a violent or mentally ill person from buying or possessing a firearm or other weapon under certain circumstances.

The proposal would also strengthen gun purchase and possession restrictions for mentally ill people under the state's Baker Act,

which allows someone to be involuntarily hospitalized for up to 72 hours.

Scott is seeking \$50 million for mental health initiatives that include expanding services by providing counseling, crisis management and other services for youths and young adults.

But the legislature's Republican leadership proposed letting teachers carry a gun if they have had law enforcement training — a provision that House Speaker Richard Corcoran called a "game changer."

The legislators' plan also calls for a three-day waiting period for most gun purchases, with exceptions.

Democrats said neither plan goes far enough.

"Unfortunately, both plans omit a third, critically

important piece of legislation Democrats have been and continue to push for — a ban on assault weapons and high capacity magazines," said state Senate Democratic Leader Oscar Brayton.

Talia Rumsky, a 16-year-old Stoneman Douglas student who was at school during the shooting, was among those who traveled to Tallahassee on Wednesday to lobby lawmakers about gun control.

She said Scott's plan to make it illegal for anyone under 21 to purchase a gun is a start, but said she doesn't think it goes far enough.

Trump told reporters Friday that schools need some kind of "offensive" capability to deter and re-

spond to attackers. "If they're not gun free, if there are guns inside, held by the right people, by highly trained professionals, you're going to see this end," he said.

Trump also suggested that sheriff's deputy Scot Peterson, 54, who failed to intervene in the Parkland shooting may have been a "coward."

"He trained his whole life," Trump told reporters at the White House, referring to Peterson, who resigned Thursday.

At least two other Broward sheriff's deputies may have also waited outside Stoneman Douglas while the killer gunned down people, according to other officers on the scene.

The sheriff's office is investigating the claims from Coral Springs cops, Sheriff Scott Israel told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel on Friday.

The allegations add to a series of failures that have come to light since the shooting.

Two additional deputies are being investigated over whether they mishandled warnings about Cruz in the months before the shooting; the FBI has admitted it failed to investigate similar claims; and the Florida Department of Children & Families, which looked into concerns about Cruz, concluded that he was no risk to himself or others.

Coral Springs Mayor Skip Campbell said the city wants answers to the allegations. If proven true, "it not only makes me angry, it makes me furious," he said.

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Administration announces more N. Korea sanctions

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WASHINGTON — Seeking to further isolate North Korea, the Trump administration on Friday announced a broad new raft of economic sanctions against 56 companies, ships and people around the world that allegedly aid the government in Pyongyang in pursuing its nuclear ambitions.

President Donald Trump, who was supposed to personally describe the sanctions in a major speech to conservative activists, instead only briefly mentioned them at the close of his address. He called the measures the "heaviest sanctions ever imposed on a country before."

The details were left to the Treasury Department, which said the measures were aimed at disrupting North Korean shipping and trading companies believed to illegally use vessels,

sometimes disguised under foreign flags, to transport forbidden goods such as fuel and possible weapons material.

The administration "is aggressively targeting all illicit avenues used by North Korea to evade sanctions," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said in a statement.

If companies or individuals anywhere in the world "choose to help fund North Korea's nuclear ambitions, they will not do business with the United States," he added.

North Korea is already subject to scores of sanctions both from the United States and the United Nations and other world powers, all aimed at halting dictator Kim Jong Un's development of nuclear weapons. The penalties have failed, however, to stop North Korea from making progress toward its stated goal of developing a nuclear-armed ballistic missile capable of hitting U.S. terri-



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The new sanctions target 28 vessels located or registered in North Korea, China, Tanzania and Panama. Satellite imagery purportedly show North Korean vessels conducting ship-to-ship transfers of oil, coal and refined petroleum products with vessels under foreign flags, to circumvent U.N. sanctions prohibiting such practices.

Shutting down these boats, Mnuchin said, "will significantly hinder the Kim regime's capacity to con-

duct evasive maritime activities that facilitate illicit coal and fuel transports, and erode its abilities to ship goods through international waters."

Also targeted are 28 shipping and trading companies that work in or with North Korea, Treasury said.

One individual was added to the blacklist, Taiwanese citizen Tsang Yung Yung, whom Treasury accused of coordinating North Korean coal exports with a Russia-based North Korean broker.

Previously, individuals under sanction have included Chinese bankers and Russian businessmen, all accused of helping North Korea get around the penalties to maintain its economic health.

Sen. Ed Markey of Massachusetts, the senior Democrat on the East Asia Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, echoed many critics in saying the new sanctions, while welcome, do not go far enough.

"The so-called 'largest

package' of sanctions that the Trump administration can announce against North Korea yet again fails to apply the kind of targeted economic pressure necessary to bring Kim Jong Un to the negotiating table," Markey said.

He called for forcing China to cut its crude oil supplies to North Korea and better enforce existing sanctions. Trump has repeatedly urged China to do both things.

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Woman who called FBI with tip said Cruz 'going to explode'

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The FBI tipster whose call to the agency last month was ignored had warned an employee that she was concerned about Nikolas Cruz "getting into the place up," according to a transcript of the call obtained by the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

The caller, whose name is redacted from the transcript, said she was worried



BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S
Nikolas Cruz is charged in the deaths of 17 people.

that Cruz was "going to explode." The woman spoke with an FBI employee for more than 13 minutes Jan. 5, and said she also alerted local authorities.

"I just want someone to know about this so they can look into it," the woman said. "I just know I have a clear conscience if he takes off and ... just starts shooting places up."

Cruz, 19, is accused of killing 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., on Feb. 14.

The transcript was first reported Friday by The Wall Street Journal. Congressional staffers were briefed about the call Friday, news outlets reported.

On Feb. 16, the FBI publicly acknowledged that it did not send the tip to the FBI Miami Field Office. Attorney General Jeff Sessions ordered an investigation of how the Department of Justice and FBI handled the matter.

The tipster, whose relationship with Cruz was also redacted, said Cruz bought rifles and ammunition, using money from his dead mother's bank account, and posted pictures of them on Instagram. Cruz's mother Lynda died Nov. 1.

"It's alarming to see these pictures and to know what he's capable of doing and what could happen," she said of his Instagram account. He also wrote he wants to "kill people," she told the FBI.

The tipster said that Cruz had the "mental capacity of a 12 to a 14 year old" and she gave the FBI employee the address for where Cruz was staying, but she said the man he lives with refuses to return her calls.

The woman said she also called police in Parkland

with concerns about Cruz and that she "didn't hear anything." The Broward Sheriff's Office, which oversees Parkland, said Thursday that it had received two calls about Cruz. One was in February 2016 and the other in November.

The woman, who called the FBI in January, said she sent a message to Cruz on Instagram, asking him how he was doing.

He responded: "Leave me the f alone."

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Driver arrested after vehicle rams barrier at White House

WASHINGTON — The White House was on lockdown for about an hour Friday after a passenger vehicle struck a security barrier.

The U.S. Secret Service tweeted that the vehicle “did not breach the security barrier of the White House complex.” No shots were fired, the Secret Service said.

The agency added that the 35-year-old female driver was “immediately apprehended” after the

incident on the southeast side of the complex, near the Old Executive Office Building. The driver was identified as a resident of La Vergne, Tenn., and as someone the Secret Service has had previous encounters with near the White House.

The agency said the woman was charged Friday with unspecified criminal violations and turned over to the District of Columbia police department.

Governors push bipartisan plan on tackling national health care

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan group of governors working to strike compromise on hot-button policy issues took on the question of health care Friday.

Republican Ohio Gov. John Kasich lamented that one of the country’s largest challenges seems to have been set aside by policymakers.

“It’s like health care doesn’t even matter anymore down here,” he said.

Kasich and Democratic Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper have been working for more than a year on identifying common ground in health care, immigration and other policy issues.

The plan includes ideas for improving affordability, restoring stability, promoting flexibility so that states can innovate and eliminate duplicative and burdensome insurance regulations.

Nasty flu season showing signs of winding down in the country

NEW YORK — Could this nasty flu season finally be winding down?

U.S. health officials on Friday said fewer visits to the doctor last week — 1 out of 16 — were for fever, cough and other flu symptoms than during the previous two weeks. The number of states reporting high patient traffic for the flu also dropped, to 39 from 43.

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention say they’re cautious about saying the flu season has peaked but called the downturn encouraging. Flu usually peaks in February.

This season started early and surged for months. It has been driven by a formidable type of flu that tends to cause more hospitalizations and deaths. This year’s flu vaccine is estimated to be only 25 percent effective against that type.



SYRIAN CIVIL DEFENSE

A member of the Syrian Civil Defense group carries an injured girl to safety amid airstrikes in the suburbs east of Damascus. The group is known as the White Helmets.

32 dead in new Syrian attack as U.N. delays cease-fire vote

BEIRUT — Syrian government warplanes carried out a sixth day of airstrikes Friday in the rebel-held suburbs east of Damascus, killing 32 people, activists said, as the death toll from a week of bombardment soared over 400.

At the United Nations, a vote on a Security Council resolution demanding a 30-day humanitarian cease-fire across Syria was delayed until Saturday to try to close a gap over the timing of a halt to fighting.

Kuwait’s U.N. Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaiba, the current council president, told reporters Friday

night that “we are so close,” but there are still differences over the timing of a cease-fire.

The resolution sponsored by Kuwait and Sweden calls for a cease-fire to take effect 72 hours after its adoption, followed immediately by access for humanitarian convoys and medical evacuation teams. Russia’s U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia has called a 30-day cease-fire unrealistic.

The new bombings came a day after Syrian helicopters dropped leaflets over the rebel-controlled areas of eastern Ghouta, urging

residents to leave for their own safety and calling on opposition fighters to surrender because they were surrounded by government troops.

Opposition activists reported airstrikes and artillery shelling on a string of towns on the edge of Damascus or eastern Ghouta.

At least 32 people were killed in raids on areas including Hammouriyeh, Zamalka, Douma and al-Marj, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based group that monitors the civil war through a network of activists in Syria.

Car bombs kill at least 18, hurt 20 in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Two car bomb blasts in Somalia’s capital killed at least 18 people and injured 20 others Friday and shattered a monthlong period of calm in Mogadishu, which is often the target of attacks by the al-Shabab extremist group.

The explosions came a

day after Somalia’s interior minister warned of an explosives-laden vehicle somewhere in the capital.

The first blast occurred near the country’s intelligence headquarters, police Capt. Mohamed Hussein said. He said the second occurred near parliament’s headquarters, where the

vehicle had tried to speed through a checkpoint before security forces engaged with the gunmen suspected of trying to attack the presidential palace.

The Somalia-based al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack via its radio arm, Andalus.

Mexico finds 103 migrants abandoned in freight trailer

MEXICO CITY — Mexican immigration agents say they have found 103 Central American migrants in a freight trailer left by a roadside near Ciudad Camargo, across the border from Rio Grande City, Texas.

The container had apparently been abandoned by migrant traffickers, and a passing military patrol heard people pounding on the walls and calling for help, Mexico’s National Immigration Institute said Friday.

The migrants included 91 Hondurans, seven Guatemalans and five Salvadorans. Among them were 24 youths and 12 unaccompanied minors who were turned over to child welfare authorities.

U.S. President Donald Trump called on the Mexican government Friday to block MS-13 gang members from traveling through Mexico to reach the United States.

Customs officers in France found an impressionist painting by Edgar Degas inside a suitcase in the luggage compartment of a bus in Marne-la-Vallée. Experts verified the artwork as Degas’ “The Chorus Singers.” The painting, stolen from a Marseille museum in 2009, was found Feb. 16, officials said Friday.

Stephane Drouhot, the great-grandnephew of a French soldier killed in World War I, attended a ceremony Friday at a Marseille police station where he was given a letter written May 27, 1915, from Sgt. Jean Soulagnes to a friend. Soulagnes, 24, was killed 12 days later. Police found the letter during a search after a burglary.

Ex-Trump aide Gates cops plea

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while in the White House.

Gates’ plea poses the biggest immediate risk to Paul Manafort, who was Trump’s campaign chairman and Gates’ longtime business partner.

Prosecutors had filed several dozen charges against Manafort and Gates, including tax evasion, bank fraud and conspiracy, mostly stemming from their alleged attempts to hide more than \$30 million from their consulting and lobbying work for the Kremlin-backed government in Ukraine.

They both pleaded not guilty when the first indictment was unveiled Oct. 30. Gates now is expected to testify against Manafort, who said Friday that he is innocent of the charges.

“Notwithstanding that Rick Gates pled today, I continue to maintain my innocence,” Manafort said in a statement. “I had hoped and expected my business colleague would have had the strength to continue the battle to prove our innocence. For reasons yet to surface he chose to do otherwise. This does not alter my commitment to

defend myself against the untrue piled up charges contained in the indictments against me.”

Several hours later, the special counsel’s office unveiled a superseding indictment against Manafort that also accused him of secretly paying former European politicians to advocate for Ukraine, part of an undisclosed effort to lobby members of Congress and the Obama administration.

None of the charges against Gates and Manafort cite Russian meddling in the presidential election, which was the impetus for Mueller’s investigation.

But the allegations extended through 2017 and thus overlapped with the pair’s work in the top ranks of the Trump campaign, according to court documents.

A person familiar with the negotiated plea said Gates can expect “a substantial reduction in his sentence” from his cooperation with the special counsel’s office. If Gates were convicted of all the earlier charges, he could have faced years in prison.

Gates is scheduled to return to court May 14 for a status hearing.

Gates’ guilty plea for lying to investigators stems from his account of a dinner discussion on March 19, 2013, between Manafort and Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., who has been a strong advocate for

better U.S. relations with Russia.

Three weeks ago, as he was negotiating his plea deal, Gates told the FBI that Manafort and an unnamed lobbyist had told him they didn’t talk to Rohrabacher about Ukraine.

But, according to a court filing Friday, Gates had helped Manafort prepare a report that “memorialized for Ukraine leadership the pertinent Ukraine discussions that Manafort represented had taken place at the meeting.”

Rohrabacher declined to comment when contacted by a reporter Friday.

Mueller was appointed last May and has already scored several successes.

Former White House national security adviser Michael Flynn pleaded guilty Dec. 1 to lying to investigators about his communications with a Russian diplomat during the presidential transition. He admitted to discussing sanctions that former President Barack Obama had implemented to punish Moscow for meddling in the campaign.

George Papadopoulos, a former campaign foreign policy adviser, also pleaded guilty to lying last year. He had falsely denied contacts with Russians who claimed to have “thousands of emails” on Hillary Clinton.

Alex van der Zwaan, a former lawyer at a prominent U.S. law firm who worked on a report on behalf of Ukraine’s pro-Russian government, pleaded guilty Tuesday. He lied to investigators about his communications with Gates.

A separate indictment from Mueller’s team last week charged 13 Russians and three Russian companies with illegally using social media, stolen IDs and other tactics in an effort to sway U.S. voters to support Trump and vote against Hillary Clinton.

Richard Pinedo, a California resident, pleaded guilty to identity theft as part of that investigation.

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President plays to CPAC crowd on guns, immigrants

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump revived some favorite campaign staples in a highly partisan speech to conservative activists Friday, including an anti-immigrant poem and a “lock her up” chant, unleashing himself after tense weeks that saw a school massacre, more White House turmoil and fresh indictments against campaign associates.

Speaking for well over an hour, clearly energized by the adulation of his audience, Trump nearly forgot to announce new sanctions against North Korea, which his staff had promoted as the major news of the event. After a couple lines about the penalties against 56 entities, he walked off the stage to the strains of “You Can’t Always Get What You Want,” the Rolling Stones song that closed his 2016 rallies.

Though his week had included emotional meetings with survivors and families of victims of the Parkland, Fla., shooting and past school massacres, Trump appeared buoyant before the Conservative Political Action Conference, a group he credits with launching his political career. He began by playfully reveling in his image on the convention center’s giant screens, pointing at his oversized projection and engaging in rare self-deprecating mockery of a bald spot.

“I try like hell to hide that bald spot, folks. I work hard at it!” Trump said. “Doesn’t look bad. Hey, we’re hanging in! Together, we’re hanging in.”

Then he indulged his crowd further, asking to their audible delight, “You don’t mind if I go off script a little bit, because it’s sort of boring?”

Trump did not ignore the 17 shooting victims.



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President Donald Trump jokes about his bald spot during his speech Friday to the CPAC audience in Oxon Hill, Md.

Despite their shared zeal for gun rights, the president gently prodded the hard-right audience to accept some modest and still unspecific changes to gun laws that he has talked about in recent days.

Those proposals — modest enough to get some buy-in from his allies at the National Rifle Association, a sponsor of the annual CPAC event — include enhanced background checks for gun purchasers and restrictions on gun ownership for people suffering from mental illness. Trump made an extensive pitch for his controversial, NRA-backed proposal to allow teachers and other trained school employees to carry guns.

“I’d rather have somebody that loves their students and wants to protect their students, than somebody who stands outside,” Trump said, a rebuke of the sheriff’s deputy assigned to the Parkland school who stayed outside during the shooting.

Guns were hardly Trump’s only topic in his rambling performance. He also blasted immigrants in the U.S. illegally, linked them to the epidemic of gun violence, and insisted he would build a southern border wall despite doubts from within his own administration.

Again berating Democrats, this time as advocates of illegal immigration, he said that they are “always fighting for the criminal. They’re not fighting for law-abiding citizens.”

As an allegory on immigrants, Trump read a poem called “The Snake” as he frequently did on the campaign trail — about a woman who cares for a wounded snake only to get killed when he attacks her.

“You knew damn well I was a snake before you took me in,” the snake proclaimed to the dying woman, in Trump’s telling.

Though immigration advocates and many others find the passage offensive, for Trump’s most loyal supporters, it is among his greatest hits.

The crowd broke into a chant of “Lock her up,” another staple of Trump campaign rallies, after Trump invoked Hillary Clinton — the “crooked candidate,” he called her, more than 15 months after voters cast their ballots.

Trump seemed happiest recounting his increasingly distant campaign. Yet again he boasted of his Electoral College vote count and mocked Clinton’s campaign strategy.

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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS



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An eight-story apartment building, right, is proposed for a site next to historic Yondorf Hall on West North Avenue.

Steppenwolf selling historic Yondorf Hall on North Ave.

BY RYAN ORI
Chicago Tribune

Steppenwolf Theatre Company plans to sell a landmark building just south of its main campus, in a deal expected to fund construction of a large new theater and other improvements to the Halsted Street complex.

The theater company said it has a deal to sell Yondorf Hall, a four-story building at 758 W. North Ave., to Chicago developers CA Ventures and Springbank Real Estate Group.

The sale is contingent on the developers receiving city approval to build an eight-story apartment building on a surface parking lot that runs alongside Yondorf Hall and elevated CTA train tracks.

That property, at North and Halsted, is less than a block south of Steppen-

wolf's main complex at 1650 N. Halsted St., which includes three theaters. Steppenwolf has been adding on to the campus as part of a \$50 million expansion project announced in 2014. It bought and renovated a closed Ethan Allen furniture store at 1700 N. Halsted, adding a bar, casual dining space and other amenities.

A spokeswoman for Steppenwolf, Ann-Marie St. Germaine, declined to say how much the developers plan to pay for Yondorf Hall. The real estate sale will help pay for a new 400-seat theater, which would replace the 299-seat Upstairs Theatre on its main campus, St. Germaine said. Steppenwolf also has theaters with 515 and 80 seats.

"The proposed development is essential to Steppenwolf Theatre Company's future and continued

investment in the local community," Executive Director David Schmitz said in a statement.

As part of the sale-leaseback deal, Steppenwolf will pay rent to keep using Yondorf for three years, St. Germaine said.

The 19th-century building, designed by Frederick Ahlschlager, became a Chicago landmark in 2001. The structure has been used by Steppenwolf for administrative offices, rehearsal and meeting space and a costume shop. Those functions will be moved to the expanded main campus over the next few years, according to Steppenwolf.

The Fey & Co. jewelry store has a long-term lease to remain on the ground floor of the existing building, St. Germaine said. It's unclear what CA Ventures and Springbank plan to do with upper floors after

Steppenwolf moves out. The developers were not available for comment.

CA Ventures and Springbank have begun meeting with 2nd Ward Ald. Brian Hopkins and community groups as they seek zoning approval for the new structure. The eight-story building, designed by Antunovich Associates, would have ground-floor retail, 11 covered parking spaces and 92 apartments, the plans show. More than half of the units would be studios of 402 square feet or smaller.

The transit-oriented development is kitty-corner from an Apple store and the CTA's North and Clybourn Red Line station. The site is surrounded by national retailers and multimillion-dollar homes in Lincoln Park and Old Town.

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Chinese exec charged, loses control of firm

Anbang Group boss had discussed deal with Kushner Cos.

BY JOE McDONALD
Associated Press

BEIJING — The founder of one of China's biggest insurers, who had discussed investing in a Manhattan skyscraper owned by the family of U.S. President Donald Trump's son-in-law and adviser, will be prosecuted for financial offenses and regulators have taken control of his company, the government announced Friday.

Anbang Insurance Group Chairman Wu Xiaohui is charged with improper fundraising and "taking others' money," according to a statement by the Shanghai prosecutor's office. It gave no details and there was no indication the charges were linked to Wu's talks with Jared Kushner's family, which ended last March with no deal. The case adds to an avalanche of scandals in China's insurance industry. The former chief regulator was charged in September with taking bribes and executives of other insurers have been charged with corruption or mismanagement.

Regulators took control of Anbang to protect its solvency and consumer rights, the China Insurance Regulatory Commission said on its website. It said the company will be run by a committee of officials from China's central bank, foreign exchange regulator and other agencies. Anbang owns Chicago-based Strategic Hotels & Resorts Inc., which has a portfolio that includes the InterContinental hotel on Michigan Avenue. Anbang also owns Manhattan's Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

The takeover will not affect Anbang's debt obligations, the statement said.

Chinese regulators are working to reduce financial risks and rein in surging debt that private sector analysts worry could lead to a banking crisis or a drag on economic growth. Insurers have been accused of reckless speculation in stocks and real estate.

Anbang has been under scrutiny since a string of global acquisitions raised questions about how it paid for its buying spree, including the \$2 billion Waldorf.

Anbang's negotiations with Kushner Cos. about investing in its flagship property, 666 Fifth Ave., prompted members of the U.S. Congress to raise ethics concerns.

Five lawmakers said in a letter to the White House the possible deal represented a "clear conflict of interest." They asked the Trump administration to confirm Kushner, who transferred his ownership stake to other



ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE

Anbang indirectly owns the InterContinental hotel on Chicago's North Michigan Avenue.

family members, played no role in the negotiations.

Questions about Anbang's future have swirled since the company announced Wu gave up his duties to deputies in June following news reports he was detained for questioning about unspecified financial offenses.

News reports have accused Anbang of misreporting the source of money used for acquisitions.

Regulators warned Anbang and other Chinese insurers last year about their sales of short-term insurance policies that paid high interest rates. Anbang used such sales to raise billions of dollars.

Anbang, founded in 2004, was known for aggressive expansion in a stodgy industry of mostly state-owned insurers.

It grew to more than 30,000 employees with 35 million clients and diversified into life insurance, banking, asset management, leasing and brokerage services.

Early investors included a state-owned automaker, an oil company and a mix of rural villagers and small-business owners.

Anbang, which is privately held, said earlier it raised 50 billion yuan (\$8 billion) in capital in 2014 by taking on dozens of new shareholders. That increased its registered capital fivefold to 62 billion yuan (\$9.5 billion), the biggest among Chinese insurers.

A prominent business magazine, Caixin, said in May at least 30 billion yuan (\$4.3 billion) of that money really came from premiums paid by policyholders — a violation of insurance regulations. Anbang denied that.

Friday's CIRC statement confirmed earlier news reports that agency investigators pushed for unspecified improvements.

Anbang's buying spree stumbled after Beijing tightened investment controls in late 2016. Regulators said they wanted to cool spending on assets they said did nothing to develop China's economy.

Wages finally rising, but not for middle class

BY DON LEE
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Jorge Hunzelmann was pleased enough when his employer bumped up his pay this year by \$2.50 an hour to \$19.50.

The truck driver, 52 and father of two, is a beneficiary of a tightening labor market, but he does not have company-provided health benefits, and he says it's still a hand-to-mouth existence for his family. "We don't have money to save to put into the bank," said the Gaithersburg, Md., resident.

Across the country, wages that were stuck for years finally seem to have started to rise faster, especially in industries such as trucking, which is begging for workers.

Average hourly earnings for all private-sector em-

ployees last month grew at a 2.9 percent annual rate of increase, the most since 2009. That has fueled hopes for workers. It has also spooked some investors with fears of higher inflation and interest rates.

But wage gains thus far have been very uneven, according to Labor Department statistics. They're concentrated at the higher end of the pay scale and the lower. By and large, the broad middle of the labor force has not seen much of a raise, mirroring a long-running trend.

Even with unemployment at a 17-year low of 4.1 percent, the proverbial rising tide has not lifted all boats: The fancy yachts have gotten most of the lift.

Take the finance sector, which has led the pack in the recent wage increases.



JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY

According to a report by the American Trucking Association, the trucking industry is facing a shortage of drivers.

Some 8.5 million people work in banking, insurance and real estate; their average hourly pay jumped 4.2 percent in January from a year earlier, to just a penny under \$34 an hour. But for ordinary nonsupervisory employees in finance — about four out of five financial-industry workers — the average increase was just 1.6 percent, to \$26.75 an hour.

A similar, though smaller, gap can be seen in other

industries, including health care, retail trade, information and professional services such as computer systems designs.

"It's a pulling apart at the top," said Elise Gould, a senior economist at the Economic Policy Institute, noting that if the trend continues, it will exacerbate the country's already large income inequality.

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CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP
Delivery services such as Grubhub are teaming up with fast-food outlets.

Fast-food chains add delivery, but it'll eat into your cash

BY JOSEPH PISANI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's never been easier to get burgers, burritos and other items from fast-food chains delivered to your doorstep. But the convenience can hurt your wallet.

More fast-food companies have been offering delivery by teaming up with food-ordering apps, many of which charge fees or other added-on costs. The chains see delivery as another way to boost sales, but

for customers, it can turn a typically cheap meal into a pricier one.

"If you're not careful, your fees can add up to be more than the cost of the food," says Sara Skirboll, a shopping and trends expert at deal site RetailMeNot.

Fast-food companies typically use several online ordering services, and their fees and rules differ, so you'll need to do some research to know what you are spending.

Many apps charge delivery fees, and the amount

can differ widely depending on the city you live and app you're using. Online ordering apps charged fees ranging from \$1 to as much as \$11, according to a report last month from analysts at investment bank Mizuho. Typically, the app will tell you what the fee amount is before paying.

Another thing to look out for: surge pricing. Uber Eats, which delivers for McDonald's, and Postmates, which has partnered with burrito chain Chipotle, charge more during busy

ordering times. Both companies notify users that they will be charged more for delivery before they pay.

Some apps may charge more for menu items than they cost if you walked into the restaurant. Uber Eats, Postmates and DoorDash all say the prices on their apps may vary from what is charged in-store. You can find out if the app you are using does the same by looking at its frequently asked questions section in the app or website, or in the "help" section.

