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A painter applies a coat as crews hustle to finish upgrades at Wrigley Field before the Cubs' home opener Monday.

Cubs' Job 1 is to make the confines friendlier

Bigger dugouts, roomier concourse among Wrigley Field upgrades

BY PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

Kris Bryant won't have to worry about bumping his head on the roof of the Cubs dugout this season, and his fans won't have to worry as much about bumping into each other while making their way through Wrigley Field's main concourse, which is infamous for its game-day bottle-necks — and we're not talking beer.

If there's one word that sums up the renovations Cubs brass showed off Friday in advance of Monday's home opener, it's "space." Construction crews carved new space out of concrete, earth and walls, or removed clutter such as food kiosks, to create more room for dugouts, fan walkways, the visitors' clubhouse and new concession stands in the second-to-last phase of Wrigley's five-year, \$750 million makeover.

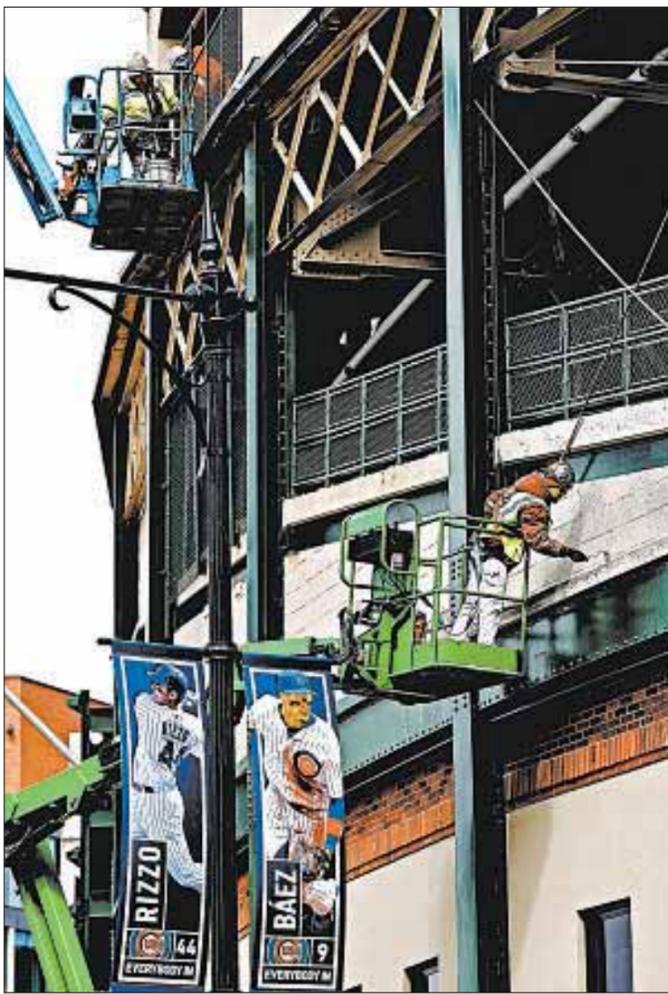
For most of its life, the "quaintness" of the 104-year-old ballpark equated to crampedness. The Friendly Confines has been just that — confining.

"Down here, fans will see an enormous change in terms of the traffic flow as well the type of food they get in the concourse," Julian Green, the Cubs' vice president for communications, said during a media tour of the ballpark Friday.

Last season, the 6-foot-5 Bryant acknowledged he had to keep his batting helmet on or duck to avoid hitting his head on the roof of the dugout.

"It's really small," the third baseman said in June. "You're hitting your head on everything."

The visitors' and home dugouts, which have slightly different dimen-



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Exterior painting crews work near the Wrigley Field marquee as part of the effort to get the ballpark in shape for the beginning of the home season.

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U.S. slaps new sanctions on Russia's elite

Latest moves hit Putin's oligarch allies, son-in-law

BY NOAH BIERMAN
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WASHINGTON — In the latest sign of plummeting relations with Moscow, the Trump administration slapped new sanctions Friday on seven Russian oligarchs with close ties to the Kremlin, including President Vladimir Putin's son-in-law, for what a U.S. official called "attacks to subvert Western democracies."

The administration's long-delayed move against Russia's ruling elite, mandated by Congress last year to punish Moscow for its meddling in the 2016 U.S. election, also included targeted sanctions against 12 Russian companies and 17 senior government officials.

The direct assault on Putin's inner circle seemed to signal an end, at least for now, to President Donald Trump's persistent efforts to revive moribund U.S. relations with Moscow despite growing warnings by U.S. intelligence officials that the Kremlin will try to interfere in the November

Russian President Vladimir Putin has denied responsibility for actions that fueled the sanctions.

midterm elections. The blacklist was issued a week after the United States and two dozen other countries expelled about 150 Russian diplomats, alleged to be intelligence operatives, in retaliation for the nerve gas poisoning of a former Russian double agent and his daughter in southern England last month.

Putin's government, which has denied responsibility for the attack, responded by expelling a similar number of U.S. and other diplomats in the kind of crude tit-for-tat clash not seen since the Cold War. Dozens of U.S.

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City denies trying to hide evidence

Judge may order sanctions following code-of-silence suit

BY GREGORY PRATT
AND JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Seeking to stave off sanctions from a federal judge, attorneys representing the city of Chicago insisted Friday that they had not intentionally failed to disclose a police detective's discipline for a drunken bar fight years earlier.

The attorneys blamed a series of technical and bureaucratic oversights for overlooking that Detective Joseph Frugoli had been disciplined for the bar fight nearly 17 years before he killed two young men in a fiery DUI crash on the Dan Ryan Expressway.

After Frugoli himself made the bombshell revelation while testifying at a code-of-silence trial in December, the city abruptly settled the lawsuit in the midst of the trial, agreeing to pay a combined \$20 million to relatives of the two men who died, Andrew Cazares, 23, and Fausto Manzera, 21.

Despite the settlement, U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall said in a written order in February that she "intends to address the issue that sanctions be imposed" against the city for its violations of discovery, meaning the routine exchange of evidence.

In their 11-page court filing Friday, the attorneys for the city argued that the failure to produce the key record of Frugoli's dec-

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3rd death could be linked to use of tainted synthetic pot

Man accused of selling product held without bond

BY VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY
AND JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune



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Synthetic marijuana goes by a number of names, including "K2," "Bombay Blue," "Spice" and "Genie."

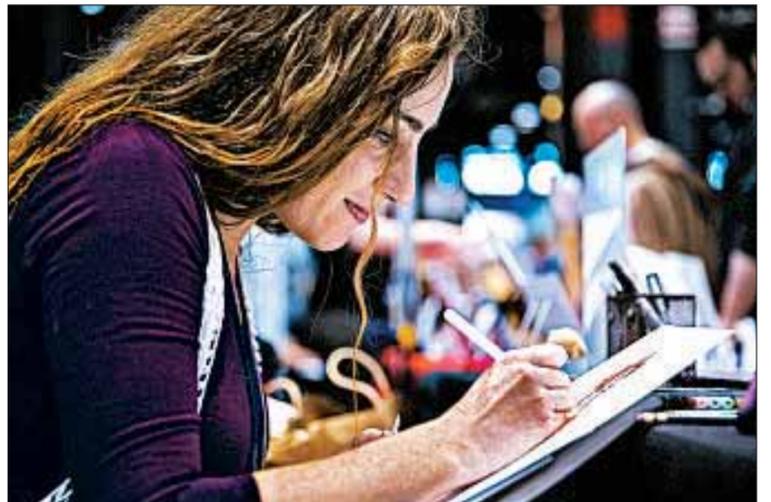
son — an ingredient that has recently been identified in several instances of tainted synthetic marijuana that have turned up in central and northern Illinois — was found in the body of a 22-year-old Chi-

cago man who died last month.

The medical examiner's office did not release specific details of the Chicago man's death March 28. But Oak Lawn police said Friday that they investigated the death that occurred on the same day of a 22-year-old Chicago man who, according to his family, recently had been smoking synthetic marijuana. The man was found at a hotel on Cicero Avenue in Oak Lawn, according to a police news release.

An autopsy revealed brodifacoum in the man's system and showed excessive internal bleeding, ac-

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A MASTER OF LINES

Artist Brianna Garcia draws a commissioned illustration Friday at the Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo at McCormick Place. The convention, aka C2E2, runs through Sunday and features panels and exhibitors for fans of comics, cosplay and pop culture.



U.S. slaps sanctions on Russia, including Putin allies

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diplomats and their families left Moscow on Thursday. Trump has been reluctant to publicly criticize Putin, even inviting him to the White House in a phone call March 20, although no summit has been scheduled. Trump did not publicly mention the new sanctions Friday.

But the White House took a far stronger line Friday, signaling that the olive branch has been withdrawn.

"What we would like to see is the totality of the Russian behavior change," Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the White House spokeswoman, told reporters.

Asked whether Trump agreed, Sanders said the president "has signed off and directed these actions. I think that that speaks volumes, actually, on how the president feels."

A senior administration official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, said Trump seeks a "better relationship" with Russia. "That can only hap-



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Oleg Deripaska, left, and Kirill Shamalov, the son-in-law of Russia's president, are among the Kremlin cronies hit.

pen when Russia curbs its aggressive behavior. Actions have consequences."

The tougher tone by the White House was previewed this week in a speech by H.R. McMaster, the outgoing national security adviser.

"So for too long some nations have looked the other way in the face of these threats," he said Tuesday at the Atlantic Council, a foreign policy think tank. "Russia brazenly and implausibly denies its actions. And we have failed to im-

pose sufficient costs."

The push comes as special counsel Robert Mueller investigates Russia's interference in the 2016 campaign, and any illegal ties between Trump's aides and Russian authorities. Mueller recently obtained criminal indictments against 13 Russian individuals, including several of those on the latest blacklist.

"Russian oligarchs and elites who profit from this corrupt system will no longer be insulated from the consequences of their gov-

ernment's destabilizing activities," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said.

Mnuchin criticized Putin's government for engaging in "a range of malign activity around the globe," including its occupation of Crimea and military operations in eastern Ukraine, its military support for Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces in that country's brutal civil war, as well as "attempting to subvert Western democracies, and malicious cyber activities."

In March, the administration levied sanctions against 16 Russian entities and individuals, as well as Russian intelligence agencies and officials. The new measures stand out because they go after the pocket-books of some of Russia's wealthiest businessmen, including some of Putin's closest advisers and supporters.

They include Oleg Deripaska, a 50-year-old metals magnate said to be worth \$5.8 billion. Deripaska had business ties with Paul Manafort, who served as Trump's campaign chair-

man for several months in 2016. Manafort has since been indicted on multiple charges of money laundering, bank fraud and conspiracy. He has pleaded not guilty.

Also on the list is 36-year-old Kirill Shamalov, a petrochemical executive whose fortune reportedly soared to nearly \$1.5 billion after he married Putin's daughter Katerina in 2012. Recent unconfirmed reports suggest the marriage has collapsed.

Among the businesses sanctioned is a state-owned weapons company that supplied military equipment to the government in Syria, which Moscow backs. The sanctions bar the individuals or entities from using U.S. financial systems or doing business with any U.S. citizens or companies, and freezes any assets they may have in the United States.

According to a White House statement, the Trump administration has taken a broad array of steps to confront "destabilizing and malicious behavior" by Russia.

Speaking in Moscow on Thursday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov complained about the increasingly hostile U.S. stance towards Russia but expressed hope that Trump and Putin could conduct a "broad dialogue" as long as it does not "fall victim to domestic political intrigues" in Washington.

"The United States must press forward with a broader strategy to deter and, if necessary, defeat Russian aggression and counter Russian malign influence activities," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said in a statement. "Anything less will only encourage Putin to continue attacking us, our allies, and democracies around the world."

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City seeks to stave off more sanctions

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ades-old bar fight "was not the result of willful or deliberate behavior."

"Moreover, the city has analyzed the issue, recognized the problem and implemented a new process to minimize the possibility of similar errors in the future," wrote attorneys Terrence M. Burns and Katherine C. Morrison of the Reiter Burns law firm.

The city's Law Department has been under repeated fire for similar failures.

In all, federal judges have sanctioned the Law Department nine times for failing to turn over potential evidence in police misconduct cases since Mayor Rahm Emanuel took office in 2011, forcing the city to pay more than \$1.1 million in fines. Eight of those cases have resulted in settlements or jury verdicts totaling more than \$45 million.

According to Friday's filing, the city relied on the Chicago Police Department to document Frugoli's history of complaints. The department searched three large databases, finding 20 complaints — none sustained — going as far back as 1992.

But the search failed to pick up the 1992 bar fight, the filing said.

Since lawyers hired by his car insurance carrier defended Frugoli because he had been off-duty at the time of the fatal crash, the filing said, the city never had the opportunity to discuss his disciplinary history with Frugoli.

"In short, nothing occurred during discovery to cause counsel for the city to believe it was necessary to conduct further investigation of Frugoli's (complaint) history," the filing said.

It wasn't until trial that Frugoli testified that a complaint against him over the 1992 bar fight had indeed

been sustained.

Under orders from the judge, attorneys for the city asked the Police Department to search for the missing records, but a search of the same three databases came up empty, according to the filing.

The city requested additional searches by the Police Department. A paralegal in the department's Office of Legal Affairs recalled a now-retired mainframe, the filing said, leading the Police Department to search a different database and uncover the records of Frugoli's 1992 bar fight.

As a result, the Police Department has taken measures that "should eliminate any gaps in the databases that may exist," the filing said.

Lawyers for the Cazares and Manzera families alleged in their wrongful death lawsuit that the police code of silence protected Frugoli and caused him to think he could drink and drive without fear of consequences.

The off-duty Frugoli had been drinking for nearly five hours at two South Side bars in April 2009 when he got behind the wheel of his Lexus SUV, entered the southbound Dan Ryan Expressway at a high rate of speed and slammed into the back of Cazares' car near Roosevelt Road. Cazares had pulled over because of a flat tire.

Frugoli was pulled from the wreckage by a good Samaritan and limped away, bleeding from the head as

the vehicle he had struck burst into flames. He was found walking near Clinton Street and Roosevelt by Chicago police officers responding to the call of a person fleeing the scene. Frugoli's blood alcohol level was later measured at 0.328 percent, more than four times the legal limit of 0.08 percent.

The bombshell report on Frugoli's 1992 bar fight surfaced in the midst of the trial after Frugoli testified that he was suspended for the incident — something that was a surprise to lawyers for the victims' families because no such records had been turned over to them by the city.

After the jury left the courtroom, Kendall, the judge, asked Frugoli for details of the case and ordered lawyers for the city to go back to the Police Department and search for the paperwork.

The 115-page file documenting the bar fight was finally handed over three days later, along with two other previously undisclosed files.

The records showed Frugoli walked into the First Base Tavern in Bridgeport with two friends, smashed bar glasses, broke bar stools and pool cues, punched one man in the face and threw another 7 feet across the bar into a pool table.

When the panicked bartender asked Frugoli to leave, the off-duty officer yelled, "Nobody messes with the Frugolis!"

As Frugoli left with his

friends, a Chicago police sergeant responding to calls about the altercation told him to "hold it" and that she wanted to talk with him. Instead, Frugoli took off in his car. He pulled over only after the sergeant chased him in her marked squad car with her lights flashing.

Despite indications that Frugoli had been drinking, he was allowed to drive himself back to the police station, where he was never handcuffed, questioned or issued a sobriety test, the record showed.

Misdemeanor battery charges were later filed, but Frugoli said they were dropped.

Frugoli was suspended from work without pay for 15 days for the fight, but the sanction was reduced to five days after he appealed, records show.

One day after the evidence was shown to the jury in December, the settlement in the lawsuit came together in dramatic fashion in the middle of arguments.

When attorney Timothy Cavanaugh, who represented the Cazares family, told the jury it was time to "talk about damages," the city's attorneys suddenly sought a sidebar. After both sides huddled with the judge for more than 10 minutes, Kendall called a recess. When the judge returned, she announced the case was over.

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■ A story headlined "Blurred line between journalism and politics" in Friday's main news section incorrectly stated that Gov. Bruce Rauner donated to the Illinois Policy Institute up until last year. In fact, his last donation was made in 2013, records show, before his first run for governor. The story also incorrectly stated the institute's chief executive officer, John Tillman, has complained of liberal bias in traditional media. The Tribune regrets the error.

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Woman adds 7th state to DUI arrest record

BY VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY
Chicago Tribune

A 41-year-old woman who police said has had multiple drunken-driving arrests across the United States was arrested on DUI charges again Monday — this time in west suburban Riverside.

Tasha Lynn Schleicher, of New Hope, Minn., was found sitting in her running car at a gas station in the 3000 block of Harlem Avenue with an open bottle of Crown Royal whiskey in the front passenger seat, police said. She told police she wound up in Riverside after dropping off her 15-year-old son in Indiana to party during spring break.

Schleicher was taken into custody in what Riverside police Chief Tom Weitzel called “one of the worst impaired driving arrests our agency has ever made.”

Weitzel said Schleicher's record includes at least two DUI-related convictions in Minnesota. Before one arrest in Minnesota, authorities say, she was breastfeeding a child while driving drunk.

She is charged in Riverside with two counts of felony aggravated drunken driving, two counts of misdemeanor drunken driving, failure to have vehicle insurance, driving with a revoked license and transporting open alcohol while driving.

Since 2006, Schleicher has been arrested on DUI charges in Kentucky, Wisconsin, Indiana, California, Oregon and Minnesota, Weitzel said. She also was wanted on warrants in Nebraska, Idaho and Oregon.

She is being held in Cook County Jail pending a court appearance Monday. Her bail was set at \$15,000, Weitzel said.

Riverside police responded to the gas station about 9:30 p.m. Monday after a 911 caller reported a

possible medical problem with a woman who appeared to be passed out behind the wheel. When police arrived, Schleicher was not wearing shoes and her clothes were falling off her as she tried to fill her 2005 Nissan Maxima with kerosene, not gasoline, officials said.

Schleicher told police she had 11 children but couldn't find them. After searching the area and interviewing witnesses, police found no children and arrested Schleicher.

Riverside police later learned from Minnesota child protective services authorities that Schleicher's children had been taken away from her in October 2017 because of the prior DUI arrest in Minnesota, Weitzel said. Minnesota police told local authorities that Schleicher was arrested there while her children were in the car, including the one she was breastfeeding while driving intoxicated, Weitzel said.

Weitzel said Schleicher has been living as a transient, moving frequently. One reason she has collected so many DUI arrests is that police departments do not have a national database of all DUI arrests, the chief said. Many municipalities choose to cite first-time offenders with local citations, which don't have to be entered into a larger recording system.

“She is a master at gaming the system from state to state,” Weitzel said.

During Monday's arrest in Riverside, Weitzel told police she was in Illinois because she dropped the only child still in her custody, a 15-year-old son, in Indiana to party for spring break. Riverside police are working with Minnesota authorities to try to locate the boy, Weitzel said.

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Schleicher

Home intruder who stabbed 3 people, dog given 41 years

Wis. man pleads guilty in '16 attack in Buffalo Grove

BY GEORGE HOUDE
Chicago Tribune

Edward Panzek had been stabbed by a home intruder and was bleeding from a serious wound to his arm when he ran to get his handgun.

Moments earlier, the masked intruder had kicked in the door of Panzek's Buffalo Grove home and was attacking him, his teenage son and a young family friend, as well as the family's German shepherd, with a knife.

Panzek fired one shot as the intruder fled. He missed, but it ended what could have been a deadly midnight assault in the usually quiet northwest suburb in 2016. He and the other victims were seriously wounded, but all survived, including the dog, Piston.

“I intended to kill him, absolutely,” Panzek said Thursday after his assailant, Jacob Beeman, pleaded guilty in Cook County Circuit Court. “Nobody should fear to be in

your own home.”

Beeman, a 31-year-old Wisconsin resident with pending criminal cases there, was arrested a short time later at a nearby gas station carrying black gloves, bandannas and a bloody hunting knife in his boot, authorities said. Cook County prosecutors charged him with numerous counts of attempted murder, home invasion, aggravated battery and aggravated cruelty to an animal.



Beeman

On Thursday, Beeman, of Arkdale, Wis., pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 41 years in prison by Judge Steven Goebel, who said he was “shocked and appalled by the violence and viciousness of this act. The sentence in this case must be severe.”

Goebel told Beeman the victims will have to live with the trauma for the rest of their lives because he made a mistake while under the influence of drugs.

“You mistakenly thought the family members were drug dealers you

were going to rob,” Goebel told the defendant. “You blame your actions on drugs and being high. That's no excuse.”

In court, Assistant State's Attorney Kristin Piper said Panzek family members and a female friend were playing video games in the son's bedroom. Shortly after midnight, Beeman, wearing a bandanna over his face, kicked in the window air conditioner in the room, crawled partly through

the window and brandished a knife, Piper said.

Beeman then kicked in the front door and was attacked by the dog, Piper said. Beeman stabbed the dog and then stabbed Panzek as he tried to confront him, Piper said. Panzek ran for his handgun as Beeman chased Panzek's son and stabbed him and the female friend, Piper said.

Seriously wounded, Panzek was still able to fire the shot as Beeman fled the home.

A second masked suspect who did not enter the

home but was seen outside has not been charged.

“That night it could have been him or me killed,” Panzek said after the Thursday's hearing. “But I feel bad for him because he threw his life away for nothing.”

In court, Beeman apologized to the family.

“I'm truly sorry for what I did,” he said. “I was not in a rational mind. I hope they can find it in their hearts to forgive me.”

Beeman has been in custody since his arrest. He will have to serve at least 85 percent of the sentence under state law.

Local prosecutors said Beeman still has a case pending in Wisconsin in which he was accused of slashing a police officer's face.

Panzek has lost 50 percent of the use of his arm and said the night still haunts him and family members.

“I'll never physically be the same again,” said Panzek. “You look over your shoulder and you don't know who is out there.”

George Houde is a freelance reporter.

Judge: No contact with juror in Black Souls trial

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Tensions ran high in a Cook County courtroom Friday after a judge rejected a bid by attorneys to interview a juror who reportedly has made claims of racism and violence during deliberations in a high-stakes gang racketeering trial.

Judge Michael McHale then prohibited the defendants' families from reaching out to the juror as well.

Lawyers for six reputed Black Souls gang leaders convicted in December under a state RICO law filed an affidavit this week from a sister of defendant Antwan Davis in which she alleged the African-American juror told her other jurors had screamed insults, used the N-word, and thrown chairs and jumped on tables during the deliberations.

The lawyers sought McHale's permission to interview the woman juror, identified in court only as Juror 40, to try to determine whether racism played a part in the jury's verdict, all in a bid to seek a new trial.

In denying the request, McHale noted that a reconstituted jury convicted the six defendants after Juror 40 and four others had been booted off the panel in the midst of deliberations in the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

Juror 40, along with the forewoman, kicked off a chaotic afternoon when they sent McHale a note during deliberations that alleged racism and sexism in the jury room. The juror whom they accused of racial bias was kicked off the panel, McHale said Friday.

Juror 40 and the forewoman were removed from the jury that afternoon as

well after they sent a note to McHale complaining that legal instructions for the jury were unfair and that they could not “complete (their) civic duty.” McHale said that stand violated the vows made by Juror 40 at the trial's outset that she would follow the law.

“Any further information that would come from Juror 40 would be deemed incredible by this court,” the judge said.

McHale barred not just attorneys but also the defendants' family members from contacting anyone on the jury. A crowd of supporters attending the hearing on behalf of the defendants murmured in protest.

When McHale adjourned court a short time later, a woman leaving the courtroom turned around and pointed at the judge.

“It may be over here, but it ain't over,” she shouted. “You're gonna get yours. You're gonna get yours.”

McHale ordered sheriff's deputies to bring the woman back into the courtroom. A deputy identified her as the mother of defendant Teron Odum, the Black Souls' alleged second-in-command.

After a break, McHale calmly addressed the woman, telling her that it's a felony to threaten a judge.

“You're a mom. I get that. But I have a job to do,” he said. “I have nothing personal against you and nothing personal against your son.”

McHale said he wouldn't punish the woman if she agreed not to do it again. She quietly agreed and left the courtroom surrounded by supporters.

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A COLORFUL REBUKE TO THE COLD

Chionodoxa, also known as glory-of-the-snow, brings bursts of color to Lurie Garden at Millennium Park in Chicago on a sunny and cold Thursday morning. The flowering plant is an early spring bloomer.

Meetings proposed on police oversight

Alderman says he'll take plans to neighborhoods

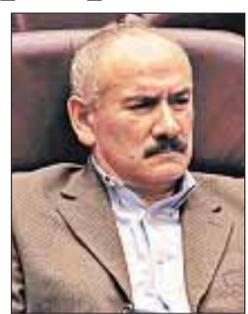
BY JOHN BYRNE
AND HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

An alderman ally of Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Friday said he plans to hold meetings in Chicago neighborhoods to consider competing proposals for civilian oversight of the Police Department.

Ald. Ariel Reboyras, 30th, said he'll use those hearings by the Public Safety Committee he chairs to consider ways to combine an oversight plan from a coalition of community groups with two ordinances he submitted last month.

Members of the Grass-roots Alliance for Police Accountability have ripped Reboyras for bringing forward his own plans without consulting them, after they spent about two years holding meetings around the city to craft a proposal to give Chicago residents a direct forum for Police Department oversight.

Reboyras' two ordinances provide civilians much less actual power than the GAPA package would. But he struck a conciliatory



NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE

Ald. Ariel Reboyras introduced two police oversight plans, competing with a grass-roots group's plan.

position Friday after the community groups released a statement demanding hearings on their idea “throughout Chicago at times and places residents are most likely to attend and provide input.”

“I think the right thing to do is go out to the community and let us hear their opinions on it, so I intend to do that,” Reboyras said. “We're in the planning stages. We've got to, at the very least, go to South, West, North (sides) with it.”

Reboyras said he would like to see some version of a civilian police oversight ordinance pass the council before the end of the summer, but he acknowledged

that's not likely. The concept has been in the works since Emanuel agreed to make Police Department reforms in the wake of the 2015 release of a video showing a white police officer fatally shooting black teen Laquan McDonald.

“There are certain parts in the GAPA ordinance I don't agree on,” Reboyras said. “And hopefully we can come to a consensus, that's all.”

Reboyras said he didn't think aldermen should consider the competing Civilian Police Accountability Council plan, which some aldermen and community groups are pushing as a way to replace most of the existing police oversight bureaucracy with an elected board. It would have the power to investigate officers, and to hire and fire the police superintendent.

Emanuel has declined to take a public position on the proposals, saying he would let aldermen consider them. But police Superintendent Eddie Johnson has said he doesn't think a civilian board should have the power to set Police Department policy, as the GAPA plan would allow.

Reboyras' announce-

ment came at the start of a committee meeting to consider Emanuel's appointment of Sydney Roberts as the new chief administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability — the agency that investigates allegations of police misconduct.

Roberts, director of the Illinois Secretary of State Police, said she also intends to get out into the neighborhoods “to sell the message and let the community know that I am accessible.”

Her goal, she said, is “to enhance the professionalism of policing, to build the community's trust in its law enforcement officers and to garner their trust in police oversight. ... I am committed to maintaining independence and rendering findings based exclusively upon the facts. I will ensure that COPA staff and its investigations are thorough, are fair, balanced, unbiased.”

The committee voted to approve the appointment of Roberts, who also has served as an inspector general in state government. The full council will have the final say on the appointment at a meeting later in the month.

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Tainted synthetic pot outbreak worsens in Ill.

Fake pot, from Page 1

According to police and the medical examiner's office.

Brodifacoum is a rat poison. Health officials warned that poisoning by the ingredient causes severe bleeding that can be fatal or lead to symptoms that last for months, including unexplained bruising, bleeding in the brain and vomiting blood. Recent patient reports of severe bleeding led health officials to warn the public not to use any synthetic cannabinoid products.

"Brodifacoum is a highly lethal rodenticide and should not be consumed," Dr. Ponni Arunkumar, Cook County's chief medical examiner, said in a news release as the outbreak entered its second month.

As of Friday, Illinois Department of Public Health officials had received reports of 95 cases since March 7, including two deaths, linked to use of fake pot products before the user suffering from severe bleeding.

According to federal prosecutors, as many as five people who have complained of urinating blood and other severe symptoms reported that they got sick after using illegal synthetic marijuana they had purchased at King Mini Mart at

"People don't realize how dangerous (synthetic pot) is."

— Dr. Melissa Millewich, emergency room physician at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove

1303 S. Kedzie Ave. in Chicago's Lawndale neighborhood.

The owner of the convenience store, Fouad Masoud, 48, and two of his employees, Jamil Abdelrahman Jad Allah and Adil Khan Mohammed, were charged earlier this week with selling the synthetic pot branded with names that included "Blue Giant," "Crazy Monkey" and "Matrix."

State health officials have said the product is also sold under names including "K2," "Spice," "Black Mamba," "Bombay Blue," "Genie" and "Zohai."

The investigation into the mini-mart owner and employees began last week after the Illinois State Police gave Chicago police information about someone who had experienced adverse side effects reportedly after using synthetic pot purchased at King Mini Mart. An undercover officer was sent into the store and bought synthetic pot that was later tested and found to contain rat poison, according to a criminal com-

plaint. In seeking to have Masoud detained pending trial, Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Hernandez cited the number of people reportedly sickened from product Masoud sold.

Hernandez also argued that Masoud, a Jordanian national, was a flight risk, telling U.S. Magistrate Judge Daniel Martin that when agents went to arrest him Sunday night, he was leaving his Justice townhouse carrying a paper grocery bag filled with \$344,000 in cash. Police searched his home and recovered 2,900 grams — about 6.4 pounds — of suspected synthetic cannabis labeled "Purple Giant."

After his arrest, Masoud tried to mislead court officials by claiming to be unemployed and denying that he owns the business, Hernandez said.

"That is a significant red flag," the prosecutor said. "One has to wonder where all that money came from and what (he) was going to do with it."

Masoud also has a 2006

federal conviction for selling contraband cigarettes in Indiana — a case that ended with a term of probation, Hernandez said.

Masoud's lawyer, Michelle Truesdale, said Masoud has lived in the Chicago area for more than two decades and has a valid work visa.

He faces a maximum of 20 years in prison if convicted.

He and his employees are charged with conspiracy to knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute and to distribute a controlled substance. The charges could expand further when he is indicted.

As state health officials have continued to report daily upticks in the number of people reportedly sickened by the tainted synthetic marijuana, health officials emphasized the serious harm that can come from brodifacoum. The medical examiner's office is also investigating another case involving a person who died after suffering similar bleeding. Toxicology testing is underway in that case, officials said.

Rat poison acts as a blood thinner and, "even without symptoms, the blood's ability to clot is severely impaired and risk of bleeding is high," said Dr. Jenny Lu, toxicologist and emergency

medicine physician at Stroger Hospital in Chicago.

Treatment includes a form of vitamin K that can only be prescribed by a physician or given in a hospital and involves taking high doses for weeks to months, Lu said. Other interventions may be necessary.

"As bleeding can be life-threatening, it is important that people who have used synthetic marijuana seek medical attention at the first sign of poisoning so we can begin treatment right away," Lu said.

Though synthetic pot has long been considered dangerous, severe bleeding was not a known side effect, said Dr. Melissa Millewich, an emergency room physician at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove.

"This bleeding is not expected, at least in such a significant population so quickly," she said.

Health officials say manufacturers could be slightly tweaking the molecular makeup of the products as a way to "get around" a statewide ban on fake pot products, allowing for them to be sold legally. They are also sold on the street, she said, and those experiencing the bleeding said they obtained the products in convenience stores and from deal-

ers and friends.

A change in the latest formula could be behind the new, dangerous symptom, Millewich said. Because health officials don't know the exact makeup of the products, it's unclear what's causing the bleeding, she added.

While there have been no such cases at Good Samaritan's ER, Millewich said, synthetic pot has previously displayed life-threatening symptoms like kidney failure, along with psychosis.

"People don't realize how dangerous this is," she said.

