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Oak Park native's resolve kept cold case alive

After an arrest in Golden State Killer crimes, author is remembered for her astute theories

By Darcel Rockett
Chicago Tribune

Oak Park native Michelle McNamara researched the Golden State Killer for years.

She even wrote a New York Times best-selling book about the man who raped and killed dozens from 1976 to 1986 in Southern California: "I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer."

This week, a suspect was arrested in the case, but McNamara wasn't here to see it. The true-crime writer died unexpectedly in 2016, leaving it to friends and family to celebrate her determination to see what she saw as a "solvable case" solved.

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Author Michelle McNamara died unexpectedly in 2016.

"When everyone woke up to that news, we were like, 'Holy s---,'" said Kera Bolonik, a Brooklyn resident and friend of McNamara's for 32 years. "Of course, there's this unanimous feeling that she did this. 'Oh my gosh, she did this.' It's four days after her second anniversary of her death and a week and a half after what would have been her 48th birthday. ... All this work took them to this place, so there's a lot of pride and some sadness that she's not here to experience that pride and relief and elation, but ultimately what she did want to happen did happen."

What McNamara wanted was for an identification to be

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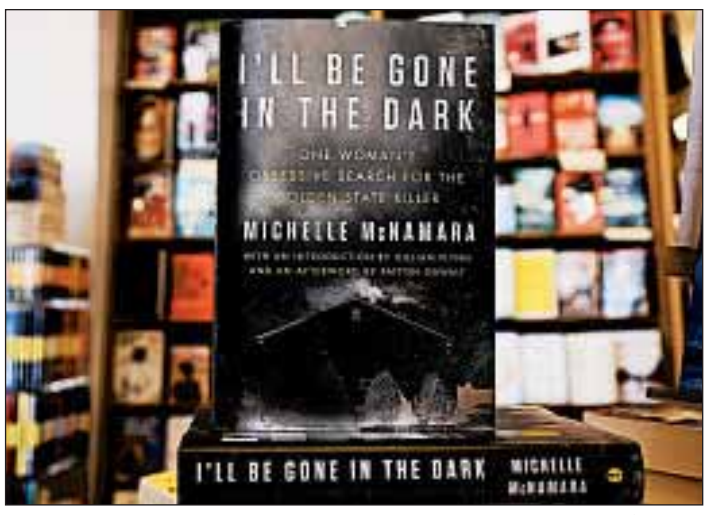

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McNamara wrote a best-seller about the case, "I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer."

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, left, and South Korean President Moon Jae-in symbolically cross the military demarcation line at Panmunjom.

Koreas aim to end war

North, South leaders agreed to seek peninsula denuclearization

By Matt Stiles and Barbara Demick
Los Angeles Times

SEOUL, South Korea — The hugs, smiles and apparent mutual admiration between the leaders of the estranged Koreas at a summit Friday set the stage for President Donald Trump to move ahead with his own plans for a face-to-face meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

But the challenge will be to turn the bonhomie seen at the demilitarized zone separating North Korea and South Korea into an actual deal in which the isolated government in Pyongyang takes tangible steps toward denuclearization.

Among those most enthusiastic about the prospects seemed to be Trump, who reacted to the meeting between Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in by telling reporters at the White House he was finalizing plans to meet Kim. Two or three locations were under consideration, he said.

"Hopefully, we are going to have great success," said Trump, who was hosting German Chancellor Angela Merkel. "This is going to be a great thing for the world."

Trump, once among Kim's harshest critics, said the North Korean leader seemed sincere about negotiations.

"Oh, I don't think he's playing. You know, it's never gone like this. It has never gotten this far," he said. "The United States in

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GOP report says no collusion

Dems decry House panel's findings on Trump-Russia links

By Tom LoBianco and Chad Day
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican-led House intelligence committee on Friday released a lengthy report concluding it found no evidence that Donald Trump's campaign colluded with Russia in the 2016 presidential campaign, drawing praise from the president and rebuttals from Democrats.

The report caps an investigation that began with the promise of bipartisanship but quickly transformed into an acrimonious battle between Democrats and Republicans over Russia's meddling in the 2016 election and whether there were any connections with the Trump campaign.

Trump quickly claimed vindication Friday, calling the report "totally conclusive, strong, powerful, many things."

"No collusion, which I knew anyway. No coordination, no nothing. It's a witch hunt, that's all it is," he told reporters in the Oval Office.

But the committee's Republicans didn't let the Trump campaign completely off the hook. They specifically cited the Trump campaign for "poor judgment" in taking a June 2016 meeting in Trump Tower that was described in emails to Trump's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., as part of a Russian government effort to aid his father's presidential bid. The report also dubbed the campaign's praise of WikiLeaks "objectionable."

"While the committee found no evidence that the Trump campaign colluded, coordinated, or conspired with the Russian government, the investigation did find poor judgment and ill-considered actions by the Trump and Clinton campaigns," the House intelligence committee wrote.

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Mother: Man shot brother before spree

Suspect's mom says accidental shooting set off panic and a streak of carjackings, violence.
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Illinois VA chief quits in wake of bacteria deaths

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After protest, R. Kelly off UIC lineup?

Ticketmaster says he's 'not performing'; misconduct allegations stirred backlash

By Morgan Greene
Chicago Tribune

The "Pied Piper of R&B" was going to perform in Chicago. Then the #MuteRKelly campaign began.

Now R. Kelly, the 51-year-old Grammy-winning R&B artist and Chicago native, whose full name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, "is no longer performing" at the upcoming 2018 Love Jam concert, Ticketmaster announced Friday on its website.

No explanation was given by Ticketmaster and others — but as far as the singer's concerned, the gig is still on, representatives said in an emailed statement attributed to his management team. "We have received no official notice of any changes in plans for the May 5 concert, and R. Kelly has been looking forward to performing for his fans in his hometown."

The development came hours after the Tribune reported on a swelling protest over Kelly's appearance and a call for University of Illinois at Chicago Chancellor Michael Amiridis to cancel the show.

For years, Kelly has been dogged by accusations of sexual misconduct, prompting protests on social media that his career and concert tours have continued.

The allegations were the impetus for a UIC staffer and others to start a petition calling for the university's chancellor to cancel the performance. The show, featuring several

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Mayor touts ideas to aid small business in latest policy talk

By John Byrne
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Friday tried to make a case for himself as a friend of Chicago's small businesses as he prepares to run for a third term.

The mayor's administration had teased out many of his initiatives before he sat down for an interview his administration put together in front of a lunchtime crowd of business owners.

Among Emanuel's proposals is a move to quench Chicagoans' thirst for outdoor drinking and eating by allowing restaurants and bars to apply for year-round sidewalk cafe licenses. He also wants to make business license changes by lowering fees, streamlining the process to get one and introducing a renewable license for "pop-up" stores that want a bricks-and-mortar location for a short time.

"The world is changing, and the city of Chicago has to change," Emanuel said during an interview with WBBM-TV reporter Dorothy Tucker at a Bronzeville gallery.

Left unsaid was that Emanuel has raised taxes, fees and fines during his seven years in office and drawn the ire of business groups for tougher regulations on things like the sale of cigarettes.

Friday's interview was the second of what the mayor says will be five policy talks as he ramps up his push for a third term ahead of the February 2019 municipal election.

He delivered a speech about the Chicago River two weeks ago and recently told WGN-AM 720 he also plans to hold events to discuss public safety, "taking on affordable housing, home ownership and gentrification," and making full-day preschool widely available.

The big-picture approach punctuated by events focused on particular topics lets him try to leverage the advantages of incumbency to set the narrative of his administration without having to respond directly to criticisms being leveled by the growing ranks of election challengers.

It follows the template he set as he was running for a second term in fall 2014, though he's kicking off months earlier amid talk he's more vulnerable than last time.

In October 2014, Emanuel had just learned Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis, his highest-profile critic, would not embark on her much-discussed mayoral campaign. He eventually faced four candidates and defeated Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia in a runoff.

This time, Emanuel likely will face a much bigger field, and he will have to deal with the fallout from the 2014 Laquan McDonald police shooting.

Those who have said they're running in the February 2019 election include Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown, businessman Willie Wilson, former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas, former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, Chicago principals association President Troy LaRaviere, tech entrepreneur Neal Sales-Griffin and community activist Ja'Mal Green.

County Commissioner Bridget Gainer and Chicago Police Board President Lori Lightfoot also are considering bids.

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Korean summit buoys Trump

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the past has been played like a fiddle ...That's not happening to us. We will, I think, come up with a solution."

Trump repeated a threat that he would walk out of a summit with Kim if they were making no progress.

During Friday's summit at Panmunjom, the so-called peace village straddling the North-South border, Kim and Moon signed a joint statement in which they "solemnly declared before the 80 million Korean people and the whole world that there will be no more war on the Korean peninsula and thus a new era of peace has begun."

They promised to work toward an eventual peace treaty to end the Korean War, which was halted by an armistice in 1953.

They also confirmed a "common goal" of denuclearization, a key point for South Korea's main ally, the United States — though they stopped short of a firm commitment.

The day's events were rich in pomp and symbolism.

Moon wore a light blue tie in the color of a flag meant to symbolize Korean unification, while Kim stuck to a Mao suit, affirming his country's commitment to socialism.

In one unplanned moment, Kim invited Moon to step across the border into North Korea just after their historic greeting, and the South Korean president warmly obliged.

"You have crossed over to the South, but when will I be able to cross over to the North?" Moon said, according to Moon's spokesman.

Kim responded, "Why don't you cross now?" and held Moon's hand as they stepped over the line.

Among the day's activities, the two leaders donned white gloves and ceremonially poured soil and water onto the base of a pine tree symbolizing peace and prosperity — an event rich in irony given the history of the location.

Among the many skirmishes over the years at the spot, there is the infamous ax murder incident from 1976, in which two U.S. soldiers trying to prune a poplar tree were killed by North Korean troops.

After the tree ceremony, the pair walked along the east side of the compound, sitting down for a discussion under clear skies and temperate weather, birds chirping in the background.

The pair seemed engaged, nodding and smiling as they talked — away from their staffs.

Later, after a historically themed honor guard reception at the complex, as the two leaders stepped into their meeting, two of Kim's security guards twice sprayed a guest book and pen with sanitizer, wiping them with a white cloth.

"I have crossed the dividing line at Panmunjom with the determination that we should build a new future," Kim wrote in the guest book. "And open a path so that all of our people can live in peace and prosperity."

To longtime North Korea watchers, the summit evoked a sense of deja vu.

In 2000, then-South Korean President Kim Dae Jung went to Pyongyang to meet Kim Jong Il, the father of the current leader, a trip for which he won the Nobel peace prize later that year.

That summit preceded a giddy period of rapprochement — with joint concert, soccer matches, cross-border tours and economic ventures — before it all fizzled.

"We've seen this show before, not for a while, but it's not so much different from what happened before," said Sue Mi Terry, a former CIA analyst now with the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

She said she doubts whether Kim Jong Un is truly willing to give up the nuclear weapons and missiles that have been so far the crowning achievement of his government.

The North Koreans have said they need their nuclear weapons as a deterrent to protect their leadership from being toppled along the lines of Iraq's Saddam Hussein and Libya's Moammar Gadhafi.

"I don't want to rain on the parade, but we don't have a single indication that Kim is really willing to put his nuclear weapons on the table," said Terry. "This could be more of a tactical shift."

"It was a pretty dramatic aspirational moment. It pulled at all the heart strings," the Council on Foreign Relations' Scott Snyder said of Friday's meeting.

But Snyder said that, practically speaking, the hard work is just beginning.

"What Kim has done so far is bring us back to the starting line for talks. The question is whether the talks can lead anywhere or if this is all we get."

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Korean leaders Kim Jong Un, left, and Moon Jae-in pledged "there will be no more war on the Korean peninsula and thus a new era of peace has begun."

GOP's Russia report: No collusion

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The report's conclusion on collusion is fiercely opposed by committee Democrats, who accused their Republican colleagues of playing "defense counsel" for the White House.

"Committee Republicans chose not to seriously investigate — or even see, when in plain sight — evidence of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia," Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the top Democrat on the committee, said in a statement. Schiff cited several "secret meetings and communication" between people linked to Russia and Trump campaign officials, including Trump Jr. and former national security adviser Michael Flynn.

Schiff called on the committee to publicly release the transcripts from dozens of interviews with key witnesses, saying the public should be able to judge the evidence gathered by the committee. Democrats also released a 98-page rebuttal.

Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Texas, meanwhile called on intelligence officials to clear the committee to release more information from the report that was deemed classified.

The 253-page document is packed with details and assessments, but is also spackled with redacted names and blacked-out passages. For instance, several pages are redacted in the section on Russian cyberattacks. One page is blacked out entirely except for a line reading, "Attribution is a Bear."

The report faults intelligence officials during the Obama administration for not telling the Trump campaign that some of its members were "potential counterintelligence concerns." It specifically cites Flynn, former Trump campaign foreign policy advisers George Papadopoulos and Carter Page, and former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort.

The panel also singles out Manafort for criticism, saying the numerous criminal charges he faces unrelated to Russia illustrated the need for better vetting by the campaign.

"If the accusations against Manafort are true, he should have never served as a senior official with a campaign for the U.S. presidency, much less campaign chairman or manager," the report said.

The report largely confirms the findings of U.S. intelligence agencies that Russia was assessed to be responsible for cyberattacks on U.S. political institutions, including the hack of the Democratic National Committee's emails. The panel found "no credible evidence" that the computer systems were compromised by another cyber actor or by "an insider threat."

The panel also found that Russians leveraged social media in the U.S. to sow discord during the campaign.

The report challenges one part of a January 2017 intelligence assessment that found that Russian meddling was an effort to help Trump. The report says committee staff found "intelligence failings" that undermine that assessment by the FBI, CIA and NSA.

Last month, in response to the committee's announcing that finding, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said it stood by the intelligence community's findings and it will review the committee's report.

The House investigation is the first of several inquiries probing Russian election interference to conclude. A separate investigation led by special counsel Robert Mueller continues, as do probes led by the Senate intelligence and judiciary committees.

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Rauner's veterans affairs director resigning

Agency criticized over Quincy deaths

By Bill Lukitsch
Chicago Tribune

The head of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs is stepping down after months of criticism over how Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's administration has handled a deadly outbreak of Legionnaires' disease at a state-run veterans home in Quincy.

Former Army helicopter pilot Erica Jeffries has led the agency since Rauner named her to the post in 2015. An outbreak of the waterborne Legionella bacteria began that year and has claimed the lives of 13 residents since. On Friday, a Rauner spokeswoman said Jeffries is leaving the agency and "accepting an offer in the private sector."

Rauner has repeatedly defended his administration's response, including bringing in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and overhauling the home's water filtration system. But the disease has persisted.

Since Rauner declared his goal was "zero instances of Legionella infection" after a weeklong stay at the home in January, several more residents have been sickened. One was an Air Force veteran whom Rauner met during his stay and later invited as a guest to his annual State of the State speech at the Capitol.

The issue has become a serious political liability for Rauner as he seeks a second term. Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker has criticized Rauner for "fatal mismanagement" of the outbreak, and state Sen. Sam McCann, a conservative who has launched a third-party bid for governor, called on Rauner's Illinois Department of Public Health director to resign months ago. Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin plans to have a news conference at the home Monday.

Meanwhile, lawmakers in both parties have questioned whether the administration alerted families about the disease in a timely manner. They also accused the governor of failing to do enough to address the problem.

"He said, I don't know how many times even on his six-day trip, 'We did everything, it's excellent what's going on down here, this is tremendous,' and yet more stuff keeps coming out," said Sen. Tom Cullerton, a Democrat from Villa Park who has led several legislative hearings to look into the situation.

"More things keep showing up, and now we have a director who resigned. I mean we should really ask the governor what the heck he's thinking and what he's gonna do and what's going on," Cullerton added.

Rauner spokeswoman Rachel Bold on Friday confirmed Jeffries' decision to leave state government.

"We thank her for her tremendous service to the state of Illinois and will be vetting appropriate successors in the coming weeks," Bold said.

Sen. Paul Schimpf, a Republican from Waterloo who sits on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, praised Jeffries' time at the helm of the agency.

"Her leadership allowed the department to fulfill its mission in the midst of a toxic political environment," Schimpf said. "We owe her our thanks for her dedication and willingness to serve our veterans."

Jeffries could not be reached late Friday, and the Department of Veterans' Affairs did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Following the initial outbreak in 2015, which sickened more than 50 people, Rauner's administration spent more than $6 million to update the home's water treatment system. But officials with the CDC have said the disease may be present in the water pipes and might never be eradicated.

Outside engineers have suggested the state consider replacing the entire plumbing network at the home, which was founded in 1886 and is the state's largest and oldest veterans home.

Rauner has appointed a task force to come up with solutions. In March, Rauner chose former head of Central Management Services Mike Hoffman to oversee efforts to overhaul the facilities at Quincy and put in place a long-term plan. Hoffman has been paid $20,000 a month to coordinate the state's efforts.

During the most recent hearing about the home, lawmakers asked Hoffman to bring them requests that may be needed to fast-track development at the home. They asked for the report to be finished by Friday to make sure there is enough time to move bills through the bureaucratic channels of the statehouse before the session is scheduled to end in May.

Cullerton said lawmakers have yet to receive it. Rauner's spokeswoman said it would be sent next week.

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A pedestrian looks over a bullet-damaged car Thursday near Rush and Oak streets in the Gold Coast. Among the four carjackings and attempted carjackings was one against an undercover cop, police say. Two of the motorists were shot.

Suspect's mom: Panic set off his violent spree

She says he accidentally shot his brother before run of carjackings, shootings that ended in Gold Coast

By Jeremy Gorner and Hannah Leone
Chicago Tribune

Chicago police call him an "engine of violence."

Over two hours, they say, the man in his 20s shot his brother, wounded two other people, committed four carjackings at gunpoint — including against an undercover Chicago police officer — and tried to pull off two more before he was cornered in the lobby of a Gold Coast high-rise Thursday evening.

But the 23-year-old's mother says her son was driven by panic after he shot his 22-year-old brother by accident on the West Side. "It was a breaking point to where he got scared," Brenda Moore, 48, told the Tribune. "I'm still in shock from all of this."

Her son has a minor criminal background that includes convictions for simple assault, a misdemeanor, in 2012 and misdemeanor battery in 2017, according to Cook County court records.

Moore acknowledged she doesn't have a perfect household. "But they weren't the kids I regretted," she said. "Siblings are going to be siblings. It never got to where a gun was drawn. It never got that serious."

Around 4 p.m. Thursday, the 23-year-old was showing his brother a gun in a home in the 5400 block of West Adams Street when it went off by accident, Moore said.

Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi could not confirm that, saying detectives were still investigating. But he did say the string of carjackings and shootings apparently was "kicked off by the shooting of his brother. The offender turns into an engine of violence."

He gave a timeline of what happened next:

The 23-year-old carjacked a red Jeep a few blocks away in the 5200 block of West Jackson Boulevard and sped off.

Around 5:15 p.m. he stopped about 6 miles away, in the 1100 block of North Milwaukee Avenue, and carjacked a silver Jaguar at gunpoint. He drove through the West Town community and crashed into vehicles near Chicago Avenue and Halsted Street.

"It's at that point that we get our first inclination that something's up because we see this activity on POD (police surveillance) cameras," Guglielmi said.

Around 5:20 p.m., the suspect crashed the Jaguar in the 500 block of West Chicago Avenue in the Near North neighborhood. He then carjacked the undercover officer in her SUV, a black Ford Escape, in the 800 block of North Hudson Avenue, authorities said.

The suspect ditched the SUV in the 1000 block of North State Street. He approached the driver of a black Nissan Altima and tried to steal the car but ended up shooting the 37-year-old man in the shoulder and running away.

The suspect ran to the 1000 block of North Rush Street — not far from some such well-known restaurants and bars as Gibson's steakhouse and Tavern On Rush — and carjacked a black Jeep at gunpoint.

The suspect drove the Jeep a few blocks to the inner portion of the 1400 block of North Lake Shore Drive in the Gold Coast. He tried to carjack an 84-year-old man, who was in a black Mercedes, but the man resisted and was shot in the shoulder.

Chicago police arrested the suspect after he ran into the lobby of a high-rise condominium building on Lake Shore Drive. Police confiscated a gun from him.

The suspect's brother was brought to Mount Sinai Hospital with a gunshot wound to the arm. Moore said he was in intensive care, but he has spoken with detectives.

The two men shot during the attempted carjackings were taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening, police said.

Moore said she tried to get counseling for both sons after the death of their 25-year-old brother, who was hit in a drive-by shooting Dec. 12 in the East Garfield Park neighborhood. "The loss of their brother has done damage to my family," she said.

No charges had been filed by Friday evening. Guglielmi said detectives were still interviewing witnesses.

Carjackings have skyrocketed throughout Chicago. Last year the city recorded about 1,000 carjackings, the highest number the city had seen in at least a decade, according to police statistics.

So far this year, carjackings are occurring just as frequently. Through April 19, 232 carjackings were recorded in the city, two more than during the same period in 2017, police statistics show. During the same period in 2016, there were 147 carjackings, compared with 78 at the same time in 2015.

After the violent spree Thursday evening, Chicago police Deputy Chief Kevin Ryan sought to assure the public that the Gold Coast was safe, and he had a message for anyone planning to cause trouble in the tony neighborhood: "If you come down here to do this, you're going to get caught."

But some residents said Friday they felt uneasy and were talking among themselves about how to defend themselves against carjackers.