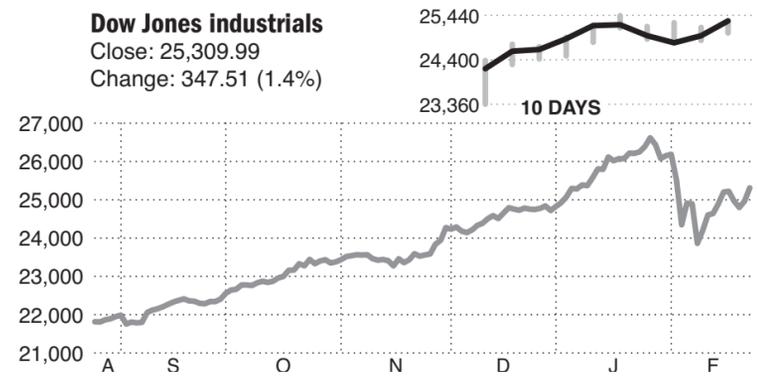
Grubhub, which recently announced a deal to increase delivery at KFC and Taco Bell, says its prices are the same as those inside restaurants.

Some apps automatically set a tip amount that could be as much as 20 percent. Make sure to check how much of a tip the delivery person is getting.

Be aware of any delivery minimums. Restaurants might set a minimum, forcing you to buy more than you normally would if you were at the restaurant.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,313.91 Low: 25,028.73 Previous: 24,962.48



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+127.30 (+1.77%)	+43.34 (+1.60%)	+19.20 (+1.25%)
Close: 7,337.39	Close: 2,747.30	Close: 1,549.19
High: 7,337.83	High: 2,747.76	High: 1,549.19
Low: 7,232.50	Low: 2,713.74	Low: 1,531.35
Previous: 7,210.09	Previous: 2,703.96	Previous: 1,529.99

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.05 to 2.87%	-2.40 to \$1,328.20	+0.11 to 106.75/\$1	+0.0022 to .8133/\$1	+0.78 to \$63.55

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +0.36	NASD +1.35	S&P +0.55	DOW -4.91	NASD -2.24	S&P -4.37	DOW +21.56	NASD +25.53	S&P +16.05

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	452	456.25	451.50	452.25	...
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	366.25	367.75	365.25	366.25	-0.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	1031	1039.50	1028	1036.25	+4.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.10	32.55	32.05	32.36	+0.32
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	376.20	379.60	374.80	375.50	-1.40
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 18	62.60	63.73	62.33	63.55	+0.78
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 18	2.619	2.633	2.555	2.625	-0.09
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 18	1.7661	1.8136	1.7533	1.8085	+0.0428

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LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	59.71	+0.72	Equity Commonwh	N	29.45	+0.32	McDonalds Corp	N	163.06	+2.40
AbbVie Inc	N	118.75	+1.19	Equity Lifestry Prop	N	85.98	+1.54	Middleby Corp	O	134.35	+1.39
Akorn Inc	O	30.12	-0.61	Equity Residential	N	56.99	+0.82	Mondelez Intl	O	43.75	+0.24
Allstate Corp	N	94.37	+1.57	Exelon Corp	N	38.24	+1.00	Morningstar Inc	O	94.91	-0.67
Aptargroup Inc	N	90.99	+0.38	First Indl RT	N	28.87	+0.46	Motorola Solutions	N	106.73	+2.00
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.57	+0.81	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	63.52	+0.26	Navistar Intl	N	39.16	-0.84
Baxter Intl	N	68.36	+0.93	Gallagher AJ	N	68.99	+0.86	NiSource Inc	N	23.60	+0.52
Boeing Co	N	356.66	+0.74	Grainger WW	N	266.19	+2.59	Nthn Trust Cp	O	106.56	+2.44
Brunswick Corp	N	59.02	+1.05	GrubHub Inc	N	96.73	-1.54	Old Republic	N	20.25	+0.05
CBIO Global Markets	O	108.75	-1.21	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	84.06	+0.62	Packaging Corp Am	N	119.36	+0.59
CDK Global Inc	O	70.00	+0.16	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	79.94	-1.35	Stericycle Inc	O	60.05	-0.58
CDW Corp	O	72.04	+0.57	IDEX Corp	N	140.24	+2.12	TransUnion	N	58.45	+1.13
CF Industries	N	44.12	+1.15	ITW	N	163.96	+0.64	Tribune Media Co A	N	42.06	+0.37
CME Group	O	164.02	+3.49	Ingredion Inc	N	128.73	+0.70	USG Corp	N	34.33	+0.79
CNA Financial	N	51.16	+0.67	John Bean Technol	N	121.15	+0.40	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	207.11	+3.06
Caterpillar Inc	N	162.41	+3.55	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	160.00	+0.90	United Contl Hldgs	N	67.57	+0.87
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.28	+0.34	Kraft Heinz Co	O	69.02	+1.38	Ventas Inc	N	50.51	+0.84
Deere Co	N	166.24	+2.08	LKQ Corporation	O	40.10	+0.05	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	70.36	+1.69
Discover Fin Svcs	N	79.42	+1.67	Littelfuse Inc	O	210.15	...	Wintrust Financial	O	86.17	+1.20
Dover Corp	N	102.73	+0.67	MB Financial	O	42.09	+0.51	Zebra Tech	O	141.90	+6.66

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	3.20	...
Bank of America	32.03	+0.34
Gen Electric	14.49	-0.01
Hewlett Pack Ent	18.14	+1.73
Vale SA	14.20	+2.22
Verizon Comm	48.29	+0.42
Sthwstn Energy	3.74	+0.05
Snop Inc A	17.45	+0.06
Ambev S.A.	6.72	-0.10
HP Inc	22.13	+0.74
Ford Motor	10.70	+0.07
Weatherford Intl Ltd	3.00	+0.07
Petrobras	13.94	+0.41
Wells Fargo & Co	59.17	+0.36
Barrick Gold	12.18	-0.30
Bco Santander SA	7.03	+0.08
Pandora Media	4.31	-0.21
Rite Aid Corp	2.09	-0.04
Penney JC Co Inc	4.06	+0.12
AT&T Inc	36.72	+0.25
Twitter Inc	32.66	+0.55
Alibaba Group Hldg	193.29	+4.54
Banco Bilb Viz Arg	8.48	-0.01
VEREIT Inc	6.89	+0.08

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Micron Tech	46.53	+2.28
Apple Inc	175.56	+2.96
Adv Micro Dev	12.07	+0.23
Blue Buffalo Pet Pdt	40.00	+5.88
Microsoft Corp	94.06	+2.32
VEON Ltd	3.09	+0.02
Intel Corp	47.73	+1.93
Cisco Syst	44.00	+1.06
My Size Inc	1.85	+0.04
Facebook Inc	183.29	+4.30
Momo Inc	35.75	+5.22
Comcast Corp A	39.50	+0.70
Akers Biosciences	51	-0.03
Altaba Inc	77.76	+2.24
Nii Holdings Inc	1.03	+0.43
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.27	+0.12
MIMedx Group	7.83	-1.05
Applied Matis	57.01	+0.94
Exact Sciences Corp	42.37	-2.62
Starbucks Cp	56.14	+0.74
Zynga Inc	3.60	+0.09
eBay Inc	43.68	+0.85
Nvidia Corporation	245.93	+3.78
Groupinc	4.42	+0.23

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3289.02	+20.5/+0.6
Stoxx600	381.16	+8/+2.1
Nikkei	21892.78	+156.3/+0.7
MSCI-EAFE	2064.47	+11.8/+0.6
Bovespa	87341.94	+655.5/+0.8
FTSE 100	7244.41	-8.0/-0.1
CAC-40	5317.37	+8.1/+0.2

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	36.72	+0.25
Alphabet Inc C	1126.79	+20.16
Alphabet Inc A	1128.09	+18.19
Amazon.com Inc	1500.00	+15.24
Apple Inc	175.56	+2.96
Bank of America	32.03	+0.34
Berkshire Hath A	304020	+2616
Berkshire Hath B	202.76	+2.03
Exxon Mobil Corp	77.53	+1.67
Facebook Inc	183.29	+4.30
Intel Corp	47.73	+1.93
JPMorgan Chase	117.31	+2.33
Johnson & Johnson	132.02	+2.11
Microsoft Corp	94.06	+2.32
Source Cap	41.55	+0.43
Unitedhealth Group	230.16	+3.07
Visa Inc	122.93	+2.55
WalMart Strs	92.89	+1.12
Wells Fargo & Co	59.17	+0.36

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.61	1.61
6-month disc	1.80	1.80
2-year	2.27	2.25
10-year	2.87	2.92
30-year	3.16	3.21

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1328.20	\$1330.60
Silver	\$16.476	\$16.579
Platinum	\$998.80	\$999.40

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.50
Discount Rate Primary	2.00
Fed Funds Target	1.25-1.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.28

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	19.9720
Australia (Dollar)	1.2765
Brazil (Real)	3.2411
Britain (Pound)	.7160
Canada (Dollar)	1.2661
China (Yuan)	6.3297
Euro	.8133
India (Rupee)	64.872
Israel (Shekel)	3.4927
Japan (Yen)	106.75
Canada (Dollar)	1.2661
China (Yuan)	6.3297
Euro	.8133
India (Rupee)	64.872
Israel (Shekel)	3.4927
Japan (Yen)	106.75
Mexico (Peso)	18.5563
Poland (Zloty)	3.39
So. Korea (Won)	1077.41
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.25
Thailand (Baht)	31.41

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	33.39	+0.47	+22.1
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.37	+0.28	+12.1
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	153.06	+0.68	+22.3
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	62.62	+0.67	+9.8
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	58.21	+0.63	+27.2
American Funds FdmtInvsA m	64.32	+0.98	+20.5
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	52.73	+0.80	+25.5
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.39	+0.22	+9.5
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	41.81	+0.57	+17.7
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	45.50	+0.66	+27.7
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	46.69	+0.69	+17.6
DFA EMktCorEq	24.26	+0.38	+27.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.60	+0.01	+2.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	47.61	+0.54	+18.8
Dodge & Cox Stk	210.30	+3.87	+15.6
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.47	+0.02	+1.8
Fidelity 500IdxInvs	96.29	+1.52	+18.5
Fidelity 500IdxInvsPrrm	96.29	+1.52	+18.5
Fidelity 500IdxPrrm	96.29	+1.52	+18.5
Fidelity Contrafund	129.80	+2.08	+30.9
Fidelity ContrafundK	129.74	+2.08	+31.0
Fidelity LowPrStk	55.23	+0.53	+18.0
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.34	+0.01	+3.9
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.42	+0.02	+0.8
Oakmark IntlInv	29.38	+0.08	+25.9
PIMCO InclnStl	12.20	...	+5.9
PIMCO TtRetInvs	10.07	+0.02	+1.9
Schwab SP500Idx	42.44	+0.67	+18.5
T. Rowe Price BCGR	105.53	+1.78	+37.4
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.54	+1.12	+32.1
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	254.32	+4.02	+18.5
Vanguard 500IdxInv	254.29	+4.03	+18.4
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.90	+0.35	+14.4
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EDITORIALS

Red light cameras as cash registers

The first red light cameras in metropolitan Chicago appeared in the city in 2003. Suburban Bellwood joined the club in 2006. After that, dozens of suburbs hopped on the bandwagon. The pitch has always been the same: Red light runners are a safety menace, and cameras are a surefire way of nabbing them.

But at times a technology meant to make intersections safer instead became a cash register for local governments. The latest example was recently documented by the Tribune's Joe Mahr and Matthew Walberg, who looked at how suburban police departments review red light camera video footage to ensure citations are being fairly issued.

Their findings have made motorists' blood boil.

Here's the proper protocol: The camera vendor conducts an initial screening of footage to identify violations. That batch gets sent to the police department, which assigns an officer to check each suggested violation and, if verified, approve the issuance of a ticket. That, by the way, is the law: An officer must sign off on the violation before the ticket gets mailed.

But some officers sped through videos like a Lamborghini on the Autobahn. How fast? One cop in south suburban Riverdale checked and approved 41 tickets in a 59-second span. His boss was almost as lightning-quick: 396 tickets he approved took just two seconds apiece to assess.

So \$100 tickets stream out to motorists' mailboxes without the review that's crucial if a municipality wants to fairly enforce its laws.

These Tribune findings are the latest of many exposing ways that governments, along with camera vendors, have abused a

technology that was supposed to be about keeping motorists, cyclists and pedestrians safe.

Though local governments have been required since 2011 to analyze the safety impact of cameras and post the results online, a third of the suburbs with cameras failed to do so. And while the law requires suburbs to conduct additional studies on cameras placed where crash rates went up, none of those municipalities complied.

Walberg and Mahr also have written about cameras at intersections with low crash rates, like Route 83 and 22nd Street between Oak Brook and Oakbrook Terrace. The reporters found that the Illinois Department of Transportation initially denied Oakbrook Terrace's request for a camera there, then acquiesced after state Sens. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, and Martin Sandoval, D-Cicero, intervened. Both lawmakers had received campaign cash from the camera vendor who pushed for the device at that intersection, the paper reported.

And there's Chicago's infamous program, riddled with scandal and inconsistent enforcement. A City Hall operative and the ex-CEO of a red light camera vendor got prison terms in 2016 in connection with a kickback scheme that enabled the company to secure the city's lucrative camera contract.

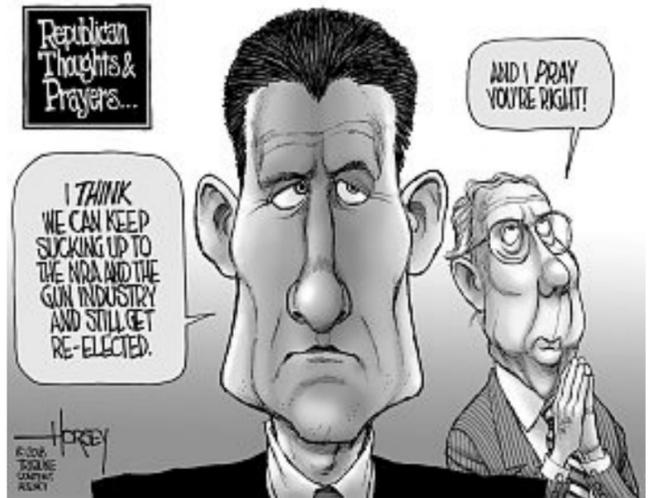
When the idea of red light cameras first emerged, we backed it. "It's about time," we said about the City Council's vote in 2003 to begin installing cameras. "Many Chicago drivers, it seems, view a red light as a suggestion rather than a command, and that's dangerous to everyone."

We still feel that way. But for many governments, the goal of safety has been supplanted by the thirst for cash. That twisting of priorities needs to stop.

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In ice skating the quad jump had been rare. This year, American Nathan Chen alone did six.

'Peak' Olympics: Is this as good as it gets?

For decades, the world's best athletes have smashed records in the Olympic Games, winter or summer. They ski, skate, cycle, swim and run faster. They jump higher. They throw farther.

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(Decades ago, athletes trained for a few months before competitions. Imagine.)

Scientific advances in athletic equipment, like the high-tech aerodynamic body suit that skaters wear.

But researchers say athletes in some sports have reached the limit of human abilities. They theorize that this is the era of "Peak Olympics."

Researchers have detected plateaus in performance for the shot put, high jump and 800-meter run, The New York Times reports. There are indications of the same in cycling, weightlifting, swimming and speedskating. Records can still be broken, but not by wide margins. The gap between top finishers is narrowing. Everyone is great, and someone is just a little greater.

No more Bob Beamon, breaking the long jump record at the 1968 Olympics, not by an inch or two, but almost 2 feet.

No more Jesse Owens, breaking three world records (long jump, 220-yard sprint, 220-yard hurdles) and tying another (100-yard dash) within 45 minutes.

If this truly is the era of peak human athletic performance, is it "depressing," as the Times writer laments? Not at all.

First, if this really is as good as it gets, doesn't the fact that many of these athletes are bumping up against limits of human endurance and performance make the games even more compelling? If a record is

broken by 0.5 seconds instead of 5 seconds, is it less impressive? If American cross-country racer Jessie Diggins had won her sprint by more than 0.19 seconds, earning America's first gold medal in the sport, would it have been more thrilling? Hardly.

Second, human performance isn't just about body. It's about mind. In the 1940s and before, many people thought a runner could never log a 4-minute mile, as if that were a physical barrier like warp speed, beyond human capabilities. In 1954, Roger Bannister proved the naysayers wrong.

"There was a mystique, a belief that it couldn't be done," Bannister said years later. "But I think it was more of a psychological barrier than a physical barrier."

This can't-do attitude persists. In ice skating, for instance, the quad jump — four rotations in the air — was rare until recent years. In the 2010 Winter Games, the winner didn't even attempt a quad. This year, American skater Nathan Chen alone did six. Now there's talk about the quint jump — five rotations.

Experts say — what else? — that it's virtually impossible because of the extended time a skater must remain airborne. We'll see. James Richards, a University of Delaware kinesiology professor who works with skaters, told The Wall Street Journal that skaters can rotate faster, but they're hindered by a self-preservation instinct. Still, he says, "There's always a person who comes out of the woodwork who has the right body type — and zero fear."

Has human athletic skill peaked? We doubt it. Not as long as athletes can imagine the next leap.

A plateau can be the end. Or it can be a launching pad.

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AR-15 rifles and their kin are among the nation's most popular guns. The AR-15 fires one bullet per trigger pull but can be modified to fire nonstop until the trigger is released.

Reframing the debate

The National Rifle Association and its political stooges have been very successful in framing the debate over gun control. Somehow, despite overwhelming support throughout the country for gun control measures, they have argued the Second Amendment of the Constitution provides absolute protection of the status quo.

Our politicians are not stupid. Many studied the Constitution in law school. One does not have to be a genius to understand the wording of the Constitution and the Supreme Court's interpretation. The phrase "right of the people to keep and bear arms" does not specify the type of arms. If there is no logical argument that this right allows citizens to own tanks or bazookas, why can we not regulate all weapons of war?

Even the most notable conservative Supreme Court justice, the late Antonin Scalia, wrote: "Like most rights, the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited." It is "not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose." He went on to say "that limitation is fairly supported by the historical tradition of prohibiting the carrying of 'dangerous and unusual weapons.'"

So how is it that politicians can say, with a straight face, the reason they will not support gun control is because they support the Second Amendment? This is not an argument supported by law or the overwhelming majority of citizens.

The reality is that not one of these political stooges believes that gun control is illegal. It is only money and fear that motivate their position — the money they receive from the NRA for their support and the fear that NRA will harm their chances of election if they dare mention gun control.

Because most voters do not vote solely on one issue and because our memories of mass murder tragedies fade over time, these political stooges have made calculated decisions that have helped them maintain power. Whether the Florida massacre exposes their character flaws enough to make a significant difference remains to be seen.

Our biggest mistake has been allowing the NRA to frame the issue in a way that flies in the face of the Constitution and the Supreme Court rulings. We need to reframe the issue. The right to bear arms is not inconsistent with gun control. The Second Amendment allows for law-abiding citizens to own a gun or rifle to be used for legal purposes such as self-defense or hunting. Very simple.

If society wants meaningful gun control measures, we will have to remember the pain we feel today in our hearts when it's time to vote.

— Paul Byck, Deerfield

Do-over

On the question of gun ownership, it is simply time to start over.

According to the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the right of the people to keep and bear arms cannot be infringed because a well-regulated militia is necessary. In the absence of a well-regulated militia, unregulated gun ownership cannot be justified.

Furthermore, there is no reason to believe that the framers of the Constitution would approve today's weapons. In Samuel Johnson's dictionary (the one available to the Founding Fathers), "arms" was defined as "weapons of offence." The only such weapons available to individual soldiers of the Revolutionary War were smooth-bore flintlock muskets with bayonets, long guns, pistols and sabers.

To a strict constructionist, therefore, the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is limited to those weapons defined by the word "arms" at the time the framers wrote the word.

With or without a well-regulated militia, using the language of the framers to justify individual ownership of weapons that fire not one but hundreds of rounds per minute is a leap too far.

— Donald G. Westlake, Wheaton

Of the era

Says Curt Massie in his Feb. 22 letter: "Ergo, per the Second Amendment, I firmly assert that every American is guaranteed the right to own a breech-loading, black-powder, flintlock-firing

armament of his or her choosing." He failed to point out where James Madison, or any others of our founders, make any mention of specifics like that, or even remotely hint at it.

If you read up on that era, however, you will eventually come across this Tench Coxe quote from the very debates regarding the Second Amendment: "Who are the militia? Are they not ourselves? Is it feared, then, that we shall turn our arms each man against his own bosom. Congress have no power to disarm the militia. Their swords, and every other terrible implement of the soldier, are the birth-right of an American. ... The unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state governments, but, where I trust in God it will ever remain, in the hands of the people."

"Every other terrible implement of the soldier"? Now that's food for thought.

Important note: At the time of the ratification of the Constitution, the "breech-loading, black-powder, flintlock-firing armament," as Massie mentions in his letter, was nothing less than state of the art in weaponry. And what of others, such as Samuel Adams, who said, "No people will tamely surrender their liberties, nor can any be easily subdued, when knowledge is diffused and virtue is preserved. On the contrary, when people are universally ignorant, and debauched in their manners, they will sink under their own weight without the aid of foreign invaders?"

Today, far too many Americans are indeed "universally ignorant and debauched in their manners." Trouble is, they don't even know it — or worse, don't care.

This thought leads me to yet another quote, this time from Patrick Henry: "It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains." I don't know how many Americans have forgotten God, but far too many ignore him. Just look what's replaced him since we kicked him out of our schools. We are reaping what we've sown.

— John Babush, Big Rock

A historic compromise

It was recently announced that the restoration of Chicago's historic Pullman neighborhood had been delayed because of politics and lack of funding. It has not drawn in the crowds or attention the National Park Service had hoped with its designation as a national monument. The NPS has also struggled with the restoration due to a required Environmental Protection Agency cleanup taking place where a visitors center will stand. But there is more than just politics and lack of funding holding Pullman back.

It is the residents themselves.

Unlike other national monuments or parks, people live in Pullman. Real people inhabit the houses and go about their daily lives. But because people are actively living in these houses, it means they must meet a certain housing code, despite being required to maintain the historical integrity of the houses. It is here that a conflict arises: How does one maintain a standard of living present in the modern era in a house that was built in the late 1800s? I do not think it is completely possible.

Here, I propose a solution: Focus on a few buildings and areas and let the others go. Take the hotel, the visitors center and a few residential buildings and maintain those buildings like they were in the 1880s. Strike a deal with the congregation at the Greenstone United Methodist Church to continue to give tours of the sanctuary while the congregation maintains the building. But let the rest go. While current residents must keep the integrity of their homes, modern developers must adhere to current building codes when building new property. There are already developers preying on open lots surrounding Pullman, ready to make profits.

This has already taken place at the Lincoln Home in Springfield. Currently, modern houses surround the four blocks that make up where the Lincolns lived. Only a snippet of the era is preserved — a snippet that is visited by thousands every year. The entire neighborhood wasn't saved, but visitors aren't confined to a neighborhood walk where few or no buildings are available for entry.

Not every battle worth fighting is winnable. Compromise must occur, and this is the best way for the NPS to go about it.

— Elianna Bender, Mundelein

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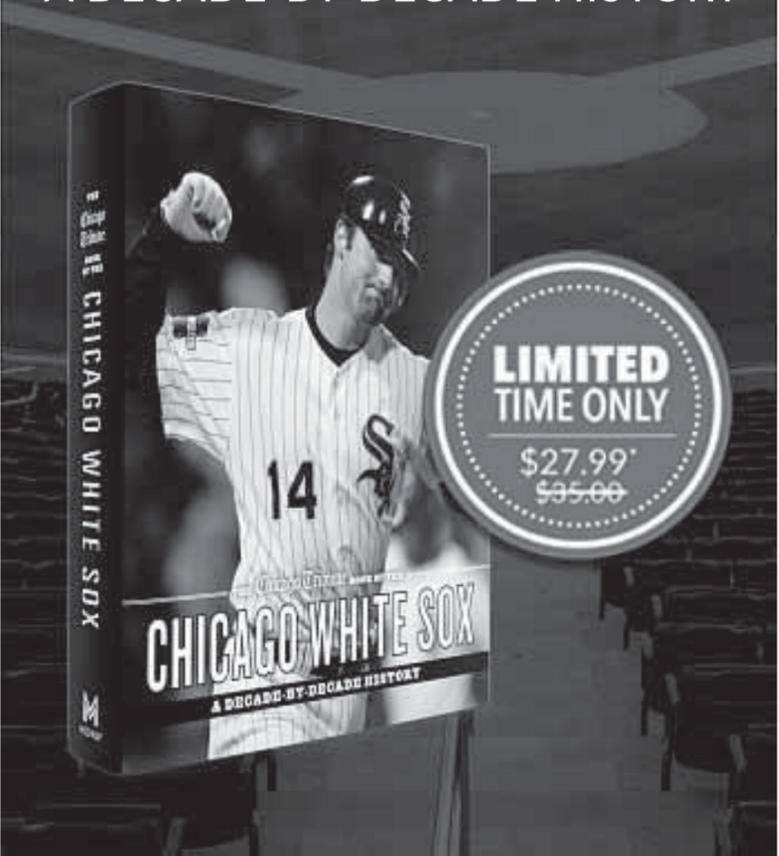
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Fans pack the Chicago Magic Lounge for the new Uptown venue's debut Thursday. Comparable places exist only in Los Angeles and London.

Chicago Magic Lounge a bold salute to city's illusionist history

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

First you walk into the laundromat. Someone hits the spin-cycle button, a panel gives way and then you head into the room for the magic. A very nice 1930s-style, 120-seat salon. Replete with a mezzanine, little cocktail tables for such concoctions as Sleight of Hand, Smoke and Mirrors and How Houdini Died, a mini-proscenium and a mechanical curtain that recalls the odeons of yore. The Blackstone Cabaret room is named for magic royalty: Harry Blackstone — the junior and the senior — who put Chicago on the illusionist map and, together, pulled tens of thousands of rabbits from their hats.

For the Chicago Magic Lounge, which officially opened Thursday night with its first main stage show, is all about the history.

This new venue — pinning down the cost is tricky, but we'll pick a card somewhere between 5 and 10 million bucks — is located at 5050 N. Clark St., a former commercial laundry space located a block south of the Andersonville high-rent district. The two men who own the for-profit joint, Joey Cranford and Don Clark, said Thursday that they craved a certain level of you-have-to-know-to-get-in chic, but also that they wanted to be in a neighborhood (as distinct from, say, tourist-heavy River North) in order to pay homage to the Chicago-style tradition of magic bars that once dotted the city. Such

taverns as Schulien's, where the bartenders kept cards in their pockets to break out at 3 in the morning for two drunks and a pooch, specialized in so-called Chicago-style, or close-up, magic. Yup. A case can be made that improv was not the only performance style invented here.

The trifurcated Magic Lounge is doing the personal stuff, too: You can walk in off the street and watch magic in the bar, very crowded on Thursday, or arrive early at the Blackstone room and find a magician doing tricks right at your table (I was visited by the terrific Ryan Plunkett). For a small extra fee — \$10 or so on top of the \$35-\$55 cover in the main room — you also have access to the 654 Club, a muted, theater-style studio designed for hard-core, close-up encounters with cards and ropes. This weekend it's occupied by Alba, an internationally known illusionist from South America, replete with her grandmother's bag of tricks and volunteers displaying various levels of happiness at their appropriation. You can't bring the kids to any of this, except for the Sunday matinees.