The man-made substance is a mixture of hundreds of chemicals, often called cannabinoids because they affect the same brain cell receptors as the active ingredient in marijuana. Cannabinoids are sometimes sprayed on plant material for smoking, or are sold as liquids to be vaporized and inhaled in e-cigarettes and other devices, a health department warning stated. The products are also sometimes referred to as herbal or liquid incense.

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Judge finds financial adviser not guilty of fraud, forgery

By Clifford Ward
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A North Shore financial adviser has been acquitted on charges that he misled clients who had invested money with him.

Robert Acri, 61, was found not guilty on all counts in a bench trial before DuPage County Judge Robert Miller, who dismissed the case Thursday at the conclusion of the prosecution's case. The judge agreed with Acri's attorney that the Illinois attorney general's office had failed to show proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

"He's absolutely elated," Acri's attorney, Terry Ekl, said Friday of his client's reaction.

Investors had lost millions through Acri, a Winnetka resident who had been using their money to make loans to real estate developers. Many of the investors had previously re-

alized high returns by working with Acri, Ekl said, but lost money when the real estate market crashed at the start of the recession.

Prosecutors had alleged Acri made misrepresentations about the investments and charged him with securities fraud, mail fraud and forgery. Ekl disputed that Acri lied to his investors.

"There was not a single account that Acri said anything to an investor that wasn't true," Ekl said Friday.

Because of the nature of the investments — loans made for development projects — the investors could not withdraw their money. Investors were aware of the nature of the arrangement, Ekl said.

Acri and his family, Ekl said, were the largest investors and personally lost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

Lombard woman charged in mother's strangulation

By Clifford Ward
Chicago Tribune

A Lombard woman charged in the strangulation of her mother could face life in prison if convicted, DuPage County prosecutors said Friday at the woman's arraignment.

Stephanie DeFalco, 28, formally pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder and other charges in the death of her mother, Judith DeFalco, 61, who was found dead March 20 in the home she shared with her daughter.

At Friday's hearing before Judge Jeffrey MacKay, Assistant State's Attorney Jim Scaliatone said a grand jury had returned a nine-count indictment against DeFalco, including five counts of first-degree mur-

der. Another indictment, on a felony murder charge, carries a maximum possible sentence of life in prison, the prosecutor said.

According to authorities, DeFalco had been charged with misdemeanor theft in March. After being released on bond March 19, police say, she returned to the residence on South Grace Street. She and her mother then allegedly argued into the early morning hours of March 20, and at some point DeFalco strangled her mother, authorities say.

She was taken into custody the next day in Woodridge. DeFalco is being held in the DuPage County Jail in lieu of \$3 million bail. She is due back in court May 4.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

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7 killed by Israeli fire in Gaza protest

Hundreds more hit in Palestinian assault on fence at border

BY FARES AKRAM AND MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH
Associated Press

KHUZAA, Gaza Strip — Thousands of Palestinians protested along Gaza's sealed border with Israel on Friday, engulfing the volatile area in black smoke from burning tires to try to block the view of Israeli snipers and cheering a Hamas strongman who pledged that the border fence will eventually fall.

Israeli troops opened fire from across the border, killing seven Palestinians and wounding 293 others — 25 of them seriously — in the second mass border protest in a week, Gaza health officials said.

Hundreds more suffered other injuries, including tear gas inhalation, the officials said.

The deaths brought to at least 29 the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli fire since last week.

The latest casualties drew new criticism from rights groups that have branded Israel's open-fire orders on the border as unlawful, after Israel's defense minister warned that those approaching the fence were risking their lives.

The U.N. human rights office said Friday that it has indications that Israeli forces used "excessive force" against protesters last week, when 15 Palestinians were killed or later died of wounds sustained near the border.

An Israeli military



Palestinians burn tires to use the smoke as a veil amid shooting from Israeli troops.

MAHMUD HAMS/GETTY-AFP

spokesman defended the rules of engagement.

"If they are actively attacking the fence, if they are throwing a Molotov cocktail that is within striking distance of Israeli troops or similar activities, then those persons, those rioters, become, may become, a target," said Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus.

Friday's large crowds suggested that Hamas, the Islamic militant group that has ruled Gaza since a 2007 takeover, might be able to keep the momentum going in the next few weeks.

Hamas has called for a series of protests until May 15, the anniversary of Israel's founding when Palestinians commemorate their mass uprooting during the 1948 war over Israel's creation.

Israel has alleged that Hamas is using the mass marches as a cover for attacking the border fence, and has vowed to prevent a breach at all costs.

The military said that on Friday, protesters hurled several explosive devices and firebombs, using the thick plumes of smoke from burning tires as a cover, and that several attempts to cross the fence were thwarted.

Gaza's Hamas strongman, Yehiyeh Sinwar, told a cheering crowd in one of the protest camps that a border breach is coming.

The world should "wait for our great move, when we penetrate the borders and pray at Al-Aqsa," Sinwar said, referring to the major Muslim shrine in Jerusalem.

He was interrupted several times by the crowd, which chanted, "We are going to Jerusalem, millions of martyrs!" and "God bless you Sinwar!"

The mass protests are perhaps Hamas' last chance to break a border blockade enforced by Israel and Egypt since 2007, without having to succumb to demands that it disarm.

The blockade has made it difficult for Hamas to govern. It has also devastated Gaza's economy, made it virtually impossible for people to enter and exit the territory, and left residents with just a few hours of electricity a day.

Israel argues that Hamas could have ended the suffering of Gaza's 2 million people by disarming and renouncing violence.

Friday's marches began before Muslim noon prayers when thousands of Palestinians streamed to five tent encampments that organizers had set up several hundred yards from the border fence.

In one camp near the border community of Khuzaa, smaller groups of activists moved closer to the fence after the prayers.

Demonstrators torched large piles of tires, engulfing the area in black smoke meant to shield them from Israeli snipers.

Israeli troops on the other side of the fence responded with live fire, tear gas, rubber-coated steel pellets and water cannons.

After the first tires started burning, several young men with gunshot

wounds began arriving at a field clinic at the camp.

Mohammed Ashour, 20, who had been among the first to set tires on fire, was shot in the right arm.

"We came here because we want dignity," he said resting on a stretcher before paramedics transported him to the strip's main hospital.

Yehia Abu Daqqa, a 20-year-old student, said he had come to honor those killed in previous protests.

"Yes, there is fear," he said of the risks of advancing toward the fence. "We are here to tell the occupation that we are not weak."

More than 1,000 people suffered a range of injuries on Friday, including those hit by live fire and those overcome by tear gas, the Gaza health ministry said.



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

Park Geun-hye says she's a victim of "political revenge" and has not attended court.

Former South Korean leader Park gets 24 years in prison

BY HYUNG-JIN KIM AND KIM TONG-HYUNG
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Former South Korean President Park Geun-hye was convicted and sentenced to 24 years in prison Friday, a year after she was driven from office and arrested over a scandal that saw months of massive street rallies calling for her ouster.

The conviction is the latest indignity for South Korea's first female president, who grew up in the presidential palace as the daughter of a former dictator and served as first lady after her mother's assassination.

The heavy sentence is likely to deepen divisions in a country still wrestling with the aftermath of its most serious political turmoil in years.

Once seen as the darling of South Korean conservatives, Park earned the nickname "Queen of Elections" for her record leading her party to victory in tight races, culminating in her own election as president in 2012.

But that was all undone by the scandal involving a close confidant and bribery, extortion and other allegations.

Park, 66, maintains she's a victim of "political revenge" and has been refus-

ing to attend court sessions since October. She didn't attend Friday's verdict, citing an illness.

In a nationally televised verdict, the Seoul Central District Court convicted Park of bribery, extortion, abuse of power and other charges.

"It's inevitable that the defendant should be held strictly responsible for her crimes, if only to prevent the unfortunate event of a president abusing the power granted by the people and throwing state affairs into chaos from happening again," chief judge Kim Se-yun said.

Kim said Park has shown no remorse for her wrongdoing and continued to pass responsibility to others with "unconvincing excuses."

Along with the prison sentence, Kim said Park was also fined \$16.8 million.

Both Park and prosecutors — who had demanded a 30-year sentence — have one week to appeal.

Park's lawyer, Kang Cheol-gu, called the 24-year prison term "very bad" and said the legal team will decide whether to appeal after confirming her willingness.

The court convicted Park of colluding with longtime confidant Choi Soon-sil to pressure 18

business groups to donate \$72.3 million for the launch of two foundations controlled by Choi.

The two women were also convicted of taking bribes from some of those companies, including more than \$6.5 million from Samsung.

Prosecutors previously alleged that Samsung's bribe was aimed at getting government support for a smooth company leadership transition, but the court said there was not enough evidence to prove that Samsung sought such favor from the government.

The court said Park colluded with senior government officials to blacklist artists critical of her government to deny them state assistance programs. Park was also convicted of passing on presidential documents with sensitive information to Choi via one of her presidential aides.

The scandal has already led to the arrests, indictments and convictions of dozens of high-profile government officials and business leaders.

Choi is serving a 20-year prison term; Samsung scientist Lee Jae-yong was initially sentenced to five years in prison before his sentence was suspended on appeal; and Lotte chairman Shin Dong-bin was given 2½ years in prison.

Judge upholds Mass. assault weapons ban

Rules that those firearms beyond 2nd Amendment's reach

BY ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

BOSTON — A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit challenging Massachusetts' ban on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines, saying in a ruling released Friday that the weapons fall beyond the reach of the Second Amendment.

U.S. District Judge William Young said assault weapons are military firearms and aren't protected by the constitutional right to "bear arms." Regulation of the weapons is a matter of policy, not for the courts, he said.

"Other states are equally free to leave them unregulated and available to their law-abiding citizens," Young said. "These policy matters are simply not of constitutional moment."

Democratic state Attorney General Maura Healey said the ruling "vindicates the right of the people of Massachusetts to protect themselves from these weapons of war."

"Strong gun laws save lives, and we will not be intimidated by the gun lobby in our efforts to end the sale of assault weapons and protect our communities and schools," she said in a statement.

Young's decision comes as AR-15 assault-style rifles are under increased scrutiny because of their use in several recent mass shootings, including the February massacre at a Florida high school that left 17 people dead.

The Gun Owners' Action League of Massachusetts and other groups that filed the lawsuit argued that the AR-15 can't be considered a "military weapon" because it cannot fire in fully auto-



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Massachusetts assault weapons law bans sale of specific and name-brand weapons and copies of those weapons.

matic mode.

But Young dismissed that idea, noting that the semi-automatic AR-15's design is based on guns "that were first manufactured for military purposes" and that the AR-15 is "common and well-known in the military."

"The AR-15 and its analogs, along with large capacity magazines, are simply not weapons within the original meaning of the individual constitutional right to 'bear arms,'" Young wrote.

Young also upheld Healey's 2016 enforcement notice to gun sellers and manufacturers clarifying what constitutes a "copy" or "duplicate" weapon under the 1998 assault weapon ban, including copies of the Colt AR-15 and the Kalashnikov AK-47.

Healey's stepped-up enforcement followed the shooting rampage at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida, that killed 49 patrons.

She said at the time that gun manufacturers were circumventing Massachusetts' ban by selling copycat versions of the weapons they claimed complied with the law.

The Massachusetts assault weapons ban mirrors the federal ban that expired

in 2004. It bans the sale of specific and name-brand weapons and explicitly bans copies or duplicates of those weapons.

The lawsuit was filed last year by the gun owners group and others who said the law infringed on their rights under the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Jim Wallace, executive director of the Massachusetts gun owners group, said Young's upholding of Healey's crackdown on copycat assault weapons gives the attorney general "unbridled authority" to interpret laws as she pleases.

"Everyone in the state should be really concerned about that," Wallace said. "What if the next attorney general isn't a friend on one of your issues?"

Wallace said he couldn't yet say whether they will appeal the ruling.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the Second Amendment allows Americans to have guns in their homes for self-defense and blocked local governments from banning handguns.

But the court last year turned away an appeal from Maryland gun owners who challenged the state's ban on assault weapons.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Feds take down Backpage.com, websites in enforcement action

PHOENIX — Federal law enforcement authorities seized Backpage.com and its affiliated websites, according to a notice posted online.

A notice that appeared Friday at Backpage.com said the websites are being seized as part of an enforcement action by the FBI, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Internal Revenue Service.

Numerous state and federal authorities in Arizona, California and Texas

were also “participating in and supporting the enforcement action,” the notice stated.

The notice doesn’t characterize or provide details on the nature of the enforcement action.

The classifieds website has been the focus of scrutiny over the issue of its sex ads, which have included those involving children being trafficked by adults. Backpage has denied knowingly facilitating sex trafficking.

GOP Rep. Farenthold resigns after sexual harassment claims

WASHINGTON — Texas Republican Rep. Blake Farenthold abruptly resigned Friday, four months after announcing he wouldn’t seek re-election amid sexual harassment allegations.

“While I planned on serving out the remainder of my term in Congress, I know in my heart it’s time for me to move along,” Farenthold said in a video statement.

In December, Faren-

thold had posted another video denying a former aide’s 2014 accusations, including that he’d subjected her to sexually suggestive comments and then fired her after she complained. Still, the congressman apologized in that video for an office atmosphere he said included “destructive gossip, offhand comments, off-color jokes and behavior that, in general, was less than professional.”

Hospital: Ex-spy ‘responding well’ to care in poisoning case

LONDON — The former Russian spy who was left fighting for his life after exposure to a rare nerve agent is no longer in critical condition, a British health official said Friday, a month after the mysterious poisoning triggered a diplomatic crisis between Moscow and the West.

Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, were found unconscious on a bench March 4 in Salisbury and were hospital-

ized for weeks in critical condition. British authorities blame Russia for what they say was poisoning with a military-grade nerve agent called Novichok. Russia denies the accusation.

Dr. Christine Blanshard, the medical director at Salisbury District Hospital, said Skripal, 66, “is responding well to treatment.” Yulia Skripal, 33, regained consciousness last week.



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Former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva waves to supporters Friday in Brazil.

Brazil’s convicted ex-president defies order to turn himself in

SAO BERNARDO DO CAMPO, Brazil — Former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva defied an order to turn himself in to police on Friday as he hunkered down with supporters at a metallurgical union that was the spiritual birthplace of his rise to power.

The once popular leader, who rose from poverty to lead Latin America’s largest nation, had until 5 p.m. local time to present himself to police in the city of Curitiba to begin serving a sentence of 12 years and one month for a corruption conviction.

At 5 p.m., however, da Silva remained inside the union building in the Sao Paulo suburb of Sao Bernardo do Campo, about 260 miles northeast of Curitiba.

A defense attorney for da Silva said the former leader will not resist arrest.

Forcing da Silva out of



NELSON ANTOINE/AP

Da Silva supporters gather outside the metal workers union headquarters where he is hunkered down Friday.

the union building on a Friday night would be a logistical nightmare given the thousands of supporters outside — clashes would be a possibility — and heavy traffic in Sao Paulo.

“The intention is not to force compliance at any cost, but rather follow the order the best way possible, with tranquility and without a media show,” Luis Antonio Boudens, presi-

dent of the federal police, said in a statement.

Brazil’s top court, the Supreme Federal Tribunal, voted 6-5 earlier to deny a request by da Silva to stay out of prison while he appealed a conviction that he contends was a way to keep him off the ballot in October’s election. He is the front-running presidential candidate despite his conviction.

Arizona, Texas prepare to send troops to border

AUSTIN, Texas — Arizona and Texas announced Friday that they were preparing to deploy National Guard members to the U.S.-Mexico border in response to President Donald Trump’s call for more border security.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey said 150 Guard mem-

bers would deploy next week. The Texas Military Department, the umbrella agency over the Texas National Guard branches, said it would soon discuss preparations.

Trump told reporters Thursday that he wants to send between 2,000 and 4,000 National Guard

members to the border to help fight illegal immigration and drug trafficking.

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez’s office said Friday that it had not deployed any Guard members. The office of California Gov. Jerry Brown did not respond to questions about troop deployment.

Immigration raid in Tenn. takes 97 into custody

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A federal immigration raid that took 97 people into custody at a Tennessee meat processing plant may be the biggest employment crackdown under President Donald Trump’s administration, civil rights activists said Friday.

Eleven people were arrested on criminal charges and 86 were detained for being in the country illegally, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Tammy Spicer said in a statement Friday.

The Thursday raid on Southeastern Provision, a meat processing plant in eastern Tennessee is the largest single worksite immigration enforcement action since the administration of President George W. Bush, said Jessie Hahn, labor and employment policy attorney at the National Immigration Law Center.

Ford is recalling 350,000 trucks and SUVs in North America because they might be in a different gear than the one shown on the shift indicator. The recall covers the 2018 F-150 pickup and Expedition SUV with 10-speed automatic transmissions, and 2018 F-650 and F-750 trucks with six-speed transmissions.

Three judges for the Nobel literature prize have resigned. Peter Englund, Kjell Espmark and Klas Ostergren gave few details Friday. Judges on the 18-member committee are appointed for life and are technically not permitted to leave. In 1989, three judges tried to quit, but the academy declined to accept their resignations.

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sions, were shifted 25 to 30 feet down the lines and widened by 7½ to 12 feet.

Crews dug a deeper well, too, to create more headroom. Before the expansion there had been one padded wooden bench against the dugout wall, with a plank that served as a footrest and a concrete barrier between the players and the field. Now there’s a second bench that’s elevated to field level, putting players eye level with the action without having to stand up.

And Green said no seats for fans were removed to make room for the larger dugouts.

Here are some of the other major changes that will be rolled out for opening day:

■ Fans will have access to faster Wi-Fi in limited areas of the ballpark thanks to a partnership with Xfinity, and the company also turned on free internet access for the Lakeview neighborhood on Friday to run until Monday. Xfinity also plans to expand the service inside the ballpark and neighboring campus during the season. Cubs fans long have wanted better connectivity and Wi-Fi at Wrigley, the Cubs acknowledged.

“What we’ve done is ... ultimately, in a simple way, (increased) capacity by about 1,000 percent of what it has been in the past,” Comcast senior sales director Jeff Cobb said. “It’s going to allow simple things like access to social media, Instagram, email — maybe they’re here playing hooky from work, which happens from time to time.”

■ Several mobile food stations that had occupied the ground-level concourse have been relocated to less



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The opening-day logo is painted in foul territory along the third-base line as the playing surface at Wrigley Field is prepared for the season to begin.



New seats waiting to be assembled are part of the work that remains to be done this weekend at Wrigley Field.

obtrusive areas or removed entirely. Between the small beer and snack stands, fans in lines to use the restrooms or people gawking at the game on TV monitors instead of from their seats, the main walkway had multiple choke points.

■ In addition to the expanded visitors’ dugout, the team excavated dirt and concrete under the stadium

to add a weight room and batting tunnel. It’s no secret opposing players and coaches have been dissatisfied with Wrigley Field’s facilities. Now they will have one batting tunnel, though the Cubs will have a couple.

■ Wrigley will have more grills and other areas where fresh food can be prepared at the stadium instead of

trucked in, and it will be cooked at new concessions stands such as Clark Street Grill or made in lower-level kitchens. In the team’s front office tower next to Wrigley, the Cubs constructed two sub-basements for concessions partner Levy Restaurants that are used as commissaries and connected to the stadium via tunnel.

■ Of the eight new concession stands that will debut this season, four will be ready opening day. The team hopes to have the rest up and running by June. One spot next door to Clark Street Grill will sell cocktails, with the word “COCKTAILS” illuminated in blaring neon letters. First Base Classics and Bar and Wine also will be open.

■ Some seats by the Cubs dugout have been re-installed on metal brackets instead of concrete so the seats and dugout can be removed to configure the

field for football games, with hopes of hosting more football at Wrigley in the future. Northwestern played Illinois there in 2010, and, after the school reached a “partnership” with the Cubs in 2013, has targeted November 2020 for its next game.

■ Three of four new premium clubs are at different stages of completion, and construction will go on during the season. The American Airlines 1914 Club will be ready for the home opener against the Pirates on Monday, and club members were given a preview Thursday night.

■ As Wrigleyville passersby can attest, the field looked like a war zone as construction crews tore up sections while making improvements such as the lower-level premium clubs or trod all over it with heavy equipment.

“Effectively in 20 days,

(the grounds crew) got this playing surface ready — that’s a remarkable accomplishment,” Green said.

In 2019, the team plans to add more concession options in the upper decks.

“About 30 percent of the fans in Wrigley sit in upper-deck seats, but we only have one concession stand that services (them), which is why most come down to the ground level in the main concourse, contributing to a lot more congestion,” Green said.

Next offseason represents the final phase of the 1060 Project, which, when you include the Park at Wrigley and other upgrades just outside the stadium, will approach \$1 billion.

“But as you can imagine with a (104-year-old) ballpark, you’re never finished,” Green said.

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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

China trade dispute worries Fed boss

Powell says too soon to measure economic impact; he touts employment, low inflation

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
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New Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell told business leaders in Chicago on Friday that “it’s too early to say” whether a brewing trade war with China would affect monetary policy and the broader economy.

But he acknowledged increased concerns about international trade policy and warned that escalating tariffs could boost inflation.

“Tariffs can push up on prices,” Powell said during a brief question-and-answer session after his address to the Economic Club of Chicago. “But it’s too early to say whether that’s going to be something that happens.”

Powell stuck to a more reassuring script during his prepared remarks — his first public speech since assuming the role of Fed chairman in February. He

touted robust employment, low inflation and accelerating economic growth, and he said the Fed would continue its strategy of gradually increasing its benchmark interest rate to keep inflation in check.

“Our patient approach has paid dividends and contributed to the strong economy we have today,” Powell said during his luncheon speech to an audience packed with some of Chicago’s most powerful business leaders at the Hilton Chicago on South Michigan Avenue.

While the luncheon was taking place, the stock market was tumbling on fears of a trade war and imminent rate hikes.

Last month, President Donald Trump imposed import duties on steel and aluminum, and the administration later announced a plan for tariffs on \$50 billion worth of Chinese imports annually.



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Jerome Powell, chairman of the Federal Reserve, attends the Economic Club of Chicago luncheon Friday.

On Wednesday, China retaliated with proposed tariffs on \$50 billion worth of U.S. exports, everything from soybeans and cars to airplanes.

Trump fired back on Thursday, threatening to impose tariffs on an additional \$100 billion in Chinese goods.

Powell said in his speech Friday that tariffs have yet to enter the Fed’s equation for setting monetary policy.

“We don’t know the extent to which the tariffs will

actually come into effect and, if so, how big an effect they will have,” he said.

Named to the four-year term by Trump, Powell succeeded Janet Yellen and inherited an economy in its ninth year of expansion after emerging from the Great Recession.

At the first meeting under Powell in March, the Fed raised the federal funds rate by 0.25 percentage points, to a range of 1.5 to 1.75 percent.

Interest rates were cut to

near zero in 2008 to stimulate the economy during the recession. The Fed began gradually raising rates in December 2015, making the first of six increases through last month’s meeting.

During his speech Friday, Powell said with unemployment at 4.1 percent — the lowest level in nearly two decades — the labor market was “in the neighborhood of maximum employment.”

And while inflation has remained low, Powell said full employment would push it up to the Fed’s target of 2 percent by next year.

The Fed previously had signaled it plans to raise interest rates two more times this year, but some observers have expressed concerns that the tightening monetary policy would accelerate over fears of inflation. In February, Powell told Congress the economy had strengthened since the beginning of the year, citing Trump’s sweeping corporate tax cuts signed into law in December.

Since then, the threat of an international trade war

has roiled the markets over a series of tariffs proposed by the U.S. and China.

A Republican lawyer and investment banker, Powell left the private equity world in 2010 to join the Bipartisan Policy Center, a Washington, D.C., think tank, where he quietly lobbied Congress to raise the debt ceiling, building consensus during the politically charged standoff in 2011.

President Barack Obama nominated Powell to the Fed board in 2012.

Founded in 1927, the Economic Club has 1,700 members made up of business and civic leaders. Attendees Friday included William Daley, former Obama chief of staff; John Canning, founder and chairman of private equity firm Madison Dearborn Partners; and Melody Hobson, president of Ariel Investments and chair of the Economic Club.

Hobson conducted the question-and-answer session with Powell.

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The Chicago Tribune says it intends to remove its sign from Tribune Tower before the newspaper’s lease is up.

Tribune Tower owners sue to keep sign in place

BY RYAN ORI
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Tribune will leave its namesake tower by midyear, but the building’s owners want the newspaper’s exterior signage to stay put.

A venture of Los Angeles-based CIM Group and Chicago’s Golub & Co. on Wednesday sued the Tribune, alleging that as the tower’s owner, it has the right to buy the sign for \$1 and keep it displayed on the tower.

The newspaper has informed the real estate developers that it plans to remove the sign and will not sell it to them, according to the complaint filed in Cook County Circuit Court.

The lawsuit comes as the newsroom and the cor-

porate offices of Tronc, Chicago Tribune’s parent company, prepare to vacate the Chicago landmark ahead of the June 30 lease expiration. The Tribune is moving to the Prudential Plaza office complex overlooking Millennium Park.

It’s unclear whether Tronc plans to move the sign to Prudential Plaza. The large “Chicago Tribune” sign is atop a low-rise portion of the structure, along the south side of the tower at 435 N. Michigan Ave.

“We have been made aware of the filing but have not yet seen the lawsuit in full,” Tronc spokeswoman Marisa Kollias said in an emailed statement. “Tronc’s interest is always preserving its intellectual property rights and controlling the use of its histor-

ical Chicago Tribune name.”

CIM and Golub plan to redevelop the tower, which was completed in 1925, and build a skyscraper on a parking lot just east of it. The joint venture bought the property from broadcast company Tribune Media for \$240 million in September 2016.

The developers have not publicly disclosed their plans, which are expected to include a mix of residential, hotel and retail space just north of the Chicago River.

Golub’s president and CEO, Michael Newman, declined to comment on the lawsuit. A representative of CIM could not be reached for comment.

CIM and Golub allege in the suit they have the right to buy the sign or any “roof

installation” for \$1 because of a provision in a lease the newspaper’s parent company signed five years ago with the building’s previous owner. CIM and Golub assumed the lease when they bought the tower, according to the complaint.

Tronc executives have maintained that the sign is “protected by trademark and was not an ‘installation’ under the lease,” according to the lawsuit.

Golub and CIM “acquired the building with the expectation that the rare and special sign bearing the name ‘Chicago Tribune’ would remain as a roof installation” and they will be “irreparably harmed” if they are not allowed to keep the sign, the complaint states.

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Beijing bellows back at Trump tariff threats

BY DON LEE
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump’s latest threat to ratchet up tariffs on Chinese imports was met with a forceful response from Beijing on Friday as escalating trade tensions between the two largest economies once again unnerved financial markets and increased concerns about the prospect of a full-blown trade war.

After Trump ordered his administration to consider slapping taxes on an additional \$100 billion in Chinese goods on top of \$50 billion in goods previously announced, China’s Commerce Ministry vowed to fight the new tariffs “at any cost” with a full slate of countermeasures.

In Beijing, a Commerce Ministry spokesman said China doesn’t want a trade war — but isn’t afraid to fight one.

“If the U.S. side announces the list of products for \$100 billion in tariffs, the Chinese side has fully prepared and will without hesitation counterattack with great strength,” spokesman Gao Feng said.

Chinese officials did not provide specifics, but Beijing could take a host of actions to make life difficult for American businesses operating in China, in addition to levying tariffs on more U.S. imports to China.

With U.S. administration officials sounding conciliatory one day and hostile the next and the president prone to firing another of his tweets, investors simply don’t know what the U.S. wants to achieve in its talks with China, said Katie Nixon, chief investment officer for Northern Trust Wealth Management.

“The process itself seems to be quite chaotic,” she said. “We’re not quite sure what the long-term strategy is.”

Stocks ended the week the way they began it: tumbling as investors worry that tariffs and harsh words between the countries will touch off a trade war that derails the global economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 572.46 points, or 2.3 percent, to 23,932.76. It’s down 10 percent from its record high in late January.

The S&P 500, which many index funds track, lost 58.37 points, or 2.2 percent, to 2,604.47. The Nasdaq composite slid 161.44 points, or 2.3 percent, to 6,915.11.



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Ministry of Commerce spokesman Gao Feng said China will counter additional tariffs with its own levies on U.S. goods.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks dipped 29.63 points, or 1.9 percent, to 1,513.30.

Jason Pride, chief investment officer for Glenmede’s private client business, said Trump’s latest order caught investors off guard.

“It shows a willingness to go to the mat on this and fight it out,” he said. Still, Pride said all of the proposed tariffs add up to a pretty small fraction of trade between the U.S. and China, and overall, they wouldn’t affect the nation’s economy that much if they do go into effect.

Earlier this week, China quickly responded to the Trump administration’s tally of \$50 billion in Chinese products that would face 25 percent tariffs with its own list of American-made goods, including cars, aircraft and soybeans, that would be subject to import taxes of a similar amount.

Trump, apparently angered by Beijing’s tit-for-tat response, upped the ante Thursday evening, saying that instead of correcting its practice of unfairly appropriating American intellectual property, “China has chosen to harm our farmers and manufacturers.”

“China’s illicit trade practices — ignored for years by Washington — have destroyed thousands of American factories and millions of American jobs,” Trump said in a statement.

Trump, however, kept open the possibility of negotiations. And U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, while saying the president’s proposal is “an appropriate response,” made clear that any additional tariffs, like the earlier ones announced, would not take effect immediately.

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Palatine condo owners sue over sale plans

BY SAMANTHA BOMKAMP
Chicago Tribune

A group of condominium owners in Palatine has filed a lawsuit against the association’s three-member board, alleging that the board accepted a sale offer far below what the residences were worth in an effort to convert the more than 700 units to apartments.

The 32 plaintiffs, residents of the Woods at Countryside who own a

total of 54 of the development’s units, are trying to prevent the \$49 million sale, which is set to close April 27. The attorney representing the plaintiffs, David Rudolph, said the properties are collectively worth at least \$70 million.

According to the lawsuit, real estate developers bought up units in the development through various limited liability companies to eventually gain a 75 percent stake, and therefore have a supermajority that allowed them to make

the sale without the agreement of some residents. The three defendants, all linked to developers, were elected to the condo board, the lawsuit says. It alleges that the board didn’t fulfill its fiduciary duty to find a market-rate buyer for the property.

Rudolph said he doesn’t believe the board pursued other offers.