"Just being more aware, that's really all I can do," said Juli Valdez, 49, who lives just west of the Gold Coast and resells luxury goods on the Mag Mile. "I was talking to a friend this morning about how to even be prepared if somebody walked up to your car. I don't even know how to prepare myself, to be honest."

She thinks she'd give up her car. She's also considering getting a concealed carry gun license.

Pat Tomlinson, a hair and makeup artist who lives in the 1400 block of North Lake Shore Drive, said she has started locking her car when she's at a gas station. Tomlinson said she's friends with the wife of the 84-year-old man and described him as a "tough cookie."

Tomlinson was home at the time but didn't even hear sirens. "It's just so close to home," she said.

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Lawyer accused of acting as judge dies as trial looms

By Todd Lighty and Megan Crepeau
Chicago Tribune

A lawyer who was just days from going on trial on charges she impersonated a Cook County judge was found dead Thursday afternoon in her south suburban home.

Calumet City police said officers and firefighters responding to a call of a possible suicide found Rhonda Crawford, 46, unresponsive in her home in the 300 block of Hoxie Avenue.

"The incident is being investigated as an apparent suicide," police Chief Christopher Fletcher said in a statement.

In a followup email, Fletcher declined to provide further details "out of respect" to Crawford's family and friends.

A spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office said it was awaiting the results of toxicology tests before determining the cause and manner of Crawford's death.

Crawford was scheduled to go on trial Monday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building on one count of official misconduct, a felony, and one count of false impersonation, a misdemeanor. She pleaded not guilty to the charges and was free on $10,000 bond at the time of her death.

Prosecutors indicted Crawford after she had put on a judge's robe and presided over a handful of traffic cases in a suburban courtroom in summer 2016. That fall, Crawford was elected to the bench, even though she was under indictment, her law license had been suspended and the state's highest court barred her from being sworn in.

Crawford's lawyer, Rob Robertson, said he had been in contact with her this week as they prepared for next week's trial. He said he noticed "nothing out of the ordinary" and believed she would have been acquitted.

"Rhonda was a truly great person who led an incredibly good life and wound up caught in a situation that was well beyond what it should have been," Robertson said. "I feel very sorry for her friends and her family."

Crawford's troubles began Aug. 11, 2016, when then-Circuit Judge Valarie Turner gave her robe to Crawford to wear. Crawford, who had won the Democratic primary at that point but still faced the general election, put on the robe and ruled on three traffic cases from the bench in the suburban Markham courthouse.

A judge later dismissed the cases against the three motorists — violations for driving with no valid license, driving with no proof of insurance and driving on a median.

Chief Judge Timothy Evans, whose office had hired Crawford as a law clerk/staff attorney, responded to the embarrassing episode by firing her from her $57,000-a-year job.

"Chief Judge Evans is saddened to hear of Ms. Crawford's passing and offers his condolences to her family and friends during this difficult time," his spokesman, Pat Milhizer, said Friday.

Turner was forced into retirement in late 2017 by the Illinois Courts Commission, a state oversight agency that found the judge was "mentally unable to perform her duties." The commission revealed that Turner, first elected to the bench in 2002, had Alzheimer's disease.

Crawford, a former nurse who obtained her law degree in 2003, had said she was sorry for what had happened.

"Now of course I regret the day it happened," Crawford told reporters in September 2016. "I allowed my respect for the judge, and my enthusiasm to learn the procedures of being a judge, to become a distraction to others and to my own lifelong ambition of being on the bench. It is a lesson I will never forget."

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Calumet City police called lawyer Rhonda Crawford's death this week "an apparent suicide."

$600K request another twist in assessor's race

By Hal Dardick
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The attorney for a losing Democratic Cook County assessor candidate sought $600,000 for a promise to not pursue legal claims against winner Fritz Kaegi — a development that added more intrigue to an election battle full of twists and turns.

In an email sent last month to Kaegi's attorney, Frank Avila Jr. penned what he called "a rough draft" of a proposed deal "to settle all claims (existing or potential) that Andrea Raila has against Fritz Kaegi and his agents."

Kaegi

Raila

Avila proposed that Kaegi publicly apologize to Raila for challenging her nominating petitions and make a $600,000 "payment to either her campaign or directly to her." He wrote that the demand was "open until March 30th."

A Raila spokeswoman denied any knowledge of the email.

"This is not something that she would authorize, didn't authorize," Doris Davenport said. "It is totally Frank Avila's doing.

"She absolutely feels saddened and disappointed that this happened," Davenport added. "She had no idea that there was a letter sent to Fritz Kaegi or his attorneys asking for a ridiculous amount of money."

In an emailed response to Tribune questions, Avila said, "I am not authorized by my client to discuss confidential and privileged matters with you." He went on to add, "I only act on behalf of my client."

Avila also called the email he sent to the Kaegi campaign attorney "confidential" and said it was "legitimate in purpose — it was a resolution of legal claims."

"Whoever released this confidential communication did so unethically and lacked class," Avila added. "This is not news. Please refrain from contacting me."

Avila, the son of a Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago commissioner, waged his own unsuccessful write-in Democratic primary campaign for that board to fill out the remaining two years of the late Tim Bradford, whose death came after the deadline for filing nomination petitions.

Avila is an attorney who often handles election petition challenge cases. In Raila's case, he filed voluminous briefs and made lengthy oral arguments, with one judge telling him, "I do not think you're ever going to end."

The email, obtained independently by the Tribune after it was first reported by the Sun-Times, marked another twist in a contest full of unusual developments.

Kaegi's legal effort to knock Raila off the ballot was successful at the trial level, with the court agreeing that Raila's signature-collection campaign involved "a pattern of fraud." But the ruling came late in the process, so her name still appeared on the ballot. Eventually an appeals court overturned the ruling just a week before the election. By then, nearly 90,000 early ballots had been cast, and those voters had been told that votes for Raila would not count.

On Election Day, Raila went to federal court to seek a special election after discovering some voters were still being told votes for her would not count. The court did not immediately intervene. Kaegi won the nomination, defeating Assessor Joseph Berrios, with Raila placing third and later pledging to seek changes to election procedures.

Raila has said her federal case will continue, not with the aim of securing a special election but rather to prevent the type of confusion that marred the assessor's race from happening again. And last week, well after Avila sent his email, she filed a motion with the appeals court to have Chicago and Cook County election officials "held in contempt of court."

So far, Raila has not filed suit against Kaegi or anyone involved in his campaign.

Avila started his email by stating it was "a private, confidential and inadmissible communication." He listed seven points he wanted Kaegi and his attorney, Andrew Finko, to agree on.

The lengthiest section dealt with a proposed public apology by Kaegi. Avila wanted Kaegi not only to apologize but also to say Raila should not have been accused of a pattern of fraud and that Kaegi would work with her on "ballot access reform and reforming the property tax assessment system."

As to the $600,000, Avila said $100,000 would go to a ballot access organization and initiative and went on to note that Raila "has extensive unpaid legal bills and ongoing litigation," making reference to Raila's substantial loans to her own campaign. Those loans topped $280,000, according to state campaign finance records.

"If we agree to the above settlement, Andrea Raila would not pursue a new election, nor protest the results," Avila wrote. "She would support and endorse Fritz Kaegi in the general election."

In response to a Tribune inquiry, Kaegi issued a written statement. "We never considered Ms. Raila's demands, which were strange and highly inappropriate," he said.

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Michelle McNamara, shown with husband Patton Oswalt, strongly believed the case was solvable, her sister said.

Resolve kept cold case alive

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made and resolution for the victims and their families, Bolonik said.

The perpetrator was also known as the East Area Rapist and suspected of slayings and rapes in 10 counties throughout California. While armed and wearing a mask, he would enter through windows at night and surprise sleeping victims who ranged in age from 13 to 41.

"Michelle said this guy wasn't a genius, he just practiced a lot. That's what this guy did," Paul Haynes, who collaborated with McNamara on the book, said in an April 5 episode of the "My Favorite Murder" podcast.

Former police officer Joseph James DeAngelo, 72, was taken into custody Tuesday outside his Sacramento, Calif., home and charged with numerous counts of murder. Sacramento County officials said DNA collected from one of the Golden State Killer's crime scenes was compared with online genetic profiles on genealogical sites to find a match for a suspect.

McNamara's widower, comedian Patton Oswalt, was at Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville on Tuesday with Haynes, lead researcher of "I'll Be Gone in the Dark," and Billy Jensen, an investigative journalist who also collaborated on the book. At the time, an arrest had yet to be made.

When the news broke, McNamara's sister Maureen Stratton said the whole family was ecstatic but "so distraught" that her younger sister was not here to enjoy it.

"We were in Naperville for the book event, and (Haynes and Jensen) seemed very confident talking about it like it was just a matter of time that an arrest was going to happen," said Stratton, an Oak Park resident and Northwestern University law professor. "And I remember thinking to myself: 'They're never going to find him.' I did not have that confidence, so it truly was stunning and shocking, and I think we all just cried. I think we were all like, 'Omigosh, this is incredible.' "

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Joseph James DeAngelo was charged in the case.

Stratton recalled McNamara's writing of the book and the investigation of the case being a sort of push-and-pull that weighed on her. "She just kept thinking: 'I think we can solve this, I think we can solve this.' She just felt so strongly that this was solvable and that it really needed to be solved because all of these victims ... so it was her life's mission to figure it out."

Becky Humbert, a Naperville resident and friend of McNamara's since seventh grade at Hawthorne Elementary, said she couldn't describe the emotions she felt after hearing the arrest news.

"Her writing that book, her finishing that, which was always something so important to her was one thing, but this — this arrest, this was what mattered to her. That was more important to her," Humbert said. "She definitely wanted to provide peace for the victims and the survivors. I think I wavered between crying and having chills all day long. I'm sure all of us did, everyone who loved her and knew her life's work felt that way."

Amid expressing their pride in her work and drive, McNamara's circle reflected on her writing path — from poetry to editor of the Oak Park and River Forest High School newspaper to short stories and ultimately true-crime writing. Her blog, True Crime Diary, created soon after her marriage to Oswalt, according to Stratton, focused on hundreds of unsolved crimes. But it was the Golden State Killer that was her most defining case, Haynes said.

"Ultimately Michelle's objective was singular — to identify the Golden State Killer," he said. "It's so sad that Michelle died without knowing this person's identity; it's so sad that Michelle is not here right now to celebrate this momentous thing, which is really the prize at the end of the maze that Michelle was seeking."

Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones told reporters that McNamara's work helped build interest in the case — interest that led to television networks HLN and Investigation Discovery doing series about it — but he didn't go as far as saying her book led to a suspect.

Haynes says otherwise.

"Without Michelle's book and Michelle's involvement, the motivation and thrust to solve this case wouldn't be there, so I would say that Michelle's involvement absolutely had an influence on this case being resolved," the Los Angeles-based researcher said.

Bolonik agrees.

"When you read her book, she was kind of putting pieces together. ... Nobody knew that it was this particular guy; the cops who had been working on the case for 20 years didn't know," she said. "But she had a very clear sense of what kind of person they were looking for and how it was going to come about — even through DNA, genetic testing.

"She suspected, she says in the book, that he was connected to the military somehow, that he must have been in law enforcement. Plus she named him the Golden State Killer, which allowed all these jurisdictions to come together — that was the umbrella. Her work and the ability to talk among all these jurisdictions, it enabled her to look at information in new ways and ask questions that had never been asked.

"It was a cold case. No one was talking about this case. It had just languished. But she brought attention to it with her blog and through her article and then with her book. It created a sense of urgency that was so crucial. ... She lived and breathed this."

HBO Documentary Films has acquired rights to the book for a docuseries of its own. Haynes said he'll definitely continue following every development in the case as it goes forward. "This is only the beginning of a new chapter in this case," he said.

As the case evolves, McNamara's sister wants people to remember one thing about her "brilliant, funny" sister.

"It wasn't about solving the case and getting the glory. She wouldn't care about that at all. She just wanted to put a face and a name to this horror and get some peace for people. I think she was a very selfless person that way," she said.

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Singer's inclusion on bill protested

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other acts, will still go on May 5 at the UIC Pavilion, according to Ticketmaster.

University officials were seemingly skittish about discussing Kelly's planned performance and, later, Ticketmaster's announcement that he was off the bill. The chancellor's office repeatedly declined to comment Friday. Staff at UIC Pavilion refused to confirm that Kelly was no longer in the lineup — directing a reporter to call the chancellor's office.

Earlier this week, Natalie Bennett, director of the Women's Leadership and Resource Center at UIC, posted a letter on Facebook addressed to Amiridis, calling for the university's administration to cancel the show. She asked the public to sign the letter.

"To host the concert at UIC is to condone the harm that he has done to African-American women and girls, create a hostile work environment for black women who work, study and live at UIC," the letter reads in part.

The letter asked why Kelly was scheduled to perform at UIC and outlined the singer's history of alleged sexual misconduct.

"I think we were quite taken aback when we learned that (the concert) was happening," Bennett told the Tribune.

"After a series of conversations with other faculty and staff at UIC, we thought it was best to put our questions and critiques into writing and offer it to the chancellor and have him respond."

After UIC students and faculty raised concerns, Bennett says she worked with colleagues and Scheherazade Tillet, executive director of A Long Walk Home Inc. — a Chicago-based nonprofit focused on ending violence against young girls and women — to draft the letter.

After Ticketmaster announced Kelly was off the bill, Tillet told the Tribune "it's a win."

Tillet said the letter to the chancellor garnered just over 1,300 signatures, with roughly half of those from UIC students, faculty and staff.

This isn't the first time a controversial figure was scheduled to appear at UIC Pavilion. In March 2016, a coalition of local Latino elected officials and leaders organized a protest in response to then-Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's appearance at UIC. Dozens of UIC faculty and staff members signed a letter asking administrators to cancel the rally and more than 40,000 signatures were collected on a petition asking about security procedures and costs. In a letter to students, faculty and staff, Amiridis said the school was not endorsing any political candidate but would allow the space to be rented.

Trump abruptly canceled the Pavilion rally at the last minute — literally — citing security concerns as thousands of protesters gathered outside and hundreds more demonstrated inside.

Kelly rose to fame in the 1990s with hit singles like "Bump N' Grind" and "I Believe I Can Fly." He has sold more than 50 million albums.

Allegations of sexual misconduct have followed Kelly for decades. In 2008 he was acquitted of child pornography by a Cook County jury; during the trial, prosecutors offered a videotape they alleged showed him having sex with a girl estimated to be 13 or 14 years old. The alleged victim declined to testify in that case.

Last summer, BuzzFeed reported about a group of parents who alleged the singer was holding their daughters in an abusive "cult."

At the time, his publicist issued a statement that read, in part, "Mr. Kelly unequivocally denies such allegations and will work diligently and forcibly to pursue his accusers and clear his name."

Following BuzzFeed's report, Oronike Odeleye, the Atlanta-based managing director of the Creative Currents Artist Collaborative, with social justice activist Kenyette Barnes, created the hashtag #MuteRKelly. As the grass roots campaign picked up, a number of Kelly's concerts were canceled across the country.

Despite cancellations at some locations, Kelly has continued to tour.

Last week, it was reported that Kelly's publicist, lawyer and assistant had resigned.

"Guilt is not only about what the law says," Bennett said .

"I'm not interested in making a case that R. Kelly should be in jail. I'm making an argument that R. Kelly needs to own what he has done."

The remaining performers scheduled to appear at the concert, presented by Five Star Empire and Streetbullies, include Xscap3, K. Michelle and Lyfe Jennings.

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Pompeo: Iran nuclear deal on life support

Merkel takes turn at lobbying Trump to keep U.S. in pact

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel, with President Donald Trump at a joint news conference on Friday, says the Iran nuclear deal is far from perfect but just a piece of the puzzle.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump hosted two European leaders this week who lobbied him to stick with the Iran nuclear deal, but there was little indication their efforts swayed his urge to walk away from the landmark pact.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, on his first full day on the job, said Friday in Brussels that it was "unlikely" Trump would remain in the accord after a self-imposed May 12 deadline, barring a "substantial fix" negotiated with European leaders.

Speaking on the margins of a North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit for foreign ministers in Brussels, Pompeo said that no decision has been made but that he was communicating Trump's position to allies in Europe and the Middle East.

"Absent a substantial fix, absent overcoming the flaws of the deal, he is unlikely to stay in that deal," said Pompeo, who next visits Saudi Arabia, Israel and Jordan.

In Washington, German Chancellor Angela Merkel met with Trump at the White House on Friday for a three-hour working session. Iran topped the agenda, along with Syria, trade and NATO.

European allies have warned that leaving the 2015 multinational Iran accord would have dangerous consequences and might encourage Tehran to resume its now-blocked nuclear program.

U.S. and European diplomats have met several times to negotiate possible supplemental agreements to address Trump's concerns.

Merkel and Trump did not see eye to eye Friday on the wisdom of pulling out of the nuclear deal.

"I set out my position, and ... obviously, this agreement is anything but perfect," Merkel said at a joint news conference.

"It will not solve all the problems with Iran. It is one piece of the mosaic, one building block, if you like, on which we can build up this structure.

"We will now see what sort of decisions are made by (the) American partners," she said, adding that the United States and Europe "ought to be in lockstep" on curbing Iran's nuclear ambitions.

Trump repeated his characterization of the Islamic Republic as a "murderous regime" that was the driving force behind militant groups across the Middle East.

"We must ensure it doesn't even get close to a nuclear weapon," he said.

Trump would not say whether he had an alternative to the nuclear deal or whether he would use force to stop Tehran from resuming its nuclear program.

"They're not going to be doing nuclear weapons. You can bank on it," he said.

Merkel met with Trump two days after French President Emmanuel Macron made a similar pitch during a state visit to Washington.

The United States, Germany, France, Britain, Russia and China signed the nuclear deal with Iran in 2015, and United Nations monitors have repeatedly found Iran in compliance with its terms.

Under the accord, Iran destroyed or dismantled the bulk of its nuclear infrastructure and shipped its nuclear fuel out of the country under strict monitoring.

In exchange, a network of international economic sanctions were eased and seized property, including cash held in U.S. banks, was returned to Tehran.

Trump has said he will decide by May 12 whether to pull out of the accord and unilaterally reimpose U.S. sanctions on Tehran.

But it's unclear how quickly he would apply sanctions, which could buy time for further negotiations.

Trump and other critics say the accord is deficient because it lets some of the nuclear restrictions on Iran expire over time. They also complain that the nuclear negotiations did not address Iran's ballistic missile program or its support for militant groups elsewhere in the Middle East.

Merkel concurred that Iran has inserted itself in its neighbors' crises with support for Hezbollah in Lebanon and for Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces against rebel fighters, some of them allied with the U.S.

But she noted Iran had permitted frequent inspections by U.N. monitors under the nuclear accord.

The critics argue that the inspectors do not have access to Iranian military bases and facilities.

"We are of the opinion that the (accord) is a first step that has contributed to slowing down their activities," Merkel said.

"But we also think, from a German point of perspective, that this is not sufficient in order to see to it that Iran's ambitions are curbed and are contained."

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Pruitt's condo deal to be probed

EPA inspector general confirms new investigations

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EPA chief Scott Pruitt testified before House committees Thursday about his spending and other ethics issues.

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency is opening internal investigations into Scott Pruitt's $50-a-night condo deal with a lobbyist and other recent allegations, adding to about a dozen federal probes involving the EPA chief.

EPA Inspector General Arthur Elkins Jr. confirmed the new investigations in a letter to lawmakers written Wednesday and released Friday.

Pruitt's condo deal would be one of several recent allegations involving Pruitt that would be the topic of new or expanded probes, Elkins wrote.

The Office of Government Ethics, which is the government's top ethics watchdog agency, and lawmakers had asked for investigations of the condo lease and other recent allegations raised involving Pruitt.

The agency's whistleblower hotline also had received calls on the same allegations, Elkins wrote.

EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox declined comment Friday, saying the agency does not publicly address matters related to the inspector general.

Pruitt for much of last year rented a Washington bedroom from a lobbyist whose husband had pending matters before the EPA. The unusual deal allowed the EPA chief to pay just $50 a night, and only on the nights he actually stayed there.

Both Pruitt and the lobbyist, Steven Hart, denied Hart had conducted any recent business with EPA. But Hart was forced to admit last week he had met with Pruitt at EPA headquarters last summer after his then-firm, Williams & Jensen, revealed he had lobbied the agency on a required federal disclosure form

Announcement of the new investigations comes a day after Pruitt weathered six hours of scathing questions and criticism from House Democrats on ethics allegations.

The hearings were seen as make-or-break for Pruitt in the wake of months of news reports into alleged misconduct that eroded support of the former Oklahoma attorney general at the White House.

Pruitt gave clipped, lawyerly answers to Democrat's questions on the ethics allegations on Thursday, repeatedly blaming subordinates for decisions he said he had no knowledge of.

The day ended without any obvious, immediate mortal blow to Pruitt politically, and no Republican lawmakers in the hearings joined calls for Pruitt to resign.

Pruitt denied wrongdoing.

"He obviously hopes that the bad headlines generated by his bad behavior will go away, and that he won't be held accountable for his actions," said Rep. Don Beyer, a Virginia Democrat and one of the members of Congress asking for the expanded probes.

"The Inspector General's letter announcing new reviews assures us that this will not happen," Beyer said in a statement.

Pruitt is a onetime Oklahoma state lawmaker who built alliances to wealthy oilmen and influential Republican conservatives. As head of the environmental agency he has faced an unending series of revelations involving issues such as pricey trips in first-class seats and unusual security spending, including a $43,000 soundproof booth for making private phone calls.