The first main stage headliner is Max Maven, a quirky and impressive fellow with a voice somewhere between classic rock and NPR. The featured act — magic generally has a similar host/featured act/headliner hierarchy to stand-up — is the chipper, dapper Arthur Trace, whose best stuff involves auditory illusion in that you don't see stuff move as if by magic, but rather hear its trajectory.

He's a cool, bizarre and intimidating customer of the old school and skill set, but Maven seemed delighted with the room. It's the kind of place that magicians like, since they spend much of their time performing in bars and auditoriums where only half the audience hears or cares. Here will be different. There will be people on dates and magic geeks in sweater vests.

These sacred-to-some rooms are rare — the only comparables, really, are the Magic Castle in Los Angeles, which is much larger, and the Magic Circle in London, where you have to know a member to get through the door. So this memorabilia-filled complex is a big upgrade in magic-dom for our town. Weekend shows will change each week, although the Chicago illusionist David Parr has a regular Wednesday gig (a review will be forthcoming). Mondays and Tuesday will feature jazz music and vocalists, in a retro grab for an early-in-the-week, Mister Kelly's-style date night, although the close-up magicians still will be lurking, for good or ill.

This is, after all, the Chicago Magic Lounge. And as the ebullient Cranford observed Thursday night, it is opening at an ideal moment for some misdirection in our lives, the real sights and sounds being so painful to watch.

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IN PERFORMANCE American Ballet Theatre ★★★

Treasures and tradition

BY LAUREN WARNECKE
 Chicago Tribune

Ballet is about legacy. Works are passed down from mentor to student, until the student becomes the mentor to someone else. It was three years ago Feb. 22 that Ivan Nagy, one of ballet's great dancers, died at the age of 70. So it felt appropriate that American Ballet Theatre would perform the second pas de deux from Antony Tudor's "The Leaves are Fading" (1975) as part of the company's tour to Chicago. It's a role Nagy danced with partner Gelsey Kirkland, who would later dance the same pas de deux with current ABT artistic director Kevin McKenzie.

It's just one of many through lines connecting the works presented for ABT's debut performance at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance; there's enough here to make any ballet historian drool. Program A (which goes again Saturday) is smartly curated to lay down the influences of some of today's most popular choreographers, who then demonstrate how they're driving the form forward.

Alexei Ratmansky is heavily influenced by the classics. This perhaps provides the excuse to sneak the third act pas de deux from "Don Quixote" midway into this program. Not that you'd need an excuse. This treasured grand pas is a rite of passage for any principal dancer, and partners Sarah Lane and Herman Cornejo did not disappoint. Cornejo takes a subtler approach to the man of La Mancha than his colleague, Daniil Simkin, who performed the role with San Francisco Ballet's Maria Kochetkova for the Auditorium Theatre's Golden Celebration of Dance in November. Kochetkova and Simkin are the Tonya Harding to Lane and Cornejo's Nancy Kerrigan, whose gravitas are well-served by the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra, led by conductor Ormsby Wilkins. The excitement of this pair is more in the landings than the jumps and turns themselves. They hang on each ending note, Wilkins' baton at the ready, coming down with no more flair than necessary.

Ratmansky is well-known for his efforts to

reconstruct historical works, but he has also been busy producing new repertoire for ABT as the company's choreographer-in-residence. His 2017 "Songs of Bukovina" opened Program A, and it certainly has some of the charm of Jerome Robbins' 1976 "Other Dances," which appears in Program B on Sunday. That is to say, both are balletic distillations of social dancing set to solo piano music. "Songs of Bukovina" halfheartedly melds folk dances from this central European melting pot blending Hungarian, Romanian and Ukrainian cultures, hinting at Slavic costuming (by Moritz Junge) by streaming colored ribbons from the women's chiffon skirts and adorning the men's high-waisted tights with poet shirts.

The technical difficulty is only raised by abstracting jaunty cabrioles and turned-in hops and skips recognizable from the character dances that inspired the piece. I think it's supposed to be quirky and droll, but it doesn't quite get there. Abrupt starts and stops halt the momentum of this piece. The corps of four couples, plus lead dancers Isabella Boylston and Gabe Stone Shayer, for whatever reason, couldn't quite stay together or project their performances out to the audience, looking down rather than embracing "Songs of Bukovina's" inherent goofiness or the bravura of a Ukrainian Hopak.

Christopher Wheeldon's "Thirteen Diversions," a full-company work created for ABT in 2011, is right to sit last in the program, if only for its stunning designs (lighting by Brad Fields and costumes by Bob Crowley). The influences of New York City Ballet on this plotless ballet set to Benjamin Britten's "Diversions for Piano (left hand) and Orchestra" are unmistakable: It's crisp, geometric and precise, but not without feeling. White tailored costumes highlight the work's five lead couples, while the corps, dressed in black, swirls around and behind them, carving through the space in and out of silhouette.

"Thirteen Diversions" is truly captivating at its beginning and end, particularly in moments which feature the full company dancing together. A poignant pas de deux for Misty



MARTY SOHL PHOTO

Gray Davis and Misty Copeland perform with the American Ballet Theatre.

When: Through Sunday

Where: Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph Drive

Running time: 2 hours, 5 minutes

Tickets: \$35-\$125 (sold out) at 312-334-7777 and www.harristheaterchicago.org

Copeland and Joo Won Ahn emerges as the best of the middle, but ultimately "Thirteen Diversions" is about eight diversions too many.

For me, the gem of this program is that exquisite pas de deux from "The Leaves are Fading," nestled between "Songs of Bukovina" and "Don Quixote." Ballerina Hee Seo delicately drips off of her partner Cory Stearns, like a droplet of dew hanging on the edge of a leaf, her pastel chiffon skirt swirling watercolor brushstrokes behind her. The couple effortlessly rides every glorious note of a most perfect score by Antonin Dvorak. This is a piece that does not age; it's simply breathtaking.

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CRITICS PLANNER



MARVEL STUDIOS-DISNEY

MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 MOVIES

"Black Panther"

"Black Panther" in brief: Wakanda was blessed by a magical substance called vibranium. The metal provides superhuman ability, and turns the king of the moment into Black Panther. King T'Chaka expires and his son, T'Challa, is crowned.

There are two antagonists: Andy Serkis is vibranium fanatic Ulysses Klaue, and Michael B. Jordan is the American black ops ace known as Killmonger. He's got ambitions for the throne, and a belief in getting stunningly advanced weaponry in the hands of oppressed people of color throughout the world. May Marvel learn its lesson from "Black Panther": When a movie like this ends up feeling both personal and vital, you've done something right. *PG-13, 2,20, action*

CHRIS JONES
 THEATER

"Cabaret"

Kelly Felthous, who plays Sally Bowles in the Paramount Theatre's "Cabaret," did not get a lick of applause opening night at the end of the show's famous title number. It wasn't frolicsome, the audience was just that moved. In director Katie Spelman's production in Aurora, Felthous' Sally is closer to what John Kander and Fred Ebb first had in mind, I think, a modest talent addicted to the attention and the party, refusing to believe what is happening in Berlin. She is complicit, this production makes clear. Just like the emcee, played with a terrifying level of emotional denial by Joseph Anthony Byrd. This is a remarkable showcase of what this young Chicago director can do. *Through March 18 at the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora; \$36 to \$64 at 630-896-6666 or www.paramountaurora.com*

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GREG KOT
 ROCK

Roxy Music, "Roxy Music 45th Anniversary Edition"

The Roxy Music collection on Virgin documents the start of a brief but brilliant 10-year career that produced a half-dozen good to great albums. Roxy Music even managed to generate one genuine best-seller, "Avalon" in 1982, with a silkier sound than its predecessors. Roxy Music's legacy continues to be viewed with skepticism if not disdain by the guardians of rock purity. Bryan Ferry and his bandmates were cast as dilettantes rather than dues-paying musicians, who conflated songs with showmanship, art with artifice. Which was exactly the point.

IN PERFORMANCE

Brownlee delivers committed reading of his new song cycle

BY JOHN VON RHEIN
Chicago Tribune

Rare are the classical singers who use their celebrity cachet to help generate new repertory. One shining example is Lawrence Brownlee, who regards the commissioning of music by living composers and sharing it with audiences around the world an essential part of who he is as a performing artist.

Even so, his involvement with "Cycles of My Being," the new song cycle he included in his recital Thursday night at the DuSable Museum of African American History, was motivated by something much deeper, something much more personal: Brownlee and his collaborators, composer Tyshawn Sorey and poet Terrance Hayes, wanted to express their feelings, and, crucially, how they are perceived, as African-American men living in a racially divided America.

There can be no denying the worth or pertinence of such an undertaking at a time when black men face acts of violence, incarceration and death on a seemingly day-to-day basis. Classical music has been remiss in addressing themes associated with the Black Lives Matter movement, certainly to the extent that artists working in film, theater, literature and visual art are doing.

And there was no denying the palpable commitment that Brownlee, and his finely supportive accompanist, pianist Myra Huang, brought to this Chicago premiere of "Cycles of My Being." The duo had taken part in the world premiere Tuesday in Philadelphia, where it was presented with a slightly larger instrumental accompaniment. Opera Philadelphia, where the singer is artistic

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Tenor Lawrence Brownlee and collaborators' "Cycles of My Being" is about being black and male in America.

adviser, co-commissioned the work along with Carnegie Hall and Lyric Unlimited, which sponsored Thursday's performance.

The cycle of six songs, some to rewritten sonnets by Hayes, a 2014 MacArthur Fellow, and poems by Brownlee himself, steers clear of politics, touching instead on matters of hate, religious faith, black consciousness and, ultimately, hope and unity. Song and speech mingle in songs like the fourth, in which the singer declares, "You don't know me. Still you hate me." The overall tone is more of questioning that anger. As Brownlee has said in interviews, there are no raised fists here.

At its best, Sorey's music allows Brownlee to do what he does best — to soar effortlessly into the vocal stratosphere, nail perfectly placed high notes and invest them with expressive meaning. But even with his best efforts, the singer could do little to bridge the gap between the

power of the poetry and the hesitancy of some of the vocal writing and the plainness of the piano part. Earnestness isn't the same as emotional urgency.

What came off as rather gray for the first two-thirds of the 35-minute cycle found a true sense of authenticity by the final two songs, "Hate (Part 2)" and "Each Day I Rise, I Know," both with texts largely by Brownlee. Here the singer lofted curling, melismatic lines laced with bluesy half-steps. Suddenly the music felt spontaneous rather than studied. Suddenly music and message were as one.

Brownlee devoted the second half of his program to more conventional recital fare — a pair of his specialty bel canto arias, standars from the great American songbook and several spirituals, interspersed with ingratiating commentary. One of the most winning aspects of a Brownlee recital is the easy rapport he enjoys with his listeners, and it was great to see such a diverse, responsive audience packing the theater.

Even pianist Huang applauded him after he sent the famous nine high C's in Donizetti's tenor aria from "The Daughter of the Regiment" flying with the greatest of ease. He also treated the crowd to inventive modern stylings of pop standards made famous by Nat King Cole, who he said was one of his role models growing up.

He dedicated his heartfelt rendition of the spiritual "All Night, All Day" to his son Caleb, a special-needs child, and sent everyone home with a rousing rendition of the gospel favorite "Come By Here."

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ASK AMY

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Exclusion at work worries employee

Dear Amy: I'm being excluded from a project at work and it's been very difficult for me to cope. I'm wondering if I am overreacting.

I work as part of a small team of six artists: four production artists (myself included) and two lead artists. We usually work very closely together. This project has a ton of work for everyone except one person, and that person turned out to be me.

Every day, my team is consumed with this project. It's all they talk about. They have meetings, and I'm left sitting by myself in our rows of desks. They have their own dedicated chat that I am not invited to and they have discussions, make team announcements and have in-jokes, all of which I am not privy to. They're learning, getting experience in our craft and bonding as a team while I am excluded.

Meanwhile the work I've been assigned is not related to my job description. I asked the supervisor if I could work on the team project, and he said no. I asked my teammates if there was anything they needed help with and was met with silence.

I try to be rational about this and think positively, but every day it gets more difficult as I feel more and more excluded and less valuable to the team.

I feel very upset over this. Have my team leads failed in how they've handled this project? Should they have found something for me to do, or at least allowed me to be privy to the information about the project? Am I being oversensitive? Should I tell my leads how this has made

me feel? Or should I just suck it up and stay quiet? What can I do to be more proactive?

At this point, I'm not sure what's valid or appropriate. I don't want to be seen as emotional.

Your advice?
— Worrier

Dear Worrier: The way you describe your situation, you are being deliberately excluded from this team project. You appealed to your supervisor, who has also denied you access. Yes, this seems shortsighted on their part, because inspiration comes from many quarters.

Because of the paucity of information and lack of communication regarding why you've been excluded, you should assume that your skill level does not match that of the other team members. Your current assignment (unrelated to your job description) is another clue that you might need to commit to more training. You could ask for an explanation about why you've been left behind, but don't bother telling anyone how this makes you feel.

You might be able to turn this pile of lemons into lemonade if you can muster up the fortitude to leave your emotion behind and commit to improving your skills. You should also look for a different job.

Dear Amy: You get so many questions about the difficult relationships between mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law that I often wonder: Do you ever hear from daughters-in-law who were nasty to their mothers-in-law, and now they are mothers-in-

law? Do daughters-in-law look back and regret their behavior?

— Struggling MIL, Myself

Dear Struggling: I don't think I have ever seen such an admission from a daughter-in-law in this space, but I'd certainly be interested in exploring this very special (and challenging) dynamic.

I got very lucky with my (two) mothers-in-law from my two marriages. Both were very different from each other — and from me — but both handled the relationship in a way that inspired my respect. I also assume the fact that I was afraid of them helped to keep me in line until I got to know them. I will share readers' words of wisdom from each side of this relationship.

Dear Amy: "Tired of Listening" described a friendship that consisted of his friend complaining, and Tired listening and offering advice and solutions that fell on deaf ears.

Thank you for identifying this friend as a "narcissistic bore." Unfortunately, you failed to warn this friend that a relationship with a true narcissist will turn increasingly toxic as time passes.

— Been There

Dear Been There: Several readers have written that they have been on the receiving end of this sort of behavior, and that severing the relationship was the only way to preserve their own self-esteem.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Pianist Fray helps CSO enliven some familiar fare

BY ALAN ARTNER
Chicago Tribune

Older attendees to concerts by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra may remember Georg Solti's declaration that he and the ensemble had a primary responsibility to present the most polished performances possible of musical masterworks of the past.

The main difference between then and now was a group of guest conductors who appeared each season for several weeks to complement backward-looking programming with pieces not always contemporary but nonetheless new to subscription concert audiences.

Well, that has gone the way of morning dress and spats. Guest conductors at Orchestra Hall now are firmly part of a structure that preserves through polished repetition pretty much the same 100 pieces that were overplayed five music directors ago. Management imagines listeners to be grateful for the comfort of it, and many are.

Thursday's CSO concert was an exercise in that vein. Guest conductor Christoph Eschenbach, for nearly a decade music director of the Ravinia Festival, offered a Ravinia-like program of four works that entered the CSO repertory in the early 1890s. Anyone hearing them for the first time received faithful blueprints. Power and security of the playing was unflinching. Only one of the interpretations, however, rose above virtuosity guided by conscientious preparation.

David Fray, who has played in Chicago elegant Mozart with the orchestra and an intelligent solo recital, returned for a poetic account of Frederic Chopin's Second Piano Concerto. Some directives in the first movement governing dynamics and touch he passed over without differentiation. But the composer's repeated calls



TODD ROSENBERG PHOTO

Guest conductor Christoph Eschenbach leads the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall on Thursday.

for light and graceful playing were meticulously observed without fussiness, making such moments as a little duet with bassoon an unexpected delight.

The following larghetto, which has more demands for delicacy, sometimes fell short on sweetness as well as Chopin's demands for force. Yet the wispiness of Fray's playing gave many shadows and tints that made the movement a still point, having a hushed tonal quality beautifully contrasting with the brilliant (not glaring) finale.

Here Eschenbach elicited especially persuasive playing from the winds.

The Overture to Carl Maria von Weber's "Der Freischutz" opened the program with a vigorous, trenchant allegro and distinguished contributions from clarinet, oboe and flute. The coda had the strings creating excitement by digging in, though their tone when playing loudly was by now an old story, being dry and white.

That withheld the Overture to Felix Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's

Dream" from ideal lightness and transparency. Part of the problem may be assigned to Orchestra Hall acoustics. However, Manfred Honeck's Mahler Fifth

a few weeks ago had refined string tone that clearly got around the difficulty, and likewise guests including the Cleveland Orchestra and St.

Petersburg Philharmonic. So more than 20 years after the hall's renovation, the home orchestra only fitfully comes to terms with it.

Eschenbach did not. His Mendelssohn Fourth Symphony was therefore robust with touches of shrillness. The best of it again came from flute, clarinet, oboe and the horns. The closing saltarello was a particular pleasure, fast and precise but neither driven nor chromium-plated.

The program will be repeated at 8 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; \$36-\$250; 312-294-3000, www.cso.org.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 24): Higher education and travels enlighten this year. Steady, persistent team action gets satisfying results. Relax with family, friends and someone wonderful this summer before a spiritual turning point inspires and energizes your work, health and fitness. Love raises your performance and your heart rate.

- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Home and family have your attention for a few days. Some of your worries are well founded. Cash in on something you've kept in reserve.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Network and share brilliant ideas with your community. Communication flows for an unexpected burst of creative brainstorming.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. You have an insider advantage to a profitable opportunity. Focus on increasing income over the next few days. You're gaining respect.
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 9. Follow a personal dream, and discover the realities on the ground. Observe closely to distinguish the actual conditions. Prepare yourself for the task ahead.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 6. Slow down, and contemplate where you've been and what's ahead. Prepare and lay foundational structures. Listen to intuition, especially regarding fulfilling a dream.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Stay in communication with your crew to avoid surprises. Friends are a big help over the next few days. Speculate on future developments.
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. You're attracting the attention of someone important. Plan for a few days in the limelight. Dress for success, and focus on a great performance.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Expand your territory today and tomorrow. Get adventurous, and explore new ideas. Travel may not be required. Technology provides educational options.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Review shared financial goals and current circumstances. Listen to intuition, and fix something before it breaks. Monitor budgets. Mind the gap between reality and fiction.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. If you want to know what's going on with your partner, ask them directly and listen without judgment. Learn from another's view.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Your work is especially in demand through tomorrow. Exercise energizes you to keep a speedy pace. Include rest, simple foods and plenty of water.
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. There's more time for family, fun and romance over the next few days. Pamper yourself and someone special with a picnic and a beautiful view.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

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

Today's deal is from a match between teams from Poland and Canada. The Polish North-South pair were playing the Polish Club system, extremely popular in Poland. Many world championships have been won with this system, and parts of it are popular throughout Europe. The one club opening has three possible meanings. Two of these are strong, but the most common hand, based on frequency, is 12-14 balanced. This means that one club would be the opening bid with any balanced minimum, regardless of minor suit length. A hand with 4-3-4-2 distribution would be opened one club if it had 12-14 points.

The bidding:

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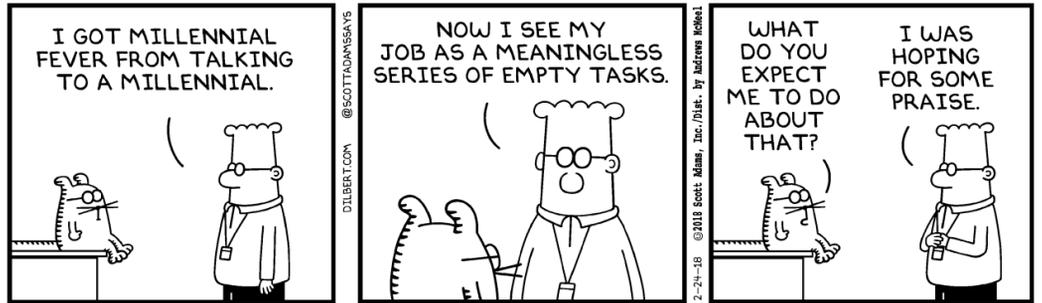
*Negative, values with no clear bid

Opening lead: ?

West in today's deal was Canadian expert John Gowdy. While he was considering his opening lead, he took some time to review the opponents' bidding system. He decided that South would probably have bid directly over the three spade bid with either of the strong possibilities of the one-club opening, so South was most likely to have 12-14 balanced. This meant that South had some diamond length. Gowdy backed his judgment with his actions and led the ace of diamonds. He was delighted to see his partner discard on the suit-trick and he continued with the jack of diamonds as a suit-preference signal for spades. Spades was the higher ranking of the two remaining suits after eliminating the suit led and the trump suit. East ruffed and duly returned a spade to Gowdy's king, and a second diamond ruff defeated the contract. Nice lead!

— Bob Jones
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Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman (Zits is on vacation until February 26. Please enjoy this strip from 2013.)



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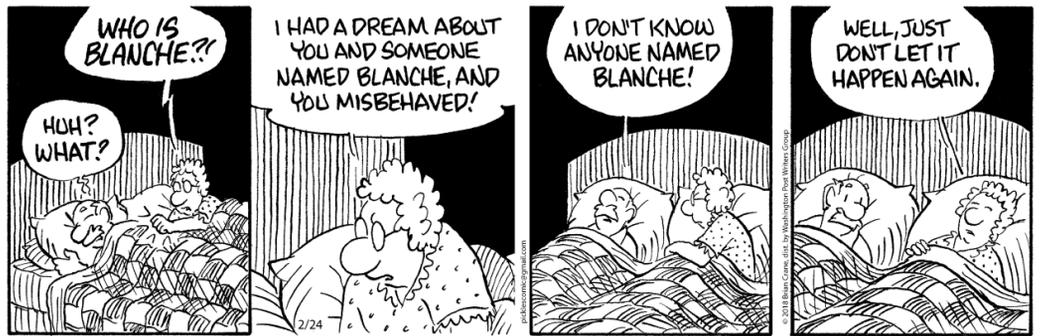
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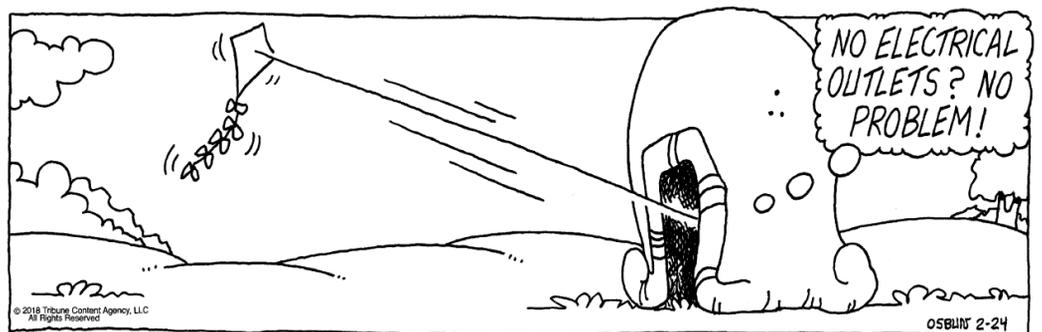
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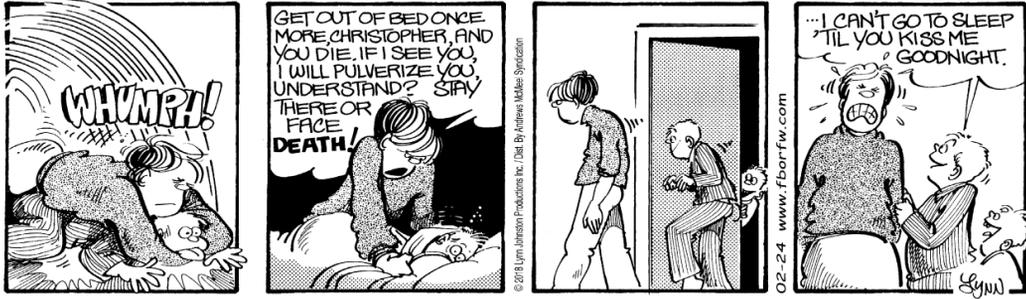
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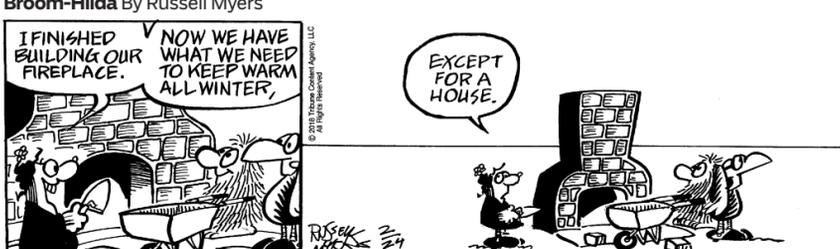
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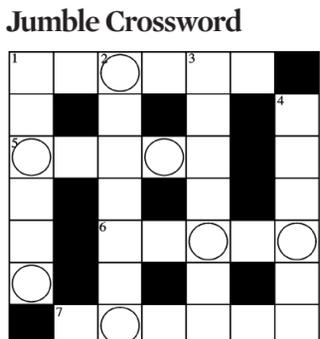
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Trivia Bits

In New Zealand, you can tour key location sites used in what hugely popular series?
 A) "Downton Abbey"
 B) "Game of Thrones"
 C) "Lord of the Rings"
 D) "The Walking Dead"
 Friday's answer: The oldest and longest boardwalk in the United States is in Atlantic City, New Jersey. © 2018 Leslie Elman. Dist. by Creators.com

Jumble Crossword

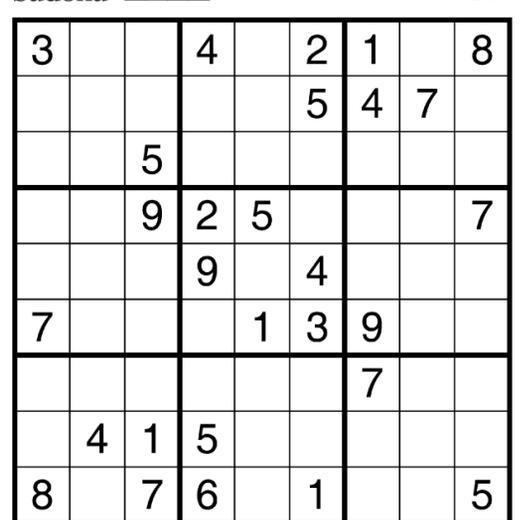


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 1. Endured
 5. Sean or Burt
 6. Association
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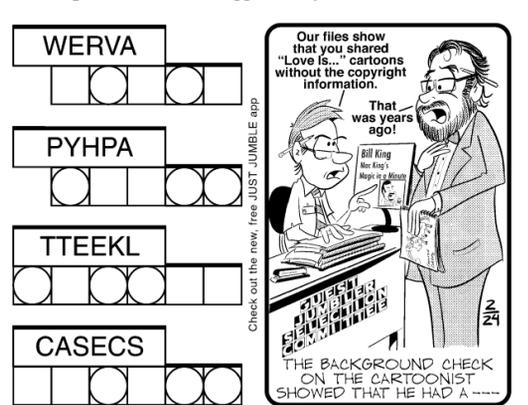
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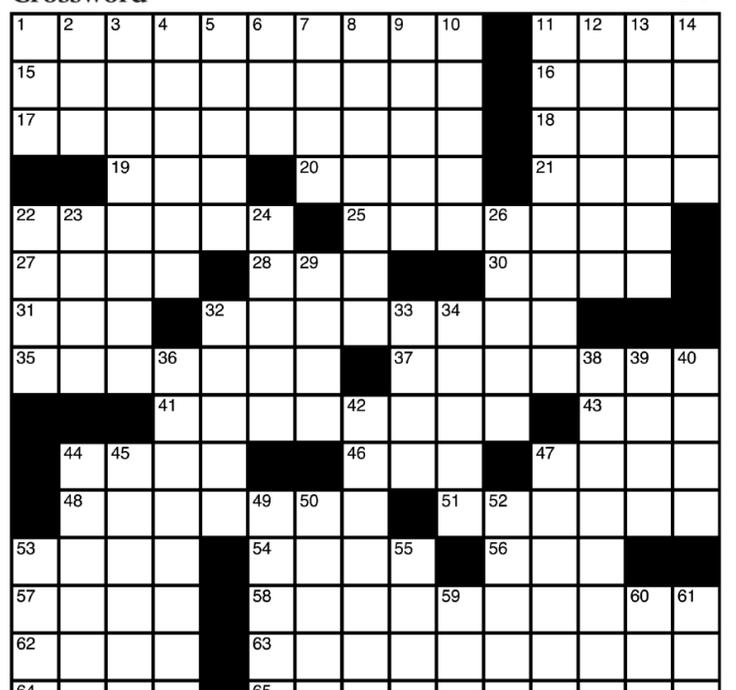
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Crossword

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Across
 1 Arcing "American Ninja Warrior" obstacle
 11 Cut on a Jackson 5 album?
 15 "This is news to me"
 16 Used miles, perhaps
 17 Noting
 18 Romney's 2012 running mate
 19 Letters of address for Washington and Lee?
 20 Great in scope
 21 Extended narratives
 22 "Guilty as charged"
 25 "Whispers of Immortality" poet
 27 Norman or Eugene
 28 Kentucky Bourbon Barrel —
 30 Includes in the mix
 31 Former Radiohead label
 32 Lemons may be among them
 35 Letter's needs
 37 Continuous
 41 Links with
 43 ___ Today: magazine for teachers
 44 Start to bat?
 46 Once called
 47 Court suspension
 48 Pacific states?
 51 Onion offering
 53 Meany in an Irving title
 54 Actress Miranda of "24: Legacy"
 56 Monk's title
 57 ___ swing
 58 Producer Rhimes' TV production company
 62 Brief plea
 63 Sci-fi franchise since 1984
 64 Footnote notation
 65 Weekend night events, usually
 12 Casting choice
 13 Jerks, say
 14 Dominates
 22 Rapper-turned-actor
 23 It has a torch and two branches on its back
 24 Hint
 26 Key —
 29 Minus
 32 Pairing
 33 Parlor purchase
 34 Payments for hands
 36 Unsystematically
 38 Hint
 39 ___ miss
 40 "Got to Give It Up" singer
 42 Coming up
 44 "Alias Grace" author
 45 Big Easy cuisine
 47 Canonized Norw. king
 49 Will run you
 50 Waters with pipes?
 52 Town in a 1945 Pulitzer-winning novel
 53 Prefix for all
 55 Big sport's words
 59 Fall off
 60 Conjunction that reverses to a man's name
 61 Pepper and others
Friday's solution
 ECG PIGAS IFSO
 LIU ECLAT WAIL
 ATT GREASYHOUND
 NYT AMIN ERNIE
 JUMPINGJACKASS
 RAREST ALT SET
 DIAL ARGOS
 ALLBEASTSAREOFF
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Down
 1 Marx asset
 2 ___ moment
 3 Win big
 4 Combs differently?
 5 Lassitude
 6 Pursue persistently
 7 Spacious
 8 Took in
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WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Anna Deavere Smith

“Notes From the Field” (7 p.m., 3:10 a.m., HBO): Actress and storyteller Anna Deavere Smith brings her critically acclaimed Off-Broadway one-woman show about America’s failed justice system to a much wider audience in this new TV adaptation, which finds Smith portraying an entire gallery of diverse characters.