The three named defendants in the lawsuit are Rob Palley and Nick Marietti, principals and co-founders of VennPoint

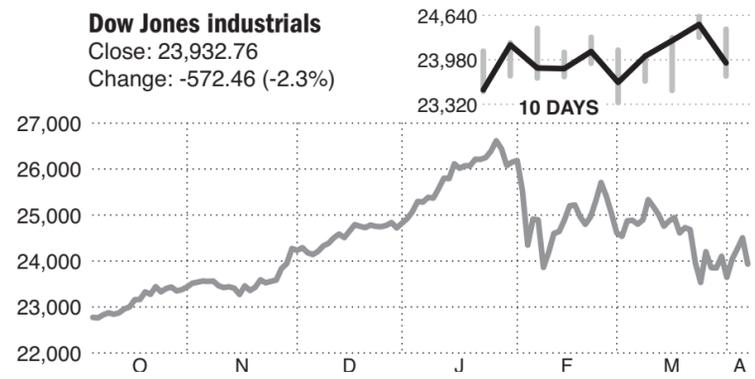
Real Estate, formerly known as Trilogy Investments, and Jake Gantz, a vice president at the company. They did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The trend of converting condominiums to apartments can be seen all over Chicago as rental demand rises, driven by younger people and empty nesters who don’t want to commit to buying property.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,434.40 Low: 23,738.20 Previous: 24,505.22



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-161.44 (-2.28%)	-58.37 (-2.19%)	-29.63 (-1.92%)
Close: 6,915.11	Close: 2,604.47	Close: 1,513.30
High: 7,066.64	High: 2,656.88	High: 1,541.07
Low: 6,877.76	Low: 2,586.27	Low: 1,502.63
Previous: 7,076.55	Previous: 2,662.84	Previous: 1,542.93

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.06 to 2.77%	+7.60 to \$1,331.90	-0.60 to 106.85/\$1	-0.0032 to .8140/\$1	-1.48 to \$62.06

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
-0.71	-2.10	-1.38	-5.54	-8.54	-6.53	+15.86	+17.65	+10.57

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	461.50	472.75	459.25	472.25	+7.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	382	390	382	388.50	-1
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	1003	1037.25	1003	1033.75	+2.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 18	31.63	31.77	31.46	31.53	-0.25
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 18	379.00	387.30	375.50	386.30	+2.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 18	63.70	63.79	61.81	62.06	-1.48
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 18	2.680	2.717	2.675	2.701	+0.026
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 18	1.9880	1.9902	1.9383	1.9547	-0.0269

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LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	57.57	-2.29	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	86.99	+0.6	McDonalds Corp	N	161.25	-2.70
AbbVie Inc	N	89.78	-2.43	Equity Residential	N	63.05	-2.4	Middleby Corp	O	123.57	-1.24
Allstate Corp	N	95.90	-1.23	Exelon Corp	N	38.63	-0.37	Morningstar Int'l	O	41.48	-0.72
Aptargroup Inc	N	88.50	-1.90	First Indl RT	N	28.98	-1.23	Morningstar Inc	O	96.15	-1.23
Arch Dan Mid	N	44.33	-1.0	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	58.72	-1.34	Motorola Solutions	N	103.98	-2.71
Baxter Intl	N	63.89	-1.63	Gallagher AJ	N	67.09	-1.14	Navistar Intl	N	34.76	-1.48
Boeing Co	N	326.12	-10.28	Grainger WJ	N	286.67	-7.10	NiSource Inc	N	24.25	-1.14
Brunswick Corp	N	58.51	-0.99	GrubHub Inc	N	97.09	-3.09	Nthn Trust Cp	O	101.17	-3.29
CBOE Global Markets	O	109.34	-2.26	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	84.45	-1.73	Old Republic	N	21.31	-3.2
CDK Global Inc	O	63.49	-0.80	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	74.91	-2.25	Packaging Corp Am	N	110.14	-3.02
CDW Corp	O	67.95	-1.77	IDEX Corp	N	138.77	-3.86	Stericycle Inc	O	58.07	-5.0
CF Industries	N	36.83	-1.75	ITW	N	152.60	-6.12	TransUnion	N	56.18	-8.9
CME Group	O	158.26	-4.73	Ingredion Inc	N	126.89	-1.68	Tribune Media Co A	N	40.25	-0.3
CNA Financial	N	48.45	-1.12	John Bean Technol	N	111.05	-2.35	USG Corp	N	40.30	-0.24
Caterpillar Inc	N	142.99	-5.14	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	171.34	-2.84	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	208.26	+1.34
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.74	-0.7	KapStone Paper	N	34.38	-1.1	United Cont'l Hldgs	N	68.63	-2.06
Deere Co	N	145.39	-5.95	Kraft Heinz Co	O	60.54	-0.77	Ventas Inc	N	50.42	+3.8
Discover Fin Svcs	N	70.34	-1.79	LKQ Corporation	O	38.18	-0.55	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	63.47	-1.18
Dover Corp	N	93.19	-4.50	Littelfuse Inc	O	198.63	-3.74	Wintrust Financial	O	85.99	-2.74
Equity Commonwh	N	30.32	-0.08	MB Financial	O	40.37	-1.25	Zebra Tech	O	135.44	-3.74

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	29.63	-0.69
Gen Electric	13.06	-0.37
Ambev S.A.	6.86	-0.30
Ford Motor	11.18	-1.17
AT&T Inc	35.63	-5.1
Chesapck Engy	2.98	-1.0
Wells Fargo & Co	52.23	-1.03
McDermott Intl	5.61	-0.27
Dynegy Inc	12.81	-0.33
Citigroup	68.60	-1.62
Pfizer Inc	35.17	-0.56
JPMorgan Chase & Co	109.09	-2.79
Penney JC Co Inc	3.21	-0.16
Alibaba Group Hldg	167.52	-5.05
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.35	-0.07
Petrobras	13.92	-0.06
Freoport McMoran	17.33	-0.78
Verizon Comm	47.48	-0.76
US Steel Corp	34.49	-2.12
Twitter Inc	28.10	-0.59
Vale SA	12.66	-0.24
General Motors Co	37.68	-0.32
Exxon Mobil Corp	74.87	-1.15
Vistra Energy Corp	19.68	-0.54

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Neovasc Inc	0.06	+0.02
Micron Tech	48.46	-1.38
Adv Micro Dev	9.61	-0.41
Facebook Inc	157.20	-2.14
Microsoft Corp	90.23	-2.15
Apple Inc	168.38	-4.42
Comcast Corp A	34.12	-0.48
Cisco Syst	40.73	-1.09
Intel Corp	48.79	-1.59
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Nvidia Corporation	214.25	-7.13
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.26	-0.05
New Link Genetics	4.20	-3.12
Applied Matls	52.34	-1.95
Tesla Inc	299.30	-6.42
JD.com Inc	39.23	-0.96
Caesars Entertain	11.00	-0.50
Netflix Inc	288.85	-5.12
MannKind Corp	1.79	-0.59
Zynga Inc	3.44	-0.08
Eyegate Pharmaceut	0.47	+0.08
AVEO Pharmaceuticals	2.30	-0.07
21st Century Fox A	35.69	-0.66
Huntgtn Bancshs	14.56	-0.51

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3131.11	/...
Stoxx600	374.82	-1.3/-0.4
Nikkei	21567.52	-77.9/-0.4
MSCI-EAFE	2015.99	+6.0/+3
Bovespa	84820.43	-389.2/-0.5
FTSE 100	7183.64	-15.9/-0.2
CAC-40	5258.24	-18.4/-0.4

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	167.52	-5.05
Alphabet Inc C	1007.04	-20.77
Alphabet Inc A	1009.95	-22.69
Amazon.com Inc	1405.23	-46.52
Apple Inc	168.38	-4.42
Berkshire Hath A	294000	-7750
Berkshire Hath B	195.49	-5.36
Chevron Corp	114.76	-2.53
Exxon Mobil Corp	74.87	-1.15
Facebook Inc	157.20	-2.14
Intel Corp	48.79	-1.59
JPMorgan Chase	109.09	-2.79
Johnson & Johnson	128.10	-2.61
Microsoft Corp	90.23	-2.15
Royal Dutch Shell B	67.26	-0.52
Royal Dutch Shell A	65.80	-0.33
Taiwan Semicon	42.42	-0.90
TiGenix ADS	42.81	-0.19
WalMart Strs	86.69	-1.12

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.67	1.67
6-month disc	1.81	1.82
2-year	2.27	2.31
10-year	2.77	2.83
30-year	3.02	3.08

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1331.90	\$1324.30
Silver	\$16.332	\$16.320
Platinum	\$912.00	\$909.80

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.33

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	20.1776
Australia (Dollar)	1.3039
Brazil (Real)	3.3769
Britain (Pound)	0.7100
Canada (Dollar)	1.2779
China (Yuan)	6.3086
Euro	0.8140
India (Rupee)	64.914
Israel (Shekel)	3.5349
Japan (Yen)	106.85
Mexico (Peso)	18.3318
Poland (Zloty)	3.42
So. Korea (Won)	1071.98
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.35
Thailand (Baht)	31.30

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	31.92	-0.68	+17.1
American Funds AmrcnBAlA m	26.60	-0.27	+8.8
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	150.64	-6.7	+5.7
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	60.38	-4.4	+5.8
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	56.32	-5.2	+2.0
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	61.01	-1.20	+13.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	50.16	-1.06	+8.2
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.67	-0.22	+9.6
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	39.22	-0.73	+10.9
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	43.53	-0.77	+18.8
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	44.39	-0.90	+12.5
DFA EMktCorEq	23.34	-0.31	+20.4
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.52	+0.03	+2.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	45.06	-0.41	+11.1
Dodge & Cox Stk	194.49	-3.93	+9.6
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.46	...	+1.6
Fidelity 500IdxIns x	90.99	-2.54	+12.6
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm x	90.99	-2.54	+12.6
Fidelity 500InIdxPrm x	90.99	-2.54	+12.6
Fidelity Contrafund	122.40	-2.84	+22.0
Fidelity ContrafundK	122.36	-2.83	+22.2
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.02	+0.04	+1.4
Fidelity LowPrStk	53.72	-0.71	+14.9
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.27	-0.02	+2.1
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.45	+0.03	+8
Oakmark IntlInv	27.90	...	+16.7
PIMCO Inclsntl	12.18	...	+4.9
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.06	...	+1.5
Schwab SP500Idx	40.32	-0.90	+12.6
T. Rowe Price BCGr	99.67	-2.55	+28.1
T. Rowe Price GrStk	63.87	-1.58	+22.6
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	240.51	-5.39	+12.6
Vanguard DivGrInv	25.85	-0.51	+11.2
Vanguard HCAmrl	82.57	-1.86	+5.9
Vanguard Int'lTEAdmrl	13.86	+0.01	+1.7
Vanguard InclsIns	237.38	-5.31	+12.6
Vanguard InclsInsPlus	237.39	-5.32	+12.6
Vanguard InsTtSMInPls	67.93	-1.26	+12.7
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	97.19	-1.25	+29.1
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	188.00	-1.15	+11.0
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	132.62	-3.06	+19.4
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.51	+0.01	+1.7
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	69.49	-1.37	+14.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.03	-0.25	+8.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.27	-0.17	+9.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.19	-0.37	+10.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.40	-0.26	+11.5
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.51	+0.03	+8
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIns	10.51	+0.03	+8
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.83	+0.02	+3.0
Vanguard TtInBIdxIns	30.11	-0.27	+16.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	120.41	-1.08	+16.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	120.43	-1.08	+16.8
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	18.00	-0.16	+16.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	65.16	-1.43	+12

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EDITORIALS

Welcoming men back to the workforce

The past decade has provided ample support for conservative commentator George Will's maxim: All news is economic news, and economic news is always bad. But the most recent federal jobs reports, including the March report issued Friday, prove there are exceptions. While the unemployment rate remains impressively low at 4.1 percent, wages are rising more than expected yet not enough to stoke fears of inflation. The best news? Despite a downward blip, Americans who had left the workforce are coming back.

The Great Recession aggravated a trend that had been evident before: a decline in the number of adults who were either working or looking for work. In 2000, the figure was 67.3 percent; at the end of 2007, it was 66 percent. By 2015, it had sunk to 62.3 percent. President Barack Obama's Council of Economic Advisers noted with dismay that the United States ranked third-lowest "in terms of prime-age male labor force participation" among the 34 countries in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

In February, some 800,000 people entered or re-entered the job market — the biggest increase in 15 years. Harsh March storms took back some of that February gain, but the labor force participation rate reported Friday is 62.9 percent. And a measure of unemployment that includes discouraged workers and those holding part-time jobs — the so-called underemployed — hit its lowest level in 11 years.

Economists have puzzled over the causes of the last decade's decline in workforce participation, which has been particularly pronounced among men with no more than a high school education. (Among women there's been a much smaller decline.) One reason is that the population has gotten older, on average, and people over 55 are less likely to work than younger ones. Another is that wages for relatively unskilled workers have stagnated, making work less appealing. A significant share of males have felony records, which many employers see as disqualifying.

But Nicholas Eberstadt, a scholar at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, cites another compelling explanation: Between 1960 and 2010, the number of Americans getting government disability benefits of one kind or another soared 18-fold. This has occurred even as medical care has improved and jobs, on average, have gotten less strenuous. Nearly three-fifths (57 percent) of prime-male unworkers in 2013 were obtaining benefits from at

least one disability program, Eberstadt notes. "No one can prove that disability programs have caused the male flight from work — but there is no doubt they are helping to finance it." In West Virginia, one out of every 11 adults receives such payments.

Other experts blame the rise in workforce participation on the decline of secure, well-paid jobs, which has had an outsize impact on those who lack a college degree. A 2016 report by the White House Council of Economic Advisers cited "reductions in the demand for labor, especially for lower-skilled men." When they can't find jobs, or jobs that pay anything like what they used to make, some workers with physical impairments or mental health problems may be less determined to overcome them and more inclined to apply for disability.

Whatever the contributing factors, the recent brisk pace of U.S. economic growth has drawn Americans back into the workforce — and promises to help even more. The Wall Street Journal recently ran a front-page story with the headline: "Worker Shortage Dogs Midwest." In much of this region, job openings abound, but companies can't fill them. That usually forces employers to offer higher wages and entice more men back into the labor

force. "A strong, fully employed economy — where firms looking for workers is a larger issue than workers looking for firms — is the best social program we know," former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers told The New York Times. "It is shortages of labor that induce firms to figure out how to train felons, to move beyond their traditional prejudices, to figure out how to skill unskilled workers, to reach into distressed or depressed communities."

We can hope the Federal Reserve won't be too eager to snuff out any future wage inflation. The Trump administration sees the federal tax overhaul as a driver of accelerated hiring — even as its trade policies threaten employment, especially in export-sensitive states such as Illinois. We hope these tussles over tariffs don't stifle U.S. economic growth. March was the record 90th straight month that the economy has added jobs. A longer expansion would make the alternatives to work far less appealing.

For too long, the nation has underutilized one of its most valuable resources: the skills and energy of working-age men. An economy that gets more out of them would be good for them and good for all of us.

you have grit, determination and resilience. But the ability to pull yourself together mentally and physically in competition is different from the new challenges that await you.

So after you retire, travel, write a poem, try to start your own business, stay out a little too late, devote time to something that doesn't have a clear end goal — in short, do everything you couldn't do when you were training.

There are endless ways to find purpose and meaning after the Olympics. Just give yourself some time. Learn to live for the process again without being defined by the results, the way you did when you first started your sport.

Sasha Cohen, The New York Times

If you're confused about what America's military mission in Syria is, or whether the U.S. intends to see its ill-defined objectives achieved, don't feel too bad. You are in good company.

Even the president and his administration seem conflicted. If Trump is unable to make the case to the public as to why America's mission in Syria is vital, the nation will continue to be understandably skeptical of it.

What's more, Americans will likely welcome withdrawal from the Syrian theater.

And when America is compelled to return under conditions far less optimal than they are even today, as was the case when the U.S. redeployed to Iraq in 2014 after a short absence, the American public will think it an awful waste of lives and treasure.

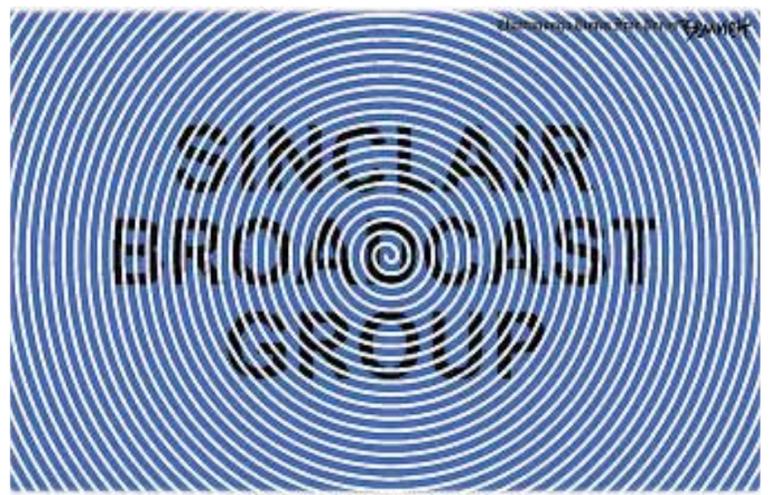
This terrible cycle of mistrust could end tomorrow if someone in the political class dared to make a case for why the U.S. is the only power capable of filling the vacuum in Syria and thereby preventing a broader asymmetric or even, terrifyingly, conventional conflict. But courage, it seems, is in short supply.

Noah Rothman, Commentary

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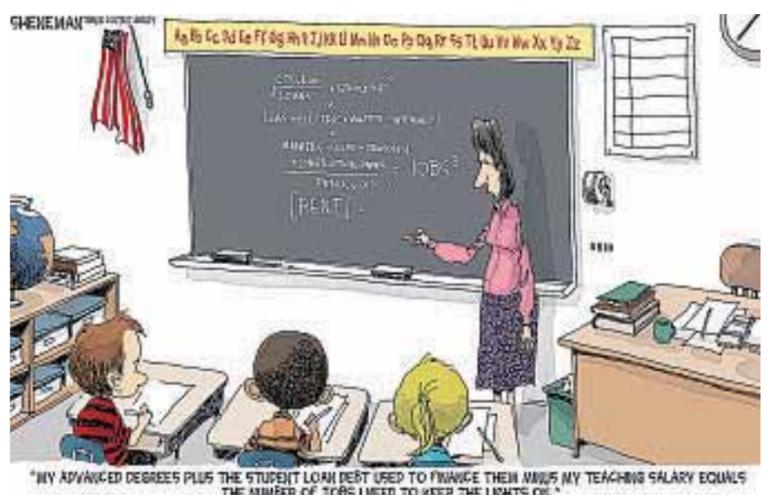
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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

On the heels of an unpaid-for \$1.3 trillion spending binge, House Republicans have announced they plan to — I'm not making this up — push for a balanced budget amendment (BBA) when they return from recess. This only proves there is no low to which the GOP will not stoop as it continues to insult the intelligence of its voter base.

The real strategy to pass a BBA, as happened with Obamacare, will most likely be to hold empty, meaningless roll call votes on measures that have no hope of passing and which the GOP has no plan to carry out.

Then a Republican lawmaker can tell voters in the fall: "Look, we tried to do something about federal spending, but the Democrats voted against the balanced budget amendment?" ...

This gesture comes just after lawmakers from both parties passed a broad, two-year budget framework that blows up the budget caps imposed in 2011, and will lead to trillions in spending each and every year henceforth, with interest payments on the massive federal debt set to outpace the cost of the military and the cost of Medicaid in just eight years.

Voting for gargantuan spending of this size and then claiming to support a balanced budget amendment is like gorging on a sumptuous feast while insisting that you want a svelte physique.

Barbara Boland, The American Conservative

The challenge of adjusting to post-Olympic life is something that I, like most Olympians, was poorly equipped to face. How do you deal with being a has-been at 21? ... Like many Olympians, I was home-schooled and received a subpar education. I didn't go to college until I was 26. I hadn't attended school since the seventh grade. ...

Olympic athletes need to understand that the rules for life are different from the rules for sports. Yes, striving to accomplish a single overarching goal every day means

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News anchor Walter Cronkite, as seen from a television monitor, removes his glasses while announcing the death of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963.

Motives, not weapons

On Nov. 22, 1963, I was a 25-year-old factory worker, living in Quincy, Ill. I worked on the night shift, and, on that day I was watching television, preparing to go to work, when I saw Walter Cronkite appear on the screen to utter the words that indicated shots had been fired at President John F. Kennedy's motorcade in Dallas.

I was in a state of shock that weekend as I watched the tragic events of Kennedy's assassination unfold on television. I listened in disbelief as I saw our local pastor interrupt his sermon that Sunday morning to announce that Lee Harvey Oswald had, himself, been murdered, in the midst of several armed policemen, in a basement jail in downtown Dallas.

There are many details of those days that I have since forgotten, and many that I have not. I have not forgotten that Oswald's weapon was an Italian Carcano rifle, notable only because it contained a scope sight. Jack Ruby's weapon was a small .38-caliber Colt Cobra handgun. Neither of these weapons would be conspicuous today, but they were the weapons involved in two murders that changed the world.

Another of my recollections of that time is that there were no subsequent mass demonstrations by adults, or by high school students, to protest against possession of firearms by the citizens of this country. Nobody cared about the weapons. The focus was on the fact that the president of the United States had been murdered. It was obvious that two inconspicuous guns were perfectly capable of creating significant havoc — and nobody cared.

I believe that millions of people in this country are wasting their time, and their money, dwelling on attempts to eliminate automatic weapons — or guns in general. People bent on disruption and murder will find ways to commit it. The tools they use are beside the point. Remember: Just five short years later, Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy were also dead — murdered by people using unremarkable weapons. Let's focus on causes and motives, not what tools are used.

— William A. Perry, Melrose Park

An act of kindness

I'm hoping a certain Target shopper reads the Tribune. I have no other way of letting him know for what he is responsible.

As a busy working mom, my daughter found herself on a mission to purchase a spring/summer outfit for each of her four children late one Saturday afternoon. Mission accomplished, bustling her way through the store, she grabbed cereal, peanut butter, paper products and various bargains along the way to the checkout.

She approached the checkout counter just a second before another shopper. Looking at her cart-full and then at the fellow shopper's few items in hand, and imagining him on his way home after a hard day at work, she implored him to please go in front of her. But the shopper insisted that he was in no hurry and patiently took his place in line behind her.

Feeling guilty for his inevitable wait, my daughter had her 9-year-old daughter assist her in removing hangers and placing things on the conveyor. She could feel the shopper inching closer as she quickly got her debit card ready to expedite her purchase. As the cashier announced her total, she stood stunned as the shopper quickly inserted his credit card for payment and told her, "This purchase is on me."

She insisted that this nearly \$200 purchase was way too much, but thanked this gentleman for his random act of kindness. But he persisted, "With all the crap going on in the country lately, I want to do something good. I want to give you a nice story to tell your family and friends this Easter." Yes, it was a beautiful Easter story we will tell and retell.

I'd like the shopper to feel good about the choice he made. My daughter is an amazing woman. She just recently returned to her calling as a preschool

teacher, working at the same Catholic school her four young children attend. Her mantra to her own children has always been, "Be kind!" Now she works to instill that same philosophy in her young students.

As most young families stretch a paycheck to accommodate the extra goodies a last-minute holiday shopping spree brings, the shopper gave an unexpected gift to my daughter and she is so grateful. She is especially happy that her young daughter was there to witness his kindness. So I'd like to thank this good man for his generosity. He has given more than he knows!

— Carol Seiner, Oak Forest

Future fights

It's very telling just how inconsequential the U.S. is becoming on the stage of world affairs under the "America First" policy of President Donald Trump. It should have been the Big Four that meet in Turkey, presumably to determine the fate of Syria and, by extension, the political, social and military map of the Middle East. Iran, Turkey and Russia were at the table. But Trump has been given the royal snub. Instead of a loud denunciation from Trump and a demand from him for intervention in Syria by the United Nations to curtail this nefarious cabal, Trump announces that a U.S. military pullout from Syria is imminent.

What sweet music that must be in the ears of Hassan Rouhani, Vladimir Putin and Recep Tayyip Erdogan. In return for their support of Bashar Assad as a puppet president, the Big Three will get what each really wants — a Syrian government kowtowing to their collective bidding; the opportunity for Turkey to extinguish permanently the Kurdish independence movement; coveted control by the Russians of the Mediterranean Sea; and a stranglehold on Israel by Iran as it joins hands with Hezbollah in Lebanon — all facilitated by a compliant Assad. A return of the Islamic State in Syria is nothing to fear. This radical, terrorist Sunni sect is hated equally by the Big Three. Their combined military forces can handily keep at bay any initiative by IS to raise its ugly head.

Whether Israel allows this scenario to play out is not the question. Israel will respond, and, blaming Trump for its untenable position, it will act alone. The questions are: when and how? Can you say, "Hello, Armageddon?"

— Steven Pokorny, Urbandale, Iowa

Wasted water

In response to "Michigan OKs increased water withdrawal permit": So Michigan is practically giving away its natural resource of pure water to an international corporation (Nestle) that will make millions by selling the state's water? Geez, 81,787 people in Michigan thought this was a stupid idea, and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality went with the 75 people who were in favor. I wonder what business school those DEQ folks went to. How about giving some of that "Pure Michigan" water to Flint?

Disgusting.
— Jelmir Atkins, Sycamore

Grow up

From the perspective of columnist Cal Thomas in his April 4 column "Free speech takes another hit from thin-skinned liberals," teen David Hogg, survivor of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, speaks with an "immature mind." Having taught high school students for 35 years, I believe Thomas is correct about those immature minds, which is why I always cut my high school students some slack; they're under construction, brains not fully developed. I get it.

But I'm not willing to cut much slack to adults like Laura Ingraham or Ted Nugent who continue to behave like teenagers. It seems they don't get it.

— Bill Leece, Schaumburg

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Birdland' ★★★★★

Rock star on shaky pedestal

Compelling show delves into reality of life in spotlight

By CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

They're nocturnal creatures. Their natural habitat is posh hotels — although, like me, you might have glimpsed the odd one preening through a casino or scurrying in their sunglasses through an airport to their sanctified limo. Ah, yes, the rock star, the species (and often specious) *petra stella*, in the Latin. So what's their deal, exactly?

Playwright Simon Stephens' "Birdland," the fabulous new show at Steep Theatre, is, above all else, a very serious and totally gripping attempt to find the answer to a simple but fascinating question: Can those who are handed bucket loads of cash, fame and nightly adulation actually retain their basic humanity?

Or are they doomed — like tragic heroes hoisted with the petard of never any pushback — to drown in a sea of room service, sycophants and ever-riskier sex on demand?

Stephens' central character, Paul, played in this United States premiere by Joel Reitsma, is not some demi-celebrity worrying about staying on top. Nor is he some semi-anonymous member of a boy band. He's a boldfaced megastar, an arena-style solo attraction at his peak, a global transient on some perpetual world tour, always whisked away by private plane, always forced to grab at the shards of actual relationships, condemned to forever worry about the motives of any human with whom he comes into contact, ever-unable to let down his guard, lest he or she be carrying a smartphone.

You may think you've watched all this in a thousand episodes of "Behind the Music," or some such cliched pablum. But that is not this play. This play is a dissection, cold-eyed in its analysis but pulsing with unspeakable vulnerability. I'm talking "Hedwig" level, with more than an angry inch.

There is one scene in particular, wherein Paul's working-class and indebted dad, played by Jim Poole, finds himself having to ask his son for money. It's a pathetically small amount — just a couple hundred bucks, about what a rock star spends on a light snack — but Stephens, who knows how



LEE MILLER PHOTO

Joel Reitsma and Cindy Marker in "Birdland," written by Simon Stephens and directed by Jonathan Berry.

When: Through May 12

Where: Steep Theatre, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave.

Running time: 2 hours

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to write middle-age despair, makes you feel every second of a father's humiliation. You watch him getting money, and you make a note to self never to allow yourself to be in this position.

Their father-son relationship is not really all that bad — it actually rings like the relationship you'd expect to have with your kid, if your kid were a massive rock star, thus completely blowing all the parental planets out of whack. That is what makes this play so good: It's richly nuanced and existentially aware. I walked out onto Berwyn Avenue wondering, as I often do when I see Stephens' work, about the seemingly inverse relationship of professional success to personal happiness, and what that should mean for everyone's lives.

Stephens (best known for adapting "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time")

and Steep have an intimate relationship; the British playwright and former teacher was a big deal at this theater long before New York discovered "Harper Regan."

Director Jonathan Berry, now an artistic producer at Steppenwolf, knows this writer well: Stephens also wrote "Punk Rock," which Berry directed with huge success at the Griffin Theatre in 2012. That was probably my favorite production in Berry's body of Chicago work. Until this one.

The most remarkable thing about this staging is how Reitsma, whose performance is blisteringly good and who reminds me of Adam Lambert (although Paul is bigger), actually makes you believe he's a rock star. That has something to do with some very clever design work: the shadows in which Paul lurks were hung by lighting designer Brandon Wardell, and his defining but defensive costume was created by Emily McConnell. But it's still a formidable achievement to pull off an arena-sized ego in a storefront, without it ever feeling for a moment like anything is overplayed.

This, truly, is a spectacularly charismatic performance: You

see the improvisational charm and risk-taking that got this dude where he landed, and you also see the many heavens and hells of his arrival. Add in a fleet of fascinating cameos of those who find themselves orbiting around Paul like subservient planets of economic or personal desire and you've got, like, a snapshot of a world that will make you glad you have a boring job. A couple of the ensemble performances are of gut-wrenching intensity: Dushane Casteallo, who plays a band member and maybe (and maybe not) friend; and Aila Peck, who plays a maybe (or maybe not) love interest for a man condemned to at least some level of isolation, notwithstanding her willingness to fly to Berlin.

For some reason, Kenny Ortega's documentary about Michael Jackson's unplayed concert at the O2 Arena in London kept flashing into my head at Thursday's opening. In that case, a great star just wanted his kids to see him perform. And for that most empathetic of human gestures, he paid with his life, all because that was his life.

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"Isle of Dogs"
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CHRIS JONES THEATRE

"The Beauty Queen of Leenane"

"I'd die before you'd put me in a home," says the old Irish lady. "Aye," says her daughter, "hopefully." Playwright Martin McDonagh's famous Irish drama "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" has made a superbly cast reappearance with the indomitable Wendy Robie as Mag Folan and Kate Fry as her dutiful daughter, Maureen. Director BJ Jones' production at the Northlight Theatre in Skokie is in distinguished company with previous local visits to Leenane, including at the Steppenwolf Theatre in 1999. Watching those productions over the years has taught me that the best ones make everything that happens feel inevitable, a clash of personalities made all the more intense by their mother-and-daughter genesis. *Through April 22 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; \$30-\$81 at 847-673-6300 or www.northlight.org*

GREG KOT ROCK

Birds of Chicago

Birds of Chicago blurs so many genres that it's difficult to distill the band's sound to a couple of words. But a few years ago the people in charge of selling the band's music gave it a try: "secular gospel." They are about to begin another round of shows to herald the May 4 release of their third album, "Love in Wartime" (Signature Sounds). The album was recorded last year at Steve Albini's studio on the North Side with the North Mississippi All Stars' Luther Dickinson producing, and marked the couple's farewell to the city they called home for years. It's not an easy calibration: How to confront the heartache and anxiety of being human without making the music sound morose or facile? "Love in Wartime" wrestles a feeling that transcends politics or the daily news churn. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St., \$22-\$40; thaliahallchicago.com

JOHN VON RHEIN CLASSICAL

Chicago Symphony Orchestra
German conductor Matthias Pintscher presides over an all-French program that includes Ravel's complete "Daphnis et Chloe" and his Piano Concerto for the Left Hand (Jean-Yves Thibaudet, soloist), plus the Ravel orchestrations of Debussy's "Sarabande" and "Danse"; the Chicago Symphony Chorus assists in the Ravel ballet; 1:30 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; \$30-\$218. Riccardo Muti launches his two-week April residency with a "New World"-themed program that includes Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" (with Chicago actor John Malkovich as narrator) and Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 ("From the New World"); 8 p.m. Thursday (repeated April 13-17); \$55-\$280. *Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; 312-294-3000, www.cso.org*

IN PERFORMANCE

CSO delivers winning Ravel under Pintscher

By JOHN VON RHEIN
Chicago Tribune

Replacing Charles Dutoit for the two subscription programs he had been scheduled to lead with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra this spring, before allegations of sexual misconduct prompted management to sever ties with the Swiss conductor, fortunately has caused no lapses of continuity or changes of programming.

On Thursday night at Symphony Center, German conductor and composer Matthias Pintscher made his CSO podium debut with the same all-Ravel program that was to have reunited Dutoit and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet for concerts marking the 90th anniversary of Ravel's only U.S. tour, a visit that had the composer leading an entire program of his music with the CSO in January 1928.

But a different sort of celebration was observed Thursday, and that was the actual 60th anniversary of the Chicago Symphony Chorus, one of the foremost choral aggregations of its kind in the world. Director Duain Wolfe's sterling choir is getting star billing all season in retiring range from Schubert's Mass in E flat (splendidly performed under Riccardo Muti's direction late last month) to the Rossini "Stabat Mater" announced for the Muti-led season finale in late June.

Just as it was good to have the complete Ravel "Daphnis and Chloe" back in the downtown repertory, after an absence of more than a decade, so was it wonderful to hear it done with the sections for wordless chorus that so enhance the sensuous mood and atmosphere of this masterpiece. Few choral bodies are as sensitive to Ravel's subtle gradations of color, and the singing of Wolfe's 130 choristers brought out the evocative wonder at the outset of Part 2 of the ballet.

