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Democratic governor candidate Chris Kennedy prepares for Friday night's debate.

Kennedy sharpens attack on Madigan

Little confrontation among Democrats in gubernatorial debate

BY RICK PEARSON AND KIM GEIGER
Chicago Tribune

Democratic governor candidate Chris Kennedy on Friday night escalated his attacks on Speaker Michael Madigan, saying he would not want any of his daughters to intern in Springfield following disclosures of harassment in the Illinois House leader's political operation.

"I have three daughters, one of them interned in Washington, D.C. I don't think I'd encourage any of the three of them to intern in Springfield," Kennedy said. "They might do that on their own. They're, you know, very independent. But that's not a place I'd want a family member and I can tell you that."

The comments came on the second night of back-to-back broadcast forums featuring the six Democratic governor candidates, this time at an event sponsored by ABC7, Univision and the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

Unlike previous forums, the debate Friday night was largely free of confrontation among the top-tier contenders. State Sen. Daniel Biss of Evanston continued efforts to portray himself as the populist progressive against wealthier rivals. And J.B. Pritzker again billed himself as independent of Madigan, despite coalescing much of the Democratic Party's establishment behind his candidacy. Madigan doubles as Illinois Democratic Party chairman.

Not much new ground was broken. "Congratulations on staying awake," Kennedy joked to reporters afterward, noting the format didn't leave much opportunity for the candidates to combat each other.

Throughout the campaign, Kennedy has tried to position himself as a political outsider despite being a part of an iconic political family that includes his late father, former U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy, and his uncle,

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Son accused in parents' deaths on Mich. campus

Authorities search for Plainfield teen after shooting at college residence

BY MATTHEW WALBERG, ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS AND JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. — A manhunt continued late Friday for a college student from the Chicago suburbs who authorities said fatally shot his parents on the campus of Central Michigan University.

Authorities said Friday evening they had more than 100 officers from multiple agencies searching for 19-year-old James Eric Davis Jr., of Plainfield. They warned that he should be considered armed and dangerous.

The victims were identified by



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Law enforcement officers search for James Eric Davis Jr., a suspect in the fatal shooting of his parents Friday at Central Michigan University.

authorities as Davis' parents, James Eric Davis Sr. and Diva Jeneen Davis. Davis Sr. was a police officer in west suburban Bellwood and an Illinois National Guard veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Diva

Davis' Facebook page identified her as a real estate broker; friends said she was also a breast cancer survivor and had worked as a flight attendant.

People who knew the family called Davis Jr. "respectful" and



Davis Jr.

"a good kid" and his parents "upstanding," and said they saw no obvious signs of trouble with the teenager, who was a sophomore at the school in

Mount Pleasant, Mich. "He was a good kid, always," said Deantre DeYoung, 20, who met Davis Jr. when they were high school freshmen at Plainfield South High School and had kept in touch. "You would never expect something like this to come from James."

The Davises were reportedly picking up their son from college for spring break when the shooting happened inside a residence hall on campus.

But Lt. Larry Klaus of the

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Chelsea Brown measures the pothole she stepped into and reported last fall. The multidepartmental case was finally being resolved Friday.

Down rabbit hole of pothole repair

Season's normal so far, officials say, but NW Side crater defies typical 3-day fix

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Chicago crews have filled 108,000 potholes and counting this year.

Both city and state officials say this is a normal pothole season so far because it's been a typical cold winter, compared with the mild winter of 2016 and a mostly dry

rain, which made an impact on the roads.

The count so far this year is lower than last year's count for January and February of 126,325. CDOT spokesman Michael Claffey said that's because the roads are in better condition, which means fewer potholes. CDOT crews typically fix the potholes.

"We're finding fewer potholes to fill and we're filling them," said Claffey, who said holes are filled within three days of a complaint. "We feel we're on top of the

problem this season, but as the weather warms up, we expect to see more."

Sometimes, answering a complaint can require more than one city department to get involved. That was the case with a deep, dangerous pothole on North Richmond Street in the Avondale neighborhood on the Northwest Side.

Last fall, Chelsea Brown, 28, a yoga teacher, stepped off the curb

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Pallbearers carry the casket bearing the Rev. Billy Graham at his funeral in Charlotte, N.C. Graham, who preached to millions during his life, died last week at age 99.

Words from the heart fill Graham's funeral

His children speak of him as loving dad, 'America's Pastor'

BY TOM FOREMAN JR. AND JONATHAN DREW
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Rev. Billy Graham's children remembered "America's Pastor" on Friday as a man devoted to spreading the gospel, living his life at home as he preached it in stadiums, with a personable humility and an unwavering focus on the Bible. As his oldest son told the funeral congregation, "There weren't two Billy Gramhams."

His adult children — all speak-

ers or preachers in their own right — recalled being taught by their parents how to read Scripture aloud and deliver sermons, but also taking quiet walks with their father and feeling his embrace even when they made mistakes.

Franklin Graham, who delivered the main funeral message, said all of those qualities were part of the whole.

"The Billy Graham that the world saw on television, the Billy Graham that the world saw in the big stadiums, was the same Billy Graham that we saw at home. There weren't two Billy Gramhams," he said. "He loved his family. He stood by us. He com-

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Training center accused of fake student records

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

On paper, the student taking classes at an education center on Chicago's West Side was eligible for thousands of dollars in federal grants meant to help low-income people learn new skills. The only problem? The student was dead.

That allegation is at the heart of an indictment made public Friday in U.S. District Court alleging six employees of the now-defunct Center for Employment Training falsified records about students to fraudulently obtain millions of dollars in federal grants.

In addition to listing the deceased student as present for classes, the defendants submitted fake diplomas for candidates who had in fact never graduated from high school, falsified test records for students showing they were eligible for aid and created bogus employment records for others, according to the indictment.

The 16-page indictment charged each defendant with conspiracy, wire fraud and fraudulently obtaining federal financial assistance but did not disclose the exact amount of the alleged losses.

Among those charged was the center's former director, Marie Pickett, 59, of Chicago. Also charged were admissions adviser Janie Blakeney, 63; financial aid officer Deborah Williams, 58; financial aid assistant Jenny Morales, 36; and two former instructors, Heather Smith, 43, and Tamara Balark, 45.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Mason released all six Thursday on their own recognizance, court records show.

The Center for Employment Training is a California-based institution of post-secondary, non-degree, vocational and technical education with campuses throughout the country, according to the charges. The center's website lists classes and training in fields like business, child care, construction, truck driving and culinary arts.

The website also touts the financial aid available to its students. "Don't let the cost of tuition scare you!" the site says. "The U.S. government offers low interest loans as well as grants and scholarships to help you pay for attending school."

Records show the Chicago office operated out of a building in the 100 block of North Western Avenue on the city's West Side. The office has since been closed.

To meet the Department of Education's requirements for financial aid, the conspirators created a fictitious diploma that fraudulently alleged one purported student graduated from a Chicago public high school, the charges alleged.

The defendants also falsified student attendance records "by marking as present fake students they well knew had not in fact attended classes," including records "for a student who was in fact deceased at the time," the indictment said.

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Not all potholes created equal

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into what she thought was a patch of leaf-covered street but turned out to be a deep hole that scraped her leg. "I went straight down," she said.

Brown called 311 to complain, but no one fixed it. A neighbor set an orange cone in the hole, which kept growing bigger, Brown said. She called 311 again toward the end of January or beginning of February. On Feb. 15 she got a cheerful form letter from Transportation Commissioner Rebekah Scheinfeld and Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who praised Brown's public spirit and said the department had completed her request. But the hole was still there, littered with trash and leaves.

"They were pleased with themselves about it, but they hadn't done anything," Brown said. "I thought it was funny because I was on my stoop reading the letter and looking at the pothole."

Sometimes the hole is caused by a below-the-street sewer system problem and is referred to the Department of Water Management. Very deep holes — deeper than 6 or 7 inches — tend to be cave-ins related to water infrastructure, Carney said.

Carney said the CDOT might have closed the issue on its end when it transferred the matter to the water department, which might explain the letter. "It's not what we want to happen," said Carney, referring to the letter.

Thirty-one pothole complaints this year were classified as a "WM (water management) sewer cave in inspection transfer" cases, according to city data. The main reasons behind sewer structure failures are age and the amount of flow to the structure over time, according to water department spokeswoman Megan Vidis. She said that is why repair and relining of sewer structures are part of the city's "Building a New Chicago" infrastructure program.

Vidis said the freeze-thaw cycle is a smaller factor in the wear and stress that is placed on sewers and affects the street surface more than the drain structure.

A water department inspector was sent out to Fletcher and Richmond streets on Wednesday, Vidis said. "It looks like a catch basin issue," she said. A water department crew was working to fix the hole Friday.

Vidis said she did not know exactly when the water department found out about the problem and was checking on that. The



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The pothole outside Chelsea Brown's Avondale home had grown this week to roughly 3 feet long by 2 feet wide and 2 feet deep. A "catch basin issue" seems to be the source.

Chicago Tribune contacted both the water department and CDOT about the hole on Wednesday.

As asphalt ages, it develops cracks. Water gets into the cracks, and as temperatures fall, the water freezes and expands, further weakening the pavement, Carney said. Cars drive over or close to the weakened area, causing the asphalt to collapse and create a pothole.

In 2014, with its unusually cold and snowy "Chiberia" winter, there were 70,248 pothole repair requests, according to the city's data portal. In milder 2016, the count was 37,953.

So far this year there have been 10,649 repair calls made to the 311 system, according to the data portal. Actual potholes

tend to outnumber repair calls by a ratio of 10-1, because city workers go to a spot and find several potholes, not just one, and also find holes in other areas, Claffey said.

Carney advises Chicagoans who find a pothole to report it to 311 or go online and give as accurate an address as possible. If your car is damaged by a pothole, you can file a claim through the Chicago city clerk's office. Outside of Chicago, call the suburb where the pothole is located to report it. If it's on a state highway, call the Illinois Department of Transportation at 800-452-4368 or go online to report or file a claim.

The city clerk's office received 733 claims regard-

ing potholes in 2017 and 600 claims in 2016, said spokeswoman Kate LeFurgy. She could not immediately say how many had been resolved.

Under a new, more flexible labor agreement, CDOT now has the ability to reassign laborers from various divisions to pothole repairs if necessary, Carney said. If there's a spike in pothole complaints, CDOT can now temporarily assign workers who were hanging signs or laying concrete or other types of work to pothole crews.

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■ A story about egg foo young in Wednesday's Food & Dining section omitted the recipe for the accompanying gravy. The recipe for the gravy, along with the egg foo young recipe itself, will be published in the March 7 section. In the meantime, you can find the complete recipe at www.chicagotribune.com/cravingchinese.

■ On the daily weather page, the planet watch information for the best viewing time of Venus has been incorrect. The recent erroneous references were to a.m. viewings; in fact, the times for best viewing are for p.m. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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Alleged shooter gets 54 years in Lake murder

Convict to victim's parents: I lacked courage to save him

BY SUSAN BERGER
Chicago Tribune

Nearly five years after Colin Nutter was shot to death in his own car, one of three men accused in his 2013 slaying was sentenced Friday to more than five decades in prison.

Lake County Circuit Court Judge Victoria Rossetti sentenced Philip Vatamaniuc to 54 years in prison after he was convicted in April of murder for his role in the 20-year-old Highland Park man's death.

Before the sentencing, Nutter's mother, Angela Nutter, addressed the court and spoke of the pain she's endured since her son's death.

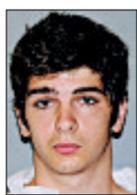
"My beautiful, wonderful son is now gone. He should have been sharing his life with us," she said. "The pain

is inconsolable. There is a void that can never be filled and a numbness that will never go away."

She added, "I miss his smile and hugs and his sweet words of, 'I love you, mom,' that he told me frequently."

Vatamaniuc — just 17 years old at the time of the killing — was one of three defendants charged with murder in Nutter's death. Benjamin Schenk, of Highland Park, pleaded guilty under a negotiated deal and is awaiting sentencing. A trial date is still pending for Michael Coffee, of Highland Park.

Authorities said the three men arranged to buy marijuana from Nutter but planned to rob him instead and ended up shooting him in the head in his car on June 3, 2013, before abandoning his body along an Edens Expressway ramp



Vatamaniuc

near Wilmette.

Prosecutors had portrayed Vatamaniuc and the other suspects, who were 20 and 17 at the time, as bungling incompetents who left a blatant trail of evidence. After leaving the remains under a pile of leaves and brush and heading into the city, they decided they needed to go back and get Nutter's wallet, which they did after first having some trouble finding his body.

Later, Coffee and Schenk entered Nutter's parents' house with his key, stole marijuana and pills and then left with another of the Nutters' cars, prosecutors said.

The three then drove both cars back into Chicago but abandoned one after getting into a minor crash. Later, as police closed in to arrest him, Schenk was seen trying to break into the

remaining car, having locked the keys inside, according to testimony. Blood-stained car padding and other objects were found in trash cans nearby.

Schenk claimed from the witness stand that Vatamaniuc was the gunman. Vatamaniuc has disputed that.

Nevertheless, Vatamaniuc apologized to the Nutter family during a hearing Friday before his sentencing.

"I wish to cause you no more grief than you have been through and tell you how genuinely sorry I am. I cannot fathom the pain you have endured in all of this," he said. "I didn't have the honor to know Colin and get to know the person he is. I am sorry I did not have the courage to do something to save him."

He asked for forgiveness and said, "I pray it will get easier for you. I know nothing I say can bring him back. ... Colin, I wish I had known you. To say you were a great

person is an understatement. For your life to be tragically snuffed out is more than despicable."

Nutter's father, Michael, wept at times during his own statements before the court Friday, saying, "I think about him every waking hour." He said he constantly dreams of Colin and often wakes up sobbing to the "crushing reality" that he was murdered.

Following the verdict, Michael Nutter said, "I just think this is a sad situation for everyone, but I still feel some closure."

"The sentence, I believe, was just," he added. "I think that Mr. Vatamaniuc is a dangerous person who needs to be kept out of society. I hope he can be rehabilitated in prison."

Michael Nutter said he hopes to one day hike the Appalachian Trail as a tribute to his late son and "to start putting my shattered life together."

Assistant State's Attorney

Jeff Pavletic said he hoped the successful prosecution of Vatamaniuc "made some ground to provide some closure to the family."

Defense attorney LaTonya Burton, however, expressed disappointment with the verdict.

"I would say justice was not served today," Burton said. "A victim of bullying, provocation and manipulation was sentenced to 54 years in prison."

Burton added she believes that the defendant who was the ringleader and whom she has argued was the triggerman, Schenk, will never see more than 60 years.

Under a plea deal, Schenk faces a sentence of 20 to 60 years. Vatamaniuc faced between 35 and 75 years.

News-Sun's Jim Newton contributed.

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Shot fired in Water Tower

No one reported hit on 7th floor outside Macy's

BY ESE OLUMHENSE
Chicago Tribune

Water Tower Place was "safe and clear" after someone fired a shot during a fight inside the shopping mall Friday night.

There were no reports of anyone struck, Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said.

It happened about 6:15 p.m. outside Macy's on the seventh floor of the mall, 835 N. Michigan Ave., on the city's Magnificent Mile.

A dispute between two groups erupted and then ended when someone fired a gun, police said.

The groups ran away, and no was arrested.

Friday evening, several Chicago police officers stood outside the entrance to Macy's on the seventh floor, turning away shoppers approaching the de-



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Police investigate after a shot was fired inside Water Tower Place on Friday. No one was reported struck, police said.

partment store. There was no visible crime scene tape.

Several shoppers remained in the mall, which was not shut down.

Two girls were outside at Chicago and Michigan avenues, walking away from the mall, crying and talking on cellphones. They said they were inside and heard shots but didn't

see anything.

A man who was working at a cellphone stand on the seventh floor said he didn't know what was going on, and a woman who walked away from Macy's said a group of guys shot a gun.

Three friends visiting the mall for smoothies and clothes shopping spent the afternoon there. They

didn't hear much, they said, just what sounded like banging when they were on the sixth floor.

The three said they were later surprised to see a "whole bunch of cops — cops with machine guns," said a 13-year-old girl.

Otherwise, things seemed normal. People were shopping, stores were

open and people were eating. Vendors at kiosks on the seventh floor were still handing out samples, and no stores look closed except Macy's. People outside the mall did not seem aware of the incident.

Area Central detectives were investigating.

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Lawyers in high-rise stabbing case gagged

Former NW prof charged with boyfriend's slaying

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

A Cook County judge has quietly placed a gag order on attorneys involved in the case of a former Northwestern professor and a British national charged in a fatal stabbing last summer.

Court records indicate that Judge Charles Burns signed the order Feb. 14, but there has been no public discussion of the gag order in recent court hearings, including on Friday.

Burns has given no public reason of the need for the gag order prohibiting lawyers and law enforcement officials from publicly expressing opinions about the case or discussing potential evidence or testimony.

The order allows lawyers to speak only about the essential facts of the case or to quote from public records.

The case attracted widespread attention last summer when Wyndham Latham and Andrew Warren were charged with first-degree murder in the gruesome death of Latham's boyfriend, Trenton Cornell-Duranleau, 26.

Prosecutors said the two stabbed him some 70 times in Latham's high-rise apartment in the 500 block of North State Street as part of a bizarre sexual fantasy.

Latham and Warren led authorities on a nationwide manhunt until the two surrendered in California more than a week after the slaying. They were brought back to Chicago and ordered held without bail.

Latham, 43, was an associate professor of microbiology at Northwestern until he was fired while on the lam. Warren, 57, a British national, was suspended as a financial officer at Somerville College, part of the University of Oxford system.

Latham's attorneys have disputed prosecutors' claims, saying they rest largely on Warren's admissions to police.

At Friday's hearing, prosecutors sought permission to search Latham's cellphone, saying they believe he sent a video to his parents and texts to others after the stabbing in July.

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Emanuel dodges latest LaGrier case controversy

BY JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel didn't say directly Friday whether he would apologize to the mother of Quintonio LeGrier — a 19-year-old shot to death by a Chicago police officer in 2015 — after court records show an attorney representing the city asked if she had engaged in prostitution with the teen's father.

Asked whether he would apologize to Janet Cooksey for the latest controversy in LeGrier's family's lawsuit against the city, Emanuel said, "We spoke clearly on that."

Walking to his waiting car after a pothole patching event in the South Shore neighborhood, the

mayor also noted that the LeGrier estate's suit is ongoing. "Listen, it's a trial, so I'm under, it's an ongoing trial so I've been clear on that aspect," Emanuel said when asked what he can do to prevent city lawyers from being part of these kinds of controversies.

During a Feb. 14 deposition in the case, Barrett Boudreaux, a private lawyer representing the city, asked Cooksey, "how was it that Quintonio was conceived?" with his father, Antonio LeGrier, according to a partial transcript. The court records show Boudreaux then asked, "So Antonio approached you about a sexual relationship in exchange for money, is that correct?"

After LeGrier's family filed a motion Thursday

arguing that private lawyers representing the city displayed "contemptible behavior" during depositions, city Corporation Counsel Edward Siskel released a statement saying he expects "any attorney representing the city to conduct themselves within the bounds set by the courts."

"There can be no exceptions," Siskel said. "We are conducting a review of the motion and depositions, and if we find the attorneys' questions were outside of the scope allowed by the judge, or if their actions were improper, we will not hesitate to take action."

LeGrier — who was clutching a bat when he was killed — and bystander Bettie Jones were fatally

shot by police Officer Robert Rialmo in 2015.

The LeGrier family motion comes less than three months after another private lawyer for the city sought to sue LeGrier's estate to shift some of the blame and financial liability for Jones' death onto the estate. The city's lawyers backed off after a Chicago Tribune story on the filing sparked outrage on social media. Saying he had not known about the legal maneuver, Emanuel called it "callous" and telephoned his apologies to LeGrier's father.

About 4:30 a.m. on Dec. 26, 2015, Rialmo and his partner responded to 911 calls about a disturbance at an apartment in the 4700 block of West Erie Street where LeGrier was staying

with his father.

Jones, who lived downstairs, answered the door and pointed police to the second floor. LeGrier then came down the stairs and moved toward the officers with a bat, according to an analysis released by Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office, which declined to bring criminal charges against Rialmo.

As Rialmo backed down the stairs, he fired eight times, hitting LeGrier six times, according to prosecutors. Jones, who was standing behind the teen, was shot once in the chest.

Rialmo's attorney, Joel Brodsky, has said his client was justified in firing in self-defense.

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DuPage heroin dealer convicted of drug-induced homicide

BY CLIFFORD WARD
Chicago Tribune

A DuPage County jury on Thursday evening found a former Melrose Park man guilty of selling heroin that led to the overdose death of a Naperville man, according to prosecutors.

After deliberating just over half an hour, jurors

returned a guilty verdict against Kevin Liszka, 34, for drug-induced homicide.

The verdict came after a three-day trial in front of Judge George Bakalis.

Authorities charged Liszka after the heroin overdose death of Marcus Penton, of Naperville.

Penton, 26, died Feb. 19, 2015, after injecting heroin

that he received from a friend named Skyler Sabala, who had purchased the drugs from Liszka.

Sabala, a former Naperville resident, pleaded guilty to drug charges in October 2016 in Penton's death and was sentenced to 7 years in prison.

Liszka faces a 6- to

30-year prison term. No date has been set yet for sentencing. According to court records, he has two previous drug convictions in DuPage, including a possession of a controlled substance conviction that led to a 4½-year prison sentence in 2010.

"This case demonstrates the commitment of law

enforcement professionals to ferret out the drug dealers who have caused this drug epidemic and in doing so enriched their own lives while others pay with theirs," State's Attorney Robert Berlin said in a statement Thursday night.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

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Slain dad was cop, Iraq War veteran

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campus police department said Davis Jr. was taken to a hospital Thursday night by campus police because of a drug-related health problem, possibly an overdose. Authorities did not elaborate.

Bellwood police Chief Jimenez Allen confirmed Friday that Davis Sr. was a part-time officer in the village and called it "a very difficult time" for the department.

An Illinois legislator whose district includes Bellwood, Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, said in a Tweet on Friday afternoon: "My sincerest condolences go out to the family of Bellwood Police Officer James Davis Sr. and his wife who were shot and killed this morning. May they RIP."

The younger Davis attended Plainfield South for three years, then completed

high school at Plainfield Central, where he played basketball and graduated in 2016, Plainfield Community School District 202 officials confirmed.

They declined to comment further "out of respect to the family."

Campus police identified and released a photo of Davis Jr. during an afternoon news conference. Klaus said surveillance video suggests he fled on foot after the 8:30 a.m. shooting at Campbell Hall. Police warned the public not to confront him. Earlier Friday, they said they suspected he was still in the central Michigan area.

Jordan Murphy, a longtime friend of Davis Sr., said they worked together as Illinois Army National Guard recruiters after being deployed together as part of



Davis Sr.

Operation Iraqi Freedom. Murphy said Davis Sr., who went by Eric, brought his son to Murphy's home on several occasions.

"Junior was a very respectful man, raised by upstanding parents, who would do anything to protect him and his siblings," Murphy said. "This is an incredibly tragic event, and I pray for Eric's other children. This is so incredibly out of character, something went wrong somewhere."

Murphy called Eric and Diva Davis "loving, ever-present parents who doted on their children."

Besides Davis Jr., the couple had a daughter and another son.

Lt. Col. Brad Leighton, public affairs director of the Illinois National Guard, said Davis Sr. served with the guard for 24 years before

retiring in 2014. His time in the guard included a 2003 deployment to Iraq, when he was with the 1244th Transportation Company out of North Riverside. Later, he worked as a recruiter out of the Joliet Armory, Leighton said.

Julian Leal, who lives on the same block as the Davis home in Plainfield, called Davis Sr. a good neighbor, the type who would shovel out his neighbors after a snowstorm.

"We had picnics in our backyard," Leal said. "I just had a beer with him last week. We talked about our kids who are in college. He was proud of his son."

Leal added there was no hint of any problems or violence. "We're all confused and at a loss," he said. "We're telling our kids to be strong and pray for them. They wouldn't want us to fall apart."

Klaus, the campus police lieutenant in Michigan, said

anyone who sees Davis Jr. shouldn't confront him, but needs to call 911. Officials at the school, which has about 23,000 students, urged everyone on campus to take shelter.

"He should be considered armed and dangerous," said Klaus, adding that Davis Jr. was wearing a black hoodie but had been shedding certain clothes while on the run.

The shooting occurred on the last day of classes before spring break at the Mount Pleasant campus, which is about 70 miles north of Lansing and is about a 270-mile drive from Chicago. Parents who were trying to pick up students were told instead to go to a local hotel where staff would assist them while the manhunt was ongoing.

The school posted an alert Friday morning on social media about shots being fired at Campbell Hall. An automated phone

message also was sent to students.

Halie Byron, 20, said she locked herself in her off-campus house, about a 10-minute walk from Campbell Hall. She had planned to run errands before traveling home to the Detroit area.

"It's scary thinking about how easy a shooter can come into a college campus anywhere — a classroom, a library. There's so much easy access," Byron said.

In the surrounding community, students and staff in the Mount Pleasant school district were told not to leave nine buildings. Visitors also weren't being allowed to enter.

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Madigan remains hot topic for Dems

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the late President John F. Kennedy.

Previously, Kennedy has said Madigan should step aside at least temporarily from his party chairmanship so that an independent investigation can be conducted into his handling of harassment complaints lodged against his political operation. Those complaints, stemming from the 2016 campaign, led Madigan to recently shed two top longtime political operatives and form a three-woman panel to make recommendations on issues dealing with sexual harassment.

In one of the cases, Madigan parted ways with veteran operative Kevin Quinn. It came as former Madigan political worker Alaina Hampton complained of sexual harassment and provided texts showing Quinn had repeatedly pursued a relationship despite her declining his overtures. Hampton quickly got the green light from the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission to file a federal lawsuit.

Additionally, Democratic state Senate President John Cullerton has come under fire from some party mem-



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Democratic gubernatorial candidates Robert Marshall, from left, Tio Hardiman, Chris Kennedy, J.B. Pritzker, Bob Daiber and Daniel Biss prepare to debate Friday night at ABC7's Chicago studios.

bers over his decision to put money into the re-election of state Sen. Ira Silverstein of Chicago following a complaint of sexual harassment. An inspector general report concluded Silverstein did not commit sexual harassment but did commit "conduct unbecoming of a legislator" in his relationship with a victim's rights advocate.

"I think we have to set the tone at the top ... and the governor can play an important role there," Kennedy said when asked about the #MeToo movement against sexual harassment. "The governor can appoint leadership by women throughout government so there is an example to everyone." After the debate, Kennedy's campaign said his eldest daughter, Kate, had served as a page for the Democrats

in the U.S. Senate.

Even before more harassment issues began to surface in Springfield, Kennedy frequently had attacked Madigan's private law firm that handles property assessment reduction appeals. Kennedy has called that a conflict of interest in a state heavily reliant on property taxes to fund public education.

Madigan's role has become an ever-present theme during the candidate forums, and Pritzker once again found himself trying to separate himself from the speaker. It's an issue that has been pushed by Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and the state GOP that Rauner heavily bankrolls. Though Madigan has not formally endorsed the heir to the Hyatt Hotel fortune, Pritzker has been backed by

leading Madigan allies in organized labor and Democratic organizations.

"I'm an independent leader and I have been my whole life and that won't change when I become governor," Pritzker said. He said he was "pretty sure" Madigan didn't agree with his support of term limits on legislative leaders and a more independent process to draw legislative districts. Biss, seeking to align himself with progressive supporters of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' unsuccessful 2016 presidential campaign, continued to poke at wealthier rivals Pritzker and Kennedy. The political system had been "taken over by people who want to buy elections instead of earn votes," Biss said.

"It's incredible to me that in the era of (President

Donald) Trump and Rauner, here in the Democratic primary for governor of Illinois we have two guys in this primary, J.B. Pritzker and Chris Kennedy, who are going to tell us that because of their experience as wealthy businessmen, they know how to create jobs for the state of Illinois. Let's not make that mistake again," Biss said.

Kennedy also has criticized the record \$56.2 million that Pritzker has put into his own campaign, but said he doesn't think Americans "believe in class warfare. I think the notion of pitting people against each other in our country really has no place." After the debate, Kennedy criticized Biss directly for trying to wage "class warfare" and suggesting that "being successful is disqualifying" for

public office.

One issue of contrast came between Kennedy and candidate Bob Daiber, the Madison County regional superintendent of schools, over the issue of toughening school defenses in the wake of the Feb. 14 killing of 17 people at a Parkland, Fla., high school.

Kennedy said "the notion of hardening the target" and "protecting the schools" is "not what we need to do and that will never work."

"You could have all the police protection in the world. You could have Secret Service protection. But you can still be the victim of violence. I know that that's true in my family," he said, a reference to his uncle and father, who were each assassinated.

But Daiber said he believed it was best to "protect children as they enter our schools if we have armed school resources officers there." He proposed using property tax funds for school "health, life and safety" improvements to pay for the extra security.

Also taking part in the debate was community activist Tio Hardiman and perennial candidate Robert Marshall.

The Democratic gubernatorial candidates' final debate is scheduled for March 14 on WTTW. On the GOP side, Rauner and his challenger, state Rep. Jeanne Ives, have had just one joint forum, in January before the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board. No others are scheduled.

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Graham laid to rest next to wife

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forted us."

Franklin Graham's message, which included a call to repentance and salvation, followed remarks by his siblings in a service that lasted just over an hour before an invitation-only crowd of about 2,000.

"I believe, from Heaven's perspective, that my father's death is as significant as his life. And his life was very significant. But I think when he died, that was something very strategic from Heaven's point of view," said his daughter Anne Graham Lotz, later adding: "I believe God is saying: 'Wake up, church! Wake up, world!'"