“Framed by My Fiancé” (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): On the verge of becoming a state judge, Daniel (Jason Shane Scott) puts his career first when he’s involved in a serious car crash and moves his fiancée, Jenny (Katrina Bowden), behind the wheel to suggest she was driving.

“Cat Ballou” (7 p.m., TCM): After a thug kills her father, schoolteacher Catherine Ballou (Jane Fonda) hires legendary gunslinger Kid Shelleen, not realizing he is a raging drunk who literally cannot hit the broad side of a barn. Lee Marvin won an Academy Award as best actor for his dual roles, playing both Kid Shelleen and his nemesis, the killer of Cat’s father. Dwayne Hickman, Michael Callan and — as the wandering balladeers who enjoyably narrate the tale — Stubby Kaye and Nat King Cole co-star in this 1965 Western spoof.

“Planet Earth: Blue Planet II” (8 p.m., 11:30 p.m., BBCA): One of the best episodes in this series, the new “Coasts” explores how different species of wildlife survive in an environment where two worlds collide. Sea lions may lack the speed to catch the 130-pound tuna that are among their favorite quarry, but by working as a team and literally herding their fishy prey, the sea lions force the tuna into the shallows, where they become easy pickings. Puffins returning with food for their pufflings must fight off other sea birds.

“Falling Water” (9 p.m., 12:01 a.m., USA): Tess (Lizzie Brochere) helps Barton (David Ajala) confront his past, while Shadowman (Dru Viergever) somehow stays a step ahead of Alex and Taka (Sepideh Moafi, Will Yun Lee) in the new episode “Nothing Personal.” Bill Boerg (Zak Orth) takes a moment to remember his lost sister, and Woody (Kai Lennox) agrees to help bring down billionaire investor Taylor Bennett.

“2018 Winter Olympics” (9:30 p.m., NBCSN): Perhaps the biggest of all Olympic events is the men’s hockey gold medal game, which takes place tonight (Sunday in South Korea). Canada is the two-time defending gold medal winner but with no NHL players participating in the tournament it’s anyone’s guess who will prevail, much less even make the medal rounds. The Olympic Athletes from Russia, as they’re officially called, were the favorite as the team is loaded KHL players from Russia’s top professional league.

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SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 24

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N) ©		48 Hours ©		48 Hours ©		News (N) †	
	NBC 5	2018 Winter Olympics: Figure Skating Gala, Bobsled, Figure skating coverage features the gala event. Plus, the four-man bobsled competition. (N) ©							NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC 7	NBA Countdown (N) ©	NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City Thunder at Golden State Warriors. (N) (Live) ©					Eyewitness News (N) †	
	WGN 9	Two and a Half Men	Bulls Eye (N) ©	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Minnesota Timberwolves. From the Target Center in Minneapolis. (N) (Live) ©					
	Antenna 9.2	Morning McHale		Knows Best	Jack Benny	Burns/Allen	Jeannie	Bewitched	
	This TV 9.3	The Magnificent Seven		The Magnificent Seven		The Young Riders ©		Y’ng Rider †	
	PBS 11	800 Words ©		Father Brown: “The Brewer’s Daughter.” ©		Death in Paradise ©		Victoria-Master †	
	The U 26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Burgers	
	MeTV 26.3	Svengoolie: “Terror Out of the Sky.” ©				Batman ©	Batman ©	Star Trek †	
	H&I 26.4	Hunter: “Hot Pursuit.” ©		Hill Street Blues ©		Hill Street Blues ©		Wiseguy †	
	Bounce 26.5	† (6) The Rich Man’s Wife		Phone Booth (R,’02) † † † Colin Farrell.				Two Men †	
	FOX 32	UFC Fight Night: Emmett vs. Stephens (N) (Live) †				Fox 32 News (N)		Love Connection †	
	Ion 38	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU †	
	TeleM 44	† (6) Non-Stop (NR,’13) ©		Taken 2 (PG-13,’12) † † † Liam Neeson. ©				Noticiero	
	CW 50	Rizzoli & Isles ©		Rizzoli & Isles ©		Major Crimes ©		Crimes †	
UniMas 60	† (6) Soy un prófugo (’46)		The Transporter (PG-13,’02) † † † Jason Statham.				Better †		
WJYS 62	Paid Prog. Moses		Bishop Paid Prog.		Paid Prog. Paid Prog.		Ultimate		
Univ 66	† (6:55) Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)		Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) †						
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: “Live PD -- 02.24.18.” (N) (Live) © †					
	AMC	(7:12) The Walking Dead: “Service.”		(8:41) The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead © †			
	ANIM	Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)		(9:01) The Vet (N)		Pit Bulls †	
	BBCA	Planet Earth: Frozen		Planet Earth: Blue Planet II (N) ©		Planet Earth: Frozen			
	BET	The Help (PG-13,’11) † † † Viola Davis. An aspiring writer captures the experiences of black women.							
	BIGTEN	† College Hockey (N)		The B1G		The B1G		The B1G	
	BRAVO	† (6:26) The Blind Side (PG-13,’09) † † † Sandra Bullock. ©				(9:26) The Blind Side †			
	CLTV	News at 7		News at 8		News (N)		Chic.Best Weekend News (N)	
	CNBC	† (6:57) American Greed		(8:02) American Greed		(9:02) American Greed		Greed †	
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)		The Radical Story		The Radical Story		Death Row †	
	COM	† (6:25) Blended (PG-13,’14) † Adam Sandler. ©				Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story †			
	DISC	Misfit Garage: The Gas Monkey Games (N) ©							Misfit †
	DISN	Bizaardvark		Andi Mack ©		Bizaardvark		Andi Mack Andi Mack Bunk’d ©	
	E!	† (6) Fifty Shades of Grey (R,’15) † †		Fifty Shades of Grey (R,’15) † † † Dakota Johnson. †					
	ESPN	(7:15) College Basketball: Missouri at Kentucky. (N)				College Basketball (N) †			
	ESPN2	College Basketball: Gonzaga at BYU. (N) (Live)				College Basketball (N) †			
	FNC	Watters’ World (N) ©		Justice With Jeanine (N)		Greg Gutfeld (N)		Watters †	
	FOOD	Diners, Drive Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive	
	FREE	† Matilda † † † (7:45) The Lion King (G,’94) † † † Voices of Matthew Broderick. ©				Lion Kg 2 †			
	FX	The Avengers (PG-13,’12) † † † Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans. ©							Baskets †
	HALL	† Wedding March 3: Here		Royal Hearts (NR,’18) Cindy Busby, James Brolin. ©				Golden Girls	
	HGTV	Fixer Upper ©		Fixer Upper ©		House Hunters Reno (N)		Log Cabin	
	HISTV	American Pickers ©		American Pickers		(9:09) American Pickers		Pickers †	
	HLN	Forensic		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic	
	IFC	Meet the Parents (PG-13,’00) † † † Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. ©				Meet the Fockers † † †			
	LIFE	Framed by My Fiancé (NR,’17) Katrina Bowden. ©				(9:02) Deadly Delusion (NR,’17) © †			
	MSNBC	The Last Word		The 11th Hour		Deadline: White House (N)		Hardball (N)	
	MTV	The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13,’10) † † † Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. ©				Twilight †			
	NBCSCH	† NHL Hockey (N) ©		Postgame		Beer Money		Bensinger	
	NICK	Thunder (N) Knight (N)		Full House		Full House		Goldbergs Goldbergs Friends ©	
	OVATION	† (6) A League of Their Own (PG,’92) † † † Tom Hanks.		Artful Detective (N)				Deep Blue †	
	OWN	Iyanla, Fix My Life ©		My 600-Lb. Life: “Tanisha’s Story.” ©				Iyanla †	
	OXY	Killer Couples ©		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped †	
	PARMT	† (6:30) The Bourne Identity (PG-13,’02) † † † Matt Damon. ©				The Bourne Supremacy †			
	SYFY	† (6:30) Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End (PG-13,’07) † † † Johnny Depp.				Futurama			
TBS	Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang Full Frontal		
TCM	Cat Ballou (NR,’65) † † † Jane Fonda, Lee Marvin. ©				Harry and Tonto (R,’74) † † † © †				
TLC	Say Yes to the Dress (N)		Say Yes: SOS (N)		Say Yes to the Dress ©		Say Yes †		
TLN	Exalted		Pacific Garden Mission		In Grace		Humanitarian		
TNT	Olympus Has Fallen (R,’13) † † † Gerard Butler.				(9:15) Real Steel (PG-13,’11) † † †				
TOON	Cleveland		Family Guy		Rick, Morty		Family Guy Dragon (N) Dragon (N)		
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		The Dead Files (N) ©		Dead Files †		
TVL	Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		Mom © Mom © King		
USA	The Wedding Ringer (R,’15) † † † Kevin Hart. ©				Falling Larry (N) ©		Mean Girls †		
VH1	† (6) First Sunday (’08) † †		Boyz n the Hood (R,’91) † † † Larry Fishburne, Ice Cube. ©						
WE	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal †		
WGN America	M*A*S*H ©		M*A*S*H ©		M*A*S*H ©		Bellevue © Person †		
PREMIUM	HBO	Notes From the Field (NR,’18)					Boxing (N) †		
	HBO2	Warcraft (PG-13,’16) † † † Travis Fimmel. ©					(9:05) Here and Now © Queens †		
	MAX	Dawn of the Dead (NR,’04) † † †					(8:45) Drag Me to Hell (PG-13,’09) † † † ©		
	SHO	The Hateful Eight (R,’15) † † † Samuel L. Jackson, Kurt Russell. ©							
	STARZ	Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13,’00) † † † Tom Cruise.					(9:06) Counterpart © Life (R) † † †		
STZNC	(7:10) Shadow of a Doubt (PG,’43) † † † † ©					Spartacus: Blood & Sand Cast Away †			

What you need to know as ‘Walking Dead’ returns to finish Season 8

By STEVE JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

“The Walking Dead,” which seems to lurch on and off the TV schedule like a zombie itself, lurches back on this weekend with the first episode of the second half of Season 8.

You are forgiven for forgetting where, exactly, things stand with our little band of semirighteous plague survivors in their struggle to remain undead, in the better sense of that word.

So here’s a handy (and spoiler-laden) primer containing what you need to know to prepare for Sunday’s resumption of the apocalypse, the restart of the occasionally riveting, often maddeningly illogical AMC series that, despite slipping ratings, remains one of TV’s most popular:

1. Biggest picture, the ‘All-Out War’ continues.

Rick Grimes and his posse based in Alexandria have spent the season going toe-to-toe with the blow-hard meanie Negan and his group, the Saviors. At the midseason finale in December, Alexandria’s clever zombie blockade of the Saviors headquarters had been broken, and Negan’s crew was again on the offensive. “Very offensive,” you might add, if you’ve spent any amount of time suffering through Negan’s juvenile speechifying.

All the first-half action unfolded over just days, so it’s probably safe to assume the season’s second half will continue in that vein, examining what goes on in close detail until things are settled. The stakes are sort of high. One group or the other will win, and one will lose (my money’s on Rick winning, for some reason). But then what? More of the numb struggle to survive because this show, alas, has devolved over its tenure



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Chandler Riggs, left, and Andrew Lincoln star in “The Walking Dead.” The apocalypse drama returns Sunday.

into a chronicle of repeated tribal warfare.

2. It looks bad for young Carl.

“Walking Dead” is not “This Is Us,” teasing out the death of a main character over months plus four quarters of a national sporting championship. And it wasn’t a crockpot that did the dirty deed. But Carl Grimes, son of Rick and therefore sort of the prince-ling of the good guys ‘n’ gals, ended the first half of Season 8 in December by revealing that he had bite marks on his torso of the zombie rather than hickey variety. And the show doesn’t give us a whole lot of the science behind the plague that ruined the world, but it has taught us one thing: When a character gets bitten by a zombie, start penciling in the X’s over his eyes — or, in Carl’s case, his eye.

Apparently, though, Carl has some more business to take care of before he ultimately succumbs — that was a December promise from then-showrunner Scott Gimple — so expect some sort of grand deed

before the tear spigots are opened for the show’s occasionally annoying, occasionally priggish, often teen-angsty wearer of the Billy Jack hat. (“Billy Jack” is a 1970s movie reference; look it up.) This is especially sad because, as I said at the midseason finale, he’s going to pass away without ever getting a decent eye patch.

3. Maggie is on the rise.

Having taken command at the agrarian Hilltop outpost of the Alexandria forces, our steely pregnant farmgirl widow is showing her mettle. Her wisest gambit in the season’s first eight episodes was holding dozens of Negan’s forces as prisoners/hostages rather than killing them. Now she’s got a bargaining chip far more powerful than the Hilltop’s zucchini crop should the Saviors decide they don’t want to let Maggie work on Maggie’s farm no more.

4. Ezekiel is on the rise, too.

The self-proclaimed king of the creatively named Kingdom band of

the good guys was in a deep wallow for quite a while there, having lost his pet tiger and most of his followers due to an incautious battle decision. But in the midseason finale, he roused himself to start leading people again. Before the funk, this pre-apocalypse community theater player had been one of the most engaging characters on the show, projecting a notion of royalty to the cheap seats with a zeal as infectious as it was hammy. It’ll be good to have some semblance of that fellow back.

5. Daryl and Rick have a score to settle.

It wasn’t spelled out explicitly, but it was certainly implied that the Saviors were able to escape because straggly-haired bowman Daryl went against the plan of ally and close confidant Rick and rammed a truck into the Saviors’ compound. Daryl thought he’d hasten the enemy’s demise by letting zombies in. Rick wanted to wait, to let their rivals get weaker, less well stocked and ready to surrender.

So somewhere along the

way, these two perpetually sweaty alphas, who’ve already had one fight over proper leadership techniques, are likely to have it out. Or, most likely, both.

6. Will Eugene finally flip back?

After working on behalf of Alexandria from within Savior leadership, Dwight did come fully over to the side of the light in the last episode. He was among those hiding in the sewer as Carl revealed his bite.

But the grandiloquent savant Eugene, formerly with Alexandria, more recently with Negan, has been trying to have it both ways. He apparently devised the plan that set the Saviors free of their trap — something about music leading the zombies away — but he also made it possible for the captured Alexandrian Father Gabriel to escape from the Saviors. And we’ve been getting glimpses of his conscience tearing at him, keeping him awake nights and downing scarce wine for comfort. Since he has the ear and the confidence of Negan, plus a

whole lot of intelligence, where he finally lands could prove decisive.

7. And Eugene isn’t the only known unknown.

There are two other communities viewers have been exposed to that could play a role. The woman-led Oceanside group would seem to be natural allies of Rick and the Alexandrians, because both groups strive to hold onto human decency amid considerable evidence of its disappearance. But they’ve now got Alexandria’s Aaron and Enid as prisoners, and Enid has just shot down Oceanside’s matriarch. Before that, Rick essentially stole most of their guns. So bleep those guys. But they’re no fans of Negan’s either, as his people killed most of the Oceanside menfolk. It’s a conundrum in an enigma on a beachfront.

Meanwhile, in the show’s garbage dump community, those art-making weird-talkers the Scavengers seem to have retreated to a neutral corner. Their history, however, does not suggest reliability. At the end of Season 7, they broke a pact with Rick just as a battle began and jumped over to Negan’s side. Still, Rick went crawling back to them to try to reform the alliance in a Season 8 plot twist that seemed devised solely to pad out episodes and let Rick show off his physique, improbably well-chiseled in a world where nutrition is supposed to be scarce.

Rick got the Scavengers to march with him, and then the fighting started and, wouldn’t you know it, the dumpster divers scurried away again. Perhaps their ultimate utility will be to furnish the sculpture garden when peace at last descends.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 24 NORMAL HIGH: 38° NORMAL LOW: 23° RECORD HIGH: 64° (1930) RECORD LOW: -11° (1873)

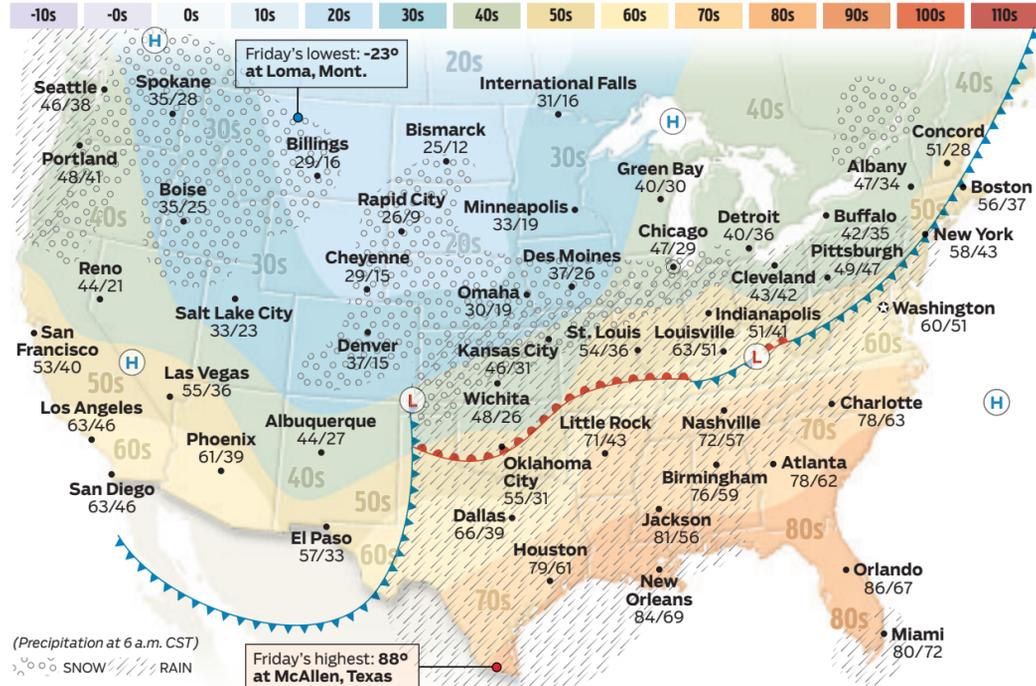
As snow hits Upper Midwest, Chicago gets rain

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 47 **LOW** 29

- A mild Saturday, but more rain on the way.
- A few peeks of sun early, then thickening and lowering cloudiness.
- Mild with highs in the upper 40s north to lower 50s south, though strengthening east-southeast winds keep lakeshore areas around 40.
- Scattered afternoon showers become widespread overnight but end before morning as winds shift southwest.
- Lows fall to the upper 20s by daybreak Sunday.

NATIONAL FORECAST



A late-winter storm tracking from southeast Colorado to upper Michigan this weekend has prompted winter storm warnings and advisories in 11 states, with up to a foot of snow expected in portions of the Upper Midwest.

But Chicago, positioned on the warm side of this storm, is expecting mild temperatures and another round of rain. Clouds will gather quickly Saturday with scattered showers developing by afternoon, a prelude to more general overnight rains. While rainfall totals will be just a fraction of the rains that deluged the area earlier in the week, much of the region remains waterlogged, and the new rain could aggravate flooding.

Mild weather will follow the storm. February is expected to exit on a mild note, with high temps reaching the 50s Monday through Wednesday.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

HIGH 47 **LOW** 29

Sunshine returns. Quite windy as southwest winds at 20-30 mph boost temps into the middle and upper 40s. Winds diminish a bit in the afternoon.

MONDAY, FEB. 26

HIGH 52 **LOW** 35

Unlimited sunshine under nearly cloudless skies. South winds at 8-15 mph. Quite mild as highs reach the lower 50s, about 10-15 degrees above normal.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

HIGH 58 **LOW** 39

Morning sun fades as mid- and high-level clouds increase in the afternoon. Strengthening south winds at 12-22 mph boost highs to springlike levels in the upper 50s. Overcast at night.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

HIGH 53 **LOW** 37

February exits cloudy, mild. Chance of showers early. Better chance in the afternoon/overnight. Temps five degrees lower than Tuesday. Still above normal with highs in the lower 50s. SW winds at 12-22 mph.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

HIGH 39 **LOW** 30

March opens blustery and rainy with gusty west winds. Scattered afternoon showers, possibly mixing with snow before ending. Temps slowly fall from the middle and upper 30s.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

HIGH 42 **LOW** 31

A cloudy morning followed by a partly sunny afternoon as clouds gradually break and thin. Gusty north-northwest winds. Highs reach lower 40s.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What is the deepest snowpack ever recorded in Chicago?
— Matt Downing, Palatine

Dear Matt,
Chicago's record-tying nine consecutive days of measurable snow earlier this month transformed a brown, barren winter landscape into a picturesque snow-covered one with area snowpacks building to more than 20 inches in some locations. The area's all-time deepest snowpack of 29 inches occurred on Jan. 14, 1979, in the wake of the city's infamous "Blizzard of '79" that produced 20.3 inches of snow. The snowpack remained robust for more than a month, fluctuating between 19 and 27 inches through Feb. 22. After that, welcome early-spring warming ensued, quickly melting the snow, with the snow cover finally dwindling to a trace on March 5 after a record 100 days with at least 1 inch of snow dating back to Nov. 26.

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Wet pattern continues as weekend storm targets eastern U.S.

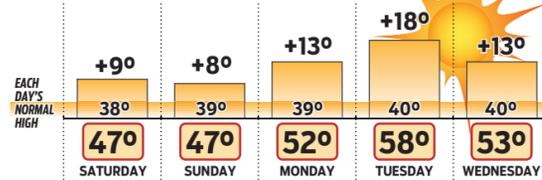
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PRECIPITATION
Percent of mean precip

SOURCE: Illinois State Water Survey — Prairie Research Institute

THROUGH MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK: MILDER THAN NORMAL

Forecast Chicago O'Hare high temperatures

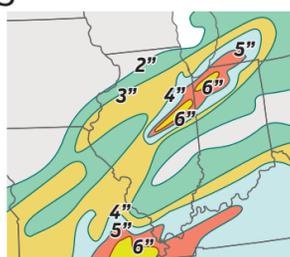
Temperature departures from normal



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

THE PAST WEEK'S
PRECIP WATER
EQUIVALENT
7-day period through
Friday morning
2/23/2018 at 6 AM

SOURCE: Midwestern Regional Climate Center



LATE-WINTER STORM TO BRING BOTH HEAVY RAIN AND SNOW



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MIDWEST CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	ts	62	38	pc	55	35
Carbondale	ts	49	34	su	47	28
Champaign	ts	50	33	su	48	29
Decatur	ts	50	33	su	48	29
Moline	sh	44	28	pc	45	27
Peoria	sh	45	31	su	46	29
Quincy	rm	46	32	pc	49	31
Rockford	sh	42	28	pc	41	25
Springfield	rm	49	33	su	49	30
Sterling	sh	43	28	pc	44	24
Indiana	rm	55	43	pc	51	33
Bloomington	sh	64	43	pc	53	35
Evansville	sh	42	41	pc	48	28
Fort Wayne	rm	51	41	pc	50	29
Indianapolis	rm	47	36	pc	48	27
Lafayette	sh	44	34	pc	45	27
South Bend	sh	44	34	pc	45	27
Wisconsin	pc	40	30	pc	37	21
Green Bay	sh	39	30	pc	41	27
Kenosha	sh	39	30	pc	41	27
La Crosse	sh	39	30	pc	35	19
Madison	rm	40	27	pc	40	24
Milwaukee	sh	38	30	pc	42	27
Wausau	cl	36	25	pc	30	15
Michigan	sh	40	36	pc	50	31
Detroit	sh	40	36	pc	50	31
Grand Rapids	pc	36	27	pc	41	30
Marquette	pc	36	27	pc	36	21
St. Ste. Marie	pc	38	26	pc	38	25
Traverse City	pc	45	32	pc	42	29
Iowa	rm	34	22	pc	40	25
Ames	rm	34	22	pc	40	25
Cedar Rapids	rm	39	25	pc	44	25
Des Moines	fr	37	26	pc	44	28
Dubuque	rm	40	26	pc	41	26
El Paso	su	57	33	pc	60	34

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	cl	47	34	su	41	34
Albuquerque	pc	66	35	su	69	33
Amarillo	su	44	27	su	45	23
Anchorage	ss	24	16	pc	23	19
Asheville	sh	74	58	rs	65	49
Aspen	cl	20	10	ss	24	9
Atlanta	pc	78	62	rs	68	57
Atlanta City	sh	55	44	rs	59	46
Austin	ts	76	48	pc	71	45
Baltimore	sh	57	48	rs	68	48
Birmingham	sh	76	59	rs	63	55
Bismarck	ss	25	12	pc	33	19
Boise	pc	35	25	rs	40	26
Boston	cl	56	37	rs	41	37
Brownsville	pc	86	71	ts	82	66
Buffalo	sh	42	35	rs	51	33
Burlington	sh	41	30	rs	39	33
Charlotte	sh	78	63	sh	74	56
Charltn SC	pc	74	63	sh	75	61
Charltn WV	rm	61	59	rs	63	43
Chattanooga	sh	77	60	rs	63	52
Cheyenne	pc	29	15	pc	33	21
Cincinnati	rm	56	51	cl	56	35
Cleveland	sh	43	42	sh	55	34
Colo. Spgs	pc	35	15	rs	39	20
Columbia MO	ts	52	33	pc	52	30
Columbia SC	pc	84	62	rs	82	59
Columbus	rm	48	47	cl	57	34
Concord	cl	51	52	rs	35	28
Corps Christi	pc	81	63	ts	73	60
Cincinnati	rm	56	51	cl	56	35
Cleveland	sh	43	42	sh	55	34
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Big Ten to ditch condensed schedule

Conference tournament won't return to MSG — unless it gets later dates

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

One and done. That was essentially the message from Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany, who told the Tribune on Friday the conference tournament would return to Madison Square Garden in New York only if the Big Ten can have the premier

"Wasn't good. Wasn't healthy. ... We won't do it again this way."

— Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany on the condensed 2017-18 schedule

weekend — the one the Big East has had locked in since 1983.

Why? Because moving this season's event to MSG required the tournament to move up a week, creating a condensed regular-season schedule that coaches despised. Indiana, for example, played five games during a 12-day

span from Jan. 19-30. Illinois just suited up three times in five days.

"I appreciate the sacrifices the teams made, the impact it had on our students," Delany said. "Wasn't good. Wasn't healthy. I thought starting (the conference schedule) early was OK, but if you look at our schedules (through the

years), we've been able to give everybody two-day prep (before games) in 99 percent of the cases.

"We won't do it again this way, and I take responsibility for asking the coaches. ... If we can make it back to the Garden on a regular week, that's great.

"I know we will be back out East. Where we will be, I don't know. It won't be on a regular basis. I expect that 80 percent will be in legacy territory (Chicago and Indianapolis) and probably

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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Commissioner Jim Delany says he takes responsibility for the condensed schedule this season.

SPRING TRAINING



NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Cubs manager Joe Maddon autographs baseballs for kids before the team's spring training opener Friday afternoon against the Brewers in Phoenix. The Cubs lost 2-1 at Maryvale Park.

Cool beginnings

Cubs shake off chilly temps, open Cactus League play

PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

PHOENIX — Winter parkas and spring training typically don't go hand-in-hand, but the most comfortable fans at Friday's Cactus League opener between the Cubs and Brewers were the ones who packed wisely.

The big chill descended on the Valley of the Sun last week, and temperatures are not expected to return to normal for another week or so.

While spring training baseball without warm weather seems as



Anthony Rizzo, a graduate of Stoneman Douglas High School, wears the school's ballcap. Rizzo spoke at the school after the Feb. 14 shooting.

useless as a porcupine without quills, the schedule said it was time to start, so the Cubs and Brewers played on a cool, 59-degree afternoon at Maryvale Stadium in Phoenix.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon, no

fan of any cold front, is hoping for a spring reboot to 80-degrees and sunshine.

"It's not going away," Maddon lamented. "It has to warm up at

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WHITE SOX

Rodon won't pitch until June; Adolfo injured again

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — On the day the White Sox took the field for their first Cactus League game of 2018, they made significant news off of it.

Before the Sox's 13-5 loss to the Dodgers on Friday at Camelback Ranch, general manager Rick Hahn announced that starter Carlos Rodon will not pitch in any spring training games while he recovers from September surgery on his left shoulder.

While that decision wasn't unexpected, the news that highly regarded outfield prospect Micker Adolfo had suffered another injury setback

certainly was.

Adolfo, 21, had been impressive during the early stages of training camp, belting home runs with regularity during batting practice. But he reported pain in his right elbow and an examination revealed a sprain of his ulnar collateral ligament and a strained flexor tendon.

The Sox will seek a second opinion and are hoping the injuries won't require surgery, which likely would cause Adolfo to miss a significant portion of the minor-league season.

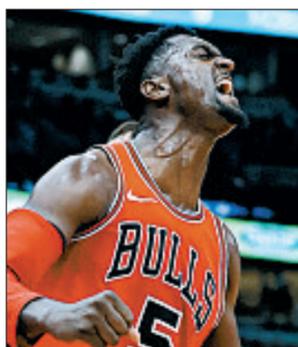
"There is a decent chance that rehab will allow him the ample time to heal and put this behind

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

After 7th-place finish, Davis mum on future

Chicagoan Shani Davis, 35, closes his fifth Olympics with a seventh-place finish in the 1,000 meters. Whether he is retiring is unknown — he disappeared after the race Friday without talking with reporters. Coverage begins on the **Back Page**



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Like ex-Bull Joakim Noah, Bobby Portis, above, isn't afraid to let his emotions show on the court.

BULLS

Portis' game changing, but he isn't

As numbers improve, forward says he won't suppress emotional side

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Bobby Portis doesn't take any of this for granted.

He relishes the opportunity to flex and scream and serve as the emotional epicenter for the Bulls. He appreciates receiving regular minutes.

Heck, he savors playing at all. "It's been a blessing just to play ball," Portis said. "I've been through a lot this year, a lot of ups and downs. (I) started off not playing, and being able to play now I want to take full advantage."

Sinking a career-high 38 points while sinking a career-high six 3-pointers Thursday doesn't make Portis forget about his team-imposed, eight-game suspension for punching Nikola Mirotic in the face Oct. 17. But the suspension, plus the inconsistencies of his first

two seasons, fueled a player already hellbent on playing with intensity.

"I've always been a guy (who has) not been highly talked about," Portis said. "I've gone under the radar a lot. I've always had people doubt me, but I believe in myself more than anybody else does. It's gotten me this far."

Portis is almost doubling his previous career-best scoring average, 13 points to seven. His 64

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WHITE SOX

Adolfo out with injury

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him," Hahn said. "If that does not work ... surgery is an option, but we are not there yet."

It is another blow to Adolfo's progress since the Sox signed him in 2013 to a \$1.6 million bonus as a 16-year international free agent out of the Dominican Republic. Adolfo has missed significant time throughout the early stages of his career because of injuries, including a fractured fibula in 2015, and said earlier in the week that "everything happens for a reason, but I never put the blame on anybody but myself. I always wanted to be on the field, but those setbacks didn't stop me from my purpose to get into the big leagues. No road to success is easy."

Adolfo is finding that out the hard way as this latest injury will sideline him for a minimum of six weeks and perhaps much longer.

"It's tough," Hahn said. "He shouldn't feel bad other than disappointed that his season's going to be truncated because of some rotten luck. It's a shame (because) the kid has fought back time and again."

"He still has plenty of time left in his pro career to put this behind him and continue on a positive development path."

Hahn was more optimistic regarding Rodon's latest update. The left-hander has been throwing from a flat surface and recently moved back to 90 feet and said his shoulder felt "free and easy."

"(Rodon) is progressing nicely; (he) feels good," Hahn said. "We have put together a throwing program for him through the remainder of the month, and that does not include him pitching in Cactus League games."

"His first outings against competition will likely come in extended spring training, which will be followed by a rehab assignment, and his return to the major leagues continues to trend closer to the eight-month mark."

That would put Rodon's season debut sometime in June.

Hahn had a better day when it was announced the Sox had agreed to terms with 26 players on one-year contracts, including Matt Davidson for \$570,000 and Tyler Saladino for \$565,000.

Others agreeing to terms were pitchers Aaron Bummer, Ian Clarkin, Jace Fry, Carson Fulmer, Lucas Giolito, Gregory Infante, Reynaldo Lopez, Juan Minaya, Jose Ruiz and Thyago Vieira; catchers Omar Narvaez and Kevan Smith; infielders Casey Gillaspie, Yoan Moncada and Jose Rondon; and outfielders Adolfo, Luis Alexander Basabe, Ryan Cordell, Nicky Delmonico, Adam Engel, Willy Garcia, Eloy Jimenez, Daniel Palka and Charlie Tilson.

Hahn said the process of signing each player on the 40-man roster ran "smoothly" and "without issue."

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CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Tim Anderson's three-run homer wasn't enough for the Sox against the Dodgers.

WHITE SOX RECAP

The White Sox jumped out to an early lead over the Dodgers in their Cactus League opener but couldn't hold it and eventually fell 13-5 on Friday at Camelback Ranch. The Sox led 3-1 heading into the third inning courtesy of a Tim Anderson home run before the Dodgers answered with five runs in the bottom half and then tacked on four more in the fourth.

At the plate: In addition to Anderson's blast, Kevan Smith knocked in two runs for the Sox while Ryan Cordell went 1-for-3 with two runs scored. Justin Turner, Kike Hernandez, Matt Kemp and Logan Forsythe each homered for the Dodgers.

On the mound: Tyler Danish suffered the loss for the Sox after yielding five runs — two earned — on four hits with a walk and a strikeout in one inning of relief of starter Dylan Covey. Michael Ynoa allowed four runs on two hits in 1/3 of an inning, while Thyago Vieira gave up two runs on three hits in 2/3 of an inning. Teammates Jace Fry and Connor Walsh each made scoreless appearances. Dodgers starter Wilmer Font pitched two scoreless innings and C.C. Lee earned the win in relief.

In the field: In the third, Sox right fielder Avisail Garcia leaped high against the wall to rob Corey Seager of a possible home run.

Key number: 26.6 — Average age of the players on the Sox's 40-man roster (youngest in the American League).
Up next: Vs. the Mariners at Peoria Sports Complex, 2:10 p.m. Saturday. LH Hector Santiago vs. RH Mike Leake.

CUBS



NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Tommy La Stella makes a diving catch during the first inning against the Brewers.

Rizzo tries to get talk back to game

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some point. It has to. It's Arizona, my god. ... It has something to do with global cooling, I think."

Temperature aside, the day was a positive for one big reason. Baseball finally was back, and it's here to stay until late October or early November, if the Cubs are lucky.

The Brewers eked out a 2-1 win over the Cubs in an opener in which everyone simply was working the kinks out.

A concession stand selling burgers charged a dollar more than the sign said, with the vendor explaining they forgot to make new signs with the new price. Brewers catcher Jeff Bandy held the first mound meeting in the third inning, leaving the Brewers with five under the new six-visit limit.

It's never too early to change signs, even in an exhibition game.

Even Maddon still was trying to get his vocabulary in midseason form as he prepares for the long season of news conferences. Answering a question about a spare outfielder, he said: "There's nothing to not..." before halting in mid-sentence for a grammatical U-turn.

"That's too many negatives," he said, quickly changing course.

The initial sausage race of the season was even lackluster by Cheesehead standards. The Italian sausage won handily, while the others clearly were not in fighting shape, sausage-wise.

At this pace it would be a miracle if the Chorizo makes it to Miller Park for the regular season.

While Ian Happ was the first to audition as Cubs' leadoff man and a group of no-name players filled Maddon's lineup card, the game itself took a backseat to Major League Baseball's decision to remember the shooting victims at Stoneman Douglas High School by having every team wear replicas of their caps.

Maddon applauded the activism of the students at Parkland who have been speaking out on the issue of gun violence.

"We're not just wearing them," Maddon said of the Stoneman Douglas caps. "I think we're on board."

Maddon recalled protesting the Vietnam War when he was in high school, saying he loved the "activism by the kids" from Parkland.

"When I was growing up it was a different method," he said. "There was a lot of protesting of the war at that time, and the establishment. You would think that

the group that did that would understand that by the time you grew up and became the establishment, you would understand how to interact better.

"I'm always disappointed, because I'm of that age group, and I know what the thought process was like back then, and everybody was going to change the world and make it a better place. And then you forget. As you get older, you forget what you thought in the beginning."

"I love the activism. I hope the kids stay after it. From me to them, anything I can do personally, I'm here to help. I know a lot of guys on the team feel the same way."

Maddon took a shot at the "so-called leaders in charge," though he didn't name names and added he wasn't "necessarily talking about Washington."

"At some point we've got to reestablish sensibility and common sense," he said. "I think that's escaped us a bit."

Anthony Rizzo, perhaps the most prominent alumnus of Stoneman Douglas, did not play and only wore the cap during the morning workout.

Rizzo appeared to be tiring of having to discuss his role in helping Parkland recover from the tragedy.

"That's why I wanted to talk (at the vigil)," Rizzo said. "Instead of someone campaigning for themselves by talking, being someone who went to that school and grew up there."

"Like I said, I don't want to keep talking about this. I've reiterated this over and over, so let's move on to baseball."

Maddon conceded it's "going to be difficult" for Rizzo to just flip the switch to baseball if he continually has to address the shooting and its aftermath. But once he's in a game, Rizzo should be OK, Maddon said.

"Regardless of your questions before or after (games), I think he'll be able to get this respite during the game and just apply himself," he said. "Impactfully, as a human being, the hours before and the hours after (work), they're the ones that have to be dealt with, especially when you're alone."

Rizzo eventually will be allowed to get back to the game he loves without being asked to serve as a celebrity spokesman for his hometown Parkland community.

But as the Cactus League season opened, the healing process had only just begun.

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CUBS NOTES

Gold Glove on Baez's to-do list

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

PHOENIX — **Javier Baez** has kept a low profile during the first week of full-squad workouts.

But the dazzling Cubs infielder made no secret of sharing one of his major goals this season.

"I'll try to be healthy the whole year again and try to get that Gold Glove I want because obviously a lot of people notice me because of my defense," Baez said.

Baez's versatility actually has prevented him from becoming a stronger candidate to win the Gold Glove, but Baseball Information Systems honored Baez for the second consecutive season with its multi-position award.

Baez's chances as a Gold Glove candidate (an award for players from the National and American Leagues at the nine defensive positions) may improve at second base if back issues continue to slow **Ben Zobrist**.

Manager **Joe Maddon** said he told Zobrist not to hurry, and Baez said he has spent more time recently communicating with shortstop **Addison Russell**.

Baez committed only four errors in

503 2/3 innings at second base in 2017, and he played 26 consecutive games without being charged with a miscue at shortstop in place of Russell in August and September.

Option to pitch well: Reliever **Justin Grimm** said he's not thinking about that fact he's out of options as he tries to secure a spot on the opening day roster.

The Cubs have seen flashes of dominance from him over the past four seasons, but Grimm's occasional rough outings baffled him last season as he posted a 5.53 ERA in 50 appearances and had a brief trip to Triple-A Iowa.

"I'm just coming in with a mind that's really refreshed," Grimm said. "Just hitting the refresh button. There are some things I worked on this offseason, and last season kind of left me feeling 'Why?'"

"There was so much confusion as to why I'm not the man. It got frustrating at points. It would go on. I'd pitch a few outings and, 'Boom, there it is.' And that one outing, 'Why?' It's part of the game, but I think I got my answers this offseason and went to work."

"I'm looking forward to having a strong, dominant year."

For Bourjos, Chicago ties part of lure

Ex-Card looks to beat odds, land spot on Cubs roster

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

PHOENIX — Peter Bourjos' interest in the Cubs ran deeper than his Chicago roots.

As a member of the Cardinals during the 2014-15 seasons, Bourjos vividly remembers how a young, inexperienced cast of players matured into a confident batch that overtook their National League Central rivals to make the playoffs.

Witnessing that transformation gave Bourjos more incentive to sign with the Cubs last month, albeit as a non-roster invitee.

"You can feel this organization coming," said Bourjos, who could fit nicely as a bench player because of his speed and outfield defense. "I remember in 2014 they didn't have the best year. But you could see they had the players, and things were starting to get turned around."

"And then I remember in 2015 after the All-Star break, it was a different group. They might have turned the corner. It seemed like they matured. I don't know how many games we won against the Cubs in the second half, but you could see how good they were."

Bourjos, 30, is eager to get a shot at playing for a perennial playoff contender despite long odds.

"Sure, I'm home for spring training," said Bourjos, who lives in Scottsdale in the offseason. "But you're with a team that's committed to winning. The other offers were from other teams that may have been rebuilding a bit."

"Sometimes, like with the White Sox last spring, you have a good spring but because they're rebuilding, it doesn't matter what you do. Whereas with the Cubs, if I have a good spring, I realize there might not be a spot open. But at some point, there could be something good and you're able to get up here."

Manager Joe Maddon acknowledges the odds seem slim but loves Bourjos' skills and perspective.

"I really believe he's going to help us get back to the Promised Land this year somehow," Maddon said.

Bourjos batted .313 for the White Sox but was sold to the Rays at the end of spring training in favor of Jacob May.

And after playing for Phillies and Rays teams that lost 180 games over the past two seasons, Bourjos was eager for the chance to play for a playoff contender.

Bourjos developed in an Angels organization that annually competed for division titles, and it appeared he was on the verge of becoming an everyday player in 2013 when he was batting .313 while patrolling center field and keeping Mike Trout in left field.

But Bourjos suffered a left hamstring pull on April 29 while running out a bunt and missed 38 games. After returning, Bourjos batted .373 in his next 18 games but suffered a right wrist fracture that sidelined him for another 1 1/2 months.

"I've been on the bench since, which is fine," Bourjos said. "I understand my role on a team."

Earning a roster spot would bring his family full circle. Bourjos' grandfather, a Greek immigrant, owned a restaurant at the corner of Kedzie and Montrose in Chicago. Peter's father Chris graduated from Gordon Tech, played briefly for the Giants in 1980 and currently serves as a scout for the Padres.

Janet Bourjos graduated from Schurz High School and gave birth to Peter at a Park Ridge hospital where she once worked, and the family resided in Chicago before moving to Scottsdale in 1994.

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CUBS RECAP

The Cubs managed only two hits after the third inning Friday as the Brewers held on for a 2-1 victory at chilly Maryvale Baseball Park.

At the plate: Joe Maddon is as concerned with the rest of the order as he is with his leadoff hitter. Tommy La Stella, batting third, hit an opposite-field single to left to score Mike Freeman with the Cubs' run in the third. La Stella has performed well as a left-handed pinch-hitter, and his single with two outs and a runner in scoring position won't hurt his chances of making the team.

On the mound: The Cubs added left-hander Dario Alvarez to the 40-man roster in November because of his sharp slider. But Alvarez's control problems have haunted him and his walk to Manny Pina set up Eric Sogard's two-run triple with no outs in the fourth. Alvarez issued a two-out walk to Keon Broxton but finished the inning without allowing another run.

In the field: Ian Happ got a poor read that resulted in a Christian Yelich single that allowed Broxton to advance to third. But Happ redeemed himself with a diving catch of Jesus Aguilar shallow fly to shallow center to end the third.

Key number: 13 — New players on the Cubs' 40-man roster.

Up next: Vs. Rangers, 2:05 p.m. Saturday at Sloan Park. RH Eddie Butler vs. RH Clayton Blackburn.

BLACKHAWKS 3, SHARKS 1



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jean-Francois Berube gloves a Sharks shot during the second period Friday night at the United Center.

Berube a gem

Goalie stops 42 shots in 1st start for Blackhawks

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

It's "Jean-Francois" Berube or "J-F" Berube.

A hyphen — not periods — separates the Blackhawks' backup goalie's first names, he said, even if the scoreboard above the ice at the United Center spelled his name "J.F. Berube" during introductions Friday night.

Berube reintroduced himself to Hawks fans as he stopped a career-high 42 of the 43 shots he faced during a 3-1 victory over the Sharks.

The 26-year-old's second appearance in a Hawks sweater this season was his first start with the team and first in the NHL in almost a year.

"It has been a while," Berube said. "You always want to have a good impression for your first game."

"I know what I can do at this level, so it was just a matter of getting the opportunity to play and showing people what I can do."

Berube couldn't show anything during the first five minutes Friday as the Sharks put no shots on goal. But he stopped three during a 14-second span soon after.

In fact, the first 40 shots Berube faced didn't make it past him. But thanks to Timo Meier's goal 12 minutes, 8 seconds into the third period, Berube did not become the first Hawks goalie since Patrick Lalime on Feb. 7, 2007, to post a shutout in his first start with the team.

"They were throwing a lot of pucks at the net — not necessarily the hardest shots," Berube said. "(But) those slow pucks are the ones that are hard to save a

PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

1. **Nick Schmaltz, Blackhawks:** Birthday boy had goal, assist.
2. **Jean-Francois Berube, Blackhawks:** Made 42 saves in his first start of season.
3. **Anthony Duclair, Blackhawks:** Had a pair of assists.

THE SUMMARY

San Jose	0	0	1-3	
BLACKHAWKS	0	1	2-3	
FIRST PERIOD: No scoring. Penalties: None.				
SECOND PERIOD: 1. BLACKHAWKS: Rutta 6 (Duclair, Schmaltz), 5:46. Penalties: Ryan, S.J. (holding), 18:01.				
THIRD PERIOD: 2. BLACKHAWKS: Schmaltz 17 (Duclair), 2:01. 3. San Jose: Meier 15 (PavelSKI, Burns), 12:09. 4. BLACKHAWKS: Anisimov 17 (Jurco, Rutta), 19:29. Penalties: Murphy, HAWKS, (interference), 5:33; Burns, S.J. (holding stick), 6:05.				
SHOTS ON GOAL:				
San Jose	15	10	18-43	0-1
BLACKHAWKS	11	13	12-36	0-2
Goalies: San Jose, Jones 19-16-5 (35 shots-33 saves). BLACKHAWKS, Berube 1-0-0 (43-42). Referees: Tom Chmielewski, Tim Peel. Linesmen: Steve Miller, Derek Nansen. A: 21,906.				

HAWKS AT BLUE JACKETS

TV/radio: 6 p.m. Saturday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

Storylines: The Blue Jackets held the second wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference going into Friday, while the Hawks are all but out of the race in the Western Conference.

Trending: The Hawks are 3-7-1 in the second game of back-to-backs. ... The Blue Jackets have the worst power play (14.1 percent) and fifth-worst penalty kill (76.3) in the league.

lot of the time because they are hard to read ... and they can change direction a lot."

Nick Schmaltz celebrated his 22nd birthday — and Berube's return — when he scored the Hawks' second goal for a 2-0 lead 2:01 into the third period. His 17th score of the season came courtesy of a pass from Anthony Duclair, who had two assists.

It also was the second time in two years Schmaltz has scored on his birthday.

"Good vibes or something," he said.

Berube could relate.

He was recalled from Rockford after Jeff Glass was assigned there a little more than a week ago. Berube allowed two goals on 14 shots in 44:14 of relief for the

Hawks on Dec. 6 against the Capitals in his only other game this season.

He made his previous 21 appearances with the Islanders over the last two years.

Berube likely would have arrived to the Hawks sooner than Feb. 15 if his injury had not run concurrent with Corey Crawford's. Instead, 32-year-old rookie Glass spent 14 games with the Hawks in Crawford's absence while Berube's left leg recovered.

"It's easy to ... be down on yourself and kind of feel bad about it," Berube said of the timing of his injury. "But (there was) nothing I could do."

"(It) gave a good chance for 'Glasser' to come up. I'm really happy he got his shot."

Jan Rutta found his hours after he was activated from injured reserve. He scored his sixth goal of the season, tops among Hawks defensemen, with 14:14 left in the first to put the Hawks ahead 1-0.

Rutta had missed the previous eight games with an injury and was a healthy scratch in five of seven games before that.

"He has been a pleasant surprise," assistant Ulf Samuelson said during the telecast before the third period.

"I think the schedule got to him the last little while, and then he had some injuries."

With seemingly no end in sight to Crawford's upper-body injury, reportedly concussion-related, Berube looks as if he, too, will have an extended second chance.

And he vowed he will do his best to make it count.

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BULLS

BULLS NOTES

Markkanen's ailing shot gets treatment

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Fred Hoiberg's "shot doctor" tutelage has helped **Dwyane Wade** and **Kris Dunn**, and on Friday, Hoiberg worked before practice with **Lauri Markkanen**.

The Bulls rookie is 4 of 25 from beyond the 3-point arc this month.

"He missed two shots badly (Thursday) — his first (that was an airball) and then a step-back from the top of the key," Hoiberg said. "I don't mind him taking those. We need him to be aggressive looking for his shot. But all the other ones were right there."

"As a guy who sometimes made shots in this league, I understand (that) when you're going through a tough stretch, human nature is to try to get as close to that rim as possible. He's doing a little bit of that right now, as opposed to just trusting his stroke. And he's thinking a little bit too much."

While talking to Markkanen, Hoiberg, who once led the NBA in 3-point shooting, used a golf comparison of overcompensating for a mistake on the next swing.

"He looked at me (as if) I had three eyes," Hoiberg said. "For him, I had to compare it to curling. You have to continue to trust that stroke when you throw — what do you call it? — the stone."

"Really, it's about his balance and trusting his stroke. It looks like his body is twisting a little bit when he's in his shot — and then (he's) getting momentum (into) it as opposed to falling backward. He's shooting the heck out of it in practice, so it's a matter of time."

Rotation roulette: Hoiberg will start **Cristiano Felicio** and **David Nwaba** again Saturday versus the Timberwolves. **Cameron Payne** will back up Dunn at point guard.

Felicio didn't fare well against the 76ers on Thursday, but Hoiberg tried to write it off to foul trouble. Hoiberg praised Payne's play after he finished with seven points, seven assists and two turnovers in 20 minutes.

"We played really fast, which I like," Payne said. "I think I did pretty good with the game plan."

Payne admitted he has been "liking" negative tweets on social media about his play.

"It's funny to me because people ain't really watched me, so how can (they) judge me?" he said. "I'm just going to do my best every night and show the people."

Hoiberg also confirmed that **Robin Lopez** and **Justin Holiday** offered not to dress when told they were being removed as starters. But he was evasive when asked if it's unlikely they will be idle for the remaining 24 games.

Lopez and Holiday have hinted they'll play in reserve roles at some point.

Home cooking: The Timberwolves entered Friday tied with the Raptors for the most home victories at 24. So Hoiberg discounted any benefit from spending Friday night in Minneapolis while the Timberwolves and old friends **Jimmy Butler**, **Taj Gibson** and **Tom Thibodeau** played the Rockets in Houston.

"They're playing at a very high level," Hoiberg said.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bobby Portis, trying to keep the ball away from the Bucks' Sterling Brown, has given the Bulls great energy off the bench this season.