He also demanded 24-hour-a-day protection from armed officers, resulting in a 20-member security detail that blew through overtime budgets and racked up expenses approaching $3 million.

The EPA's inspector-general, the Government Accountability Office and the White House Office of Management and Budget all have announced probes into several of the earlier allegations.

Besides Pruitt's housing arrangements, Elkins' letter indicated new or expanded investigations into more recent allegations about Pruitt's spending on travel and security; claims that he gave two favored staffers big raises despite White House opposition; and claims that he assigned one staffer to help him hunt for a house in Washington. Investigators also would look into news reports that the EPA punished staffers who went public with complaints about Pruitt's spending, Elkins indicated.

White House: Records dispute Jackson charges

By Jill Colvin and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

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Dr. Ronny Jackson has denied allegations of mismanagement while head of the White House Medical Unit.

WASHINGTON — The White House said Friday that internal records raise doubt about some of the most serious allegations leveled against White House doctor Ronny Jackson in his failed bid to become the next secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Jackson withdrew his nomination Thursday after allegations by current and former colleagues raised questions about his prescribing practices and leadership ability, including accusations of drunkenness on the job. Democratic Sen. Jon Tester's office collected the allegations, which included an asserting that Jackson "got drunk and wrecked a government vehicle" at a Secret Service going-away party.

The records, including police reports, show Jackson was in three minor vehicle incidents in government vehicles during the last five years, but none involved the use of alcohol and he was not found to be at fault. In one case, a side-view mirror was clipped by a passing truck. In another incident an enraged driver in Montgomery County, Md., allegedly punched out Jackson's window during a morning drive to Camp David.

The White House medical unit that Jackson ran successfully passed regular controlled-substance audits, according to records for the last three years. The reviews did recommend improvements to the medical unit's handling of controlled substances, but did not find misconduct.

The Associated Press reviewed the documents Friday. They were the result of an internal White House review of allegations raised against Jackson during his brief confirmation process. The White House says the records, covering recent years, disprove the allegations.

But Tester's office has not specified the time frame during which the alleged misconduct occurred. Tester spokeswoman Marnee Banks said the office would not comment until it knew more about the White House records.

Separately, the Secret Service said it has no evidence to support an allegation that its personnel intervened to prevent Jackson from disturbing President Barack Obama during a foreign trip in 2015.

In a statement dated Thursday, the Secret Service said it had conducted a "thorough review" of internal documents related to Obama's foreign trips in 2015 and interviewed people who were present. The agency said it has found "no information that would indicate the allegation is accurate" and no record of any incident involving Jackson.

CNN had reported allegations that Jackson drunkenly banged on the hotel room door of a female employee and that Secret Service personnel intervened out of concern that he would wake Obama.

Jackson has denied the accusations, calling them "baseless and anonymous attacks" on his character and integrity.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly come to Jackson's defense.

Asked about the situation at a joint press conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Trump called it "an absolute disgrace."

"These were false accusations about a great man; about a man who has a son who's a top student at Annapolis; about a man that's given his life to this country, and to the military — a brave man. He would have been a great leader," Trump complained, noting that he, Obama and former President George W. Bush had all praised the doctor's conduct in the past.

Trump said he is considering a number of potential replacements, including "some very political people" who might be better equipped to handle the scrutiny that comes with a nomination.

The Democratic staff on the committee considering Jackson's nomination also asserted that Jackson had doled out such a large supply of a prescription opioidthat staffers panicked because they thought the drugs were missing.

They said their allegations were based on conversations with 23 of Jackson's current and former colleagues at the White House Medical Unit.

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Judge agrees to delay Daniels' lawsuit against Cohen, Trump

LOS ANGELES — A judge on Friday delayed a lawsuit by porn actress Stormy Daniels against President Donald Trump and his personal attorney for three months.

Trump's attorney, Michael Cohen, asked for the delay after FBI agents raided his home and office earlier this month. The FBI was seeking records about a nondisclosure agreement Daniels signed days before the 2016 presidential election.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, has said she had an affair with Trump in 2006 and sued to invalidate the confidentiality agreement that prevents her from discussing it. She's also suing Cohen, alleging defamation.

Cohen 's attorney argued that because the criminal investigation overlaps with issues in the lawsuit, his client's right against self-incrimination could be jeopardized.

Court upholds Texas' voter ID law in win for GOP lawmakers

AUSTIN, Texas — A federal appeals court has upheld Texas' voter ID law that a judge had twice blocked after calling the requirements discriminatory.

The 2-1 decision Friday by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans is a victory for Republican lawmakers who've spent years defending what critics say is one of the toughest voter ID measures in the nation.

It's also the second major ruling in the U.S. over a voter ID law in as many days after an Arkansas judge Thursday blocked that state's measure.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed a revised law last year that allows people to vote without an acceptable ID so long as they sign an affidavit.

But opponents say new criminal penalties will have a chilling effect on voters.

Reports: Fighting near Syrian capital kills, wounds dozens

BEIRUT — Fighting between Syrian troops and Islamic State group fighters in southern areas of the capital, Damascus, left dozens of people dead or wounded on Friday, according to a war monitor and Syrian state media, as government forces pressed their offensive to capture last parts of the city out of state control.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said government bombardment killed 17 people, including seven children and two women in the Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmouk mostly held by the Islamic State.

Syrian state media reported that Islamic State shelling of the government-held neighborhood of Qadam killed two children and wounded eight others, and that government forces pushed deeper into the Hajar al-Aswad neighborhood.

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Emilie Theobald, left, and Kim Phipps, center, join other teachers during a rally and protest Friday in Denver. More than 10,000 educators from districts across Colorado demonstrated to demand that lawmakers budget more tax dollars for public schools.

Arizona, Colorado teachers rally, schools close for 2nd day

PHOENIX — As thousands of teachers and supporters gathered at the Arizona Capitol to protest inadequate public school funding for a second day Friday, Gov. Doug Ducey again skipped the chance to address them.

Instead, the Republican governor's public relations machine sent out links to a series of interviews the previous day with TV news reporters where Ducey pushed his plan to boost teacher pay by 20 percent by 2020, talking point by talking point.

The scene was far different Friday in Denver, where several thousand teachers gathered for a second day to protest low education funding were greeted by Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper. He said he would work to have the state repay all of the approximately $1 billion borrowed from education during the recession.

"We see you. We hear you," said Hickenlooper, who wore a red checked shirt and spoke for less than five minutes. "We are working with you, not just today."

However, Hickenlooper didn't offer any funding above what has already been proposed for next year. Some teachers shouted over him "We want more," while others applauded his pledge.

Ducey, who is seeking re-election this year, never showed up to address the 50,000 educators and supporters Thursday or the thousands who were at the Capitol on Friday. He has called the leaders of the grass-roots group that organized the walkout with the Arizona Education Association politically motivated.

Arizona teachers are among the lowest paid in the nation.

Vegas police delay order to release massacre files

LAS VEGAS — Police in Las Vegas said Friday they won't immediately release records that include officer body camera videos, 911 recordings, evidence logs and interview reports about the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

A meeting was planned Monday, nearly seven months after the shooting, to determine how and when documents and electronic data will be released.

The development came after the Nevada Supreme Court rejected a bid by police to delay the release of records about the Oct. 1 shooting that killed 58 people and injured hundreds in an outdoor concert crowd.

Five of seven justices upheld a February ruling by a state court judge who said the records are public and should be released.

Reporters have sought to learn what authorities know about the shooter, Stephen Paddock.

Mont. Diocese reaches $20M settlement for clergy abuse

HELENA, Mont. — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Great Falls-Billings reached a $20 million agreement to settle claims by 86 people who said they were sexually abused as children by clergy employed by the Montana diocese dating back to the 1950s, officials said Friday.

The abuse happened at the hands of dozens of priests, deacons and at least one nun in Native American reservations and in towns and cities throughout the diocese's territory across eastern Montana, attorneys for about half of the plaintiffs said.

The victims are now adults, many of them elderly, and some have died waiting for the case to be resolved, said attorney Craig Vernon. The diocese last year filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization protection to negotiate a settlement of the two lawsuits first filed in 2012.

The European Union made a key breakthrough on Friday to completely ban pesticides that harm bees and their crop pollination. A large majority of the 28 member states, representing three-quarters of its population, back the ban on the three prevalent neonicotinoid pesticides that will take effect at the end of the year.

Canadian authorities said Friday that they found two more people who were injured when a van plowed into pedestrians in Toronto, raising the total number to 16. Eight of the 10 people killed were women, the chief coroner said. Earlier, police said the victims were "predominantly women" without an exact number.

Plot twist: Okla. has no twister yet in '18

But state's forecasts appear ominous for next week

By Ken Miller and Kelly P. Kissel
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — This year's weather on the Southern Plains has an odd quirk: Oklahoma has yet to record its first tornado, the deepest into the year it's gone without one since 1962.

Although a drought has dried up moisture needed to fuel storms, state climatologist Gary McManus also attributes the streak to "luck."

Twisters already have hit the Texas Panhandle and western Arkansas, mere miles away.

"Mother Nature doesn't care where we put the geopolitical lines between Arkansas and Oklahoma or Oklahoma and Texas — it's something we humans put there — we were very close to not setting that record," McManus said.

Oklahoma has not had a tornado since Oct. 21, or 189 days.

But the state's good fortunes are likely to change soon because Wednesday's forecasts for it and neighboring Kansas are relatively ominous.

But for now, residents are embracing the calm.

"Every day in April or May without a tornado is a wonderful day," said Rick Smith, the warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Norman.

Regardless of how long the record may stand, Smith points to the calendar and says it's past time to be ready for tornadoes.

"If you know you are in the 30 percent risk area for next Wednesday, what does that mean for me, what should I be doing?" Smith asked.

"Is your storm shelter ready? I haven't cleaned out my garage floor storm shelter yet this year. I'll be doing that this weekend — not because I think a tornado is going to hit my house, but because it's that time of year."

Some meteorologists have used the term "outbreak" to describe what is coming next week, but Smith says such language isn't necessary and that routine preparedness is best.

And the term "outbreak" can mean different things to different people, Smith said.

Chicago Tribune
BUSINESS

Economic growth slows in 1st quarter to 2.3%

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy slowed to a moderate 2.3 percent annual growth rate in the first quarter as consumer spending turned in the weakest performance in nearly five years.

Still, the January-March increase came in better than expected, supporting hopes for a solid rebound for the rest of the year.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that the gain in the gross domestic product, the economy's total output of goods and services, followed a 2.9 percent rise in the fourth quarter and gains above 3 percent in the previous two quarters.

Many economists had forecast that growth would slip below 2 percent in the first quarter, reflecting a big pullback by consumers after a torrid pace of spending in the fourth quarter. Recent history has shown a pattern of weakness in the first quarter, reflecting in part seasonal data quirks. Analysts expect growth to surpass 3 percent in the current quarter.

Consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity, decelerated sharply from a 4 percent growth rate in the fourth quarter to a 1.1 percent pace in the first quarter.

That was offset somewhat by gains in inventory building by businesses and a lower trade deficit.

Analysts viewed the first quarter slowdown as temporary, with consumers expected to boost their spending amid a low unemployment rate and the initial impact of the $1.5 trillion in tax cuts that Congress approved in December.

Over the past four quarters, GDP growth has averaged 2.9 percent, just below the 3 percent projection the Trump administration used in its budget for next year.

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Consumer spending dropped to 1.1 percent growth.

A separate report Friday found that U.S. private sector workers saw their wages go up 1 percent in the first quarter, the biggest quarterly gain in 11 years, a sign that the tight job market is beginning to lift wages.

Republicans who supported the administration's successful push to win passage of major tax cuts in December said the reports on wages and GDP growth were indications that the tax cuts and other parts of the Trump economic program were beginning to have an impact.

Rep. Erik Paulson, R-Minn., and chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, said that Americans are better off today than 16 months ago "thanks to tax reform and pro-growth policies."

President Donald Trump, in a joint news conference Friday with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, emphasized another part of his economic program — lowering U.S. trade deficits with other major countries. Trump said he had discussed with Merkel the trade deficit the United States runs with Germany and other European countries and both leaders had agreed "we want to make it more fair."

While the administration expects the economy to grow at rates of 3 percent for the rest of this decade, private analysts are less optimistic.

They say that growth will be bolstered by the tax cuts and increased government spending for this year and next year. But then they expect growth levels to return to the lackluster rates of around 2 percent as the boost from fiscal stimulus wears off and the economy starts to feel the adverse effects of rising interest rates.

The Federal Reserve is expected to keep lifting its key interest rate to prevent unwanted inflation, and big federal budget deficits are likely to push up government borrowing costs.

"Growth rates around 3 percent are not sustainable, but for the next couple of years all the government stimulus is going to provide a lot of economic juice," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

The Trump administration disagrees, believing that its program of corporate and individual tax cuts, regulatory reform and tougher enforcement of trade laws will lift the economy to sustained levels of higher economic growth. Private economists, however, are worried that these efforts will run up against weak growth in the labor force — as many baby boomers retire — and lackluster gains in productivity.

Trump's tariffs risk jobs, profits

Trade war would hurt many areas that voted for him

By Richard Lardner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's escalating dispute with China over trade and technology is threatening jobs and profits in working-class communities where his "America First" agenda hit home.

The Commerce Department has received more than 2,400 applications from companies seeking waivers from the administration's tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, which may result in duty payments of millions of dollars for larger businesses.

The department has begun posting the requests online for public comment; several of the applications released so far suggest deep misgivings with Trump's protectionist strategy, especially in areas where he won strong support during the 2016 election.

The tariffs are aimed primarily at China for flooding the global market with cheap steel and aluminum.

But they've also led to confusion and uncertainty, according to Associated Press interviews and a review of records.

In Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin, businesses operating in the furniture, energy and food sectors have outlined the financial difficulties they'd face if they're not excused from the steel tariff.

In Okmulgee, Okla., dozens of jobs hang in the balance as office furniture giant Steelcase waits to hear back from the Commerce Department.

A Steelcase subsidiary, PolyVision, operates a plant in Okmulgee that uses a special type of steel from Japan to manufacture a durable glass-like surface for whiteboards and architectural purposes. PolyVision "cannot and will not be able to procure" from U.S. companies the cold-rolled steel it requires "in a sufficient and reasonably available amount or of a satisfactory quality," Steelcase said.

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Without a waiver, Borusan Mannesmann Pipe of Baytown, Texas, may face tariffs of $25 million to $30 million annually.

Trump won most of the votes cast for president in Okmulgee County. Without a waiver, Steelcase warned, the "economic viability of PolyVision (and) the small town of Okmulgee" would be jeopardized.

The waiver request also indicates that a $15 million plant expansion may be at risk. Steelcase and PolyVision are on the verge of making the investment, which would create new construction and manufacturing jobs, according to the request.

Roger Ballenger, Okmulgee's city manager, said he and other local officials are "very concerned about the situation with PolyVision."

The tariffs — 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on imported aluminum — are designed to protect and rebuild the U.S. companies that manufacture the metals. The U.S. temporarily exempted several major trading partners, including the European Union, Mexico and Canada.

China, which was left on the target list, retaliated by imposing tariffs on $3 billion in U.S. products, including apples, pork and ginseng.

Trump responded by adding more protectionist measures as punishment for Chinese theft of U.S. intellectual property. Beijing punched back by proposing tariffs on $50 billion in U.S. products including small aircraft and soybeans — a direct threat to rural areas that were key to Trump's victory.

Economists Joseph Francois and Laura Baughman estimated last month that the tariffs would increase employment in the U.S. steel and aluminum industries by more than 26,000 jobs but also lead to the loss of 495,000 other jobs throughout the rest of the American economy.

John Hritz, CEO of JSW Steel USA in Baytown, Texas, said his company is in lockstep with Trump's approach.

"We're in favor of growing the steel industry in this country," Hritz said.

JSW Steel, owned by Indian conglomerate JSW Group, is embarking on a $500 million overhaul of the plant that it says will create hundreds of jobs.

The growth would be welcomed in Baytown, where unemployment is 9.8 percent, more than double the national rate. Baytown is located partly in Harris County, which Democrat Hillary Clinton won, and partly in Chambers County, which Trump handily won.

The future is much murkier for another Baytown steel business, Borusan Mannesmann Pipe. Without a waiver, Borusan may face tariffs of $25 million to $30 million annually if it imports steel tubing and casing from its parent company in Turkey, according to information the company provided to the AP.

Borusan said the Baytown production line would no longer be competitive and "jobs would be threatened" if it cannot import 135,000 metric tons of steel annually over the next two years.

The pipes Borusan produces are used primarily as casing for oil and natural gas wells.

But if Commerce says yes, Borusan will be able to unlock a $25 million investment in the Baytown facility as it seeks to become a "100 percent domestic supplier," according to the waiver request.

An additional $50 million expansion in pipe fabrication capacity would follow, the company said, leading to as many as 170 new jobs.

Seneca Foods Corp., the nation's largest vegetable canner, said in its waiver application that it's unclear, at best, if U.S. suppliers have the ability or willingness to expand their production in the long term to meet the company's annual demand for tinplated steel.

But "clearly they cannot meet demand in the short term," Seneca told Commerce officials. That means Seneca has to buy a portion of what it needs from overseas. A person with knowledge of Seneca's situation said it would face a $2.25 million duty if the Commerce Department doesn't approve its waiver request for 11,000 metric tons of tinplate it has agreed to buy from China.

The material is to be delivered this year and next, according to the waiver request. The person was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Seneca said it employs more than 400 at can-making facilities in Wisconsin and Idaho and near its headquarters in New York's Wayne County, where Trump bested Clinton.

The company doesn't warn layoffs are imminent if the waiver isn't approved. Instead, the tariffs would likely come out of Seneca's bottom line, the person said.

New WTTW CEO seeks to build on support, broaden distribution

By Robert Channick
Chicago Tribune

Marketing and media veteran Sandra Cordova Micek was named Thursday as the new president and CEO of Window to the World Communications, parent of WTTW-Ch. 11 and WFMT-FM 98.7.

Micek, the first woman to hold that role, plans to guide Chicago's legacy public broadcasting stations into a multiplatform future.

For Micek, whose resume runs from Silicon Valley to network TV, that means facing the same challenges as commercial broadcasters: producing content people want and delivering it where they want it — essentially everywhere.

"WTTW and WFMT have great quality content," Micek said. "I want to make sure that continues into the future, across multiple channels."

Micek, 48, most recently served as senior vice president of global brands for Hyatt Hotels in Chicago. Before that, the Long Island native was a well-traveled marketing executive with diverse media experience.

She previously held high-level marketing roles for USA Today, NBC, Yahoo and Turner Broadcasting System. A Syracuse University graduate, she also has a master's in business administration from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

"Micek is a seasoned executive with a proven track record of success across a wide range of media and industries," James W. Mabie, chairman of Window to the World Communications, said Thursday in a news release.

Running a major market public TV station and a classical music radio station are new to Micek, but she comes into the job with some clear ideas on the value of public broadcasting, and what it needs to stay relevant.

"Part of what drew me is the overall mission of public broadcasting, the idea that now more than ever you truly do need an independent entity to reflect the community," she said.

Micek succeeds Dan Schmidt, who retired in December after two decades in the role.

She inherits stations with rich histories and loyal followings, but also some detractors. WTTW is a pioneering public TV station that predates PBS and continues to produce acclaimed programming that airs locally and nationally. At the same time, there are vocal critics who believe WTTW does not reflect the broader interests of Chicagoans.

Micek said her mission includes continuing to develop and produce quality content while increasing the connection to a diverse community. At the same time, she acknowledges there will be a learning curve before she can execute on her plans.

"My plan is to go in and listen and make informed business decisions based on what I am hearing, both internally and externally," she said.

The WTTW on-air pledge drives, a crucial fundraising mechanism for the PBS affiliate, will likely continue under Micek's watch. But like the station's programming itself, that may also branch out into other platforms.

"It's my goal to make sure that we have a strong business model and diverse revenue streams," she said. "I will definitely be taking a look at that."