Those in attendance included President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and their wives. Neither Pence nor Trump spoke during the service that was streamed live online, but they met privately with the family beforehand.

The funeral planning began a decade ago with Billy Graham himself. It also reflected his family's desire to capture the feeling of the crusades that made him the world's best-known Protestant preacher of his era. Graham, who died last

week at age 99, brought a message of salvation to millions during visits and live broadcasts to scores of countries.

The funeral served as a Billy Graham crusade told through his children. Lotz read Scripture, inserting her name into the passages to make her relationship with God more personal and breaking it down intellectually, like her father.

Youngest daughter Ruth Graham spoke of her shame after a traumatic divorce and hasty second marriage, which turned out to be a mistake.

"What was I going to say to daddy?" she said. "You women will understand, you don't want to embarrass your father. You really don't want to embarrass Billy Graham!"

Yet her father was standing outside waiting for her when she drove up the mountain to her parents' home.

"He wrapped his arms around me. He said, 'Welcome home. There was no shame, there was no blame, there was no condemnation. Just unconditional love.'"

And oldest son Franklin, now CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Associ-



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About 2,000 mourners attended the funeral for the Rev. Billy Graham at the library bearing the evangelical minister's name in Charlotte, N.C. A private internment followed.

ation, wrapped up with his father's central theme: that the only path to salvation is to accept Jesus Christ.

While Franklin Graham steered clear of politics during his message, the Trumps and Pences were the first guests he welcomed as he began.

And his invitation to be saved by Jesus contained this barb: "The world, with all of its political correctness, would want you to believe that there are many roads to God. It's just not true."

Like Graham's famous crusades, the funeral featured singers who had shared his stage in years

past: Linda McCrary-Fisher, Michael W. Smith and the Gaither Vocal Band.

The lineup of clergy and singers from as near as North Carolina and as far away as Asia, was racially diverse — more so than the mostly white audience.

The funeral came at the end of more than a week of mourning that included crowds lining the road for a procession from Graham's home in the mountains to the Charlotte, where Graham grew up.

About 13,000 people, including former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, filed past his casket during a public viewing in

Charlotte this week. And on Wednesday, Graham became the first private citizen since civil rights icon Rosa Parks in 2005 to lie in honor at the Capitol Rotunda in Washington.

Graham was being buried next to his wife in a memorial prayer garden at the Billy Graham Library, with his grandchildren serving as pallbearers. His pine plywood casket was made by inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. The grave marker reads: "Preacher of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Friday's goodbye emphasized the message that only

Graham mourned in Wheaton

Mourners gathered at Wheaton College chapel to honor the Rev. Billy Graham, who graduated from the suburban Chicago school in 1943.

Several hundred people attended the Friday morning memorial service, held the same day as the Christian evangelist's funeral in North Carolina. Those in attendance in Wheaton watched a livestream of Graham's funeral.

Graham met his wife, Ruth Bell, at the Christian liberal arts college and preached on Sundays in downtown Wheaton. He was on the school's board of trustees for decades.

— Associated Press

Graham's earthly journey has come to an end, a point underscored by Franklin Graham as he stood behind the same pulpit his father used in the 1990s.

Graham recalled one of his father's frequent sayings that people shouldn't believe it when they hear the famous evangelist had died: "He said: 'I'll be more alive than I am now. I'll have just changed addresses, that's all.'"

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For crusading AG, boss's digs just a 'cross'

BY JOSEPH TANFANI
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Even as President Donald Trump has raged at Attorney General Jeff Sessions, calling his actions “disgraceful” this week, Sessions arguably has done more to deliver on Trump’s hard-right agenda than any other member of the Cabinet.

From immigration enforcement to battling sanctuary cities, from opposing marijuana legalization to stopping what Trump labeled “carnage in America” in his inaugural speech, Sessions has proved a stalwart ally, if only because the issues were already part of his own conservative political agenda.

After months of silently enduring Trump’s taunts and tweets — the president mockd the attorney general as “very weak” and “beleaguered,” and all but invited him to quit — Sessions raised eyebrows this week when he publicly pushed back for the first time.

In a Justice Department statement Wednesday, Sessions suggested the president had gone too far by questioning his decision to refer an internal dispute over a surveillance warrant to the department’s inspector general, as regulations require, rather than to its prosecutors, as Trump had demanded earlier that day on Twitter.

“As long as I am the attorney general, I will continue to discharge my duties with integrity and honor, and this department will continue to do its work in a fair and impartial manner according to the law and Constitution,” he wrote.

Trump has made no secret of his anger ever since



EVAN VUCCI/AP

To stand up for the Justice Department, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, right, has endured President Trump’s abuse.

Sessions stepped aside last March from supervising the Russia investigation that has cast a dark cloud over the White House, a decision that Trump apparently viewed as a betrayal of Sessions’ loyalty to him.

Despite Sessions’ hard-right bona fides — he was considered one of the most conservative members of the U.S. Senate during his four terms in office — other conservatives have piled on.

But Sessions has shown no sign he’s about to give in.

Friends and associates say he is willing to endure the abuse to stand up for the Justice Department and the rule of law, and continue his mission of remaking its policies to fit his deeply conservative, tough-on-crime philosophy.

“He’s decided he’s not

going to be run out by the president,” said Armand DeKeyser, Sessions’ former chief of staff in the Senate. “He knows the bullets are flying all around him, and at him — most of the time at him. Nothing has been a mortal wound so far. I think he’ll keep fighting the good fight and keep doing the best he can to protect the Justice Department.”

Sessions spent six years as an assistant U.S. attorney in Alabama before President Ronald Reagan nominated him in 1981 to be U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, a job he held for 12 years.

Over that time, Sessions developed a strong affection for the Justice Department and its traditions, friends and associates say.

Sessions was the first U.S.

senator to endorse Trump’s presidential campaign, and he did so when most of his Senate colleagues and the GOP were openly disdainful. As a key adviser, Sessions strongly supported the harsh anti-immigration message that helped propel Trump to the White House.

“Immigration is (Trump’s) thing, it’s what he sees as most important — and Sessions is one of the people who is making that happen,” said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a group that pushes for lower immigration, both legal and illegal.

As a senator, Sessions was a fierce fighter for the anti-immigration cause, playing a key role in the defeat of two major reform bills, including an ambitious

effort in 2013 that had bipartisan support.

“In a sense, the president’s attacks on him are the cross he has to bear in order to bring about the changes he thinks are necessary,” said Krikorian, who grades Sessions an “A-plus” on immigration issues important to his group.

Though the Department of Homeland Security handles immigration enforcement, Sessions has utilized nearly every tool available at the Justice Department to support the crackdown under the Trump.

He has added 50 immigration judges to reduce a backlog that has clogged courts and delayed deportations. He has applied pressure on so-called sanctuary states and cities that don’t cooperate with immigra-

tion enforcement.

And he has provided Trump with the legal opinion to support the president’s decision to end the Obama-era program that deferred deportations for more than 700,000 so-called Dreamers, undocumented migrants who came to the U.S. as children.

When Trump decided to rescind the program, it was Sessions who announced it.

He has moved to support the controversial practice of civil forfeiture, when law enforcement seizes property used in crimes.

With an antipathy to drugs dating to his experience as a prosecutor in the 1970s, Sessions also canceled an Obama administration policy that provided harbor for states that legalized recreational marijuana.

In what could prove one of his most consequential changes, he told federal prosecutors to once again file the toughest charges possible against defendants in drug cases, scrapping an Obama-era policy by former Attorney General Eric Holder that encouraged more discretion against low-level offenders.

He also has worked to scuttle a proposed bipartisan sentencing reform bill in the Senate, drawing an angry rebuke from his former colleague, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, head of the Judiciary Committee.

In a speech in San Diego on Friday, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein spoke up for Sessions and the department’s “ethics and professionalism.”

“History will reflect that the Department of Justice operated with integrity on our watch,” Rosenstein said.

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U.S. steel firms were told at the White House on Thursday tariffs will last “a long while.”

Senior White House official: Tariffs apply to all countries

BY DON LEE
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The White House scrambled Friday to deal with a flood of questions and criticisms from around the globe after President Donald Trump’s surprise announcement a day earlier that he would impose tariffs of 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on aluminum from China and other countries.

In a hastily called briefing for reporters, one senior administration official said the new tariffs would apply to those metals imported from all nations, clarifying whether Trump might exempt certain allies, like Canada.

But the official left open the door to changes as he described the double-digit duties as a “preliminary decision” and said the president’s tariff proclamation “in principle” would be finalized next week after a legal scrubbing.

The official provided no other details of the measure, which Trump indicated he would sign sometime next week. Trump also told steel executives called to the White House on Thursday that the tariffs would last “a long while.”

Trump’s announcement surprised some of his own top officials, who on Friday appeared to be continuing an internecine battle in the White House over Trump’s protectionist leanings.

Officials also sought to contain fallout from Trump’s roll-out of the tariff news, which shocked U.S. lawmakers and business groups, and elicited a sharp response from Canada, the biggest exporter of steel to the U.S..

European Union officials said they would target U.S. products like bourbon and Harley Davidson motorcycles for tariffs if Trump carried out his plan to levy tariffs on the metals.

European firm Swedish-based Electrolux also said it is putting on hold its \$250 million commitment to invest in a Tennessee plant because of concerns about the impact of potential tariffs on imported steel and aluminum.

Major stock indexes in Europe and Asia sank Friday on fears of a trade war. Stocks in the U.S. ended moderately down Friday after plunging the previous day after Trump’s announcement.

Trump on Friday morning brushed off concerns

about the downside risks of his planned tariffs, tweeting that “trade wars are good, and easy to win.”

Trump’s authority to impose the tariffs is based on a U.S. law that grants the president wide discretion to apply trade sanctions on the grounds of national security. In a series of tweets, Trump reiterated the need to “protect our country and our workers,” and seemed to single out China without naming it: When “a certain country” gets “cute,” he wrote, “don’t trade anymore—we win big. It’s easy!”

But China was only the 11th-largest exporter of steel to the United States last year. About 40 percent of American steel imports come from countries in which the U.S. has collective defense alliances such as Canada, Germany and South Korea, said Andy Rothman, an investment strategist at Matthews Asia in San Francisco.

Many Republicans also oppose Trump’s trade stance. Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska, said in a statement, “Trade wars are never won. Trade wars are lost by both sides.”

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The nor'easter knocked out power to 1.6 million customers on the East Coast.

At least 5 dead as nor'easter pounds Atlantic Seaboard

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BOSTON — A nor'easter pounded the Atlantic coast with hurricane-force winds and sideways rain and snow Friday, flooding streets, grounding flights, stopping trains and leaving 1.6 million customers without power from North Carolina to Maine. At least five people were killed by falling trees or branches.

The storm submerged cars and toppled tractor-trailers, sent waves higher than a two-story house crashing into the Massachusetts coast, forced schools and businesses to close early and caused a rough ride for passengers aboard a flight that landed at Dulles Airport outside Washington.

“Pretty much everyone on the plane threw up,” a pilot wrote in a report to the National Weather Service.

The Eastern Seaboard was hammered by gusts exceeding 50 mph, with winds of 80 to 90 mph on Cape Cod, Ohio and upstate New York got a foot or more of snow. Boston and Rhode Island were expected to get 2 to 5 inches.

The storm killed at least

five people, including a 77-year-old woman struck by a branch outside her home near Baltimore. Fallen trees also killed a man and a 6-year-old boy in different parts of Virginia, an 11-year-old boy in New York state and a man in Newport, R.I.

Floodwaters in Quincy, Mass., submerged cars, and police rescued people trapped in their vehicles.

High waves battered nearby Scituate, making roads impassable and turning parking lots into small ponds. More than 1,800 people alerted Scituate officials they had evacuated, The Boston Globe reported.

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker activated 200 National Guard members to help victims.

Airlines canceled more than 2,800 flights, mostly in the Northeast. LaGuardia and Kennedy airports in New York City were brought to a near standstill.

President Donald Trump, who traveled to North Carolina for the funeral for the Rev. Billy Graham, was forced to fly out of Dulles instead of Joint Base Andrews in Maryland, where Air Force

One is housed, because of high winds.

Amtrak suspended service along the Northeast Corridor, from Washington to Boston. In New Jersey, a tree hit overhead wires, forcing the suspension of some New Jersey Transit commuter service.

Winds toppled a truck on Rhode Island’s Newport Pell Bridge, prompting officials to close all major bridges in the state to commercial vehicles. A tractor-trailer also tipped over on New York’s Tappan Zee Bridge, snarling traffic for hours.

The federal government closed all offices in the Washington area for the day. Smithsonian museums also shut their doors.

In the western New York town of Hornell, 30-year-old Anna Stewart was milking the 130 cows of her dairy farm in a barn powered by a generator hooked up to a tractor.

Stewart lost power Thursday night. Hornell got more than 14 inches of snow.

“The snow is pretty wet and heavy. It’s taken down a lot of lines,” Stewart said. “There’s more snow than I’ve seen in quite a few years.”

NEWS BRIEFING

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State Dept. establishes N. Korea used nerve agent in 2017 killing

WASHINGTON — The U.S. has determined that North Korea used chemical weapons, an apparent reference to the killing of leader Kim Jong Un's half-brother last year.

The State Department did not provide justification for the finding publicized Friday. But it comes nearly one year after Kim Jong Nam died at an international airport in Malaysia in an attack authorities said used VX nerve agent.

The determination, made by the department's international security and nonproliferation bureau, carries restrictions on U.S. foreign aid and financial and military assistance that North Korea's heavily sanctioned government is already subject to. It takes effect Monday.

Experts say the 2017 death of Kim Jong Nam at Kuala Lumpur airport is the only confirmed North Korean use of chemical weapon agents.

8 dead, 80 injured as extremists attack capital in Burkina Faso

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso — Islamic extremists struck the French Embassy and army headquarters in simultaneous attacks of gunfire and explosives Friday in Burkina Faso's capital, killing eight people and wounding more than 80 others. All eight militants were slain by security forces.

The violence, which the government called a terrorist attack, marked a

further deterioration in former French colony's perilous security situation. Islamic militants already have struck twice since January 2016 in the West African country, prompting criticism of the military response each time.

No group claimed responsibility for Friday's attacks. The landlocked nation of Burkina Faso is one of the poorest countries in the world.

Trump picks Dow Chemical attorney for key role at EPA

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Friday tapped a chemical industry insider to run the Environmental Protection Agency office that oversees emergency response to hazardous spills and cleanups of the nation's most toxic sites.

The White House said Trump nominated Peter Wright to serve as EPA's assistant administrator for Land and Emergency Management. Wright has

worked as a corporate lawyer at Dow Chemical Co. since 1999.

Despite Trump's pledge to "drain the swamp," Wright's nomination is the latest example of the president appointing corporate lawyers or lobbyists to supervise offices that regulate their former employers. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said Wright is "exceptionally qualified" to lead the land office.



EVERT ELSINGA/EPA

Nobody complained about the cold Friday at Amsterdam's Prinsengracht canal, which was thick enough for residents to glide across. Tourists to the Netherlands took selfies.

'Beast from the East' system sends big chill across Europe

LONDON — As unusually cold weather gripped Europe, Britain's military was sent out Friday to central and western England to get hospital employees to work and help police rescue people from snow-bound vehicles.

Nicknamed "The Beast from the East," the cold front caused travel chaos, with hundreds of flights canceled in the United Kingdom, Ireland and Switzerland. Trains broke down. Motorists found themselves stuck on highways and trapped in frosty conditions for hours.

"This is particularly un-

usual weather," British Transport Secretary Chris Grayling said. "It's something that happens very rarely in this country."

Up to three feet of snow was reported in eastern Ireland, and travelers were stranded south and west of Dublin.

The big chill also froze canals in the Dutch capital, Amsterdam. Ice on Prinsengracht canal was thick enough for residents to lace up their skates and glide across its frozen surface.

"It's just cool. You can go fast and you see the world from a slightly different perspective," skater Noldus

Reijnders said.

Heathrow Airport tweeted Friday that it was working with airlines to consolidate the flight schedule "to provide more certainty around departing flights," amid the extreme winter conditions in Europe. Gatwick, London City, Edinburgh and Glasgow airports also reported cancellations.

The army sent 20 soldiers and 10 four-wheel drive vehicles to Shropshire, the county south of Liverpool, and the Royal Marines sent resources to the southwest coast after police asked for help.

Illnesses fall as worst of bad U.S. flu season over

NEW YORK — The worst of the nation's nasty flu season is finally over.

The season apparently peaked in early February and has been fading since, health officials said Friday.

While the peak may have passed, the season isn't finished yet. Reports of flu remained widespread in 45

states, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

"The season's not over but we're definitely on the downward trend right now," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, the CDC's acting director.

So far this season, health officials said 14 children

have died from the flu.

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness, spread by a virus. It can cause a miserable but relatively mild illness in many people, but a more severe illness in others.

In a bad season, there are as many as 56,000 deaths connected to the flu.

Israeli police question PM, his wife over telecom case

JERUSALEM — Israeli police questioned Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, as part of an investigation into a corruption case involving the country's telecom giant Friday, casting a shadow on the prime minister's visit to Washington next week.

Netanyahu's wife was questioned at another location at the same time as the prime minister.

Last month, two Netanyahu confidants were arrested on suspicion of promoting regulation worth hundreds of millions of dollars to the Bezeq telecom company.

In return, Bezeq's news site, Walla, allegedly provided positive Netanyahu coverage.

It was the first time that Netanyahu, who as prime minister also held the communications portfolio until last year, was questioned over the affair, known as Case 4000.

A \$31.5 million victims' fund that started as a GoFundMe effort announced plans Friday to pay \$275,000 to the families of each of the 58 people killed in the Las Vegas mass shooting Oct. 1. The fund said the maximum \$275,000 also will be paid to 10 who were paralyzed or suffered permanent brain damage.

Power went out Friday in San Juan, Puerto Rico, for the second day in a row as the U.S. territory struggles to restore electricity to over 200,000 people who remain in the dark nearly six months after Hurricane Maria. On Thursday, 800,000 customers were left in the dark after two power stations shut down.

U.S. makes Cuba staff cuts permanent

BY JOSH LEDERMAN AND MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Citing mysterious "health attacks" in Havana, the United States said Friday it was making permanent its withdrawal of 60 percent of its diplomats from Cuba as investigations continue.

Last October, the State Department ordered non-essential embassy personnel and the families of all staff to leave Havana, arguing the U.S. could not protect them from unexplained illnesses that have harmed at least 24 Americans.

But by law, the department can order diplomats to leave for only six months before either sending them back or making the reductions permanent. The six months expire Sunday.

The department said it set in place a new, permanent staffing that maintains a lower level of two dozen people — "the minimum



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The State Department set in place a new, permanent plan that keeps about two dozen people in Cuba.

personnel necessary."

The department also said that the embassy in Havana would operate as an "unaccompanied post," meaning diplomats posted there will

not be allowed to have spouses or children live with them in the country.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson signed off on the new staffing out of concern for "the health, safety and well-being of U.S. government personnel and family members," the department said in a statement.

"We still do not have definitive answers on the source or cause of the attacks, and an investigation into the attacks is ongoing," the department said.

Cuba has repeatedly denied either involvement in or knowledge of any attacks, and has said its own investigation into the illnesses has turned up no evidence of deliberate action.

The United States has not accused Cuba of such action but has said Havana holds responsibility nonetheless, arguing that such incidents could not have occurred on the small, communist-run island without the knowledge of Cuban officials.

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MacNeal Hospital under Loyola's wing

Sale finalized; Presence Health now part of Amita Health group

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-QUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Loyola Medicine's \$270 million acquisition of MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn was finalized Thursday.

MacNeal, a 374-bed teaching hospital with more than 550 medical staff members, is now part of a regional nonprofit Catholic health system that includes Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood and Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Melrose Park.

Also Thursday, Presence Health became part of Amita Health, which now has 19 hospitals, more than any other hospital system in the state. Amita is a joint

operating company formed by Adventist Midwest Health and Ascension's Alexian Brothers Health System.

No money changed hands, though St. Louis-based Ascension will take on Presence's liabilities.

Presence is one of the largest Catholic health systems in Illinois, with 10 hospitals and 4,000 medical staff members. Ascension is the nation's largest nonprofit health system and the largest Catholic health system in the world.

Over time, the Presence name will disappear and be replaced with the Amita name.

The acquisitions mark the latest in a trend of

hospital mergers that executives say are meant to lower costs and improve patient care.

MacNeal was sold by for-profit hospital chain Tenet Healthcare Corp., which is exiting the Chicago market. Loyola's acquisition of MacNeal includes its affiliated operations, including Chicago Health System, Chicago Market Laboratories and some physicians of Chicago Health Medical Group.

MacNeal's conversion from a for-profit hospital that pays property taxes to a nonprofit hospital that does not has raised concerns in Berwyn, which collected about \$3.3 million annually in property tax revenue



BUSINESS WIRE PHOTO

MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn was sold for \$270 million to Loyola Medicine.

from the hospital campus, its single largest property taxpayer. Other taxpayers likely will see their tax bills rise to make up the difference.

"We look forward to serving a greater number of patients through our expanded delivery network,

thanks to the resources, providers and value-added care made possible by adding MacNeal Hospital and its physicians to our system," said Larry M. Goldberg, president and CEO of Loyola Medicine and Trinity Health's Illinois region. Loyola is a member of

Trinity Health, another of the nation's largest health systems.

Patients can expect to see signage changes soon. MacNeal is keeping its name.

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After Delta Air Lines' NRA decision, Georgia lawmakers stripped a pending jet fuel tax exemption from legislation.

Delta says NRA's won't be only discount ended

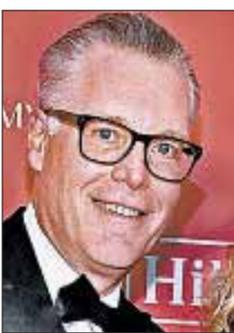
Airline CEO says all 'politically divisive' groups to lose perk

BY J. FREEDOM DU LAC AND MARWA ELTAGOURI
The Washington Post

Caught in a maelstrom over his company's decision to cut ties with the National Rifle Association, Delta Air Lines Chief Executive Ed Bastian said Friday that his intention had been to "remain neutral" and "remove Delta from this (gun control) debate." Delta, he said, is now planning to end discounts "for any group of a politically divisive nature."

The declaration from Bastian came the day after Republican lawmakers in Georgia honored their threat to punish the Atlanta-based airline for ending the NRA's group discounts; those legislators overwhelmingly approved a bill that was stripped of an earlier provision that would have granted a lucrative tax break to Delta.

In a memo issued to Delta employees and shared with the public, Bastian said he was "troubled" by the legislature's action, as well as Delta's position at the center of a national controversy. "I know it is not comfortable to be caught in a highly emotional debate," he wrote, adding, "We are at our best when we bring our



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CEO Ed Bastian said he was "troubled" by the legislative action and that Delta's "values are not for sale."

customers and our world closer together."

The airline had been under attack from gun rights activists since Saturday, when it abruptly discontinued flight discounts to the NRA's annual convention and asked the gun rights group to remove the information about the perk from the convention material. Delta had previously said that large group discounts were routine and that it "has more than 2,000 such contracts in place."

As the #BoycottNRA movement spread, NRA members — including some Georgia lawmakers — wondered why Delta wasn't discontinuing any of those discounts too. Now, Bastian said, it will drop them.

"Our people and our customers have a wide

range of views on how to increase safety in our schools and public places, and we are not taking sides," he wrote. "Our objective in removing any implied affiliation with the NRA was to remove Delta from this debate."

Bastian wrote that "while Delta's intent was to remain neutral, some elected officials in Georgia tied our decision to a pending jet fuel tax exemption, threatening to eliminate it unless we reversed course. Our decision was not made for economic gain and our values are not for sale. We are in the process of a review to end group discounts for any group of a politically divisive nature."

The memo was issued hours after Georgia lawmakers carried out the threat that Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, a Republican, made to Delta earlier this week: If the airline did not restore discounted fares to NRA members, Republicans would strike down a \$50 million sales tax exemption on jet fuel from its tax cut package. Delta, one of the state's largest employers, would have been the primary beneficiary of the exemption.

Delta announced this week that it would stop offering discounted fares to NRA members amid the national gun control debate after the deadly Valentine's Day shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland,

Fla. United Airlines, Best Western, MetLife and at least a dozen other companies also cut perks and discounts for NRA members.

On Friday, Bastian wrote: "I have tremendous respect and admiration for Governor Nathan Deal, and thank him for the work he has done on the jet fuel tax exemption. He is a great friend to Delta. I know this action by the state legislature troubled him as it does all of us."

The NRA has lashed out at companies that have dropped the discounts, saying they were participating in "a shameful display of political and civic cowardice." But the group had also downplayed the importance of Delta's action, saying the "loss of a discount will neither scare nor distract one single NRA member from our mission."

In the days since the showdown between Delta and Georgia Republicans began, top blue-state politicians have encouraged Delta to relocate its hub from Atlanta.

In his memo Friday, Bastian wrote: "None of this changes the fact that our home is Atlanta and we are proud and honored to locate our headquarters here."

He added: "And we are supporters of the 2nd Amendment, just as we embrace the entire Constitution of the United States."

Kohl's teams up with Aldi to test selling groceries

BY ABHA BHATTARAI
The Washington Post

Less is more, Kohl's executives are finding, as the department store chain continues to shrink its existing locations and whittle down the items in its stores.

Smaller stores, less inventory and newly formed partnerships with Amazon and Under Armour have helped the company turn around its business in recent months. On Thursday, Kohl's reported the largest increase in quarterly sales since 2001. Now the retailer is teaming up with discount grocer Aldi to test groceries at up to 10 of its department stores. Soon, some customers will be able to pick up milk and eggs along with their cargo shorts and yoga pants.

The goal, executives say: to get more people into their stores.

"The key priority we have as a company is to drive traffic," Kevin Mansell, the chief executive of Kohl's, said in a Thursday earnings call. "We're focused on traffic-driving retailers: Groceries, super-market chains, they drive a lot of traffic. We're finally on a path where we're getting more (shoppers)."

Sales at Kohl's stores open at least a year rose 6.3 percent during the most recent quarter; the company said Thursday, while profits increased 38 percent.

The bump in sales comes as retailers around the country experiment with their bricks-and-mortar locations. Target, Macy's and Nordstrom are distilling inventory into smaller, more-focused locations. Apple and Best Buy are adding communal spaces, demonstration areas and workshops.

Selling groceries is a popular tactic. The country's largest retailers, including Walmart, Target and Amazon, are investing heavily in their grocery businesses to persuade shoppers to stop by on a weekly basis.

"Groceries are one of the few things that most people buy routinely, which is why Amazon, Walmart and Target have been making big moves in this space," said Stephanie Waters, global retail industry principal for SAP Hybris. "But selling groceries is also very hard. It takes a lot of investment and expertise, and profit margins are very slim."

The Kohl's-Aldi tie-up, though, could be promising for both retailers, she said. The arrangement allows Kohl's to rack up additional foot traffic without having to figure out how to operate

a grocery business. And for Aldi, renting space within Kohl's stores is likely to be less costly than building stand-alone locations.

"We've seen so many different business models throughout retail, but this is the first time I've seen a department store look to groceries," Waters said. "Everyone's trying to get a share of the food dollar these days."

Analysts say Kohl's has been particularly innovative in repurposing its stores. The company's stores are primarily located in strip malls and stand-alone shopping centers, making it convenient for customers to quickly run in and out. Analysts say that approach has also given the retailer a leg up against competitors like Macy's and Sears, which are often located in malls on the outskirts of town.

But small-format stores don't always mean higher sales. Best Buy announced this week that it is closing all 257 of its smaller stand-alone stores specializing in mobile phones and other gear after a 10-year run.

"Why are we closing these stores? We began opening these stores more than a decade ago before the iPhone was even launched," Best Buy CEO Hubert Joly said on a Thursday call with analysts. "Fast forward to 2018 and the mobile phone business has matured, margins have compressed and the cost of operations in our stand-alone stores is higher than in our big-box stores."

Best Buy will focus on creating stores within its stores, including Samsung Experience Shops and Dyson demonstration areas, where customers can try out new products.

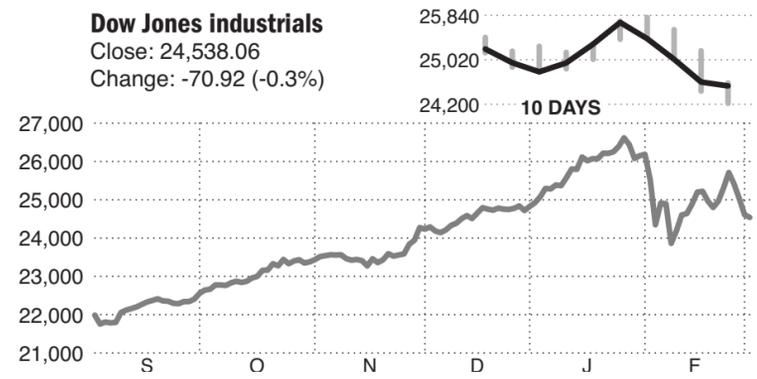
Kohl's is also expanding its partnerships with well-known brands like Nike and Skechers and offering exclusive lines from celebrities including skateboarder Tony Hawk and designer Vera Wang.