Indeed, throughout the performance the hard clarity of the Orchestra Hall acoustics benefited Pintscher's forensic illumination of Ravel's lavish yet transparent orchestration. (Spaciousness is another matter, and that is where the auditorium sonics failed this music.) His composer's regard for structure and detail and his suppleness of rhythm served the music well, allowing for a fluid unfolding of events within a cohesive span.

Tall, active and physically commanding on the podium, Pintscher (music director of the Ensemble Intercontemporain in Paris) may yield something in veiled mystery to other inter-preters, but his penetrating treatment of Ravel made this "Daphnis" feel bracingly of a piece. What a pleasure it was to hear the less-familiar first and second parts in musical context! The depiction of daybreak in the



TODD ROSENBERG PHOTO

Pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet performs with the CSO on Thursday.

pages corresponding to the opening of Suite No. 2 was delicately atmospheric, Stefan Ragnar Hoskuldsson's flute solo cool and sinuous and the final bacchanale rousing.

Ravel's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand turns up less often at these concerts than its two-handed sibling, the G major concerto. Which is a shame, as the D major concerto is a beauty in its own right, rich of invention, exquisitely crafted, at once sinister and jazzy. The keyboard writing, with its wide melodic leaps and furious figuration, provides the stiffest of workouts for five fingers.

The French-born, Southern California-based Thibaudet has long been celebrated as a master of the Ravel style, and so he proved Thursday. Urbanity and refinement, along with razor-sharp reflexes and sharply marked rhythm, highlighted his winning performance. The pianist knows the music of Bill

Evans as well as he knows Ravel's, and it showed in his dexterously handling of the jazzy portions. If you closed your eyes during the virtuosic cadenza, you'd have sworn two hands were kicking up all that sound, which of course is precisely the illusion Ravel sought to create.

Pintscher supported the pianist steadily, but I found the accompaniment somewhat overbearing at times.

The concert began with two brief Debussy pieces as orchestrated by Ravel, the "Saraband" and "Danse" ("Tarantelle styrienne"). The pastel colors of Ravel's scoring were appreciatively handled but the conductor's pacing of the dance was too fast. The effect was to turn a slight and charming little squib into a showpiece.

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TELEVISION REVIEW

Film relives Penn State tragedy — but it provides few answers

BY VERNE GAY
Newsday

Longtime Penn State football coach Joe Paterno died Jan. 22, 2012, but his legacy is hardly finished.

HBO brings his story to the small screen Saturday: Months before his death from lung cancer, Joe Paterno (Al Pacino) is set to become the winningest coach in college football history, just as a sexual abuse scandal engulfs his former defensive assistant Jerry Sandusky (Jim Johnson) and Penn State. What did he know, and when did he know, remain bitterly divisive questions among some Penn State fans and family members who still want to clear his name.

What it's about: As the indictment is handed down in late 2011, Paterno; his wife, Sue (Kathy Baker); daughter, Mary Kay (Annie Parisse); and Paterno's adult sons hunker down in their family home to figure out what to do next. Meanwhile, Sara Ganim (Riley Keough), the Harrisburg Patriot-News reporter who broke the news about Sandusky, scrambles to cover the exploding story. Barry Levinson directed this film, written by Debora Cahn and John C. Richards.

My say: A variation on questions surrounding Paterno's knowledge is as fresh as yesterday, too, particularly at Michigan State, where institutional responsibility (or culpability) lie at the core of another decadeslong sexual abuse scandal — Dr. Larry Nassar's assaults of more than 160 female gymnasts under his care. How could university officials not know about a crime of this magnitude?

The timing of "Paterno" therefore is nearly perfect.



Penn State coach Joe Paterno acknowledges the crowd at a 2005 game. Al Pacino plays Paterno in the HBO film. CAROLYN KASTER/AP

'Paterno'

7 p.m. Saturday, HBO

But what about everything else? Levinson decided to frame the film over a week's span in early November 2011, leading up to Paterno's firing. Over these six days, his reputation hangs in suspended animation. He's either about to become college football's pre-eminent coach, or about to become the disgraced coach who did what was only minimally necessary when first told of Sandusky's behavior in 2001.

We know the outcome, but "Paterno" makes the case that Paterno himself almost certainly did not. Pacino's "Joe Pa" is doddering, guileless and largely inattentive. His football memory remains intact, while his memory for everything else is fallible — or worse, almost gone. "I can't remember what I had for breakfast," he reasonably concludes, until reminded that the guilty often fall back on that line. Mostly, he seems like a sweet old man who just wants to get back to

America's game.

Of course, it's also a shell game, because viewers are left to guess who Paterno once was, while they're seduced by someone as he is in this precarious moment. Keough's intrepid Sara Ganim is seduced and shocked, too, when he's fired, because she shares in our point of view.

But what about the past — or that "What did he know, and when did he know it?"

"Paterno" carefully confines itself to the record, never drifting off into speculation or supposition. A few flashbacks pull viewers back 10 years, to huddled conversations among university officials in darkened hallways. Not a part of those, Paterno remains as distant and unknowable then as in 2011.

Instead, "Paterno" carefully, methodically backs viewers — and Paterno — into a corner from which there is no escape. How could he have not known? How could he have not done more? Offering no solace for fans or family, "Paterno" is ultimately both a damning portrait and conclusion.



ASK AMY

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Wedding season brings familiar woes

Dear Amy: My fiancé and I are having a rather large wedding (it's the second time for both of us). We are in our 60s. My fiancé is from a wonderful large family. All his nieces and nephews and their spouses will be invited.

The problem is one niece. She is always rude to me. Her rudeness is obvious to everyone. I've been very quiet about it, and have never provoked her.

Amy, she is in her 30s! I'm glad she is the only toxic person in my new family!

Here's the problem: I really don't want to invite her to our wedding.

My fiancé says to ignore her, and that we have to invite her.

Why should I invite someone that treats me like that? Other family members have witnessed her rudeness. They're passive about it.

It seems her mother (my future sister-in-law) condones her behavior!

So, do I have to invite her to my wedding?
— Family Matters

Dear Family Matters:

Well, it's not really your wedding. It is your and your fiancé's wedding. If he has only one rude and obnoxious member in his large and otherwise wonderful family, then I'd say you're both pretty lucky — and definitely beating the national average.

Ignore her. Minimize any contact with her (which can be easy to do at your large wedding). Families come in many hues and combinations of good and obnoxious. For better (and perhaps worse), this person will be part of yours. Make a determina-

tion to enjoy your day. And then do that.

Dear Amy: I'm a 28-year-old woman. My boyfriend and I have been together for 10 years.

Amy, I thought for sure that I would be the first sibling in my family to get married, but my younger brother dated his girlfriend for less than three years, got married and now he and his wife are expecting their first baby! My boyfriend and I have talked about getting married for a long time, but nothing happens! I don't want a huge wedding. I just want to go to the courthouse. He says he is also happy with the courthouse idea.

I'm trying to work with him to get our future started, but I keep hitting a wall. I'm not even engaged! I have shown him several rings that I like. I even suggested that we skip the ring and go straight down the aisle.

Am I supposed to propose to myself?

He keeps saying it is about money, but I have done my research and it doesn't cost that much.

He keeps saying we will get married "one day."

Should I propose to myself and forget about the romance part?
— Extremely Frustrated

Dear Frustrated: I always know when spring is on the horizon, and wedding season is winking over the yardarm. This time of year is an engagement trigger.

You've shown him rings. You've lingered at the courthouse steps. Either this guy can't take a heavy hint or — he doesn't want to get engaged.

You've basically asked for a proposal, and the most he will do is to say that you will get married "one day."

If you truly feel that you two have a wonderful relationship, your choices are to stay together without getting married (you don't seem to want that), or to tell him, "You know how you said we'd get married one day? Well, congratulations to us. Saturday is the day!"

There are definitely cases where couples who have been together for a decade or more go on to get married, but — more often — people who don't get married after 10 years simply don't get married. You may need to decide what you want the most — to be married, or to be with your guy, with or without marriage.

Your romantic fantasy may only come true with a different groom.

Dear Amy: Oh, dear, I was devastated to read the letter from "Party of None," the woman who threw herself a 40th birthday party, and only two people came.

Thank you for your compassionate response to her letter. I agree that this is probably more common than people will admit.
— Been There

Dear Been There: This question opened the floodgates for readers, many of whom responded that they have had similar experiences. This is why I offered to go to her next party. I hope she takes me up on it.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'In a Rhythm' ★★★★★

Choreographer Miller takes unusual approach

Tons of talking and a Nelly hit in new show

BY LAUREN WARNECKE
Chicago Tribune

In 1955, a 14-year-old African-American boy was kidnapped and murdered in Mississippi. His name was Emmett Till. Till's mother insisted on a glass-topped casket for his funeral. The story is especially significant here; Till was from Chicago, and his death is considered a catalyst for the civil rights movement. New York-based choreographer Bebe Miller, whose company is performing at the Dance Center of Columbia College through Saturday, was a young girl at the time but can recall the salient event and seeing a photo of the casket in Jet magazine.

I know this because she told me. Standing onstage for the Chicago premiere of Miller's "In a Rhythm," she talked about that memory and a trail of others that come alongside it. In truth, Miller's words are as poignant as the dancing in "In a Rhythm." Perhaps more so.

Controversy surrounding "Open Casket," a painting of Till's body, brought him into the news again last year. The painting, created by Dana Schutz, a white artist, brought up questions of artistic agency. Who is allowed to tell the stories of the civil rights movement?

Miller mentions some of this too, but "In a Rhythm" isn't about Emmett Till. It's about syntax — word choice. Writings by Gertrude Stein, Toni Morrison and David Foster Wallace inspired Miller to think about language and how specific cultures organize words.

We hear a tinkling sound as she talks. The single keystroke of a piano. Miller checks in to ask if we hear it too. This note is part of



Choreographer Bebe Miller, seated, brings the Bebe Miller Company's eclectic and innovative Chicago premiere to the Dance Center of Columbia College. ROBERT ALTMAN PHOTO

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday**Where:** Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago, 1306 S. Michigan Ave.**Running time:** 75 minutes**Tickets:** \$30 at 312-369-8330 and www.colum.edu/dancecenterpresents

the musical score, a mish-mash of genres and broken up by those piano notes. Miller looks amused with herself as she reads off the eclectic list of names.

This relative degree of transparency about the collection of ideas that led to this work is part of what is compelling. There's a blurring of finished and unfinished moments; polished dancing is laid over casual banter. Most of the

talking is by Miller, who infuses her speech and her choreography with dry humor and wit. It's fitting that "In a Rhythm" is part of Columbia's two-week Process v. Product Festival, which aims to celebrate choreographers that muddy the perceived separation between the creative process and the finished product, a commodity to be consumed by the public.

"Everything is here. Everything is available," said Miller. "What's left is choice." In language, syntax is more about convention than choice; the "sentences" in dance have no strict set of rules.

It occurred to me that Miller's explanations are like a guidebook to her dance. She takes a form that many see as obtuse and

makes it accessible without pandering to experienced audience members. But writers and playwrights need not explain why or how they created their works; opacity is a particular burden in dance.

The other context clues are simple, and vague: a white marley floor, two chairs, several bolts of stiff felt. The fabric provides visual contrast, a barrier that separates the stage into segments, a podium of sorts that directs the eye to certain moments, and, when cut off into smaller pieces, haute couture ponchos snapped across the dancers' bodies. There's no official start to the show; seven dancers came on stage with Miller, she introduced each of them and the show morphed out of this

casual moment. The dancers pendulate between pedestrian mannerisms and formal dance movements as Miller talks about audio-books by Wallace, or an interview of Morrison by Charlie Rose.

Later, bits of this interview return as Trebien Pollard and Christal Brown perform a magnificent quartet with two chairs. The audio alternates between this and a bumping Nelly hit — "Country Grammar" to be exact. It feels really wrong, and really satisfying to watch modern dancers step-touch to Nelly's lyrics, which use a children's hand-slapping tune as the chorus to per-spicious (some would say vulgar) descriptions of inner-city life.

Something I appreciated

about this work is that, despite plenty of repetition, no particular moment seemed too sacred. I'm not sure the dance, on its own, would have created any sort of narrative arc. That's not necessarily a bad thing, but notable in a dance about language.

Dancer Michelle Boule's long, unbridled solo near the end of the piece is followed by a return to each dancer moving, playing with internal soundtracks that don't match up. "OK, I'm going to stop this now," said Miller, and it was over.

Who knew a dance about syntax could be so interesting?

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WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Luke Roberts

“Ransom” (7 p.m., CBS): The drama series begins its second season where the first one ended, with negotiation expert Eric Beaumont (Luke Roberts) having to fulfill “Three Wishes” — this story’s subtitle — to rescue his abducted daughter Eve (Morgan Kohan) from his enemy Damien Delaine (Carlo Rota). Executing some of the wishes would compromise Beaumont’s ethics.

“Will & Grace” (7 p.m., NBC): Will (Eric McCormack) isn’t sure how to react when longtime friend Larry (Tim Bagley) declares love for him in “There’s Something About Larry.” Jack (Sean Hayes) becomes a ride-service driver, only to strike his neighbor (guest star Molly Shannon) and need Karen’s (Megan Mullally) help.

“Paterno” (7 p.m., 11:30 p.m., HBO): Oscar-, Emmy- and Golden Globe-winning actor Al Pacino delivers another in his gallery of memorable HBO performances in director Barry Levinson’s new TV movie, which casts the actor as beloved Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, whose status as the winning-est coach in college football history is tarnished by an explosive child sexual abuse scandal involving his former defensive coordinator, Jerry Sandusky. Kathy Baker also stars as Sue Paterno, Joe’s wife, and Riley Keough plays the reporter who broke the scandal.

“Superstore” (7:30 p.m., NBC): Honesty may not be the best policy for the Cloud 9 employees in the episode “Amnesty,” as they’re invited to own up to any and all bad things they’ve done, supposedly without penalty. Secretly, Garrett and Cheyenne (Colton Dunn, Nichole Bloom) have other ideas for what they learn about their colleagues. Jonah and Amy (Ben Feldman, America Ferrera) try to combat a case of store gossip. Kelly Stables guest stars. Mark McKinney, Lauren Ash and Nico Santos also star.

“Once Upon a Prince” (8 p.m., Hallmark): Shortly after learning that her boyfriend isn’t eager to wed, Susanna (Megan Park), a landscape architect, meets and falls for Nate (Jonathan Keltz), a handsome foreigner who secretly is heir to the throne of Cambria. When their budding romance is captured by paparazzi, Nate is whisked back home to find a suitable Cambrian bride. Complications ensue when Nate’s royal mother ill-advisedly arranges for Susanna to get an apprenticeship in Cambria, where the queen is confident Nate will notice her flaws.

“Nate & Jeremiah by Design” (9:10 p.m., 12:15 a.m., TLC): Celebrated interior designers and spouses Nate Berkus and Jeremiah Brent return to help dismayed homeowners transform some failed attempts at home renovation into the dream homes they originally envisioned as this hit home series opens its second season. As always, each episode invariably sheds light on the personal lives of both the designers and their clients.

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BROADCAST	CBS 2	Ransom: “Three Wishes.” (Season Premiere) (N) ©	NCIS: “Exit Strategy.” ©	48 Hours ©				News (N) ▶
	NBC 5	Will & Grace ©	Superstore: “Amnesty.” ©	Dateline NBC: “Poison.” ©		Saturday Night Live (N) ©		NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC 7	NBA Countdown (N) ©	NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City Thunder at Houston Rockets. (N)					Eyewitness News (N) ▶
	WGN 9	*(6) NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Winnipeg Jets. (N) (Live) ©		Blackhawks Extra (N) ©		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 Saint ©		The Saint ©		The Saint ©		The Saint ▶
	PBS 11	800 Words (N) ©		Father Brown: “The Tree of Truth.” (N) ©		Death in Paradise (N) ©		I Want My Wife- (N)
	The U 26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Burgers
	MeTV 26.3	Svengoolie: “Dinosaurs!” ©				Batman ©	Batman ©	Star Trek ▶
	H&I 26.4	Hunter: “Ring of Honor.”	Hill Street Blues ©			Hill Street Blues ©		Wiseguy ▶
	Bounce 26.5	Saints & Sinners	Enemy of the State (NR, '98)			*** Will Smith, Gene Hackman. ▶		
	FOX 32	MasterChef: “Junior Edition: Recipe for Love.” ©		Showtime at the Apollo: “Week 6.” ©		Fox 32 News (N)	Inside the Bears	Love Connection ▶
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	Telem 44	*(6) Hop (PG, '11) ** ©	Red 2 (PG-13, '13) **	Bruce Willis, John Malkovich. ©				Noticiero Crimes ▶
	CW 50	AHL Hockey: Milwaukee Admirals at Chicago Wolves. (N) (Live)						
	UniMas 60	El gendarme desconocido (NR, '41)	Cantinflas.			Cantinflas (PG, '14)		Óscar Jaenada. ▶
	WJYS 62	Paid Prog.	Moses	Bishop	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ultimate
	Univ 66	*(6:55) Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)				Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) ▶		
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: “Live PD -- 04.07.18.” (N) (Live) © ▶				
	AMC	*(6) Open Range (R, '03) *** Robert Duvall. ©				Open Range (R, '03) *** © ▶		
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	BET	Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (PG-13, '11) * Martin Lawrence.						South Cen ▶
	BIGTEN	*(6) College Gymnastics (N)	Treasure			Campus		The BIG Show (N) ©
	BRAVO	*(5:44) The Notebook (PG-13, '04) ** Ryan Gosling.				(8:50) The Notebook (PG-13, '04) ** ▶		
	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 Kennedys			C. Amanpour (N)		Anthony ▶
	COM	*(5:20) Horrible Bosses	(7:50) Horrible Bosses 2 (R, '14) ** Jason Bateman. ©					
	DISC	Deadliest Catch: The (N)	Deadliest Catch: On Deck: “Captain vs. Captain.” (N)					Deadliest ▶
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	ESPN	*(6:30) College Hockey: NCAA Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (N)				Katherine Heigl, James Marsden. ©		SportsCenter (N) (Live) ©
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	FNC	Watters' World (N) ©	Justice With Jeanine (N)			Greg Gutfeld (N)		Watters ▶
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	FX	Deadpool (R, '16) *** Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin. ©				Legion: “Chapter 9.” © ▶		
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	LIFE	Evil Doctor (NR, '18) Dina Meyer, Jen Lilley. ©				(9:02) Stalked by My Doctor ('15) ▶		
	MSNBC	The Last Word	The 11th Hour			Deadline: White House		Hardball ▶
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	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live) ©				Chicago		Fight Sport ▶
	NICK	Henry (N)	Knight (N)	Star Falls (N)	Full House	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
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Today's birthday (April 7): Shared fortunes rise this year. Revise career goals. Solid planning pulls in a bountiful summer harvest along with growing beauty, fun and romance at home. Turn a team project in a new direction for professional benefit next winter.

Shift your perspective for a fresh view.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Career action is behind the scenes. Forgive miscommunications and maintain momentum. Another obstacle could arise; roll with it. Experience pays off. Stick to basics.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Travel and study has your attention. Completion of a difficult project opens time for more fun. Reinforce structures and rules. Learn from another's mistake.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Revise financial documents carefully before submitting. Mistakes may be difficult or costly to correct. Follow instructions and guidelines. Discuss priorities, concerns and goals.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Get farther by working with a partner. Others demand quick action; help them see the big picture. Share practical tasks and chores.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Don't believe everything you hear; talk is cheap, especially today. Watch for action. Follow routines and maintain your practices.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Apply discipline to an art, talent, skill or favorite practice. Learn the rules intimately to know where to bend (another day). Strengthen your game.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Home and family benefit from your attention. Clean up messes, closets and desks. Cook up something delicious. Someone you love is impressed.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Use your intellect and wit to craft and edit discourses, statements and ideas. Look back to previous experiences. Stick to what worked before.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Tap a new income source for fresh cash flow. Keep terms and conditions confidential for now. Find ways to increase efficiency and teamwork.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Take charge to ensure that deadlines are met and rules carefully followed. Avoid conflicts, controversy or antagonizing anyone. Go for the highest quality you can get.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Slow down, and reflect. Avoid risk and error. Anticipate what could go wrong, and set things up to go right. Aim for simplicity.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Avoid gossip or hearsay. Direct complaints to someone who can do something about it. Others appreciate your common sense. Coach your team to victory.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ A 10 8 3 2
 ♥ J 8 5 3
 ♦ 2
 ♣ A 6 4

West
 ♠ J 9 4
 ♥ A 7 6 4
 ♦ 10 9 4
 ♣ K 10 8

East
 ♠ K Q 6 5
 ♥ 10 9 2
 ♦ J 8 6 5
 ♣ 7 2

South
 ♠ 7
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ A K Q 7 3
 ♣ Q J 9 5 3

What would you lead from the West hand after this auction? The contract seems impregnable, with four club tricks, three diamonds, a spade, and at least one heart. West was Richard Oshlag, an expert from the Memphis area. He reasoned that a low heart lead might give away a trick and that South was likely to be very short in spades. Oshlag hit on the brilliant lead of the spade jack, probably hoping to pin a singleton 10 in the South hand. He didn't catch a singleton 10, but the lead still proved to be very effective.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Opening lead: ?
 South captured the jack with dummy's ace and led a low heart to his king. Oshlag won this with his ace and continued with the nine of spades. This was covered by the 10 in dummy and won by East with the queen. East switched to a diamond, won by South with the ace.

South could have made his contract at this point a couple of different ways, but the winning lines of play were way below the odds. All South needed was four club tricks to get his total to nine. He could afford to lose a club trick as long as he lost it to East.

Declarer led the queen of clubs, covered by the king, and won in dummy with the ace. He led a club back to the jack and then a third club. Oshlag won this with the 10 and led his last spade. East's king-five of spades took two more tricks to defeat the contract. Nice lead!

— Bob Jones
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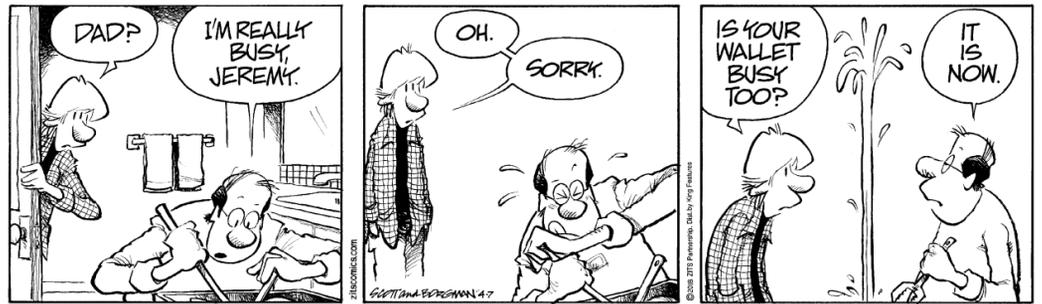
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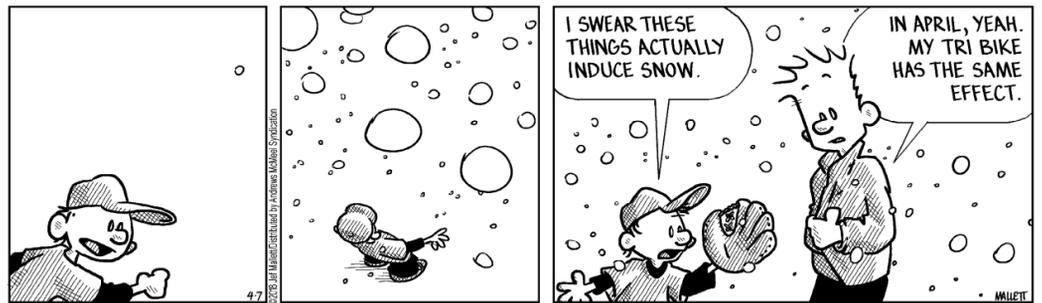
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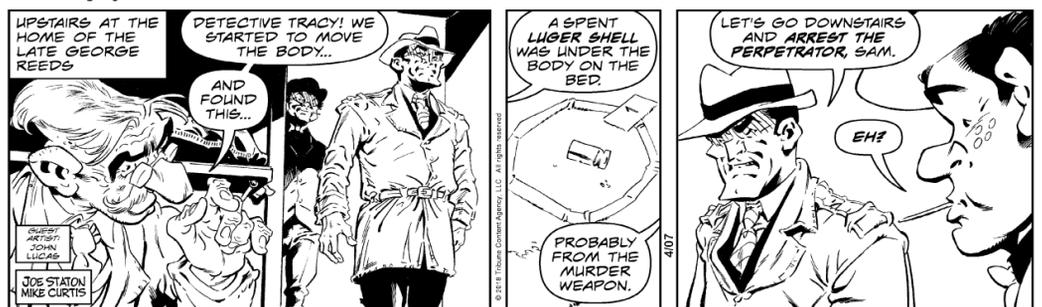
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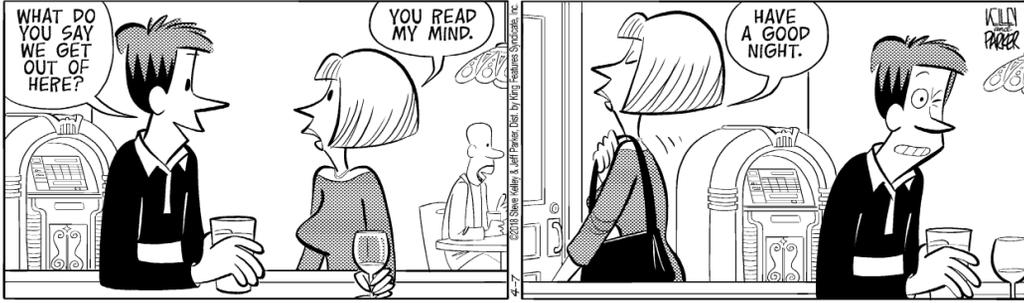
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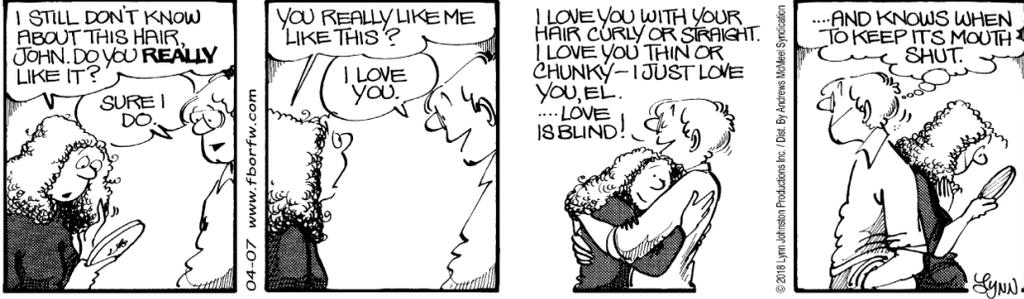
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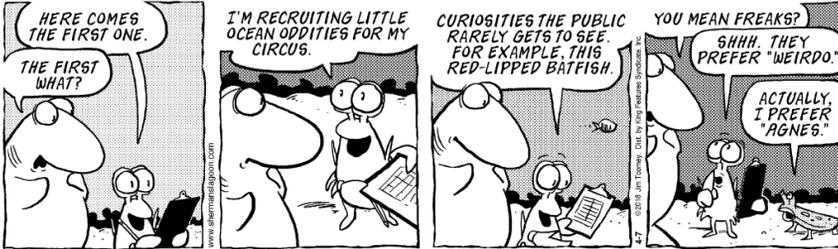
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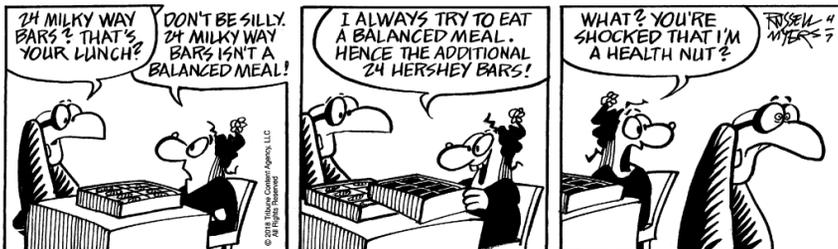
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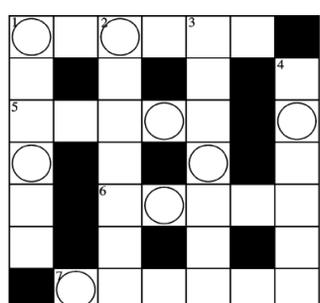
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Trivia Bits

Last month, the government of China's Sichuan province announced plans for a national park twice the size of Yellowstone devoted to protecting what?
 A) Buddhist temples and sacred sites
 B) Dolphins
 C) Giant pandas
 D) Xishuangbanna tropical rainforest
 Friday's answer: Clive Cussler.
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Jumble Crossword

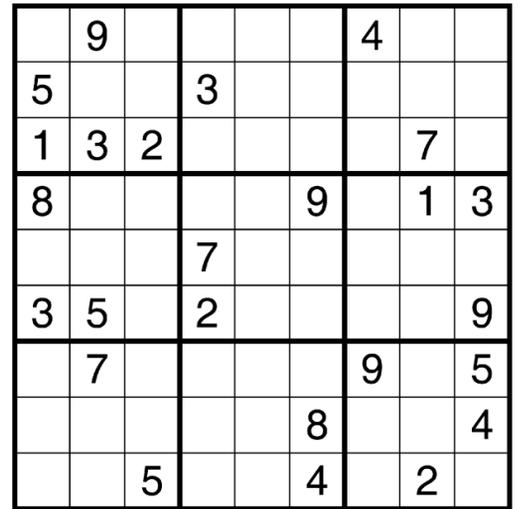


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 1. Sweeping leaves KNRGAI
 5. Chop CEIMN
 6. Duck FYADF
 7. Sauntered BLADME
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 2. Plant UELRM
 3. Indispensable ICOMNGD
 4. Rocked DFNELEU
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How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.
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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

4/7



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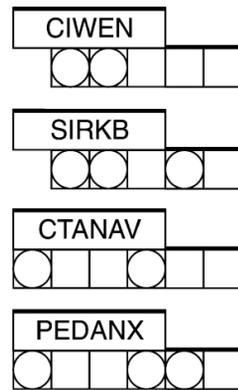
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Friday's solutions

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Friday's answers

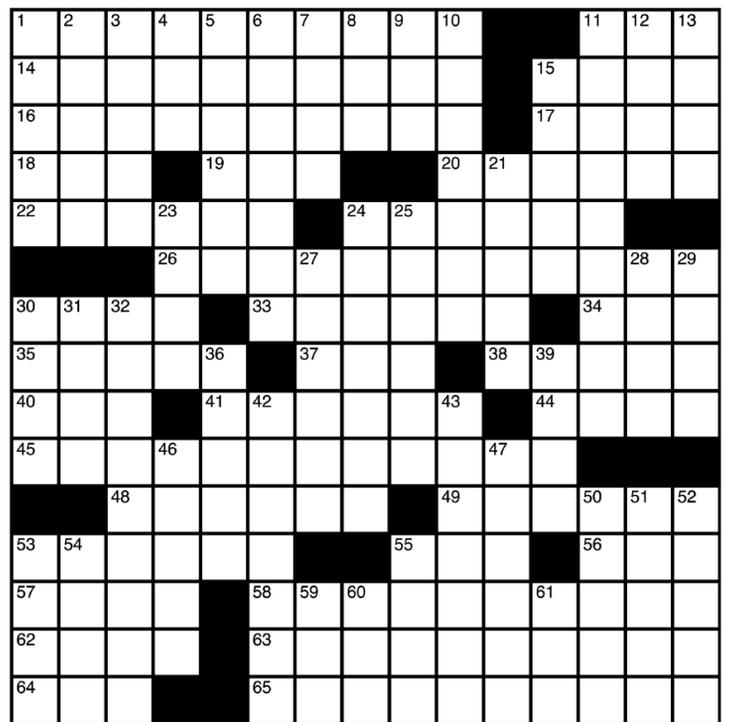
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 Answer: When the kitten scratched her arm, she suffered — "A-CUTE" PAIN

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Crossword

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Across
 1 Where thoughts can be organized
 11 ___ punk: No Doubt genre
 14 Not go off-script
 15 Zero-star fare
 16 They're hidden annually
 17 Holds up
 18 Got into a pickle?
 19 Xi preceders
 20 Kind of baseball league for pre-Little Leaguers
 22 Duplicates
 24 Dogs follow them
 26 Ruled by thieves
 30 Like some restaurant boxes
 33 Crispy triangle
 34 One of two possible Passover mos.
 35 Indignant reply
 37 "It's Raining ___": The Weather Girls hit
 38 Sip
 40 Charge
 41 Lost control in a big way
 44 Throw below deck, say
 45 Bolos ties or bell-bottoms
 48 "Camptown Races" refrain syllables
 49 Brick partner
 53 Graduates
 55 One using bugs
 56 Media co. based in D.C. and Fla.
 57 Best Actress between Jennifer and Julianne
 58 Targets
 62 Building blocks for tots
 63 They take forever
 64 Kinda equivalent
 65 "Quit it with the attitude!"
Down
 1 Begin to fast?
 2 Raccoon kin
 3 Start over
 4 Grisham hero, often: Abbr.
 5 Carbolic acid
 6 Read carefully
 7 They may be blonde or red
 8 Glutton
 9 University dept.
 10 Franklin spelled it out
 11 What you might get on a day off
 12 Laker great, familiarly
 13 Arcing recess
 15 Former Fox News anchor Van Susteren
 21 2001 scandal subject
 23 Ring stats
 24 Extend
 25 Expression maker
 27 College in Claremont, California
 28 ___ jure: by the law itself
 29 Word with neck or cut
 30 Row
 31 Ancient performance halls
 32 Shares expenses, in a way
 36 Star-studded hunter
 39 Intervention target
 42 Like much table salt
 43 Depresses
 46 Development units
 47 Lawn grass genus
 50 Arab Spring city
 51 "___ begins in delight and ends in wisdom": Frost
 52 Certain cycle
 53 Antioxidant-rich berry
 54 Chocolates, e.g.
 55 Kind
 59 WWII arena
 60 Han and Leia's son
 61 "___ a date!"
Friday's solution
 SPAT GARBIG SLIM
 PACO IDIOM PENNA
 ATOM BACON ROSE
 MIRRORMALLITY
 SONORA NIASA GIPS
 OILS CAIRO
 TFAL TIERSOFJOY
 ORNE ALCOA IOWA
 PIERGROUPS CELS
 PLAYA EQUI
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If Sox expect to win, they must act like it

Growing pains normal, but personnel decisions, execution still crucial

Hours before the bullpen implosion on Snow Day at White Sox Park, general manager Rick Hahn was discussing the need to balance the long-term goal of developing prospects with the daily goal of winning ballgames.