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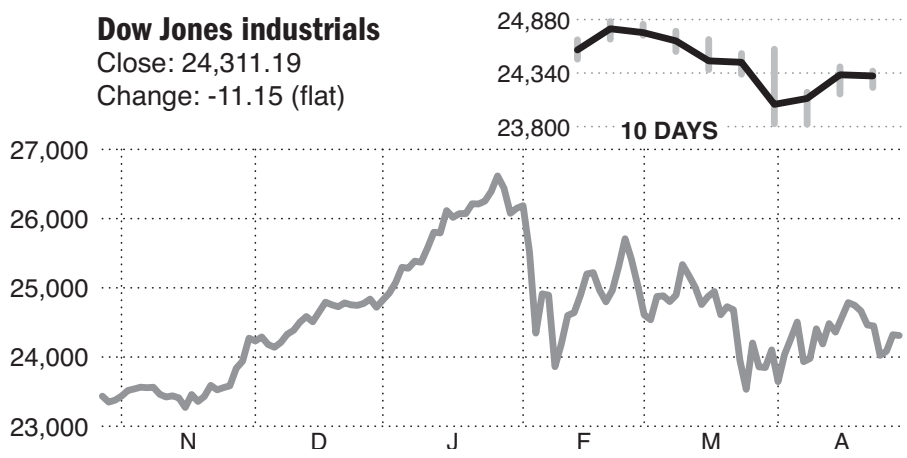
MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow

High: 24,359.38 Low: 24,194.45 Previous: 24,322.34



Nasdaq

+1.12 (+.02%)

Close	7,119.80
High	7,197.15
Low	7,083.95
Previous	7,118.68

S&P 500

+2.97 (+.11%)

Close	2,669.91
High	2,677.35
Low	2,659.01
Previous	2,666.94

Russell 2000

-1.65 (-.11%)

Close	1,556.24
High	1,562.98
Low	1,549.48
Previous	1,557.89

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-.02	+5.70	-.34	-.0010	-.09
to 2.96%	to $1,320.30	to 109.02/$1	to .8250/$1	to $68.10

Major market growth and decline

	5-day % change	30-day % change	1-year % change
DOW	-.62	+.86	+16.10
NASD	-.37	+.80	+17.73
S&P	-.01	+1.10	+11.98

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	484	495.75	480.25	495.50	+14.75
		Jul 18	493.25	499	488.75	498.50	+9
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	385.25	390.50	385.25	389.50	+3.50
		Jul 18	394.75	399	394.25	398.50	+3.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	1028.50	1046.75	1019	1045	+17
		Jul 18	1040	1058	1030.50	1056.25	+16.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 18	30.78	30.81	30.25	30.43	-.38
		Jul 18	31.06	31.09	30.55	30.73	-.36
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 18	380.10	394.70	378.00	393.20	+14.00
		Jul 18	384.30	398.40	382.00	395.30	+12.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jun 18	68.21	68.36	67.64	68.10	-.09
		Jul 18	68.08	68.24	67.53	67.98	-.10
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Jun 18	2.826	2.834	2.768	2.771	-.068
		Jul 18	2.863	2.868	2.808	2.811	-.062
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 18	2.1143	2.1286	2.1038	2.1269	+.0146
		Jun 18	2.1184	2.1300	2.1084	2.1279	+.0113

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	59.56	+.06
AbbVie Inc	N	98.73	+1.29
Allstate Corp	N	98.19	+.66
Aptargroup Inc	N	93.46	+.18
Arch Dan Mid	N	46.05	+.20
Baxter Intl	N	70.21	+.22
Boeing Co	N	340.88	-1.91
Brunswick Corp	N	59.47	+.08
CBOE Global Markets	O	106.19	-.68
CDK Global Inc	O	65.67	+.97
CDW Corp	O	71.61	+.45
CF Industries	N	39.53	-.29
CME Group	O	157.36	-2.09
CNA Financial	N	49.26	+.12
Caterpillar Inc	N	144.72	-1.59
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.34	+.14
Deere Co	N	137.56	+1.23
Discover Fin Svcs	N	71.22	-1.15
Dover Corp	N	95.34	+1.21
Equity Commonwlth	N	31.16	+.23
Equity Lifesty Prop	N	89.48	+1.29
Equity Residential	N	61.95	+.82
Exelon Corp	N	39.85	+.34
First Indl RT	N	30.35	+.08
Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	56.88	+.24
Gallagher AJ	N	70.62	+.39
Grainger WW	N	283.87	+6.98
GrubHub Inc	N	99.37	+.84
Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	87.18	-.84
Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	77.07	-1.06
IDEX Corp	N	136.49	-.67
ITW	N	142.57	+1.16
Ingredion Inc	N	124.74	-.38
John Bean Technol	N	109.25	-.40
Jones Lang LaSalle	N	169.06	-.12
KapStone Paper	N	34.45	+.03
Kraft Heinz Co	O	57.66	+.33
LKQ Corporation	O	31.65	+1.23
Littelfuse Inc	O	192.59	-5.45
MB Financial	O	43.55	+.02
McDonalds Corp	N	158.30	-.60
Middleby Corp	O	127.96	-.59
Mondelez Intl	O	39.93	+.16
Morningstar Inc	O	108.42	-1.37
Motorola Solutions	N	110.15	+.32
Navistar Intl	N	35.50	-.47
NiSource Inc	N	24.51	+.43
Nthn Trust Cp	O	107.52	+.09
Old Republic	N	20.54	+.02
Packaging Corp Am	N	116.30	-.90
Stericycle Inc	O	61.10	-.15
TransUnion	N	64.79	-.23
Tribune Media Co A	N	37.72	-.79
USG Corp	N	40.46	+.25
Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	248.81	+5.20
United Contl Hldgs	N	67.86	+1.24
Ventas Inc	N	51.59	+4.12
Walgreen Boots Alli	O	67.11	+.37
Wintrust Financial	O	91.38	+.05
Zebra Tech	O	135.13	-1.23

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Sprint Corp	6.50	+.50
AT&T Inc	33.04	-.06
Gen Electric	14.38	...
Bank of America	30.15	+.08
US Steel Corp	32.37	-5.33
Twitter Inc	29.00	-1.27
Ford Motor	11.49	+.06
Sthwstn Energy	4.19	-.33
Verizon Comm	51.57	+1.81
AK Steel Hold	4.75	-.08
Oasis Petroleum	10.80	+.19
Chesapk Engy	2.95	-.07
McDermott Intl	6.89	-.17
Snap Inc A	14.23	-.47
Vale SA	13.95	-.05
Archrock Inc	11.20	+.35
Nokia Corp	5.96	+.09
MGM Resorts Intl	31.28	-1.01
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.95	+.02
Cemex SAB de CV	6.22	-.23
Exxon Mobil Corp	77.79	-3.07
Freeport McMoRan	15.32	-.31
Alibaba Group Hldg	177.16	+3.26
Vipshop Hldgs Ltd	15.37	+.86

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Neovasc Inc	.04	-.00
Adv Micro Dev	11.11	+.07
Intel Corp	52.73	-.32
Comcast Corp A	31.81	-1.52
Micron Tech	47.52	-2.62
Microsoft Corp	95.82	+1.56
Flex Ltd	13.03	-3.61
Apple Inc	162.32	-1.90
Facebook Inc	173.59	-.57
Cisco Syst	44.71	+.50
DocuSign Inc	39.73	...
eBay Inc	38.23	-.45
Charter Communic	263.33	-34.83
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.30	-.01
Amazon.com Inc	1572.62	+54.66
Starbucks Cp	58.36	-1.02
Applied Matls	49.40	-1.09
Discovery Inc C	22.50	-.14
21st Century Fox A	36.42	+.17
Cypress Semi	15.13	-1.04
Altaba Inc	69.73	-.07
NXP Semiconductors	105.40	+2.91
Nvidia Corporation	226.33	+1.11
PayPal Holdings	74.13	-1.90

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3082.23	+7.2/+.2
Stoxx600	384.64	+.9/+.2
Nikkei	22467.87	+148.3/+.7
MSCI-EAFE	2037.35	+1.3/+.1
Bovespa	86444.66	+61.5/+.1
FTSE 100	7502.21	+80.8/+1.1
CAC-40	5483.19	+29.6/+.5

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	177.16	+3.26
Alphabet Inc C	1030.05	-9.99
Alphabet Inc A	1031.45	-11.86
Amazon.com Inc	1572.62	+54.66
Apple Inc	162.32	-1.90
Bank of America	30.15	+.08
Berkshire Hath B	197.23	+.20
Chevron Corp	126.62	+2.40
Exxon Mobil Corp	77.79	-3.07
Facebook Inc	173.59	-.57
Intel Corp	52.73	-.32
JPMorgan Chase	109.40	-.70
Johnson & Johnson	128.27	+.26
Microsoft Corp	95.82	+1.56
Royal Dutch Shell B	72.27	-.28
Royal Dutch Shell A	69.76	-.54
TiGenix ADS	42.50	-.10
WalMart Strs	87.29	-.65
Wells Fargo & Co	52.36	-.08

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.77	1.78
6-month disc	1.96	1.96
2-year	2.48	2.49
10-year	2.96	2.98
30-year	3.13	3.16

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1320.30	$1315.80
Silver	$16.406	$16.488
Platinum	$916.40	$907.80

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.39

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	20.5381
Australia (Dollar)	1.3191
Brazil (Real)	3.4577
Britain (Pound)	.7254
Canada (Dollar)	1.2833
China (Yuan)	6.3341
Euro	.8250
India (Rupee)	66.578
Israel (Shekel)	3.5919
Japan (Yen)	109.02
Mexico (Peso)	18.6289
Poland (Zloty)	3.48
So. Korea (Won)	1067.69
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.56
Thailand (Baht)	31.52

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	33.09	+.06	+19.1
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	26.93	+.04	+9.1
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	51.96	+.14	+16.0
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	61.02	+.16	+5.9
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	57.00	+.20	+17.5
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	62.25	-.01	+14.5
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	52.02	+.06	+20.1
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.86	+.03	+7.3
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	40.46	+.14	+12.8
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.58	+.12	+18.4
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	45.68	+.04	+14.4
DFA EMktCorEqI	23.25	+.08	+18.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.45	+.02	+1.2
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	46.20	-.01	+10.4
Dodge & Cox Stk	200.18	-.51	+11.6
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	10.43	+.01	+.9
Fidelity 500IdxIns	93.35	+.10	+13.9
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	93.35	+.11	+14.0
Fidelity 500IndexPrm	93.35	+.11	+13.9
Fidelity Contrafund	126.41	+.06	+22.7
Fidelity ContrafundK	126.37	+.06	+22.8
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.92	+.01	+.3
Fidelity LowPrStk	55.41	+.18	+15.3
Franklin Templeton IncA m	2.31	...	+3.4
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	10.36	+.02	-.2
Oakmark IntlInv	28.51	+.14	+13.4
PIMCO IncInstl	12.10	...	+4.2
PIMCO TtlRetIns	9.97	+.01	+.5
Schwab SP500Idx	41.37	+.05	+13.9
T. Rowe Price BCGr	104.17	+.43	+29.4
T. Rowe Price GrStk	66.24	+.18	+23.0
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	246.75	+.29	+13.9
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.52	+.07	+12.0
Vanguard HCAdmrl	83.79	+.45	+6.3
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.79	+.01	+.9
Vanguard InsIdxIns	243.53	+.28	+13.9
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	243.55	+.28	+14.0
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	59.43	+.05	+13.7
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	98.88	+.71	+25.8
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	192.12	+.32	+11.1
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	136.38	+.16	+20.2
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.46	...	+.1
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	71.28	-.06	+11.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.32	+.05	+8.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.48	+.03	+9.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.65	+.06	+10.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.73	+.04	+11.4
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	10.41	+.02	-.4
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	10.41	+.02	-.4
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.80	+.03	+2.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	30.61	+.09	+15.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	122.40	+.34	+15.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	122.42	+.34	+15.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	18.30	+.05	+15.6
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	66.85	+.05	+13.7
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	66.86	+.05	+13.7
Vanguard TtlSMIdxInv	66.82	+.05	+13.5
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	71.42	+.17	+8.8
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	63.16	+.11	+4.2
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	66.38	...	+9.6

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.
m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.
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EDITORIALS

A peaceful day in Korea.

Give Trump some credit

In a stunning diplomatic development, the leaders of North and South Korea met Friday at the demilitarized zone dividing their warring countries. They smiled, shook hands on both sides of the border and sat down for an engaging chat. Could this be the beginning of the end to the Cold War-era conflict that, on its worst days, raises the threat of nuclear war?

Get this: The day's best analysis was also the simplest, tweeted by President Donald Trump, who wasn't there at Panmunjom but played a key role in the breakthrough: "Good things are happening, but only time will tell!"

Yes, patience and skepticism are required. North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un, comes from wily stock. His father and grandfather ran their country, and ran it into the ground, as a hermetically sealed kingdom. The goal was regime preservation at all costs. Their strategy was to keep North Korea isolated, convince impoverished citizens they were under imminent threat of attack by the evil United States, and then arm themselves to the teeth to keep the world at bay.

Through the decades North Korea also engaged in talks to end its hostile posture, but always the Kims would renege. North Korea is so poor it can barely feed its people, yet the leadership had such a grip on the populace there was never pressure to open up and perhaps trade nukes for economic aid. So it was for the grandfather, Kim Il Sung, and the son, Kim Jong Il.

But what about the grandson and current leader? Kim Jong Un is the most dangerous of the bunch, having overseen North Korea's final push to develop nuclear weapons that can fit onto ballistic missiles. Those warheads now appear capable of reaching parts of the U.S. mainland, the Midwest included. Perhaps soon all of the United States will be in range.

Trump faced up to the threat in a way his predecessors in office did not: He made it clear to Kim that there is a genuine red line that cannot be crossed: menacing the U.S. with nukes. Remember the verbal taunts and threats from last year. "Rocket Man is on a suicide mission for himself and for his regime," Trump said, mocking Kim at the United Nations. At the U.N. he said that!

And now ... the promise of peace talks. North and South Korea are embracing each other. Kim is set to meet Trump within a month or two. It would be the first meeting of a North Korean leader and sitting U.S. president. On the table would be a formal end to the Korean War and denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

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This is where it gets tricky. The U.S. wants North Korea to end its nuclear program before receiving economic aid in exchange. It's possible Kim thinks he's put North Korea in its best-ever negotiating position and is willing to strike a deal. Or it's possible he'll try to play the U.S. for whatever concessions he can obtain but isn't serious about abandoning his arsenal.

A third possibility: Trump's tough talk has gotten in Kim's head, while new sanctions have bitten hard. Trump thanked Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday, so maybe the Chinese also are working hard to rein in North Korea. Maybe Kim has embraced detente to the extent that he and Trump end up with shares of a Nobel Peace Prize.

Wherever this proceeds, give Trump credit for his role in making Friday possible.

The long list of future scenarios also includes a return to confrontation. What we know for sure: Only the complete scuttling of the North's nuclear and ballistic missile capacities, including a regimen of international inspections, will defang this dangerous adversary.

As Trump said, time will tell.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

A tectonic shift is taking place in Middle East politics. We may be on the verge of seeing a historic normalization of relations between Israel and several major Arab states. And it is all thanks to Iran. ... The Palestinian issue is no longer the marquee concern it once was. Iranian expansionism, nuclear and missile proliferation, and radical extremism, are the critical issues pushing Israel and the Arab states together. Palestinian leaders have shown no great willingness to adapt to the new circumstances. And to the extent the Hamas faction draws closer to Iran, it puts itself on the wrong side of the peace equation. The fact that both Israel and Saudi Arabia are actively defending their territory from Iranian-supplied rockets sums it all up. ...

In the new model, the U.S. and Israel provide credible nuclear deterrence while also pushing back on Iran's military adventurism. The Arab states can focus on building new economic and social models for development while combating extremism at home and facing Iranian-backed insurgencies abroad. The Palestinian issue will persist, but only as a sideshow, until President (Mahmoud) Abbas or his successor makes substantial moves toward a peace deal. And it may not be long before we see a Saudi embassy in Jerusalem as well.

James S. Robbins, The National Interest

In 2012, Mitch McConnell, the top Republican in the Senate, called the debt "the nation's most serious long-term problem." In the House, John Boehner staged multiple high-profile showdowns over raising the debt limit. ... Yet since winning control of the House, the Senate and the White House, Republicans have done nothing to shore up the budget.

On the contrary, the GOP's two most prominent achievements — an overhaul of the tax code and a spending deal made with congressional Democrats — have combined to make the nation's fiscal future far worse.

The annual deficit is now racing toward $1 trillion. According to a new report from the Congressional Budget Office, over the next decade, deficits will total about $1.8 trillion more than if the tax law had not been passed. ... The $1.3 trillion spending bill that congressional Republicans passed, meanwhile, added $400 billion in new spending over the next two years, breaking the spending caps that were put in place under the previous administration. ... This is the opposite of fiscal responsibility. It is, if anything, an active disdain for the sort of fiscal restraint that Republicans so often claimed to support under Barack Obama. And it strongly suggests that the GOP's criticisms were merely opportunistic. Under Donald Trump, Republicans have demonstrated that they are the party of fiscal ruin.

Peter Suderman, Reason

A rhetorically escalating threat-and-counter-threat between the U.S. and China may be emotionally satisfying to those who believe, as President Trump has said constantly over the decades, that China is "cheating" and "robbing" the United States. But if the goal is to get the Chinese government to change its behavior, there is very little reason to think that public threats, lectures and showdowns will do the trick.

You could go through lots of game-theory reasoning to get to this point — for instance, that while the Chinese economy is in principle more exposed to the pain of a trade war than the U.S. is (because China is poorer, and more dependent on exports), in reality its government faces no mid-term elections, or presidential re-election runs, or public elections at all. Also, it can more easily offset an economic downtown in the short run just by ramping up the infrastructure machine. ...

I have no idea whether the strains and contradictions affecting the Chinese system of government will prove unsustainable within the next few years or whether it will veer and manage its way through the next set of crises as it has so many before. But when it comes to withstanding short-term domestic pressures of a trade slowdown — a drop in growth rate in China, versus pressures on farmers, aircraft manufacturers and ordinary shoppers in America — I'll bet on the Chinese any time.

James Fallows, The Atlantic

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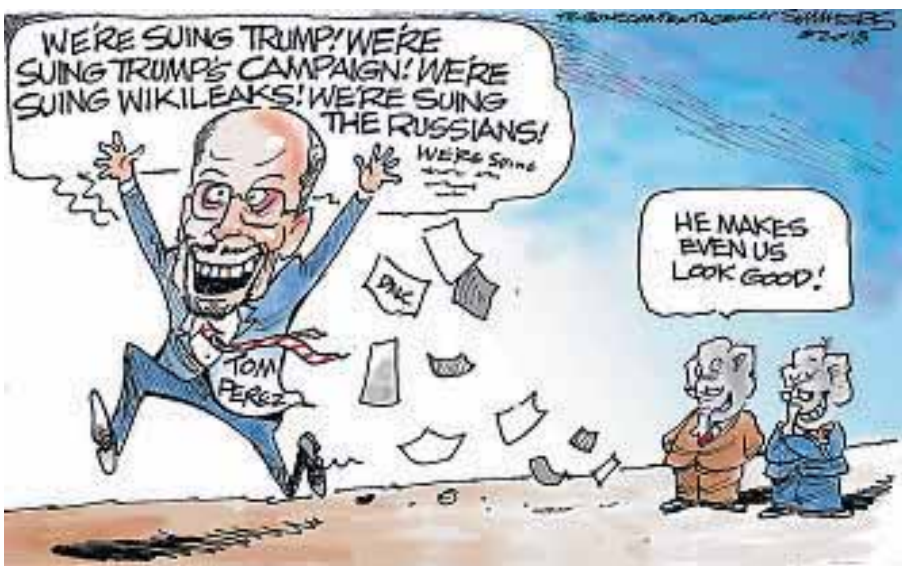

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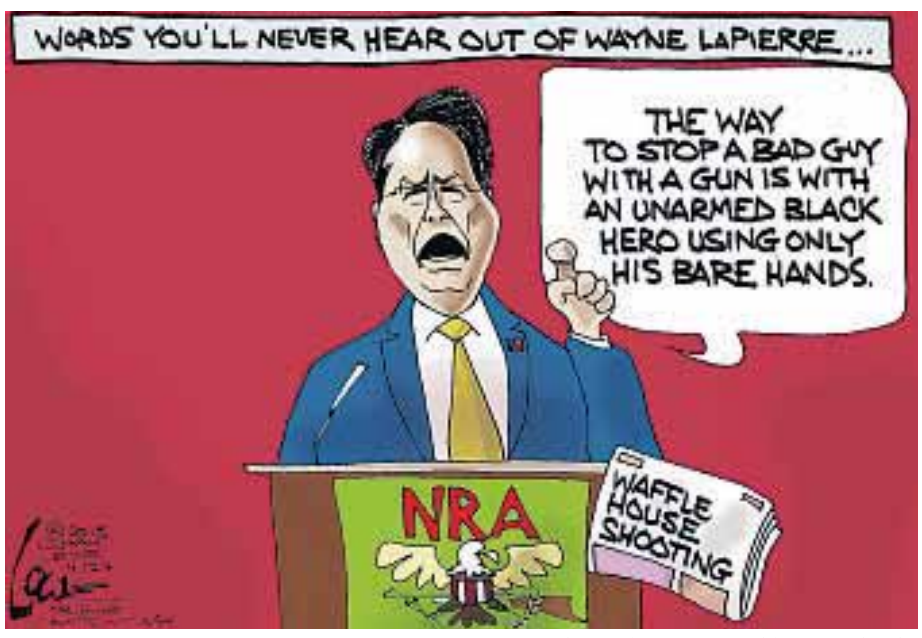

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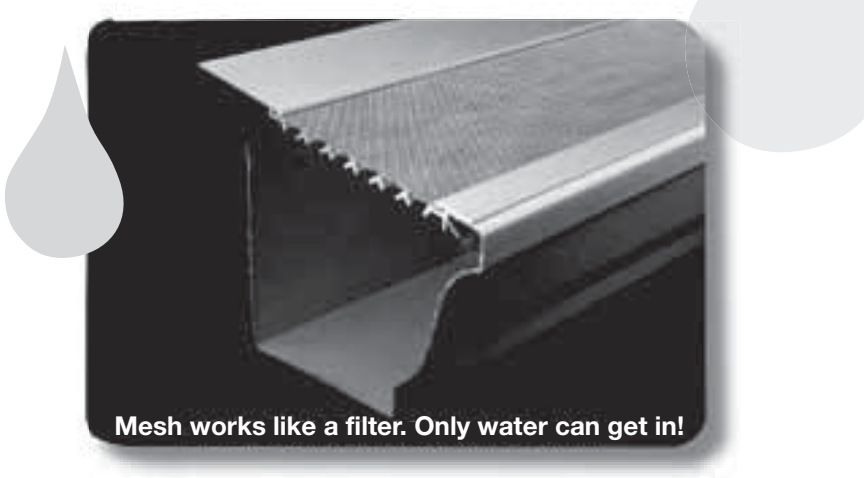

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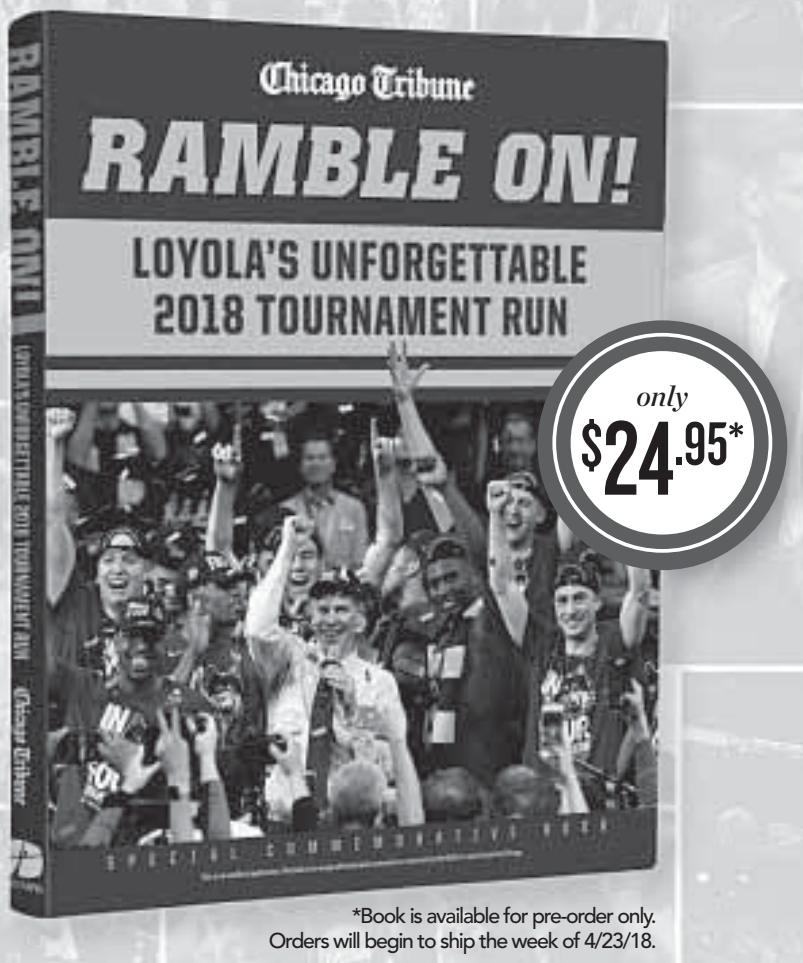

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Colleges and universities provide an enormous economic and social benefit to the area.