Last year, the Menomonee Falls, Wis.-based retailer began accepting Amazon.com returns at its stores. It also began opening Amazon shops within some Kohl's locations and says it plans to add more this year. (Amazon founder and chief executive Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

"This kind of thinking also shows that Kohl's understands the need to give customers reasons to visit stores and is not afraid to experiment to achieve this," Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail, wrote in a note to clients.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,592.46 Low: 24,217.76 Previous: 24,608.98



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+77.31 (+1.08%)	+13.58 (+.51%)	+25.78 (+1.71%)
Close: 7,257.87	Close: 2,691.25	Close: 1,533.17
High: 7,267.19	High: 2,696.25	High: 1,535.20
Low: 7,084.83	Low: 2,647.32	Low: 1,494.00
Previous: 7,180.56	Previous: 2,677.67	Previous: 1,507.39

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.06 to 2.87%	+18.20 to \$1,321.10	-0.70 to 105.54/\$1	-0.0051 to .8109/\$1	+0.26 to \$61.25

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-3.05	-1.08	-2.04	-3.85	+2.3	-2.57	+16.82	+23.63	+12.93

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	506.25	506.25	489	492	-13.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	377.75	380.25	376	377.25	-1.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	1057	1071	1053.50	1060.75	+3.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.09	32.63	32.05	32.06	-0.06
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	393.90	399.70	388.50	390.20	-3.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Apr 18	61.34	61.60	60.13	61.25	+0.26
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 18	2.693	2.728	2.686	2.695	-0.003
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 18	1.8935	1.9135	1.8566	1.9014	+0.0050

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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.
Abbott Labs	N	59.46	+67	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	83.60	-83
AbbVie Inc	N	115.04	+1.20	Equity Residential	N	55.96	-36
Allstate Corp	N	91.61	+0.1	Exelon Corp	N	36.92	-0.2
Aptargroup Inc	N	89.68	+58	First Indl RT	N	28.15	+11
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.20	+95	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	60.15	-0.5
Baxter Intl	N	66.28	-0.3	Gallagher AJ	N	68.66	+29
Boeing Co	N	344.67	-5.02	Grainger WW	N	255.30	-41
Brunswick Corp	N	61.18	+27	GrubHub Inc	N	99.71	+2.16
CBOE Global Markets	O	115.00	+3.64	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	82.58	+1.01
CDK Global Inc	O	68.48	+8.4	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	76.56	+2.4
CDW Corp	O	73.14	+1.06	IDEX Corp	N	137.45	+1.51
CF Industries	N	41.87	+22	ITW	N	158.56	+1.2
CME Group	O	166.26	+4.00	Ingredion Inc	N	131.20	+2.25
CNA Financial	N	50.20	+1.0	John Bean Technol	N	111.45	+1.25
Caterpillar Inc	N	146.38	-3.85	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	160.81	-1.11
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.87	+4.7	KapStone Paper	N	34.70	-0.5
Deere Co	N	153.31	-3.50	Kraft Heinz Co	O	67.17	+2.8
Discover Fin Svcs	N	75.84	+6.3	LKQ Corporation	O	38.99	-3.9
Dover Corp	N	97.97	+0.7	Littelfuse Inc	O	209.95	+2.42
Equity Commonwealth	N	29.91	+3.6	MB Financial	O	41.75	+5.9
McDonalds Corp	N	148.27	-7.43	Middleby Corp	O	119.86	+1.84
Mondelz Intl	O	44.42	+8.0	Morningstar Inc	O	63.15	+6.7
Motorola Solutions	N	106.29	-0.3	Navistar Intl	N	36.06	-0.70
NISource Inc	N	23.17	...	Ntnn Trust Cp	O	104.71	+1.04
Old Republic	N	20.03	+3.2	Packaging Corp Am	N	117.32	-1.27
Stericycle Inc	O	61.32	-7.2	Stericycle Corp	O	61.32	-7.2
TransUnion	N	57.30	-0.9	Tribune Media Co A	N	42.06	+5.8
USG Corp	N	33.45	+5.6	United Contl Hldgs	N	67.51	-0.3
Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	194.00	-6.71	Ventas Inc	N	49.86	+2.8
Walgreen Boots Alli	O	70.58	+3.8	Wintrust Financial	O	85.08	+5.6
Zebra Tech	O	135.45	-5.23				

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	31.63	+1.15
Gen Electric	14.12	+1.1
Ford Motor	10.40	+1.1
Shvstn Energy	4.47	+0.76
Penney JC Co Inc	3.71	-2.1
Chesapck Engy	2.96	+1.6
Snap Inc A	18.01	+8.0
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	7.95	+2.0
ENSCO PLC	4.42	-0.3
Vale SA	13.39	-1.9
Twitter Inc	33.00	+7.6
AK Steel Hold	5.69	+0.4
General Motors Co	37.43	-3.6
Foot Locker Inc	40.04	-5.84
Wells Fargo & Co	57.41	+1.0
Barrick Gold	11.54	+1.2
AT&T Inc	36.35	+3.5
US Steel Corp	45.39	-6.2
Valeant Pharma	14.88	-3.8
Pfizer Inc	35.95	+3.2
Citigroup	73.68	+0.2
Colony NorthStar Inc	5.69	-3.1
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.58	+0.2
WalMart Strs	88.77	-3.1

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	36.35	+3.5
Alphabet Inc C	1078.92	+9.40
Alphabet Inc A	1084.14	+12.73
Amazon.com Inc	1500.25	+6.80
Apple Inc	176.21	+1.21
Bank of America	31.63	+1.15
Berkshire Hath A	303100	+154
Berkshire Hath B	201.34	-1.9
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.55	+3.5
Facebook Inc	176.62	+6.9
Intel Corp	48.98	-1.14
JPMorgan Chase	113.32	-1.1
Johnson & Johnson	128.82	+1.54
Microsoft Corp	93.05	+2.0
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.09	-0.6
Source Cap	40.89	-0.6
Unitedhealth Group	225.19	+7.4
WalMart Strs	88.77	-3.1
Wells Fargo & Co	57.41	+1.0

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.01	+2.9	+20.2
American Funds AmcnBAlA m	26.38	+0.3	+10.1
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	151.88	+1.9	+13.3
American Funds CptInlBldrA m	61.53	+0.7	+7.8
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	56.78	+1.0	+24.4
American Funds FdmTlnvsA m	62.77	+2.5	+16.8
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	51.89	+3.5	+22.7
American Funds IncAmrCA m	22.98	+0.1	+7.5
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	40.94	+2.1	+14.5
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.59	+2.2	+23.7
American Funds WAMTlnvsA m	45.68	+2.0	+14.1
DFA EMktCorEq	23.73	+0.7	+26.9
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.60	-0.2	+2.3
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	46.09	-0.5	+15.5
Dodge & Cox Stk	205.29	+9.4	+12.2
DoubleLine TTRetBdl	10.46	-0.2	+2.5
Fidelity 500DlxInx	94.39	+4.9	+15.2
Fidelity 500DlxInxPrm	94.39	+4.9	+15.2
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	94.38	+4.8	+15.2
Fidelity Contrafund	127.99	+9.3	+28.3
Fidelity ContrafundK	127.94	+9.4	+28.4
Fidelity InvMGradeBdl	10.97	-0.4	+1.7
Fidelity LowPrStk	54.14	+1.4	+15.3
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.30	...	+2.5
Metropolitan West TTRetBdl	10.41	-0.3	+1.0
Oakmark IntlInv	28.20	-1.7	+20.6
PIMCO IncInsl	12.22	...	+5.9
PIMCO TTRetInx	10.06	-0.3	+2.5
Schwab SP500Dlx	41.60	+2.1	+15.2
T. Rowe Price BCGR	104.13	+6.0	+32.4
T. Rowe Price GrStk	66.65	+4.1	+29.3
Vanguard 500DlxAdmrl	249.29	+1.28	+15.2
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.38	+0.7	+11.0
Vanguard HCAmrl	86.69	+7.2	+7.8
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.89	-0.1	+2.6
Vanguard InsIdlxInx	245.90	+1.26	+15.2
Vanguard InsIdlxInxPlus	245.92	+1.26	+15.2
Vanguard InsTISMidInxPlus	59.99	+3.9	+14.8
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	98.93	+3.2	+36.5
Vanguard MDCpDlxAdmrl	191.82	+1.67	+12.1
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	137.94	+8.9	+23.4
Vanguard STInMGrAdmrl	10.52	-0.1	+1.0
Vanguard SmCpDlxAdmrl	70.45	+9.1	+10.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.25	+0.5	+9.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.44	+0.4	+11.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.57	+0.9	+12.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.67	+0.6	+14.4
Vanguard TtBMDlxAdmrl	10.48	-0.3	+1.1
Vanguard TtBMDlxInx	10.48	-0.3	+1.1
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	21.64	-0.2	+2.5
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	30.35	+0.4	+20.0
Vanguard TtInSdxInx	121.35	+1.6	+20.0
Vanguard TtInSdxInxPlus	121.38	+1.6	+20.0
Vanguard TtInSdxInv	18.14	+0.2	+19.9
Vanguard TtISMdInxAdmrl	67.31	+4.4	+14.8
Vanguard TtISMdInxInx	67.32	+4.4	+14.8
Vanguard TtSMdInxInv	67.27	+4.4	+14.7
Vanguard WngtNAdmrl	71.58	+0.9	+8.9
Vanguard WlsYncAdmrl	63.61	-0.7	+5.2
Vanguard WndrsrIAmrl	66.55	+3.0	+10.0

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.61	1.59
6-month disc	1.79	1.79
2-year	2.25	2.22
10-year	2.87	2.81
30-year	3.14	3.09

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1321.10	\$1302.90
Silver	\$16.392	\$16.200
Platinum	\$965.10	\$957.80

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)	20.2799
Australia (Dollar)	1.2897
Brazil (Real)	3.2494
Canada (Dollar)	.7252
China (Dollar)	1.2897
China (Yuan)	6.3442
Euro	81.09
India (Rupee)	65.210
Israel (Shekel)	3.4443
Japan (Yen)	105.54
Mexico (Peso)	18.8501
Poland (Zloty)	3.40
So. Korea (Won)	1080.44
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.29
Thailand (Baht)	31.43

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	11.81	-0.09
Micro Semi	67.30	+3.00
Micron Tech	49.11	+1.49
Apple Inc	176.21	+1.21
JD.com Inc	43.80	-2.41
Intel Corp	48.98	+1.14
Microsoft Corp	93.05	+2.0
Comcast Corp A	36.49	-0.5
Cisco Syst	44.06	+2.6
Nvidia Corporation	236.54	+4.33
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.30	+0.1
Facebook Inc	176.62	+6.9
Angen	185.08	+1.79
Novavax Inc	2.14	-1.3
Applied Matls	58.03	+9.6
Opko Health Inc	3.37	+1.9
Akers Biosciences	.73	-0.3
Synergy Pharma	2.17	+4.2
Netflix Inc	301.05	+10.66
Auris Medical Hldg	.32	+0.7
Office Depot	2.51	+1.0
21st Century Fox A	36.37	+4.5
TOP Ships Inc	.14	-0.0
Starbucks Cp	56.93	+7.6

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3254.53	

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EDITORIALS

The Obama center and the promise of a South Side turnaround

Former President Barack Obama on Tuesday again publicly pitched his presidential center in Jackson Park on the South Side, and his counterpoint to naysayers was compelling. You can't have it both ways, he told skeptics. You can't pine for development that will revive a swath of the South Side, yet "want everything to stay the same. It doesn't work that way."

It's too early, he said, to fret about gentrification that the center might seed. "It is not my experience ... that the big problem on the South Side has been too much development, too much economic activity, too many people being displaced. ... We have such a long way to go before you will start seeing the prospect of gentrification."

Well said. If the Obama Presidential Center revitalizes the South Side, it's impossible to contort that into a bad outcome. But that "if" remains a big one.

"Our nightmare," Aarti Kotak, a top city economic development official, told South Siders after Obama spoke, "is that people go in the center, they go out and they never set foot in one of our neighborhoods."

That's a bad dream that should haunt every player involved in this project.

It's clear the center's construction phase will provide its own jump-start to surrounding South Side communities, to the tune of nearly 5,000 new jobs. And the Obama Foundation, which is raising money to build the center, took the right tack by hiring a collective of construction firms, most of them African-American-owned, to steward the project's construction. That should ensure a diverse workforce of South and West siders.

It's also hard to find fault in the foundation's vision for programming at the center: internships that forge future leaders and community organizers, coding programs that ready South Side youths for an information technology-oriented economy, a recording studio that, as Obama notes, could enlist Chance the Rapper or Bruce Springsteen to mentor budding artists.

"Twenty years from now, 30 years from now, I want young people from across the South Side, from across Chicago, to look at this center and say, 'This is a sign that I count. This is a sign that I can change the world,'" Obama told a crowd at McCormick Place.

But skepticism about the center's economic ripple effect on surrounding neighborhoods endures. That's because neither the Obama Foundation nor City Hall has drawn a portrait, or even rough sketches, for how that growth will happen. A consultant hired by the foundation has put a dollar figure on projected economic growth: \$3 billion over the decade after the center opens. Where's the action plan that will get the South Side and greater Chicago to that \$3 billion? We're still waiting.

In August, a new nonprofit group led by Obama's former education secretary, Arne Duncan, was formed to help spur economic development in neighborhoods that surround Jackson Park — Woodlawn, Washington Park and South Shore. It's been six months, and we'd like to hear more about what the group has accomplished so far, and what goals its members have set.

City Hall shoulders an even larger responsibility for parlaying the presidential center's presence in Jackson Park into South Side revitalization. South Siders are waiting to hear what steps the city will pursue to drive redevelopment. How can the city help South Side small businesses benefit? Will City Hall allay displacement worries by ensuring that adequate affordable housing accompanies residential growth?

The Obama Presidential Center has engendered a new thread of hope in communities that have suffered from disinvestment and neglect for so long. That hope needs stoking — and it needs action. "I'm tired of strategic planning," Kotak told South Siders at McCormick Place. "We've got to do 'strategic doing.'" Amen.

The First Amendment and compelled speech

Mark Janus is a child support specialist for the state of Illinois who, like many Illinoisans, has some disagreements with the policies of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Most Illinoisans, however, are not required to pay dues to the union. Janus is.

Though he has chosen not to join AFSCME, Janus is nonetheless required under Illinois law to pay fees to the union that represents state workers. He would like to stop doing so, rather than support positions and activities that conflict with his views. And the U.S. Supreme Court, which heard oral arguments in the case Monday, looks inclined to let him.

Those state employees who decline to join the union are exempt from that portion of dues that go to finance its political action. But they are forced to pay "fair share" fees that supposedly reflect the benefit they get from the union's collective bargaining. The rationale is that if workers could opt out of any payments, those doing so would be "free riders": They would reap the pay and conditions the union negotiates — while paying members bear the union's costs.

There are obvious problems with AFSCME's argument for compulsory fees. The first is that the union has the discretion to decide what counts as political spending and what doesn't. Janus' lawyers note that these claims "turn, to a large degree, on self-interested judgments by union officials about how they and other union employees spend their time."

More basic, though, is that when a union negotiates on behalf of public workers, everything it does is inherently political. When AFSCME pushes for higher wages or changes in work rules, it is putting itself on one side of a political issue.

In a parallel case from California two years ago, Chief Justice John Roberts asked the lawyer for the state to name a topic of collective bargaining that has nothing to do with such matters. When he cited "mileage reimbursements," Roberts disagreed: "It's all money. If you give more mileage expenses (to teachers), the amount that's

going to be allocated to public education as opposed to public housing, welfare benefits — that's always a public policy issue."

Mandatory fees require dissenting nonmembers to support beliefs they reject. But the right of free speech, as the court long has recognized, includes the freedom not to speak. To force someone to pay for the advancement of political positions without his or her consent is incompatible with the First Amendment.

Union officials say losing the revenue from compelled payments would weaken their negotiating power. But they also fear losing, yes, political power. AFSCME's Naomi Walker has warned that a loss in this case "could undermine political operations that assist the Democratic Party" and damage "the progressive infrastructure in this country, from think tanks to advocacy organizations." But why should the needs of union-aligned groups take precedence over Janus' right to decide which causes to financially support? What if Illinois law required certain workers to contribute to groups that provide useful services but also donate heavily to Republican causes?

Writing in the Tribune two years ago, Janus argued, "Government unions have pushed for government spending that made the state's fiscal situation worse. How is that good for the people of the state? Or, for that matter, my fellow union members who face the threat of layoffs or their pension funds someday running dry?"

For Janus to win, the court would probably have to overrule a 1977 decision that upheld such fees. The justices came close in the 2016 California case, shortly after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, deadlocking 4-4. The addition of conservative Neil Gorsuch seems likely to provide the deciding vote for the reversal here.

In 2014, the Supreme Court said that "except in perhaps the rarest of circumstances, no person in this country may be compelled to subsidize speech by a third party that he or she does not wish to support." This case is a chance for the justices to say: And we mean it.

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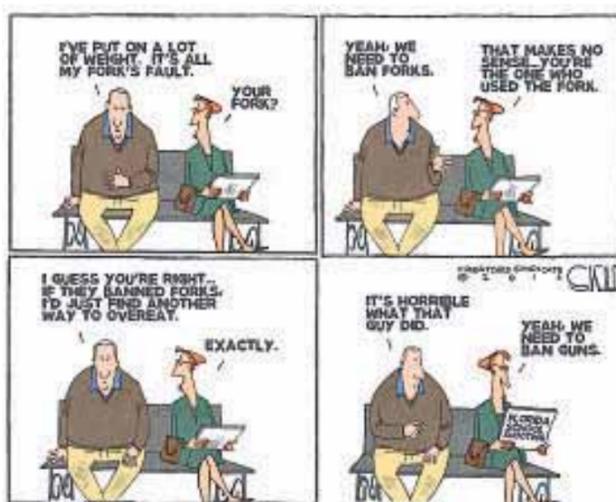
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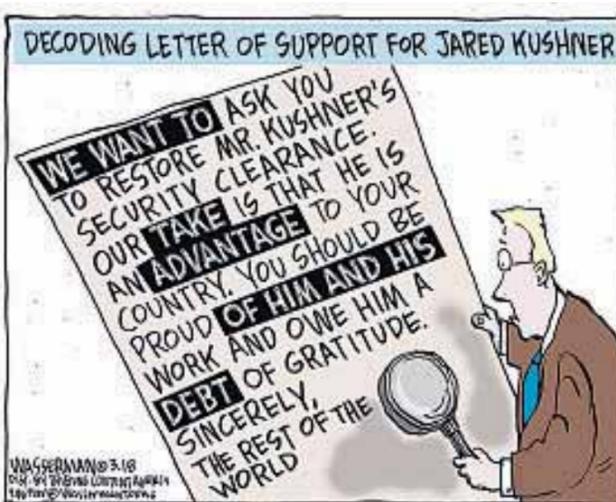
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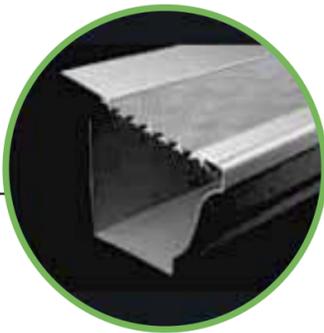
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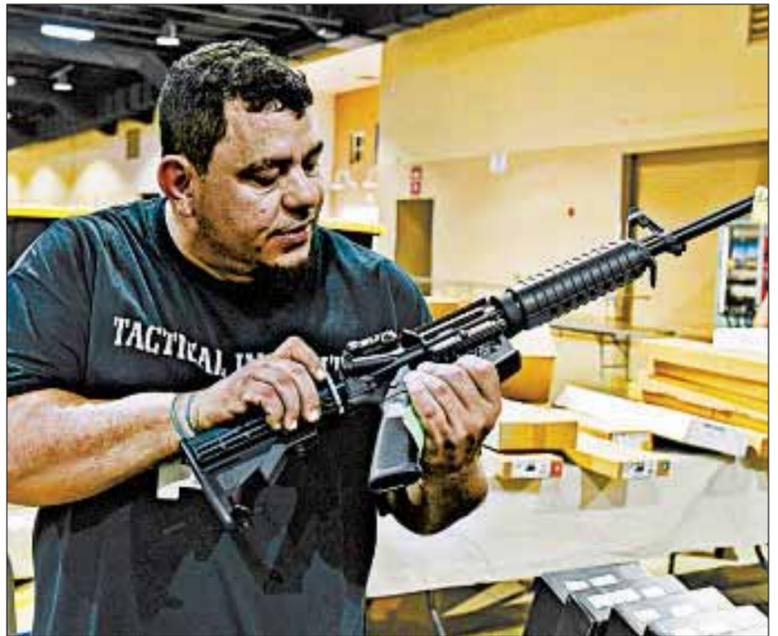


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Domingo Martin demonstrates an AR-15 rifle on Feb. 16, during preparations for the South Florida Gun Show at the South Florida Fairgrounds in Miami.

Struggling schools

Like so many Chicagoans, my wife and I left the city in 2012, with our infant son in tow, for the promise of better schools. We didn't so much choose the village of Mount Prospect. We chose Mount Prospect School District 57. It had great test scores, impressive school buildings, and a sterling reputation. We settled into our 1950s red-brick ranch, confident and optimistic about the future and the opportunities that awaited our son in his soon-to-be schools.

Six years later, a financial crisis in the district has washed away that confidence and optimism, replacing it with uncertainty and fear. Like so many young families in our community, we had no idea how severely underfunded our property tax-reliant local schools had become. Because of how the district's boundaries are drawn, the local tax base is almost entirely residential. It gets no tax revenue from Mount Prospect's Randhurst Village or the neighboring business park. Per-pupil funding in the district is half that of bordering districts. The school board put referenda on the ballot for increased funding three times in the last 20 years, and three times, voters said "no."

The District 57 school board again will put a question on the ballot requesting additional funding in the primary election. This time, the community faces a stark choice: Provide additional revenue and maintain the status quo or reject the referendum and face draconian cuts. Thirty staff members will be fired. Class sizes will explode to 31 in the elementary schools and 40 in the middle school. All art and music will be cut districtwide. The elementary school day will be shortened.

While voting "yes" is an easy choice for parents with young children, it's not cut-and-dry for those with grown children. The tax hike is significant: The district estimates a taxpayer in a \$300,000 home will have to pay an extra \$36 a month or \$21 per month with a senior exemption. Referendum supporters argue homeowners will lose much more in property value if the ballot question fails, but that is a tough sell to retirees living on fixed incomes.

So my family anxiously awaits the referendum results. If voters reject the ballot question, many of our friends with young families say they will move. We don't know what we'll do. The beautiful future we saw so vividly in Mount Prospect is now very much in doubt.

— John Krupa, chairman, Preservation Referendum Committee, Mount Prospect

The big lie

The AR-15 rifle is a testosterone-dripping, hand-me-down spitball of a rifle from its Nazi father, the World War II Sturmgewehr-44, and American mother, the WWII stamped-out American M-3 "grease gun" designed to be thrown away if it became inoperative. Eugene Stoner created the Armalite-15 as a cheaply stamped-out production combat weapon to spit out maximum firepower using a high-velocity, small-caliber bullet that tumbled when it hit flesh to create maximum wound damage.

The rifle's early Vietnam War combat record as the M16 resulted in many GIs killed trying to un-jam the rifle's mechanism. "If you're not shooting it, you're cleaning it" was an oft-quoted soldier comment. The assault rifle finally achieved its good reputation as an excellent enemy-killer in Operation Desert Storm.

Carried honorably into combat by American soldiers, the M16 assault rifle's homecoming created a boom in civilian wannabe gun sales featuring cheap stampings and low-manufacturing costs boosted by a catalog of extra-cost accessories. Included were: night sights, muzzle-flash suppressors, silencers, bipod mounts, high-capacity magazines, accuracy-tuned barrels and bump stocks for full automatic conversion.

Any shooter who needs a 30-round magazine to hunt deer should spend more time on a target range. Any shooter spending over a thousand dollars for a rifle to hunt savage groundhogs, prairie dogs, squirrels and other dangerous critters ("varmints") just to see them explode out at 200 yards should question his or her financial investment and moral compass.

In light of the gun's killing record of children, should any shooter display this people-killer with pride? That rumbling sound is our Founding Fathers turning over in their graves.

I was an NRA member since 1956. I still take my target pistols and rifles to a local

range to keep my eye-hand skills close to my former abilities. I dropped the NRA this year, unable to continue supporting a political PAC that is a shill for gun manufacturers watching their sales drop. Holding our elected officials hostage with phony ratings to secure belief in paranoid gun-grabbing schemes relies on a big lie.

Every country that has tried governing based on a big lie has failed in the face of truth and a people willing to defend that truth. Supporting the NRA's political agenda made of cheap stampings is like putting lipstick on a lunatic.

— Gerry Souter, Arlington Heights

Setting an example

Thank you to the Parkland students who are turning their pain and anguish into a movement that has motivated corporations to take a stand. I'm certain that these companies will lose some customers, yet they remain steadfast in their efforts to stem the flow of guns whose sole purpose is to kill as many as possible in as short a time as possible.

Our alleged leaders in Congress lack the backbone to do the right thing — and they are afraid to lose the support of some of their constituents. SAD! We need to support these businesses that have done what our weak "leaders" have failed to do. Thank you, Dick's Sporting Goods. Thank you, Walmart. Thank you to the companies that no longer give discounts to National Rifle Association members. But most of all, thank you to the students in Parkland who have become models for us all.

— Patricia Ziebka, Chicago

Warning label

Here's a suggestion for Mark Zuckerberg that could save him millions. Instead of having his employees spend thousands of hours developing and implementing complex algorithms to screen out "fake news," why not just do what cigarette manufacturers are required to do? Post a warning! Whenever people log into their Facebook accounts, have the following advisory flash on their screens for five seconds:

Warning: Some things that you see on Facebook are not true!

It will be a lot cheaper than trying to implement sophisticated electronic censorship, less controversial, and probably just as effective.

— Lee Goldberg, Naperville

Reforming justice

We don't know how well bail reform is working because the public doesn't have the data.

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart recently announced that he was planning to unilaterally re-evaluate and override judges' decisions to release certain arrestees on electronic monitoring (house arrest with an electronic ankle monitor) because he believed some people accused of carrying guns might be rearrested while on electronic monitoring. The constitutionality of his plan is suspect at best. But more than that, his evidence for his claims, if any, is simply unavailable.

Since last year, the Coalition to End Money Bond, a collection of community-based and policy organizations including Chicago Appleseed and Chicago Council of Lawyers, has been sending volunteers to observe and attempt to evaluate the success of bail reform efforts in Cook County.

The recently released report shows that, since a new court rule went into effect in September 2017, unaffordable money bonds decreased, personal-recognition releases increased, and the Cook County Jail population declined by more than 1,300 people.

But many questions remain unanswered, including the charges for which accused people are being released, detained, or placed on electronic monitoring; the consistency of decision-making across judges; and the success rates of released people. The government agencies in charge of bail and jail decisions in Cook County have not provided this data, and seem to be willing to use it selectively for their own purposes.

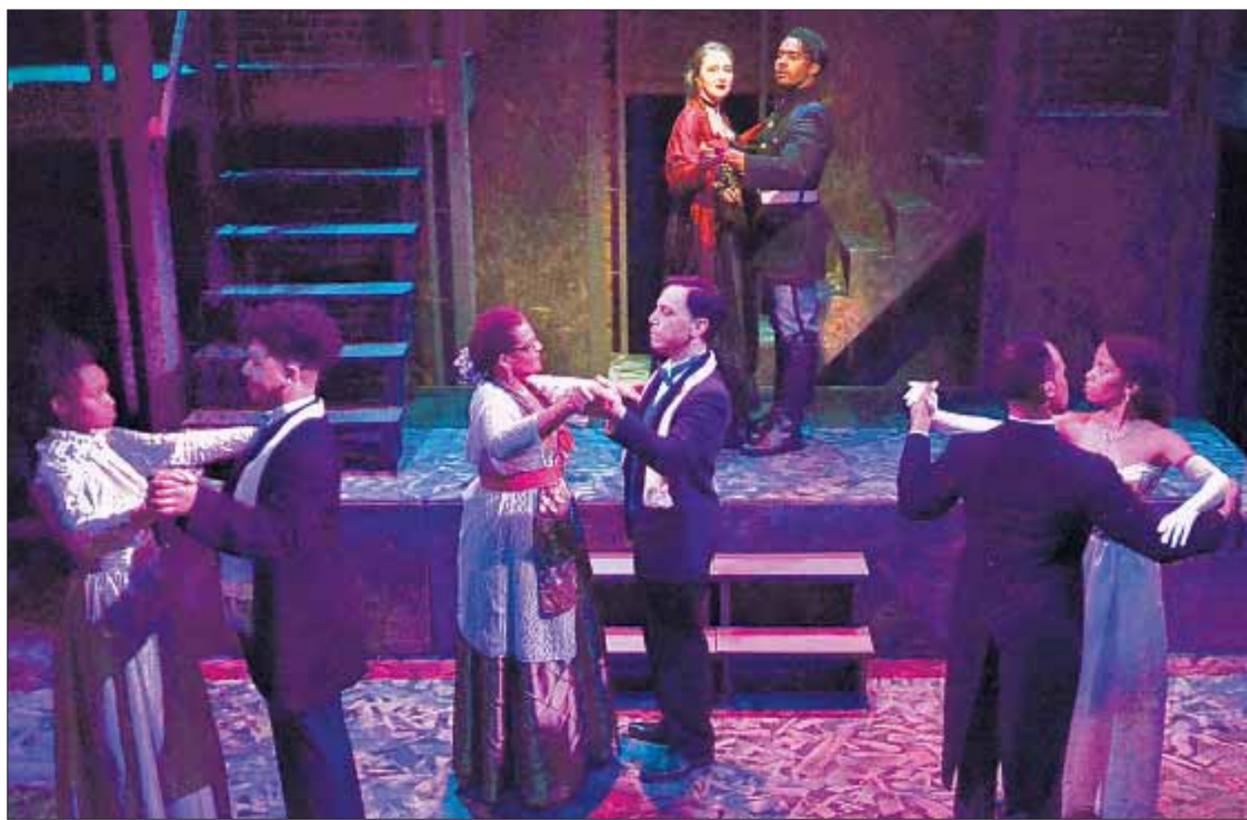
County officials should release this information immediately to increase transparency and allow the public to evaluate claims such as Sheriff Dart's recent allegations that bail reform has, in fact, had any negative impact on public safety.