Portis not changing his 'emotional' style

Bulls, from Page 1

BULLS AT TIMBERWOLVES

TV/radio: 8 p.m. Saturday; WGN- 9, WSCR-AM 670.

Storylines: The Bulls won at home Feb. 9 when Zach LaVine outduelled Jimmy Butler in a fourth-quarter shootout. The Timberwolves are finishing a tough back-to-back after playing in Houston on Friday.

Trending: The Bulls have lost their last two in Minnesota. ... Lauri Markkanen is 4-for-25 from 3-point range this month.

rebounds per game are a full rebound higher than his previous career best. And he has more than doubled his best assists average to 1.7 per game, all while shooting nearly 35 percent from 3-point range.

Could Portis become a future Sixth Man of the Year candidate? He learned from a great one, Taj Gibson, whom he'll see Saturday in Minneapolis.

"Taj and Joakim (Noah) and even (Rajon) Rondo helped me a lot," Portis said. "They're seasoned vets. They always said each player has a different role. Roles change with injuries and trades, so you have to be ready."

"At the seven-minute mark, I'm getting myself hyped. I know I'm going to come in about the four-minute mark. I used to see Taj do the same thing; try to be a good player off the bench for us. I don't care about being a starter as long as I can help close the game out. I provide a lot off the bench."

Accepting this role is no easy task. The fact coach Fred Hoiberg talked about the benefits of closing with Portis and Lauri Markkanen to flood the floor with shooting and play bigs who can rebound and put the ball on the floor placates Portis' passion to impact closing time.

"It's been fun to see him shoot without any hesitation," Hoiberg said. "A couple years ago, he didn't have that confidence from beyond the arc."

That never stopped Portis from flashing his emotion. While his primal screams don't rival those of Noah, his flexing and engagement with the crowd injects personality into a mostly polite Bulls team.

"I love Bobby's approach," Hoiberg said. "I love his confidence. I love his aggressiveness."

"As far polite, good guys in your locker room, I put Bobby up there with any of them. He's such a good kid — 'Yes, sir; no, sir; yes, ma'am; no ma'am.' He just plays with an edge you have to have."

The mild-mannered David Nwaba is Portis' opposite, and the two have talked about showing emotion at the right times.

"And every time he did it, it seemed like the right time," Nwaba said. "I love it. We need that. It builds momentum, brings energy, and we feed off it."

Portis won't change. He played this way even before establishing himself this season as a consistent reserve scoring option.

Maybe the emotional episodes come with more frequency now, befitting his production.

"I'm an emotional player," Portis said. "I flex a lot, try to get the crowd into it. The antics, that's what I do to help the team."

"It's something I've been doing my whole life. It's a trait. It's fun."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

U.S. team brings out the fan in Kane

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Patrick Kane and other NHL players didn't have the opportunity to participate in this year's Olympics. But that doesn't mean Kane hasn't been watching.

The Blackhawks forward was so enveloped in the U.S. women's hockey team's gold-medal game against four-time defending champion Canada early Thursday that his girlfriend wondered whether he had a bet on it.

Kane took in the 3-2 shootout victory, completed on **Jocelyn Lamoureux-Davidson's** goal, after the Hawks' 3-2 shootout win Wednesday night over the Senators. He celebrated by send-

ing his first tweet in almost four months congratulating the team.

"I was watching it with my girlfriend and she's like, 'Do you have money on this game?'" said Kane, a member of Team USA in the 2010 and '14 Games. "I was pretty into the game and kind of up and down with every play. I felt like a true fan."

Kane, who said he knows some of the players on the U.S. team, particularly was impressed by Lamoureux-Davidson's goal.

"I think you'd score on an NHL goaltender with that one," he said. "(I) didn't really know what she was going to do when she was coming down."

"She was kind of swerving a little bit, (then she) slowed it

down. It reminded me of a move **Sam Gagner** would do, where he throws it on his backhand and brings it to his forehand and the goalie's on the other side of the net."

Crawford update: Hawks coach **Joel Quenneville** said Friday there was "no news" on injured goalie **Corey Crawford**.

Crawford, 33, has worked out on the ice with the team once, Feb. 12 in Arizona, since he was put on injured reserve Dec. 27.

One-timer: Defenseman **Jan Rutta** played Friday night against the Sharks. Rutta missed the previous eight games with an upper-body injury.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	EXH TEX 2:05 AM-670	EXH @SF 2:05	EXH SEA 2:05	EXH SOX 2:05 WGN-9	EXH OAK 2:05	EXH COL 2:05	EXH @LAA 2:10
	EXH @SEA 2:10	EXH CIN 2:05 AM-720	EXH OAK 2:05	EXH CUBS 2:05 AM-720	EXH TEX 2:05	EXH @CIN 2:05	EXH LAD 2:05
	@MIN 8 WGN-9 AM-670		@BRK 6:30 WGN-9 AM-670	@CHA 6 NBCSCH AM-670			DAL 7 WGN-9 AM-670
	@CBJ 6 NBCSCH AM-720					@SJ 9 WGN-9 AM-720	

SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB EXHIBITION

Noon Rays vs. Red Sox MLBN

2:05 p.m. Rangers at Cubs WSCR-AM 670

7:30 p.m. Thunder at Warriors ABC-7, WMVP-AM 1000

8 p.m. Bulls at Timberwolves WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m. Marquette at DePaul WCIU-26.2, WSCR-AM 670

11 a.m. Seton Hall at St. John's FOX-32

11 a.m. Michigan at Maryland ESPN

11 a.m. Baylor at TCU ESPN2

11 a.m. Tulane at South Florida ESPNU

11 a.m. Providence at Georgetown CBSSN

Noon Louisville at Virginia Tech CBS-2

1 p.m. Illinois State at Loyola ESPN2

1 p.m. Wichita State at SMU ESPN

1 p.m. LSU at Georgia ESPNU

1 p.m. Patriot League TBA CBSSN

1:30 p.m. Villanova at Creighton FOX-32

2 p.m. Notre Dame at Wake Forest WCIU-26.2, WMVP-AM 1000

3 p.m. Kansas at Texas Tech ESPN

3 p.m. Texas A&M at Vanderbilt ESPN2

3 p.m. Virginia at Pittsburgh ESPNU

3 p.m. Indiana State at Bradley CBSSN

5 p.m. Syracuse at Duke ESPN

5 p.m. Iowa State at West Virginia ESPN2

5 p.m. Kansas State at Oklahoma ESPNU

5 p.m. Bowling Green at Kent State CBSSN

7 p.m. Gonzaga at BYU ESPN2

7 p.m. Arizona State at Oregon State ESPNU

7 p.m. St. Bonaventure at VCU CBSSN

7:15 p.m. Missouri at Kentucky ESPN

9 p.m. Long Beach State at Cal State Fullerton ESPN2

9 p.m. Wyoming at Fresno State ESPNU

9:15 p.m. Arizona at Oregon ESPN

LATEST LINE

NBA

pregame.com at 8:30

SATURDAY BULLS

at Philadelphia 10
at Miami 7 1/2
at Golden State 9
at Utah 7 1/2
Portland 6
at Sacramento 1

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

at TCU 4 1/2
at St. John's 1
at Georgetown 2 1/2
at Michigan 8
at Bradley 6
at Tulane 5
at Maryland 2
at Wake Forest 2
at Virginia Tech 5
at Tennessee 3 1/2
at Mississippi 1
at Wichita St. 6 1/2
at Loyola 12
at Evansville 1
at Texas 6
at Charleston 1 1/2
at Villanova 7
at Utah 2 1/2
at Oakland 4 1/2
Notre Dame 1 1/2
at Clemson 11 1/2
at Miss. St. 7 1/2
at Buffalo 12 1/2
at Hofstra 5
at N. Iowa 2 1/2
at Utah St. 2 1/2
Pacific 2
at Vanderbilt 2
at Texas Tech 2
Washington 3 1/2
at Kentucky 5 1/2
at Saint Mary's 19
at W. Virginia 16
at Alabama 4
at Duke off
at Gonzaga off
at Florida 2
at Oregon 2

NHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Nashville	60	37	14	9	83	192	155	21-7-3	16-7-6	11-4-2
Winnipeg	61	36	16	9	81	203	161	23-6-2	13-10-7	10-6-2
Minnesota	61	34	20	7	75	185	172	20-5-6	14-15-1	10-9-0
Dallas	61	35	22	4	74	181	159	21-9-1	12-13-3	10-10-0
St. Louis	62	34	24	4	72	173	160	19-14-0	15-10-4	9-7-2
Colorado	60	32	23	5	69	186	180	20-8-1	12-15-4	7-9-1
BLACKHAWKS	62	27	27	8	62	176	176	15-14-3	12-13-5	6-9-2

PACIFIC

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV	
Vegas	61	41	16	4	86	215	166	24-5-2	17-11-2	16-2-1
San Jose	62	33	21	8	74	180	173	17-9-3	16-12-5	15-4-3
Anaheim	62	31	20	11	73	171	170	16-9-4	15-11-7	10-5-6
Los Angeles	61	33	23	5	71	174	151	14-10-3	19-13-2	8-9-3
Calgary	62	31	22	9	71	177	184	13-14-4	18-8-5	9-7-3
Edmonton	60	25	31	4	54	167	196	13-15-2	12-16-2	10-7-0
Vancouver	61	23	31	7	53	164	200	11-15-4	12-16-3	5-11-1
Arizona	60	17	33	10	44	145	202	9-17-4	8-16-6	3-9-5

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Tampa Bay	61	41	17	3	85	219	164	20-6-1	21-11-2	11-5-1
Boston	58	37	13	8	82	191	142	19-7-4	18-6-4	12-2-2
Toronto	63	38	20	5	81	209	175	21-8-2	17-12-3	10-5-1
Florida	58	27	25	6	60	169	188	14-9-3	13-16-3	8-5-1
Detroit	60	24	26	10	58	159	180	12-13-3	12-13-2	6-13-3
Montreal	62	23	28	8	54	154	189	15-10-6	15-10-2	10-6-2
Ottawa	60	21	29	10	52	163	187	16-12-3	7-15-2	6-11-3
Buffalo	61	18	32	11	47	146	200	8-18-4	10-14-7	6-6-3

METRO

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV	
Pittsburgh	62	36	22	4	76	201	181	23-7-1	13-15-3	13-5-0
Washington	61	34	20	7	75	189	183	20-9-2	14-11-5	11-5-3
Philadelphia	61	32	19	10	74	183	175	16-9-6	16-10-4	9-4-5
Philadelphia	61	31	22	8	70	183	187	16-12-3	15-10-5	10-8-1
Columbus	61	30	26	5	65	160	172	17-11-2	13-15-3	11-10-3
N.Y. Islanders	62	29	26	7	65	206	223	16-11-4	13-15-3	10-8-1
Carolina	61	27	24	10	64	163	186	15-11-16	12-13-4	6-8-5
N.Y. Rangers	62	27	30	5	59	175	198	18-12-3	9-18-2	7-8-3

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

BLACKHAWKS 3, San Jose 1
Pittsburgh 6, CAROLINA 1
Winnipeg 4, ST. LOUIS 0
YEGAS 5, Vancouver 3
Blackhawks at Columbus, 6
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 6
Colorado at Calgary, 3
Pittsburgh at Florida, 6
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 6
Carolina at Detroit, 6
Winnipeg at Dallas, 6
Boston at Toronto, 6
Buffalo at Washington, 6
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6

ANAHEIM at Arizona, 7
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

TORONTO 4, N.Y. ISLANDERS 3 (SO)
MINNESOTA 4, NEW JERSEY 2
PHILADELPHIA 2, COLUMBUS 1
MONTREAL 3, N.Y. RANGERS 1
TAMPA BAY 4, OTTAWA 3
BUFFALO 8, DETROIT 2 (OT)
FLORIDA 3, WASHINGTON 2
NASHVILLE 7, SAN JOSE 1
EDMONTON 3, COLORADO 2 (OT)
CALGARY 5, ARIZONA 2
DALLAS 2, LOS ANGELES 0
home team in CAPS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Toronto	41	17	.707	-	8-2	L-1	24-5	17-12	25-8
Miami	41	19	.683	1	7-1	W-1	14-11	16-17	21-17
Philadelphia	31	25	.554	9	7-3	W-6	18-10	13-15	17-13
New York	24	36	.400	18	2-8	W-1	16-12	8-24	12-24
Brooklyn	19	41	.317	23	1-9	L-8	11-21	8-20	12-23

SOUTHEAST

W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF	
Washington	34	25	.576	-	7-3	L-1	17-11	17-14	21-15
Miami	30	29	.508	4	2-8	L-3	14-12	16-17	21-17
Charlotte	26	33	.441	8	6-4	W-1	14-15	10-18	15-18
Orlando	18	40	.310	15 1/2	4-6	L-4	11-17	7-23	11-26
Atlanta	18	42	.300	16 1/2	3-7	L-3	13-17	5-25	8-31

CENTRAL

W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF	
Cleveland	35	23	.603	-	6-4	W-1	20-8	15-15	25-13
Indiana	34	25	.576	1 1/2	8-2	W-4	21-11	13-14	24-15
Chicago	33	25	.569	2	7-3	W-1	19-10	14-15	20-17
Winnipeg	28	30	.483	6-4	L-1	19-13	9-17	17-20	
Detroit	20	38	.345	15	2-8	L-2	8-18	10-22	10-26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Houston	45	13	.776	-	10-0	W-11	24-6	21-7	27-8
San Antonio	35	25	.583	11	3-7	L-4	22-6	13-19	20-15
New Orleans	32	26	.552	13	5-5	W-4	16-12	16-14	15-19
Memphis	18	39	.316	26 1/2	1-9	L-8	13-18	5-21	15-22
Dallas	18	41	.305	27 1/2	2-8	L-3	11-19	7-22	10-29

NORTHWEST

W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF	
Minnesota	36	26	.581	-	4-6	L-1	24-7	12-19	27-11
Oklahoma City	34	26	.567	1	4-6	W-2	20-10	14-16	19-17
Denver	33	26	.559	1 1/2	7-3	W-4	24-7	9-19	21-18
Portland	33	26	.559	1 1/2	6-4	W-2	17-11	16-15	19-15
Utah	30	29	.508	4 1/2	9-1	L-1	18-12	12-19	19-15

PACIFIC

W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF	
Golden State	45	14	.763	-	6-4	W-1	23-7	22-7	26-11
L.A. Clippers	31	27	.534	13 1/2	7-3	W-1	16-12	15-15	21-17
L.A. Lakers	24	34	.414	20 1/2	5-5	W-1	15-14	9-20	12-24
Sacramento	18	40	.310	26 1/2	3-7	L-2	8-18	10-22	10-26
Phoenix	18	42	.300	27 1/2	1-9	L-8	9-22	9-20	12-26

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

BOSTON 10, DETROIT 98
INDIANA 115, ATLANTA 93
CHARLOTTE 122, WASHINGTON 105
MILWAUKEE 122, TORONTO 119 (OT)
HOUSTON 120, MINNESOTA 102
CLEVELAND 112, MEMPHIS 89
NEW ORL. 124, MIAMI 123 (OT)
L.A. CLIPPERS 128, PHOENIX 117
PORTLAND 100, UTAH 81
DENVER 122, SAN ANTONIO 119
L.A. LAKERS 124, DALLAS 102

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Bulls at Minnesota, 8
Orlando at Philadelphia, 4
Memphis at Miami, 6:30
Boston at New York, 6:30
Oklahoma City at Golden State, 7:30
Portland at Phoenix, 8
Dallas at Utah, 8
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9
Tiger Woods 7:07
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 116, BULLS 115
CHARLOTTE 111, Brooklyn 96
New York 120, ORLANDO 113
Washington 110, CLEVELAND 103
Oklahoma City 110, SACRAMENTO 107
GOLDEN STATE 134, L.A. CLIPPERS 127
home team in CAPS

EAHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
Manitoba	33	14	4	3	73	188	133
WOLVES	27	17	6	2	62	163	146
Iowa	26	16	7	3	62	165	159
Gr. Rapids	28	19	1	6	63	173	158
Milwaukee	26	23	4	1	57	151	173
Rockford	26	23	3	3	58	169	175
Cleveland	18	28	4	3	43	132	176

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Fort Wayne	23	15	.605	-
Grand Rapids	21	18	.538	2 1/2
Wisconsin	18	21	.462	5 1/2
WINDY CITY	17	21	.447	6
Canton	15	24	.385	8 1/2

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Erie 117, Windy City 107
Tiger Woods 7:07
Grand Rapids 123, Greensboro 118
Lakeland 102, Maine 80
Wisconsin 115, Long Island 109 OT
New York 120, ORLANDO 113
Washington 110, CLEVELAND 103
Oklahoma City 110, SACRAMENTO 107
GOLDEN STATE 134, L.A. CLIPPERS 127
home team in CAPS

GOLF

PGA HONDA CLASSIC

2d of 4 rds; at PGA Na-
tional, Palm Beach, Fla.,
7:14-10 p.m.; Par 70

Keegan Bradley 69-72
Ben Martin 69-72
Dominic Bozzelli 68-73
Stewart Cink 70-71
Adam Scott 69-72
Justin Dufer 69-72
Alex Noren 66-75
Gary Woodland 73-68
Alex Noren 66-75
Sam Burns 70-71

Br. M. Henderson 67-68
Jordan Spieth 66-69
136 (-8)
Megan Khang 67-69

EUROPEAN TOUR

2d of 4 rds; at Doha, Qatar;
7:40 a.m.; Par 72

Adrian Ottagui 67-66
Stefhan Gallacher 68-66
Gregory Havret 68-66
Erik van Rooyen 68-66
Eddie Pepperell 65-69
135 (-9)

QATAR MASTERS

2d of 4 rds; at Doha, Qatar;
7:40 a.m.; Par 72

Adrian Ottagui 67-66
Stefhan Gallacher 68-66
Gregory Havret 68-66
Erik van Rooyen 68-66
Eddie Pepperell 65-69
135 (-9)

HONDA THAILAND

2d of 4 rds; at Chonburi,
Thailand; 6:57-6 p.m.; Par 72

Jessica Korda 66-62
Stephen Gallacher 68-66
Gregory Havret 68-66
Erik van Rooyen 68-66
Eddie Pepperell 65-69
135 (-9)

MINJEE LEE

69-73
134 (-10)
Lexi Thompson 66-68
Michelle Wie 68-67

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25

WK (CP) TEAM	W-L	FRIDAY/NEXT GAME	*-A.M.
1. (2) Virginia	25-2	S	

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Player payment schemes detailed

Report lists players for Duke, Arizona, MSU among others

BY AARON BEARD
Associated Press

New details of payments to athletes in a federal investigation that has lurked in the shadows since first rocking college basketball last fall mark the latest threat to the sport's basic foundation, showing the breadth of alleged corruption.

Bank records and other expense reports that are part of the investigation list a wide range of impermissible payments from agents to at least two dozen players or their relatives, according to documents obtained by Yahoo Sports.

The depth of the violations raises questions about the structure of college athletics, a business funded primarily through college football and men's basketball, including \$19.6 billion in TV money for the NCAA tournament over the past 22 years.

NCAA President Mark Emmert said in a statement Friday the allegations "if true, point to systematic failures that must be fixed and fixed now if we want college sports in America."

Yahoo said Friday that the documents obtained in discovery during the investigation link current players including Michigan State's Miles Bridges, Duke's Wendell Carter and Alabama's Collin Sexton to potential benefits that would be violations of NCAA rules.

Michigan State and Duke officials said Friday they didn't believe their players did anything wrong, and Alabama coach Avery Johnson said Sexton, who was held out of the season opener for violating NCAA rules, will play Saturday against Arkansas.

According to the report, players over the past several years and family members allegedly received cash, entertainment and travel expenses from former NBA agent Andy Miller and his agency ASM Sports.

Line items in four pages of documents released by Yahoo showed a wide range, including some five-figure payments and



AL GOLDIS/AP

Michigan State star Miles Bridges is one player linked to potential rules violations.

two dinners for less than \$40 each.

ESPN reported Friday that FBI wiretaps recorded Arizona coach Sean Miller and Christian Dawkins, an ASM associate, discussing a \$100,000 payment to ensure star freshman DeAndre Ayton signed with Arizona.

Don Jackson, an Alabama-based attorney who has worked on numerous college eligibility cases, said the root of the problem is that the NCAA's model of amateurism doesn't work.

"This problem can be solved if players are compensated," Jackson said.

"The NCAA is not capable of adequately policing tens of thousands of athletes around the country."

Coaches and athletic officials at several schools, including Clemson, North Carolina State, South Carolina, Southern California, Utah and Wichita State said they did not know of the alleged payments until Yahoo's report was released, but pledged to cooperate in any investigation. Several coaches distanced themselves from Andy Miller.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Northern Kentucky tops UIC

Associated Press

Lavone Holland II scored 25 points and Northern Kentucky beat host Illinois-Chicago 79-72 on Friday to move atop the Horizon League standings.

Northern Kentucky (21-8, 14-3 Horizon League) has won seven of its last eight games and pulled ahead of Wright State (13-4), which lost to IUPUI. The Norse travel to IUPUI and the Flames (17-13, 12-5) will host Wright State to conclude the regular season on Sunday.

Holland was 7-of-15 shooting and made 9 of 11 free throws. Carson Williams added 14 points and Jordan Garnett had 10 for Northern Kentucky.

Tai Odiase had 14 points and nine rebounds to lead five in double-figure scoring for UIC, which has lost two of its last four games.

Tarkus Ferguson had a defensive rebound, forced a turnover and scored with a dunk in a 28-second span that pulled the Flames to 72-68 with 1:04 remaining, but Holland scored Northern Kentucky's last seven points to seal it.

Ohio State keeps title hopes alive: Keita Bates-Diop finished with 24 points and 14 rebounds and C.J. Jackson made a long 3-pointer with 1.7 seconds left in double overtime to give No. 16 Ohio State an 80-78 victory at Indiana.

With the win, the Buckeyes (24-7, 15-3) can claim a share of the Big Ten crown in coach Chris Holtmann's first season — if No. 2 Michigan State loses at Wisconsin on Sunday.

Juwan Morgan scored 18 points and Robert Johnson added 17 to lead the Hoosiers (16-14, 9-9).

But Johnson, playing what could be his final home game, couldn't make the



AJ MAST/AP

Ohio State's Keita Bates-Diop shoots in front of Indiana's Robert Johnson.

dramatic half-court heave at the buzzer to win a wild game that was tighter than expected.

The Buckeyes led 43-36 early in the second half before giving it all away and seeing the Hoosiers take a 61-59 lead on Josh Newkirk's layup with 3:54 left in regulation.

Rhode Island wins Atlantic-10 title: Jeff Dowtin scored 20 points, E.C. Matthews added 18 and No. 18 Rhode Island (22-5, 15-1) wrapped up its first outright Atlantic-10 regular-season championship with an 81-56 victory over Dayton (13-15, 7-9) in Kingston, R.I.

Condensed schedule will end

Big Ten, from Page 1

20 percent out East, whether it's in D.C. or Philadelphia or New York."

Delany indicated that Philadelphia's Palestra, which bills itself as the "Cathedral of College Basketball," is too small with a capacity of 8,725.

He said he does not regret moving the tournament to New York, saying: "I don't look backward. ... And I'm not overlooking the objective, which is to give the players and the teams and our fans there a chance to see the Big Ten in the Big Apple."

Delany estimated about 100,000 Big Ten alumni live in New York City and about a million in "the corridor from northern Virginia to southern Connecticut."

"It is home to some of the great institutions in America — political, media, educational, athletic," Delany said. "We expect a very good response."

Delany said about 14,000 tickets have been sold for all sessions, the first of which is Wednesday. Individual tickets go on sale Monday after the bracket is set. Prices range from \$20 for early sessions to \$135

for top seats to the semifinals and championship game.

Delany views capacity at about 17,000 because MSG officials control the sale of suites, which bump the seating to 19,182.

Last year, in part because Maryland played only one game, the Big Ten tournament in Washington drew just 13,281 fans per session.

Chicago averaged 16,928 at the United Center in 2015. Indianapolis averaged 16,722 in 2016.

The other issue created by the condensed schedule is that the Big Ten's NCAA tournament teams will be idle for roughly 10 to 14 days.

"It's interesting," Delany said. "Nobody has chosen to schedule a Division II or III game in that period. That's a little indication that they don't want that or need that. There are positives and negatives (to the gap). Teams can rest up, put new things in and practice more. If we do well (in the tournament), everyone will be OK with it."

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Bailey, Eunice Wesson 'Nice'

Mrs. Eunice W. Bailey passed away at the age of 86, on Wed, Feb 14, 2018, in St Francis Nursing Center, Newport News, VA. She was born on July 17, 1931, to the late, Elnora Lee Phillips and Frederick Douglas Phillips. She is preceded in death by her husband, William David Bailey; mother, Elnora Lee Phillips; father, Frederick Douglas Phillips, son, Rufus Wesson, and cousin, Bernice Bell. She leaves behind daughter, Carmen C. Manuel (James); granddaughter, Candice C. Manuel-Owens (Jerry); brother-in-law, John Bailey; sister-in-laws, Elizabeth Collins and Sara Bailey; cousins Nadine McDowell (Charles); cousins, Iris Yarbough, Christopher Yarbough, Chastity Yarbough, and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be private.



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Brailov, Ferne H.

Ferne H. Brailov nee Schilfka, 83, beloved wife of Harold for 62 years; loving mother of Susan (Mark) Daniels and Michael (Marianne) Brailov; cherished grandmother of Rachel, Spencer, Aaron Brailov and Allie Daniels; dear sister of Corky (the late Lee) Norman. Private family service. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or any breast cancer research organization of your choice. For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Fiorio, Mark Alan

Mark Alan Fiorio age 58 of Des Plaines, IL passed away February 16, 2018. Beloved Husband of Susan Fiorio, loving son of John and Evelyn Fiorio, fond brother of Robert (Barbara) Fiorio and the late Lynn (Joseph) Stodolny. Proud uncle of Martha, Samantha and Heather. Mark was a proud Member of the High Road Riders Motorcycle Club based at Willow Creek Church, proud employee of Deerfield Park District and beloved Friend to many. Memorial Gathering Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. until time of Memorial Service at 4:00 p.m. at **G.L. Hills Funeral Home** 745 Graceland Ave, Des Plaines, IL. Final motorcycle ride to interment at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL will be April 7, 2018. In lieu of Flowers donations to Alzheimers or Breast cancer Research. Cremation care provided by **G.L. Hills Funeral Home** - Des Plaines, IL. For information 847.699.9003.

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Graham, Richard E.

Richard E. Graham, age 76, a resident of Chicago, passed away on Tuesday, Feb 6, 2018. He was Born in Sardin, Mississippi on April 30, 1941. Husband of Doris nee Peoples.

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Herst, Jr., Perry S.

Perry S. Herst, Jr., a well-known visionary commercial real estate developer, investor, owner and manager, has passed away at the age of 88. Herst co-founded Tishman West Management Corp. with partner Alan D. Levy in 1968 after purchasing the west coast operations of publicly-traded Tishman Realty and Construction Co.

As Chairman, Herst guided the Los Angeles-based development firm into one of the nation's largest privately-held portfolios that encompassed more than 40 million square feet of commercial office properties in the US and Europe, including some of the West Coast's premier trophy projects. The firm that later became known as Tishman West Companies, was sold to an affiliate of American Express.