Because of those parallel tracks, the Sox basically are asking their fans to watch a game differently, taking satisfaction wherever they can whether the team wins or loses.

"There are going to be signs of encouragement for the future," Hahn said. "There are going to be signs of progress. Whether it's (Tim Anderson) or (Lucas) Giolito or (Reynaldo) Lopez, (Yoan) Moncada or any of the other young guys who are establishing themselves for the future, there



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

UP NEXT

Tigers (Fulmer 0-1, 1.13) at **White Sox** (Giolito 0-0, 4.50) 1:10 p.m. Saturday, WGN-9

are going to be small victories along the way."

There also are going to be days like Thursday, when closer Joakim Soria coughed up a three-run lead with two outs in the ninth and the Tigers won 9-7 in 10 innings.

It was a gut punch for this

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JEFFREY PHELPS/AP

Brewers shortstop Orlando Arcia celebrates after driving in the winning run in the ninth inning.

UP NEXT

Cubs (Darvish 0-0, 10.38) at **Brewers** (Davies 0-1, 9.53) 3:05 p.m. Saturday, ABC-7, FS1

BREWERS 5, CUBS 4

Baez's audacity canceled out late

Arcia's game-winning single in 9th spoils Cubs' comeback effort

By **MARK GONZALES**
Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — Through all the pregame juggling, there was one certainty regarding the Cubs' lineup Friday night.

There's never a dull moment with Javier Baez.

For the second time in as many games, Baez displayed his daring baserunning skills to help the Cubs tie the game in the sixth inning.

But Orlando Arcia spoiled Baez's heroics when he poked a single into right field with one out in the ninth off left-hander Mike Montgomery to score

Manny Pina and give the Brewers a 5-4 victory.

"Give (the Brewers) credit," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "They got us."

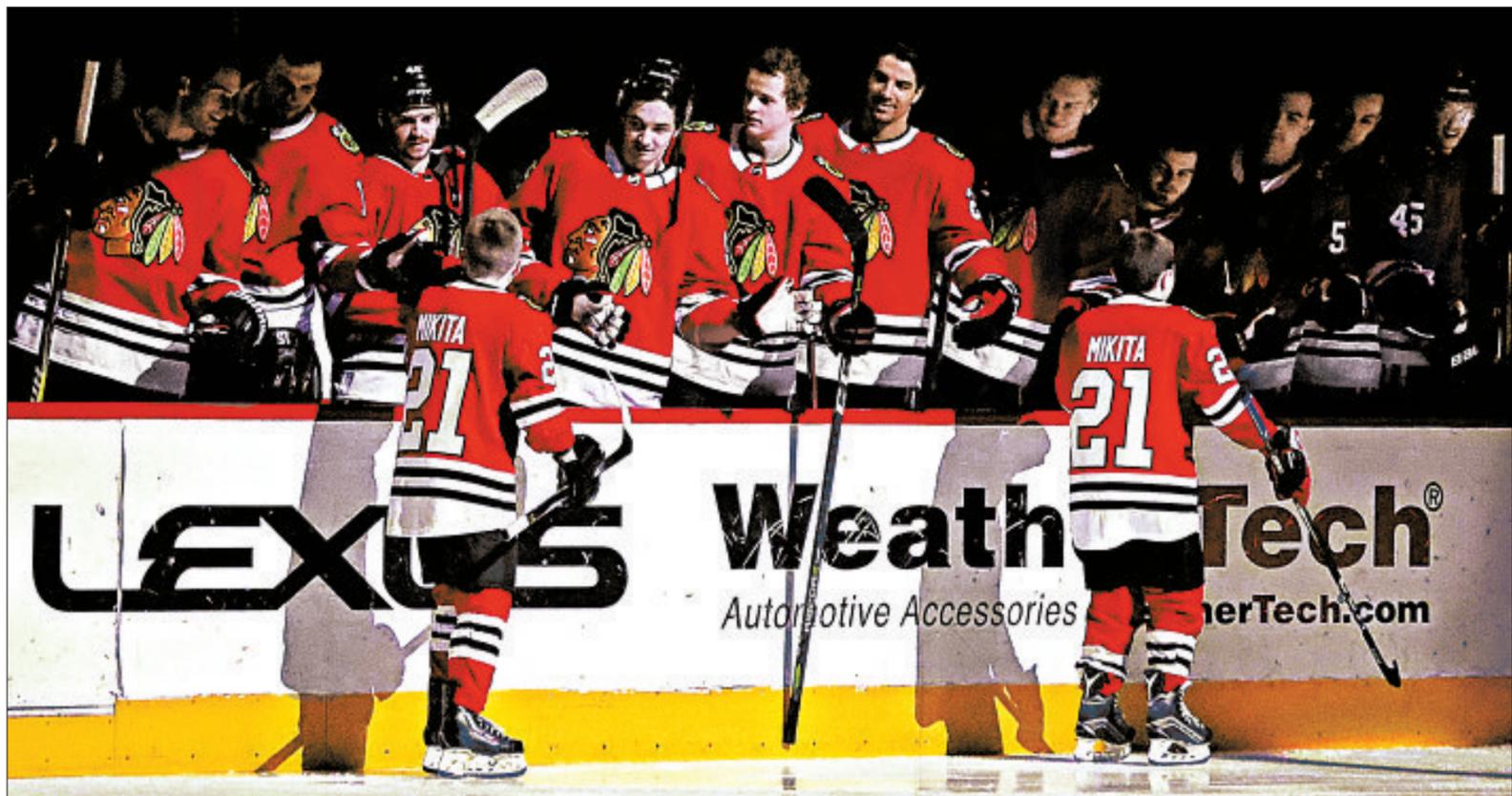
Third baseman Kris Bryant's throwing error enabled Pina to reach third and set up Arcia's single.

Earlier, the Cubs welcomed Baez's fearlessness as they had to scratch first baseman Anthony Rizzo from the starting lineup two hours before the game.

Rizzo experienced lower back tightness and was rested as a precautionary measure. Rizzo has endured similar discomfort in the past and is listed as day to day.

Manager Joe Maddon said

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The grandchildren of former Blackhawks player Stan Mikita take a spin on the ice as Mikita is honored before the Hawks' game against the Blues on Friday night at the United Center.

BLUES 4, BLACKHAWKS 1

'A wonderful tribute'

Ceremony honors Hawks legend, who suffers from suspected brain disorder

By **RICH CAMPBELL**
Chicago Tribune

Billy Gneiser never saw his grandfather play hockey. Even his YouTube searches for Stan Mikita don't turn up enough results to satisfy him. But the 13-year-old still gets the gist.

"All I know," Gneiser said, "is he was pretty good."

Gneiser was at the United Center on Friday night to celebrate that fact as the Blackhawks honored Mikita as part of their

"One More Shift" initiative before their 4-1 loss to the Blues.

Billy took the ice with brothers Charlie and Tommy, all dressed in full Hawks uniforms, including Mikita's No. 21 sweater.

Pictures of Mikita were projected onto the ice while a video montage played, listing his many accomplishments as one of the greatest players ever.

As the boys skated past the Hawks bench, bumped gloves with players and took their place on the blue line with the starters,

the largest home crowd of the season was as quiet as a group of 22,218 can be.

The context was clear, Mikita's plight now is well known.

At 77, he suffers from suspected dementia with Lewy bodies, a brain disorder that can strip those with it of memory and cause hallucinations and sleep disorders. It is linked to Parkinson's disease.

Mikita's daughter, Jane, offered a sad update before the ceremony.

"Stan is, from the neck up,

SEASON FINALE

Blackhawks at Jets

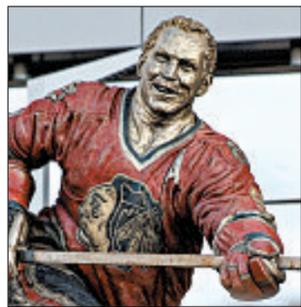
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■ Patrick Sharp "probably" will retire after the season. **Page 2**

completely gone," she said. "And from the neck down, he is as strong as a horse. He is just kind of plugging along."

Mikita's caretaker planned to turn on the TV for him at home to

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ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A statue of Blackhawks great Stan Mikita stands outside the United Center.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

THE MASTERS

Stellar round gives Reed the lead

Patrick Reed is halfway home to his first major championship. He shot a 66 on Friday at Augusta National and stands a 9 under, two shots better than Marc Leishman. Some big names, including Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth and Dustin Johnson, are still in the hunt. Tiger Woods, meanwhile, is not. He's at 4 over after shooting a 75. Coverage, **Page 3**

BEARS

Big Easy beckons Meredith

Saints reportedly offering Bears WR 2-year, \$9.6 million deal

By **COLLEEN KANE**
Chicago Tribune

The Saints are signing Bears restricted free agent wide receiver Cameron Meredith to an offer sheet, ESPN reported Friday.

The Bears now must decide whether they will match the offer. NFL Network reported it's a two-year deal worth \$9.6 million, with \$5.4 million guaranteed.

If the Bears match the offer within five days, Meredith would be theirs on the two-year contract. The Saints wouldn't owe draft-pick compensation if the Bears don't match it.

Saints wide receivers coach Curtis Johnson was the Bears receivers coach in 2016 when Meredith broke out with 66 catches for 888 yards and four touchdowns. Meredith missed the 2017 season after tearing the ACL in his left knee in an exhibition.

Meredith, 25, also visited the Colts and Ravens.

"We know we'll have a decision to make if an offer comes in, and we're prepared for that," Bears general manager Ryan Pace said last week at the NFL's annual meetings. "I'm not surprised. Teams are probably weighing the productivity he has had in the past along with the injury he sustained."

Meredith, who played at St. Joseph High School and Illinois State, signed with the Bears in

2015 as an undrafted free agent. He had 11 catches for 120 yards as a rookie.

In desperate need of targets for quarterback Mitch Trubisky, the Bears brought in three free agents: wide receivers Allen Robinson and Taylor Gabriel and tight end Trey Burton. Wide receiver Kevin White also returns after missing all but one game in 2017 with a broken shoulder blade. And the Bears signed wide receiver Josh Bellamy to a restricted-free-agent tender earlier this week.

Meredith is the second Bears player to sign an offer sheet this offseason. The Bears matched the Packers' offer for cornerback Kyle Fuller last month.

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CELTICS 111, BULLS 104

Markkanen's value is obvious

Bulls rookie, Celtics' Tatum among season's biggest draft steals



K.C. JOHNSON
On the Bulls

The Celtics rested Jayson Tatum for Friday's 111-104 victory over the Bulls, who may do the same with Lauri Markkanen for Saturday's home game against the Nets that has major draft-lottery ramifications.

The rookies obviously are resting for different reasons. The Celtics, who no longer can catch the Raptors for the Eastern Conference's top seed, are headed to the playoffs. The Bulls, who already have shut down Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn, Denzel Valentine, Antonio Blakeney and Paul Zipser and may do the same with Noah Vonleh, are hoping for the right pingpong ball combinations to hit next month.

Neither Tatum nor Markkanen will be named Rookie of the Year, a two-man race between the 76ers' Ben Simmons and the Jazz's Donovan Mitchell. And

neither player is resting on his laurels, with Markkanen repeatedly talking about how important the offseason will be for him.

But both players could be excused for taking a victory lap if it were in their nature. Think about it: If the 2017 draft were redone, Tatum and Markkanen would be two of the top three picks on many draft boards.

No. 1 overall pick Markelle Fultz has missed almost the entire season for the 76ers with a shoulder injury. No. 2 pick Lonzo Ball has fared well in spurts for the Lakers but has displayed nowhere near the consistency needed. Simmons is eligible to win Rookie of the Year but is a member of the Class of 2016 who sat out all last season with an injury.

Meanwhile, Tatum, the No. 3 pick, is averaging 13.9 points and 5.1 rebounds as a starter on a playoff team. He's poised and polished with a high IQ at both ends of the floor.

Markkanen would make the biggest jump on most re-draft boards. Picked No. 7 by the Timberwolves, who traded his rights to the Bulls in the Jimmy Butler deal, Markkanen has blown away all stereotypes pigeonholing him as merely a shooter or a non-physical European stretch-four forward.

Markkanen flashed his ability to rebound in traffic early on. His

defensive acumen includes the ability to play physically inside and agile footwork when he is switched onto smaller players on the perimeter. Heck, by season's end coach Fred Hoiberg had installed a package that featured Markkanen bringing the ball up as the primary ballhandler.

Not bad for a 7-footer who won't turn 21 until a week after the May 15 draft lottery.

"The true fan has a true appreciation for everything he does," Hoiberg said. "You look at that (Jan. 10) game he had in (Madison Square) Garden. In the world's most famous arena, he has eight 3s (and) an absolute highlight-reel dunk (on the Knicks' Enes Kanter). His versatility at both ends is a great sign that he will be a special player."

Markkanen scored a season-high 33 points that night in New York. In Boston on Friday, he finished with 20 points in just 23 minutes, continuing his strong close to the season.

The wild night also featured Omer Asik making his Bulls season debut, Al Horford resting, Bobby Portis and Marcus Morris getting tossed in the third quarter and Sean Kilpatrick heating up in the fourth again, scoring 14 of his team-high 24 points.

Markkanen, who now has four 20-point games in his last five, never gets too high or low regard-

less of his performance.

His rookie season has featured plenty of highs but also four instances of back spasms and periods of shooting inconsistency or teammates not getting him enough shots. And he always presents himself as even-keeled, undaunted by it all.

The back issues need to be addressed. A body transformation mimicking the success former strength coach Al Vermeil had with Horace Grant would be ideal.

"The No. 1 thing with Lauri for the summer is just to work on his body," Hoiberg said. "He really didn't do that this past offseason because of the draft and playing for Finland at EuroBasket. He got to training camp late.

"But he has a great frame (with) long arms (and) wide shoulders. He's a guy who can put on size pretty easily. He must continue to work on the core and the hips, make sure we get everything steady with the back."

Looking back, Markkanen has said he's proud to be part of such a strong draft class. Plenty of players from it project to make a strong impact for years.

Would anyone be surprised if Tatum and Markkanen make two of the biggest?

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THE SUMMARY

BULLS	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Holiday	30:10	2-11	0-0	0-7	2	2	2
Markkanen	23:22	7-11	3-4	1-5	2	1	20
Felicio	28:56	1-3	4-6	2-9	2	2	6
Nwaba	26:12	5-14	0-0	1-4	1	3	10
Payne	22:23	4-9	0-0	3-4	4	1	11
Grant	28:21	7-12	0-2	0-1	8	3	15
Arcidiacno	25:37	2-4	0-0	0-1	6	3	5
Kilpatrick	25:01	8-13	3-4	1-3	0	1	24
Asik	16:00	1-3	0-1	0-2	0	3	2
Portis	13:55	3-6	0-0	1-7	0	2	6
TOTALS	40:06	10-17	9-43	25	22	104	
Pcts: FG .588, FT .209, 3-pointers .143-30, 467 (Kilpatrick 5-7, Payne 3-4, Markkanen 3-5, Arcidiacno 1-3, Grant 1-3, Holiday 1-6, Nwaba 0-2). Team rebs: 3.							
Team turnovers: 17 (25 PTS). Blocks: 0. Turnovers: 17 (Holiday 5, Markkanen 3, Arcidiacno 2, Felicio 2, Asik, Kilpatrick, Nwaba, Payne, Portis). Steals: 15 (Grant 5, Felicio 4, Holiday 3, Arcidiacno, Kilpatrick, Nwaba). Technical fouls: Portis, 1:44 third; Portis, 1:44 third.							
BOSTON	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Morris	25:34	6-12	0-2	0-1	3	0	12
Yabusele	24:44	2-6	1-2	0-5	1	0	6
Baynes	17:51	2-3	0-0	1-7	4	3	4
Brown	29:38	11-19	3-5	0-4	2	1	32
Rozier	29:04	3-8	0-0	2-6	4	1	7
Monroe	27:49	8-10	3-3	3-11	10	4	19
Bird	24:06	7-10	0-3	0-3	3	0	15
Ojeleye	23:50	3-5	0-0	0-5	0	1	7
Larkin	21:03	0-1	0-0	0-2	6	1	0
Gibson	9:21	3-6	0-0	0-1	2	2	9
Nader	6:35	0-1	0-2	0-0	0	1	0
Allert	0:25	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
TOTALS	45-81	7-17	6-46	35	15	111	
Pcts: FG .556, FT .412, 3-pointers .14-34, 412 (Brown 7-10, Gibson 3-5, Bird 1-2, Ojeleye 1-3, Yabusele 1-4, Rozier 1-5, Baynes 0-1, Larkin 0-1, Morris 0-3). Team rebs: 7. Team turnovers: 18 (18 PTS). Blocks: 7 (Yabusele 2, Baynes, Bird, Larkin, Monroe, Rozier). Turnovers: 18 (Brown 4, Larkin 3, Monroe 3, Rozier 3, Bird 2, Baynes, Nader, Yabusele). Steals: 9 (Monroe 2, Morris 2, Rozier 2, Baynes, Bird, Ojeleye). Technical fouls: Morris, 1:44 third; Morris, 1:44 third.							
BULLS	30	28	18	28	104		
Boston	30	25	24	32	111		
Officials: Eric Lewis, Michael Smith, Nick Buchert.							
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NETS AT BULLS

TV/radio: 7 p.m. Saturday, NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670.

Storylines: This is a huge game for the draft-lottery standings and starts a home-and-away series that concludes Monday in New York. The Nets won the first meeting at home in February.

Trending: The Bulls are 3-10 in the second of back-to-back games. ... The Nets are trying to win their fourth road game in five tries for the first time in three years.

COLLEGE HOCKEY

Irish one win away from 1st title

Run of thrillers put Notre Dame in final

BY RANDY JOHNSON
Minneapolis Star Tribune

ST. PAUL, Minn. — One team has played in 10 consecutive one-goal games in NCAA tournament play, winning seven.

The other team has won five in a row, with two decided in overtime and three settled with a goal in the final 31 seconds of regulation.

Come Saturday night at the Xcel Energy Center, something has to give between Minnesota Duluth and Notre Dame in this matchup of tightrope-walking hockey teams for the national championship in the NCAA Frozen Four.

For the Bulldogs, those one-goal-game wonders, a win means a second national title, which would be a nice bookend for the 2011 crown it won in St. Paul. For the Fighting Irish, the beat-the-clock artists, a win would bring the school its first national championship.

And if things go by the script both teams have written recently, the ending should be tight and tense.

"My heart's becoming callused," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said late Thursday after Jake Evans' goal with 5.2 seconds left in the third period gave the Fighting Irish a 4-3 semifinal victory over Michigan.

"It wouldn't surprise me if it's another 2-1 hockey game," said Scott Sandelin, whose Bulldogs held off a late Ohio State surge to win 2-1 in their semifinal. "We can all surprise you and have a 5-4 game, but I'm just expecting it to be a real tight, lower-scoring game."

The teams took different paths to the final.

Notre Dame (28-9-2) was dominant for most of the season, ran off a 16-game winning streak and entered the NCAA tournament as the No. 2 overall seed. Minnesota Duluth (24-16-3), hit hard by graduation and pro signings following last year's NCAA runner-up finish, struggled early, grew as freshmen matured and grabbed the last at-large bid in the NCAA field.

Notre Dame's run of late heroics began in the Big Ten semifinals, when they beat Penn State on a goal with 31 seconds left in the third period. Then came the OT winner against Ohio State in the Big Ten final.

The Fighting Irish paved their route to the Frozen Four in the East Regional. Defenseman Jordan Gross scored in overtime to beat Michigan Tech 4-3, then forward Dylan Malmquist scored with 27 seconds left in the third to beat Providence 2-1.

Jackson likes the fact his team is winning dramatically, but it concerns him too.

"These situations, there's been some luck to it as well," he said. "It's almost like it's meant to be. But you can't rely on that."

FROZEN FOUR FINAL

Notre Dame (28-9-2) vs. Minnesota Duluth (24-16-3), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, ESPN



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Blackhawks left wing Patrick Sharp receives applause from the fans Friday at the United Center.

Sharp ready to retire

Forward who helped turn around Hawks will take 'next step'

BY RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

Patrick Sharp skated alone. The moment belonged to him. His Blackhawks teammates made sure of that. So did the organization and its fans after the home finale Friday night.

Around the rink Sharp glided, waving to the crowd, soaking in his last skate on United Center ice as a player. After 14 NHL seasons, including three Stanley Cup championships in 11 seasons with the Blackhawks, the 36-year-old indicated after the game he will retire.

"I think I've known what I wanted to do for a long period of time here, and it's never easy, you know?" he said. "But I think I'm just ready to take that next step in my life — and looking forward to it."

The Hawks' 4-1 loss to the Blues ended up a footnote to Sharp's announcement, which he had put off as recently as midweek, when he said he planned to play next season.

As it turned out, though, the Hawks provided him with the true farewell moment he was unable to experience before he was traded to the Stars in July 2015.

Patrick Kane asked coach Joel Quenneville to have Sharp wear an "A" on his sweater and serve as an assistant captain, a tribute to yesteryear.

"That's pretty special," Sharp said, emotion halting his voice.

With his parents, wife and children in attendance, Sharp started and played on the top line with Kane and Nick

Schmaltz.

During a stoppage in the third period, the videoboard played a montage of Sharp's highlights. He saluted the crowd, which gave him a standing ovation. The ribbon scoreboard read: "THANK YOU SHARPY!"

Then, after the final horn, Sharp's teammates stayed back while he skated to center ice. He took a lap around the ice for cheering fans.

"The guys staying out on the ice and making me do a lap was something I'll always remember," he said.

Sharp was asked what's next for him, and he cracked about Saturday's season finale in Winnipeg.

"Just get away from hockey for a couple months," he said. "I'll be in Chicago and look forward to taking the kids to school and picking them up and just go from there."

Quenneville reflected on Sharp's leadership as the Hawks dynasty formed. Sharp joined the team in 2005-06, before Quenneville, Kane and Jonathan Toews arrived. He was a Hawk before the United Center was full for every game.

Sharp scored 20 or more goals in eight seasons and, to hear others describe it, was just as valuable to the Hawks off the ice.

"You think about the championships that he was a significant part of, the contribution he made to the team, how he was respected in the locker room, and his leadership and (being) one of the guys (that) was a big part of the success we had," Quenneville said. "It was one of those nights when you think about all the good situations he had here in Chicago."

Sharp returned this season on a modest one-year contract. He

THE SUMMARY

ST. LOUIS	MIN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
BLACKHAWKS	10	0	0	3	4		
FIRST PERIOD:							
1. St. Louis, Berglund 15 (Brodziak, Edmondson), 18:17.							
Penalties—None.							
SECOND PERIOD:							
None. Penalties: Sobotka, St. Louis, (slashing), 10:08.							
THIRD PERIOD:							
2. HAWKS, Gustafsson 5 (Schmaltz, Kane), 8:08.							
3. St. Louis, Berglund 16 (Brodziak, Bortuzzo), 8:24.							
4. St. Louis, Schwartz 23 (Schenn), 12:40.							
5. St. Louis, Berglund 17, 18:49.							
Penalties—Martinsen, HAWKS, (tripping), 5:11; Kane, HAWKS, (cross checking), 16:30; Pietrangelo, STL, (slashing), 16:30.							
SHOTS ON GOAL:							
ST. LOUIS	10	9	16-35	0-1			
BLACKHAWKS	5	7	8-20	0-1			
Goalies: St. Louis, Hutton 17-7-3 (20 shots-19 saves). Chicago, Berube 3-6-1 (34-31). Referees: Brad Meier, Brad Watson. Linesmen: Derek Amell, Trent Knorr. A: 22,218 (19,717). T: 2:24.							

RICH CAMPBELL'S THREE STARS

1. **Patrik Berglund, Blues**
Scored a hat trick, including the game-winner 16 seconds after the Hawks tied it.

2. **Carter Hutton, Blues**
Made the case to replace Jake Allen in the playoffs with 19 saves.

3. **Patrick Sharp, Blackhawks**
Played 17 minutes, 43 seconds, his third-longest playing time of the season, in likely Chicago farewell.

had his ice time reduced as part of the Hawks' effort to rebuild on the fly.

No wonder he savored little moments throughout Friday like driving to the United Center and chatting with teammates. After scoring a goal in 2-on-1 drills during the morning skate, he lifted one leg and raised both hands in the air to celebrate.

That's the player fans and teammates will remember, while Sharp has his own cherished takeaways.

"Lots of good memories," he said. "Winning the Stanley Cup the third time on home ice was cool. Just generally speaking, from 2005 until now, how far we've come as an organization and as a team. I'm lucky to be part of it."

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Blackhawks pay tribute to Mikita

Blackhawks, from Page 1

watch the ceremony, but Jane doubted he would comprehend it.

Regardless, gratitude between the Blackhawks and the Hockey Hall of Famer flowed both ways Friday.

"It's a wonderful tribute," Jane said. "It's nice to be remembered."

Mikita played his entire 22-year career with the Blackhawks and is the leading point scorer in team history. For his grandchildren, Friday was an occasion to celebrate the professional accomplishments of a man they know for the everyday touch he once had on their lives.

"To my kids, my dad was just Stan," Jane explained. "That's what they called him. My oldest had a bit of a speech impediment, so he couldn't say grandma and grandpa, so he called them Jill and Stan. He took them golfing. He mowed the lawn. He taught them all of that."

Billy noted that Stan does not remember him, and his memories of when his grandfather was coherent are foggy. But certain interactions have stuck with him, especially considering he plays center at the bantam level for the Huskies Hockey Club in Romeville.

Years ago, Stan convinced Billy to switch to center from defenseman when he expressed a desire to score more goals. Go figure.

"He taught me almost everything hockey," Billy said. "Taught me how to win face-offs. Taught me how to skate. Taught me how to tie my own skates and tape my stick, especially."

Mikita's grandkids also are becoming aware of his legacy off the ice. How he helped establish the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association in 1973 and his support for the Special Olympics.

Stan's daughter, Meg, hopes his grandchildren absorb his sense of sportsmanship and team.

"I never saw him when he was a fighter," Meg said. "I know there were things like he would never shake hands at the end of a series, but he would always go to the locker room. I was like: 'Why don't you shake hands? That looks really not nice.' But he would go down to the locker room. He goes: 'I want to talk to the guys in person, not just a pat on the back.'"

Billy understands. He senses the effect Stan had on fans when he sees people wearing the No. 21 sweater, the same one he wore Friday.

"Everybody I see who talks about my grandfather, they say, 'Oh, I used to watch your grandfather. He was a great man off the ice, great man on the ice,'" Billy said. "I'm trying to follow his footsteps."

MASTERS

“At what point ... do we stop buying property to change golf courses?”

— Andy North on plans to change No. 13

Change on the way for iconic 13th

Augusta sounds prepared to lengthen classic par 5



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On the Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Three words uttered more than a half-century ago could determine whether one of golf's most picturesque par 5s undergoes a major change.

A momentous decision, wrote Masters founder Bobby Jones in “Golf Is My Game” in 1960.

Jones believed Augusta National's 13th hole should present a dilemma to players on their second shot. Lay up — or challenge Rae's Creek by going for the green.

A player who dares the creek on either his first or second shot may very easily encounter a six or seven on this hole. Yet reward of successful, bold play is most enticing.

New Masters Chairman Fred Ridley quoted Jones in his pre-tournament address. Rory McIlroy quoted Ridley on Friday.

“I think the chairman said it needs to be a momentous decision to go for the green,” McIlroy said. “If that's what they're trying to get it back to, I think it's a good idea (to lengthen it).”

A momentous decision now also refers to what path Augusta National officials will take.

They've purchased land from neighboring Augusta Country Club (rumored price: \$23 million to \$25 million), allowing them to stretch the 510-yard hole by moving the tee box southeast.

Ridley strongly hinted at pending changes by saying: “Our observation of these great players hitting middle and even short irons into that hole is not a momentous decision. And so we think there is an issue not only there, but in the game, that needs to be addressed.”

In other words, as ESPN's Andy North put it: “At what point in time do we stop buying property to change golf courses? (No.) 13 is such an incredible hole, and it almost doesn't matter how short it plays because of the trees through the fairway on the right.”

North concluded: “Adding a few yards probably would be helpful.”

Kevin Kisner, who grew up near Augusta National and played collegiately at Georgia, said: “I think it's one of the greatest holes we play. Every other hole seems to beat us up. But they can do whatever they want around here; we just have to play. They can laugh at us.”

Said ESPN's Curtis Strange, who won the 1985 Masters: “I want them to be careful because I think it's the greatest par 5 in the world. If you make it too long where they don't go for the green, it just becomes another three-shot hole.”

Most players (right-handers) aim for the trees on the right and try to hit a sharp draw. Others hit it high enough to soar over the trees to the left of the fairway. Bubba Watson, a left-hander, has taken that route and had a wedge into the green.

As one spectator at 13 put it Friday: “They bought some land there so Bubba won't make that hole look stupid.”

McIlroy called it a par “4 and a half,” noting he has hit an 8-iron and 9-iron the last two days, as it's played downwind.

Were it to be stretched, McIlroy said, “honestly it would probably play into the longer hitters' hands. It would allow us to not have to manufacture a shot as much (with a draw) as what we have to now. ... You could sink the tee box down, (but) obviously it looks like there are plans to extend it.”

After pounding a 337-yard drive Friday, McIlroy had just 167 yards left.

Jordan Spieth's drive sailed 297 yards. Even though it found the pine straw, he did not exactly face a momentous decision. He did not consider laying up.