— Dave Baltmanis, vice president, Chicago Council of Lawyers; and Alexandra Block, co-chair, Criminal Justice Advisory Committee of CCL & Chicago Appleseed

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SUZANNE PLUNKETT PHOTO

Ilse Zacharias, back left, stars in the title role and Eric Gerard plays Count Vronsky in "Anna Karenina," directed by Amanda Link.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Anna Karenina' ★★★

Ambitious Tolstoy undertaking

Jessica Wright Buha's new adaptation sends Lifeline production down adventurous avenues

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

At the Lifeline Theatre, the soon-to-be-departing artistic director Dorothy A. Milne gave the usual little curtain speech about cellphones and emergency exits, winding up to her climax: "And now," she said, as if introducing a new route for the parking shuttle bus, "here's 'Anna Karenina.'"

Why not, on a Monday night in Rogers Park in a small room with not much money?

The curtain speech moved me, for it encapsulated one of the greatest things about Chicago theater: ambition. It is easy to take it for granted, but there still aren't many towns in the world where you can roll up and find a completely new adaptation of the jottings of Leo Tolstoy. As the show started, my head raced to all the obvious problems: How were they going to stage the unfortunate encounter with the train? The myriad settings, from Moscow to St. Petersburg to a spa in Germany? How were they going to deal with the dazzling experimentation of form and

Anna's explosion of stream-of-consciousness angst? How long are we all going to be here on a school night?

And what about the kids she has with the two dudes in Anna's life? Big roles, those. Major issues all around: plenty of reasons to pass on this particular title.

But, you know, Lifeline pulls it off. At least that's the case for the vast majority of the show — the last few minutes, when the heroine really hits the skids, don't rush to enough of an inevitable crisis, and the abundant early specificity and creativity turns into hurried compromise. Those last few minutes just don't sufficiently embody the full complexity of loss. It basically feels like the director, Amanda Link, ran out of time. Which is forgivable, when you are doing "Anna Karenina" and you have done most of it so well.

The show's great strength is the world-premiere adaptation, by Jessica Wright Buha, remarkable for how well it dramatizes the whole show. By dramatizes, I mean it does the job without narration: Anna does not share her inner thoughts. No ensemble head pops up to say, "Anna went

When: Through April 8

Where: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave.

Running time: 2 hours, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$40 at 773-761-4477 and www.lifelinetheatre.com

to Rome" and thus sweep us to a different place.

Rather, Buha has turned every scene in the novel into dialogue. It's an impressive feat — and it makes this production an ideal introduction to Tolstoy, indeed to romantic Russian realism, for a young person, long a strength at Lifeline. In so doing, Link takes a few more risks than has been typical at this theater — wading into some cool theatrical devices, including bodies that heave and sigh on cue. Anna's beloved but abandoned son, Seryozha, is imagined as an emotionally resonant puppet, manipulated quite beautifully by Michele Stine. I got a lump in my throat when the puppet asked the reasons for his abandonment, a question that Anna cannot answer, and from which she never can recover.

You have to make choices to bring in "AK" at 2½ hours, and Buha goes mostly with the sharp

edges of the love triangle between Anna (Ilse Zacharias), hubby Karenin (Michael Reyes) and, of course, her beloved but illicit Count Vronsky (Eric Gerard). The show works up plenty of heat between Anna and Vronsky — vroom, vroom — and contrasts that very nicely with Reyes' irritating but still empathetic Karenin, making it all a microcosm of why people have affairs, which is a cool way to go.

Tolstoy, of course, was a master of precise characterization, which Buha really does exploit very well. And Link, to her credit and with great help from the honest Zacharias, avoids the trap of hyperventilation or bathos, into which movies based on Tolstoy often sink.

You watch this show very much involved in Anna's situation — and the adaptation puts its focus on the situational, the things that get in the way of happiness, the irreconcilability of choice and obligation. And it notes with particular force that almost all these obligations were things over which a woman in this particular time and place had very little control.

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Blomstedt brings vitality to too-familiar CSO fare

BY JOHN VON RHEIN
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra has been devoting a disproportionate amount of the subscription season's programming to canonic repertory regular attendees have heard many times over. The program of Mozart's Symphony No. 39 and Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 ("Eroica") this weekend promised more of the same, with little in the way of musical surprises.

But that assumption vanished once Herbert Blomstedt took to the podium to direct Thursday night's performances, which carried more than enough strength and vitality and rightness to silence any complaints.

That those performances sprang full-blown from the fingertips of a conductor who turned 90 in July was amazing in itself, but clearly age becomes irrelevant in situations such as this. The American-born Swedish conductor is a master at what he does, with a distinguished career of more than 60 years' experience to draw upon.

To have him back at Orchestra Hall, after an absence of 11 years, has to be reckoned a rare privilege. The CSO musicians must agree, if the high degree of musical involvement they demonstrated Thursday was any indication of the respect they paid Blomstedt.

Too bad the guest maestro did

not favor the subscribers with a piece from the Scandinavian repertory with which he has long been associated (last month he led the San Francisco Symphony in Swedish composer Wilhelm Stenhammar's rarely heard Second Symphony), and too bad he didn't begin the concert with an overture or some other curtain raiser, which the shortish program could easily have accommodated.

Blomstedt must have believed that his pairing of two great E flat major symphonies from the Austro-German tradition was sufficient in itself, masterpieces offering both balance and contrast. So be it.

You don't look to Blomstedt for startling musical revelations, but you do look to him for firm intellectual grasp and a lifetime of accumulated wisdom and musical insights.

That this tall, lanky nonagenarian is so physically robust on the podium is value added. He can accomplish more with a lightning upswing of his cupped right hand than many a young acrobat of the baton. He uses no baton and conducts from memory; it's all in the hands and eyes. Canny leadership tells players what they need to know to produce the results Blomstedt seeks.

His Mozart 39th was a winning combination of warmly expressive, old-school manners and a rhythmic firmness, clarity and balance one associates with



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Guest conductor Herbert Blomstedt leads the CSO on Thursday.

more contemporary classical interpretation. Everything Blomstedt elicited from his reduced orchestral forces honored this most graceful of the late Mozart symphonies. The con moto (with motion) marking was respected in an andante free from heaviness, and principal clarinet Stephen Williamson savored the rustic jollity of the trio.

Blomstedt's "Eroica" was similarly imbued with the life force. His reading served as a reminder of how essential maintaining shape and momentum are in performances of this revolutionary manifesto of romanticism. Pacing of all four movements was urgent but never rushed. Telling instrumental details emerged without spotlighting, especially in the sublimated tragedy of the slow movement, here a real funeral march as opposed to a dirge. There were scattered fluffs from the first oboe and horn but nothing to detract from a reading that

brought Beethovenian power and eloquence to blazing life.

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

Note: Word has arrived of the death Tuesday of Chicago violist Rami Solomonow, 68, viola professor at DePaul University and former principal viola of the Lyric Opera Orchestra. A widely respected teacher and a mainstay of the local chamber music and orchestral scene, he was for years a regular with the Chicago Chamber Musicians and a founding member of the Chicago String Quartet. He will be remembered as a gentle soul whose deeply musical playing touched many a listener. He is survived by two sons.

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"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

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From the moment he met her behind a potted plant in 1975, comedy writer Alan Zweibel loved Gilda Radner. This play by Zweibel now at the Mercury Theater makes that very clear. Radner, who died in 1989, was one of the original cast members of "Saturday Night Live" and one of the funniest and most influential women in American comedy. That's made very clear by Dana Tretta, who plays Radner in director Warner Crocker's production. Tretta captures the essence of Radner by homing in on her vulnerability and emotional openness, not her wacky bombast. Her performance is really one to see. Through April 1 at Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport Ave.; \$30-\$55 at 773-325-1700 or www.mercurytheaterchicago.com

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GREG KOT ROCK

Ezra Furman, "Trans-angelic Exodus"

On his latest album, "Transangelic Exodus," Ezra Furman decided to go for broke. He crafted what he calls a "queer outlaw saga" — a series of vignettes that addresses police-state oppression of minorities framed by sprawling orchestral- and electro-rock arrangements. Yes, that's a whole lot of ambition packed into 13 songs. It's also the most liberating album in a career that stretches back a decade, when Furman emerged out of Evanston with a band that played earnest, high-intensity guitar rock steeped in the music of an earlier era, from the Velvet Underground to the Violent Femmes. But as he became more public about who he was as a person — he identifies as a "feminine-representing bisexual male" — his music grew bolder.

'Good Fight' cast, producers preview funny, dark season

BY CYNTHIA LITTLETON
Variety

Audra McDonald says working on "The Good Fight" is like "playing tennis with one of the Williams sisters." Cush Jumbo loves the courtroom scenes. Christine Baranski appreciates the humor woven into what is a generally dark season for Diane Lockhart and her cohorts.

Stars and producers of "Good Fight" gathered recently at New York's The Wing for a screening of the Season 2 opener followed by a Q&A about the new season of the show, which bows Sunday on CBS All Access.

Among the highlights from the conversation with Baranski, Jumbo, McDonald, co-star Sarah Steele, and executive producers Michelle King and Brooke Kennedy:

The impeachment of Trump and the spread of fake news are among the topics that are tackled in Season 2. King, who is co-showrunner with her husband and producing partner Robert King, said the latitude they receive from CBS is tremendous. "We look at each other all the time and say 'Can you believe they're allowing us to do this?'" Michelle King said.

McDonald is a new addition to the cast this season, reprising the role of lawyer Liz Reddick-Lawrence that she played as a guest star in Season 4 of "Good Fight" predecessor "The Good Wife." McDonald had known Baranski for years through theater and acting circles but never had the chance to work with her until the Kings made her an offer for "Good Fight." She was also impressed by the Kings' track record. "I could trust that was not going to be some stereotypical character," McDon-



Christine Baranski plays Diane Lockhart in "The Good Fight," starting a new season Sunday on CBS All Access.

ald said. "I knew she would be well-written and messy — the most exciting kind of character to play."

Jumbo expressed her affection for the show's signature courtroom scenes, which are elaborate productions that require a lot of preparation for actors and producers. "I love all the legal language," Jumbo said. "I'm a wordy person."

Diane Lockhart's personal life takes more twists and turns in this season, with a little help from recreational psychedelics. Baranski said that after playing the character for nearly a decade, the upcoming "Good Fight" episodes are the "funniest and darkest ever." As ever, Baranski appreciates the fullness of the character and the fact that the Kings never made an issue about her age or her willingness to take on authority. "It's a given. It is assumed that women have power. It's not 'Is it my turn yet?'"

Jumbo echoed Baranski's praise for the quality of the storytelling steered by the Kings. Before "Good Fight," Jumbo said she'd "never played a character who was not specified as black or biracial," she said.

In the past, "there was always somebody saying, 'Could you make the accent a little more urban?'" The formidable lawyer Lucca Quinn that Jumbo plays on the show sends a powerful message. "You have to see these things to be these things," she said.

Kennedy and Michelle King emphasized the strength of the entire company in bringing the show to life. "It's a good day when we're all collaborating. We are the custodians of great material," Kennedy said. King said the show is blessed with a cast that is well-endowed with humor and smarts. "They can really sell a joke," she said. "This is an extremely smart cast. That is not an everyday thing. When you get good notes from them, you'd be foolish not to listen."

McDonald drew the analogy of playing a tennis match against Serena or Venus Williams to describe the process of working with her co-stars and the many guest stars that populate the show. She also hinted to King that she's "looking for a musical episode" given the Broadway background of many of the series regulars.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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What to do with trophies left behind

Dear Amy: My husband passed away and left behind awards, trophies, certificates and plaques.

Our kids are not that interested in collecting things, and the grandkids (also) could not care less. Any suggestions on what to do with all of this? What do others do in this situation?

— *Wondering Widow*

Dear Wondering: My first suggestion is that you photograph all of these items and create a paper and online album of them.

You should do this for the simple reason that the people who don't want these material things (now) will definitely want to have access to the fact that they exist — if not now, then at some point in the future. This is a record of a person's movement through his life, and because these awards and recognitions differ from his personal achievements (I assume), they are more than dust catchers — they are part of a historical record. Your husband might have been a beloved "ordinary guy" — a husband, father and grandfather — to the people in his family, but he was also involved and recognized outside of his family.

Maybe these mementos are small potatoes (you don't say), but it sounds as if the man who earned them led a life of consequence.

After you photograph them, you should keep one or two of these awards that you like or that he was particularly proud of.

You could contact the individual organizations that awarded these to see if they would like them re-

turned (they could display or reuse them).

Call your local trophy company to see if they are interested in having these to recycle.

I also see trophies for sale at my local thrift store, where sometimes coaches will pick them up to present to young athletes.

Dear Amy: My husband and I have different work schedules, and we need different amounts of sleep. As a result, I go to bed early, and most nights he sits up late. For the past two years, he has been drinking a few cocktails after I go to bed, falling asleep on the sofa and then coming to bed between 2 and 3 a.m.

This usually happens one or two times a week, but recently it has increased to three or four nights a week.

First, I am concerned that interrupted sleep is bad for his health, but I am also concerned about his alcohol consumption. In addition, he usually wakes me up, and it is difficult for me to get back to sleep.

I have tried talking to him, and he makes changes that last for weeks or even months, but then this pattern starts again. Should we move into separate bedrooms, so I can get the rest I need? Even if we have different rooms, it does not address his drinking. His drinking makes him somewhat sluggish and irritable in the morning, and he can be snappy with our children.

— *Concerned Wife*

Dear Concerned: Your husband's drinking is escalating. Sleeping in a separate bedroom will only

enable this. This should be your last move — not your first.

You've successfully discussed this with him before, and he has successfully stopped drinking for a period of time. This drinking pattern is now quite established, and there are certain consequences — your interrupted sleep, his interrupted sleep and his hangovers in the morning.

You should privately confront him with this, in a very firm and loving way. You could borrow language from a typical "intervention": "Your drinking is affecting our lives in the following ways ..."

Urge your husband to attend a 12-step support meeting, which might help him admit he has a problem and take steps to deal with it. Your family deserves much better than to have a sleep-deprived, hungover dad. You and the kids might also benefit from Al-anon and/or Alateen meetings. Al-anon offers "self-assessment" quizzes on its website: Al-anon.org.

Dear Amy: Thank you, thank you, for suggesting that "Addicted," who was addicted to his smartphone, could "unplug" partway by deleting social media apps from his phone. I did this, and you are right: I felt lighter, happier and more aware within a day.

— *In Control*

Dear In Control: Now, I'm inspired. I think it's time for me to launch another media fast.

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BOOK REVIEW

Ex-cop evens score against colleagues

Hard-boiled tale asks how to react to hate, where to draw moral lines

By LLOYD SACHS
Chicago Tribune

Long before the emergence of the Black Lives Matter movement, novelist Walter Mosley was addressing the violent treatment of African-Americans by police. In "Devil in a Blue Dress" (1990), the first of his 14 novels featuring Ezekiel "Easy" Rawlins, the black janitor-turned-detective gets dragged into an interrogation room in late-'40s Los Angeles and beaten by white cops who clearly have done this sort of thing before.

As time marches forward in this remarkable series, Easy suffers in a multitude of ways from what critic Robert Christgau called "the artificial boundaries of de facto segregation" in postwar Los Angeles. "The air we breathed was racist," Easy says in "White Butterfly," the third book in the series. The stink of political corruption fouls the atmosphere as well.

Easy is no angel in responding to the insidious forces around him. His moral priorities have a way of shifting, sometimes leading him into the darkest corners of his character.

Flash forward to the approximate present, where Joe King Oliver, the black private investigator in Mosley's new novel, is victimized even more brutally by the system. More than a decade ago, King (named after Louis Armstrong's musical mentor and often called by his middle name) was married and a decorated NYPD investigator when his "roaming ways" got him framed for sexual assault by dirty cops who didn't want

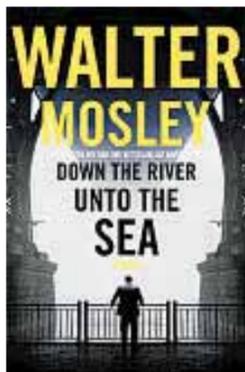
him sniffing around a drug operation.

Tossed into solitary confinement for three months at Riker's Island — a frightening, shattering, dehumanizing experience from which he hasn't fully recovered — his life is up-ended. He was kicked off the force. His wife left him. Now, in classic PI fashion ("Sometimes I liked to pretend that I was a detective out of a book"), he works alone out of a walk-up in Brooklyn Heights. Business is slow. He listens to modern jazz and reads Tolstoy and Hermann Hesse. His precocious teenage daughter, whom he adores, helps him out.

When he gets a chance, after all these years, to even the score against the cops responsible for setting him up, he doesn't squander it. In what proves to be a related case, he is hired to help free a militant black activist who calls himself A Free Man from death row, where he sits for killing two abusive police officers in self-defense.

In going after the bad-dies, in halls of power as well as on the meanest of streets, King knows better than to take the high road. "Fighting a war beyond the laws that once claimed my allegiance," he descends quite literally into a black underground, meeting in cellars with hardened types who might not think twice about killing him in other circumstances but come to his aid now. The psycho killer Melquarth Frost, whose methods, if not his intellect, brings to mind Easy Rawlins' trigger-happy pal, Mouse.

"Down the River Unto

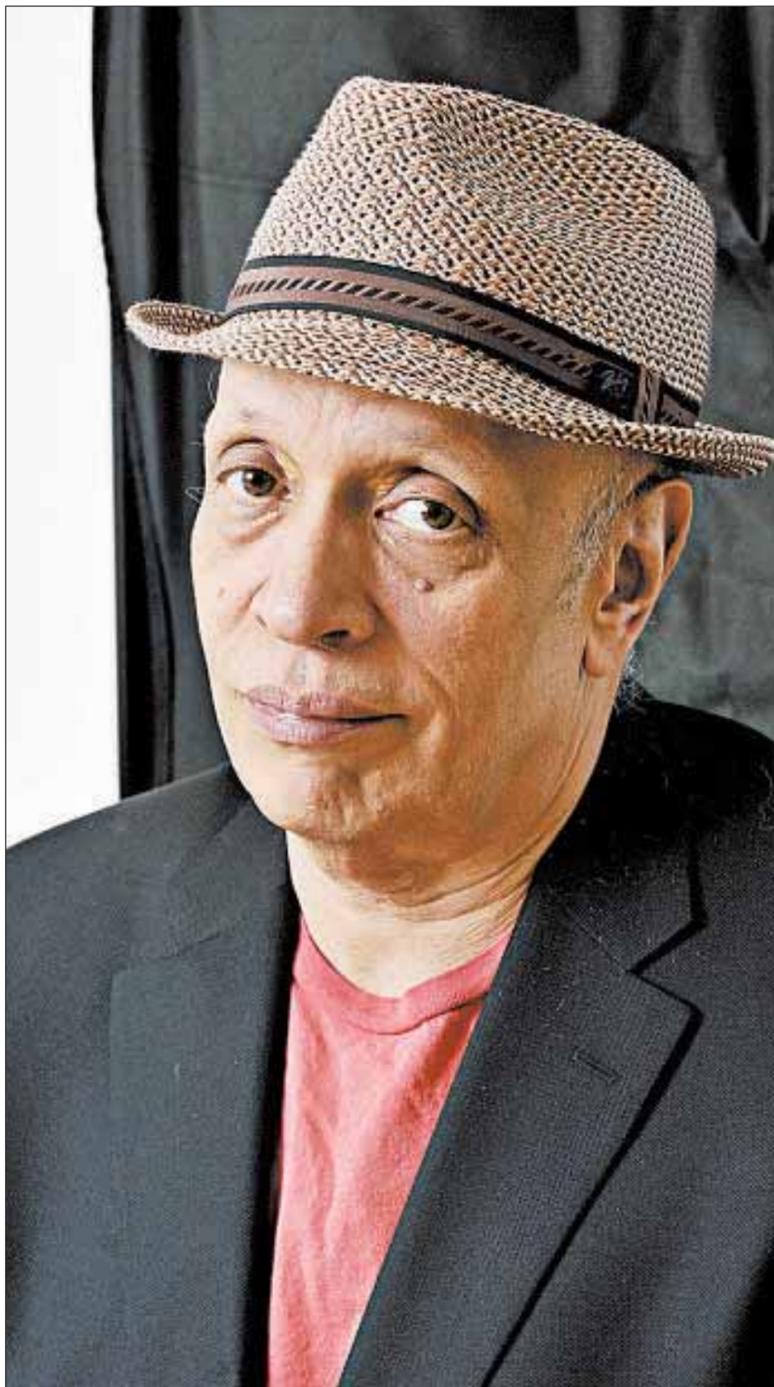


'Down the River Unto the Sea'

By Walter Mosley,
Mulholland, 322 pages, \$27

the Sea," which is dedicated to Malcolm X, Medgar Evers and Martin Luther King Jr., raises essential questions: What is the proper response to sanctioned hate and violence? What meaning do guilt and innocence have at a time when the law is broken as a matter of course by the people hired or elected to uphold it? Where do you draw the line between corruption and business as usual if you are a beneficiary of the former — as Joe King Oliver is when he gets a renewable 20-year lease because a friend on the force "overlooked" a brutal sexual attack by the landlord's son?

One of the remarkable things about this novel is how soft-spoken and reflective protagonist King remains in recalling the worst moments of his life, employing humor to deflect the pain. His refusal to engage in bitterness — even when he shoots someone — is a reflection of the strength he has gained from his travails and his determination to define



MARCIA E. WILSON PHOTO

Walter Mosley, who has written 14 novels featuring Easy Rawlins, has a new protagonist.

himself not as a "broken" victim, but as a survivor.

Mosley's sometimes hilarious hard-boiled prose — one thug "fit his voice like a fist in a Siberian mitten" — and other personal wrinkles he brings to the

Raymond Chandler school of crime writing adds to the entertainment. A native of South Central Los Angeles who has long lived in New York, Mosley may be outspoken in real life in calling for social and political

change. But in his fiction, story and character come first — in this case in exhilarating fashion.

Lloyd Sachs, a freelancer, writes regularly about crime fiction for the Tribune.

WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Auston Matthews

"NHL Hockey" (7 p.m., NBC): The NHL's Stadium Series makes a stop at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland as the Toronto Maple Leafs and Washington Capitals square off outdoors. These two teams met in the first round of the 2017 Stanley Cup playoffs where despite the efforts of then rookie sensation Auston Matthews, the Capitals prevailed.

"Alien: Covenant" (7 p.m., 1:35 a.m., HBO): Ridley Scott directed this 2017 horror-sci-fi hit, which is — pay attention, because this gets complicated — the second entry in a three-part prequel to the original 1979 smash "Alien" and the sixth installment overall in the "Alien" movie franchise. Katherine Waterston also stars.

"Planet Earth: Blue Planet II" (8 p.m., 11:30 p.m., BBCA): Previous episodes in this series explored unfamiliar parts of the world's oceans, but the new episode "Our Blue Planet" examines how the actions of humans affect life on the seas of planet Earth. In a word, the answer is "badly." Man-made noises are drowning out natural sounds animals need to communicate, while albatross parents unwittingly feed their chicks bits of plastic. Elsewhere, dolphins expose their newborn calves to pollution that has contaminated their milk.

"Buyer's Bootcamp With Scott McGillivray" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., DIY): Contractor and real estate expert Scott McGillivray ("Income Property") returns to host this new 10-episode real-estate investment series, in which he partners with first-time house flippers, going so far as to invest his own money to renovate rundown properties. Once he and his amateurs finish upgrading the residence in question, they put the place on the market, then split any profits. Their range of homes run the gamut from single-family homes to historic row houses.

"Hear Me, Love Me, See Me" (9:09 p.m., 12:11 a.m., TLC): This new series presents a pretty radical social experiment in which a bachelorette gets to view three romantic prospects in their daily lives via POV cameras they wear and streaming technology. The set-up allows the woman to see everything they see and talk with them, but — here's the big catch — she can't see what they actually look like. At the end of the day, she must pick one based solely on personality and emotional chemistry before meeting all three face to face.

"Saturday Night Live" (10:29 p.m., NBC): Sports-oriented humor would not be out of order in this new episode, since basketball icon Charles Barkley returns to the program for his fourth turn as host. Since he currently serves as a studio analyst for several networks, that role could become a target for comedy. The musical act Migos — which has scored mightily on the charts with the album "Culture II" lately — makes its "SNL" debut here. Current cast regulars include Kate McKinnon and Cecily Strong.

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SATURDAY EVENING, MAR. 3

	PM	MOVIES						
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: Los Angeles: "Moultbank." ©	48 Hours ©	48 Hours ©	48 Hours ©	48 Hours ©	48 Hours ©	News (N) ♣
	NBC 5	NHL Hockey: Toronto Maple Leafs vs Washington Capitals. (N) (Live) ©						NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC 7	NBA Countdown (N) ©	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Houston Rockets. From the Toyota Center in Houston. (N) (Live) ©					Eyewitness News (N) ♣
	WGN 9	Witness (R,'85) *** Harrison Ford. Hunted detective moves in with Amish widow and her son. ©				WGN Weekend News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		Man of the People (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Morning McHale	Knows Best	Jack Benny	Burns/Allen	Jeannie	Bewitched	
	This TV 9.3	The Magnificent Seven	The Magnificent Seven	The Young Riders ©				Y'ng Rider ♣
	PBS 11	Doo Wop Generations (My Music) (N) ©						Rhythm, Love & Soul (My Music) © ♣
	The U 26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Burgers
	MeTV 26.3	Svengoolie: "Revenge of Frankenstein." ©				Batman ©	Batman ©	Star Trek ♣
	H&I 26.4	Hunter: "Turning Point."	Hill Street Blues ©			Hill Street Blues ©		Wiseguy ♣
Bounce 26.5	Things-Lost	Swordfish (R,'01) *** John Travolta, Hugh Jackman.					Empire St ♣	
FOX 32	MasterChef ©	Showtime at the Apollo: "Premiere." ©			Fox 32 News (N)		Love Connection ♣	
Ion 38	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU				Law-SVU ♣	
TeleM 44	Lord of War ('05) **	Homefront (R,'13) ** Jason Statham. ©					Noticiero Crises ♣	
CW 50	AHL Hockey: Chicago Wolves at Texas Stars. (N) (Live)							
UniMas 60	A volar joven! (NR,'47) ** Cantinflas, Miroslava.				Machine Gun Preacher (R,'11) **			
WJYS 62	Paid Prog. Moses	Bishop	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ultimate	
Univ 66	Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)				Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) ♣			
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©	Live PD: "Live PD -- 03.03.18." (N) (Live) © ♣					
	AMC	Jaws 2 (PG,'78) ** Roy Scheider.	Jaws 3 (PG,'83) * Dennis Quaid. © ♣					
	ANIM	Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)	Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)	(9:02) The Vet Life (N)				Pit Bulls ♣
	BBCA	Planet Earth: Blue II	Planet Earth: Blue Planet II (N) ©			Top Gear (Season Premiere) (N) © ♣		
	BET	Django Unchained (R,'12) *** Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz.						Snakes ♣
	BIGTEN	Basketball	Women's College Basketball (N)					The BIG Show (N) ©
	BRAVO	Mean Girls ***	Baby Mama (PG-13,'08) ** Tina Fey, Amy Poehler. ©					
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	News (N)
	CNBC	Undercover Boss ©	Undercover Boss ©	Undercover Boss ©				Boss ♣
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)	The History of Comedy	The History of Comedy				Comedy ♣
	COM	Big Daddy (PG-13,'99) * Adam Sandler. ©				Big Daddy (PG-13,'99) * © ♣		
	DISC	Fast Lane (N)	Fast N' Loud (N) ©			(9:01) Misfit Garage (N)		Fast-Loud ♣
	DISN	Strange Magic (PG,'15) * ©	Bizaardvark	Andi Mack	Andi Mack			Bunk'd ©
	E!	The Blind Side ***	The Blind Side (PG-13,'09) *** Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw. © ♣					
	ESPN	College Basketball: North Carolina at Duke. (N)				College Basketball: UCLA at USC. (N) ♣		
	ESPN2	College Basketball (N)				College Basketball (N) ♣		
	FNC	Watters' World (N) ©	Justice With Jeanine (N)	Greg Gutfeld (N)				Watters ♣
	FOOD	Worst Cooks in America	Worst Cooks in America	Worst Cooks in America				Cooks ♣
	FREE	(7:05) Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13,'11) ***				X-Men: First Class *** ♣		
	FX	Fast & Furious 6 (PG-13,'13) ** Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. ©						Gianni Ver
	HALL	Royal Hearts (NR,'18)	Frozen in Love (NR,'18) Rachael Leigh Cook. ©					Golden Girls
	HGTV	Fixer Upper ©	Fixer Upper ©			House Hunters Reno (N)		Log Cabin
	HISTV	Pawn Stars: Pumped Up (N) © ♣						
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Underworld: Evolution (R,'06) ** ©				2018 Film Independent Spirit Awards ♣		
	LIFE	Bad Tutor (NR,'18) Vanessa Marcil, Alex Frnka. ©				(9:04) The Good Mistress (NR,'14) ♣		
	MSNBC	The Last Word	The 11th Hour	Deadline: White House (N)				Hardball (N)
	MTV	The Notebook (PG-13,'04) ** Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams. ©						Friends ♣
	NBCSCH	Girls High School Basketball (N)				NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Kings ♣		
	NICK	Thunder (N)	Knight (N)	Full House	Full House	Goldbergs	Friends ©	Friends ♣
OVATION	Kill Bill: Vol. 2 (R,'04) *** Uma Thurman. ©				Artful Detective (N)		Fury *** ♣	
OWN	Iyanla, Fix My Life ©	Iyanla, Fix My Life (Season Premiere) (N) ©			Black Women (N)		Iyanla ♣	
OXY	Killer Couples ©	Snapped: Killer Couples	Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped		Snapped ♣	
PARMT	Jurassic Park (PG-13,'93) *** Sam Neill. ©				The Lost World: Jurassic Park *** ♣			
SYFY	Faster (R) ** Predators (R,'10) ** Adrien Brody, Topher Grace. ©						Futurama	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	
TCM	Gandhi (PG,'82) *** Ben Kingsley. A portrait of the man who led India to independence. ©							
TLC	Say Yes to the Dress (N)	Say Yes: SOS (N)	Hear Me, Love (Series Premiere) (N)		Say Yes ♣			
TLN	Exalted	Pacific Garden Mission	In Grace		Humanitarian		Pure Pas	
TNT	Maleficent (PG,'14) ** Angelina Jolie. ©				Cinderella (PG,'15) *** © ♣			
TOON	Cleveland	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Family Guy	Dragon (N)	Dragon (N)	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©	Ghost Adventures (N) ©			The Dead Files (N) ©		Dead Files ♣	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom: "Pilot." Mom ©		King	
USA	Chicago P.D.: "Fagin."	Unsolved: Tupac and BIG	Falling Water (N) ©				Chicago ♣	
VH1	Drumline (PG-13,'02) *** Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana. ©				Drumline: A New Beat ♣			
WE	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©				Criminal ♣	
WGN America	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	Shoot the Messenger ©		Person ♣	
PREMIUM	HBO	Alien: Covenant (R,'17) ** Michael Fassbender. Boxing (N) ♣						
	HBO2	High Main.	REAL Sports Gumbel	Observe and Report (R,'09) **			Crashing	
	MAX	Romeo Must Die (R,'00) ** Jet Li, Aaliyah. ©				The Medallion (PG-13,'03) *** ©		
	SHO	Homeland: "Standoff." ©	Boxing: Deontay Wilder vs. Luis Ortiz. (N) (Live) ©					
	STARZ	2012 (PG-13,'09) ** John Cusack, Chiwetel Ejiofor. ©				(9:40) Counterpart © ♣		
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 3): Discover new territory this year. Coordinated team action gets results. Stay flexible, and follow a profitable dream. Romance, weddings and family fun this summer inspire nostalgia and planning before the physical pace picks up.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Collaborate to get things done. Research before an important decision. A partner's opinion is important. Discover a structural problem. Resolve practical details together.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Demand for your work grows today and tomorrow. Something you try doesn't work; slow down and finesse it. Patience provides a quicker solution than force.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Enjoy the game without taking expensive risks. Your routine gets tested; keep practicing. List potential problems and possible solutions. Relax with someone you love.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 5. Weigh the pros and cons of a household improvement before making it. Don't overextend the budget. Do the homework to get the best value.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 6. Keep your word, and stay in communication. Take extra time to ensure that everyone understands. Someone feels like they're out of the loop.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Don't rush into anything, especially if it's expensive. Research an upcoming purchase. Stick to the truth. Avoid unnecessary embellishment or frills.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Old assumptions get challenged. Avoid a clash with authority. Get a translator for someone who thinks differently than you do. Use your own good sense.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 5. Hide out in your cocoon, if necessary. Find a peaceful spot to recharge. Strengthen foundational structures and organization. Hold yourself to high standards.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Tempers could fray under chaotic circumstances. Provide a stabilizing influence on a group effort. Keep to the budget, with realistic objectives.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Career matters occupy you for a few days. Watch out for bizarre requests. To get to the bottom of things, follow the money trail.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 6. Proceed with caution. Study your objective without forcing an outcome. Travel without pushing too hard. Disagreements spark easily.