Role of higher education

While a number of polls have suggested the general public's trust in higher education has waned in recent years, it's worth focusing on how fortunate Chicago and Illinois are to possess so many distinguished institutions of higher learning.

The University of Chicago, Northwestern, the University of Illinois, Loyola, DePaul, IIT, and many others constitute an enormous economic and social benefit to our region. As Amazon considers where to locate its second headquarters, these higher education resources have been cited as one of Chicago's biggest advantages.

Not only have our universities been important drivers of past economic activity, prosperity and reputation, but they will be even more important to the region's well-being in the future. That's why the national poll findings mentioned above are so disturbing. No doubt, part of the perception problem is the continuing rise in tuition and fees and worries over student debt. Additionally, recent reports of visiting speakers being shut down by disruptive students have not been helpful. Unfortunately, news coverage of significant financial aid increases for less fortunate students and countless examples of open, civil campus debate on controversial issues have received less coverage.

This is a fact of reputational life: The exceptional makes news and bounces over and over through the media echo chamber. The more normal, excellent job so many colleges and universities do for students and communities frequently is not featured in news reports. And this is especially true in a time of such polarization and economic upheaval in our nation.

In response to these trends many college and university leaders have shifted their rhetoric on the value of a degree to focus on return on investment, most often expressed in economic terms — higher rates of employment for college graduates, larger salaries, more taxes paid, etc. Certainly these are important statistics, but statistics don't always resonate. What may resonate most with the public is messaging on the most vital purpose of higher education: producing not only educated, well-off graduates, but also informed, engaged and, yes, patriotic citizens.

In classrooms across our country, students are learning the importance of civil, evidence-based discourse to the continued strength of our democracy. By insisting on conversations of substance and diverse viewpoints aimed at reaching if not consensus then compromise, faculty are preparing the women and men who will lead our nation and our world in the coming decades. This is one way to reverse the dangerous tide of incivility now damaging our body politic and the willingness of our elected officials to work together.

Recognition and recommitment to this core mission of higher education has never been more essential. Why? So this generation of students can appreciate that listening carefully and responding thoughtfully to multiple viewpoints earnestly presented is how we find our way forward together as Americans. Nothing our campuses do is more valuable than that.

— Dennis FitzSimons, chair, Robert R. McCormick Foundation, and former chairman/CEO, Tribune Co.

Anti-rural bias

I went to DePaul University. Being a country kid from a red state, I wholeheartedly listened to every candidate back in 2008 and made my decision on the person I thought best fit to be president, Barack Obama. (2008 was my first year to also vote in a major election.) I do not in any way regret my voting decision.

Throughout the course of my studies at DePaul, I was not shy when anti-rural subjects came up. It happened a lot. All of the time I would hear very hateful things toward rural people from both fellow students and professors. I have always been outgoing, and through this discourse I was able to determine that these people making these judgments never lived in, nor cared to get to know anyone from, these areas.

This is what made me the conservative Trump supporter I am today: the thought that people are so educated and better off that they somehow know more than half of the country. Reminder: That's the half who feed you and who end up fighting overseas for your right to state your own opinion without recourse.

I've never heard someone who I thought was a real conservative attack an opposing viewpoint. Most true conservatives say that it's a right to state an opposing opinion.

I agree.

— Ash Hartman, Chicago

Paving and flooding

The program to buy and raze homes in flood-prone areas along local rivers is a good idea. Federal Emergency Management Agency has used similar programs in areas along the Mississippi River that were also prone to flooding. We are building too many homes in areas subject to floods and hurricanes.

While the article indicated that climate change may be the cause of more frequent heavy rains and the resulting floods, another cause of flooding was missed.

We have paved over much of the watershed. We have acres of paved and unused parking lots. Drive by any shopping center (or office) parking lot and look at all of the spaces not being used. I do not know if developers determine how much parking is needed or if this is required due to building code, but it needs to change. Many of these parking spaces are never used; few of these are constructed of permeable material that allows rain water to pass through. All of this rainwater runs into storm sewers and into the rivers and streams. I suspect much of the increase in flooding along area rivers is due to development along these rivers upstream.

Smarter development would solve some of the flooding issue. In addition to tearing down homes, let's convert unused parking lots to green space or retention basins.

— Robert Owensby, Naperville

A healthy space

Riding the train from the western suburbs to Union Station is a potent reminder of the contrasts in nature across communities in the Chicago area. Because nature provides countless services for our physical and mental health as well as the resiliency of our communities' infrastructure, it's clear that our natural resources are something we have to actively protect and expand.

Moving forward, I would like to see regional mandates that future land development be offset with natural protections. For example, for every 500 square feet of building or parking space, a tree (or two) should be planted. For properties without sufficient space, a fund can be established to plant those trees on parkways or in city parks.

Alternatively, developers could commit to green roofs or donating property to the various park districts in the region so that natural areas can be protected in perpetuity. Parking lots should be reimagined to let water drain into sunken natural areas with trees and native plants instead of into storm sewers.

Economic vitality is essential to the health of region, but so is the mental and physical health of the people and their natural world. As the train rolls toward Chicago, I'm made very aware that it's incumbent upon all of us to preserve, protect and expand natural spaces for our own health and the health of generations to come.

— Dr. Robert M. Sargis, University of Illinois at Chicago

Addiction as disease

Opioid deaths are on the rise in not only the country, but in our own community. I propose that we, as a community, address this epidemic in a different way. Things aren't being fixed fast enough.

When we look at how addiction and drug use are being explained to kids and teens, not much has changed in the last 20 years, yet numbers of addiction and overdose are on the rise.

I think that as a community, we should start teaching our children about addiction as a disease, instead of a series of poor choices that have consequences. Children should be aware of the genetic predisposition of addiction and how it's important to avoid these situations if a history of addiction runs in your family.

We also must consider how we treat addicts. Instead of throwing people in jail, we should treat them for the disease of addiction. Addicts should have more access to mental health care and treatment facilities when they are apprehended, so the rates of recidivism can be lowered, and people can get their fair shot at life.

Addiction is still such a taboo subject, but it's a conversation that we need to have in our community. People are dying. Maybe we can save them if we re-evaluate how we are addressing this problem and try to fix it.

— Kelsey Funk, South Elgin

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Oklahoma!' ★★★

A paean to the open prairie

Classic features a few new touches in lively production at Marriott

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" is directed by Aaron Thielen at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire.

From Jimmy Buffett to the cast of "Frozen," all kinds of people have been warbling ditties from "Oklahoma!" these last few days. It's all been part of an ongoing celebration of this groundbreaking musical's 75th anniversary — a musical which, based on the evidence Thursday night at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire, retains a singular capacity to move and delight the American people of the Middle West.

The gurgles of pleasure Thursday began with the overture.

The designers Kevin Depinet and Anthony Churchill have come up with a circular projection at the rear of this theater in the round, here used to create a sense of endless flatland, of flowers on the prairie where the June bugs zoom, of the possibilities of pasture. It's not cutting-edge technology — it reminded me of the old display in the visitors center in Gettysburg, Pa. — but it's done well, and it has not been done here often.

The ribbon became visible as the orchestra struck up a new set of orchestrations with more of a country flavor — heavier on the acoustic guitar and fiddles — and it connected one slice of statehood prairie in one time to another on the brink of becoming a territory. All around me, arms snaked around the backs of partners.

"You know we belong to the land," they sing, problematically, since, as Tracy Letts noted in another play about Oklahoma, the land did not even remotely belong to these settlers. But even the censorial tend to let that pass with "Oklahoma!," a musical about the *feeling* that you are at one with your environment, whatever the truths of history. The appeal of this show has a lot in common with the appeal of "The Wizard of Oz" — both are mythologies of the heartland. Both touch the souls of ordinary people.

When: Through June 10

Where: Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire

Running time: 2 hours, 30 minutes

Tickets: $50-$60 at 847-634-0200 and **www.marriottheatre.com**

This is true of the Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein classics in general. I've seen "South Pacific," "Carousel" and "Oklahoma!" all within a couple of weeks — two in Chicago and one in New York — and, over all those hours, have been reminded anew of how forward-thinking these shows always have been. Directors tend to think they are updating them, or somehow changing their focus, but the reality is that they are all about life's most important transitions — our birth, our need for partnership of our choosing and our death — and they've always accommodated any and all shifts in that waving American wheat.

Director Aaron Thielen's production is modestly scaled, which lends it a genuine intimacy, rather as if he had shrunk the theater. Jennie Sophia is a resonant Laurey — quite introspective as Laureys go — and that aids the crucial emotional trajectory of the piece as a young woman on the cusp of adulthood comes to her senses after her curiosity about Jud Fry, who is played here with admirable realism and hunger by Shea Coffman, a huge asset to this show. Brandon Springman, who plays Curly, is charming and vulnerable, you feel that the Laurey in front of you will be happy with him, as you must for the show to work.

I found Susan Moniz quieter than ideal as Aunt Eller, the surrogate parent to all the other characters, and I wouldn't say that Evan Tyrone Martin seems fully comfortable as Ali Hakim, the character with the funniest lines in the piece. But both of those actors always come with rich emotional vocabularies, which adds to the level of feeling, if not the spunk.

The best comedy of the night comes from Michelle Lauto, now a redheaded Ado Annie, and her partner in crime, Will Parker, most charmingly played by Aaron Umsted. I've long thought Lauto to be a Broadway-quality performer who just needs the right chance, and her sophisticated vocal treatment of Ado Annie's comic songs make that only more clear. It's funny *and* it's dignified. No mean feat.

Alex Sanchez's choreography does not overwhelm or strike out for new earth; rooted in social dance, it is closer to the movement of ordinary people than you usually find in "Oklahoma!" Sanchez sometimes demurs, narratively speaking, but he'll still help you walk out the door, into a parking lot paved on a prairie, feeling like there's something meaningful in the flatlands.

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IN PERFORMANCE

John Williams explores galaxies far and near

By John von Rhein
Chicago Tribune

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Composer John Williams conducts the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in a program featuring his film scores Thursday at Orchestra Hall.

Among the film composers presently active in Hollywood studios, there aren't many whose music can enthrall you without any movie around them. John Williams, who returned to a sold-out Orchestra Hall on Thursday night to conduct the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in an entertaining program of his film music, is without question the Yoda-like grand master of them all.

His output of scores for more than 100 films is so rich that there was no problem assembling a varied and interesting program that touched on the expected (selections from iconic Steven Spielberg and George Lucas blockbusters) as well as on some of his lesser-known cinematic selections, spanning an amazing 47 years of a career that makes him arguably Tinseltown's most in-demand composer to this day.

Thursday's packed house saluted this Beethoven of celluloid, a spry 86-year-old, with a standing ovation before he had conducted a note. Williams shared baton duties with his longtime colleague Richard Kaufman, a familiar figure himself from his many podium appearances at CSO film programs downtown and at Ravinia. Each conductor tied together the diverse musical bits with his own low-key narration.

Williams' portion, which made up the second half of the concert, was peppered with chatty anecdotes about his work with Spielberg, his affection for the CSO (with which he recorded the soundtrack to the director's 2012 film "Lincoln") and other asides. His conducting was very much in the same vein — loose and sparing — honed to the essentials especially by his 14 seasons as music director of the Boston Pops Orchestra.

It's often been observed that Williams, with his scores for the first "Star Wars" in 1977, and "Superman" the following year, revived the big symphonic sound as pioneered by Erich Wolfgang Korngold and perpetuated by such later masters of film composition as Miklos Rozsa, Dimitri Tiomkin and Williams' friend Bernard Herrmann.

And while it's easy to trace influences in Williams' music — snatches of Elgar and Richard Strauss here, great gobs of Holst's "The Planets" and Hanson's "Romantic" Symphony there — the way in which he assimilates these musical found objects remains remarkably personal. His larger-than-life symphonic romanticism is very much his own, readily identifiable regardless of the period or style his music is evoking on the big screen.

What's more, Williams is a master of colorful orchestration, just as he is one of the great melodists in the history of film music.

Much of the fun of Thursday's concert was hearing the CSO's furiously whirling strings, roaring brasses and pounding timpani going full tilt in excerpts from three different "Star Wars" movies — also, at encore time, familiar tracks from "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Superman" and "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back." No composer for the movies does juicy strings soaring over pulsing, rhythmic brasses better than Williams.

But he also does evocative delicacy and noble feeling like nobody else, as the charming, flute-filigreed suite from "The BFG" proved. Aaron Copland would, I think, have been flattered by the allusions to that American master's wide-open-prairie style in Williams' scores to "Lincoln" and "The Cowboys."

The grandiosity and bombast of Lucas' intergalactic mythology in the "Star Wars" films will live forever in Williams' lush, sweeping soundtracks. How many millions of moviegoers have been tempted to come over to the classical side by virtue of hearing the scores to those self-replicating popcorn epics?

Kaufman modestly likened himself to a warmup act before launching the first half of the program. An efficient conductor in his own right, his bits of familiar and unfamiliar Williamsiana included a ravishing suite from a 1970 television adaptation of "Jane Eyre" (echoes of Vaughan Williams in his English folk song mode) and the famous flying theme from "E.T." in which young Elliott and his extraterrestrial friend take off into the air on the boy's bicycle, passing across the face of the moon.

Would that scene be half as thrilling without Williams' music to underscore it? Don't ask silly questions.

The program will be repeated at 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; $60-$285; 312-294-3000, ***www.cso.org.***

Note: Folks Operetta has announced its 2018 season and a major campaign to raise money to present the American premiere of Erich Wolfgang Korngold's final opera, "Die Kathrin" ("Kathrin"), in 2019.

This year's season will open with a production of Emmerich Kalman's "The Csardas Princess," July 7-22 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave. Mark Taylor will conduct, and Gerald Frantzen will direct the show, which will be sung in English.

The season also holds a multimedia concert, "Forbidden Opera," Oct. 19 and 21 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, Skokie, and children's operetta workshop performances of Franz Lehar's "Peter and Paul in the Land of Nod" in December at the Nineteenth Century Club, Oak Park.

The planned 1938 premiere in Vienna of "Die Kathrin" was canceled by Nazi censors, and the score barely survived Nazi efforts to destroy Korngold's manuscripts. Folks Operetta's goal is to raise $150,000 to produce the rarely heard opera, in English, at Chicago's Athenaeum Theatre in 2019.

For further information, go to ***www.folksoperetta.org.***

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"Midsummer Night's Dream" is a Joffrey Ballet presentation.

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"Midsummer Night's Dream"

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Lucky Plush triple threats in tough space at Harris

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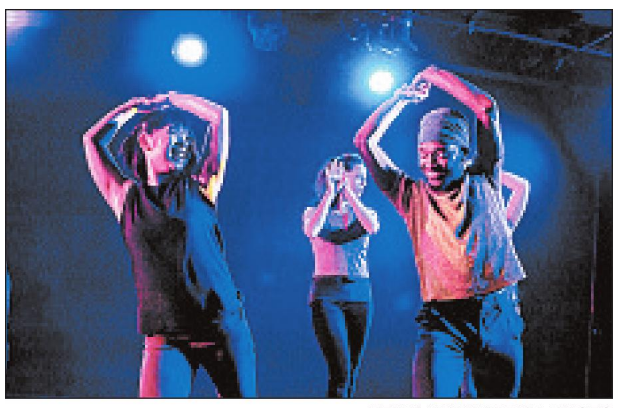

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Kara Brody, Elizabeth Luse and Aaron-Raheim White are featured in the "Tab Show" from Lucky Plush.

The Harris Theater's main curtain opened Thursday to a cast of familiar characters swaying their hips back and forth and bopping to the beat of their own tunes. If you listen closely, you hear a variety of songs and a count of eight sung under the breaths of five of the six ensemble members from Lucky Plush Productions, plus artistic director Julia Rhoads, who was in for Meghann Wilkinson on the opening night of "Tab Show" at the Harris Theater in Millennium Park.

The thing that ultimately brings this group together is solfege. The six performers form a clump onstage at center, singing Sol, La, Ti, etc. with their corresponding hand signals to create a series of harmonies. It's like peeking in on a glee club practice; per usual, Lucky Plush blurs the line between rehearsal and performance. They're wearing casual rehearsal clothes; at intervals they break away from the singing to chat it out and reorganize.

This is the beginning of "Rink Life," a development of "Cadence," which Rhoads created for Hubbard Street Dance Chicago at the Museum of Contemporary Art in 2017. "Rink Life" is said to be inspired by old-school roller skating culture.

Picture yourself at the rink, circa, maybe, 1992. You're rocking a pair of rental skates. There was no social media, no cellphones — social interactions are in bits and pieces as you make your way around the rink, catching fragments of others' conversations, the content of which is muddled by different gliding speeds, music on the loudspeaker or a DJ collecting volunteers to participate in impending races. But direct references to the roller rink don't actually surface in "Rink Life." Instead, Rhoads crafts a score based on this idea of social fragmentation from which the dancers improvise.

When: Through 7:30 p.m. Friday

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

Running time: 90 minutes

Tickets: $25-$70 at 312-334-7777 or **www.harristheaterchicago.org**

Some of the artists (which included appearances by guest performers Ethan Kirschbaum, Jacinda Ratcliffe and Enid Smith in addition to Rhoads, Kara Brody, Michel Rodriguez Cintra, Elizabeth Luse, Rodolfo Sanchez Sarracino and Aaron-Raheim White) accomplish this better than others, with above-stage and floor microphones picking up most of the dialogue in addition to all of the vocal bobbles that come with being lifted by the waist while simultaneously attempting to belt Cat Stevens' "If You Want to Sing Out, Sing Out."

Presumably, the Lucky Plush crew is better than Hubbard Street at mastering the funny nuances of Rhoads' choreographic style and the natural, witty interactions she extracts from her performers. I think that was true here, but the setting is all wrong. The MCA provided an ideal forum to witness these improvised exchanges and song lyrics passed around the stage, but for a 1,200 seat house, much of "Rink Life" came off garbled and nondescript.

The second act, an accumulation of favorite moments from past Lucky Plush works under the title "Curb Candy," was more successful than the first.

Maybe I'm being overly harsh here. Rhoads is a master of comedic timing and physical humor; she expertly tugs at the idiosyncrasies of human nature and seamlessly blends dance, theater and music. As Lucky Plush continues to evolve, Rhoads will have to consider if the big stage and the big house are what she really wants. If yes, her work will have to change to be better served by those spaces, or to quote Cat Stevens, "If you want to sing out, sing out."

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ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Family members lurk on social media

Dear Amy: I have a large extended family. I was close to my cousins and aunts growing up, but I now feel like the black sheep of the family. I am gay and have political and religious beliefs that are different from the rest of my conservative family.