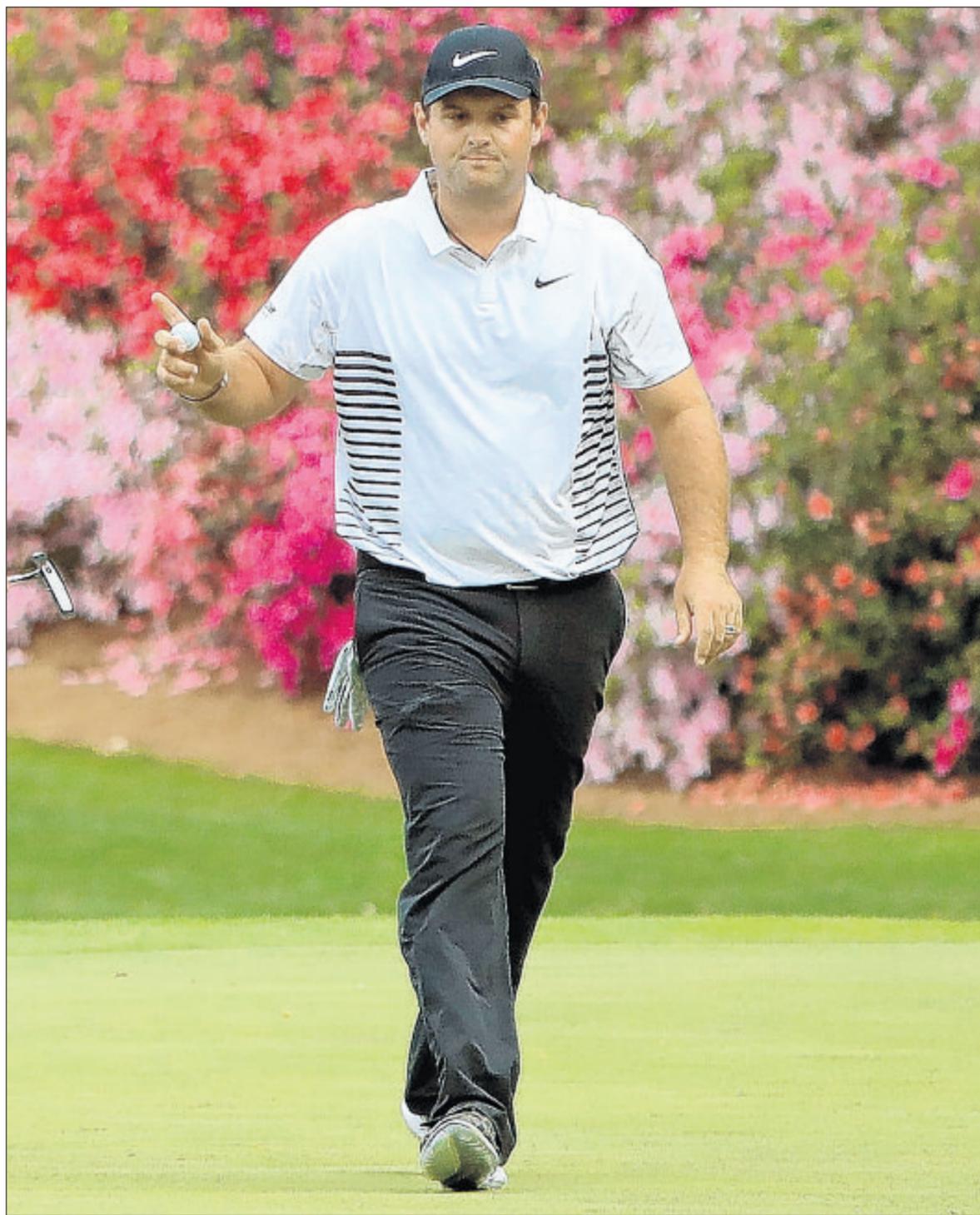
“I had 210 to the hole with a left-to-right wind, and a tree was right in my line,” he said. “I committed to good, solid contact and just ripped a 4-iron.

“When I was walking up (to the green), I'm like, ‘Man, that was a really, really difficult shot to pull off; and I don't know why — I didn't have any nerves. I just stepped up and hit it. It was probably the quickest shot I hit today, which is weird.’”

The question: If Spieth hits it 297 into the pine straw next year, will he have a momentous decision?

Sounds like change is coming to Augusta National.

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ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY

Second-round leader Patrick Reed waves on the 13th green at the Masters on Friday. He leads Marc Leishman by two shots.

Quick jog to lead

Reed's quick thinking on 16th helps him move ahead by 2 after 36 holes

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Phil Mickelson strolled to the interview area with a huge smile, asking: “How's it going, guys?”

The temptation was to reply: “Wait, didn't you just shoot 79?”

Mickelson had a rough Friday at the Masters, but he was hardly alone. Tiger Woods came home in 75, barely making the cut. First-round leader Jordan Spieth retreated with a 2-over-par 74, and Thomas Pieters snapped his driver over his right knee on his 36th and final hole.

But the breezy day also yielded many red figures:

Running is not permitted on the grounds at Augusta National, sir. But Patrick Reed was wise to jog to his ball on No. 16, lest it carry down the slope. That's the kind of local knowledge we'd expect from a man who led Augusta State's golf team to NCAA titles in 2010 and 2011.

Considering his schooling and his ferocity at the Ryder Cup, Reed's performances at the Masters have been dismal. He had missed the cut twice in four tries and never broken 70 before Thursday's first round.

Reed said his poor performances have

helped him understand that at times, chipping it to 8 feet is a good thing... “rather than trying to make a miracle chip where you hit it in the water or have to chip it again.”

Reed (69-66), who leads Marc Leishman by two shots after making birdie on all eight par 5s, would be something of a polarizing champion. Many on these grounds believe the reports that he left the University of Georgia over theft and on-course cheating accusations, both of which he has denied.

Noted frenemies/besties Woods and Mickelson both had a rough go. At one point Mickelson was one shot out of the lead. Then he played pinball on No. 9 after pulling his drive. His attempted escape slammed into a tree, prompting him to take an unplayable. From there he scooted an approach that missed the green, flopped short and ... on and on it went.

“It's disappointing,” said Mickelson, 47. “As you get older, you feel a bit more pressure each time ... Given as well as I've been playing, I thought this was a great year, a great opportunity.”

Mickelson (70-79) made the cut on the number, while Woods (73-75) had one shot to spare. Woods' double bogey on 5, caused by a blocked drive and overcooked approach into the bushes, reflected his tough day.

“I didn't hit the irons well at all — didn't control my distances or shapes,” Woods said. “I'll have to shoot a special weekend and need help (to win).”

Leishman delivered the shot of the day, rope-hooking his approach to the 15th green, a 5 iron from 210 yards that settled to 6 feet. He made the eagle and shot 67.

“I practice that shot every week,” the Australian said. “curving it big both right-to-left and left-to-right. I thought it was a good time to give it a go. Did it, and it came off.”

Runner-up goes to Bubba Watson, who hooked one off the pine straw (sound familiar?) to the 11th green, showing no fear of the pond short and left of the green.

“I did that a few years ago, gosh, the first time I won,” he said. “My caddie (Ted Scott) wanted me to kind of lay up. But I said I have to do this; I've done it before. So he let me just freewheel it.”

Rain is expected Saturday. It could make for a long day — or long Sunday.

But the players would be used to that after Friday's interminable rounds.

Austrian Bernd Wiesberger tweeted after his 1-over 73: “5hr40min for a round of golf today at Augusta!” In case his point wasn't clear, he added “The Scream” and “snoozing” emojis.

The group of Ian Poulter, Patrick Cantlay and Trevor Immelman group was twice put on the clock, but Poulter proclaimed his innocence: “I'm not going to say the reasons why we were slow. Let me just generalize and say ‘we’ ... I know I'm quick enough.”

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Illini alum Pieters gives driver a break

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
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AUGUSTA, Ga. — Thomas Pieters runs hot and cold. Or, more accurately, volcanic and cold.

So it wasn't terribly surprising to see the former NCAA champion from the University of Illinois toss his putter Friday after he missed a 13-foot par putt on No. 17.

But what came next ... oh, boy.

Pieters snapped a drive on the home hole, missing it well left. And then he snapped the driver over his knee. The sound was unmistakable.

“Did he really do that?” one observer asked another.

“Must have been last year's model,” came the reply.

Pieters still managed to make par thanks to a superb bunker shot where he aimed sideways to the pin. But that was no consolation for a man who missed the cut by shooting 73-78.

“Terrible day,” he said.

Few saw Pieters split his driver because



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Thomas Pieters reacts after missing a putt on the 13th hole at the Masters.

he wasn't in a featured group. Even fewer (only the Tribune) asked him about it. To Pieters' credit, he answered all the questions.

At 26, Pieters already has three victories on the European Tour. The native of

Belgium led the Europeans in the 2016 Ryder Cup, scoring four points, and tied for fourth at the 2017 Masters.

He's known for more than his skill and size (6-foot-5), though.

Pieters snapped a club over his knee at the 2016 British Open and left the remains in a bush.

On the flip side, his fire helped him deal with the snarling Ryder Cup crowds in Minnesota.

Pieters believes his temperamental nature mainly has helped his game: “I didn't get to what, No. 23 in the world, by not being that. It's part of me. I get mad but, like you said, it fuels me. Sometimes it doesn't, and I have to watch out for that.”

I asked Pieters if he knows about Bo Jackson.

He does, and he chuckled at the comparison of Jackson breaking a baseball bat over his leg.

Going big picture, he said of his game: “I haven't played well this year. Been hitting it well but not making any putts. The missing link.”

BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W-L	ERA	REC	2017 W-L	2017 IP	2017 OPP
Cubs Darvish (R)	0-0	10.39	1-0	0-1	5.0	5.40
Mil Davies (R)	0-1	9.53	0-1	2-2	32.0	3.66
NY Matz (L)	0-1	6.75	0-1	0-1	14.0	2.57
Was Gonzalez (L)	1-0	1.50	1-0	3-0	20.0	2.25
Ari Greinke (R)	0-0	1.79	0-1	1-0	7.0	1.29
StL Wacha (R)	1-1	1.51	0-1	1-0	6.0	0.00
LA Hill (L)	1-0	0.00	1-0	2-0	16.2	1.62
SF Stratton (R)	0-1	5.06	0-1	0-1	4.1	6.23
Mia Peters (L)	1-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	13.0	1.38
Phi Velasquez (R)	0-1	13.50	0-1	1-1	13.2	3.29
Cin Romano (R)	0-1	4.50	0-1	1-2	19.2	2.29
Pit Kuhl (R)	1-0	6.35	1-0	1-1	11.2	3.09
Atl Newcomb (L)	0-1	10.39	0-1	0-0	10.2	5.91
Col Bettis (R)	1-0	3.60	1-0	0-1	12.0	3.75

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W-L	ERA	REC	2017 W-L	2017 IP	2017 OPP
Det Fulmer (R)	0-0	1.13	0-1	1-1	21.0	4.71
Sox Giolito (R)	0-0	4.50	1-0	1-0	7.0	0.00
Bal Tillman (R)	0-1	9.00	0-1	0-2	7.0	19.29
NY Gray (R)	0-0	2.25	0-1	1-1	9.2	4.66
TB Faria (R)	0-0	2.25	0-1	1-0	9.0	1.00
BoS Porcello (R)	1-0	1.69	1-0	2-4	36.2	3.93
Sea Leake (R)	1-0	2.57	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
Min Berrios (R)	1-0	0.00	1-0	1-0	8.0	2.25
KC Kennedy (R)	0-0	1.50	0-1	0-1	7.2	10.57
Cle Bauer (R)	0-0	3.60	0-1	1-1	13.1	2.70
Tor Stroman (R)	0-0	7.20	1-0	0-1	4.0	15.75
Tex Minor (L)	0-1	3.86	0-1	0-0	2.0	0.00
Oak Triggs (R)	0-0	1.80	1-0	2-0	11.2	0.77
LA Ramirez (R)	0-1	7.71	0-1	1-0	10.2	0.84

INTERLEAGUE	W-L	ERA	REC	2017 W-L	2017 IP	2017 OPP
SD Mitchell (R)	0-1	9.00	0-1	0-0	3.0	3.00
Hou Cole (R)	1-0	1.29	1-0	1-1	13.0	2.77

TEAM REC-Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. VS OPP-Pitcher's record versus this opponent 2017 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

MILWAUKEE 5, Cubs 4
CLEVELAND 3, Kansas City 2
Atlanta 8, COLORADO 3
PITTSBURGH 14, Cincinnati 3
San Diego 4, HOUSTON 1
Toronto 8, TEXAS 5
Baltimore 7, N.Y. YANKEES 3 (14)
LA ANGELS 13, Oakland 9
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, p.pd.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Detroit at White Sox, 1:10
Cubs at Milwaukee, 3:05
Baltimore at Boston, 12:05
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 12:05
Seattle at Minnesota, 1:10
Arizona at St. Louis, 1:15
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 3:05
Philadelphia at Philadelphia, 3:10
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 6:05
San Diego at Houston, 6:10
Toronto at Texas, 7:05
Atlanta at Colorado, 7:10
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 8:07

SUNDAY: Detroit at White Sox, 1:10

Cubs at Milwaukee, 1:10
Tampa Bay at Boston, 12:05
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05
Kansas City at Cleveland, 12:10
Miami at Philadelphia, 12:35
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 12:35
San Diego at Houston, 1:10
Seattle at Minnesota, 1:10
Arizona at St. Louis, 1:15
Toronto at Texas, 2:05
Atlanta at Colorado, 2:10
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 3:05
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 3:07
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 7:05
THURSDAY: Detroit 9, WHITE SOX 7 (10)
Cubs 8, MILWAUKEE 0
N.Y. Mets 8, WASHINGTON 2
BOSTON 3, Tampa Bay 2 (12)
PHILADELPHIA 5, Miami 0
Texas 6, OAKLAND 3
COLORADO 3, SAN DIEGO 1
MINNESOTA 4, Seattle 2
Baltimore 5, N.Y. YANKEES 2
PITTSBURGH 5, Cincinnati 2
Arizona 3, ST. LOUIS 1
home team in CAPS

NL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Eaton Was	6	22	10	10	.455
Tucker Alt	7	23	10	10	.435
Clayton Kershaw	7	21	9	429	
Freeman ATL	7	22	10	9	.409
Iannetta Col	6	22	2	9	.409
RFlaherty Atl	7	25	7	10	.400
Haskins Phi	6	20	3	8	.400
DeLong StL	7	26	5	10	.385
Yelich Mil	6	26	6	10	.385
Panik SF	6	21	4	8	.381

AL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Correa Hou	6	19	7	9	.474
Cano Sea	6	23	6	10	.435
Altuve Hou	7	19	7	12	.414
M Chapman Oak	8	30	5	12	.400
Cuthbert KC	4	10	1	4	.400
D Gordon Sea	6	25	4	10	.400
Y Sanchez Tor	6	20	3	8	.400
Greene NY	7	23	9	9	.391
Castellanos Det	6	26	8	10	.385
Smook Tor	7	26	5	10	.385

HOME RUNS

Davidson, CHI	9
Castellanos, DET	8
Dozier, MIN	8
Dozier, MIN	8

RBI

Gregorius, NY	9
Smook, Tor	9
Correa, Hou	8
Stanton, NY	8
Davidson, CHI	8

HITS

Altuve, Hou	12
Chapman, OAK	12
Bogaerts, BOS	11
Simmons, LA	11
Hameds, TEX	11
Bundy, BAL	15
Tate, BOS	15
Tanaka, SEA	15
Happ, TOR	14
Kluber, CLE	14
Severino, NY	14
Verhulst, Hou	14
Fisher, Hou	2
Sanchez, CHI	2

STOLEN BASES

Cain, Mil	3
Turner, WAS	3

STRIKEOUTS

Ray, AZ	17
Scherzer, WAS	17
Syndergard, NY	17
Syndergard, NY	17

HITS

Harrison, PIT	11

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	4	2	.667	—	—	4-2	W-2	1-0	3-2
WHITE SOX	3	3	.500	1	½	3-3	L-1	0-1	3-2
Cleveland	3	4	.429	1½	1	3-4	W-1	1-0	2-4
Detroit	2	4	.333	2	1½	2-4	W-1	1-4	1-0
Kansas City	1	4	.200	2½	2	1-4	L-1	0-2	1-2

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Boston	6	1	.857	—	—	6-1	W-6	1-0	5-1
Toronto	5	3	.625	1½	—	5-3	W-1	4-3	1-0
New York	4	4	.500	2½	1	4-4	L-2	2-2	2-2
Baltimore	3	5	.375	3½	2	3-5	W-2	1-2	2-3
Tampa Bay	1	6	.143	5	3½	1-6	L-6	1-3	0-3

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	6	2	.750	—	—	6-2	L-1	3-1	3-1
Los Angeles	6	2	.750	—	—	6-2	W-3	3-1	3-1
Seattle	3	3	.500	2	1	3-3	L-2	2-1	1-2
Oakland	3	6	.333	3½	2½	3-6	L-2	3-5	0-1
Texas	3	6	.333	3½	2½	3-6	L-1	1-4	2-2

INDIANS 3, ROYALS 2

Associated Press
CLEVELAND — Michael Brantley has perfected the come-back season. Now he has to master completing one.
 Brantley singled home two runs on the first pitch of his first at-bat this season and Carlos Carrasco worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the sixth inning, leading the Indians to a 3-2 victory in their chilly home opener Friday against the Royals.
 Brantley missed the first six games while on the disabled list recovering from offseason ankle surgery. But just hours after being activated, the two-time All-Star

delivered in the first inning against Danny Duffy (0-2).
 “He’s an easy guy to bet on,” manager Terry Francona said. “I could give you pages and pages of why. He’s the heart and soul of our team. He does everything the way you’re supposed to.”
 After disappointing finishes the last two postseasons, the Indians are hoping this is the year they end a 70-year World Series title drought, baseball’s longest. Brantley is a major part of those plans, but he needs to stay healthy after being limited to 101 games the last two seasons.
 Brantley has learned one major lesson from his injuries.

“Be patient,” said Brantley, who had a walk-off single to win last year’s home opener. “Understand that I’m listening to my body and understand exactly what’s going on and how I feel every day.”
 “That’s all I’m looking forward to, one day at a time, playing as many games as I can.”
 Carrasco (2-0) gave up two runs in the first inning but settled in. The right-hander then retired 13 straight and wound up yielding five hits in six innings.
 The Indians got only four hits, but among them was an RBI single by Jose Ramirez preceding Brantley’s big hit.

ON THIS DAY

1925: Babe Ruth collapsed in a railroad station in Asheville, N.C. He would be hospitalized in New York and operated on 10 days later for an ulcer.
1964: Shea Stadium in New York opened for the first regular season game. The Mets lost to the Pirates, 4-3.
1977: The expansion Blue Jays began their major league odyssey with a 9-5 victory over the White Sox at Toronto’s Exhibition Stadium.
2013: Matt Cain became the first Giants pitcher to allow nine runs in an inning since 1902 when the Cardinals tagged him in a 14-3 romp.

Indians 3, Royals 2

KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Jay If	3	1	2	0	.333
Merrifield 2b	3	1	2	0	.263
Moustakas 3b	3	0	0	1	.211
Duda dh	4	0	1	1	.214
Cuthbert 1b	4	0	0	0	.286
Soler rf	3	0	0	0	.000
Gordon c	4	0	1	0	.167
Escobar ss	4	0	0	0	.176
Butera c	3	0	1	0	.250
TOTALS	31	2	7	2	

CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Lindor ss	3	1	0	0	.172
Kipnis 2b	3	1	0	0	.154
Ramirez 3b	3	1	1	1	.077
Encarnacion dh	3	0	1	0	.174
Brantley if	0	1	2	2	.250
Guyer rf	4	0	1	0	.214
Alonso 1b	4	0	0	0	.192
Gomes c	3	0	0	0	.118
Davis cf	3	0	0	0	.200
TOTALS	30	3	4	3	

Kansas City	200	000	000	—	2	7	1
Cleveland	300	000	00x	—	3	4	0

E: Cuthbert (1), **LOB:** Kansas City 6, Cleveland 7. **2B:** Merrifield (1), Guyer (2), Davis (1), **RBI:** Moustakas (2), Duda (6), Ramirez (3), Brantley (2), **SB:** Ramirez (1), **S:** Merrifield, **SO:** Jay (1), Moustakas (2), Duda (2), Cuthbert (1), Soler (1), Gordon (2), Lindor (1), Brantley (1), Guyer (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 3 (Cuthbert 3); Cleveland 4 (Encarnacion 2, Gomes 2), **RISP:** Kansas City 1 for 7; Cleveland 2 for 10. **Runners moved up:** Moustakas, Lindor. **GDP:** Cuthbert, Escobar, **DP:** Cleveland 2 (Lindor, Kipnis, Alonso), (Lindor, Kipnis, Alonso).

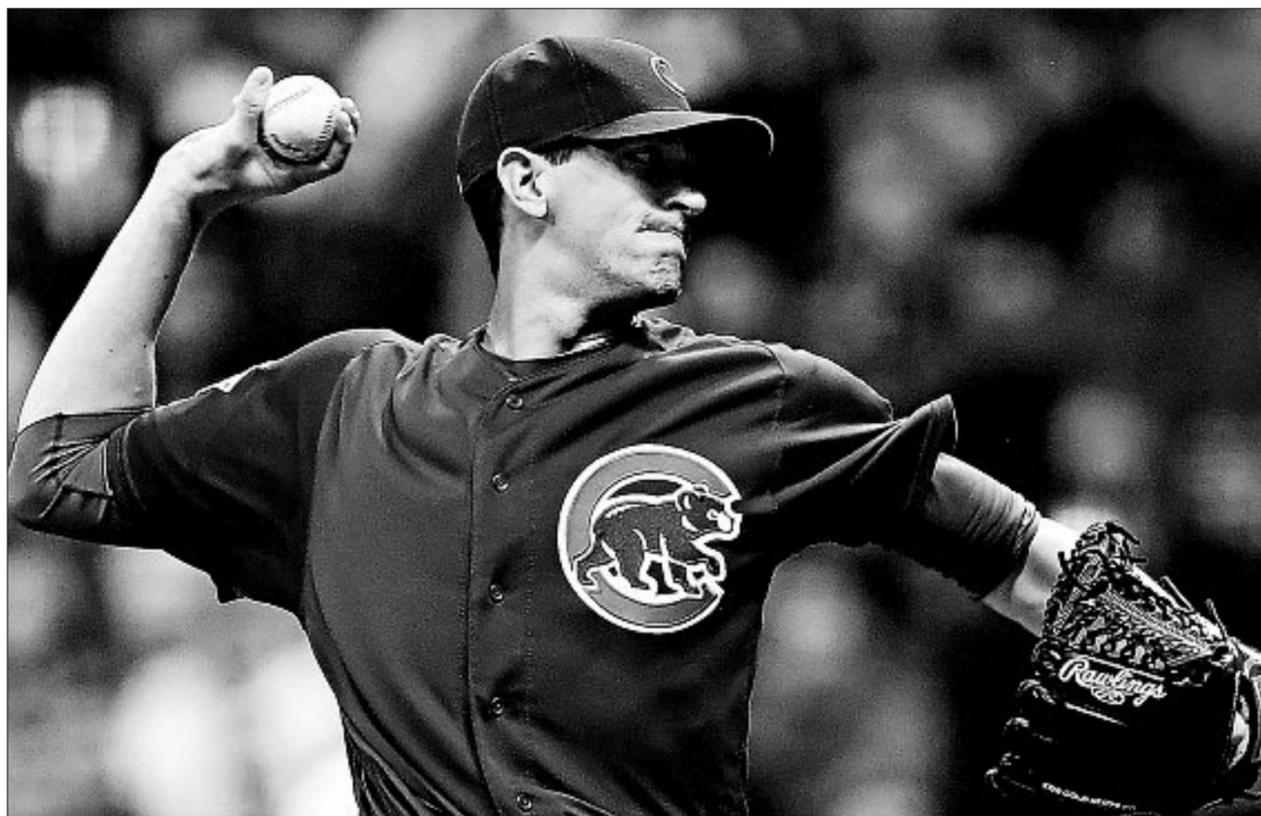
KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Duffy, L,0-2	5½	3	3	3	3	3	7.45
Keller	1½	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
Hill	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Carrasco, W,2-0	6	5	2	2	4	5	4.50
Goidy, H	1	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
Miller, H	2	1	0	0	1	3	0.00
Giles, S,2-2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Keller 1-0. **WP:** Duffy. **Umpires:** H. Roberto Ortiz; 1B, Will Little; 2B, Ted Barrett; 3B, Lance Barksdale. **Time:** 2:41. A: 34,720 (35,225).

AROUND THE HORN

BREWERS 5, CUBS 4



STACY REVERE/GETTY PHOTOS

Cubs starter Kyle Hendricks allowed four runs on nine hits in five innings for a no-decision Friday night against the Brewers at Miller Park.

CUBS NOTES

Knebel injury blow for Brewers

By Mark Gonzales
Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — With closer **Corey Knebel** expected to miss four to six weeks with a left hamstring strain, the Brewers will find out whether their bullpen can help keep them in the National League Central race.

Brewers manager Craig Counsell originally feared Knebel, who suffered the injury while delivering a pitch in the ninth inning of an 8-0 loss to the Cubs, would be sidelined for a “big chunk” of the season or at least undergo surgery.

Now, the Brewers will try to survive without Knebel, who saved 39 games last season, for a shorter yet still significant term.

“I’m open to going with the same guy every night,” Counsell said before Friday night’s game. “But for right now, we’ll just play the games and see how it plays out (against opponents). Someone probably will claim most of the opportunities, but I don’t know who that will be right now.”

All about Zo: Cubs manager **Joe Maddon** had a quick reply to why **Ian Happ** wasn’t starting after his four strikeouts Thursday raised his season total to 14.

“It’s called **Ben Zobrist**,” Maddon said in response to Zobrist’s impressive first week. “Ian is fine. Nothing wrong. I’m just trying to juggle all these guys in.”

Maddon said Zobrist might get a rest Saturday, but it could be tough to give **Jason Heyward** a break after the right fielder smacked a two-run homer off Knebel on Thursday.

“I like what he did,” said Maddon, referring to some adjustments at the plate. “I think you can continue to see a positive trend.”

Chilly NL Central: Heyward has become accustomed to chilly weather since playing a large chunk of his games in the Central since 2015 with the Cardinals.

“You get ready for whatever,” Heyward said. “It comes with this division. Someone asked me if it felt weird having two days off in a row (because of Tuesday’s rainout). I’m kind of used to it now.”

“Whenever I think about it in Chicago, I’m thankful I’m in the new clubhouse and not the old.”

Heyward added he has played in snow, sleet and hail in places such as Washington and Denver.

Arcia spoils Cubs’ rally

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Rizzo, who is off to a 3-for-28 start, could have experienced discomfort from taking extra batting practice before Thursday night’s 8-0 victory.

Without Rizzo, the Cubs relied on timely hitting and the talents of Baez to overcome a 4-2 deficit.

With two outs in the sixth, Baez poked a drive into the alley in right-center to score Addison Russell.

Baez kept running through second base and reached third with a headfirst slide, and then scored easily when the relay throw from second baseman Eric Sogard caromed into foul territory down the left-field line to tie the game 4-4.

Maddon compared Baez’s baserunning skills to those of Hall of Famer Willie Mays after Baez scored from first base on a headfirst slide after two errors Thursday night.

Baez provided the Cubs with a much-needed spark after usually dependable Kyle Hendricks was tagged for a pair of two-run home runs from Eric Thames and Travis Shaw in the fifth that erased a 2-0 lead.

“Those were two bad pitches, and I didn’t get away with them,” Hendricks said.

This marked the first time Hendricks allowed two home runs in an inning since Sept. 17, 2015, against the Pirates.

Through four innings, Hendricks needed only 54 pitches.

Rizzo’s absence caused some interesting juggling, especially because the Cubs are carrying only four reserve position players with an eight-man bullpen.

The first inning showed promise as Willson Contreras, Russell and Victor Caratini hit consecu-



The Cubs’ Javier Baez walks back to the dugout after striking out in the second inning of Friday night’s loss against the Brewers.

tive two-out, opposite-field singles. Each of the three hits advanced runners from first to third base.

With runners at second and third after the first out of the sixth, Pedro Strop struck out Ryan Braun and Wilson fooled Shaw on a called third strike to

bail Brian Duensing out of a jam.

Wilson walked three consecutive batters with two outs in the seventh, but Steve Cishek struck out Lorenzo Cain to end the threat.

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THE BOX SCORE

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Zobrist rf-1b	4	0	0	0	.300
Bryant 3b	4	0	0	0	.300
Schwarber lf	4	1	0	0	.227
Montgomery p	0	0	0	0	—
Contreras c	3	1	1	0	.286
Russell ss	3	1	1	1	.308
Caratini 1b	4	0	1	1	.091
Heyward cf-rf	4	0	0	0	.227
Baez 2b	4	1	1	1	.174
Hendricks p	2	0	1	0	.250
a-Happ ph	1	0	1	0	.174
Duensing p	0	0	0	0	—
Strop p	0	0	0	0	—
Wilson p	0	0	0	0	—
Cishek p	0	0	0	0	.000
Edwards p	0	0	0	0	—
c-La Stella ph	1	0	1	0	.500
Almora cf	0	0	0	0	.176
TOTALS	34	4	7	3	

MILWAUKEE	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Cain cf	5	0	1	0	.294
Thames 1b	4	1	1	2	.238
Braun lf	5	1	1	0	.200
Shaw 3b	5	1	1	0	.294
Santana rf	5	0	2	0	.280
Pina c	4	1	1	0	.208
Villar 2b	3	0	2	0	.333
Jeffress p	0	0	0	0	—
b-Aguilar ph	0	0	0	0	.500
Albers p	0	0	0	0	—
d-Perez ph	1	0	1	0	.111
Arcia ss	4	0	1	1	.167
Woodruff p	0	0	0	0	—
Hader p	1	1	1	0	1.000
Sogard 2b	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	37	5	12	5	

CUBS	200	002	000-4	7	2
Milwaukee	000	040	001-5	12	1

One out when winning run scored, a-singled for Hendricks in the 6th, b-walked for Jeffress in the 7th, c-doubled for Edwards in the 9th, d-singled for Albers in the 9th. E: Bryant (3), Baez (1), Sogard (1). **LOB:** CUBS 8, Milwaukee 14. **2B:** La Stella (2), Cain (4). **3B:** Baez (2). **HR:** Thames (2), off Hendricks; Shaw (1), off Hendricks. **RBIs:** Russell (2), Caratini (1), Baez (4), Thames (2), Shaw (2), Arcia (2). **SB:** Happ (2). **S:** Woodruff. **SO:** Zobrist (1), Bryant (1), Schwarber (4), Caratini (1), Baez (1), Hendricks (1), Cain (1), Thames (1), Braun (2), Shaw (2), Santana (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** CUBS 4 (Zobrist, Schwarber, Caratini, Heyward); Milwaukee 7 (Cain 2, Braun, Shaw 2, Arcia 2). **RISP:** CUBS 3 for 10; Milwaukee 1 for 9.

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hendricks	5	9	4	4	1	1	4.09
Duensing	½	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
Strop	½	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Wilson	1	0	0	0	3	2	0.00
Cishek	½	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Edwards	1	0	0	0	2	2	2.25
Montgomery, L, 0-1	½	2	1	1	1	1	2.70

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Woodruff	3½	4	2	2	2	3	5.14
Hader	2	0	1	1	1	3	1.80
Jeffress, BS, 1-1	½	2	1	1	0	1	1.69
Albers, W, 1-0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0.00

Inherited runners scored: Strop 2-0, Wilson 2-0, Cishek 3-0, Woodruff 1-1. **HBP:** Woodruff (Contreras). **WP:** Woodruff. **PB:** Contreras (3). **Umpires:** H, Chad Whitson; 1B, Chris Conroy; 2B, Feldin Culbreth; 3B, Brian O’Nora. **Time:** 3:45. **A:** 37,758 (41,900).