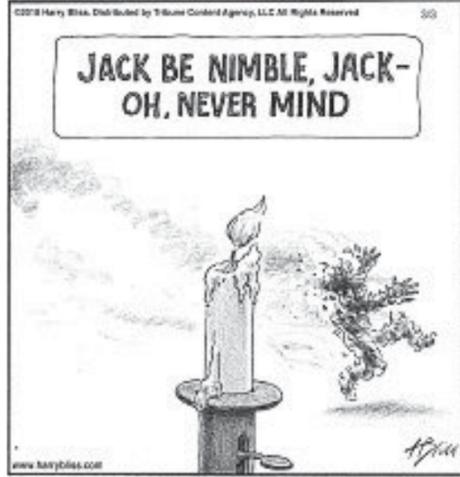
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Tackle detailed paperwork for a few days. Avoid financial arguments or conflicting priorities. Keep your patience. Slow and steady wins the race.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ AK9832	♥ 82	♠ 5	♥ 7653
♦ AKJ	♣ KJ	♦ 10976	♣ 8743
West		South	
♠ J1074	♥ KQJ9	♠ Q6	♥ A104
♦ 83	♣ 1092	♦ Q542	♣ AQ65

North would have bid three spades at his second turn if he intended an invitational sequence. Bidding the "new minor" first made the three-spade bid forcing. North-South were playing Key Card Blackwood. North held the king of spades, so he read South's five-spade response as showing two aces plus the queen of trumps, spades on this auction.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	7NT	All pass

*New minor forcing
Opening lead: King of ♥

was in no rush to start playing on spades. He crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds and cashed the king-jack of diamonds and the king-jack of clubs, before returning to his hand with the queen of spades.

He discarded dummy's heart on the queen of diamonds and two spades on the ace-queen of clubs. This left a three-card position with North holding the ace-king-nine of spades and South holding the six of spades and the ten-four of hearts. West could not keep the queen of hearts and three spades, so he discarded the queen of hearts, hoping that his partner held the 10. No luck for him as South, took the last three tricks with the 10 of hearts and the ace-king of spades. Well played!

— Bob Jones
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MARCH MADNESS

Won down, two to go

MVC TOURNAMENT
LOYOLA 54, N. IOWA 50

Inspired Richardson helps push Ramblers 2 wins from NCAAs

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

ST. LOUIS — Just three games into Loyola's season, captain Ben Richardson broke his left hand and needed surgery.

"You just want to break your heart when you get a senior (who is) injured," coach Porter Moser said.

Richardson's response to sitting out a month and missing 10 games defined the Ramblers' unselfish culture.

"He says to me, 'Well, maybe this will give somebody else a chance to step up and get more minutes, and then when I come back, we'll be deeper,'" Moser recalled. "I mean, who says that?" Richardson does.

The Ramblers needed someone to step up Friday in the Missouri Valley Conference quarterfinals against No. 9 seed Northern Iowa when MVC player of the year Clayton Custer struggled with his shot. It was Richardson who helped show off Loyola's depth with some big shots and his typical gritty defense for a 54-50 victory that kept the Ramblers' *Turn to Loyola, Page 4*

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Illinois State 77, Indiana State 70
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Loyola vs. Bradley, 2:30 p.m.
S. Illinois vs. Illinois State, 5 p.m.
Sunday's final: 1 p.m., CBS-2



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On the Big Ten

Battle of Michigan, New York style, works for Big Ten

NEW YORK — You know you're in New York when a reporter with a Jersey accent but not a hint of self-doubt poses this question to the Michigan players: "Everyone talks about the Michigan-Michigan State rivalry in football; it's known as 'The Game.'"

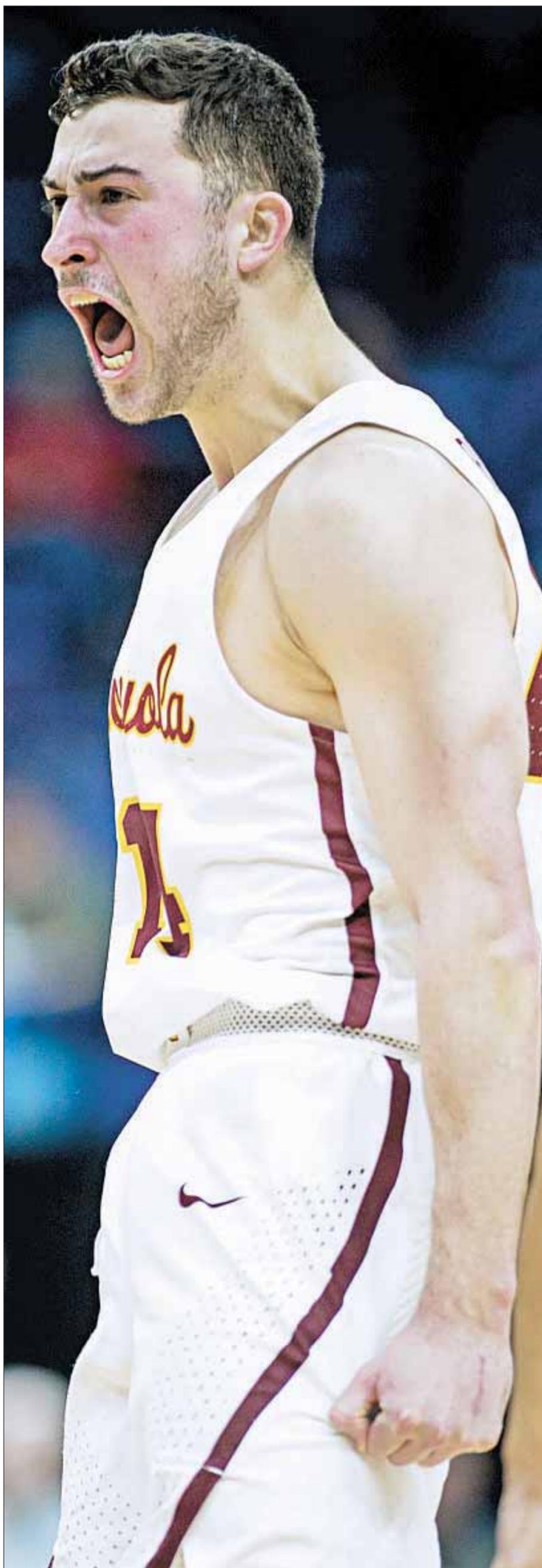
Ummmm, no. That would be Michigan-Ohio State.

But we come not to mock a region often perplexed by college football. We come to thank the basketball gods for giving us a Wolverines-Spartans semifinal Saturday in the Big Ten tournament.

Commissioner Jim Delany could not have scripted it any better. And given all the flak he has taken for moving this year's tournament to Madison Square Garden, perhaps he tried.

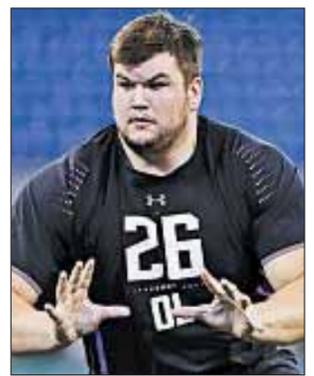
Michigan has become a perennial NCAA tournament team under John Beilein. And the Wolverines have such a massive following in the New York/New Jersey area, their throttling of Nebraska on Friday sounded like a home game. *Turn to Greenstein, Page 4*

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT
Madison Square Garden, New York
Friday's scores
Michigan 63, Wisconsin 60
Michigan 77, Nebraska 58
Penn State 69, Ohio State 68
Purdue 82, Rutgers 75
Saturday's semifinals | CBS-2
Michigan State vs. Michigan, 1 p.m.
Penn State vs. Purdue, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday's final: 3:30 p.m., CBS-2



TOM GANNAM/AP

Ben Richardson screams after hitting a 3-pointer in the second half of Loyola's victory over Northern Iowa.



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Guard Quenton Nelson runs a drill Friday at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis.

NFL SCOUTING COMBINE

'Nasty' Nelson not shy on stock

Notre Dame guard confident he's worthy of a top-5 pick in draft

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS — Quenton Nelson was nearing the end of a 16-minute, no-nonsense media session Thursday at the NFL scouting combine when he reflected on how far he has come since his freshman year at Notre Dame.

But he was talking about a different journey than the one that transformed him into an All-American offensive lineman and projected top-10 pick in next month's NFL draft.

"My freshman year of college I was very nervous in front of the camera," Nelson said. "I didn't like it too much. I was sweating and trying to wipe my forehead because it was all sweaty and glaring. Over the years in college, I have gotten used to it."

That increased comfort certainly is coming in handy this weekend at the combine as he deals with a lot of attention from media and teams interested in the rare guard prospect.

Since 2000, the number of players who primarily played guard and were drafted in the top 10 can be counted on one hand. *Turn to Combine, Page 6*

BULLS 108, MAVERICKS 100

Portis still a source of power for Bulls

Ongoing scoring surge helps end 5-game slide

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Bobby Portis fielded several questions at Friday morning's shootaround about his strong showing in February.

He wasn't having any of it. "I try to play for the team, play for the Bulls," Portis said. "I don't really worry about individual stats or anything like that. I just want to win."

Despite a strong portion of the fan base wishing otherwise, that's what Portis helped the Bulls do Friday night to snap a five-game skid at the United Center.

His personal 6-0 run late in the fourth quarter gave the Bulls their first lead against the Mavericks with 3 minutes, 43 seconds left and his 22 points, which produced his career-best 11th straight game in double figures, helped seal a 108-100 victory.

"I've been a team guy my whole life," Portis said. "One day I would like to be a starter, but right now I'm accepting this role because I feel I fit in really well for the team (by) bringing scoring and energy off the bench. That's very Bobby Portis."

Coach Fred Hoiberg said Portis *Turn to Bulls, Page 2*

BLACKHAWKS



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

For much of this disastrous Blackhawks season, things have been looking down for veteran Patrick Sharp after his return from the Stars.

As Blackhawks fade, so does Sharp's role

Scratched 11 times, veteran tries to keep his attitude elevated

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Sitting doesn't sit well with Patrick Sharp.

But he has come to understand it.

Sitting Sharp doesn't sit well with Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville.

But he has come to terms with doing it.

Sharp, who did his part to help bring three Stanley Cups to the Blackhawks, has had his share of healthy scratches during this downtrodden season — 11, to be exact.

The 36-year-old will be back in the lineup for the second consecutive game Saturday against the Kings after sitting out three in a row at the end of February.

"You always want to be in the lineup; you always want to be contributing," Sharp said Thursday after the team practiced in California. "Nobody dreams of being an extra player."

And Sharp never dreamed his return to Chicago after two years with the Stars would end up the nightmare it has become. He returned to the Hawks on a one-year deal, fresh off hip surgery last March that cut his season short.

He has managed just seven goals and nine assists in 52 games.

Just as Sharp has had his taste of being a spectator since coming back, the Hawks will be in the same position come the postseason for the first time in 10 years.

Quenneville said he has had frank conversations with Sharp about the time off. The two talked about the whys and the whatnots.

And none of those conversations were comfortable for either party.

"Not easy," Quenneville said. "That's the challenge. As your career evolves, competition gets in the way, and that's the battle you're in. We've had talks about where he has been and where he's at. When you have to sit him out, it's not what we like doing. That's the tough part about our business."

Still, Sharp appreciates his boss' position.

"There's no coach I'd rather play for than Joel," Sharp said. "I'd like to think we have had a great

BLACKHAWKS AT KINGS
TV/radio: 3 p.m. Saturday;
NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

Storylines: The Kings are among many teams trying to cling to a playoff spot. At 35-24-5, they are third in the Pacific Division with 77 points.

Trending: The Hawks haven't won on the road in more than a month, going 0-6-1 during that span.

relationship over the years."

The years — Sharp has nearly 15 of them in the league — haven't caught up to Sharp so much as the kind of game the NHL has become, teammate Patrick Kane said.

There's a lot more speed. There's a lot more competition. There's a lot more parity.

Kane said he sees the same old — figurative, not literal — Sharp.

"It's such a fine line," Kane said. "You pretty much see the same plays in practice. He can score on all of his shots. Even in the game, there are times where he can still do what he did before, if you want to put it that way.

"I don't think he really has lost that. I think the game maybe has changed a little bit. He might be in a little bit different of a role. There's no one on the team playing at that high of a level this year."

Sharp's role, it has turned out, is that of a bottom-six player.

Sharp was part of the pre-glory years, before the Hawks turned into a dominant force that hoisted three Cups. He was part of the groundwork for those champions.

He said he understands how to take the bad with the good.

"There are going to be highs and lows throughout a season, throughout a career," he said. "It's how you handle yourself. It's the kind of teammate you are, the attitude you bring to the rink every day. It says a lot about your character. That's something I've always prided myself a lot on."

Pride — and next year, for many of the team's young players — is all that's left to play for. Sharp might not be a part of next year, though.

So he plans to make the best of the last part of the season.

"We get treated pretty well here in Chicago," he said. "The least we can do is put an effort on the ice that makes yourself happy and makes the fans happy, that we can feel good about."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

With Hawks out of it, Kane sees a Pens 3-peat

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — This season has been for the birds, as far as Patrick Kane and the Blackhawks are concerned.

So with his team's postseason hopes dashed, Kane, who follows the league closely as a fan, is going with some other birds to win it all.

The Hawks forward, a veteran of three Stanley Cup championships, said he likes the Penguins to win their third straight Cup this season, citing their trade-deadline acquisition of third-line center Derick Brassard as one of the reasons.

"It's hard to go against Pittsburgh," Kane said. "They haven't been beaten in the playoffs the last couple of years, and they look like they're poised to make another run. They made a big move there at the deadline. I'd probably pick them."

Should Kane's prediction come true, the Penguins would become the first team to win three in a row since the Islanders won four straight from 1980-83.

Blurring the lines: Kane, Jonathan Toews and Brandon Saad have spent just over 87 minutes on

the ice together this season.

But the three will join forces on one line Saturday against the Kings.

In an effort to wake up a slumbering offense, coach Joel Quenneville decided to put the three together.

"Me and 'Tazer' don't really play much together anymore," Kane said. "It will be nice to try to find some chemistry and some offense. Throughout the year you're pretty much going to play with everyone, so kind of used to it at this point, the lines changing up."

Alex DeBrincat, Nick Schmaltz and Vinnie Hinostroza, who all have played at times on the top line, will form a line of their own Saturday.

Rutta awakening: Hawks defenseman Jan Rutta made a cameo during practice Friday but left the ice before it was over and will not play Saturday against the Kings, Quenneville said.

Rutta was activated from injured reserve Feb. 23 but has played in just two games since returning from an lower-body injury.

Rutta has six goals and 13 assists in 43 games this season.

MAVERICKS 108, BULLS 100

BULLS NOTES

Carlisle aim: Ames reunion

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Rick Carlisle tried to make something cool happen.

With Ames (Iowa) High School teammates Harrison Barnes and Doug McDermott on his Mavericks squad and close friend and fellow Ames High alum Fred Hoiberg on the other bench, Carlisle tried to get in touch with Dick Gibbs.

Who is Dick Gibbs? Almost too perfectly, he was a 1971 third-round pick of the Bulls who also attended Ames High and played five journeyman NBA seasons with five different teams. The Bulls traded him before he could play for them and Gibbs reportedly battled severe addiction problems in his post-NBA career.

"I had an email address for him (and) was going to try to get all four of those guys here," Carlisle said. "The gym at Ames High, which I've been to the last couple of years for Harrison's camp, (has) pictures of those four guys in the order they came. So it's Dick Gibbs in black and white, then Freddy is in color, then it's Harrison and Doug."

"I've spent pretty significant time in Ames, getting to know Coach (Vance) Downs and Har-

ison and a lot of people around there. It's a special place.

"I thought it would have been great to get those four guys together for a reunion picture. It would have been really special, but I just couldn't find (Gibbs) unfortunately. ... There's always next year as they say."

Memory lane: McDermott, acquired from the Knicks last month, called it "surreal" to be teammates with Barnes again. They won 53 straight games and two consecutive state championships while together in high school.

"They never retired Fred's number (40), so Harrison took it over and now they'll probably retire it for him, not Fred," McDermott cracked. "Make sure you tell Fred that."

Moving day: McDermott was traded three times in less than a calendar year — from the Bulls to the Thunder in February 2017, from the Thunder to the Knicks in September and last month.

"When I got to OKC, I thought I was going to settle there," McDermott said. "But then the (Carmelo Anthony trade) kind of came out of nowhere. It has been a whirlwind, but I think this is a good spot for me."

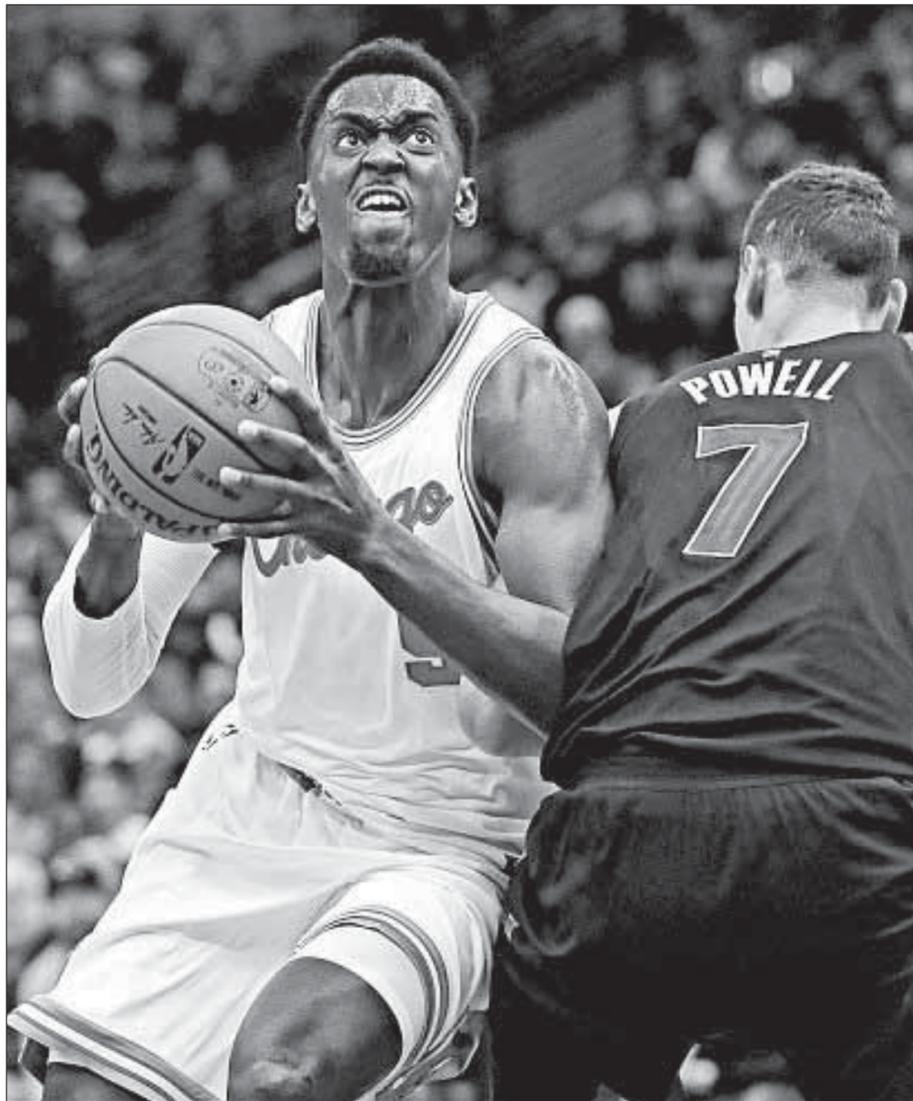
The Bulls famously dealt five draft picks to move up to select McDermott in 2014. Does he fear being labeled a journeyman rather than a lottery pick?

"If I choose to think like that, but I don't," McDermott said. "Maybe things haven't gone the way I've wanted them to, but the past is the past. I'm in a good spot now with Coach Carlisle, who has utilized me well so far. I just want to make this home."

Rookie raves: Carlisle raved about point guard Dennis Smith Jr., part of a strong rookie class that also features Lauri Markkanen. The Mavericks prepared seriously to possibly draft Markkanen.

"Both those guys are gamers," Carlisle said. "They're physically and mentally well suited to be professionals, even though they're from vastly different places and cultures."

"We had Markkanen in for a pretty substantial visit. We were looking hard at him (and) had a great two days with him. He had a great affinity for Dirk (Nowitzki). I think he would've loved to have had a chance to be with Dirk for a year or two, but he has a great situation with a coach who is really creative with his big men on both sides of the ball."



JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY

Bobby Portis works around the Mavericks' Dwight Powell and eyes the basket Friday at the United Center.

Bulls ride Portis

Bulls, from Page 1

will start Monday's game against the Celtics because the organizational plan is to look at different combinations around Kris Dunn, Zach LaVine and Lauri Markkanen for five-game blocks.

Starting Portis alongside Markkanen up front is so today's NBA.

"It's always fun playing with Lauri," Portis said. "Me being a starter, like I said, really doesn't matter. I've accepted my role as the sixth man. I get a lot of looks. I can be aggressive and be myself. I always was like that in college."

"Starting would be cool, to see if me and Lauri could play with each other for extended minutes. We play in the fourth quarter. Two guys who can space and shoot, it's great for teammates — pass the ball and play well off each other."

"The high-low game has been there for us several times. If he pops, I roll; if I pop, he rolls. (We're) just trying to play off each other, similar to what me and Niko (Mirotic) did together."

Portis scored eight points in the fourth quarter as the Bulls doubled up the Mavericks 30-15. Markkanen posted his 14th double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds and David Nwaba continued to make a strong impact as a starter with 10 points, 11 rebounds and five assists.

THE SUMMARY

DALLAS	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Barnes	34:08	9-19	7-7	1-7	2	1	26
Nowitzki	27:05	6-10	1-1	1-6	2	3	18
Powell	25:30	3-5	0-1	1-11	1	3	6
Matthews	31:12	2-9	0-0	1-2	4	2	5
Smith Jr.	34:02	9-17	5-8	0-1	3	1	25
Ferrell	24:31	1-5	0-0	0-2	3	0	2
McDermott	23:48	2-8	2-2	3-7	1	1	8
Barea	20:02	2-7	0-0	0-1	3	1	6
Noel	15:08	0-3	0-0	4-6	1	2	0
Kleber	4:31	1-1	2-2	1-2	1	1	4
TOTALS	35-84	17-21	12-45	21	15	10	

Pts: FG 417, FT 810. **3-pointers:** 13-29. **448** (Nowitzki 5-8, McDermott 2-2, Smith Jr. 2-3, Barea 2-5, Barnes 1-3, Matthews 3-5, Ferrell 0-3). **Team rebs:** 7. **Team turnovers:** 16 (27 PTS).

Blocks: 4 (Noel 2, Nowitzki 2). **Turnovers:** 16 (Barea 4, Barnes 3, McDermott 2, Noel 2, Nowitzki 2, Ferrell, Kleber, Smith Jr.). **Steals:** 6 (Ferrell 2, Noel 2, Matthews, Smith Jr.). **Technical fouls:** team, 2; 36 third.

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Markkanen	34:27	7-15	0-0	4-12	1	2	17
Nwaba	33:23	4-9	2-2	2-11	5	3	10
Felicio	24:45	3-5	2-4	1-3	0	2	8
Dunn	34:31	6-12	3-4	0-7	7	5	18
LaVine	34:42	6-14	3-3	0-2	6	1	16
Portis	34:17	9-16	2-4	3-5	2	3	22
Valentine	21:58	3-8	0-1	0-3	2	1	7
Payne	13:43	2-6	0-0	0-1	0	1	4
Grant	6:25	1-1	2-2	0-1	1	0	4
Vonleh	2:59	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	2	2
TOTALS	42-89	14-20	11-46	24	18	108	

Pts: FG 472, FT 700. **3-pointers:** 10-27. **370** (Dunn 3-4, Markkanen 3-5, Portis 2-5, Valentine 1-4, LaVine 1-5, Payne 0-1, Vonleh 0-1, Nwaba 0-2). **Team rebs:** 8. **Team turnovers:** 13 (15 PTS). **Blocks:** 2 (Dunn, Nwaba). **Turnovers:** 13 (Felicio 3, Dunn 2, LaVine 2, Nwaba 2, Portis 2, Grant, Valentine). **Steals:** 9 (Nwaba 3, Payne 2, Dunn, Grant, LaVine, Valentine). **Technical fouls:** coach Bulls (Defensive three second), 00:25 third.

a-mano encounter, the Mavericks rookie finished with 25 points but only one in the fourth. Dunn produced 18 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

"I like it," Dunn said. "He's going out there to kill me (and) I'm trying to kill him. There's going to be plenty more battles down the road. That's the spirit you need to be a good player in this league, especially when you're young."

With a combined 40 victories, the teams were bound for some futility.

Perhaps the apex came when the Mavericks drew a technical foul for only having four players on the court. Worse, the Bulls couldn't score on the possession. Denzel Valentine missed a wide-open 3-pointer and then the technical free throw.