Beyond building a household name in the business, Herst was a leader, inspiring and motivating everyone he encountered, and becoming a father figurehead for so many. He was extremely well liked, had a tremendous quick wit and humor, and was known to go above and beyond with his passionate drive and ambition. Fond of history and politics, he also loved his dogs Daisy, Penny and Annie. He was an avid outdoorsman and traveled around the world on exotic fishing and hunting excursions.

He was revered in his industry and is credited with setting standards of measurement that have been adopted nationwide. Herst was involved in many philanthropic and charitable endeavors over the years including serving on many boards. He is a recipient of the Humanitarian Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and of the Civic Achievement Award from the American Jewish Committee.

Born and raised in Chicago, Herst began his career in real estate at Arthur Rubloff & Co. before moving to publicly-traded Tishman Realty and Construction Co. in 1964 where he quickly ascended into senior management.

Herst received his B.A. from Brown University in 1951 where he was the captain of the tennis team and a member of Zeta Psi. He received his M.B.A. in 1953 from Harvard Graduate School of Business. He served as an Officer in the United States Navy in the Orient from 1953-1956.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Angela, son Perry S. Herst, III, sister Marilyn Karsten, Angela's son and daughter, Tyler and Emily, nieces, nephews, six grandchildren and predeceased by his son Craig.

Service will take place at **Pierce Brothers Memorial Park Westwood Village**, located at 1218 Glendon Avenue on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 2:00pm. A reception follows immediately at Riviera Country Club, 1250 Capri Drive, Pacific Palisades. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made in Perry's memory to the Craig Herst Arts Prize at Colorado College. Gifts can be made online at www.coloradocollege.edu/give or mailed to Colorado College, P.O. Box 1117, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Please reference the Craig Herst Arts Prize with your gift.

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Humann, Sylvia Ibarra

Sylvia Ibarra Humann, 80, of Des Plaines; loving mother to, Maria (Ray) Dean, Rich (Denise) Ibarra, Liz Ibarra, Linda Ibarra, Sandra Ibarra, Alex (Jessica) Humann and the late Joseph Ibarra; beloved grandmother to Joseph (Shelly) Ibarra, Lisette (Guy) Broehl, Kelly Dean, William Ramos, Michael Jimenez, Michael Ibarra, Richard Ibarra, Julian Jimenez, Eric Ramos, Chelsea (Joe) Tarver, Tyler Ibarra, Shane Ibarra, Lexi Ibarra, Jessica Guy, Danny Mueller, Gianna Humann and Nicolas Humann; cherished great-grandmother to Dahntay Broehl, Mason Broehl, Atlas Ramos and Isabella Ibarra dear sister to Trudy (Humberto) Benavides Beatrice (the late Aurelio) Valdez, Joseph Human and the late Rosemarie Neuman, Otto Humann and Jerry Humann; fond sister-in-law to Helen Humann; and dear aunt to many nieces and nephews. Sylvia worked for Brach's Candy Factory in Chicago. Visitation Sunday from 2 pm until the 6:30 pm Prayer Service at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd. (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Interment is private. Funeral information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Ostrowski, Eftthemia "FEO"

Eftthemia "FEO" Ostrowski, age 90, a resident of Wheaton since 1959, died peacefully on Thursday, February 22 at home. She was born on March 15, 1927 in Oak Park, IL. She was a graduate of DePaul University. She was a social worker in the city of Chicago. In 1951 she married Theodore Ostrowski. She was the matriarch of her family and enjoyed entertaining. She loved to cook and host family events and gatherings, the Princess party and annual Papanicholas picnics. She was an accomplished artist, seamstress and piano player and enjoyed her crafts immensely. She is survived by four children, Theodore (Lynn) Ostrowski of Homewood, Daniel Ostrowski of Carol Stream, Christina Ostrowski of Wheaton, IL and Andrew (Tana) Ostrowski of Missoula, MT, nine grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Ostrowski Sr., her son, Evan, her sister, Bessie, her two brothers, Nick and Gust, and her daughter-in-law, Marianne. A visitation will be held on Sunday, February 25, from 3 to 7 p.m. at **Hultgren Funeral Home**, 304 N. Main St., Wheaton. A Mass will be held on Monday, February 26 at 10 a.m. at St. Mark Catholic Church, 300 Cole St. (east of Main St.) Wheaton. Prayers begin at the funeral home at 9:15 a.m. Interment will follow the Mass at Assumption Cemetery in Wheaton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the DuPage Art League, 218 W. Front Street, Wheaton, IL 60187; or to St. Mark Catholic Church, 303 East Parkway Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187. The family also wishes to express their deep gratitude to Northwestern Hospice for their exceptional care and kindness. Information and guest book is available at hultgrenfh.com or call 630-668-0027.



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Parrilli, Mary Elizabeth

Passed away peacefully on February 20, 2018 after a long illness. Her loving family will miss her bright smile and sweet presence. Loving husband of 51 years Dr. Matthew Parrilli and children daughter Annmarie Parrilli Crowley (Mike), and Dr. Nicholas Parrilli. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr George G. O'Malley and Sarah Ainsworth O'Malley. Loving brothers are Dr. John O'Malley (Marita), Brian O'Malley (Katie), and Kevin O'Malley. Sister in law Marilyn Parrilli Sims (Dr. William) and the late Gerard A. Parrilli. She is survived by a number of grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Mary was a graduate of St Mary's College in South Bend, IN. Her degrees in social work and mental health led to a career of helping and counseling in Chicago and Indiana.

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Sedivy, Noreen Susan

Noreen Susan Sedivy, age 67, passed away peacefully into the loving arms of Jesus on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. She was a very loving and devoted daughter to her parents, Edward and Barbara Sedivy, who preceded her in death. Noreen retired from the F.B.I. with many honors after 40 years of dedicated service. She was a quiet, gentle soul who



loved photography, traveling, nature, gardening and cherished her faithful companion Yukon, her dog of many years. Visitation will be held at Alvernia Manor Chapel, 13950 Main St., Lemont, IL 60439, where Noreen will be Lying-in-State on Monday, February 26, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at which time a Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alvernia Manor Assisted Living, who cared for Noreen so faithfully and lovingly. Info: **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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Williams, Robert T.

Robert T. Williams, 88, of Rockford, passed away on February 20, 2018, at home with family, following a private battle with cancer. He was born April 25, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois to Welsh emigrant parents, Robert T. and Margaret (nee Thomas) Williams. He was married for 46 years to Jane (nee Williams) until her death in 1999. He was employed at Commonwealth Edison for 38 years in the Industrial Relations Department, in Chicago, Harvey, and Glen Ellyn and Rockford, Illinois.

A Visitation will be held from 9:30 am to 11:00 am on Monday, February 26, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 am at Fitzgerald Funeral Home and Cremation, Mulford Chapel, located at 1860 S. Mulford Road in Rockford. Interment will follow at 2:00 pm in the Masonic Garden section of Chapel Hill Gardens, located at Roosevelt Road and Route 83 in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society. See full obituary and to share memories or condolences, visit fitzgeraldffh.com.

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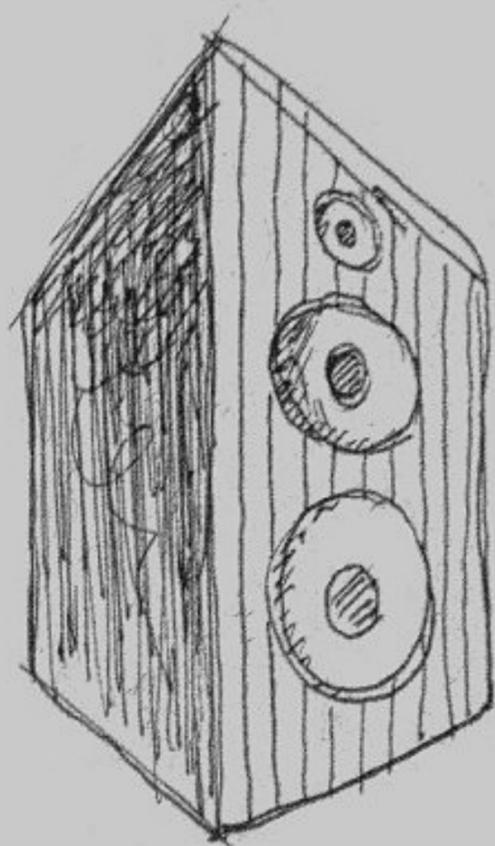
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FIGURE SKATING

Whining but not winning

Led by petulant Nagasu, American women can't compete but can complain

BY DYLAN HERNANDEZ
Los Angeles Times

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Watching the free skate was unnecessary to figure out how the women's individual competition ended for the U.S. Listening to Mirai Nagasu would suffice.

"I'm ready to go home," she said. That's not the kind of rhetoric expected of an Olympic champion. Which is, well, why she isn't an Olympic champion.

Nagasu, 24, was the senior member of the three-woman U.S. contingent here, and it's little wonder the Americans had their worst showing in the modern era of the Olympics.

Nagasu piled up excuses the way Russian gold medalist Alina Zagitova did combination jumps.

She was emotionally drained after winning a bronze medal in the team competition. She traveled four hours last week to attend a lunar new year party. She was denied hot water in the shower.

But, hey, she wasn't the only one who choked Friday at the Gangneung Ice Arena.

"I'd like to point out that Gabrielle Daleman, who is an Olympic gold medalist (for Canada in the team event), also didn't have a strong outing here in the individual," Nagasu said.

By the way, if ABC is looking for a contestant for the next season of "Dancing With the Stars," she is available.

"I would like to be on 'Dancing With the Stars' because I want to be a star," Nagasu said.

Of course, she could have become a star if hadn't mentally checked out of this event.

The decline of the once-dominant U.S. in women's figure skating has become a major talking point at these Games, with explanations ranging from the reluctance of Americans to take the kinds of risks rewarded by a new scoring system to how the absence of a transcendent figure such as Michelle Kwan has affected the sport's popularity at home.

What the skaters said after the competition pointed to another problem: a lack of mental and emotional fortitude.

National champion Bradie Tennell was the top U.S. finisher at ninth. Nagasu was 10th and Karen Chen 11th.

Until Friday, an American woman had finished sixth or higher at every Olympics since World War II.



TATYANA ZENKOVICH/EPA

Mirai Nagasu's disastrous free skate was only part of the disappointing performance of the U.S. women figure skaters in South Korea.

The Russians reaffirmed their dominance in this discipline, with 15-year-old Zagitova and 18-year-old Evgenia Medvedeva outclassing the field by a significant margin. Tennell finished more than 35 points behind Medvedeva, the silver medalist.

"The rest of the world just has to catch up," Tennell said.

Tennell never gave herself a chance to compete, as she was 11th after the short program. To her credit, the 20-year-old responded with America's best performance in the free skate.

She stumbled on a double axel-triple toe loop combination, and her left hand touched the ice on a triple lutz. She salvaged the program by following up with a successful triple loop-double-toe loop-double loop combination.

"It wasn't that perfect Olympic program, but I'm really happy for getting out there

and pulling myself together," she said.

Tennell pledged to be part of a U.S. resurgence.

"I can't speak for everybody, but for me, I'm sticking around and I'm going to work as hard as I possibly can to bring us up in the rankings," she said.

Chen, 18, dropped from 10th to 11th after the free skate. She fell on a triple loop and landed clumsily on a triple salchow.

"What I can say is that there is a lot of pressure," Chen said. "Bradie and I, this is our first time at the Olympics."

"To be honest, when I first came here I didn't know what to expect. I knew it was going to be big, it was going to be grand, but that was about it. I didn't know what the media was going to be like, I didn't know what the ice was going to be like, I didn't have an idea of what the village was going to be like, so it was all so brand new and all so different."

Nagasu said she was satisfied with the bronze medal she won in the team event. In that competition, she became the first American woman, and only the third woman from any country, to land a triple axel at the Olympics.

Nagasu failed to land the jump in the short program and failed to land it again Friday, popping it.

"I've been crying every day since the team event because I was so happy, but then we had to keep training and training and training," Nagasu said.

You know who else skated in the team event? The three skaters who won medals, including Kaetlyn Osmond, the bronze medalist from Canada.

"Maybe it won't be enough for another person, or maybe someone else could have done a better job," Nagasu said. "But I didn't back down."

Actually, that's exactly what she did.



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

Lindsey Vonn's fourth in snowboard cross illustrated the United States' problem.

U.S. MEDALS

'Depth' will have to satisfy U.S. as medal haul won't

BY EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — A sweeping goal was spelled out to leaders of the U.S. Olympic Committee last year: Team USA was targeted to win 37 medals at the Pyeongchang Games.

Heading into the final 48 hours, the U.S. had 21. Even if things were to go well in the handful of remaining events, the team will fall more than 10 medals short of the goal.

The information offers a slice of the data the USOC board uses to set expectations and approve funding for an upcoming Olympics. Providing resources to help athletes win medals is one of the federation's foremost missions.

The USOC's chief of sport performance, Alan Ashley, acknowledged the 2018 team will not reach its goal while also saying "we're doing fine."

"I look at it and I go, 'OK, medals are one story, but if you look at the depth of everything that's going on and the number of people who are fourth and fifth place, and the commitment level and intensity of the athletes, you can't ask for more than that,'" Ashley said.

Heading into Friday night, 21 U.S. teams or athletes — including Mikaela Shiffrin, Nathan Chen and Lindsey Jacobellis — had finished fourth or fifth, accounting for part of the gap between expectation and reality.

Lindsey Vonn was one of the Americans with the most medal potential. She finished third in the downhill, tied for sixth in the super-G and did not finish the combined. She insisted that America's performance shouldn't be judged strictly by the medal count.

"The expectation of winning gold medals is pretty out of whack, and I think we need to be proud of all of our athletes for how much they've sacrificed and put in to be here," she said. "Medals — they're not necessarily what the Olympics are all about. To quantify it in how many medals you have is not appropriate and doesn't respect the athletes and what they've put in to be in these Games."

On the sport-by-sport breakdown, several teams missed their mark.

■ Speedskating was tabbed to win four medals; through Friday, it had one.

■ Bobsled and luge predicted a total of four; they had two.

■ Freestyle skiing and snowboarding, which have padded the U.S. medal count over the last few Olympics, were pegged to collect 18 medals. Heading into Saturday, those sports had amassed 10.

Reflected as a percentage of medals won — the number available has steadily grown with the addition of more action sports, among others — the U.S. took 14.3 percent in 2010, 9.6 percent in 2014 and will be at 7.5 percent this year if it closes with 23.

ROUNDUP

After cross-country ski gold, Diggins will carry U.S. flag

News services

This has been a good week for Kikkan Randall and Jessie Diggins.

On Wednesday night, they became the first U.S. women to earn a medal in cross-country skiing, winning the team sprint freestyle. The next day, Randall was elected as an athlete representative on the International Olympic Committee.

Friday, it was Diggins' turn for more good news as her teammates selected her to serve as flag bearer for the American squad at the closing ceremony.

"This is such an incredible honor for me," Diggins said. "I'm really humbled and moved that the athletes voted for me."

The two-time Olympian joins a list of closing ceremony flag bearers that includes Dan Jansen, Bonnie Blair and Eric Heiden.

"Jessie's breakthrough performances here in Pyeongchang have been inspirational and historic," U.S. Olympic Committee Chief Executive Scott Blackmun said.

Grabbing some big air: U.S. snowboarder Kyle Mack won the silver medal in the Olympic debut of men's big air.

Mack had a chance to better the gold medalist, Sebastien Toutant of Canada, but sat down on his final jump.

Russia in, Canada out: The Russians should have a great shot at a gold medal with the men's hockey team advancing to the final after a 3-0 shutout of the Czech Republic. They'll face the Germans, who shocked two-time defending champion Canada 4-3.

"We deserve to be there, and the best team will win," Russian forward Ilya Kovalchuk said.

After winning back-to-back gold medals in Vancouver in 2010 and Sochi in 2014, Canada's self-described band of journeymen were outplayed by coach Marco Sturm's German team.

"They came out ready to play," Canada forward Rob Klinkhammer said. "We didn't. They were the better team."

About that ban ...: A second Russian athlete failed a doping test, a day before the IOC's executive board was to decide whether to reinstate the country for the closing ceremony.

Russian Bobsled Federation President Alexander Zubkov said a drug-test sample given by Nadezhda Sergeeva was positive.

"This won't win us any extra credit," Russian delegation leader Stanislav Pozdnyakov said. "Unfortunately, this case speaks to negligence by the athlete. She has let us down."



DAVID RAMOS/GETTY

Jessica Diggins, showing off her gold medal for cross-country skiing, will carry the U.S. flag in the closing ceremony.

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MEDALS TABLE			
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Norway	13	14	11 38
Germany	13	7	6 26
Canada	11	8	9 28
United States	8	8	22
Netherlands	8	6	4 18
Sweden	6	5	0 11
France	5	4	6 15
Austria	5	3	6 14
Finland	4	6	4 14
South Korea	4	4	4 12
Japan	3	5	3 11
Italy	3	2	5 10
Belarus	2	1	0 3
China	1	6	2 9
OA Russia	1	5	8 14
Czech Republic	1	2	3 6
Slovakia	1	2	0 3
Britain	1	0	4 5
Poland	1	0	1 2
Hungary	1	0	1 2
Ukraine	1	0	1 2
Australia	0	2	1 3
Slovenia	0	1	0 1
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New Zealand	0	0	2 2
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Latvia	0	0	1 1
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Through 2 of 8 Saturday medal events			

FRIDAY'S MEDALISTS	
BIATHLON	Men's 4x7.5km Relay
G: Sweden (Fredrik Lindstrom, Peppe Femling, Jesper Nelin, Sebastian Samuelsson)	S: Norway (Emil Hegle Svendsen, Tarjei Bøe, Lars Helge Birkeland, Johannes Thingnes Bøe)
B: Germany (Arid Peiffer, Simon Schempp, Erik Lesser, Benedikt Doll)	

FIGURE SKATING	
Women	G: Alina Zagitova, OA Russia
S: Evgenia Medvedeva, OA Russia	B: Kaetlyn Osmond, Canada
FREESTYLE SKIING	Women's Ski Cross
G: Kelsey Serwa, Canada	S: Brittany Phelan, Canada
B: Fanny Smith, Switzerland	
SPEEDSKATING	Men's 1000
G: Kjeld Nuis, Netherlands	S: Håvard Lorentzen, Norway
B: Kim Tae-Yun, South Korea	

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE	
BOBSLED	Men's Four-Man Heat 3, 7:30 p.m.
CURLING	Men's Four-Man Heat 4, 9:15 p.m.
Men's Gold Medal	Sweden vs. United States, 1:35 a.m.
Women's Gold Medal	Sweden vs. South Korea, 7:05 p.m.
ICE HOCKEY	Men's Mass Start Semifinals, 6 a.m.
Women's Mass Start Semifinals	6:45 a.m.
Women's Mass Start Finals	7:30 a.m.
Men's Mass Start Finals	8 a.m.
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE	CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Men's 50km Mass Start Classic, mid-night	Women's 30km Mass Start Classic, 12:30 a.m.
SNOWBOARD	Women's Parallel Giant Slalom Finals, 12:30 a.m.
Men's Parallel Giant Slalom Finals, 12:35 a.m.	

Also: Kjeld Nuis of the Netherlands won the men's 1,000 meters in speedskating, edging Håvard Lorentzen of Norway by 0.04 seconds. Nuis, who also won the 1,500, became the first skater with two gold medals in Pyeongchang. ... Martin Fourcade fell short in his bid for his fourth Olympic gold as France finished fifth in the 4-by-7.5-kilometer biathlon relay, won by Sweden.

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ALPINE SKIING

Vonn done? Shiffrin has her doubts

Young American standout not yet 'taking the baton'

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Mikaela Shiffrin is not quite convinced Lindsey Vonn's Olympic career is over.

"Whenever I hear anybody say something about this," Shiffrin said Friday, "it's like, 'most likely,' 'probably,' 'maybe,' 'we'll see,' 'not sure.' I'm like, 'Knowing Lindsey, I don't believe her.'"

And with that, Shiffrin let out a big laugh.

She is without a doubt the heir to Vonn as the leader of U.S. ski racing. They were the only two members of the country's Alpine team to medal at the Pyeongchang Games.

Vonn, 33, spent much of her news conference Friday taking questions about her, um, extensive experience.

"You're not getting any younger," was the way one reporter put it, to which the skier replied with a smile, "Come right out and say it, why don't you!"

She also discussed the emotions of, presumably, her last Olympics.

Then Shiffrin talked about what she called the frustration of dealing with schedule changes that contributed to a fourth-place finish in her top event, the slalom, and prompted her to enter only three of five races.

When asked about being Vonn's successor, she was deferential.

"I don't necessarily feel like I'm taking over something for the sport," Shiffrin said. "I don't know if I could fill Lindsey's shoes, the way that she has worn them."

"I'm going to do my best to help the sport grow in whatever way I can. The best way I can do that, as far as I see right now, is just to ski my best and to keep taking ski racing to a new level."

Shiffrin, 22, also was asked what advice she might have received from Vonn about taking over as the face of Alpine skiing in the U.S.

"I haven't had a lot of advice about what to do because, first of all, I don't think Lindsey sees herself as being done yet or passing the baton," Shiffrin answered. "And I don't see myself as taking the baton."

Shiffrin is now what Vonn once was: a multiple Olympic medalist in her 20s with a bright future.

After Vonn won gold and bronze at the 2010 Vancouver Games, the assumption was she would go on to add medal upon medal. Instead, she was forced to miss the 2014 Olympics after tearing knee ligaments.

So after an eight-year wait, Vonn stepped back on the stage. But she has said this will be her last Olympics. As it is, she became the oldest woman to win an Alpine medal.

Vonn said the woman who took the gold in the downhill, good friend Sofia Goggia of Italy, wrote a note lobbying her to return in 2022.

"I told her if I physically could continue for four years, then I probably would, as long as I considered myself still a competitor," Vonn said. "But four years is a really long time. I told her that. She said she's going to keep trying to convince me."



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Mikaela Shiffrin, right, shares a word with U.S. teammate Lindsey Vonn after the Alpine combined Thursday.

WHAT TO WATCH SATURDAY

The Germans will seek double gold — in men's hockey and four-man bobsled. Glenview's Brian Hansen will be there as mass-start speedskating makes its Olympic debut.

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SPEEDSKATING



Shani Davis of Chicago skates to a seventh-place finish in the 1,000 meters on Friday in South Korea.

RICHARD HEATHCOTE/GETTY

No words for this

After what may be last race, Shani goes silent

By BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Shani Davis let his skating do his talking in his last event at the Pyeongchang Olympics.

The four-time Olympic medalist from Chicago finished seventh in the 1,000 meters Friday, waved to the fans at Gangneung Oval and disappeared below the ice.

Whether Davis had just skated in his fifth and final Olympics at 35 remains to be seen.

He declined to speak to the media when asked by a U.S. Speedskating spokesman and instructed his sometimes-coach Tom Cushman of the American staff not to talk to reporters.

Davis' time in Pyeongchang involved a mix of controversy and public silence.

The Chicago native declined to attend the opening ceremony after losing a coin toss to decide the U.S. flag bearer in a process he said was handled "dishonorably." His tweet about it implied race might have been an issue, but he chose not to explain further. Davis was assailed online in what became one of the few controversies of the games.

Davis finished 19th in the 1,500, his only other event in South Korea. He spoke briefly after that race, saying, "The ice is super fast. Unfortunately, I wasn't."

However, when questions turned to his tweet about the tiebreaking procedure used to choose the flag bearer, Davis said he wanted to focus on skating queries.

Davis skated his signature distance in 1 minute, 8.78 seconds. He still holds the 1,000 world record of 1:06.42 set nine years ago in Salt Lake City.

After coming off the ice Friday, Davis dodged reporters and took another route to the locker room. Athletes are required to walk through the media mixed zone after their events whether they talk or not, and those who don't can be subject to sanction by the International Olympic Committee.

Davis was one of three Americans to finish in the top 10 in the 1,000. Joey Mantia was fourth and Mitch Whitmore was 10th.

"It's incredible," U.S. coach Matt Kooreman said of Davis' result. "I think Shani is a skating genius, and he's a legend of our sport."

Davis was the first black athlete to win an individual gold medal in a Winter Games when he won the 1,000 in 2006 in Torino, a feat he repeated four years later in Vancouver. He owns a pair of silvers from the 1,500 too.

"The way that he's been able to consistently be an elite skater is one of the most impressive things," Kooreman said.

What the future holds, including a possible sixth Olympics in 2022, is known only to Davis.

"He could if he wants to," Kooreman said, "but I don't know."

HOME TEAM

Tracking local Olympians competing in Pyeongchang

Shani Davis
Speedskating/Chicago

A four-time Olympic medalist, Davis, 35, finished 19th in the 1,500 meters last week. On Friday, he took seventh in the 1,000 with a time of 1:08.78. Davis finished 0.83 seconds off the gold-medal time.



Brian Hansen
Speedskating/Glenview

A 2009 Glenbrook South graduate, Hansen, 27, finished 15th in the 1,500 last week. "I was just happy to have the chance to go out there and compete and do the best I could," Hansen said. "There's a couple changes I would have made. I've got to accept that moving forward."

Next: Mass start, Saturday



Bradie Tennell

Figure skating/Carpentersville
Tennell earned bronze in the team competition. In the individual event, Tennell, who was 11th after the short program, earned 128.34 points in her free skate to clinch ninth. "Obviously it wasn't the way I wanted to skate," she said. "It wasn't that perfect Olympic program, but I'm really happy for getting out there and holding myself together. I'm pretty hungry and really tired, but I'm proud of myself."



Hilary Knight
Hockey/Lake Forest

Knight won silver medals at the 2010 and 2014 Olympics. On Thursday, she finally got her gold as the U.S. beat Canada in a dramatic shootout. Knight put the U.S. up 1-0. "They should make a movie on it," she said. "We had all the drama. It's a storybook ending to an incredible series of accomplishments."



Kendall Coyne
Hockey/Palos Heights

The 25-year-old scored the winner in the U.S. women's hockey team's first game. On Thursday, she got gold, as the U.S. beat Canada in a shootout. Coyne played 27 minutes and 21 seconds in the final and had two shots on goal.

Medal winners:

- **Gold:** Hilary Knight (Lake Forest), Kendall Coyne (Palos Heights) for hockey
- **Bronze:** Alexa Scimeca Knierim (Addison) for team figure skating
- **Bronze:** Bradie Tennell (Carpentersville) for team figure skating

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Dillon's win drives right up to edge

Last-lap nudge raises issues of what's fair game



GEORGE DIAZ
On auto racing

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR cut its historic teeth on the bump and grind of last-lap dust-ups.

Wreckin' and racin' is an honored tradition, along with hazy hangovers in the infield and the noisy buzz of patriotic flyovers.

But the chaos is never pretty. Consider the controversial twist in Sunday's 60th Daytona 500 when Austin Dillon nudged leader Aric Almirola out of the way because ... he could.

It was an acceptable move or a cheap shot, depending on which driver you cheer for and your perception of how far drivers can push the competitive envelope.

The Daytona 500 is always an outlier because of the restrictor-plate mayhem that factors into the mix. Only 10 of 40 cars starting the race finished on the lead lap. But NASCAR's tweaks in the aero package seem to make handling more difficult. We will see how that comes into play this week in Atlanta, the standard in terms of aero setups.

If drivers have problems side-drafting and can't slingshot for a lead in the closing laps, then look for trouble on Turn 2.