HOW THEY SCORED

CUBS FIRST: Zobrist grounded out, Bryant flied out, Schwarber walked, Contreras singled, Schwarber to third, Russell singled, scoring Schwarber, Contreras to third, Caratini singled, scoring Contreras, Russell to third, Heyward grounded out. **Two runs, Cubs 2-0.**
BREWERS FIFTH: Hader singled, Cain popped out, Thames homered, scoring Hader, Braun singled, Shaw homered, scoring Braun. Santana grounded out, Pina singled, Villar singled, Pina to second, Arcia flied out. **Four runs, Brewers 4-2.**
CUBS SIXTH: Russell walked, Russell to second on Hader’s balk, Caratini struck out, Heyward popped out, Jeffress pitching, Baez tripled, scoring Russell, Baez scores on Sogard’s error, Happ singled, Happ stole second, Zobrist grounded out. **Two runs, Tied 4-4.**
BREWERS NINTH: Montgomery pitching, Santana struck out, Pina walked, Perez singled, Pina to second, Pina to third on Bryant’s error, Arcia singled, scoring Pina, Perez to second. **One run, Brewers 5-4.**

If Sox expect to win, they must act like it

Sullivan, from Page 1

young bunch, especially coming in the home opener before a festive crowd that seemed to relish the snow flurries, at least until the game turned into an old-fashioned nightmare.

The Sox may be in rebuild mode, but if you believe the messages from Hahn and manager Rick Renteria, they’re not trying to lose 90 to 100 games to get a higher draft pick in 2019. That thinking is so 2017.

Competing is part of the process in Year 2, so tough losses are tough losses, rebuild or not.

As has been written extensively, Hahn already has collected an impressive arsenal of young talent. The Sox have the No. 4 pick in this year’s draft. And they potentially could flip Avisail Garcia and Jose Abreu at the trade deadline for a half-dozen more prospects.

There is no need to tank.

So let’s assume they’re trying to win on a daily basis, while also accepting some of the struggles normally associated with trying to succeed while developing youth.

Is it OK then to question any of the decision-making, such as choosing Soria over Nate Jones as closer or making Matt Davidson

the designated hitter instead of Abreu?

It’s tricky when covering a rebuild, especially one in which the manager refuses to address the word in public.

“I have nothing else to compare it to other than my previous experience, but we’re being as honest as we possibly can be with everybody in terms of where we’re at,” Renteria said. “I think the players don’t see themselves in (a rebuild). They won’t even use the word.”

Renteria said he doesn’t use the “r-word” either.

“No, because these guys are going out there trying to win a game, do their job every single day,” he said. “So I don’t use that word.”

That’s fine.

But if the Sox are not in a full rebuild, they need to put themselves in the best position to win every day. And that means Carson Fulmer needs to put together several consistent outings — not just one — to keep his spot in the rotation.

The Sox handed Fulmer a starting spot, despite a 5.79 ERA last year at Triple-A Charlotte, based on his performance over his final four starts with the Sox, in which he posted a 1.56 ERA. Fulmer had no real competition



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Young right-hander Carson Fulmer must become more consistent if the Sox want to be able to justify keeping him in the starting rotation.

this spring, as Michael Kopech and Dylan Cease, who started Cactus League games, were slated for the minors.

But when Fulmer was battered around in a few spring starts, it added to the scrutiny over his place among the pitching core. Would he ever live up to his billing as the No. 8 pick in the 2015 draft? Would Kopech and Alec Hansen pass him by?

Last week in Kansas City, pitching coach Don Cooper railed at fans and media members ex-

pecting Fulmer to develop at a quicker pace.

“When he first came to the big leagues (in 2016), we put him in the bullpen,” Cooper said. “He had a couple of good outings and a couple of lemons. But everybody was writing Carson Fulmer off: ‘Can he do this? Can’t do this, can’t do that.’ All of that negative crap.”

“Then he had a start against Minnesota and couldn’t get out of the first. ‘Oh, Carson can’t do this and can’t do that. He sucks.’ After

one freaking outing. Come on. That’s not even fair to anybody.

“Then he had some really good starts for us. So again, (we’re) looking to pick up where we left off with him. But to write a guy off after a couple (of starts), you have to have a little patience. I’m not patient for a lot of things in life, but with pitching I find myself more patient because it doesn’t happen overnight. It’s a process.”

While embellishing the number of detractors, Cooper was correct about the need for patience. But Fulmer is 24, went to Vanderbilt and is smart enough to understand the way this works.

Every top draft pick has added pressure on him. That’s why they get bigger bonuses. Javier Baez endured the same criticism when he struck out 95 times in 213 at-bats as a rookie in 2014, and now he’s one of the Cubs’ most popular players.

Fulmer and the other young Sox players will go through some growing pains, and they’re learning how to handle the heat at the same time.

It’s all part of the process of a... uh, well, you know the word.

Monday time change: The opener of the Sox’s three-game series with the Rays on Monday at Guaranteed Rate Field has been moved up to 1:10 p.m. from 7:10 p.m. because of cold weather in the forecast.

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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	@MIL, 3:05 ABC-7, FS1, AM-670	@MIL 1:10 WGN-9 AM-670	PIT 1:20 ABC-7 AM-670		PIT 7:05 WGN-9 AM-670	PIT 1:20 NBCSCH AM-670	ATL 1:20 NBCSCH AM-670
	DET 1:10 WGN-9 AM-720	DET 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720	TB 1:10 WGN-9 AM-720	TB 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720	TB 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720	@MIN 7:10 NBCSCH AM-720	@MIN NBCSCH AM-720
	BRO 7 NBCSCH AM-670		@BRO 6:30 NBCSCH AM-670		DET 7 NBCSCH AM-560		
	@WIN 6 WGN-9 AM-720						
	CLB 7:30 AM-1200						

SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB

Noon Orioles at Yankees MLBN

1:10 p.m. Tigers at White Sox WGN-9, WGN-AM 720

3:05 p.m. Cubs at Brewers ABC-7, FS1, WSCR-AM 670

6 p.m. Padres at Astros MLBN

9 p.m. Athletics at Angels MLBN

COLLEGE BASEBALL

7 p.m. Oklahoma at Texas Christian ESPNU

NBA

2:30 p.m. Nuggets at Clippers NBA TV

7 p.m. Nets at Bulls NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670

7:30 p.m. Thunder at Rockets ABC-7, WMVP-AM 1000

BOXING

9 p.m. Jerrett Hurd vs. Erislandy Lara Showtime

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11 a.m. Purdue spring game BTN

1 p.m. Mississippi spring game ESPNU

4 p.m. Michigan State spring game BTN

GOLF

2 p.m. Masters CBS-2, WMVP-AM 1000

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

6 p.m. Big Ten individual championships BTN

NHL

2 p.m. Rangers at Flyers NBC-5

6 p.m. Blackhawks at Jets WGN-9, WGN-AM 720

6 p.m. Canadiens at Maple Leafs NHLN

9:30 p.m. Wild at Sharks NHLN

AHL

7 p.m. Admirals at Wolves WPWR-50

COLLEGE HOCKEY: NCAA FINAL

6:30 p.m. Notre Dame vs. Minnesota Duluth ESPN

HORSE RACING

4:30 p.m. Wood Memorial, Bluegrass Stakes NBCSN

MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

11 a.m. Ohio State at Johns Hopkins ESPNU

Noon Loyola (Md.) at Lehigh CBSSN

2:15 p.m. Army at Boston U. CBSSN

3 p.m. Duke at Notre Dame ESPNU

4:30 p.m. Colgate at Navy CBSSN

MARTIAL ARTS

7 p.m. UFC 223 prelims FS1

MOTORSPORTS

8:30 a.m. NASCAR Cup qualifying FS1

10 a.m. Formula One qualifying ESPN2

11 a.m. NASCAR Xfinity qualifying FS1

2 p.m. NASCAR Xfinity My Bariatric Solutions 300 FOX-32

7 p.m. NHRA qualifying FS1

8:30 p.m. IndyCar Phoenix Grand Prix NBCSN

9 p.m. Monster Supercross at Seattle FS1

MLS

4 p.m. Los Angeles FC at Atlanta United FC ESPN

7:30 p.m. Crew at Fire WTR0-1200

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

6:25 a.m. Liverpool at Everton NBCSN

8:55 a.m. Huddersfield at Brighton NBCSN

9 a.m. Crystal Palace at Bournemouth CNBC

11:30 a.m. Manchester United at Manchester City NBC-5

BUNDESLIGA SOCCER

8:20 a.m. Bayern Munich at Bournemouth FS2

11:20 a.m. Schalke at Hamburg FS2

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Noon Florida at Alabama ESPN2

1:30 p.m. Wisconsin at Iowa BTN

2 p.m. Arizona at Oregon ESPN

2 p.m. Tennessee at Auburn ESPN2

5 p.m. Missouri at Georgia ESPNU

TENNIS

9:30 a.m. WTA Volvo Open, doubles semifinal Tennis Channel

Noon WTA Volvo Open, semifinals Tennis Channel

4 p.m. Davis Cup, U.S. vs. Belgium Tennis Channel

WRESTLING

2:30 p.m. UWW World Cup NBCSN

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SP N DRIVER M MPH

1. 41 Kurt Busch F 197.368

2. 4 Kevin Harvick F 197.116

3. 14 Clint Bowyer F 196.829

4. 12 Ryan Blaney F 196.620

5. 11 Denny Hamlin F 196.257

6. 78 Martin Truex Jr. F 195.979

7. 22 Joey Logano F 195.922

8. 18 Kyle Busch F 194.426

9. 48 Jimmie Johnson F 195.603

10. 42 Kyle Larson F 195.023

11. 2 Brad Keselowski F 195.023

12. 10 Aric Almirola F 194.995

13. 6 Trevor Bayne F 194.840

14. 19 Daniel Suarez F 194.812

15. 43 Darrell Wallace Jr. F 194.763

16. 88 Alex Bowman F 194.742

17. 3 Austin Dillon F 194.546

18. 37 Chris Buescher F 194.539

19. 21 Paul Menard F 194.426

20. 9 Chase Elliott F 194.321

21. 20 Erik Jones F 194.175

22. 47 AJ Allmendinger F 193.952

23. 13 Ty Dillon F 193.819

24. 17 Ricky McMurphy F 193.736

25. 6 Ryan Newman F 193.714

26. 17 Ricky Stenhouse Jr. F 193.458

27. 34 Michael McDowell F 193.417

28. 95 Kasey Kahne F 192.651

29. 38 David Ragan F 192.294

30. 32 Matt DiBenedetto F 191.598

31. 15 Ross Chastain F 191.573

32. 23 Gray Gaulding F 189.016

33. 24 William Byron F 188.193

34. 72 Cole Whitte F 186.445

35. 00 Landon Cassill F 178.359

NBA G-LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Friday: Raptors 118, Erie 106

G-LEAGUE FINALS

(Best-of-3; x-if necessary)

Sunday: Raptors at Austin, 7

Tuesday: Austin at Raptors, 8

x-April 13: Raptors at Austin, 7:30

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL W L OLSOL FT GF GA

WOLVES 38 22 4 87 223 193

Manitoba 40 24 4 88 242 190

G. Rapids 39 25 4 86 223 216

Rockford 31 29 4 79 207 217

Iowa 31 26 9 6 77 220 236

Cleveland 24 38 7 3 58 180 243

2 points for a win, 1 point for an overtime/shootout loss.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Utica 3, Toronto 2 (SO)

Cleveland 6, San Antonio 3

Providence 6, Hartford 3

Bridgeport 4, WB/Scranton 3

Binghamton 4, Syracuse 3 (SO)

Belleville 5, Rochester 1

Springfield 5, Laval 1

Manitoba 4, Bakersfield 1

Rockford 3, Texas 2 (SO)

San Jose 6, Stockton 2

Ontario 3, San Diego 2

Tucson 3, Grand Rapids 0

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
x-Toronto	57	22	.722	—	5-5	W-2	33-7	24-15	38-11
x-Boston	54	25	.684	3	7-3	W-1	26-13	28-12	32-17
x-Philadelphia	49	30	.620	8	10-0	W-13	28-11	21-19	32-18
New York	28	51	.354	29	4-6	W-1	19-20	9-31	16-33
Brooklyn	26	53	.329	31	5-5	W-1	14-26	12-27	17-32

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
x-Miami	43	37	.538	—	6-4	L-1	25-14	18-23	30-21
x-Washington	42	38	.525	1	2-8	L-4	22-18	20-20	27-23
Charlotte	35	45	.438	5	5-5	W-1	21-19	14-26	21-29
Orlando	24	56	.304	18½	3-7	L-1	16-24	8-31	14-35
Atlanta	23	57	.288	20	3-7	W-1	16-24	7-33	11-39

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
x-Cleveland	49	31	.613	—	8-2	L-1	29-11	20-20	34-16
x-Indiana	47	33	.588	2	7-3	L-1	27-13	20-20	31-19
x-Milwaukee	42	37	.532	5½	5-5	L-1	24-16	18-21	25-24
Detroit	38	41	.481	10½	8-2	W-1	25-15	13-26	23-27
BULLS	27	52	.342	21½	3-7	L-1	17-22	10-30	21-28

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
x-Houston	64	15	.810	—	9-1	W-2	34-6	30-9	40-9
San Antonio	45	34	.570	19	6-4	W-1	31-8	14-26	27-22
New Orleans	45	34	.570	19	6-4	W-2	23-17	22-17	24-25
Dallas	24	56	.300	40½	2-8	L-2	15-25	9-31	14-37
Memphis	21	58	.266	43	2-8	L-4	15-25	6-33	18-32

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
x-Portland	48	31	.608	—	5-5	L-2	27-13	21-18	30-19
Utah	46	33	.582	2	7-3	W-4	27-13	19-20	32-17
Oklahoma City	45	34	.570	3	5-5	L-1	26-14	19-20	26-24
Minnesota	45	35	.563	3½	5-5	W-1	28-11	17-24	32-18
Denver	44	35	.557	4	6-4	W-4	30-10	14-25	26-23

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
y-Golden State	57	22	.722	—	5-5	L-1	29-11	28-11	33-16
L.A. Clippers	42	37	.532	15	5-5	L-1	22-16	20-21	24-25
Lakers	34	47	.420	23	3-7	L-1	20-19	19-26	18-31
Sacramento	26	54	.325	31½	3-7	W-1	13-27	13-27	13-37
Phoenix	20	60	.250	37½	1-9	L-1	10-30	10-30	14-36

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division; z-clinched conference
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FRIDAY'S RESULTS

PHILADELPHIA 132, CLEVELAND 130
TORONTO 92, INDIANA 73
NEW YORK 122, MIAMI 98
SACRAMENTO 94, MEMPHIS 93
NEW ORLEANS 122, PHOENIX 103
MINNESOTA 113, LAKERS 96

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Brooklyn at L.A. Clippers, 5:30
Milwaukee at Denver, 7:30
Golden State at Houston, 6:30
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8:00

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Indiana at Charlotte, noon
Dallas at Philadelphia, noon
Atlanta at Boston, noon
Detroit at Memphis, 2:30

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

INDIANA 126, Golden State 106
Brooklyn 119, MILWAUKEE 111
HOUSTON 96, Portland 94
CLEVELAND 119, Washington 115
UTAH 104, L.A. CLIPPERS 95
DENVER 100, MINNESOTA 96

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JULIO CORTEZ/AP

A handcuffed Conor McGregor leaves a New York police station Friday on his way to court, where he was arraigned on four criminal charges, including one felony count.

McGregor facing criminal charges

Free on \$50,000 bond, UFC star must return to court in June

By DAN GELSTON | Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cocksure and uncouth, Conor McGregor was never afraid to defy authority.

He dressed in fur coats and swung chairs at news conferences, reaped the riches of his dalliance with boxing and demanded his boss cut him an ownership stake in the MMA promotion that made him one of the sport's most notorious names.

What McGregor wanted, McGregor got — in cash, championships and living his best luxe life.

After one more decisive victory in New York, McGregor scaled the UFC octagon and draped two championship belts over his shoulder while a sold-out crowd roared in approval.

In the underbelly of a New York arena 17 months later, McGregor went wild, using a dolly, chairs and guard rails as weapons instead of his fists. Fueled by revenge and running with a pack of his "hoodlums," McGregor's antics landed him in jail — and injured two fighters on Saturday's UFC 223 card.

Quiet and humbled, McGregor couldn't talk his way out of trouble in a New York courtroom.

McGregor was arraigned Friday on charges of felony criminal mischief and misdemeanor assault, menacing and reckless endangerment following a backstage melee he sparked at a UFC event in New York.

He spoke only to acknowledge that he understood the conditions of his release, saying, "Yes, your honor."

McGregor was released on \$50,000 bond — pocket change for a fighter who was guaranteed \$30 million last year in his ballyhooed boxing match against Floyd Mayweather Jr. McGregor is due back in court June 14.

His lawyer, Jim Walden, said there is no risk that McGregor will try to avoid coming back to court.

"He's the most visible face on the planet," Walden said.

Video footage appeared to show McGregor throwing a hand truck at a bus full of fighters Thursday after a news conference for UFC 223 at Brooklyn's Barclays Center.

McGregor was trying to get at UFC 223 main-event fighter Khabib Nurmagomedov because the Russian had been involved in a hotel altercation with fellow fighter Artem Lobov. McGregor tried to stick up for Lobov, a close friend, and apparently loaded a private jet with his best buds and flew to New York to rumble.

UFC President Dana White said Friday that he spoke with McGregor via text and the brawler said the confrontation "had to be done."

"It was probably the worst conversation we ever had," White told FSI's "First Things First" on Friday. "We talked (Thursday) before he turned himself in."

"It's not that I don't think he understood what happened. He justified it. It was justified to him."

White said McGregor said he was sorry about the fighters who were injured but added "this had to be done."

Michael Chiesa and Ray Borg were both pulled from the fight card because of injuries suffered on the bus from McGregor's shenanigans.

Video showed McGregor with a group of people causing chaos Thursday as they took an elevator to the loading dock at the Barclays Center. He can be seen tossing trash cans and being prevented from throwing a barricade at a bus during his unannounced appearance in New York.

"When you bring in 20 hoodlums (who) flew in from Ireland to basically do this at our event, there's nothing like this that has ever happened," White said.

Lobov was pulled from Saturday's card for his involvement in the ugly act. McGregor's friend and co-defendant, Cian Cowley, was released on \$25,000 bond and also is due in court in June.

McGregor hasn't fought for UFC since November 2016 and was stripped this week by White of the 155-pound championship he had never defended. McGregor responded profanely on Twitter and wrote, "You'll strip me of nothing."

The brashness was muted as cameras snapped Friday when he was brought out of a New York police station in handcuffs.

White said earlier this week that McGregor would fight again for UFC this year. McGregor's actions now put future fights in doubt.

UFC has not immediately issued discipline against its biggest box-office attraction.

McGregor once held the 145 and 155-pound championships at the same time and boldly stated he wanted an ownership stake in UFC. But the trash-talking, egocentric McGregor has been out of the fight game except for his money fight with Mayweather that made him wealthy enough to never need to step inside the cage again.

The Mayweather bout in August was his last professional fight.

Associated Press reporter Verena Dobnik contributed from New York.

MMA UFC 223

Third time the charm: Main event finally has its fighters

By DAN GELSTON | Associated Press

UFC has a main event for its New York card.

Al Iaquinta, a winner of five straight bouts, will step in and fight in the main event of UFC 223 on Saturday after two other challengers were forced to drop out.

Iaquinta has agreed to fight Khabib Nurmagomedov in a lightweight bout at the Barclays Center, steadying a promotion thrown into upheaval following criminal charges against star Conor McGregor.

Max Holloway had agreed to fight Nurmagomedov on just six days' notice after original challenger Tony Ferguson injured a knee. But Holloway on Friday was unable to reach the weight limit for the bout and was ruled out by the UFC medical team.

Holloway apologized on Twitter to Nurmagomedov, saying he wants "to keep going but they are stopping me. Sorry to your team and the fans."

UFC then scrambled to find a last-second substitute for Holloway in the headline bout at a sold-out Barclays in Brooklyn. Iaquinta, who was scheduled to fight Paul Felder, got the nod.

Iaquinta did not meet the 155-pound limit when he weighed in Friday morning for his fight against Felder before Holloway was scratched. Nurmagomedov, a native Russian, will become the lightweight champ should he win. Iaquinta will not be crowned the champ with a victory.

UFC offered full refunds because of the changes to the main event.

Holloway already was the 145-pound champion and was trying to become a two-division champ by beating the undefeated Nurmagomedov in the 155-pound title fight. Holloway and Nurmagomedov were fighting for the lightweight title left vacant by McGregor's nearly 18-month absence.

The original card had shaped up as the best of the year and UFC President Dana White said it was trending toward the best pay-per-view buy rate since McGregor's last fight at UFC 205. But the backstage melee McGregor allegedly instigated instead forced the removal of three fights.

Artem Lobov, a close friend of McGregor's, was pulled from the card for his involvement. Michael Chiesa and Ray Borg were hurt in the mayhem and forced off the card.

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Balderas, David G.

David G. Balderas, Beloved husband of the late Trinidad (nee Illescas). Loving father of Francisco (Julia) Balderas, Rosa (John) Rogers and David (Ann Marie) Balderas. Dear grandfather of 8 and great-grandfather of 11.

Visitation, Monday, April 9, 2018, 3:00PM to 9:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois where a funeral service will be held at 7:00PM.

For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com

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Harris, Edward Samuel

Edward Samuel Harris was born into Depression-era Chicago, the first son of Russian-Jewish immigrants -Rochelle (nee Shapiro) and Leo Harris - at a time when restrictive covenants dictated where Jews and Blacks and Asians were allowed to live. Edward began working at Leo's Dancewear, the legacy company founded by his father, after school at the age of 10. Bar-mitzvah'd Yitzak Schmueel, and graduated from high-school, he moved on to attend the University of Chicago by age 16. Edward was the first in his family to go to college, where his love of learning lead him to law school and an M.B.A. at DePaul University in Chicago. He served 8 years in the U.S. National Guard. He retired from Leo's, as the Chief Financial Officer, at the age of 78. As a lawyer, Edward was committed to fairness in labor relations, contract agreements, and immigrant rights. He lead Leo's Dancewear in weathering the storms of both the Reagan and Bush-era recessions, all the while, fighting the rising tide of outsourcing and job-cuts. A long-time coworker used to say: "Eddie has a mind like a steel trap."



Edward raised two daughters as a single father, with unflinching dedication, love, responsibility, and integrity. He carried his three grandchildren into the 21st century with humor, poetry, and support, as he lived for ten years with Alzheimer's Disease at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Sara Harris and Jesse Lerner, in Los Angeles. Edward then brought the joy of his daily presence to the Urbana, IL home of his younger daughter, Amanda Harris, where he lived out the last wondrous year of his journey through the complications of the disease, singing, punning, and making people laugh every day.

On March 30th, 2018, Edward Samuel Harris, passed in peace and gratitude, joining his sister Florence Baruch and brother Alan Harris, and surrounded by his grandchildren, Hannah Lascar Harris, Minerva Harris Lerner, Khalil Lascar Harris, and his two daughters. Edward was a poet, a scholar, a composer, a fair and prosperous businessman, and first and foremost, a giant spirit wrapped in a small package of generosity and grace. He will be missed.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 8th, 2018 at 1pm at **Morgan Memorial Home**, 1304 Regency Drive West, Savoy, IL 61874 with a private repast afterward. For details, please call: 217.356.5858. Please consider making a donation in Edward's honor to Jewish Family Services, Los Angeles, CA, Circle of Friends, Urbana, IL, or the national Alzheimer's Association.

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Honaker, Jeannetta Lea

Jeannetta Lea Honaker, of Friendswood, Texas passed away peacefully at the age of 80 on Monday April 2, 2018.

She was born in Burlington, Kentucky on March 30, 1938 to Kermit Mallicoat and Laura Lucille Kittle. She was married to Robert Newton Honaker for 42 years.

Jeannetta Honaker had a career as an operating room technician for over 25 years at Our Lady of the Resurrection and West Suburban Medical Center in the Chicago land area. Even in retirement she loved taking care of others.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Robert Newton Honaker, sisters Gloria Jean Riley, Ruby Cottrell Rogers, and brother James Wesley Mallicoat.

She is survived by her daughter Vicki Harbeck and step-daughter Darlene Vera; grandchildren Amber, Erik, Tony, Keisha, Derek, and Tyler.

A family gravesite memorial service will be held Friday, April 27, 2018 at 4:00pm **Forest Park East Funeral Home and Cemetery** located at 21620 Gulf Freeway Webster, Texas.

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Horvat, John

Mr. John Horvat, son of the late Julia and the late Frank of Crabtree, Pennsylvania, born in Crabtree, Pennsylvania, passed away at age 88 on March 24, 2018 in Schaumburg, Illinois. John attended Devry Technical Institute. John served in the Army in the Korean War and worked for AT&T as a systems analyst. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Frank Jr. and Julius; and sisters, Margaret and Helen. John is survived by his wife Betty, and son, David. In keeping with his wishes, he will be cremated.

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Kath, Patricia Burns

Patricia Burns Kath, age 76, of Fox Lake, at rest April 6, 2018. Beloved wife of Rodney L. Kath; loving mother of Rodney J. (Lianne) Kath and Bradley (Christine) Kath; cherished grandmother of Jack, Henry, Aidan, Nathan, Sean & James; fond sister of Sr. Dorothy Burns, RSM. Resting at **Justen Funeral Home & Crematory**, 3700 Charles J. Miller Road, McHenry. Visitation Monday 11 a.m. until the funeral service at noon. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Woodstock. Memorials to Sisters of Mercy Dev't Office, 7262 Mercy Road, Omaha, NE 68124. INFO: 815-385-2400, or visit www.justenfhome.com.

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Krus Jr. USAF (Ret.), SMSgt. Frank

SMSgt. Frank Krus Jr. USAF (Ret.), 83, passed away on March 29, 2018. Beloved husband of Kathy (Kilian); dear father to Jennifer (Jason) Rosegay and Neil (Brenda); and proud loving grandfather of Madalyn.

Father of Karen (and grandfather/great-grandfather) and Barbara from a previous marriage. He worked for Illinois Bell for 12 years and Centel/Sprint for 29 years. He served in the Army for 14 years (12th Special Forces Group Airborne) and Illinois Air National Guard (ILANG), 217th E.I.S. at O'Hare until his retirement in 1995. He volunteered at the SRAO in Arlington Heights and was its director for over 15 years. He was a member of Special Forces Association - Chapter 37, First Special Service Force Association, ILANG Silver Circle, The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) and American Legion Post 36.

Visitation Sunday April 8, from 3-8 pm at **Oehler Funeral Home**, 2099 Miner St (corner of Northwest Hwy/ Rt 14 and Rand Rd), Des Plaines. Interment Private For info please call 847-824-5155 or visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Nadile, Frank A.

Frank A. Nadile passed away suddenly on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the age of 61. Beloved Husband of Dee nee Lio for a loving twelve years. Devoted Step Father of Timothy and the Late Donald Remus. Loving Son of Antonetta nee Piacenti and the Late Thomas Nadile. Loving Son in Law to Francine and the Late Arthur Lio. Fond Grandfather of Donnie and Rocco. Dear Brother of Carol, Thomas, Noel (Vince) Valente. Dear Uncle of many. Frank was a dedicated singer in the Entertainment Industry and Co-Owner of the Village Pub in North Riverside. Family and Friends are to gather for the Visitation Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at **Russo's Hillside Chapels**, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, Illinois 60162 (Located between Mannheim and Wolf Road). Funeral to follow Monday, April 9, 2018 at **Russo's Hillside Chapels**. A public Visitation from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. immediately followed by a Chapel Service of Christian Burial celebrated promptly at 11:00 a.m. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, Illinois. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Frank's personal tribute website at www.russoshillsidechapel.com and sign his guestbook.



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Nemec, Ludmila

Beloved wife of the late Albert. Devoted mother of Libor, Adalbert (Karen), Jozef (Charlotte) and Miroslav (Elisa). Loving daughter of the late Emil and the late Maria Stankovskoy. Dear sister of Funka, Yarka and the late Oliver. Cherished grandmother of Kelly, Amanda (Tim) Barker, Courtney and Michael. Visitation Sunday April 8, 2018 from 4:00 until 8:00P.M. at Rago Brothers Norridge Chapels (Giancola Funeral Directors) 7751 W. Irving Park Rd. Funeral Monday April 9th. Family and friends are asked to meet at St. Cariscus Church 6020 W. Ardmore Ave. at 9:30A.M. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Info 773-625-7751

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Nunes, Hilda

Hilda Frances Franceschi Nunes died April 5, 2018, at the age of 87 from natural causes. A loving soul, much of her joy in life was provided by her relationship with near and extended family and friends, and in recent years, a highly capable and caring cadre of health care professionals. Her Catholic faith guided her life and was a comfort, and her rock, throughout good times and bad.

The daughter of Italian immigrants, Silvio and Josephine "Beppina" Franceschi (née Anesi), she was born at Mother Cabrini Hospital in Chicago on November 21, 1930 at the start of the Great Depression. She was raised lovingly by her parents, and grandparents, Rosa and Ricardo Anesi. Throughout her life her ties to the Italian Trentino-Alto Adige immigrant community remained strong. She attended and graduated from St. Clement High School. Her friendships with several of her classmates were lifelong. She worked as a bookkeeper for various companies, but the greatest source of pride in her life were her sons and their families. She is survived by her sons Marcus (Amy Boli), Paul (Joan Cummings) and Joseph (Wendy Heimann). The loving "Nonna" to her 8 grandchildren and 1 grand-daughter-in-law (Katherine, Marc (Laura), Alexander, Jonathan, Charlotte, Michael, Eva and Noah) will be missed for her kindness, wit and wisdom, often dispensed with love over her home cooking. Her Sunday dinners were legendary and her "gravy" for pasta was unsurpassed. Every grandchild was cherished and recognized for their unique qualities. Her hospitality and friendship touched the lives of many others, who were blessed to confide in her, whether over a bountiful meal or a simple cup of coffee.

She is also survived by her cousins whom she held in close esteem and with whom she maintained a close relationship to the end, including Gemma Francescatti Unser, Dr. Darius Francescatti, his wife Jan and all of the members of both of their families. She will be missed by many other cousins, neighbors and friends. Visitation Sunday, April 8, from 3 to 9 pm; funeral prayers Monday, 9:15 am at **Lawrence Funeral Home**, 4800 N. Austin Ave., Chicago. Procession to St. Constance Church for 10 am Mass of Christian Burial. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Evans Scholars Foundation (www.wgaesf.com) in the name of the Hilda Nunes Scholarship fund. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. For more information www.lawrencefh.com or 773-736-2300.



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Olista, Ann Barbara

On April 5, 2018, Ann Barbara Olista (Katzberger) of Mount Prospect, IL, passed away at the age of 95. Ann was born in 1922 in Chicago, IL. In high school, she enrolled in German class, thinking it would be easy because her parents emigrated from Germany. She was surprised to find that the low German they spoke at home was not the same German taught in school. She met her husband of 64 years, Richard "Dick" F. Olista, at the Aragon Ballroom in Chicago. To make their wedding cake during World War II, family and neighbors combined ration stamps.

Though Ann spent most of her life as a homemaker in Des Plaines and Mount Prospect, she enjoyed living in Camarillo, California in the 80s and early 90s and worked at a local flower shop. Ann's family will miss her calls to inquire how the family was doing. Though she lost her vision, she was grateful for technological advances that made it possible to call her family by speech alone.

Ann will be lovingly remembered by her children-Dennis "Rick" (Nancy), Patti (John) Pertell, Roberta (the late Michael) Burrows, Jim (Julia), and Roger (Debbie); grandchildren-Christa, Ryan, Jenn, Robin, Vanessa, Cassie, Kevin, Tracy, Amanda, Sean, Christina, Michael, and Kyle; and 9 great-grandchildren. Ann was preceded in death by her husband Richard; her parents John and Mary; and brothers, Marty (Gladys), Johnny, and Frank.