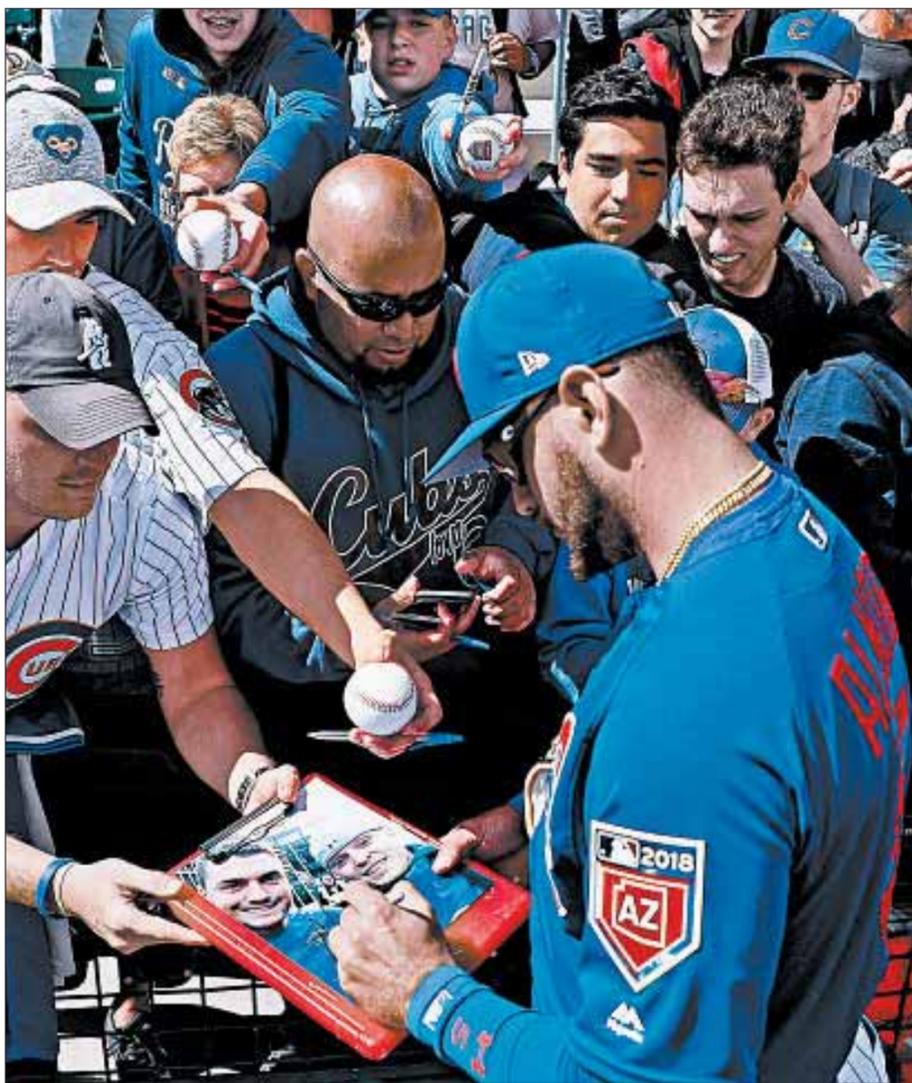
Portis has completely transformed his body since his rookie season, getting stronger.

"In training camp, it was always Taj (Gibson) who was stronger than me," he said. "Now (I'm) playing against some other veterans around the league, bumping into them (and) they (are saying), 'Damn, strong-ass dude.' It's crazy to hear them say that."

No crazier than winning while many cheer for a team to lose.

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CUBS



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"It's awesome to keep learning day in and day out," the Cubs' Albert Almora Jr. said. "I'm excited."

Getting right

Almora's work on his offense gives Cubs more options

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

TEMPE, Ariz. — The goal of correcting flaws never frustrates Albert Almora Jr.

"This game is beautiful," the Cubs' center fielder said. "It's awesome to keep learning day in and day out. I'm excited. I'm still learning. Trust me, it's not going to be a flip-the-switch thing."

Despite his billing as a first-round pick in the 2012 draft, Almora knows he's not a finished product even as he showed improvement in his second season with 299 at-bats, particularly against right-handed pitchers.

Manager Joe Maddon acknowledged Almora's progress and is eager to see whether Almora can continue to be selectively aggressive against right-handed pitchers to force them to not rely so much on sliders against him. If he can show he can reach base often enough, he could earn a healthy chunk of the club's leadoff duties.

"As a player, maturation wise, the biggest thing is his ability to do better against right-handed pitching," Maddon said. "Laying off certain pitches started to become more obvious (to him last season). He always has been able to hit the lefties."

"Defensively, he's pretty much the same. He has been a good baserunner. His ability to toss failure into the garbage can a little more quickly and move onto the next moment. That's what I'm seeing out of him."

Almora, 23, batted .271 with a

CUBS RECAP

The Cubs rallied from a 3-1 deficit Friday with two runs in the seventh and three in the ninth for a 6-4 victory over the Angels at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Ryan Court, a graduate of Dundee-Crown High School, delivered a bases-loaded double with two out in the ninth to snap a 3-3 tie.

At the plate: Mark Zagunis hit an opposite field single to right, and Jason Vosler followed with a sacrifice fly that tied the game in the seventh.

On the mound: Jen-Ho Tseng worked out of a jam in the fifth but allowed a two-out RBI single in the sixth to Carlos Perez.

In the field: Second baseman Javier Baez made an over-the-shoulder sliding catch of an Andrelton Simmons popup in shallow right field in the second.

Key number: .500 — Court's batting average in spring training

Up next: Vs. Reds, 2:05 p.m.

Saturday at Sloan Park. RH Tyler Chatwood vs. RH Luis Castillo.

.291 on-base percentage against right-handed pitchers, compared to a .342 average and .411 on-base mark against left-handers.

The most encouraging aspect was that Almora avoided the ballyhooed "sophomore jinx" by batting .319 in the second half against right-handers that helped his overall batting average increase in the second half by 50 points to .298.

That could give Maddon another serious option for the leadoff spot in addition to switch-hitters Ian Happ and Ben Zobrist.

"I've had great teammates and a great coaching staff to help me keep my head right and not veer off if I'm caught in a bad week,"

Almora said. "Kudos to my teammates for keeping me in check, but I work as well."

When Almora wasn't playing, he said he spent a lot of time watching sliders off a machine to acclimate his eyes to what he might be facing.

"(But) you can do as many things in the batting cage, but playing is the way to learn. That was good. I feel like I matured there. I learned and figured it out a little bit and went with it."

Developing a mastery of fine-tuning the outer part of the strike zone has allowed Almora to hit to the opposite field when he's not chasing outside pitches.

Almora isn't the prototype leadoff hitter, and Maddon doesn't want him to adjust for the sake of compromising his style. Almora batted .333 with a .321 on-base percentage on the first pitch last season but each of those marks dropped to .215 on 1-0 counts.

"If the first pitch is a good pitch, I'm not concerned," Maddon said. "Sometimes that might be the best pitch you're going to see. I don't like when any hitter swings at the first pitch when it isn't necessarily in their spot."

Almora is a notorious ground ball hitter, but Maddon is lukewarm about changing his style even in this era of launch angle emphasis.

"The best way to for him to get away from it is stay in the middle, stay centered," Maddon said. "Maybe over time that will be less. Derek Jeter hit the ball on the ground almost 60 to 70 percent of the time, but the guy's swing was so inside the ball, it played for him."

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CUBS NOTES

Quintana, Hickey build relationship

BY MARK GONZALES
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TEMPE, Ariz. — During most of his six-year career, left-hander Jose Quintana witnessed some goofy moments with the White Sox.

But that might have prepared him for the various methods of instruction he has received in the last eight months after being traded to the Cubs.

Quintana's biggest challenge — aside from the intricate scouting reports coach Mike Borzello organizes — is getting acclimated to Jim Hickey, his third pitching coach in less than a year.

"That's part of the game," said Quintana, who left veteran Sox pitching coach Don Cooper after his trade and became associated with Hickey after the Cubs fired Chris Bosio.

"Now I'm focused on Hickey," Quintana said Friday after being

charged with one run in one-plus inning in his spring debut against the Angels. "I just try to do my job and anything (Hickey) says to me, I try to pick the best (information)."

Manager Joe Maddon referred to Quintana's first experience of the playoffs in 2017 as "blood in the water," and Quintana emphasized, "I have that place in my mind" entering 2018.

Quintana likes the Cubs' chances this season based on a deeper rotation that has dropped him to the fourth spot despite his getting the opening day assignment for the Sox in 2017.

"We have a consistent rotation and I don't want to say the best one but one of the best," Quintana said. "We (start) a really good pitcher every single game."

Quintana liked the challenge of working out of jams as well as the challenge of facing an Angels lineup that included Ian Kinsler,

Mike Trout, Justin Upton, Albert Pujols and Zack Cozart.

Lined up: Jason Heyward batted leadoff and hit an opposite field double to left-center in the third. Maddon described the placement of Heyward as a "test drive."

Maddon stopped short, however, of declaring Addison Russell could bat cleanup regularly.

"I like him in a secondary RBI spot," Maddon said. "Seventh is kind of a really good spot. He has to be protected so you have to pitch to him. When he hits further down — sixth or seventh — he gets a lot of opportunities and does a good job."

Bryant returns: Third baseman Kris Bryant returned after missing five games because of illness. He singled in his first at-bat and started an inning-ending double play in the second.

WHITE SOX

Davidson trying to get timing right

Sox slugger working on patience at plate, but pitching still the dream

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Somewhere deep inside Matt Davidson lurks a pitcher waiting to get out.

As a kid, the White Sox third baseman/designated hitter lived life on the mound and to this day Davidson calls pitching "a passion of mine."

So it raises the question: Has Davidson ever considered discussing with the Sox a two-way role of pitching and hitting?

"If I'm hitting .330 with 40 (home runs) and 100 (RBIs) every year maybe I'll start thinking about it but it takes a lot of work just to do that," Davidson said before the Sox lost to the Dodgers 7-6 Friday at Camelback Ranch. "Hitting and defense are plenty enough to worry about."

While pitching may have his heart, the rest of Davidson is all about hitting. The 26-year-old spends as much or more time in the batting cage as any of his Sox teammates and has been hitting since late-November in preparation for the 2018 season.

"The cage, it's really easy — tees and flips and batting practice," Davidson said. "If you can strive to get as perfect as you can in BP (and) you can hit eight out of 10 off BP perfectly, hopefully that scales down. Three out of 10 in the game is really good — very successful. (You're) a Hall of Famer, that kind of thing, if you have a career batting average above .300."

Davidson doesn't quite measure up to those lofty standards yet — he has a career average of .224 in just more than a year of service time — but the Yucaipa, Calif., native was encouraged by his semi-breakthrough 2017 during which he hit .220 with strong power numbers of 26 home runs and 68 RBIs in 414 at-bats while battling through a wrist injury.

"Seeing results gives you confidence," Davidson said. "Ultimately, I want to improve on that. I was glad I was able to show a little bit of what I can do. I still feel like there's more to do."

His 17 efforts came on the heels of a disastrous debut with the Sox the previous season when he fractured his foot after two at-bats and was lost for the year.

"It's frustrating but those things I really couldn't control," Davidson said. "Breaking something or getting hit by a pitch you can't really put that on yourself because it's really not your fault."

A healthy Davidson can be an

WHITE SOX RECAP

The White Sox lost their second consecutive Cactus League game as they fell to the Dodgers 7-6 Friday at Camelback Ranch. The game was tied 5-5 in the top of the eighth when the Dodgers' DJ Peters blasted a two-run home run off Sox reliever Connor Walsh.

At the plate: Adam Engel went 2-for-3 with his first home run of the spring and Eddy Alvarez also homered for the Sox. Yoan Moncada walked and scored twice and stole a base.

On the mound: Miguel Gonzalez started and pitched two scoreless innings, allowing four hits with a walk. Joakim Soria was torched for four runs on five hits and did not record an out.

Prospect spotlight — Casey Gillaspie: The 25-year-old first baseman, who was acquired from the Rays for Dan Jennings last July, went 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Up next: At Royals, 2:05 p.m. Saturday in Surprise, Ariz. RH Michael Kopech vs. RH Ian Kennedy.

anchor in the Sox's lineup, whether he wins the starting third baseman job, spends the bulk of his time at DH or fills in at first base. The right-handed batter's main focus of development is honing his pitch selection skills.

"It's an art," said Davidson, who went 0-for-2 with a walk against the Dodgers. "All the greatest hitters, that's something they have. They swing at strikes instead of balls. A good starting point is staying in the zone that you want and being ready to hit that pitch only."

"If somebody has a nasty slider it's a ball ... you can't hit for the most part. The thing is, (it's) not swinging at balls out of the zone, it's swinging at pitches in the zone."

Said manager Rick Renteria: "If (pitchers) mislocate a pitch with him he's able to put the bat on the ball very well and drive it. (Davidson) is trying to hone in and stay in a particular lane when he's taking his at-bats, allowing the situation to dictate what he's going to do."

Davidson is a disciple of Sox hitting coordinator Mike Gellinger as well as former Sox slugger Paul Konerko, who has worked with him extensively.

"(Konerko) would never settle for not perfecting his swing," Davidson said. "Pitchers are so good now, you have to be so precise on every swing and every pitch of the at-bat. You can't give up (on) a pitch because that might be the one good one you get to hit."

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Renteria says Moncada could be leadoff candidate

BY CHRIS KUC
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GLENDALE, Ariz. — When Yoan Moncada stepped into the box to face Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw to lead off the bottom of the first inning of Friday's Cactus League game, it marked the first of what figures to be many leadoff opportunities for the White Sox second baseman this spring.

Before the Sox fell to the Dodgers 7-6 at Camelback Ranch, manager Rick Renteria revealed that he will experiment with Moncada as a leadoff hitter.

"We're exploring the possibility," Renteria said. "(Moncada) is a high on-base guy. He's a guy who we can try to slot into that role."

Renteria sat down with Moncada on Wednesday to discuss the possibility and asked the 22-year-old where he is most comfortable in the lineup.

"He likes the leadoff role (and) he likes hitting second," Renteria said. "It gives me another option. If I can find someone who's really comfortable in that situation and if he can manage that situation maybe we've found a guy we can use there. It's only one time through the lineup that you're ultimately a leadoff hitter but if you can ... put yourself in the best situation early through that first round of at-bats and possibly score early, maybe it gives you some type of advantage. We're going to use him a little bit more in that slot this spring ... and we'll see how it develops."

Moncada, who had an .338 on-base percentage to go along with his .231 batting average last season, has not batted leadoff in 62 career games. Against the Dodgers on Friday, Moncada went 0-for-2

with two walks, two runs and a stolen base.

Eloy update: Top prospect Eloy Jimenez has patellar tendinitis in his left knee and will remain sidelined for the next few days while taking anti-inflammatory medication.

Ranked the No. 4 prospect in baseball by MLB Pipeline, Jimenez appeared in the Sox's Cactus League opener Feb. 23 but has been limited since to hitting in the cage and working on the back fields of Camelback Ranch.

"It's not something that will ultimately limit him in playing, it's just the discomfort that comes with tendinitis," Renteria said. "It's a painful experience but you can work through it. In a couple of days, we'll see what the medication has done."

Impressive debut: Reliever Nate Jones was overjoyed with his spring debut Thursday. Coming off nerve repositioning surgery that limited him to 11 appearances last season, the veteran retired the Reds in order in one inning.

"I was just excited to be throwing strikes and hopefully carry that over to the next one and the next one and the next one and keep that going," Jones said.

The right-hander, who is a closer candidate for the Sox, reached 96 mph on his fastball and mowed down the Reds on nine pitches.

Ump OK: Home-plate umpire Tony Randazzo left Friday's game in the third inning after being hit with a pitch thrown by the Dodgers' Brook Stewart. The Sox later announced Randazzo had "passed all orthopedic and medical evaluations."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ROUNDUP

NCAA president: Reform on its way

Tribune news services

NCAA President Mark Emmert is hopeful the scandal roiling college basketball will lead to major rule changes, but schools paying players is likely a nonstarter.

In a 45-minute phone interview Friday with the Associated Press, Emmert said he expects a commission to reform college basketball to put forth proposals to modernize NCAA rules on player-agent relationships, devise new ways to handle high-profile enforcement cases and address the NBA's one-and-done rule. The commission, led by former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, is on track to give its recommendations to NCAA leadership when the Division I Board of Directors meets April 24-25.

Emmert says he does not think the NCAA is in crisis and that the "vast majority of what's going on inside" the associations is working "incredibly well."

"Yes, we've got these very serious issues which require serious change and they erode people's belief in the integrity of all college sports," Emmert said. "That's a very serious problem and that's got to be addressed and we're doing that right now and I'm really optimistic that before basketball season next year we're going to have really meaningful change that makes this circumstance, if not completely go away, dramatically better than the problems that exist today."

Illini commitment: Six-foot-5 wing Alan Griffin from White Plains, N.Y. committed to Illinois.

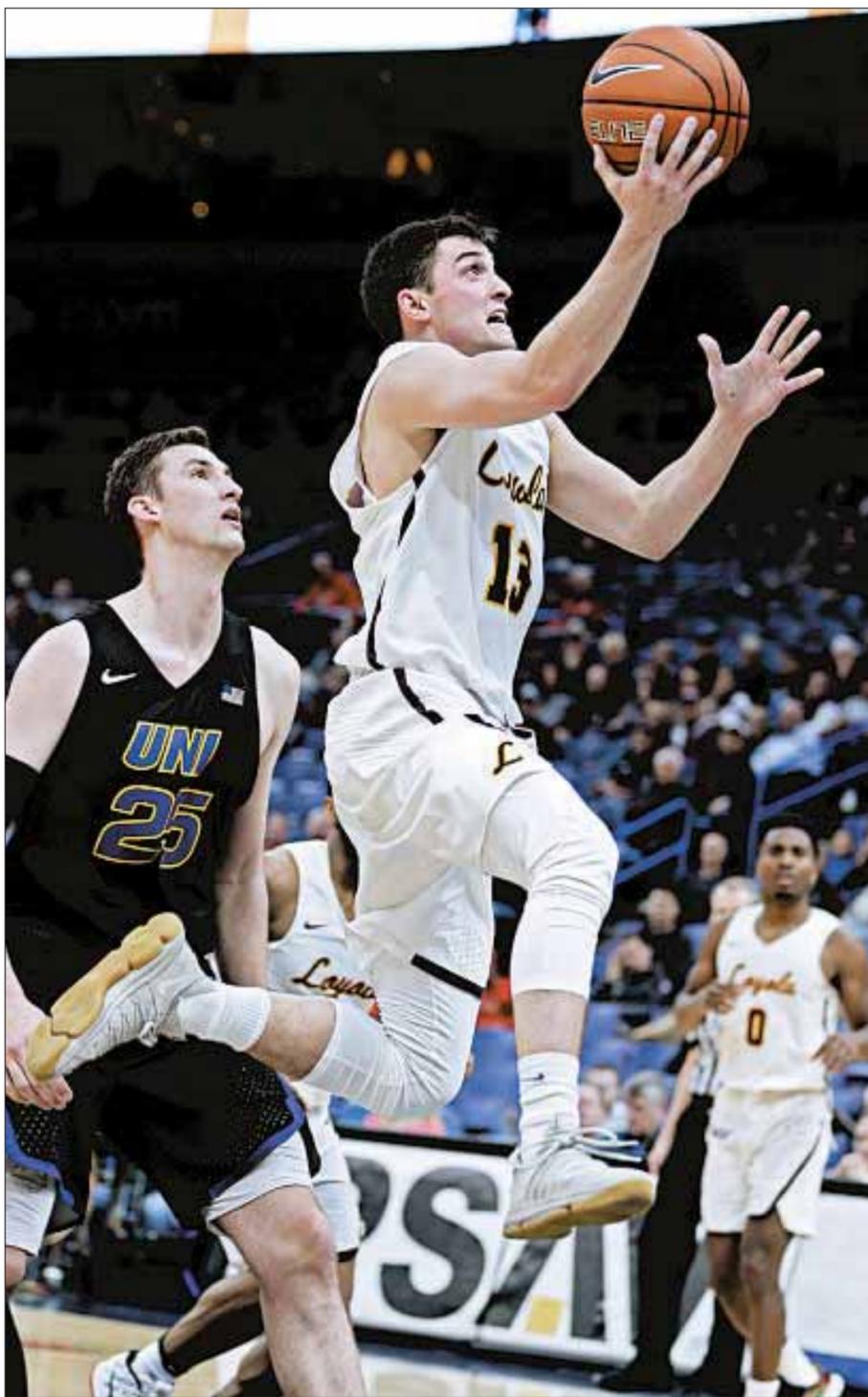
Griffin's father, Adrian, worked as an assistant coach on Tom Thibodeau's staff with the Bulls. Alan Griffin attended Oak Park High School at the time.

He is the Illini's second recruit for the Class of 2018 along with five-star signee Ayo Dosunmu from Morgan Park, who signed in November.

Northern Illinois 66, Ball State 65: Eugene German hit the go-ahead jumper with 16 seconds left and finished with 25 points as the host Huskies (13-18, 6-12 MAC) won their regular-season finale. Levi Bradley added 18 points and 17 rebounds for NIU while Tayler Persons' 23 points led the Cardinals (19-12, 10-8).

Horizon tournament: Kameron Hankerson poured in 36 points with seven 3-pointers and No. 7 seed Green Bay defeated tenth-seeded Detroit Mercy 93-81 in first-round action in Detroit. Providence-St. Mel grad Khalil Small added 19 points with 10 rebounds and five assists for the Phoenix (13-19), who meet second-seeded Wright State in Saturday's quarterfinal. ... Kenny Carpenter scored 22 points as No. 8 seed Cleveland State (10-22) defeated ninth-seeded Youngstown State 72-71.

Davidson 63, Rhode Island 61: Jon Axel Gudmundsson hit a driving layup with 3.1 seconds as the host Wildcats (18-11, 13-5 Atlantic 10) pulled off the upset over the No. 17 Rams.



TOM GANNAM/AP

Clayton Custer elevates for a shot in the first half of Loyola's victory in the Missouri Valley tournament.

1 down, 2 to go

Loyola, from Page 1

NCAA tournament hopes alive.

Top seed Loyola (26-5) will face Bradley in Saturday's first semifinal at the Scottrade Center. The fifth-seeded Braves beat Drake 63-61 on a last-second layup by Donte Thomas.

Richardson's four steals were vital. But it was his 3-pointer at the shot-clock buzzer with less than 7 minutes remaining that provided a boost and a 40-37 edge for the Ramblers, who had trailed by six.

"We have a lot of weapons on this team," said Richardson, who finished with nine points and six assists. "Any guy can go make that big play. At that point in the game, I had to take it."

Loyola had been known for its shooting during its MVC championship regular season. The Ramblers entered Friday ranked second nationally at 51.4 percent.

But they had to find a different way to beat the Panthers, who were fourth nationally in holding opponents to 62.9 points a game.

"It was gritty. It was tough. It was ugly at times," Moser said.

Loyola made only one of its first 10 shots. Custer, who injured an ankle Friday, shot 1 of 7 from the field, making a layup with 5:41 remaining.

"I'm telling you, he's going to make some huge plays for us

here in St. Louis," Moser promised.

Donte Ingram and Marques Townes led the way with 13 points apiece, helping Loyola in a crucial 14-2 second-half run.

UNI (16-16) never went away. Wyatt Lohaus hit a 3-pointer with 30 seconds left to pull the Panthers within 51-48. Custer, who shoots 76.5 percent on free throws, missed two at the line in the final 40 seconds.

Freshman Lucas Williamson made two free throws, and Townes hit 1 of 2 with 2 seconds left to keep the Ramblers ahead.

Richardson, who didn't take a shot in the first half, shot 4 of 7 after halftime with numerous deflections and steals. It showed why he was named MVC defensive player of the year.

"It's his competitive mindset," said assistant coach Bryan Mullins, a two-time MVC defensive player of the year at Southern Illinois. "He's just relentless with his effort. If he wasn't giving his best or going 100 percent, normal guys don't get those deflections or little plays he always gets for us."

Richardson said as a freshman and sophomore he learned about being selfless from Milton Doyle, who now plays in the NBA with the Nets.

Doyle had some injuries as an upperclassman and encouraged

Richardson to step up as a starter in his absence.

"He gave me a ton of confidence when he was on the bench," Richardson said.

Now he's doing the same for younger players such as Williamson.

Richardson needed some time to get his shot back after the injury. The last three games, he's hitting 55 percent and averaging 10 points. He hasn't lost his defensive edge either.

"When you give energy like that, your teammates will feed off of it," he said.

SIU 67, Missouri State 63: Guard Sean Lloyd scored 13 points and hit a key layup with six seconds remaining for the No. 2 seed Salukis (20-12). SIU used a 15-2 second-half run to pull ahead by 14, but the Bears (18-15) responded with a 12-0 run and kept it close.

Illinois St. 77, Indiana St. 70: Milik Yarbrough scored 24 points and grabbed a crucial rebound in the closing seconds for the third-seeded Redbirds (17-14). The victory set up an all-Illinois semifinals, meaning the state is guaranteed one NCAA tournament berth.

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Looking forward after big step back

Return home, talented incoming class will help NU forget lost season

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
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NEW YORK — Decades from now, will anyone remember Northwestern's 2017-18 season?

When the players return to campus to be feted and the video montage ends with the dog-pile celebration after the win over Michigan at the "old" Welsh-Ryan Arena, will fans even recall the inglorious follow-up?

Oh, yeah, that was the season they played at Amazon Fieldhouse, out by O'Hare. Wait, what was it called back then? Right, Allstate Arena.

Only hardcore fans will remember how this season ended for the Wildcats (15-17): with seven straight losses, late-game ineptitude against Penn State at Madison Square Garden and Bryant McIntosh tearing up while answering questions on the podium.

Later in the locker room, McIntosh beamed as he thought more about the good times and what's next for him.

"I hope to continue to play," he said. "(I'll) see where the ball takes me."

McIntosh, Scottie Lindsey, Vic Law and Gavin Skelly formed the greatest recruiting class in NU history. But McIntosh believes — hopes, actually — they will lose that distinction.

"They're better than our class," he said of the group bound for campus in a few months. "As history evolves, it will go down as the best class in Northwestern history. Due to what we accomplished, they aren't there yet, but they can get here."

"We've allowed this program to make a jump. We're excited to see what they do with it."

NU basketball is about to look very different.

Start with its home. Northwestern is pouring \$110 million into Welsh-Ryan Arena, shrinking capacity to 7,039 seats by replacing bleachers with chair backs and adding amenities.

Demand has been so high for season tickets, which the school has capped at 4,000, that there's a waiting list.

McIntosh said he wishes he could play one more game in a Wildcats uniform, joking that Law and Dererk Pardon have squabbled over who will get the first shot in the new arena.

Law and Pardon will form the nucleus of the 2018-19 team, two proud veterans who have combined to play nearly 2,800 minutes of NU basketball.

Expect to see four new rotation players. Six-foot-7 A.J. Turner, who practiced with the team this season after transferring from Boston College, is described as a big, versatile wing who moves well without the ball and can shoot.

Three freshmen, all ranked between 83rd and 109th on the 247Sports.com national composite list, will also play.

Lindsey hopes next year's Wildcats are able to regain the attitude the 2016-17 team displayed.

"We lost a sense of the blue-collar work ethic we had last year," he said. "At the beginning of the season, we played (as if) we'd arrived."

"By the time we figured out we hadn't, it was a little too late."

Michigan, Michigan State ready to go one more time

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Michigan State, meanwhile, is the closest the Big Ten has to an NBA team, providing a major appeal in a pro sports town. Jaren Jackson and Miles Bridges both are expected to be top-10 picks in the draft this year.

And best of all, the teams despise each other — or at least resent one another.

Michigan State still is stinging from its 82-72 home loss to Michigan. The Spartans are 13-0 since.

After Michigan State did its part by sending Wisconsin home, Spartans guard Cassius Winston was asked if he wanted another shot at Michigan. Winston cracked a smile and replied: "If we end up playing, I definitely will not be disappointed."

Michigan guard Xavier Simpson said: "I only know a few guys

on (Michigan State's) team, but then again, this rivalry is always personal. You have to come ready to play. Every minute."

Support staff: "THAT WAS SEVEN SECONDS!" a man yelled, attempting to alert officials to a three-second violation by an Ohio State player. (He was probably right.)

Glance at the man and it becomes obvious: He's a dead ringer for Pat Chambers, the Penn State coach. The woman next to him also has similar features. Turns out they're two of Chambers' 11 (!) siblings.

"It's nerve-wracking," said Chambers' sister, Lisa Ballard. "Everything he feels, we feel."

Paul Chambers, who played basketball at Penn, said they learned to play in the driveway of their suburban Philadelphia

home: "No fouls (called). Lots of yelling. But our mom said no cursing."

Paul said he has gotten some looks from officials, perhaps because of his full-throttle voice or maybe because he so closely resembles the Nittany Lions coach.

"We admire and support him," Paul said. "But don't think we don't bust on him for being the youngest."

Penn State pulled out the 69-68 quarterfinal victory in spectacular fashion. Top scorer Tony Carr fed a cutting Josh Reaves for a slam with 3.1 seconds to play.

Penn State improved to 21-12 — and 3-0 against the Buckeyes. But with an RPI in the 70s, the Nittany Lions probably need to win twice more (i.e. the entire tournament) to make the NCAA tournament. They will meet Purdue in

the semifinals.

"We have plenty of Quad 1 wins," Pat Chambers said. "I hope they give us a hard look (for an at-large bid)."

Out in the cold: Nebraska is poised to break new ground. The wrong kind. In Big Ten history, 61 teams have won at least 13 conference games, according to huskers.com. All 61 made the NCAA tournament.

And since the NCAA tournament expanded to 64 teams, 304 of 306 teams to win at least 13 conference games from a Power Five league made the field. Both exceptions came from the 2011-12 Pac-12: Washington (14-4) and Oregon (13-5).

See where are we going with this? The Cornhuskers went 13-5 in Big Ten play but only one victory came against the league's

Power 4 of (Michigan State, Purdue, Michigan and Ohio State). Their best road victory was at Wisconsin. They lost at Illinois. And Michigan thumped them Friday as they shot 30.2 percent in a 77-58 loss.