While no one has ever been mean or critical to my face, I am "friends" with many of my relatives on social media, and I am routinely given the cold shoulder in this forum.

My aunts post warm messages to their other nieces and nephews. They have never posted anything to me. My cousins constantly post back and forth with each other.

If I add a comment to the conversation, no one responds back. I often leave friendly comments on their photos and updates, even though they never acknowledge me. While this is hurtful, I understand that my lifestyle is foreign to them.

I am content to leave things at arm's length (I'm embarrassed that it bugs me at all.) My mother is close to her siblings and their children, but she has no idea that they treat me this way. She does not have a social media account.

Weirdly enough, my relatives seem to be paying close attention to my social media, and often tell my mom about updates or photos I have posted, which she appreciates. I want to tell her that these relatives are two-faced, but I'm not sure I need to make my problem her problem, and the problem of me feeling snubbed on social media is easily solved by removing them from my friends list. Advice?

— Snubbed

Dear Snubbed: Your relatives are lurking. Lurkers note what other people post, but decline to "like" or comment on those posts. The fact that they are aware of your doings and report them positively to your mother means that they are paying attention.

You should post whenever and however you want to. You might feel better if you became more of a lurker on your family's posts. Yes, unfriend them (or hide their posts) if you want to, but don't let them change you. I don't know how it will help matters for you to report this snubbing to your mother.

Dear Amy: My mother-in-law was just diagnosed with cancer. She probably has a year to live. Her youngest son (my husband's brother) and she had some sort of falling-out, and he has not contacted her in almost a year, despite her many attempts.

He has also not allowed her to see his son. Not seeing her grandson has been very hard on her.

I have been the only one out of four sons and four daughters-in-law to accompany her to her many medical appointments, and have been trying to support her as best I can.

My brother-in-law finally called after he found out about her diagnosis and said he would visit this past weekend. Well, he never showed. Not even a phone call. She, of course, was devastated. I texted him and he told me not to get involved, that it was none of my business. My husband agreed.

I feel that since I am the only one who talks to her on a regular basis, I have every right to call out my brother-in-law on his awful behavior, just as I would a biological brother. Do I have the right to get involved, or have I overstepped my boundaries?

— Angry In-law

Dear Angry: You are a family member and an involved helpmate to your mother-in-law. You have every right to react honestly to this behavior, but you don't seem to have taken into account what your mother-in-law might have wanted you to do.

My experience with family estrangement is that trying to coax someone back into the fold is a delicate dance. You expressing your anger and/or bewilderment at his unreliability might have sent him skittering back into his corner, and this is not what anyone seems to want right now. I think you should absent yourself from this dynamic, to keep your focus on your loved one's needs.

Dear Amy: "Bought the Farm" wondered how to enforce the boundaries on their farm from their rowdy family members with teenagers who lived next door.

Suggest trading some fun for those teenagers for some improvements or repairs around the farm!

— Another Amy

Dear Amy: I like this idea; these teens could help to improve the land they've rutted with their four-wheelers.

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WATCH THIS: SATURDAY

Minka Kelly

"The Beach House" (8 p.m., Hallmark, HMM): After losing her job, Cara Rudland (Minka Kelly) returns to the Lowcountry of South Carolina to visit her mother (Andie MacDowell), who at the moment is caring for Toy (Makenzie Vega), a pregnant friend, in a charming beach house. As Cara gets back into her love of coastal wildlife, she also renews her past romance with Brett (Chad Michael Murray).

"Ransom" (7 p.m., CBS): The controversial detention site Guantanamo figures into the new episode "A Free Man in Paris," since someone who used to be a guard there becomes a captive of terrorists. To save the hostage, Eric (Luke Roberts) has to rely on a former detainee at Guantanamo who's also dealing with the other side in the negotiations. Sarah Greene, Brandon Jay McLaren and Nazneen Contractor also star.

"The Hitman's Bodyguard" (7 p.m., 2:55 a.m., HBO): Screenwriter Tom O'Connor originally wrote his script as a drama, but it went through a frantic rewrite to highlight a comic sensibility, which may explain why this 2017 action comedy has a bit of a tonal identify crisis. Ryan Reynolds stars as a former CIA agent turned bodyguard who is hired to protect a notorious hitman (Samuel L. Jackson) due to testify at the International Criminal Court. Gary Oldman and Salma Hayek also star in the movie, which was a critical and commercial disappointment.

"Iyanla, Fix My Life" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., OWN): When a police officer killed her fiance, Philando Castile, during a routine traffic stop, Diamond Reynolds live-streamed the chaotic aftermath of that tragedy. Iyanla is joined by Sybrina Fulton, the mother of slain teenager Trayvon Martin, as she counsels Diamond and tries to heal her painful trauma in the new episode "Witness to a Killing: Philando's Fiancee."

"The Book of John Gray" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., OWN): In a new episode called "The Chapter on Being Present," John offers comfort to a young woman who has just been diagnosed with stage two breast cancer. With no current personal support system available, she is struggling to hold onto her faith as she goes through the unpleasant chemotherapy process alone. A surprising twist occurs as John and Aventer host their annual Teen Weekend.

"Best in Sex: 2018 AVN Awards" (10 p.m., Showtime): One of the few 2018 movie awards shows where you're not likely to see Frances McDormand, this celebration of the year's best in adult entertainment actually was filmed in January at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, with hosts Angela White and Harli Lotts, and entertainment from comic Aries Spears and musical guest Lil Wayne. Winners with titles we can print here include "Justice League XXX: An Axel Braun Parody" and "Adventures With the Baumgartners."

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MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Ransom: "A Free Man in Paris." (N) © HD		48 Hours © HD		48 Hours © HD		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	NHL Hockey: San Jose Sharks at Vegas Golden Knights. Western Conference semi-final, Game 2. (N) (Live) HD						NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC 7	American Idol: "114 (Top 10 Reveal)." © HD				Jimmy Kimmel Live © HD		Eyewitness News (N) ♦
	WGN 9	(7:10) MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Kansas City Royals. From Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (N) (Live) © HD						WGN News (N) ©
	Antenna 9.2	Morning	McHale	Knows Best	Jack Benny	Burns/Allen	Jeannie	Bewitched
	This TV 9.3	The Saint ©		The Saint ©		The Saint: "Judith." ©		Spy-Loved ♦
	PBS 11	800 Words ©		Father Brown: "The Angel of Mercy." ©		Death in Paradise ©		I Want My Wife Back
	The U 26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Burgers
	MeTV 26.3	Svengoolie: "Mr. Sardonicus." ©				Batman ©	Batman ©	Star Trek ♦
	H&I 26.4	Hunter: "Blind Ambition."		Hill Street Blues ©		Hill Street Blues ©		Wiseguy ♦
	Bounce 26.5	♦ (6) Set Up (R,'11)		Out for Justice (R,'91) ★★ Steven Seagal.				On Deadly ♦
	FOX 32	♦ Motorcycle Race (N)	Boxing: Premier Boxing Champions. (N) (Live) HD				Fox 32 News (N)	Flannery Fired Up
	Ion 38	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU ♦
	TeleM 44	♦ (6) RoboCop ('14) ★★ ©		Blood Father (R,'16) ★★★ Mel Gibson. ©				Noticiero
	CW 50	Rizzoli & Isles ©		Rizzoli & Isles ©		Major Crimes: "Backfire."		Crimes ♦
	UniMas 60	♦ Conserje	Lawless (R,'12) ★★ Shia LaBeouf, Tom Hardy.					Derailed ♦
	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 -- 04.28.18." (N) (Live) © ♦				
	AMC	♦ (5) Open Range ('03) ★★★		The Terror ©		(9:07) The Terror ©		The Terror ♦
	ANIM	The Zoo: Bronx Tales		The Zoo (N) ©		(9:01) The Zoo ©		The Zoo ♦
	BBCA	The X-Files: "Firewalker."		The X-Files ©		The X-Files ©		X-Files ♦
	BET	♦ (5:30) Next Friday (R) ★★		(7:55) The Players Club (R,'98) ★★ LisaRaye, Bernie Mac.				
	BIGTEN	♦ College Baseball (N)		The B1G	The B1G	College Football ♦		
	BRAVO	♦ (6:52) Wedding Crashers (R,'05) ★★★ Owen Wilson. ©					Wedding Crashers ★★★ ♦	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	News (N)
	CNBC	Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss: "Orkin."		Boss ♦
	CNN	The White House (N)		The White House (N)		The White House (N)		Dinner (N) ♦
	COM	♦ (5:50) Big Daddy ('99) ★		The Longest Yard (PG-13,'05) ★★ Adam Sandler, Chris Rock. ©				
	DISC	Misfit (N)		Misfit (N)		Misfit (N)		Misfit ♦
	DISN	♦ (6:45) How to Build a Better Boy ('14)			Bunk'd ©	Bizaardvark	Stuck	Bunk'd ©
	E!	♦ (5:30) Monster-in-Law		27 Dresses (PG-13,'08) ★★ Katherine Heigl, James Marsden. ©				
	ESPN	♦ (6) Boxing: Jessie Magdaleno vs. Isaac Dogboe. (N)				SportsCenter (N) (Live) ©		SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	♦ Madden (N)	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Johnsonville Cornhole ♦		
	FNC	Watters' World (N) ©		Justice With Jeanine (N)		Greg Gutfeld (N)		Watters ♦
	FOOD	Best Baker in America		Best Baker in America		Best Baker in America		Best ♦
	FREE	♦ (4:35) Forrest Gump ('94)		(7:50) Grown Ups (PG-13,'10) ★ Adam Sandler. ©				
	FX	Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13,'14) ★★★ Chris Pratt. ©					Legion: "Chapter 12." ♦	
	HALL	♦ (6) A Country Wedding		The Beach House (NR,'17) Andie MacDowell. ©				Golden Girls
	HGTV	Fixer Upper ©		Fixer Upper ©		Beachfront Renovation (N)		Bargain
	HIST	Ancient Aliens: Declassified: "Mysteries of the Lost and Found." (N) © ♦						
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	The Chronicles of Riddick (PG-13,'04) ★★ Vin Diesel. ©					Chronicles-Ridd ♦	
	LIFE	Lethal Admirer (NR,'18) Karissa Lee Staples. ©				I Killed My BFF: Preacher's ♦		
	MSNBC	The Last Word		MSNBC Special Coverage (N) ©				Hardball ♦
	MTV	8 Mile (R,'02) ★★★ Eminem, Kim Basinger. ©					Four Brothers ('05) ★★ ♦	
	NBCSCH	FIG World Cup Gymnastics: Rhythmic. (Tape)				Red Bull: Air Race (N) ♦		
	NICK	Henry (N)	Star Falls (N)	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends ©
	OVATION	Overboard (PG,'87) ★★ Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.				Artful Detective (N)		Grumpy ♦
	OWN	Iyanla, Fix My Life ©		Iyanla, Fix My Life (N) ©		Book, J. Gray (N)		Iyanla ♦
	OXY	The Turpin 13: Family Secrets Exposed ©				Snapped: "Notorious: Aileen Wuornos." ♦		
	PARMT	♦ (5) The Expendables 3		Bellator MMA Live (N) (Live) © ♦				
	SYFY	The Lost World: Jurassic Park (PG-13,'97) ★★ Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore. ©						Futurama
	TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal
	TCM	The Quatermass Xperiment ('55) ★★			(8:45) Five Million Years to Earth (NR,'67) ★★★ ♦			
	TLC	Trading Spaces (N) ©		Nate & Jeremiah (N)		(9:07) Trading Spaces		Trading ♦
	TLN	Exalted	Pacific Garden Mission		In Grace	Humanitarian		Pure Pas
	TNT	NBA Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)					Basketball (N Subject to	
	TOON	Cleveland	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Family Guy	Dragon (N)	Dragon
	TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures (N) ©		Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost ♦
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	VH1	♦ Bourne Su	The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13,'07) ★★★ Matt Damon. ©					Casino (R) ♦
	WE	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds: "Identity."		Criminal ♦
	WGN America	Godzilla (PG-13,'14) ★★ Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Ken Watanabe. ©					Person of Interest ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	The Hitman's Bodyguard (R,'17) ★★ Ryan Reynolds.				Boxing (N) ♦		
	HBO2	Barry ©	Silicon	Westworld ©		Harry Potter-Prisoner of Azkaban ♦		
	MAX	Psycho (R,'98) ★★ Vince Vaughn.			(8:45) Psycho II (R,'83) ★★ Anthony Perkins. ♦			
	SHO	The Chi: "Wallets." ©		Kill Bill: Vol. 1 (R,'03) ★★★ Uma Thurman. ©				AVNs (N) ♦
	STARZ	Amityville: The Awakening ('17) ★			(8:29) Howards End ©		Life (R,'17) ★★ ♦	
	STZENC	♦ Rush Hour 2	(7:29) Don't Breathe (R,'16) ★★★			Spartacus: Gods		Cast Away ♦

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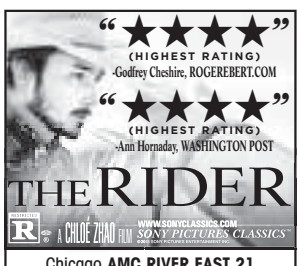

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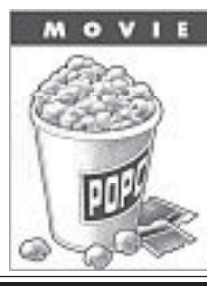

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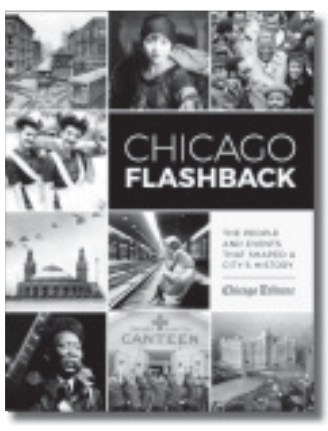

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (April 28): Your collaboration flowers this year. Envision and plan with your partner. Revise professional ambitions to align. Summer communications and writing projects hit their mark and domestic renewal supports family growth. Learn career skills. Coordinate an educational journey for winter.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Keep your cool, and reserve judgment. You and a partner may not see eye to eye. Discuss plans and revise for changes. Preparation pays off.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. Prioritize health, fitness and your work. Don't commit to a decision yet. Release irritation by going for a run. Intuition dictates the timing.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Tech failure is likely. Avoid frustration and losing your temper, especially with those you love. Let sleeping dogs lie. Slow down and reevaluate. Relax.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Put physical energy into cleaning and upgrading your home. Make mechanical or tech repairs. Plan your purchases carefully to avoid hassle or delay.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Edit carefully before hitting "send." Make sure that's what you wanted to say. The gentle approach works best; cut snarky comments.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Don't be hasty. Look before leaping, especially concerning money. Research purchases carefully. Prepare to backup budgetary choices with facts. Respond quickly, while providing thorough data.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Resist the temptation to interrupt or step into something you haven't thought through. Arguments and errors spark easily. Use your confidence gently. Consider personal implications.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Reduce velocity. Avoid expensive mistakes. Reschedule and reorganize plans. Stay in communication, and keep your cool.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Offer advice only if asked. Note a controversy that's already in process. Listen more and speak less. Confusion or a conflict of interest impacts your team.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Professional changes require adaptation. What can you postpone? Avoid travel, spending or risky propositions. Misunderstandings, delays and mistakes can arise. Stay in communication.

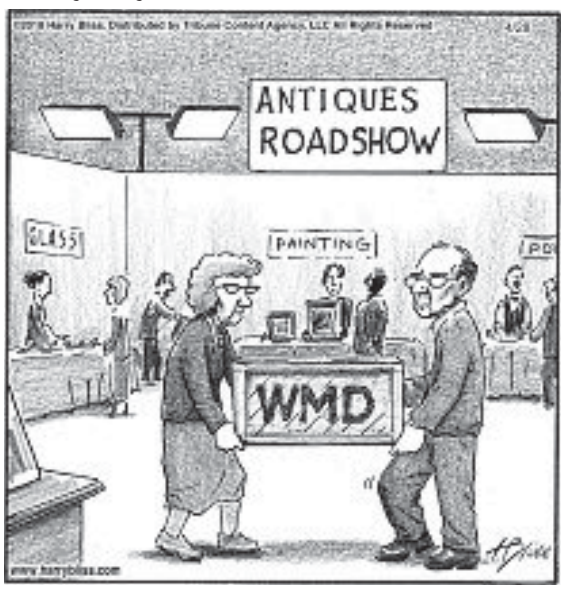
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Watch for potholes along the road. Costs vary widely and can arise unexpectedly. Plug financial leaks, and stay frugal. Slow down, and consider the view.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Keep your promises and bargains, especially where money is concerned. An awkward moment could arise from a misunderstanding.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn

Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

North
♠ A K Q J 5
♥ K 5 2
♦ A 9 6
♣ K 9

West
♠ 8 3
♥ J 6 4
♦ 10 2
♣ A 8 7 5 4 2

East
♠ 9 7 4 2
♥ A 10 8
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ Q 10

South
♠ 10 6
♥ Q 9 7 3
♦ Q J 4 3
♣ J 6 3

Esther was thrilled to be playing with Fred once again. Fred was still a fine player, but he seldom came to the club anymore. Esther invited him often, and she was always excited when he accepted. She couldn't keep up with Fred as a player, but she loved the challenge.

Esther, West in today's deal, led her fourth-best club. Declarer played low from dummy, Fred played his 10, and South won with the jack. The contract was a poor one, seeming to need a 4-4 club split, or a miracle blockage, plus a successful diamond finesse. Declarer started by running the queen of diamonds. This lost to Fred's king and Fred returned the queen of clubs to Esther's ace. Esther wasn't quite sure what had happened, but it seemed possible that all of her clubs were now high. Nervously testing the waters, she led her eight of clubs. Sure enough, it held the trick and Esther gleefully ran the rest of her clubs. She then shifted to a heart and they defeated the contract by three tricks!

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Opening lead: Five of ♣

"You blew it at trick one," said North, in the process of losing yet another partner. "You could have played high from dummy at trick one or low from your hand. Either play would have let you make nine tricks. You got it wrong in both hands!"

No one mentioned Fred's brilliant play at trick one, and Fred was too modest to bring it up. Great play!

— Bob Jones
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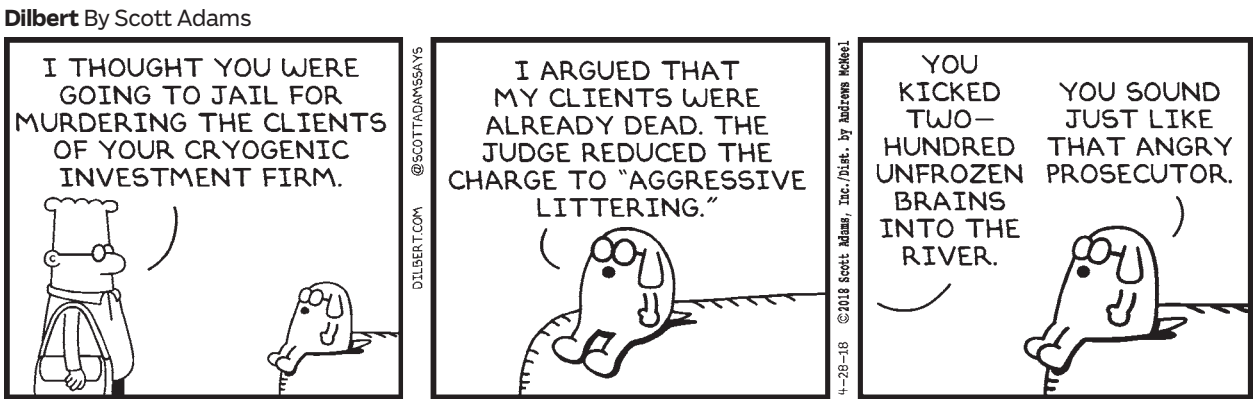
Dilbert By Scott Adams



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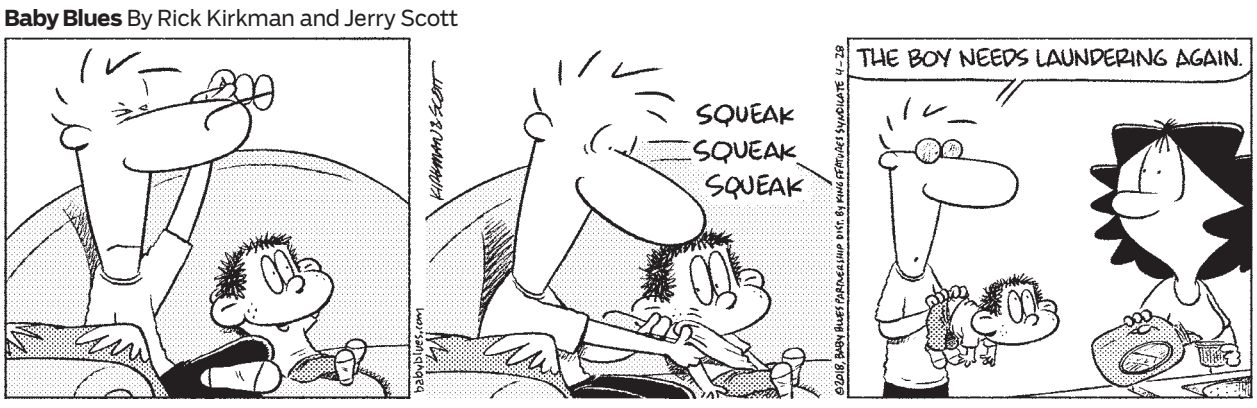