Visitation will be held Sunday, April 8 from 3-7 pm at **Lauterburg & Oehler Funeral Home**, 2000 E. Northwest Hwy, Arlington Hts. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, April 9, at 10 am at St. Raymond, 301 S. I-Oka, Mt. Prospect followed by a service at All Saints Mausoleum, 700 N. River Rd., Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Foundation Fighting Blindness, blindness.org. **Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries**

Prendergast, Catherine

Catherine Prendergast, Age 70. Dear daughter of the late Richard and Catherine Prendergast; loving sister of Gerald (Yvonne DelPrincipe), Richard (Julie), Thomas (Joan), Patrick (late Sharon), Seamus, Loretto (late Bob) White and Regina (Steven) Hermann; cherished aunt of many; also survived by many fond cousins, family and friends. **Funeral Monday, April 9, 2018 9:15 a.m. from Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W 103rd St, Oak Lawn, IL to St. John Fisher Church, 10235 S Fairfield, Chicago. Mass 10:00 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. Visitation Sunday, April 8 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. Memorial contributions in Catherine's name may be made to Misericordia, 6300 N Ridge Ave, Chicago, IL 60660, www.misericordia.com. Info: 708-636-1193 or www.blakelamboaklawn.com



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Reinstein, Sharon

Sharon Reinstein, nee Meadows, 76, beloved wife of Philip for 53 wonderful years; loving mother of Arthur (Debbie) Reinstein, Jill (Jack) Pinto, the late Robyn Cohen and dear mother-in-law of Josh and Marci Cohen; cherished and extremely proud grandma of Noah, Sammie and Lexi Reinstein, Mia and Sarah Pinto and Maya, Zoe and Max Cohen; dearest sister of Tammy (Jerry) Goldberg, Roberta (Marvin) Littky and Stanley (Jean) Meadows; treasured aunt, cousin and close friend of many. **Chapel service Monday 10 AM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to MPN Research Foundation. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Scheck, Burton D.

Burton D Scheck of Las Vegas and Chicago. Married for 73 years to the love of his life Irene nee Emanuel. Fond son of the late Leo and Helen Scheck. Loving father of Dale (Jeannine), Dean, Don (Karen), Duane and Danny (Cheryl). Devoted grandfather of Wesley, Brooke, Felicia, Leo (Amy), Lena (Jason), Loni, Zach, Nate, Shelby, Sami, Joey, Jeremy and Jessie (Ross). Great grandfather of Michael, Gabriel and Judah. The funeral services and interment will be private. The shiva will be on Sunday at Ravinia Green Country Club 1200 Saunders Rd., Riverwoods from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Contributions in his memory can be made to www.Tourette.org, www.Alpha1.org or www.nationalmssociety.org (MS Walk - Team Poppy Burt) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



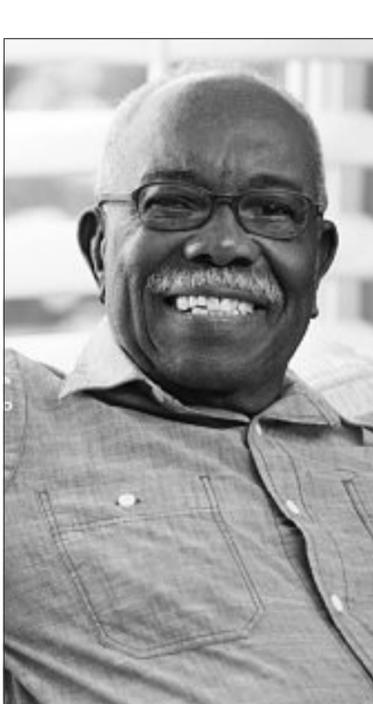
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By Theodore Eidukas Vice President - Regulatory Affairs

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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

College investigation had unwanted ending for FBI

BY WILL HOBSON
Washington Post

When music agent Norby Walters came up with a novel plan to break into the sports agent business in the 1980s — he wanted to sign college football and basketball players to secret contracts, agreeing to pay them thousands while they toiled as amateurs in exchange for their promise to retain Walters when they went professional — he decided to consult some lawyers first.

This plan would flagrantly violate NCAA rules, the lawyers said, but it wouldn't break any laws. So Walters got to work, signing dozens of pro prospects at colleges across the country. Then — because of Walters' mob ties and rumors of threats of violence — the FBI got involved. Six years later, Walters was finished as a sports agent, but a lengthy, expensive criminal investigation and prosecution collapsed in appeals courts, where a judge made wry observations about the NCAA's role in creating the black market Walters had exploited.

Three decades later — with another FBI investigation shaking the foundation of college sports — it's worth revisiting what happened to Walters, whose story demonstrates the timelessness of the allegations at the core of the current federal probe, and serves as a cautionary tale for the prosecutors and FBI officials in New York leading the current investigation.

The son of a Polish immigrant who opened a nightclub in Brooklyn, Walters took over for his father and expanded in the 1950s and '60s, eventually owning 21 bars and restaurants across New York. As Walters later explained to the Washington Post, this was how he grew acquainted with John "Sonny" Franzese, underboss of the Colombo crime family.

"When you're in the restaurant business, you really meet a lot of people. I mean, you really meet a lot of people," Walters said in 1987. "He was just a kind of a person that you know."

In the 1970s and '80s, Walters moved into the music business, becoming a booking agent whose clientele included Janet Jackson, Kool and the Gang and Patti LaBelle. Michael Franzese — Sonny's son, known as the "Yuppie Don" — became a business partner, offering financial support and, Franzese later would testify, his unique persuasive abilities. In 1982, when Dionne Warwick was considering dropping Walters, Franzese said, he paid the singer's representatives a visit, and she changed her mind.

In 1984, Walters, then in his 50s, was approached by Lloyd Bloom, a former bouncer in his mid-20s who worked for his father's collections agency while maintaining aspirations of becoming a sports agent. Bloom suggested Walters expand into sports and offered to help him acquire clients. Franzese agreed to bankroll the new sports agency, he said later, and allowed the men to use his name — and reputation — to convince prospective clients to sign.

Before Walters and Bloom hit the road, Walters met with lawyers at the prestigious New York law firm Shea & Gould to discuss his idea to pay college athletes to sign with him.

"I told him his conduct violated the rules of the NCAA," attorney Michael Feldberg later testified. "But rules of the NCAA aren't law."

Over the next two years, Walters and Bloom were wildly successful. Offering \$2,500 to \$5,000 up front, with a couple hundred more each month, plus gifts including clothes and cars, the two signed nearly 60 athletes, mostly football players, with a few basketball players as well.

In early 1987, as the NCAA and several newspapers started investigating the tactics of Walters and Bloom, the pair brazenly flouted their indifference to NCAA amateurism rules.

"Part of being a businessman is making investments," Walters told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "If I were going to invest \$500,000 in a McDonald's franchise in downtown Atlanta, would anybody question my investment?"

Among the athletes Walters admitted he'd paid: Ohio State wide receiver Cris Carter, who went on to a Hall of Fame career; Temple running back Paul Palmer, runner-up in the 1986 Heisman Trophy voting; and Purdue safety Rod Woodson, who also went on to a Hall of Fame career.

In Chicago, rumors that Walters and Bloom were threatening to break the legs of players who reneged on their deals drew the interest of the FBI and federal prosecutors. A grand jury began looking into their tactics in 1987.

When Walters was asked by a Post reporter in 1987 where he thought the grand jury investigation was going, he replied: "To hell, I hope."

In August 1988, the grand jury indicted Walters and Bloom on a raft of charges, including racketeering, mail fraud, conspiracy to commit extortion and wire fraud.

To charge Walters and Bloom with fraud, prosecutors in Chicago deployed an unusual legal theory. To charge someone with fraud, prosecutors needed victims. Paying college athletes seemed, on the surface, to be a victimless crime.

The victims, according to prosecutors,



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Cris Carter, front, was the only player charged in an FBI investigation into agent payoffs to college players during the 1980s and '90s.

were the schools — including Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame and Auburn — who paid scholarship money to athletes who, in conspiracy with Walters and Bloom, fraudulently professed to be amateurs.

Before charging the agents, prosecutors reached pretrial agreements with 43 former college athletes who agreed to reimburse schools for their scholarships to avoid facing charges. Carter, then with the Philadelphia Eagles, was the only athlete charged with crime because he lied to the grand jury. He later received probation and a \$15,000 fine as part of a plea deal.

Prosecutors had more severe punishments in mind for Walters and Bloom. The trial, in March and April 1989, was a bit of a circus, with witnesses including Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler, the singer Warwick (who denied mob figures influenced her decisions) and Franzese, the Mafioso who was serving a prison sentence of his own for racketeering and tax evasion. The jury convicted Walters and Bloom of racketeering, mail fraud and racketeering conspiracy, and the judge sentenced Walters to serve five years in prison and Bloom three years.

Neither man served a day. They were allowed to remain free during appeals, and in 1990 an appeals court threw out the convictions, ruling the judge had erred, in part, for improperly instructing the jury how much weight to give the testimony from the lawyers, who said they advised Walters and Bloom it wasn't a crime to break NCAA rules.

Prosecutors moved to retry Walters on

mail fraud, and he submitted an Alford plea — a type of guilty plea that essentially means he admitted the prosecution could prove its case but denied he felt what he had done was a crime — and immediately appealed.

In June 1993, an appeals court ruled, again, in favor of Walters, throwing out the lone remaining conviction. Paying college athletes was not fraud, wrote Judge Frank H. Easterbrook, who described Walters as "a nasty and untrustworthy fellow" but also singled out NCAA amateurism rules and the colleges for criticism.

"Many scholars understand the NCAA as a cartel," Easterbrook wrote. "The NCAA depresses athlete's income — restricting payments to the value of tuition, room, and board, while receiving services of substantially greater worth. The NCAA treats this as desirable preservation of amateur sports; a more jaundiced eye would see it as the use of monopsony power to obtain athletes' services for less than the competitive market price."

Anton Valukas, the former U.S. attorney who prosecuted Walters and Bloom, said in a phone interview last week he had no regrets about the case, which he felt was a worthwhile use of federal law enforcement resources because of the threats of violence, and the possibility Franzese family members would have leaned on Walters' clients to influence the outcome of games, for betting purposes.

"I wasn't terribly concerned about protecting the NCAA or college teams ... but much more interested and concerned that the money and muscle for Walters was coming from the Colombo family," said

Valukas, a senior partner at Jenner & Block firm in Chicago. "You had mob money and the ability to blackmail or extort these athletes. It wouldn't take too much to encourage someone to drop two key passes in a key game."

The current FBI probe out of New York has yet to uncover any allegations of violent threats or ties to organized crime. Two Adidas officials and an aspiring NBA agent are charged with wire fraud for conspiring to pay the families of players. The victims, according to prosecutors, are Louisville and Miami, under the same theory rejected in the Walters case. Four assistant coaches and a bespoke suit-maker also face a series of charges — including bribery conspiracy and conspiracy to commit wire fraud — in which NCAA rules also figure prominently.

Asked whether he would have pursued his cases had there not been any mob involvement or allegations of violent threats, Valukas replied: "I don't know the answer to that."

Bloom was found shot dead in his Malibu home in August 1993, at age 34. He'd made many enemies, and the headline in the Los Angeles Times story about his death read, "Few Surprised by Agent's Slaying."

Walters, meanwhile, retired to Los Angeles, where he still runs with a high-profile crowd. Now 85, he hosts an annual Oscar party called "Night of 100 Stars" at the Beverly Hilton. Reached by phone this week, Walters spoke very briefly to a reporter before hanging up.

"Listen, Mr. Post — by the way, I loved the movie, 'The Post' ... but that's 30 years ago, and I don't want to talk about it," he said.

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

Mock wheeling, dealing in latest faux NFL draft

BY SAM FARMER
Los Angeles Times

Piecing together NFL mock drafts is a little like raising children. At some point, you have to release your grip and let them out into the world to experience failure.

But in the meantime, it's fun playing ersatz executive, wheeling and dealing, and taking gambles on prospects with absolutely zero money at stake.

With that in mind, this Mock 3.0 takes trades into account. They're surely going to happen. There were 10 first-round trades before or during the 2017 draft, and already this year the Jets and Bills have made deals to inch up, both on the hunt for quarterbacks.

There is a bountiful crop of quarterback prospects in this class, conceivably six first-rounders, and as many as a dozen teams with the position at or near the top of their wish list. That's a recipe for pick swapping in the opening round.

Here's one of the virtually infinite ways the first round could unfold, with a few proposed trades mixed in:

1. Browns — Sam Darnold, QB, USC: It was serendipity that it rained during Darnold's pro day. The Browns got to see him handle wet weather in stride.

2. Bills (proposed trade with Giants) — Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming: The Bills have two picks in the first round, maybe enough ammunition to sneak ahead of the Jets to grab the draft's strongest arm.

3. Jets — Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA: Rosen is the most polished quarterback in this draft. Jets likely would be happy with any of these top three.

4. Cardinals (proposed trade with Browns) — Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma: The Cardinals haven't taken a quarterback earlier than the fourth round since using the 10th pick on Matt Leinart in 2006. But now is not the time to stand on tradition.

5. Broncos — Saquon Barkley, RB, Penn State: Barkley's the best athlete in this draft, and would immediately upgrade the Denver offense. The Broncos need a QB, but if the top four are gone.

6. Colts — Bradley Chubb, DE, North Carolina State: Even though the Colts need protection for Andrew Luck, it's too tempting here to snag the draft's top defensive talent.

7. Buccaneers — Quenton Nelson, G, Notre Dame: Taking a guard this early sounds imprudent, but Nelson is that highly regarded. The Buccaneers' most pressing need is for a pass rusher.

8. Bears — Minkah Fitzpatrick, CB, Alabama: There doesn't look to be a receiver worthy of a top-10 pick, at least not at this point. The Bears could use a shutdown corner.

9. 49ers — Tremaine Edmunds, OLB, Virginia Tech: The 6-foot-5 Edmunds is freakishly athletic, versatile enough to play multiple positions in that defense, and is only 19.

10. Raiders — Vita Vea, DT, Washington: The Raiders need to fortify the middle of their defense. The secondary is hurting, too, but the Raiders have used a top pick on a DB in three of five years and where has it gotten them?

11. Dolphins — Derwin James, S, Florida State: The Dolphins, who have sledgehammer safeties in Reshad Jones and T.J. McDonald, could use a burner like James who has the speed to blanket not just tight ends but receivers.

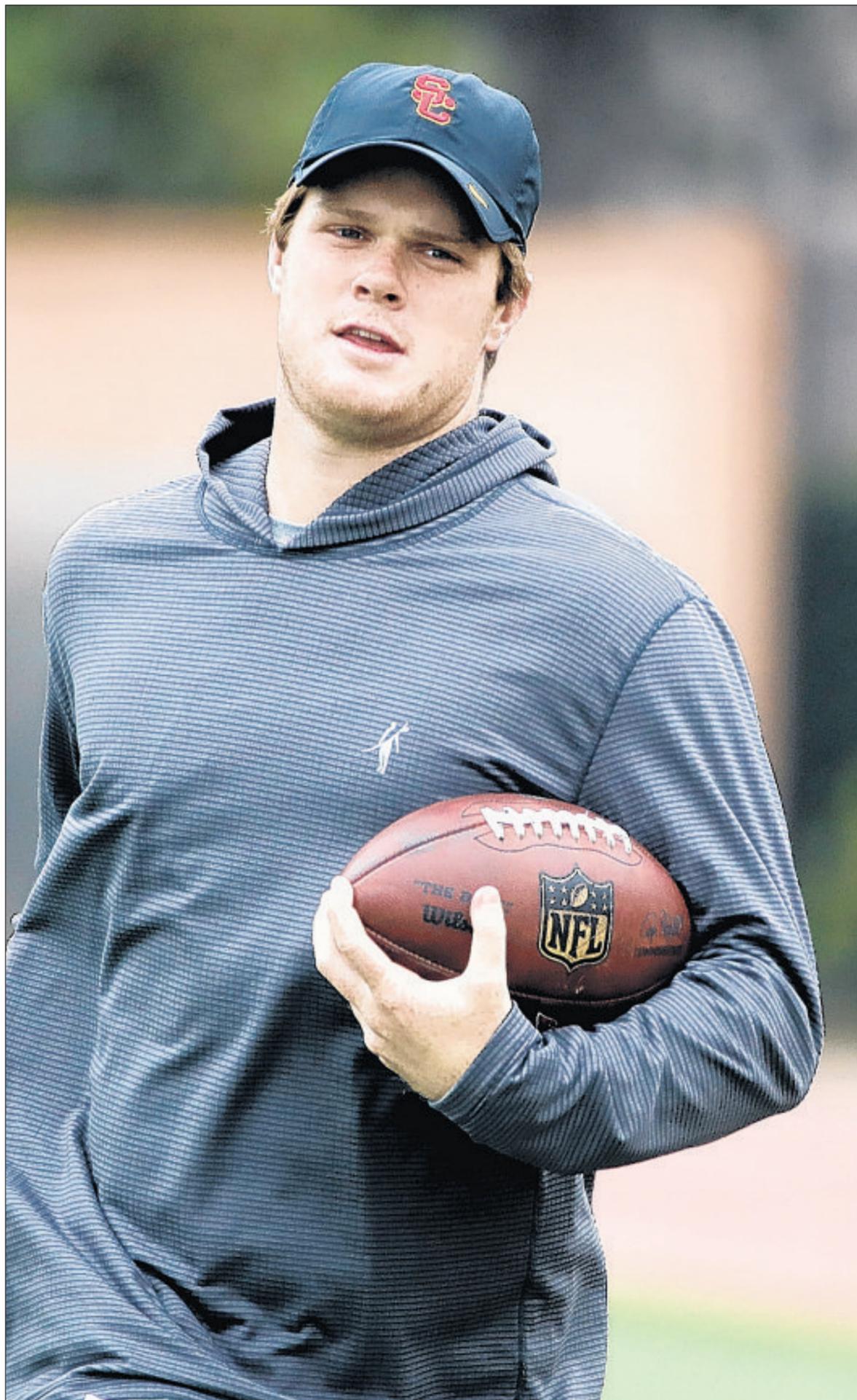
12. Giants (proposed trade with Bills) — Kolton Miller, T, UCLA: GM Dave Gettleman tends to build his teams from the lines out, and protection for Eli Manning makes sense here if the Giants bail out of the No. 2 pick.

13. Redskins — Roquan Smith, ILB, Georgia: Smith is sort of Alec Ogletree 2.0, and would be a good fit for the Redskins, even though they re-signed linebackers Mason Foster and Zach Brown.

14. Packers — Harold Landry, OLB, Boston College: The Packers need an edge rusher. They need help in the secondary, too, but they've used their top pick on a DB in three of the last four drafts and the results have been disappointing.

15. Browns (proposed trade with Cardinals) — Denzel Ward, CB, Ohio State: If the Browns bail out of Minkah Fitzpatrick territory, they could still get a quality corner in Ward, who's 5-11 and can run a scorching 4.32 second 40 at the combine.

16. Ravens — Connor Williams, T, Texas: The Ravens need to give Joe Flacco help, likely in the form of a playmaking receiver and/or tight end. They need to give him



JAE C. HONG/AP

It might never rain in Southern California, but former Trojans quarterback Sam Darold might have a wet future with the Browns.

more help up front, though, too.

17. Chargers — Mike McGlinchey, T, Notre Dame: Matt Ryan's cousin figures to be a reliable choice, wherever he lands. Chargers could also search for an heir apparent to expensive DT Corey Liuget, suspended for the first four games.

18. Seahawks — Derrius Guice, RB, Louisiana State: Russell Wilson can't carry the offense on his own. The Seahawks need to establish a running game, and Guice is a good-sized back with the speed of a smaller one.

19. Cowboys — Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama: The Cowboys are looking for more weapons for Dak Prescott, and Ridley could help create more opportunities for Dez Bryant.

20. Lions — Da'Ron Payne, DT, Alabama: In Detroit, Payne could be reunited with college teammate A'Shawn Robinson and position coach Bo Davis, with the Lions looking to put their spin on a Nick Saban front.

21. Bengals — Jaire Alexander, CB, Louisville: Alexander, who was slowed by injuries last season, has seen his draft stock rising in recent weeks. The Bengals put him through a private workout after the combine.

22. Giants (proposed trade with Bills)

— Taven Bryan, DT, Florida: In this mock, Gettleman addressed the offensive line with the team's first pick and now fortifies the defensive line, where good Giants teams have thrived.

23. Rams — James Daniels, C/G, Iowa: Seeing as the Rams have done so much on defense with free agency and trades, now it's time to turn to the offensive line and eventual replacements for center John Sullivan and tackle Andrew Whitworth.

24. Panthers — Marcus Davenport, DE, Texas-San Antonio: Charles Johnson is gone and Julius Peppers is in the twilight of his career. Time for the Panthers to give their defensive front a youth infusion.

25. Titans — Leighton Vander Esch, OLB, Boise State: Vander Esch, the Mountain West defensive player of the year, is somewhat reminiscent of Mike Vrabel, the Titans' first-year coach. Vander Esch would fill a position of need for Tennessee.

26. Patriots (proposed trade with Falcons) — Mason Rudolph, QB, Oklahoma State: The Patriots need someone to play that Jimmy Garoppolo role behind Tom Brady, who turns 41 this year. Here, the Patriots leapfrog ahead of New Orleans and Pittsburgh, both in need of QB understudies, to get Rudolph.

27. Saints — Hayden Hurst, TE, South Carolina: Coby Fleener struggled with

concussions, and the Saints need a long-term answer at tight end. Could the versatile Hurst wind up being their next Jimmy Graham?

28. Steelers — Josh Jackson, CB, Iowa: Jackson made the most of his 14 career starts at Iowa, and returned two interceptions for touchdowns last season. The Steelers need help in the secondary.

29. Jaguars — Dallas Goedert, TE, South Dakota State: With Marcedes Lewis in the fourth quarter of his illustrious career, the Jaguars need a tight end who can be a receiving threat for years to come. Don't rule out Jacksonville going QB here, either.

30. Vikings — Orlando Brown, T, Oklahoma: The Vikings were vastly improved on the offensive line last season, but they still need to beef up there so they have the flexibility to move linemen into their best spots.

31. Falcons (proposed trade with Patriots) — Isaiah Wynn, G, Georgia: Wynn wouldn't have to move too far, and he'd be filling a big area of need.

32. Eagles — Rashaan Evans, LB, Alabama: The Eagles re-signed Nigel Bradham, but fellow linebacker Jordan Hicks has had two serious injuries in three years. The Super Bowl champions need to stock up on talent at linebacker.

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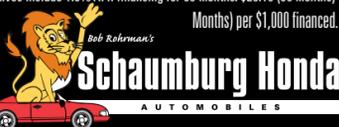
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2018 INFINITI QX80 VS. 2018 NISSAN ARMADA

Is the luxury badge worth it?

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When the redesigned Nissan Armada hit dealerships in mid-2016, we found it a capable full-size SUV with plenty of similarities to its older platform sibling, the Infiniti QX80 (née QX56). That shouldn't surprise you: Infiniti is Nissan's luxury brand, after all. But just how different are the two? We tested well-equipped examples of both SUVs, driving them back-to-back to see if the QX80 was worth the extra dough.

It's a lot of dough, mind you. The Armada starts at \$47,385, a cool \$18,360 less than the QX80. Our well-equipped examples — a Nissan Armada Platinum Reserve and a well-optioned Infiniti QX80, both with all-wheel drive — had a similar cost chasm. As tested, the Armada totaled \$66,695; the QX80 weighed in at \$84,910 (all prices include destination).

Did the Infiniti bring enough to the table to justify paying an extra 27 percent? The scores:

Interior Quality (20 Points)
Winner: QX80

Interior styling is identical save a few minor differences in the QX80: an analog clock, stitched wrapping on the steering-wheel hub and quilted stitching on the upper doors. Below armrest level, the QX80 has padded surfaces instead of the Armada's harder plastics, but the latter materials don't look cheaper.

The QX80's cabin edged ahead with its supple, quilted semi-aniline leather accented by low-gloss marbled wood trim — a handsome combination. The Armada, however, was not too far behind. Its premium leather (an upgrade with the Platinum Reserve, versus cloth or regular cowhide in lower trims) felt just as top-notch, and it also had an upscale pleated and perforated look with contrast stitching. It did lose style points for two issues: The cabin's "Platinum Reserve" badge obnoxiously was everywhere, on all the seats and the center console box. We get it, this is the fancy Armada. Our other grievance is with the fake wood paneling, which has the same laminated look as '70s office furniture. Infiniti gets the win, but only slightly.

Comfort (20 Points)
Winner: QX80

For all their exterior girth, both SUVs underwhelm in terms of comfort. The low-to-the-floor second row will leave some adults' knees uncomfortably elevated. The third row is even worse in this regard, with tight legroom and headroom; occupants can't negotiate more space from those ahead of them because the second-row seats don't slide. The QX80 got a small edge because our test car's second-row chairs had remote tumbling from dashboard buttons, but both SUVs scored low.

Cargo, In-Cabin Storage (20 Points)
Winner: Tie

Cargo space and cabin storage are virtually identical. The Armada got an extra point thanks to a dual-hinged center armrest, which lets second-row passengers grab from the console. In terms of overall cargo friendliness, however, the QX80 got an extra point. Both vehicles have power-folding third rows, but the QX80's power-folding second row makes it easier to turn it fully into a cargo hauler.

Technology and Entertainment (20 Points)
Winner: QX80

Again, underwhelming. Both test cars had 8-inch navigation systems and dual 8-inch screens in back, plus five USB ports and an HDMI input. But the

dashboard unit's graphics and response times smacked of a bygone era, and Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are both missing. Our QX80 eked out a win here because it had optional in-car Wi-Fi (also an option in the Armada, but ours didn't have it). Neither SUV shined in this category, however.

Handling and Braking (20 Points)
Winner: Tie

Again, nothing special, here. Both SUVs require too much steering effort at low speeds and too little effort at faster speeds, resulting in buoyant highway steering that requires constant course corrections. Numb steering feedback and plentiful body roll — even with the QX80's optional Hydraulic Body Motion Control system, essentially roll-counteracting shock absorbers — worsen things.

Acceleration (20 Points)
Winner: Tie

Acceleration shines in both SUVs. Nissan's 5.6-liter V-8 makes 390 horsepower and 394 pounds-feet of torque in the Armada versus 400 hp and 413 pounds-feet in the QX80 — albeit with premium fuel recommended — but the difference isn't noticeable. Both SUVs have instant accelerator response, smooth revving and a responsive transmission.

Ride Quality and Noise (20 Points)
Winner: QX80

The QX80's trick shock absorbers pay more dividends with ride quality, where the SUV recovers immediately if you drive over a speed hump or drop a wheel on uneven pavement. Such disruptions can leave a full second of bounciness in the Armada; the QX80 has no such reverberation. The QX80 was also slightly quieter, with better insulation from road and wind noise.

Visibility (20 Points)
Winner: Tie

No difference here. Both vehicles have large C-pillars and oddly shaped side windows that limit visibility. The large second-row head restraints also compromise the view astern, and our test cars' camera-based rearview mirrors garnered mixed impressions. It's a tie.

Value for the Money (40 Points)
Winner: Armada

This comparison emphasizes value, so we eliminated the safety category (crash-avoidance systems are roughly the same, at any rate) and doubled the value score. But even after we accounted for the QX80's slight edge up to this point, plus an extra year of warranty coverage and slightly better EPA-estimated gas mileage, the Armada holds a sizable value lead.

One aspect we didn't score was the intangible value of dealerships, which some luxury shoppers may deem a significant factor. In two 1,000-point surveys by J.D. Power and Associates — one to measure sales satisfaction among shoppers, the other to measure service satisfaction among owners — Infiniti dealerships beat their Nissan counterparts by 56 and 52 points, respectively.

Overall Score
Winner: Armada

It was close, but the QX80 lost by 2 points — 127 points to 129 points — largely due to the Armada's considerable value edge. The QX80 has luxury locked down from its hushed ride to its extra-quilted seats, but surprisingly, the Armada wasn't too far behind. Its cabin still impresses in terms of quality and design, and it nearly matches the Infiniti's level of comfort and convenience features. More polished exterior styling, an edge in road-manner refinement and a slightly more elegant cabin just doesn't add up to an extra 18 large.

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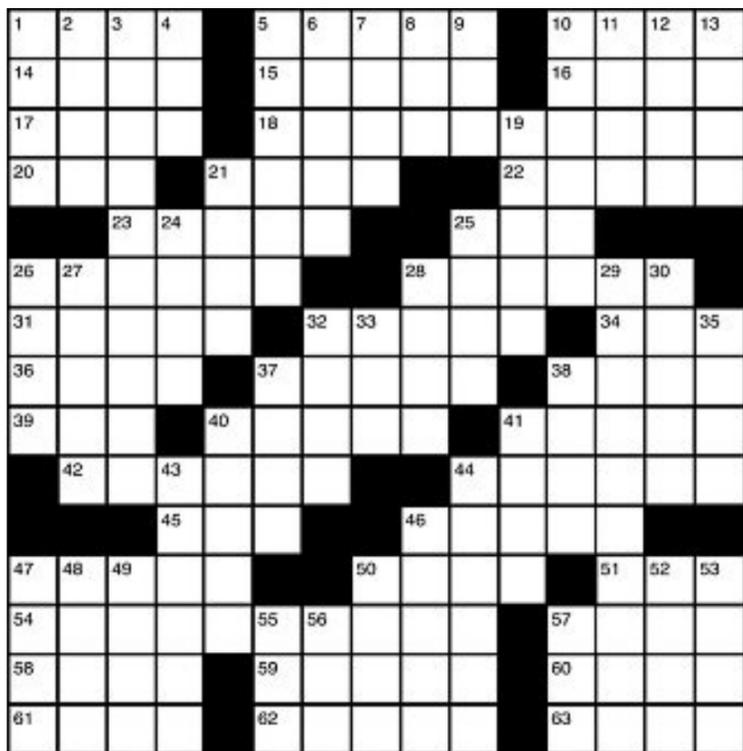
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ACROSS

- 1 Large continent
- 5 Scour
- 10 Factual
- 14 Gritty sediment
- 15 One of ___ days; eventually
- 16 Difficult
- 17 Woody's son
- 18 Going in again
- 20 Greek letter
- 21 Greenish-blue
- 22 Topped with soap lather
- 23 Lovers' meeting
- 25 Burro
- 26 Leafy veggies
- 28 Gave a speech
- 31 Uncanny
- 32 Mrs. Reagan
- 34 Energy
- 36 Better ___; superior to
- 37 Sport fish
- 38 Casino game
- 39 Today: abbr.
- 40 Accuse
- 41 Shoptalk
- 42 Lebanon's capital
- 44 Cheese-topped tortilla chips
- 45 Eggy drink
- 46 Clear liquor
- 47 Film genre
- 50 Brief life sketches

DOWN

- 3 Unable to read or write
- 4 From ___ Z; the whole gamut
- 5 Tension
- 6 Swindler
- 7 Become dizzy
- 8 Annapolis acad. operator
- 9 Wager
- 10 Push with force
- 11 Sudden attack
- 12 Crematory shelf supplies
- 13 Nervous
- 19 Schoolchild's composition
- 21 Tim Daly's sis
- 51 Reject; veto
- 54 Law office employees
- 57 Skunk's defense
- 58 Come ___; find
- 59 Soup utensil
- 60 Greek cheese
- 61 Torn in two
- 62 Bugs that hop
- 63 One ___ Multivitamins

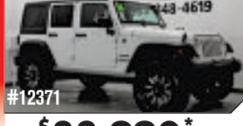
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- 24 ___ in; bring under control
- 25 Part of the foot
- 26 Acquires
- 27 Good place for a drug addict
- 28 A single time
- 29 Fair; impartial
- 30 Wild dog of Australia
- 32 Tidy
- 33 Ulna's place
- 35 Pasture cries
- 37 Sink stopper
- 38 Get a ___ out of; enjoy
- 40 Cook on a grill
- 41 The Beatles, e.g.
- 43 Baby
- 44 Lasso loops
- 46 Country estate
- 47 ___ on; incite
- 48 Outer garment
- 49 Press clothing
- 50 Commanded
- 52 Smidgen
- 53 Like Superman's vision
- 55 Aide to Santa
- 56 Four qts.
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