ESPN's Joe Lunardi had Nebraska as "First Four Out" — before the game.

"I believe we're an NCAA team," coach Tim Miles said. "We just ran into a buzz saw today."

End of an era: For the first time since 1998, the NCAA tournament will have no Cheeseheads. Wisconsin's 19-year streak technically ended Friday but essentially wrapped in early December when the team lost guards Kobe King and D'Mitric Trice to injury.

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CALENDAR

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	EXH CIN 2:05 AM-670	EXH @ARI 2:10 AM-670	EXH @COL 2:10	EXH LAD 2:05	EXH @CLE 7:05 WGN-9	EXH SD 5:05	EXH LAA 2:05 AM-670
	EXH @KC 2:05	EXH SD 2:05	EXH @OAK 2:05	EXH MIL 2:05 AM-720	EXH CIN 2:05	EXH @TEX, 2 KC, 2	EXH @SD 2:10
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	@LA 3 NBCSCH AM-720	@ANA 3 NBCSCH AM-720		COL 7:30 WGN-9 AM-720		CAR 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720	

SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB EXHIBITION

Noon Yankees at Red Sox
2:05 p.m. Reds at Cubs WSCR-AM 670
7:30 p.m. Angels at Mariners MLBN

NBA
7:30 p.m. Celtics at Rockets ABC-7

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m. Xavier at DePaul FOX-32, WSCR-AM 670
11 a.m. Kentucky at Florida CBS-2
11 a.m. West Virginia at Texas ESPN
11 a.m. Virginia Tech at Miami ESPN2

1 p.m. Michigan State vs. Michigan CBS-2
1 p.m. Baylor at Kansas State ESPN
1 p.m. Alabama at Texas A&M ESPN2
1 p.m. Clemson at Syracuse WCIU-26.2
1:30 p.m. Creighton at Marquette FOX-32
2 p.m. George Washington at Dayton NBCSN
2:30 p.m. Loyola vs. Bradley CBSSN
3 p.m. Notre Dame at Virginia WCIU-26.2, WMVP-AM 1000
3 p.m. Kansas at Oklahoma State ESPN
3 p.m. TCU at Texas Tech ESPN2
3:30 p.m. Purdue vs. Penn State CBS-2
4 p.m. Georgetown at Villanova FOX-32
5 p.m. Louisville at North Carolina State ESPN
5 p.m. Arkansas at Missouri ESPN2
5 p.m. Illinois State vs. Southern Illinois CBSSN
7 p.m. Murray State vs. Belmont ESPN2
7 p.m. Butler at Seton Hall CBSSN
7:15 p.m. North Carolina at Duke ESPN
9 p.m. Gonzaga vs. TBD ESPN2
9 p.m. Nevada at San Diego State CBSSN
9:15 p.m. UCLA at USC ESPN
11 p.m. St. Mary's vs. TBD ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

10 a.m. Atlantic 10 semifinal CBSSN
11 a.m. ACC semifinal ESPNU
12:30 p.m. Atlantic 10 semifinal CBSSN
1 p.m. ACC semifinal ESPNU
4 p.m. SEC semifinal ESPNU
6 p.m. SEC semifinal ESPNU

GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE FINALS

11 a.m. 3A third place NBCSCH
12:45 p.m. 3A championship NBCSCH+
5:30 p.m. 4A third place NBCSCH+
7:15 p.m. 4A championship NBCSCH

BOXING

8 p.m. Deontay Wilder vs. Luis Ortiz Showtime
9:05 p.m. Sergey Kovalev vs. Igor Mikhalkin HBO

GOLF

2 p.m. WGC Mexico Championship NBC-5
3:30 p.m. Champions Colquard Classic Golf Channel
9:30 p.m. LPGA HSBC World Championship Golf Channel

NHL

3 p.m. Blackhawks at Kings NBCSCH, NHLN, WGN-AM 720
7 p.m. Maple Leafs vs. Capitals NBC-5

AHL

7 p.m. Wolves at Stars WPWR-50

MOTORSPORTS

Noon NASCAR Xfinity qualifying FS1
6:25 a.m. Everton at Burnley NBCSN
8:55 a.m. Huddersfield Town at Tottenham NBCSN
11:30 a.m. Newcastle United at Liverpool NBCSN

BUNDESLIGA SOCCER

8:30 a.m. Hertha Berlin at FC Schalke FS1
8:30 a.m. Bayer Leverkusen at Wolfsburg FS2
11:20 a.m. Borussia Dortmund at Leipzig FS2

TENNIS

7 a.m. ATP Dubai doubles, singles finals Tennis Channel
11:30 a.m. Michigan at Central Florida Tennis Channel
2 p.m. Challenger Series, Indian Wells semis Tennis Channel
8 p.m. ATP Acapulco final Tennis Channel

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

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Cleveland 6-2-1
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Houston 6-2-1
Kansas City 5-1-1
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New York 4-3-1
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SPRING TRAINING RESULTS, SCHEDULE
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White Sox 5, Yankees 5
Boston 9, St. Louis 6
Detroit 8, Miami 3
Philadelphia 9, Tampa Bay 2
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Colorado 2, Toronto 1
Washington 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Cinc. 3, San Francisco 2
Seattle 4, Milwaukee 2
Cleveland 9, Texas 4
Washington 15, Arizona 6
San Diego 13, Kansas City 5
Mets 7, Houston 7

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Baltimore vs. Philadelphia*
N.Y. Mets vs. Miami
N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston
St. Louis vs. Atlanta
Tampa Bay vs. Detroit
Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh
Minnesota vs. Toronto
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San Francisco vs. Cleveland
Texas vs. San Francisco*

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In his first stint as a head coach, Matt Nagy finds himself spread thin at the combine.

So far, his supply meets demands

Nagy eager to take on role filled with outside pressure

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS — The Bears' Matt Nagy is learning quickly what it means to be an NFL head coach.

For years, as an assistant with the Eagles and Chiefs, Nagy cruised through the league's scouting combine with relative anonymity, on to his next task with few distractions or interruptions.

But now, as predecessor John Fox would say, he's "one of 32." That means a higher profile and a fuller plate. Just about everywhere Nagy has gone this week, he has had to stop for a brief interaction with someone new wanting to ask a question or introduce himself or borrow a few minutes of his time — agents, reporters, fellow coaches.

Nagy's news conference at the combine Wednesday was followed quickly by a TV appearance on "Pro Football Talk," a radio interview on SiriusXM and a podcast session for Barstool Sports. On Thursday morning, Nagy was up bright and early for a cameo on NFL Network's "Good Morning Football." And that's just the media side of things.

As far as this week's player evaluations, Nagy will be involved with prospects on both sides of the ball, doubling the number of meetings and interviews he will do.

At the very least, Nagy has acknowledged his new reality and the dynamics to which he will have to adjust. Two of his mentors, Andy Reid and Brad Childress, warned him of the added demands.

Said Nagy: "The first thing you notice — and I was reminded of this by Coach Reid and Coach Chilly when this process first started — when you get into the office and you put a couple of things on your desk to get done, well, they're not getting done until 6 o'clock at night.

"There are a lot more to-dos. So for me it's balancing my time management. Which is easy. That part's not hard, and it's actually fun. I look forward to it."

The day Nagy was hired in January, Childress emphasized the adjustments Nagy would have to make as a first-time head coach. Childress' first head coaching gig came with the Vikings in 2006 after he had spent the previous seven seasons as an assistant to Reid with the Eagles.

"The better you get at what you do in this business, as you start to move up the ladder, it seems like the less you do of what you're best at," Childress said. "It's that CEO-type deal. I could come in at 5 a.m. and have my list of six things I have to get done for that day. And literally within 20 minutes, something would come up where I would be going 180 degrees the other way.

"You would be at the end of the day then, and I had maybe touched one of those things or sometimes none of them. Because there was always something else that required my attention. Those are the biggest eye-openers. Everybody's needy, and it doesn't matter whether it's the players, the coaches or some other issue in the building. It's all-encompassing."

Nagy is learning that quickly and working to adapt accordingly.

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ND's Nelson not shy on stock

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Jonathan Cooper (Cardinals, No. 7) and Chance Warmack (Titans, No. 10) were picked in the top 10 in 2013. Leonard Davis (Cardinals, No. 2) played both guard and tackle after he was selected in 2001. Brandon Scherff (Redskins, No. 5) was converted to guard after the 2015 draft.

Several analysts believe the 6-foot-5, 329-pound Nelson will join that group, perhaps even coming off the board before the Bears pick at No. 8. He could be an intriguing prospect for a Bears team that has questions on the line after letting go veteran guard Josh Sitton.

But Nelson believes he should be a top-five candidate and he gave a well-prepared answer when asked why.

"You have guys that are dominating the NFL right now in Aaron Donald, Geno Atkins, Fletcher Cox, that have just been working on interior guys, and you need guys to stop them," Nelson said. "I'm one of those guys. You talk to quarterbacks, and they say if a D-end gets on the edge, that's fine, they can step up in the pocket and they can throw. A lot of quarterbacks if given the opportunity can do that. That's what I give is a pocket to step up in."

"I also help the offense establish the run through my nastiness, and establishing the run also opens up the passing game, so I think it's a good choice."

Along with fellow first-round line candidate Mike McGlinchey, Nelson helped fuel an Irish rushing attack this season that ranked among the top 10 in Division I. The unit won the Joe Moore Award as college football's most outstanding offensive line.

Notre Dame running back Josh Adams said playing behind Nelson was "like running behind a tow truck — he was going to move out anything that was in his way."

"He has a nasty demeanor," NFL Network draft analyst Mike Mayock said. "He finishes with an edge. He's probably the best run-blocking interior offensive lineman I've seen in years. Plus, in today's NFL, you have to protect your quarterback. Every quarterback I've talked to in the NFL says what bothers them the most is immediate pressure up the middle. So you have a guy who can set a physical edge in the middle of your lineup front and allow your quarter-

back to step up. That's a big deal."

Mayock, who believes Nelson can be an NFL starter right away, also credited his passion and his development under Harry Hiestand, who moved from coaching Notre Dame's offensive line to the Bears' in January.

Nelson said Hiestand was "100 percent devoted to making me a better player," was always available for extra film study help and set an example with his attention to detail. When asked about potentially playing for Hiestand in Chicago, Nelson said "it would be awesome to continue that development at the next level," though the New Jersey native also said it would be nice to play for the Giants or Jets.

As of Thursday afternoon, after doing 35 reps of 225 pounds on the bench press — tied for second-best among offensive linemen at the combine — Nelson said he had met formally with the Packers and Giants, and he hadn't yet been asked about potentially changing positions. He is most comfortable at guard, but he said he has "the fundamentals and characteristics to play any position on the offensive line."

Bengals director of player personnel Duke Tobin said that while guards are getting paid plenty in free agency "whether they change your fortunes or not as a team is the debatable point." But Nelson is surely a player who will make teams examine such a question.

"Quenton is as fine a college football player as I've seen in a long time," said Tobin, whose Bengals pick No. 12. "I'm not sure Quenton can't play any of the five spots up front. We'll see where he ultimately lines up as a rookie and second-year player. It's a philosophical question, do guards matter? Every position matters on the field. He certainly has earned his way to the top of this draft."

Faced with a crowd of reporters, Nelson didn't hesitate in explaining the mindset that has helped to convince so many of his nastiness.

"I want to dominate all my opponents and take their will away to play the game (by) finishing them past the whistle," Nelson said.

Who's nervous and sweating now?

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In Memoriam

Margaret Freemon (Enright)

Happy Birthday, Mom. You are missed by all and you are loved by all. Your loving son, Ed.
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Death Notices

Barendt, Marjorie D.

Age 93, of Morris, passed away on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Marjorie was a former office manager of Silbrico Corp. in Countryside, IL. Beloved daughter of the late William and Margaret Barendt; dear sister of the late William "Mike" (Helen) Barendt; loving aunt of Mike (Janice) Barendt of Morris and Gloria (Dr. Randy) Christensen of California; 5 great-nieces and great-nephews also survive. Funeral services will be on Sunday, March 4, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the **Fred C. Dames Funeral Home**, 1201 W. Route 6 (at Deerpath Drive), Morris, IL 60450. Her visitation will be Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service. Committal services will be Monday, March 5, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in Queen of Heaven Cemetery Chapel, Hillside, IL, with final interment, Mt. Carmel Cemetery. For more information, please call (815) 942-5040 or visit her Memorial Tribute at www.fredcdames.com



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Caplinger, Andrew D

of Joliet Ill, Sunday February 25th, 2018. Preceded by mother Hiroko and father Robert. Survived by brother Paul and sons Christopher, Jason and Michael. There will be no visitation nor services.
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Dever, Thomas Joseph

Thomas J. Dever, age 73, born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 22, 1944, passed away on February 21 in Fairfax, Virginia. He is the beloved son of the late Michael and Kathleen Dever and is survived by his wife, Pouri (Golestaneh) and sister, Mary (Dever) Angelica. He attended Quigley North High School and Mundelein College and served in the U.S. Navy. He was a Major in the Fairfax County Virginia Sheriff's Office and subsequently Commander of the Court Services Division. Visitation will be held at **National Funeral Home**, Falls Church, VA, at 11 a.m. on March 15. Memorial contributions may be made to Smile Train, 41 Madison Avenue, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10010.
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Diwik, Rosemary Julia (Prochazka)

Age 94, of Madison, CT passed away on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at home. She was born in Chicago, IL on September 16, 1924, the only child of the late Joseph C. and Julia (Kozia) Prochazka. She graduated from Loyola University Chicago, where she met her late husband, Walter J. Diwik. The two were married on September 8, 1951 at St. Barbara Parish in Brookfield, IL. Rosemary is survived by her children, John Diwik, and his wife Beth (Luddy) of Naperville, IL, Mark Diwik and his partner Craig Farren of Arlington, MA, Nancy Hartshorne and her husband Prescott of Concord, MA, and Paul Diwik of Madison, CT, and five grandchildren. Rosemary was predeceased by her daughter Maryann Martin. A funeral will be held Saturday, March 10th, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church in Clinton, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rosemary's memory to Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Visit www.swanfuneralhomemadison.com.
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Fuggiti, Giampaolo

Giampaolo Fuggiti, 81, passed away peacefully February 28, 2018. Survived by his wife, Carla; children Dan, Paul and Alina, and 7 grandchildren. Viewing will be held Sunday, March 4 from 10 am to 4 pm at **Adair Funeral Home** at 8090 N. Northern Ave. Mass will be Monday, March 5 at 10:30 am at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Oro Valley, AZ, with burial services to follow at Holy Hope Cemetery.
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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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Karsten, Joan Elizabeth

I am honored to share the life of my incredible mother, Joan. It's a life that should be celebrated and remembered as one filled with love, laughter and commitment. Joan Elizabeth Karsten was born to Alphonse and Ruth Hesse in Bronxville, N.Y., on July 7th, 1933. She met her husband, Edward August Karsten, and wed on September 28, 1958.

Joan and Ed had strong family values, which they passed on to four children: Edward Jr. Karsten, Deborah Miller and Laura Jane Savarie, who reside in the Chicagoland area, and Suzanne, who recently moved to Nashville, TN. Joan has ten amazing grandchildren. Her legacy has been passed on to AJ Bruce, Tori Karsten, Christine Karsten, Molly Miller, Keeley Miller, Riley Miller, Chip Savarie, Ryan Savarie, Clayton Savarie and Logan Savarie. Joan was a woman of faith and was active in the Catholic church. She served on the Chicago Women's Board for the Chicago Rehabilitation Institute. She was surrounded by great friends, who valued strength, character, purpose and a good glass of wine! Joan was very creative and her Christmas ornaments were cherished by all. She was athletic, competitive and played a great game of tennis. Joan joined my dad on Valentine's Day at the pearly gates. I am confident he picked her up in his red convertible and they went off to play a fabulous game of tennis and started catching up on lost time. This special woman, mother, wife and friend will be greatly missed.
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Kaye, Bernard

Bernard Kaye MD, 93, Prominent Chicago North Shore Physician who delivered thousands of babies over a 61-year career practicing obstetrics and gynecology, passed away on March 1, 2018, after a lengthy illness.



Dr. Kaye was the consummate physician, dedicated to his patients until illness sidelined him at the age of 84. He served on the medical staff of Highland Park Hospital (now part of North Shore University Health System), for 51 years and held several leadership positions there, including chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Chief of Staff and longstanding member of the Ethics Committee. He had a treasured professional partnership with the late Dr. Burrell Reaney for forty years. Dr. Kaye was active in the community; he was a lifelong member of Rotary International and regularly volunteered his services at the the ARK. His hobbies included being an avid gardener, and playing golf, tennis, and bridge with close friends.

Dr. Kaye was born in Newark, NJ, on August 29, 1924, to Lillian and Benjamin Kaye, who emigrated to the United States from Eastern Europe and eventually settled in Brandon, Vermont, where they raised their family and ran a general store. Dr. Kaye was the oldest of three children. He received a BS degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Vermont in 1944, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and he obtained his medical degree with highest honors from the University of Vermont in 1947. After graduating from medical school, he completed his medical training in Newark, New Jersey, and at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago under the tutelage of the late Irving F. Stein Sr. He served his country honorably at numerous military postings, including as chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Dow Air Force Base in Bangor, Maine. From 1957 until 1973, he served as a faculty member at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago. He co-authored numerous articles in medical journals over the course of his career. In 2002, he received the Service to Medicine and Community Award from the University of Vermont Medical School, where a scholarship was established in his name to support medical students from Vermont. He was a member of the American Fertility Society, the Institute of Medicine of Chicago, the American Medical Association, and a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Kaye leaves his beloved and devoted wife, Edith, after recently celebrating their seventieth wedding anniversary. He leaves his children, Dr. David and Emily Kaye of Buffalo, NY; Margery Kaye and Bill Padnos, of Chicago; and Steven and Judith Kaye of Wayland, MA. In addition, he leaves his cherished grandchildren, David and Shanna Jadwin, Kate Jadwin and Ari Jadwin, Dr. Madeline (Eric Weiner) Kaye and Eliza Kaye, and Allison Kaye, Laura Kaye and Thomas Kaye, and his great grandchild, Sella Jadwin. He also leaves his sister Esther Kossoff and his sister-in-law Beverly Kaye, and was pre-deceased by his younger brother Jerry Kaye and his brother-in-law Arnold Kossoff.

Chapel service Sunday, 10:00AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment will follow at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Jewish United Fund of Chicago, juf.org, and The Ravinia Festival, ravinia.org. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Manning, John T.

John T. Manning was called home to God on February 27, 2018 at the age of 84. Beloved husband of Dorothy nee Lawson. Loving father of John (Sandra), Craig (Denise), Karen (Bruce) Bogdan, Loretta (Joseph) Korn and Diane (Sherry) Manning. Proud grandfather of ten and 2 great-grandchildren. Brother of Jim (Denise), George (Connie), Pat (Jack) Zofkie, Helen (Karl) Schaefflein, and Mary Rita (John) Kuch. Many nieces, nephews and friend to all. A Memorial Gathering of Family and Friends will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at the **Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home** 10727 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. only. A Memorial Mass is offered on Monday, March 5, 2018 at the St. Germaine Church 4240 W. 98th. St. Oak Lawn at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Christian Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



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Posluszny, John 'Kuba'

John "Kuba" Posluszny passed away on February 27th at the age of 76. Beloved husband of Karen nee, Kosinski. Loving father of Jeff (Suzy) and Sandra (Paul) Grice. Dear grandfather of Abigail and late Elizabeth. Devoted son of late Jack and late Helen. Friend to many. Member of St. Joseph's Club of Homer Glen. Visitation Sunday, March 4th at Richard Modell Funeral Home, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen, IL, from 2 to 8 p.m. Funeral Monday, March 5th at 10:45 to St. Bernard Church for 11:30 a.m. Mass. Funeral is private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Ronald Mc Donald House appreciated, 4410 west 93rd St. Oaklawn, IL 60453. Chicago Bears attire at visitation requested. For more information call 708-301-3595.
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Reip, Dorothy Lois

DOROTHY (BITNER) REIP, 90, of Clarendon Hills, and Sawyer, Michigan, passed on January 15, 2018 of pneumonia. Dorothy was born in Chicago on February 17, 1927. Preceded in death by her husband Raymond and her parents, her three children survive: Rosemary Luther (John) of Glen Ellyn, Julie Gridley (Brian) of Chardon, Ohio, and David Reip (Kitty) of Burke, Virginia, seven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Christ Church of Oak Brook, 501 Oak Brook Rd, Oak Brook, Illinois; (630) 654-1882 on Saturday, March 17th at 9:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Adventist St. Thomas Hospice, 119 E. Ogden Ave. Suite 111, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

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Stone, Alan

Alan Stone, beloved husband of Joan, loving son of the late Ida and Norman Stone, devoted father of Christie (Jeff) Stone Weiss, Joshua Stone, Sandra Friedman, Sharon (Steve) Jacobson, and Gary Friedman, cherished grandfather to Eleanor (Laura), Peter, Catherine, Nathalie, Rachel and Jeremy, dear brother of Ira (Sheila) Stone and Judi Haberman Stern, fond uncle to many nieces and nephews, loved by everyone and a friend to all passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Chicago on February 28, 2018. He was 90 years old.

The first child of Norman and Ida Stone, Alan was born February 5, 1928 in Chicago. His father and grandfather Joseph Stone founded Stone Container Corporation in 1926, which grew to be among the largest linerboard, craft and corrugated container companies in the world. Norman Stone won the Horatio Alger award in recognition of the scope of this accomplishment.

A survivor of childhood polio, Alan learned resilience at an early age, and this experience imbued in him an insatiable curiosity for the world and passion for life. He was the friend you wanted to have, someone who would always be there for you to lend a hand. Alan graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1946 and from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business in 1951 where he was a proud member of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

During his long and distinguished business career, Alan served in key positions at Stone Container including as a Senior Vice President and as a member of the Board of Directors. He ran a manufacturing operation, led purchasing and transportation, and was President of five railroads, the Apache Railway Company, Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Railway Company, the Bay Line Railroad, North Louisiana and Gulf Railroad, and the Central Louisiana and Gulf Railroad.

Following his professional career, during three decades of retirement, Alan contributed his time, passion and creativity as a civic leader. A classic mensch, he embodied the Jewish ethic of tzedakah, helping make the world a better place. Among his most ardent passions was helping those most at risk. As Chairman of the Emergency Fund, he grew and expanded the organization, founded by his father in 1973, to establish it as a leading non-profit serving the homeless and those in need of immediate financial assistance. Now merged with AllChicago, the Emergency Fund served 3200 families in the Chicago area last year.

He was President of the Jewish Vocational Service from 1975-1977, and in 2009 received their Business Leadership and Philanthropy award. Alan was a long-time member of the Jewish Federation Board, participating in seven Prime Minister's trips to Israel where he met a wide range of world leaders including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Pope John Paul II.

He loved his work as an entrepreneurial Advisor with Executive Service Corps. For his long-term dedication, the organization recognized him with their Lifetime Service award. Alan traveled twice to Romania as part of the Citizens Democracy Corps. In Sibiu, Romania he lived with a family and helped expand the corrugated box industry. His energy also included board memberships at the Gastro Intestinal Research Foundation (GIRF), the Lurie Cancer Center at Northwestern University, Brewster Academy and the University of Denver's Intermodal Transportation Board.

Alan worked closely with Northwestern Memorial Hospital, too, to re-establish the Norman and Ida Stone Institute of Psychiatry at Galter Pavilion. Initiated by his parents in the 1980s, Alan recommitted and expanded family support for the Institute to assure it will provide the finest care for years to come.

Alan's deepest joy, however, was reserved for, devoted to, and derived from his family. His love for his wife, children and grandchildren will live on forever.

A funeral is scheduled for Sunday, March 4th at 1:30pm at **Weinstein & Piser** Funeral Home, located at 111 Skokie Blvd. Wilmette, IL. The family would like to thank Charlotte and Mico for their loving, gentle care. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to the Emergency Fund All Chicago, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago or an organization of your choice.

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Szymanski, Gordon C.

Gordon C. Szymanski, 72, of Elk Grove Village for 33 years. Born in Chicago, he passed away Feb. 28, 2018. Gordon was a Marine Corps. veteran of the Vietnam War and a retired 25 year IL. State Trooper as a Master Sgt. He was a member of FOP, VFW Post 9284 and Senior League Park Dist. Golf at Fox Run. Gordon was the beloved husband of Linda S. (nee. Ulosovich) for 47 years; loving father of Matthew G., Michele L. (Terry) Todd, Melanie S. Szymanski (Kevin Newman); cherished grandfather of Emmett and Ava; dear brother of Mary Ann (Fred) Novick. Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Beloved friend to many. Visitation Monday, March 5 from 3-9pm at Grove Memorial Chapel 1199 S. Arlington Hts. Rd. Elk Grove Village. Chapel prayers Tuesday at 10am followed by a 10:30am Mass at St. Julian Eymard Church, 601 Biesterfeld Rd. Elk Grove Village. Entombment St. Michael Cemetery - Palatine. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to amvetsnsf.org. Info 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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Tedder, William Michael

William Michael Tedder, 65, of Des Plaines, IL, passed away at 4:50 a.m., March 1, 2018 at Elmhurst Extended Care, Elmhurst. Mike was born February 11, 1953 in Champaign, IL the son of William O. and Evelyn F. (Brooks) Tedder. Mike is survived by his sister Janice Cetwinski of Elmhurst. He was preceded in death by his parents. He graduated from Eastern Illinois University in May, 1975 with a Bachelor Degree in Computer Science. During his career, he relocated to Philadelphia, PA to work with The Boeing Company. After relocating to the Chicago area, he spent most of his career with the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE), where he held the position of Lead Software Programmer. A life-long fan of the Green Bay Packers, he was also proud to become a shareholder in the Green Bay Packer organization. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the **Mackey-Wright Funeral Home**, 215 E. Washington St. Monticello, IL with Pastor Paul Spangler officiating. Interment will be held in Monticello Township Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to an organization of the Donor's Choice. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mackey-wrightfuneralhome.com

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To qualify, the head of household or co-head/spouse must be eligible for one of following preferences: a person 62 years of age or older OR a person 18 years of age or older with a disability. The annual income for a one person household cannot exceed \$33,180 and the annual income for a two person household cannot exceed \$37,920.

Applications will be available beginning on **Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 8:30 am**. To apply, please log onto the HACC's website at www.thehacc.org and from HACC's homepage click on the link "See Open Waitlists." Under Affordable Multi-Family Housing, the applicant must select Cook County Senior Redevelopment (CCSR) and then select "Applicant to Apply" for housing.

Applications must be submitted electronically through the website; no other form of application will be accepted. The wait list will close once HACC has received 150 pre-applications. In the event HACC does not receive 150 qualifying pre-applications, HACC will re-open the wait list.

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BERWYN

Identified also as Area(s) 16, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is April 2, 2018.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 3rd day of March, 2018.

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Alexis Hill, Jonathan Hill, Sebastian Hill: You have a right to claim funds on deposit in Civil Action No. 17-126-BAJ-RLE, United States District Court MD. Louisiana. If you fail to appear or plead by April 19, 2018, the court will proceed as if you have been served with process. For additional information, call Virginia N. Roddy at 504-529-3600.

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First March weekend brings pleasant weather

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 51 **LOW** 33

■ High pressure across the Great Lakes brings tranquil weather.

■ Passing high- to mid-level clouds early, otherwise the day opens bright and calm. Sunrise temps range from mid-20s in outlying suburbs to low 30s in the city.

■ Light winds become SE-E at 10-15 mph.

■ Mild. Afternoon readings peak in the mid-50s in west and suburbs, but hold in the low-mid 40s along the North shore.

■ Continued fair overnight. Lows dip to around freezing.

NATIONAL FORECAST



While the Northeast was blasted with wintry weather and hurricane-force winds, and portions of the West were buried under several feet of snow, the Chicago area enjoyed tranquil conditions. Sunshine and light winds helped raise area temperatures near to 50 degrees Friday afternoon. The high temperature of 48 degrees recorded at O'Hare International Airport marked the city's 12th straight day of above-normal temperatures.

Sunshine and southeast winds are forecast to persist through the weekend, ensuring a continuation of our current mild spell. Temperatures are expected to peak on Sunday, as readings climb well into the 50s. The exception will be along the lake Michigan shoreline, where winds will be cutting in off 38-degree water. Rain is forecast to hold off until Monday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

HIGH 55 **LOW** 40

Springlike. Ample sunshine helps boost temps to the mid and upper 50s in most areas, though SE winds at 10-20 mph keep North Shore readings in the 40s. Clouds arrive at night.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

HIGH 51 **LOW** 36

Cloudy, windy and mild. Spotty sprinkles build to heavier showers and possible t-storms in the afternoon. Rain ends in the evening, turning colder. SE winds at 20-30 mph.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

HIGH 45 **LOW** 26

Peeks of sun fade as clouds build. Temps reach the mid-40s, then slowly fall. Afternoon showers change to snow toward evening. SW winds at 10-15 mph turn N at 15-25 mph late.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

HIGH 35 **LOW** 25

Some morning clouds, then becoming mostly sunny. Cold and rather brisk. Temps peak in the mid-30s. Partly cloudy, cold overnight. NW winds at 15-25 mph diminish late.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

HIGH 37 **LOW** 26

Chilly as high pressure builds over the Mississippi valley. Sun mixes with patchy clouds. Afternoon temps hold in upper 30s. NW winds at 10-15 mph.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

HIGH 43 **LOW** 32

Clouds thicken during the day, leading to a chance of sprinkles or flurries late in the day. Not as cold as temps climb to the low 40s. SE-E winds at 10-15 mph.