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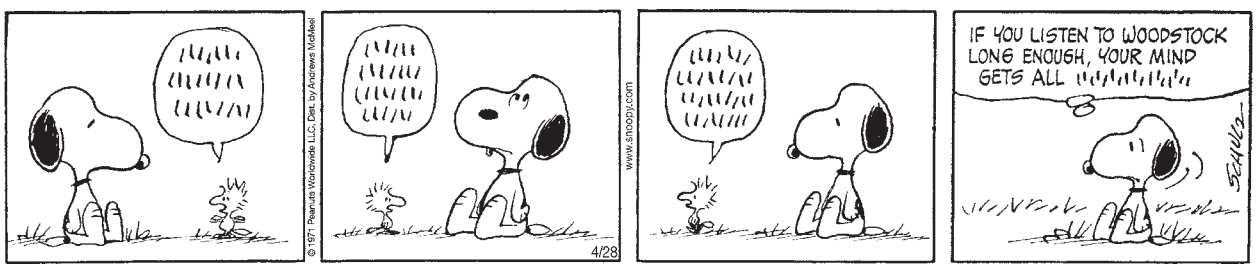

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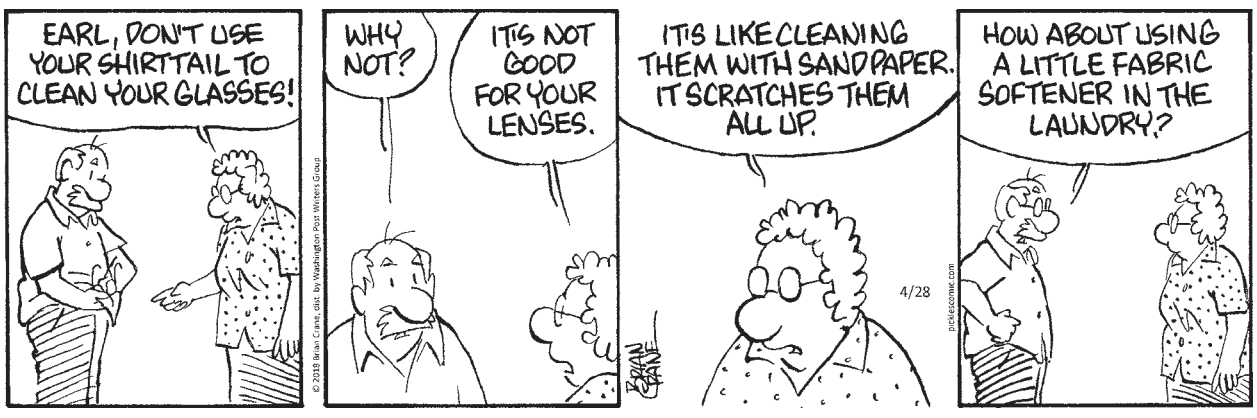

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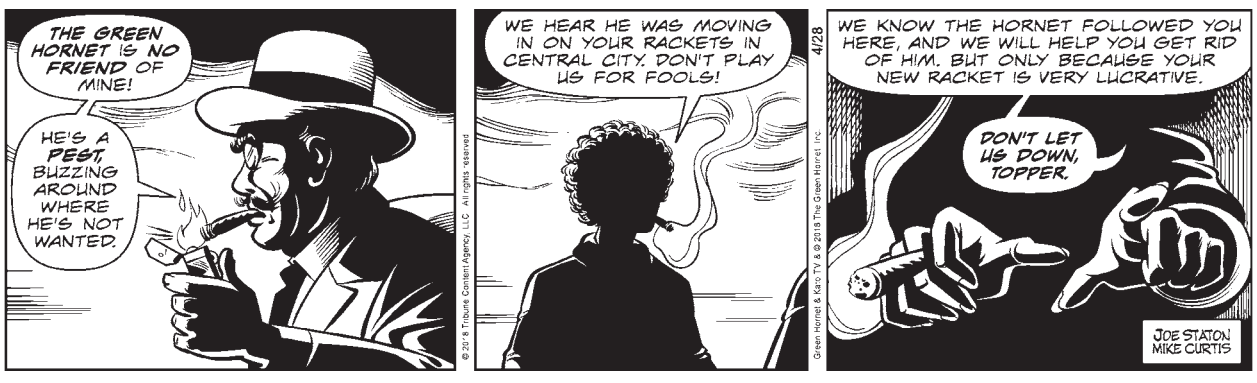

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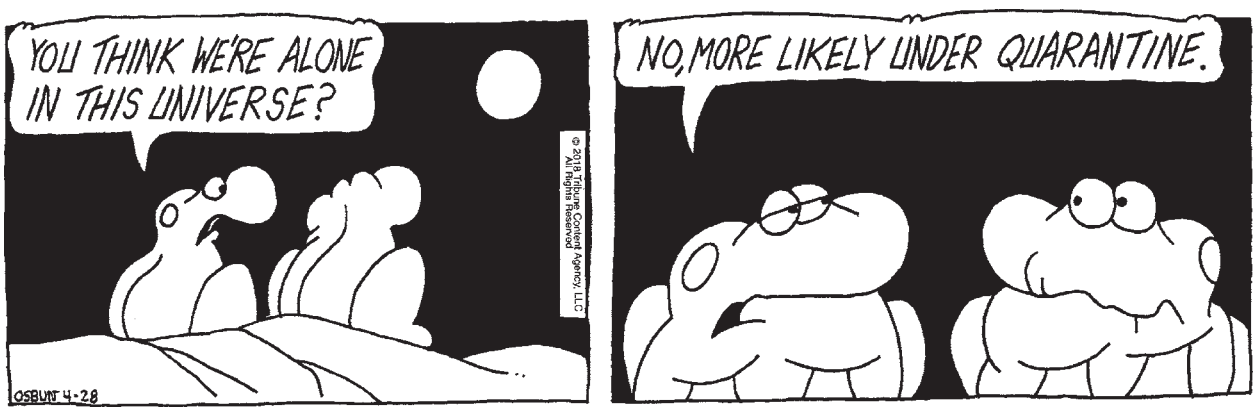

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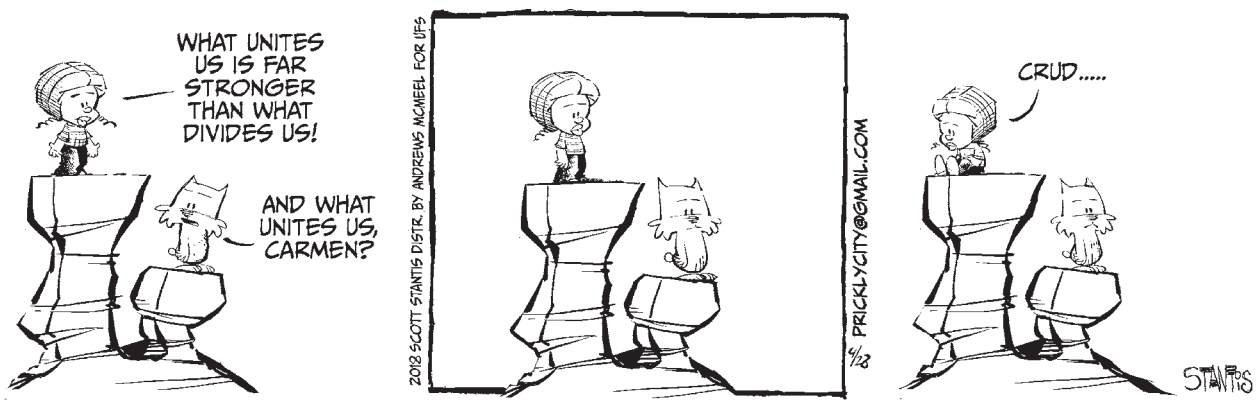

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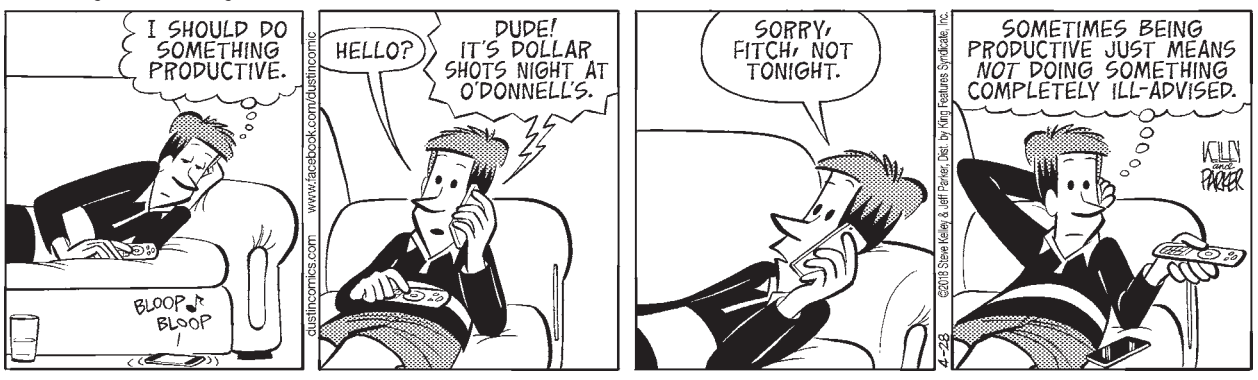

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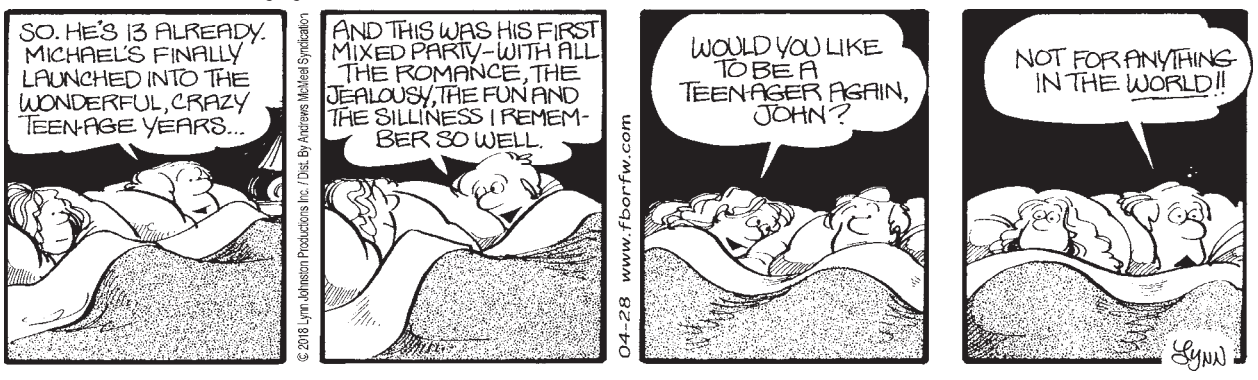

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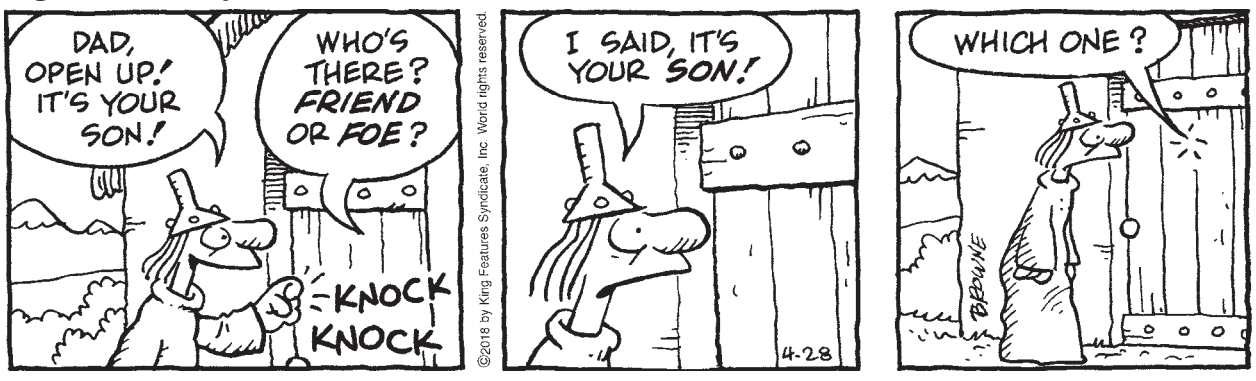

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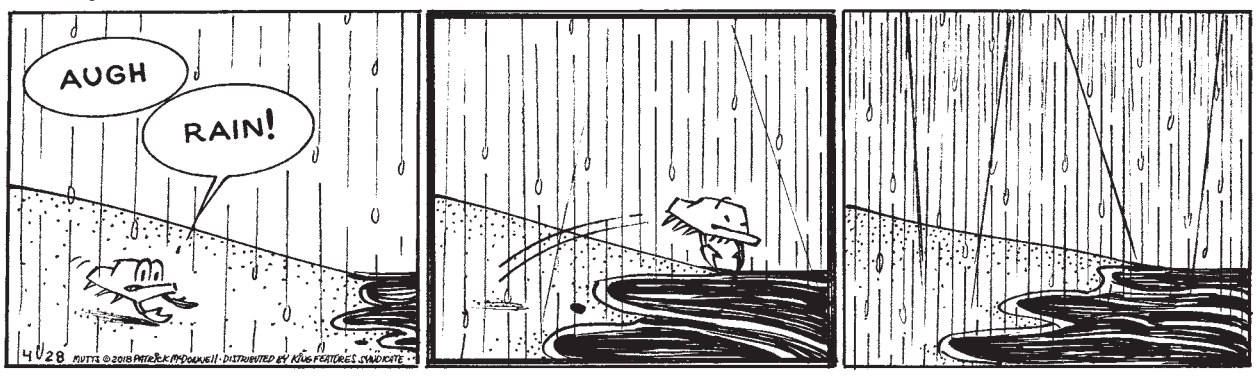

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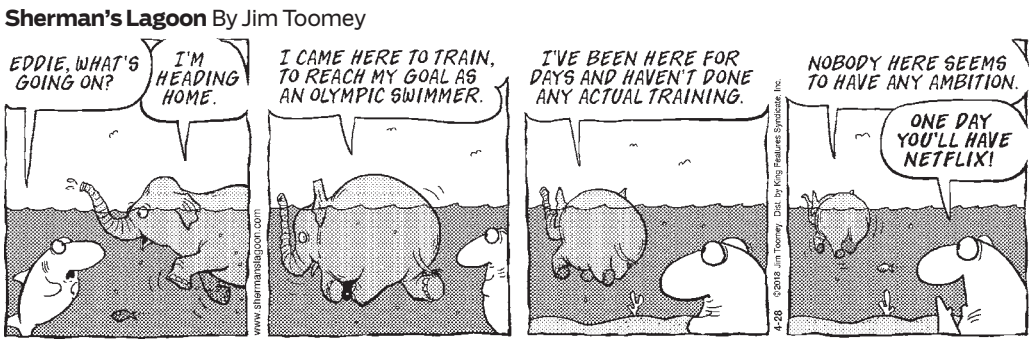

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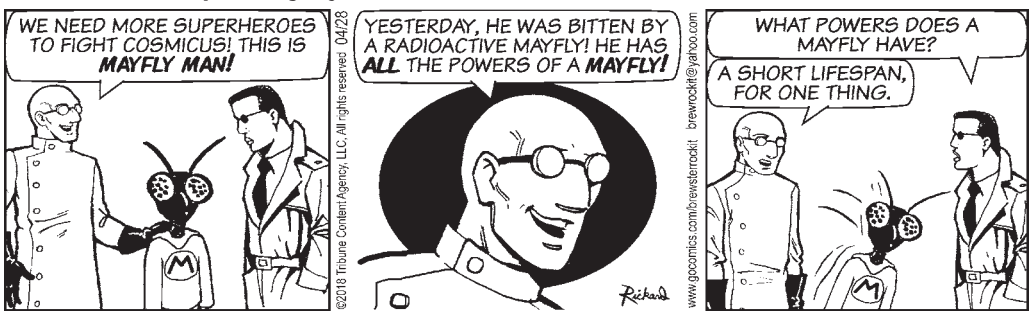

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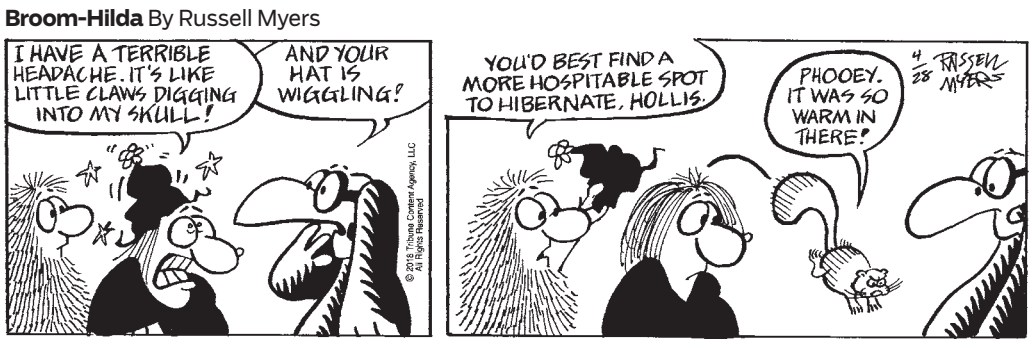

Trivia Bits

Which athlete has appeared on the cover of American "Vogue" magazine three times, most recently in February 2018?

A) Aly Raisman
B) Gabrielle Reece
C) Lindsey Vonn
D) Serena Williams

Friday's answer: A bridge across the St. Lawrence River between Montreal and Longueuil, Quebec, is named for Jacques Cartier, who charted the St. Lawrence.

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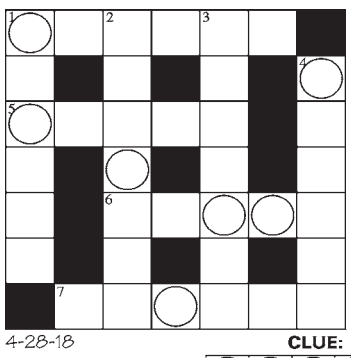

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Vowel topper	CNRMAO
5. Squares	BUSEC
6. Requires	EDNSE
7. State of inactivity	ASISST

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ Mantle	IYECMK
2. Kitchen ____	ABCTNIE
3. Pearl producers	TRSEYOS
4. Contact ____	ELESSN

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.

TRIPLE BONUS

The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

CLUE: Declared

CLUE: ____ point

CLUE: ____ degree

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ANSWERS: 1A-Macron 5A-Cubes 6A-Needs 7A-Stages 1D-Mickey 2D-Cabinet 3D-Oysters 4D-Lenses 5-Claimed 6-Decimal 8-Medical

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

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	9		2		4		3	
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	4					8		
5				8				
	7		1		2		6	

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

9	1	2	8	3	6	7	4	5
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Friday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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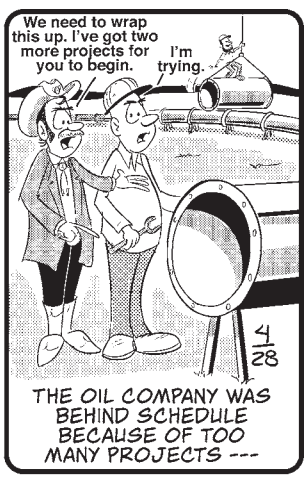

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Friday's answers

Jumbles: GAFFE SWORN WALRUS COZIER
Answer: Her cat slept on her sweater, and now it was — WORSE "FUR" WEAR

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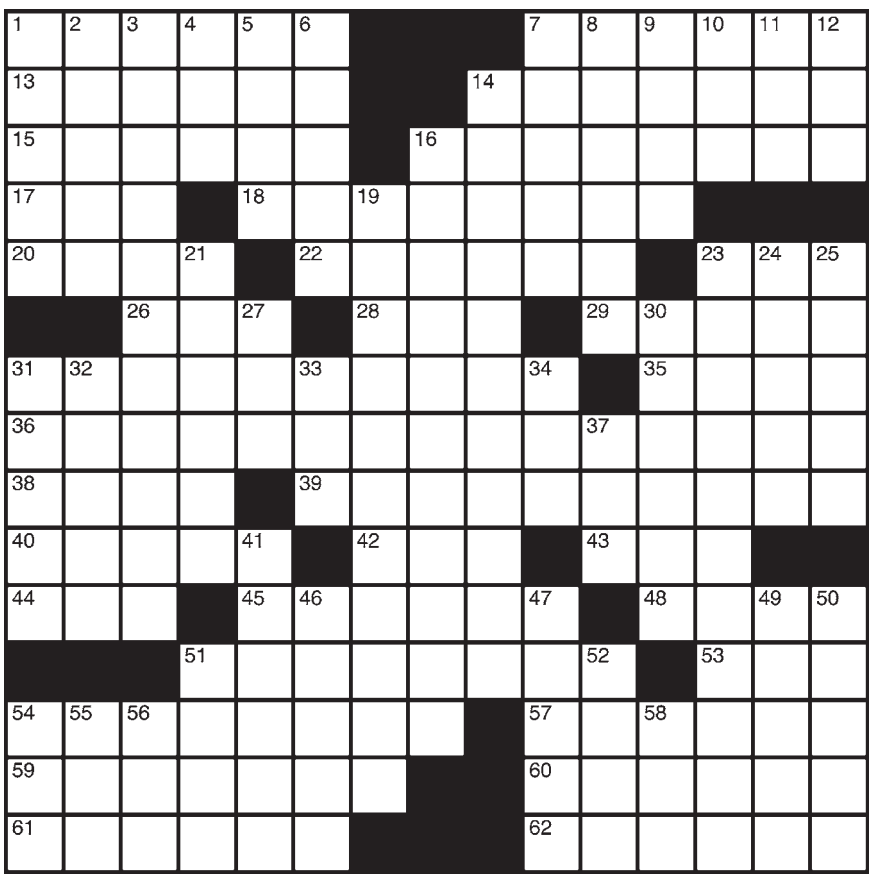

Across

1 Has a suggestion (of)
7 Play period
13 Stop order
14 Echo follower?
15 Jar
16 Construction equipment with a projecting arm
17 Game with Skip cards
18 Difficult to describe
20 Reaction upon opening a jewelry gift, perhaps
22 Goes back to zero
23 Connection letters
26 Waits at a music festival?
28 ORD tower gp.
29 Best of the best
31 Site to get tight for a flight?
35 Nervous system transmitter
36 Post-scoring routine
38 "__ boy!"
39 Easy way to win
40 Dr. Isles on "Rizzoli & Isles"
42 "Holy cow!"
43 It may be open at a club
44 Two hairpin turns, say
45 Haus wives
48 "If I may interject ... "
51 Tony winner for his LBJ role in "All the Way"
53 Pack filler
54 Buffalo sighting
57 "You've Got Mail" genre
59 Main
60 Cause to laugh
61 Cuts in Hollywood?
62 Rubs out

Down

1 [Meh]
2 2016 Disney musical set in Polynesia
3 Cloud at heights of about one to five miles
4 K.C. summer setting
5 Ceramics oven
6 Herd member
7 Subject of an Asimov collection
8 Permit to leave
9 Large med. facilities
10 Diamond fig.
11 One in a family photo
12 Notre-Dame honoree: Abbr.
14 Record holder
16 "No reason"
19 Worship of John, Paul, etc.?
21 Aspen relative
23 "Wide Open Spaces" country trio
24 Informant, informally
25 Bruce posthumously pardoned by New York state in 2003
27 Comfy footwear
30 Belarus neighbor
31 Athlete's best
32 Teensy amounts
33 __-faced
34 Monopoly foursome: Abbr.
37 Biathlon asset
41 Over
46 Collector's prized pursuits
47 Up from Mexico?
49 Paris' __ des Beaux-Arts
50 Fast-spreading online phenomena
51 Till coin
52 Raymond Chandler specialty
54 Slew
55 Clumsy sort
56 Physician-turned-actor Jeong
58 Longtime Elton John label

Friday's solution

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CUBS 3, BREWERS 2

Darvish finally gets over the hump

After rough start to season, righty gets on track vs. Brewers

When Yu Darvish left the mound to a chorus of "Yuuuu's" after the sixth inning of Friday's 3-2 victory over the Brewers at Wrigley Field, the crowd of 35,579 unknowingly played right into Joe Maddon's hands.