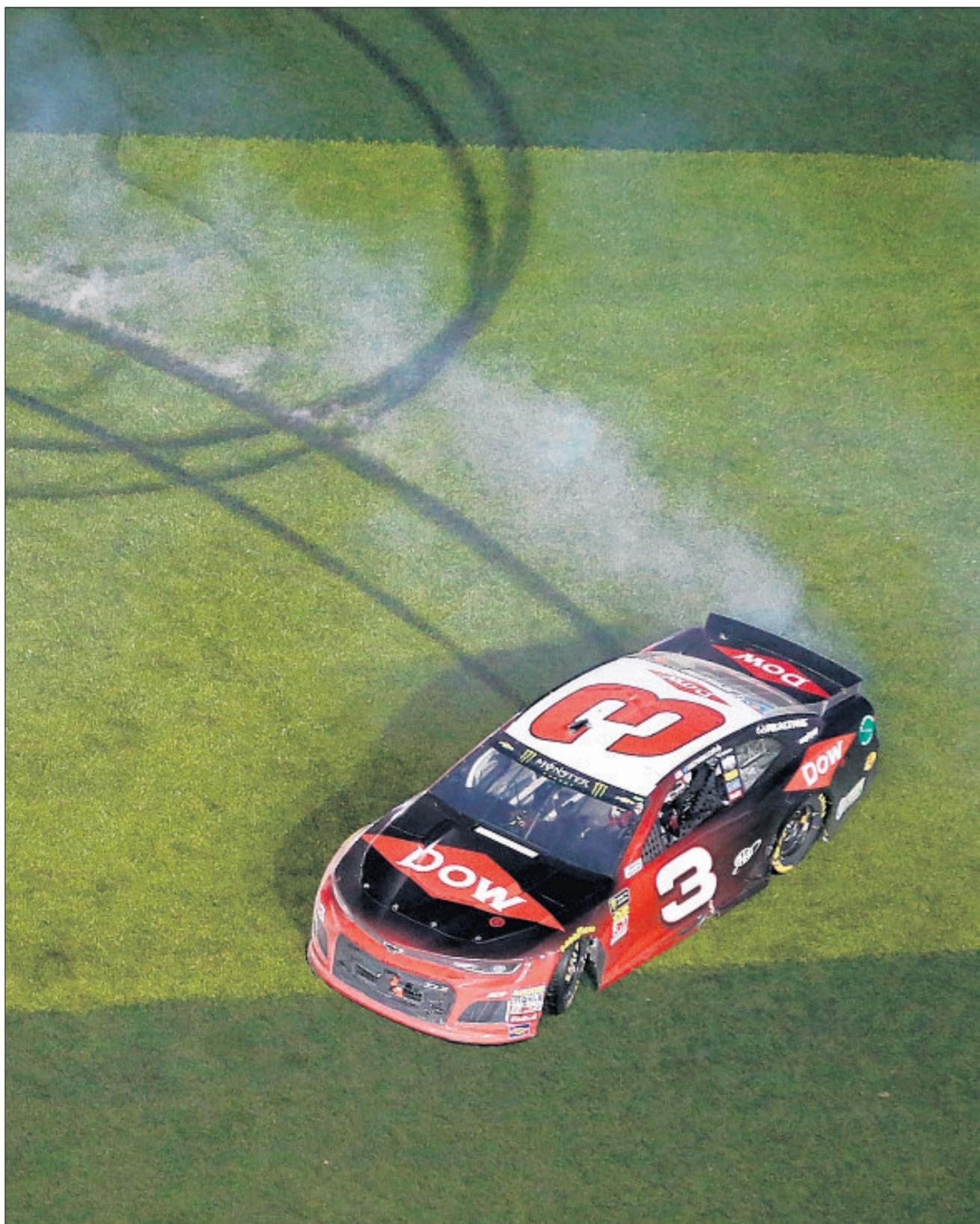
"With this aero package, as big as the holes are getting punched in the air, it's almost inevitable that it's going to be some kind of contact for the lead late in the race, which some could argue that's a good thing, some a bad thing," third-place finisher Denny Hamlin said after the 500. "It just depends on what end you are. If you're in the stands, you probably love it."

Yes and no, based on the shots Dillon took on Twitter. There always will be a fine line between competitiveness and craziness in NASCAR, especially at Daytona.

It was both Sunday. "Just everything is on edge," said Jimmie Johnson, who got bounced out of the race in a multicausal accident on Lap 60. "It's a lot of fun. We are flying around here, but it puts handling at a premium. It gets us closer to the edge of traction and we are just slipping and sliding all over."

On to Atlanta, a standard 1.5-mile oval with more potential for wreckin' and racin'.

As Hamlin noted, don't



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Daytona 500 winner Austin Dillon does a burnout in the infield — which was only the beginning of his celebrations.

blame the fans who look at NASCAR as a bloodsport.

"We're the ones driving it," he said. "They're not making us make the mistakes that we're making."

Tattoo tale: To the victor go the spoils, the perks and the random late-night tattoo commemorating a thrill ride known as the Daytona 500.

Dillon and his pals — labeled the Wolfpack — had a few adult beverages to celebrate his Daytona 500 victory and ended up in a tattoo parlor late Sunday or early Monday, depending on your perspective.

Artwork ensued.

"I got a tattoo last night," Dillon said during the traditional Champion's Breakfast at Daytona International Speedway. "It says, 'Daytona 500 champ.' You'll never be able to see it."

The smart money would be on his behind.

"It feels OK," he said. "But one of the boys smacked me on the butt this morning. 'Easy, guys!'"

Dillon also received the traditional awards, including a neat leather jacket and a Rolex watch Monday morning from Daytona International Speedway President Chip Wile. But the tattoo is something that will stick with him forever.

So will making a last-lap pass on Almirola to win the race.

"I guess I could have lifted and (given) 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."

Dillon, 27, honored the memory of the late Dale Earnhardt by taking the iconic No. 3 car to Victory Lane on the 20-year anniversary of The Intimidator's only Daytona 500

triumph.

"To see my grandson come across there 20 years later to win the Daytona 500, it's hard to beat blood," said team owner Richard Childress, Dillon's grandfather.

And for the record, the 72-year-old Childress did not get a tat.

Positive pit stop: It was a terrible way to end the day for Almirola, who wound up 11th, but he made a great impression on the region.

Smithfield Foods, his sponsor, donated 40,000 pounds of protein to Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida on Friday.

The presentation ceremony at a Winn-Dixie in Volusia County included Almirola and team owner Tony Stewart.

"Protein is a difficult resource to obtain for our food bank and the one-in-six individuals facing hunger throughout our area," said Greg Higginson, vice president of development for the food bank. "We are thankful for this large-scale donation led by Smithfield and its partners."

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COMMENTARY

Daytona 500 put youth movement in high gear

BY JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Daytona Day was nothing short of a rousing success for NASCAR, which was able to celebrate both its storied past and youthful future on its biggest stage.

The Daytona 500 is the most important event of the year for NASCAR. With Austin Dillon's victory in the famed No. 3 and Bubba Wallace's history-making second-place finish, NASCAR got perhaps its most promising glimpse to date of the next generation.

Dillon wrecked Aric Almirola on the final lap in overtime at Daytona International Speedway to drive the car owned by his grandfather, Richard Childress, back into victory lane 17 years to the day after Dale

Earnhardt was killed in an accident on the final lap of the season opener. It came 20 years after Earnhardt's only Daytona 500 victory and in just the fifth appearance for the No. 3 in "The Great American Race" since his death.

Dillon and much of his Richard Childress Racing crew celebrated into the wee hours Monday by getting tattoos, permanent ones, on their buttocks.

Wallace, driving the iconic No. 43 for Richard Petty, was the first black driver in the Daytona 500 field since 1969. His finish was the highest of any black driver in the 500 since Wendell Scott was 13th in 1966.

Wallace won new fans following an emotional, post-race scene that included a long, tearful em-

brace with his mother that symbolized the struggles he has faced on the road to NASCAR's top series.

Baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron called him before the Daytona 500, and Lewis Hamilton, the only black driver in Formula One, tweeted he would be cheering for Wallace. When told about Hamilton's well-wishes, Wallace admitted to "fangirling out."

"I look up to him," Wallace said. "He does so many great things in the F1 world. Then he sent out a tweet and I got weak at the knees."

Wallace noted what the kind words from Aaron and Hamilton really mean for the sport.

"People are tuning in and hopefully noticing the new face and the change that's

coming to NASCAR," he said.

Wallace entered the season without sponsorship for the full season, but NASCAR Racing Experience announced Monday it would be the primary sponsor for the No. 43 Chevrolet this weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

There has been much angst over NASCAR's problems, and there are many issues, including the disappointing television rating for the Daytona 500. The 5.1 overnight for Fox was down 22 percent from last year.

It's problematic, and NASCAR needs to find new reasons for fans to watch. There had been much hand-wringing over the retirements of Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Danica Pat-

rick, but it may have been unnecessary worry.

Why? Because their replacements are really racy and showed Sunday they aren't content to simply turn laps in a pack, collect a paycheck and take a chartered flight home.

Wallace sparred with 2016 winner Denny Hamlin on the final lap, then criticized Hamlin afterward. Ryan Blaney led a race-high 118 laps and wrecked Kurt Busch, last year's winner, trying to win the race. Chase Elliott was wrecked racing for points at the end of the first stage. Alex Bowman started from the pole and was the top Hendrick Motorsports driver.

All those drivers are under 30 and the future of the sport. If they race the rest of the season as they did at Daytona, the on-

track product might actually be pretty good.

The changing of the guard was so palpable at Daytona that Dillon could feel the energy in the garage. Once awestruck to be racing against his childhood heroes, Dillon is part of a new crop eager to spice up the series. Previously, he just wanted to stay out of the veterans' way.

"We're all going to start trying to be ourselves because the people (who) led our sport for so long have moved out," Dillon said. "It definitely feels good to have Bubba and I up there fighting. I think there's going to be some great battles this year with all the young guys."

"There's going to be storylines, and the NASCAR fans are going to love what they see."

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COMMENTARY

Biggest tale always centers on Tiger

Woods still main story whenever he plays in PGA event

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — It took until the start of the Florida swing — seven tournaments — for a PGA Tour event in 2018 not to feature at least one of the top three players in the world.

Not that anyone cared at this week's Honda Classic because Tiger Woods is playing.

Woods has picked up a new nickname in golf circles during his return to the tour: "The Needle." He doesn't just move it; he is it.

Television can't (and shouldn't) keep the camera off of him. He was on the opposite end of the course at Torrey Pines and visible everywhere because of a gallery that stretched from tee to green on every hole. Crowds either thinned or dispersed — safe money is on the former — after he missed the cut at Riviera.

That doesn't figure to change anytime soon, certainly not before the Masters, though Woods likely will play only twice before then. Until he improves on a world ranking of No. 544, he is not eligible for the two World Golf Championships over the next month.

This will be a different kind of road to the Masters for him.

In the rearview is a West Coast swing that showed glimpses of who is surging and who needs work but very little clarity except for the sky. From Hawaii to California, weather was never an issue. Neither were ballistic missiles.

Dustin Johnson: Johnson made it clear he is not staying in the same house for the Masters, where last year he slipped down the wooden stairs while wearing socks and not only wrenched his back but wrecked his year. Johnson never let on how much momentum he lost from that fall.

He started the new year with an eight-shot victory and suggested he is close to regaining the form of last spring, which was the best he ever played. But after a lackluster week in Abu Dhabi (tie for ninth), Johnson wasn't sharp at Pebble Beach and failed to win after sharing the 54-hole lead with Ted Potter Jr. In his title defense at Riviera, Johnson was slowed by a triple bogey (first round) and double bogey (final round) on the fifth hole.

Even so, he became the fifth player since 1986 to stay at No. 1 for an entire year. He has had at least a share of the 54-hole lead in three of his last five official events and was within five shots at the other two.



JOE CAVARETTA/AP

Tiger Woods' appearance in the Honda Classic assures that interest in this week's PGA event will be high among golf fans, who still closely follow him.

With six weeks to go before the Masters, Johnson is still the player to beat.

Surging: Jason Day and Bubba Watson won tournaments and got back into the conversation.

Day made the wrong kind of history when he finished last year out of the top 10 after starting it at No. 1. His mother was battling lung cancer, which disrupted the early part of the year.

Mainly, though, Day saw No. 1 as a burden and wound up losing the discipline that makes him look

unbeatable at times. He said he is ready to get back to the top and knows the only way to get there is to win. And then he won a playoff at Torrey Pines.

Watson switched to the Volvik golf ball of the yellow, green and pink variety. He said that was never an issue, pinning last year's problems on a health issue that caused him to lose about 20 pounds, then power and confidence. Watson was No. 117 in the world before winning at Riviera, a reminder of how good he can be.

Much like Day, the fact Watson wants to be an elite

player again is half the battle.

Climbing: Jordan Spieth has been trying to reset his putting stroke for nearly a year. He still won the British Open because he made putts when he needed, which is part of his greatness.

What set him back was mononucleosis late last year, which cost Spieth time in the gym and on the range. He is getting closer to where he wants to be with the putter, but he has yet to finish closer than five shots of the winner in his four starts this year. Spieth

likely has three starts in March ahead of Augusta. He has won each of the last three years before getting to the Masters.

Slow play: C.T. Pan twice hit into a canyon and J.B. Holmes hit into the fairway. Those two moments at Torrey Pines — only one of them on TV — led to more outrage about pace of play on the PGA Tour.

Pan went into the hazard on the par-3 third and twice had to walk back to the tee, causing four groups to be on the hole early in the final round.

Holmes was on the par-5

18th, and if his drive had gone a few feet to the right into the rough, he would have laid up. Instead, he deliberated for more than four minutes on how to make eagle, at one point resting his arm on the clubs while staring at the green and looking like a wax figure. Worse yet, Alex Noren needed a birdie to win and, after waiting on Holmes, switched clubs and went over the green.

Worse than slow play is the fact an incident like this is needed to talk about it. And odds are it probably will be forgotten by the Masters.

GOLF NOTES

Goosen not likely to get U.S. Open help again

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Retief Goosen one-putted the last six holes to win his second U.S. Open title at Shinnecock Hills in 2004.

He has not been back to the storied club on Long Island since that day, and he probably won't go back unless he qualifies.

Goosen received a special exemption in 2016 for the U.S. Open at Oakmont. Chances of another one for this year's championship are slim.

"We're begging them," the 49-year-old South African said with a soft laugh.

The USGA historically has not been overly generous with U.S. Open exemptions since 2000, when it gave one to 19-year-old

Aaron Baddeley.

Besides, Goosen received one already, and compared with other two-time U.S. Open champions, that is enough. Curtis Strange, the last back-to-back U.S. Open champion, received only one exemption, to Pebble Beach in 2000, the year after his 10-year exemption ran out.

Lee Janzen won at Baltusrol in 1993 and Olympic Club in 1998. His next U.S. Open exemption will be his first.

Ben Hogan received the first special exemption in 1966 at Olympic Club, where he had lost an 18-hole playoff 11 years earlier. Jack Nicklaus received eight U.S. Open exemptions; Arnold Palmer and Tom Watson each received five. Hale Irwin remains the only exemption to win the U.S.

Open in 1990 at Medinah.

As for Goosen, he says he'll go back to qualifying. He missed by one shot last year. That figures to be the only way he'll see Shinnecock Hills again.

Rory and Padraig: The Sunday Independent in Ireland brought together Rory McIlroy and Padraig Harrington — with seven majors between them — for a two-hour interview while at Pebble Beach. It's a fascinating read of two Irish players who think and operate entirely differently.

It also included one exchange in which Harrington offers a blunt view of McIlroy's career.

"I'm at a stage where I've done what I need to do," Harrington said. "You're at a stage, Rory, where you're still trying to get more.

Actually, I'm going to say this, and it's probably not what you want to hear, but four majors for you is a failure."

McIlroy's response: "I 100 percent agree."

McIlroy lost a four-shot lead at the 2011 Masters. He hasn't won a major since the 2014 PGA Championship.

Augusta changes: Augusta National appears on the verge of another expansion.

The Augusta Chronicle reports the club has filed preliminary plans with the Augusta Planning and Development Department that would move the tee box on No. 5 back 20 to 30 yards across Old Berckmans Road. The road has been closed to through traffic since 2015. Along with strengthening the hole, it

would alleviate congestion behind the fourth green, which is directly in front of the tee.

The club told the newspaper it simply was exploring options. According to the plans, any work would not start until after the Masters.

Tiger's crowd: McIlroy was walking to the 14th tee during the second round of the Genesis Open at Riviera when he said: "He loses a half-shot every day because of these crowds."

McIlroy was talking about Tiger Woods.

It was the 21st time Woods and McIlroy have played together in competition and the first time in five years as a part of a threesome on a weekday.

"It's two shots a tournament he has to give to the

field because of all that goes on around (him)," McIlroy said later. "So whether that calms down the more he plays and it doesn't become such a novelty that he's back out playing again, it's tiring. I've got a headache after all that."

Divots: Jordan Spieth was voted chairman of the PGA Tour's Player Advisory Council, meaning he will go on the policy board next year. ... In the seven events that make up the West Coast swing, only one player was added to the Masters field by winning — Ted Potter Jr. at Pebble Beach.

Stat of the week: Kevin Na, with one victory in his 15 years on the PGA Tour, went over \$25 million in career earnings with a runner-up finish at Riviera.

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BUDGET REVIEW

2017 Nissan Frontier

By Joe Bruzek, Cars.com

The verdict: The off-road Pro-4X version of the Nissan Frontier is more suited for slopping around in the mud or exploring trails than for daily use.

Versus the competition: The Frontier is many years outdated, lacking the refinement, features and versatility of other mid-size trucks, but it is inexpensive.

The Nissan Frontier is the last small, affordable pickup truck. Its starting price of just \$19,365 (including destination) is the equivalent of an entry-level Honda Civic or Toyota Corolla but with rugged utility and a bed. It's a classic case of "you get what you pay for," however, with a dated, small interior lacking the refinement, features and quality found in the Chevrolet Colorado, GMC Canyon, Honda Ridgeline and Toyota Tacoma (that is, all the other mid-size trucks).

That may sound damning, but the Pro-4X off-road variant I drove is actually a lovable little truck. The Pro-4X is a classic off-road package with meaty tires, off-road shock absorbers, skid plates, a two-speed transfer case and locking rear differential. It's a blast to drive while bombing around a recreational off-road park like Bundy Hill Offroad in Michigan, where I did the bulk of my off-roading as a judge for our mid-size truck comparison.

Off-Roading in the Pro-4X

The Pro-4X doesn't have the electronic gadgetry of the Tacoma's Crawl Control or the super-smart optional all-wheel drive of the Ridgeline, but when the objective is to have fun at an off-road park, that technology takes the fun out of doing it yourself. (If you're stuck on the side of a cliff somewhere, on the other hand, then you should probably take all the electronic assistance you can get.) The Pro-4X's classic way of off-roading relies on communicative steering and simply having a ton of tire grip to dig out of tricky situations. When climbing a steep, sandy hill, the front tires communicate placement very well and make it easy to find the groove with the most grip. The Pro-4X's tires are a big part of the truck's proficiency, sized 265/75/16 with tall sidewalls and knobby tread. Being a smaller truck, the Frontier is also more capable around tight trails.

The Pro-4X is well-protected against off-road punctures with skid plates under the fuel tank, oil pan and transfer case. There's an electronic rear differential for when things get dicey that locks so the rear wheels spin at the same speed; as a result, even if one is spinning in mud or is up in the air, the other tire with traction gets equal torque so it can keep pushing forward.

As a Daily Driver

With the Pro-4X treatment, the Frontier is a difficult truck to live with on paved roads. The ride is bouncy, and wind and road noise are always there. At highway speeds, the knobby tires howl while wind whistles past the cabin; 60 mph in a Frontier feels like 90 mph in any other mid-size truck. The Colorado and Canyon, even in off-road trims, better isolate drivers from outside noises, though they also have less aggressive tires. The Honda Ridgeline has a carlike architecture, so it's more like driving a family SUV than a truck — which could be a plus or a minus depending on what you want out of a truck. The Frontier also has a huge turning circle, which means a three-point turn is more like a four- or five-point.

Getting up to speed is tedious for occupants hearing the coarse, grainy-sounding engine. Accelerator responsiveness is good, however, even with a dated five-speed automatic transmission versus competitors' six- and eight-speeds. There's decent engine grunt from a stop.

Cabin quality is awful, with hard plastics throughout, cheap painted silver accents

and soft, orange backlighting that looks 20 years old. The navigation and touchscreen technology are also dated: The 5.5-inch screen on my iPhone 7 Plus is almost as big as the Frontier's optional 5.8-inch navigation touchscreen; this touchscreen is standard on the Pro-4X. That pales in comparison with the Chevrolet and GMC, in which Apple CarPlay or Android Auto uses your phone's native navigation to display maps and routes on an 8-inch touchscreen, so there's no need to pay for an optional navigation system if you have a smartphone and an active data plan.

Cabin comfort is also lacking compared with the other trucks' larger interiors. The Frontier is compact in size and the cabin is narrower than others, which offer legitimately mid-size interiors in crew-cab Canyons, Colorados or Tacomas; the Ridgeline is only a four-door, and roomier, too. At a slender 6 feet tall, I wasn't comfortable in the Frontier's backseat because of its flat cushioning and elevated knee position. My knees were touching the front seatback where I had positioned it to drive.

Towing and Cargo

The Frontier crew cab with rear-wheel drive, SL trim level and V-6 engine can tow a maximum of 6,710 pounds. A Colorado with a V-6 is rated to tow 7,000 pounds in any cab or drive configuration, and 7,700 pounds with an optional diesel four-cylinder, while the Tacoma V-6 rear-wheel-drive extended cab is rated at a maximum 6,800 pounds and the Ridgeline is a maximum 5,000 pounds with all-wheel drive.

The Frontier's 5-foot cargo box with crew cab is roughly the same size as competing trucks, and a 6-foot-long box is optional (though not on Pro-4X trim levels).

Inside the cabin, the optional Rockford Fosgate stereo replaces storage containers underneath the backseat with a subwoofer, which isn't ideal. It's not a great stereo, so I'd opt out of the stereo to regain that underfloor storage.

Safety

The Frontier has the lowest crashworthiness ratings of mid-size pickups tested by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. At the top of the 2018 list is the Honda Ridgeline, followed by the Toyota Tacoma and Chevrolet Colorado (crew cab only) with equal ratings. In federal crash tests, the Frontier lags other trucks in its front crashworthiness, though it earns similar overall ratings. Not offered is a forward collision warning system with automatic emergency braking like the Ridgeline, which is the only truck in the class to offer the feature.

In the Market

Though the Frontier's starting price is \$1,500 less than a 2017 Chevrolet Colorado (\$19,365 versus \$20,940 with destination charges), in higher trims there's less pricing disparity. My test truck, a Pro-4X with optional equipment, totaled \$37,000. A similar off-road package on the Colorado, the Z71 with a V-6 and four-wheel drive, starts at \$36,775 for a significantly more refined and well-rounded truck, though perhaps with fewer off-road chops from the factory; a good pair of tires could help it play catchup, or there's the ultimate off-road mid-sizer, the \$41,000 ZR2.

Both the Pro-4X and Z71 give you crew cabs and short boxes, two-speed transfer case, locking rear differential, off-road shocks, hill descent control, heated front seats and a backup camera. Where the Frontier's value comes back swinging is that it also includes a moonroof (which isn't an option on any Colorado), dual climate control instead of single, leather interior versus cloth and a roof rack. Does that make the Frontier worth the money? Well, that depends how often you'll be driving off-road versus on.

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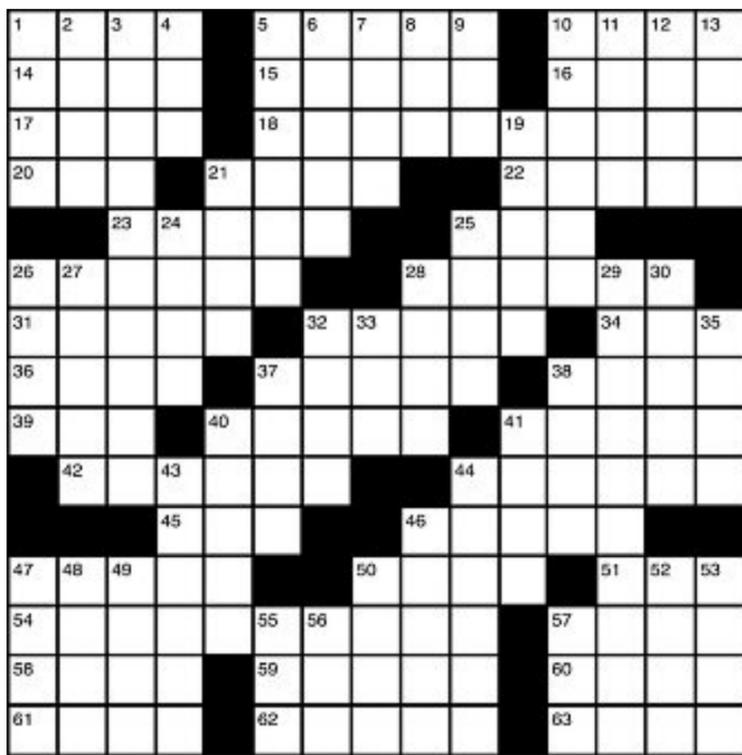
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- 5 Too aggressive
- 10 Impoverished urban area
- 14 Amazes
- 15 "Kate & ___"
- 16 Healthy
- 17 Office worker serving briefly, for short
- 18 Strewing
- 20 Fuss & bother
- 21 Worry; fret
- 22 Hayworth and Moreno
- 23 Andreotti or Foyt
- 25 Mai tai ingredient
- 26 Informal
- 28 Burst
- 31 Representative
- 32 Short-tailed weasel
- 34 Big kahuna, for short
- 36 Elevator
- 37 Warning device
- 38 Kelly or Siskel
- 39 ___ shot; annual vaccine
- 40 Big family's hotel booking
- 41 Do without
- 42 Firstborn
- 44 Deep valley
- 45 Traitor
- 46 Tough fibrous tissue
- 47 Valuable thing
- 50 Bowler's target
- 51 "Mary ___ a little lamb..."
- 54 ___ ads; part of a newspaper
- 57 Game like lotto
- 58 Clothing
- 59 Color slightly
- 60 Steel, mainly
- 61 Stick around
- 62 Derisive smile
- 63 Bank teller's call

DOWN

- 1 "Ciao!"
- 2 Had bills to pay
- 3 Very sorry
- 4 Intuition, for short
- 5 Light color
- 6 Reason to take Maalox
- 7 Cabbage dish
- 8 Big success
- 9 However
- 10 Prawn
- 11 Café au ___
- 12 Arm bone
- 13 Ryan and Tilly
- 19 Spew forth lava
- 21 "Get lost!"
- 24 Female relative

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- 25 Wander
- 26 Young animal
- 27 Spry
- 28 Skin opening
- 29 All over
- 30 Wild dog of Australia
- 32 Skirt hem cut
- 33 Tit for ___
- 35 Humble worker
- 37 Vienna's nation: abbr.
- 38 No longer here
- 40 Chairs & stools
- 41 Groupies
- 43 Like formal clothing
- 44 Ash fragment
- 46 Prolonged attack
- 47 Performs
- 48 Job opening
- 49 Long story
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