ASK TOM

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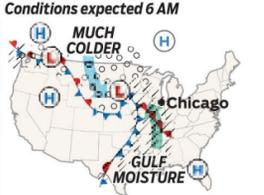
Snow:

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Jefferson, N.Y.	30.0"
Mariaville, N.Y.	15.0"
Fonda, N.Y.	14.0"
Westerlo, N.Y.	14.0"
Knox, N.Y.	12.0"
Clifton Park, N.Y.	11.8"
Savoy, Mass.	10.0"

Wind (mph):

Little Compton, R.I.	83
East Falmouth, Mass.	83
Block Island, R.I.	71
Slate Mills, Va.	70
Washington D.C.	67

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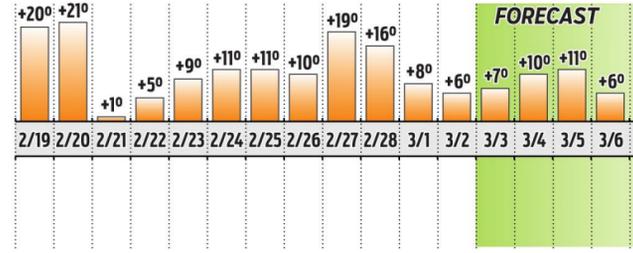


SOAKING RAINS EXPECTED MONDAY



IMPRESSIVE 'MILD STREAK' RUNS THROUGH TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Temperature departures from normal



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South Bend	su	45	25	su	47	28
Wisconsin	pc	42	27	pc	45	31
Green Bay	pc	40	25	pc	43	29
Kenosha	su	43	30	pc	45	32
Madison	su	51	33	cl	52	36
La Crosse	su	49	28	pc	49	32
Milwaukee	su	41	29	pc	43	27
Wausau	pc	41	25	cl	41	29
Michigan	su	40	22	su	40	23
Detroit	su	38	23	su	37	24
Grand Rapids	su	33	17	su	36	18
Marquette	su	33	17	su	36	18
St. Ste. Marie	su	33	17	su	36	18
Traverse City	su	40	25	pc	46	28
Iowa	pc	53	38	sh	51	41
Ames	su	52	33	cl	53	39
Cedar Rapids	su	56	40	sh	52	44
Des Moines	su	49	30	sh	50	35
Dubuque	su	49	30	sh	50	35

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SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albion	pc	70	58	pc	75	48
Albany	sh	42	32	cl	42	27
Albuquerque	pc	67	37	pc	60	29
Amarillo	pc	69	46	pc	75	36
Anchorage	su	27	16	pc	26	19
Asheville	su	51	26	su	58	29
Aspen	su	52	27	sn	35	13
Atlanta	su	63	35	su	65	39
Atlantic City	pc	47	34	pc	47	28
Austin	cl	69	51	sh	76	64
Baltimore	pc	50	36	su	51	32
Billings	su	32	21	sn	25	21
Birmingham	su	65	38	su	67	46
Bismarck	cl	38	27	sn	38	27
Boise	su	43	34	sh	41	32
Brownsville	pc	84	69	pc	86	70
Buffalo	pc	36	24	pc	36	20
Burlington	sh	39	31	sh	38	30
Charlotte	su	61	34	su	60	33
Charlton SC	su	61	39	su	60	40
Charlton WV	su	47	25	su	49	27
Chattanooga	su	59	34	su	62	36
Cheyenne	su	59	29	pc	53	20
Cincinnati	su	48	26	su	51	30
Cleveland	su	34	26	su	34	23
Colo. Spgs	su	64	36	pc	54	28
Columbia MO	su	60	38	cl	59	47
Columbia SC	su	64	36	pc	62	36
Columbus	su	44	25	su	48	27
Concord	sh	45	30	cl	43	27
Corps Christi	sh	76	67	ts	81	67
Cross Christ	su	71	56	ts	70	60
Dallas	su	64	48	su	64	50
Daytona Bch.	su	64	48	su	64	50
Denver	su	65	36	pc	61	30
Des Moines	cl	38	31	rs	37	31
El Paso	su	76	47	pc	73	44
Fairbanks	ss	15	2	pc	18	5
Fargo	pc	38	24	rs	38	32
Flagstaff	pc	45	28	pc	40	13
Fort Myers	su	81	50	su	78	50
Fort Smith	su	66	45	sh	56	50
Fresno	rm	54	37	su	57	36
Grand Junc.	su	62	39	sh	44	23
Great Falls	pc	24	12	sn	20	9
Harrisburg	pc	46	32	pc	46	28
Hartford	sh	47	33	sh	45	30
Helena	cl	31	15	sn	23	5
Honolulu	sh	80	72	pc	80	71
Houston	pc	73	64	ts	77	68
Int'l Falls	rs	40	28	sh	38	25
Jackson	su	68	45	pc	69	50
Jacksonville	su	70	46	su	64	47
Juneau	pc	34	21	pc	37	16
Kansas City	su	62	45	sh	59	47
Knox	su	61	40	su	58	38
Las Vegas	su	70	46	su	64	47
Lexington	su	50	26	su	52	32
Lincoln	pc	63	46	pc	62	36
Little Rock	su	63	40	sh	59	48
Los Angeles	su	57	42	pc	62	43
Louisville	su	53	28	su	55	35
Macon	su	68	37	pc	67	38
Memphis	su	62	39	pc	65	48
Miami	su	78	56	su	76	58
Minneapolis	su	47	35	sh	45	34
Mobile	su	72	47	pc	71	55
Montgomery	su	68	39	su	68	45
Los Angeles	su	58	32	su	62	38
New Orleans	su	71	53	su	75	60
New York	pc	47	36	pc	48	32
Norfolk	pc	52	37	pc	49	34
Norfolk	pc	63	51	ts	59	49
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Omaha	pc	73	49	su	71	50
Orlando	su	73	49	su	71	50
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Palm Springs	pc	68	46	pc	69	49
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Portland, OR	pc	51	32	pc	52	35
Providence	pc	44	33	sh	42	31
Raleigh	su	56	34	su	55	32
Rapid City	pc	51	25	rs	33	23
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Richmond	su	52	32	su	52	30
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Sacramento	su	51	37	pc	55	34
Salem, Ore.	pc	52	31	pc	53	34
San Antonio	sh	71	64	pc	79	67
San Diego	cl	61	50	pc	61	46
San Francisco	sh	49	41	su	52	40
San Juan	pc	83	70	pc	80	70
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Topeka	pc	64	47	pc	60	42
Tucson	su	77	47	su	66	41
Tulsa	su	75	49	su	73	48
Washington	pc	51	35	pc	52	32
Wichita	pc	64	48	pc	59	41
Wines Barre	pc	35	27	pc	34	19
Yuma	pc	75	50	pc	69	48
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Amsterdam	pc	39	30	pc	39	30
Ankara	rm	61	43	pc	61	43
Athens	pc	69	52	pc	69	52
Auckland	sh	75	65	sh	75	65
Baghdad	pc	78	57	pc	78	57
Bangkok	pc	92	80	pc	92	80
Barbados	pc	83	75	pc	83	75
Barcelona	pc	63	48	pc	63	48
Beijing	su	48	25	su	48	25
Beirut	su	72	62	su	72	62

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kentucky coach John Calipari believes the NCAA should give college basketball players access to advisers.

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Options, but few solutions

Fixing college basketball's problems more complicated than it might appear

BY RALPH D. RUSSO | Associated Press

The cracked facade of NCAA hoops appears to be crumbling, and while LeBron James, John Calipari and many others agree that college basketball should be overhauled, there's no consensus on how to repair the system.

A federal investigation has alleged hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes and kickbacks being funneled to influence recruits, an FBI probe that many fans believe reveals just a tiny slice of potential corruption in college sports.

In September, the Justice Department arrested 10 people, including four assistant coaches from Arizona, USC, Auburn and Oklahoma State. Payments of up to \$150,000, supplied by Adidas, were promised to at least three top high school recruits to attend two schools sponsored by the shoe company, according to federal prosecutors.

A report last week by Yahoo Sports revealed documents showing dozens of prominent players, coaches and schools could be involved in — while likely not criminal behavior — breaking NCAA rules. All this looms over college basketball as March begins, the month when championship tournaments and brackets take center stage across America. The cash cow of college sports brings in hundreds of millions of dollars to the NCAA annually.

The NCAA has already announced the formation of the commission on college basketball, headed by former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, to recommend changes.

"I don't know if there's any fixing the NCAA — I don't think there is," said James, who never played in college, jumping from high school to the NBA at a time when that had not yet been prohibited by the league.

"The NCAA is corrupt. We know that."

Fingers point in several directions about the reasons for the problems, including the NCAA itself, the age limit to enter the NBA and paying college athletes. Here is a more in-depth look at some of them:

The NCAA is in the schools

Currently: The most common misconception about college sports' governing body is that it is an independent organization that governs the schools.

The NCAA is a voluntary association of the schools and that membership ultimately determines the rules, such as what payments to an athlete or his family members are allowable. NCAA President Mark Emmert is the face and voice of the association, but — unlike a commissioner of a professional league — he has very limited power beyond being a potential catalyst for change. Or protector of the status quo.

The talk: There are 351 schools that play Division I basketball, from powerhouse Kentucky to tiny St. Francis College in Brooklyn, N.Y. Priorities range far and wide, and what an Atlantic Coast Conference school sees as a potential fix to the system, an Atlantic Sun school could see as a threat to what little competitive balance exists in D-I. The result: Many of the potential remedies for corruption in college sports that are floated don't

actually involve NCAA changes.

One-and-done

Currently: The NBA instituted a rule 12 years ago that prohibited players from entering the draft before they were at least 19 and a year removed from high school. The NCAA has no control over this rule. The NFL rule — which requires players be three years removed from high school — is also problematic, but high school-aged football players are generally not as close to being pro-ready as basketball players.

The talk: There is much buzz about change. One option would be to let pro-ready high school seniors enter the NBA draft and make players who chose to attend college stay at least two years. The rule only impacts the top players. Since 2006, 66 one-and-done players have been NBA draft-lottery picks — and that's after a record 11 last year.

And while age is a hot-button issue, several players who played two or more college seasons were listed in probe documents as potentially accepting impermissible payments, according to Yahoo.

When Pistons coach Stan Van Gundy slammed the NCAA recently as "maybe the worst organization in sports," he pivoted to point blame at the NBA as well, even suggesting the one-and-done rule was racist in how it limits black athletes.

"You can get out of high school, turn 18 and go to work anywhere else," Van Gundy said.

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said during the recent All-Star break his league is "conflicted" about one-and-done. The players union and teams both benefit from players using a year of college to develop skills, mature and grow name recognition before they enter the NBA.

Farm systems

Currently: The NBA and NFL essentially set up college sports to be a de facto farm system for professional teams, and the people who defend college sports want no part of that.

The talk: James said the NBA should explore expanding its developmental Gatorade League to make it more like Major League Baseball's farm systems. He also wondered why the United States does not have an athlete-development model more like what exists in Europe, where elite soccer players, for example, can get professional development outside of higher education.

"We have to figure out a way that we can shore up our farm league, and if kids feel they don't want to be a part of that NCAA program, then we (would) have something here for them to jump back on and not have to worry about going overseas," said James, who said he wants to meet with Silver to discuss his ideas.

Paying all college players

Currently: Nixing the one-and-done rule would still leave some college players with value to agents, coaches and shoe companies. And the NCAA has no means by which to compensate players at full value. But facing pressure from antitrust lawsuits, NCAA schools changed rules in 2015 to allow athletic scholarships to include a cost-of-attendance stipend. Those payments range from about \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year.

The talk: Paying athletes akin to a salary is a nonstarter for those in college sports. From a practical standpoint it is problematic because of tax issues and federal Title IX requirements. Of more importance, schools

could never pay an elite athlete enough to eliminate potential corruption.

"Whatever you pay them, there's somebody who can pay more (to) the guys they think will be pro prospects," Tennessee coach Rick Barnes said.

Compensation for the best

Currently: The NCAA not only doesn't allow schools to pay players beyond the value of a scholarship but also prohibits others from paying athletes for being athletes. This could be where a realistic solution lies. A federal judge ruled in 2014 that the NCAA used the names, images and likenesses of athletes for years without proper compensation for things such as video games and merchandise.

The talk: "There may be something similar to the Olympic model," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "It used to be the Olympians couldn't make a dime; now you see Michael Phelps or Lindsay Vonn in commercials. They're still in the Olympics ... so there's a way."

Agents

Currently: The NCAA's five wealthiest conferences — the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC — recently passed legislation allowing college hockey players to be represented by an agent before entering school. Similar allowances were already available to baseball players.

In both those sports, major professional leagues draft high schoolers.

The talk: If the NCAA allowed athletes to have financial agreements and business dealings with agents and companies that wanted to capitalize on their long-term earning potential, the current scandal might not be a scandal at all.

Calipari, whose Kentucky program has embraced and thrived with a foundation of NBA-bound players, said the NCAA needs to consider some way to provide advisers to basketball players. And as for providing money, the coach suggested the NBA Players Association as a possible solution.

"Let their family get a loan from the players association," Calipari said. "What's the problem (with getting money) for travel to the games in the NCAA tournament and everything?"

It would require a seismic shift in how the NCAA has long defined amateurism.

What used to be cheating would no longer be cheating.

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CHRIS LYKES.

NEXT UP: ALL

OF COLLEGE

BASKETBALL.

By JESSE DOUGHERTY | Washington Post

There is always some wait. There's the dayslong wait between games, when fans itch to see him play again, and the minuteslong wait for him to come off the bench, when the action slows and begs for his speed and energy. And there's the moments-long wait after he catches the ball on the wing, when he peers into the defense and it seems as if there is not a single thing 5-foot-7 Chris Lykes cannot do on a basketball court.

"Where is he?" asked University of Miami junior Valeria Velasco at the mention of his name. She whipped her head around to see an empty court at the center of the dense Watsco Center.

Lykes, a Mitchellville, Md., native and freshman guard for the Hurricanes, was nowhere to be found. A late January matchup with Louisville was still an hour-and-a-half away, which meant the students had to wait just a bit longer to see Lykes, who is finishing his first college season and is already one of the ACC's most exciting — and likable — players.

That starts with his size, the first thing fans and opponents notice when he walks into a gym, but is buoyed by his downhill attacks of the rim, deep 3-pointers and pestering defense.

In December, Hurricanes coach Jim Larranaga said: "If he were 6-5 or 6-6, he'd be Michael Jordan."

After Lykes scored 18 points against Florida State on Jan. 7, Seminoles coach Leonard Hamilton called him a "flawless dribbler." Later that month, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski called Lykes "one of the better on-ball defenders" in the ACC.

Lykes has to re-prove himself — and rebuild his reputation as a defense-splitting, floor-stretching scorer — each time he steps on a new court for the first time. At Miami, where he is averaging 9.5 points in 20.9 minutes per game after Tuesday's 91-88 win over No. 9 North Carolina, that did not take very long.

Next up is the regular-season finale Saturday against Virginia Tech, the ACC tournament in Brooklyn after that and — if the Hurricanes earn an NCAA tournament bid — Lykes' first crack at March Madness.

"We love Chris — his height is just so relatable," said Velasco, who is 5-2, before the Louisville game. "There are a lot of short people here."

"He's definitely the fans' favorite player," said junior Kyle Mastoloni, who heads Miami's basketball student section, Category 5.

"I have a small crush on him," said a freshman while walking into the arena, and all she could do was blush when asked for her name. "It's his smile, I think."

Said Lykes: "I've always had to show people what I can do to get any respect on the court. Middle school to high school, then high school to college, then college to wherever I go after that, it will always be that way. It's just fun that people here in Miami know what's going on now."

They didn't always. When Lykes first got to Miami's football-crazed campus, he felt as if there was only a small handful of people who knew he was there to play basketball. They were the recruiting junkies, the die-hard Miami basketball fans, the ones who watched YouTube videos of him pouring in shots and shaking past defenders for Gonzaga College High in Washington, D.C.

Lykes started building himself into a local star as a freshman guard for the Eagles and on the AAU circuit with Team Takeover, climbed into ESPN's Top 100 recruiting rankings by his junior year and then averaged 17.6 points and 4.2 assists as a senior playing in one of the country's toughest high school basketball leagues. Whenever Lykes lifted Gonzaga with a big game, coach Steve Turner found himself saying, "Superman put on his cape again."

Lykes committed to Miami, in part, because he saw himself in the team's pick-and-roll system. It was the right fit for two 5-11 guards in recent years — Shane Larkin, now with the Celtics, and Angel Rodriguez — and Lykes envisioned himself slashing toward the paint with the offense at his fingertips.

But most fans weren't seeing that — not yet at least.

Lykes has most of his freshman classes with 6-4 guard Lonnie Walker IV, a high-profile recruit from Reading, Pa. Professors knew they had two basketball recruits in the class but could spot only one.

Lykes even carried the "basketball player backpack" — black with a shiny "U" by the zipper — and still drew little attention.

"Then, after recent ACC games, I'd come into class and the teacher will be like, 'That is you?'" Lykes said, laughing. "Everyone is always so surprised at first."

Everyone includes Miami fans, opposing fans, opposing players — but never Lykes himself. He embraces his height and sees it as a tool, helping him squeeze into cracks of the defense, bother opposing ballhandlers and catch opponents sitting back at the start of games, allowing him to launch 3s from any distance.

He likes the comparisons to 5-9 Lakers guard Isaiah Thomas and, as ESPN's Dick Vitale mentioned on a January broadcast, 5-3 Muggsy Bogues, the shortest player in NBA history.

Lykes and his teammates all created their own player in the newest NBA 2K video game, and the big men made themselves shorter guards so they could do things they can't in real life. Lykes created himself at 5-7 and never considered another option.

Yet all the height stuff also can be wearing. Lykes loves watching Thomas, but he also looks up to the Wizards' John Wall, the Rockets' Chris Paul and the Celtics' Kyrie Irving, point guards who all stand 6 feet or taller.

When Lykes watches his games on replay, the first thing commentators say when he enters the game is something about "5-foot-7 Chris Lykes." They say it again whenever he scores or makes a play. He has heard it enough.

"It's getting a little old," Lykes said. "My biggest thing with that is I don't believe there is a certain height to play basketball. When they continue to say the height, it's (as if they're) pointing out something that is not supposed to be out there. And I am supposed to be out there. I don't think it's ever going to change."

In the second half against Louisville in January, with the Cardinals leading by three and the home fans in a lull, Larranaga paced along the bench and pointed at Lykes.

"We need to get the crowd involved," Lykes remembers his coach saying to him, and the guard shuffled to the scorer's table to check in.

This is mostly how Larranaga has used Lykes this season: as an off-the-bench spark plug, instant offense, endless energy. He did not engage the crowd much while at Gonzaga, instead letting his dribble moves and off-balance layups trigger the noise.

But Lykes feels it is part of his role with the Hurricanes and knows he only needs one play to get the Watsco Center shaking.

"Our fans absolutely love when he is in the game," Larranaga said. "And they can't wait for someone to throw him the ball. He lights up the room. He creates that electric environment that you want on your home court."

Coral Gables is everything Lykes had hoped it would be, and he feels closer to the day when he enters a gym and everyone already knows who he is, when the opposing crowd doesn't assume he is a manager or ballboy, when he doesn't have to show he belongs despite his 5-7 frame but because of it.

Yet Lykes knows the height that will always nag at him is also why he already means so much to these fans. So he'll just have to keep proving himself, again and again.

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OUR VIEW

2018 Lincoln Navigator

By Jennifer Geiger, Cars.com

The verdict: Lincoln's largest SUV has been largely known as forgettable airport transport, but a redesign for 2018 makes it more memorable in every way.

Versus the competition: All luxury SUVs are fancy, but the Navigator does it with a capital F, providing extras not found in the competition.

It's been more than a decade since the Lincoln Navigator's last redesign, and some long-overdue changes for 2018 modernize it inside and out, including an opulent exterior styling makeover, a new twin-turbo engine and a slick new multimedia system.

There's also an extended version, which we haven't driven, called the Navigator L; its extra length increases cargo capacity. The Navigator competes with full-size luxury SUVs like the Cadillac Escalade and Infiniti QX80.

A Rolling Palace

The Navigator announces its arrival — and yours — with an enormous jeweled grille anchored by an illuminated Lincoln emblem, yet its opulence only hints at the luxuries inside.

To check it out, though, you'll first have to actually make it inside. The step-in height is high, but I got to skip my usual large-SUV running leap thanks to my favorite standard feature: proximity-activated power running boards. While your key is still in your purse or pocket, the running boards deploy as you approach the vehicle, making climbing into this beast a much more graceful process. Bonus: They also saved me from having to hurl my kids into their car seats. Unlike fixed steps, which err on the higher side to maximize ground clearance, powered running boards extend lower, allowing even little ones to step up into the vehicle.

While driving around with a friend, she commented that riding in the Navigator is like riding around in a couch — and she's close to right. I'd say it's more like a giant, plush, cushy leather recliner perched in the lobby of a five-diamond hotel. The Navigator's interior is among the most impressive I've seen in terms of both features and comfort.

First, the seats are nap-worthy. Sink into them and you can almost hear a sigh of relaxation (or maybe that's the leather breathing). They're enormous, cushy yet supportive, and they offer seemingly infinite adjustments for maximum comfort. They're available with 30 power adjustments, they're heated and they can also be ventilated — and they can be equipped with a massage function.

Materials quality is top-notch, and the design is simple but sophisticated. Everything is padded and looks and feels classy, from the low-gloss wood trim to the supple leather seats.

There are a couple of bells and whistles that stand out in the rear seats, too. Both the second and third rows have adult-friendly headroom and legroom, and it's a breeze to get back to the third row — unlike in the QX80. The Navigator's power sliding seats move out of the way to create a huge opening to the third row. In our Car Seat Check, the second row was also roomy enough to accommodate three car seats; two car seats fit in the third row.

Driving around with a friend, she commented that riding in the Navigator is like riding around in a couch — and she's close to right. It's more like a giant, plush, cushy leather recliner perched in the lobby of a five-diamond hotel.

Another highlight of the second row is the Navigator's illuminated seat belt buckles. Yes, that sounds gimmicky, but they were quite helpful when my second-grader was fumbling around for her buckle in the dark.

Both rows of seats go down in a sort of power-folding seat ballet controlled by cargo-area buttons. By the numbers, the Navigator has more cargo room than the competition, with 18.1 cubic feet behind the third row, 54.4 cubic feet

behind the second row and 103.3 cubic feet with all seats folded. The Escalade offers 15.2/51.6/94.2 cubic feet, and the QX80 has 16.6/49.6/95.1 cubic feet. Note that with both backseat rows folded, the Navigator offers almost 10 cubic feet more than either competitor. If you need more room still, the Navigator L provides 34.3/73.3/120.2 cubic feet.

Couch Pilot

The other side of the coin is that piloting the Navigator is a lot like driving a couch, too — a massive, whisper-quiet couch; there's no disguising its enormity on the road. It feels bulky and trucklike in terms of maneuverability, and I relied heavily on the standard multiview camera with distance alert to park it.

I felt comfortable with the Navigator's firm, natural steering, but its handling often felt clumsy. It careened around corners with all the grace of a labradoodle puppy. Ride quality is an issue, too; it's overly soft and lacks control over big bumps, but it also shimmies over smaller bumps and patches of broken pavement.

Power, however, isn't a problem. Despite all that heft, the Navigator never felt slow. Its 450-horsepower, twin-turbo 3.5-liter V-6 was more than enough around town, and it had ample grunt on the highway — though I never tried it loaded down with people or stuff. Its responsiveness is helped by a quick, smooth and well-timed 10-speed automatic transmission, another new feature for 2018.

Fuel economy is up for 2018 thanks to the new powertrain. The Navigator is EPA-rated at 16/23/19 mpg city/highway/combined with rear-wheel drive, up from last year's rating of 15/21/17 mpg. It sacrifices 1 mpg combined when equipped with all-wheel drive. Competitors trail it: The Escalade is rated 14/23/17 and the QX80 is 14/20/16 mpg (both with rear-wheel drive).

Big Leaps in Technology

The standard multimedia system is powered by the latest version of Ford's Sync system, Sync 3, and has standard Apple Car Play and Android Auto compatibility. The touchscreen is mounted high on the dash for great visibility, and it's huge. Even better, it's also responsive and easy to use. Behind the steering wheel is a customizable 12-inch digital instrument display that the driver can alter to show a range of information.

Wireless hot spot capability for up to 10 devices is standard, as is a wireless charging mat for compatible devices. There are six USB ports, four 12-volt outlets and a 110-volt household outlet to keep devices juiced up.

Though my test car didn't have a rear entertainment system, there is one available. It has two 10-inch screens mounted to the back of the front seats, each of which can play different content simultaneously via an HDMI- or USB-connected device. Users can also stream content from Android devices wirelessly to the screens; at this point, Apple devices can do so only via a USB cord.

A 360-degree camera system is standard, as is a forward collision warning system with automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning and rear cross-traffic alert.

Big Ticket Item

Lincoln's new land yacht looks and feels expensive, so its lofty price shouldn't surprise you. What might surprise you is that its price tag sits in the middle of the competition: The Navigator starts at \$73,250 for a base, two-wheel-drive model. A base Cadillac Escalade starts at \$75,990, and the QX80 starts at \$64,845 (all prices include destination charges). The Navigator's price climbs quickly, however: The uplevel Reserve trim I tested topped out at almost \$89,000 after adding extras like Burgundy Velvet paint, a premium Revel audio system and — oddly — a \$225 single-CD player option.

With this redesign, Lincoln added heightened levels of style, comfort and technology to the Navigator. As a driver or passenger, you won't forget it.



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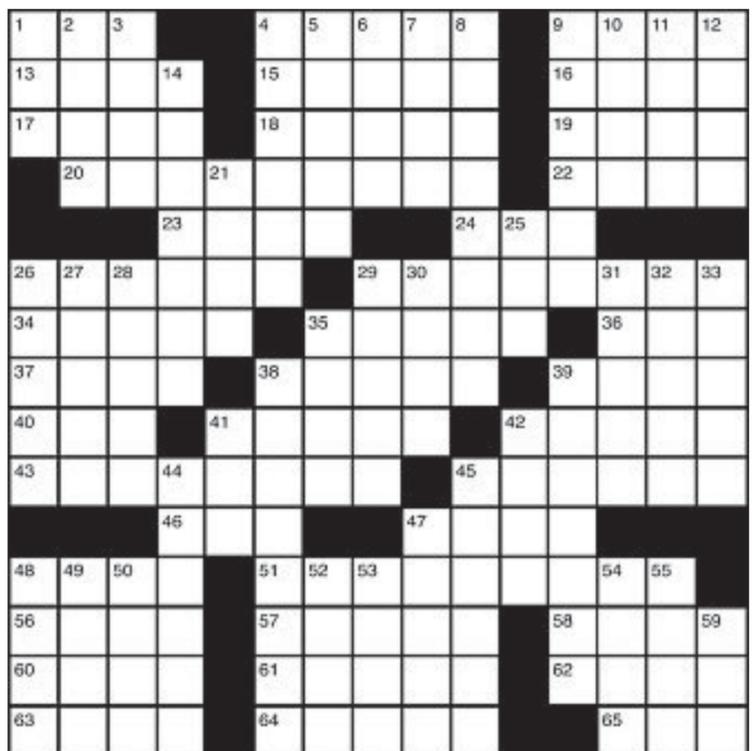
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ACROSS

- 1 Laurence Olivier's title
- 4 "This too ___ pass"
- 9 Mantel pieces
- 13 Low digits
- 15 Leg bone
- 16 Friendly
- 17 Jacket fastener
- 18 TV's Pompeo
- 19 Cut coupons
- 20 Suffering from insomnia
- 22 In case
- 23 Head toppers
- 24 Lamb's cry
- 26 Extol
- 29 Loots
- 34 Hive product
- 35 Placed ___; got a bronze medal
- 36 Feel ill
- 37 ___ on behalf of; represents
- 38 Close friend
- 39 Albacore, e.g.
- 40 Enjoy a snow sport
- 41 Without companions
- 42 Ebsen or Holly
- 43 Daring adventure
- 45 Under ___; being forced
- 46 Biblical bk.

DOWN

- 1 Brillo rival
- 2 Hotels
- 3 Authentic
- 4 Prairie of Asia or Europe
- 5 Beverly __, CA
- 6 Competent
- 7 Is dishonest
- 8 Actress Angela
- 9 Naked
- 10 Vex
- 11 TV crime drama series
- 12 Six months from now; abbr.
- 14 Class of animals
- 21 As ___ as ABC
- 47 Basketball player's move
- 48 Language of Bangkok
- 51 Expressionless
- 56 ___ and aahs; is delighted
- 57 Doesn't ___; has no importance
- 58 Make airtight
- 60 Linden or larch
- 61 Knight's spear
- 62 Roll call response
- 63 Snead & Elliott
- 64 Go into
- 65 Fraternity letter

Solutions



- 25 Most common conjunction
- 26 Moon stage
- 27 Boulders
- 28 Playful prank
- 29 T-Mobile device
- 30 Queue
- 31 ___ cologne; perfume
- 32 Orange peels
- 33 Kills
- 35 ___ on; trampled
- 38 Collarbone
- 39 Language of Ankara
- 41 Jungle beast
- 42 Hot cross ___
- 44 Ascends
- 45 Housecoat
- 47 Tango or twist
- 48 Little children
- 49 Israeli dance
- 50 Throat-clearing sound
- 52 ___ and groan; complain
- 53 Football kick
- 54 Biden or Pence
- 55 All ___; listening
- 59 Ring of flowers

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