What did the Cubs manager think of the fans saluting Darvish after his best outing of the season?

"That was 'yuge,' " he said, repeating the expression President Donald Trump has made popular.

Paul Sullivan
On the Cubs

Despite not getting the victory, it was indeed a huge day for Darvish, who had his best outing of the young season and turned in a meltdown-free fifth inning.

Darvish allowed one unearned run over six innings, striking out eight and allowing three hits, leaving with a 2-1 lead. The bullpen blew the advantage in the seventh, but Eric Sogard's error on Javier Baez's two-out grounder in the bottom of the inning brought home the go-ahead run, and the Cubs held on for their second straight one-run victory in the series.

They're now 5-1 against the Brewers this season, picking up where they left off last September against their I-94 rivals.

After three fifth-inning exits in his first four starts, it was important for Darvish to get over the hump Friday.

"He worked the mental game really well," Maddon said. "He was right on with everything. He developed a great routine. Guys, or pitchers with that special kind of ability, sometimes you get out of your zone somehow and you need to be reminded of a couple of things.

"I promise, if he keeps doing that — cuidado."

"Cuidado" means "watch out"

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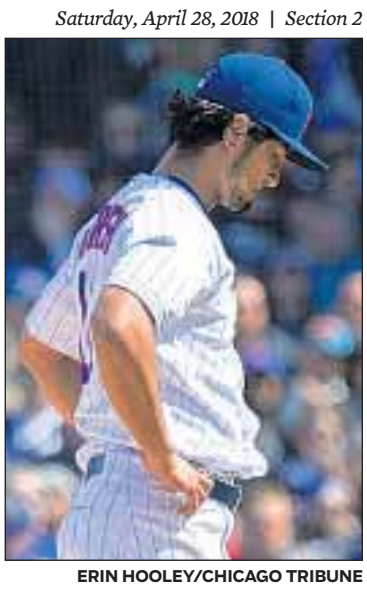

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Yu Darvish gave up one earned run and three hits in six innings against the Brewers on Friday.

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LIGHTING A FIRE

Explosive Memphis WR Miller gives Trubisky new target to supercharge offense

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Georgia linebacker Roquan Smith displays a Bears jersey as he is introduced Friday.

Smith on Smith: 'Relentless ... leader'

Bears' 1st-round pick brings heart, maturity to defense of future

By Rich Campbell
Chicago Tribune

Roquan Smith scooted up a chair, sat behind the microphones in the Halas Hall media room and cleared his throat.

"Hello, everyone," he said Friday, more Georgia gentleman than fierce linebacker.

This was the latest stop on his welcome tour of team headquarters, part of the whirlwind that took him from Arlington, Texas, to Lake Forest after the Bears' decision to draft him with the eighth pick Thursday night.

The Bears host a handful of these introductions every offseason, and each one sets a tone. As superficial as news conference exchanges often are, many times they open a window for Chicago to see a new face and personality.

Smith brought with him the energy and enthusiasm he expressed to local reporters over the phone Thursday. And he continued to push the introductory phase forward with revelations helpful for those curious about an inside linebacker the Bears believe could be the face of their defense for years to come.

"The Bears, the organization and the fans are getting a relentless player," Smith said. "Tremendous leader on and off the field. High-character guy. Do things the right way. Extremely rangy. I feel like on the field (they're getting) my sideline-to-sideline and my striking ability."

Among the nuggets Smith shared, this was only the second time he has been in the Chicago area. The first was the Georgia native's pre-draft visit to Halas Hall within the last few weeks.

"I have a lot of students who I went to school with, a lot of my peers, that end up moving to Chicago, and they tell me what a great place it is," Smith said.

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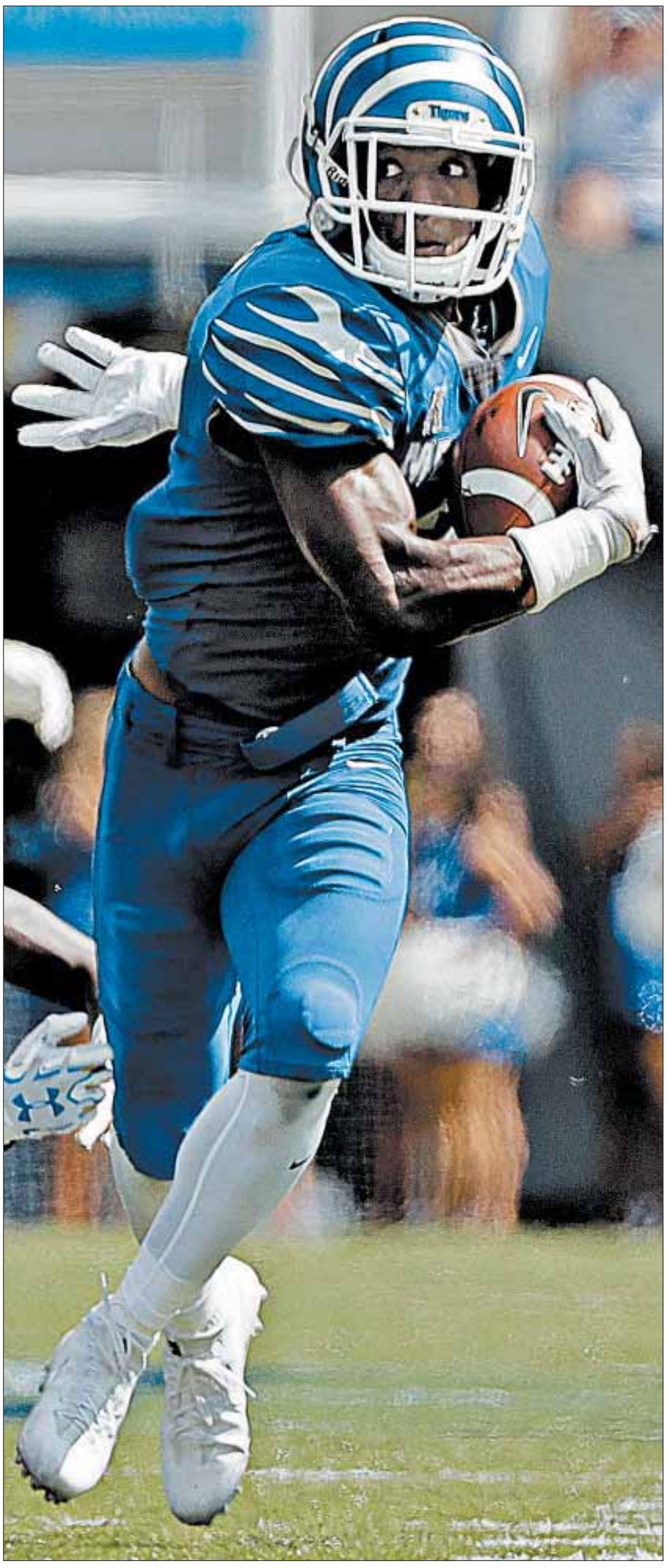

Memphis wide receiver Anthony Miller came the Bears' way in Round 2.

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Dan Wiederer
On the Bears

It's easy to get carried away on draft weekend, to get sucked into a prospect's college highlight tape and to fall hook, line and sinker for best-case scenario comparisons. That's dangerous, of course. But screw it. That's also part of the fun this time of year.

So it's at least worth mentioning that Memphis receiver Anthony Miller, the must-have playmaker the Bears traded back into the second round to draft Friday, has been likened to Antonio Brown.

Yep. That Antonio Brown. Steelers great. Six-time Pro Bowl selection. Close to 10,000 receiving yards in eight seasons.

If Miller has even half the career Brown has had, Bears general manager Ryan Pace can hold a parade for himself through downtown Lake Forest.

Anthony? Thoughts on the Brown comp, one endorsed at the combine by Memphis quarterback Riley Ferguson?

"I want to be my own guy," Miller said Friday night. "I'm Anthony Miller at the end of the day. I don't want to be compared to anyone. I believe I have attributes and skills that a lot of players can say they have."

Nice dose of humility. But then the energizing follow-up.

"I don't think there's one thing I can't do," he added. "I think I'm just a different kind of receiver, all in one. And someday guys are going to be like, 'He plays like Anthony Miller.' I believe I'm a one-of-

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He'll put it on line for Trubisky

Iowa lineman James Daniels, the Bears' first choice in the second round, knows QB from their prep days in Ohio. **Page 3**

■ Edge rusher unfilled need for Bears entering Day 3. **Page 3**

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NFL DRAFT

DAY 2

Dream comes true for Rudolph

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Maybe NFL teams got exhausted from scrambling to pick quarterbacks in the first round of the draft.

It took until the 76th overall slot Friday night, 44 picks after the last one, that Oklahoma State's Mason Rudolph was selected by the Steelers. They get a big, strong-armed, highly competitive quarterback — yep, sounds a lot like incumbent Ben Roethlisberger, who is 36 years old and closing in on the end of his championship career.

"It's not Ben's job to teach me anything. It's my job to learn," said Rudolph, who added he dreamed of becoming a Steeler.

The Steelers have had little success with backups for Big Ben, with another Oklahoma product, Landry Jones, never approaching the Roethlisberger level.

When Oklahoma State played the University of Pittsburgh at Heinz Field last year and won 59-21, Rudolph threw for five touchdowns in the first half.

Five quarterbacks went on Thursday night, from top overall pick Baker Mayfield (coincidentally, a Sooner) to Lamar Jackson of Louisville at No. 32. Then, nothing.

Until Rudolph, who was not on hand.

Neither was LSU running back Derrius Guice when his name was called 59th overall by the Redskins. Guice was among the 22 players on hand for the opening round, but he cleared out after not being chosen. The Redskins grabbed him well after the hard-running power back had departed.

Three other players not taken in the first round, Texas tackle Connor Williams, Iowa cornerback Josh Jackson, and UCF linebacker Shaquem Griffin, did stick it out. Williams, who didn't have far to go to be at home — he's from the Dallas area — will be staying in Big D because the Cowboys chose him 50th. He could wind up at guard.

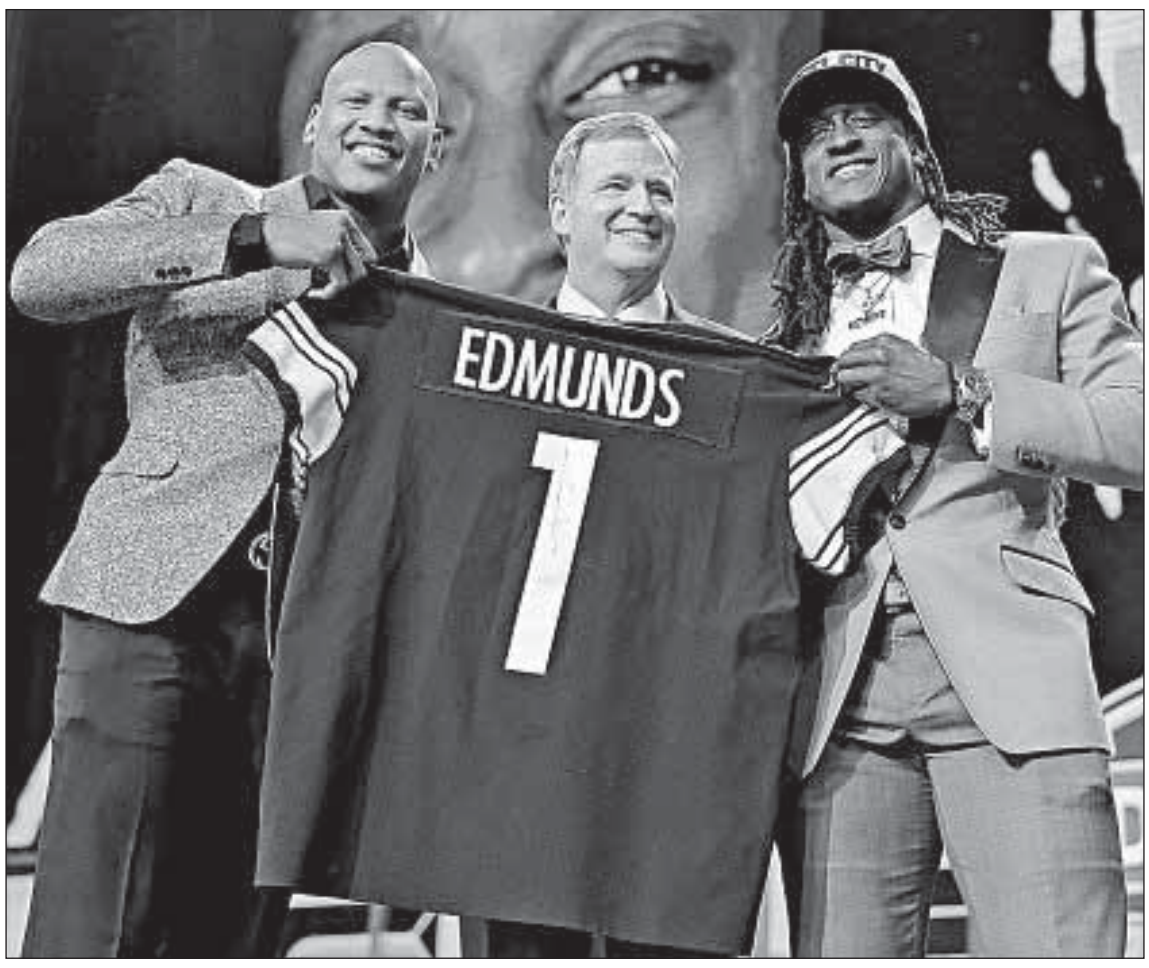
His selection drew the loudest cheers of the night at AT&T Stadium, in contrast to how the locals greeted the Cowboys' first-rounder, Boise State linebacker Leighton Vander Esch, whose reception was cool at best.

"I was watching my phone and it got down to two minutes and I thought it had passed," Williams said. "My phone starts with 972 so I knew it was a Dallas area code, and I thought this can't be. I got on the phone and it was cloud nine."

Jackson went 45th to the Packers, for whom he can be a starter even though he is not a speedster. He led FBS last year with eight interceptions.

Griffin, who had his left hand amputated when he was a child, has had a spectacular offseason since helping UCF to an undefeated year. He has been a star at the combine and personal workouts, but having only one hand is clearly giving NFL teams pause.

Among the schools that had no one chosen in the first two rounds were Clemson, Michigan, Michigan State, Miami and Tennessee. Yet South Carolina State, Sam Houston State and South Dakota State each had a second-rounder.



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Steelers linebacker Ryan Shazier, left, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell greet draft pick Terrell Edmunds.

ESPN THE CHOICE ON DRAFT NIGHT

Phil Rosenthal | *On media*

How ESPN fared against Fox and NFL Network, and a dozen other items gleaned from watching the first round of the NFL draft:

By the numbers: Even with NFL Network's coverage simulcast on FOX-32, ESPN dominated local household ratings in the Chicago market.

Trey Wingo, Mel Kiper Jr., Kirk Herbstreit and Co. averaged a 3.8 rating, or about 125,400 Chicago-area homes, while the Rich Eisen-hosted NFL Network coverage averaged a 1.0 rating on that channel and a 1.6 over-the-air rating on FOX-32, which roughly translates to 88,000 homes in the market.

The experiment with supplementary "College Game Day" coverage on ESPN2 barely registered, with a 0.3 average household rating, or about 9,900 area homes.

Nationally, early estimates had ESPN in first with a 3.9 rating, followed by Fox's simulcast at 2.9 and NFL Network at 1.5. Both ESPN and NFL Network were down from a year ago, when their ratings were 4.8 and 1.9, but the additional audience on Fox more than offset the lost viewers.

Reality TV: It was moving indeed to see Steelers linebacker Ryan Shazier, who suffered a terrifying spinal injury last season, walk on stage under his own power to announce the team's first pick.

But for the young men getting drafted into the NFL, wasn't it also a sobering reminder of what they're risking in this profession?

Mystery men: The best thing about this year's draft was not necessarily knowing how things would go. A little suspense goes a long way when it comes to something that has been talked about to death.

So when the Browns took Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield to kick off a run of surprise picks and trades, it made for interesting viewing.

(The Bears' much-anticipated selection of Georgia linebacker Roquan Smith at No. 8 was an exception.)

Mike Mayock of NFL Network, in particular, argued against Mayfield being the first pick. He ranked Mayfield as only the 22nd-best prospect in the draft.

Pressed on why he thought the Browns erred, Mayock said he simply thought other quarterbacks in this draft class were better. This candor momentarily stunned Eisen.

"Very good, very good," Eisen finally said with a laugh. "Sometimes the direct answer is the best."

For Pete's sake: The full-throated booing that greeted NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell from the Cowboys faithful in Arlington, Texas, was lovely, muted ever so slightly by bringing Cowboys greats Roger Staubach, Troy Aikman and Jason Witten (who reportedly is retiring to join ESPN's "Monday Night Football" broadcasts) on stage with him.

"I can't believe you guys are booing the Cowboys — come on," Goodell said, which surely merited more booing.

It's easy enough to say Cowboys fans are still sore over Goodell's handling of the Ezekiel Elliott mess last year, but booing the commissioner for any and all reasons is a tradition at the NFL draft that dates to the Pete Rozelle era.

The Baker Mayfield story, maybe? Goodell's robotic reading to announce each draft pick made it seem he was conscious the words might someday become sound bites in a "30 for 30" documentary.

Best bit of production: ESPN's little animation showing the Browns going through 28 starting quarterbacks since 1999 was a hoot.

Ohio players: Cleveland and Canton, Ohio, are teaming on a bid to host the NFL draft in either 2019 or 2020. Don't the perennially high-picking Browns already get enough attention during the draft?

Everyone on their feet: Devon Gilfillian performed the pre-draft rendition of the national anthem, which went off without incident after a moment of silence for former first lady Barbara Bush as well as a pair of Dallas police officers fatally shot earlier this week.

Premature adulation: All that fuss on ESPN about South Carolina tight end Hayden Hurst being the final first-round pick of Ravens executive Ozzie Newsome's storied career, and Newsome went and traded with the Eagles for the right to take Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson at No. 32.

Just say they're related or family, OK? When ESPN talks about players' "bloodlines" to showcase their family members, it is more than a little creepy. They're not racehorses, right? Didn't talk like that end Jimmy the Greek's TV career?

Prime expense: A few hours before the draft, Amazon announced it will stream the NFL's Thursday night games for the next two seasons. The price is reportedly around $65 million per season, a 30 percent increase.

The games will be available to Amazon Prime customers (who are getting a price hike from $99 to $119 annually in the United States because of, according to the company, the rising cost of content) and for free via its Twitch platform. Feel free to ignore them on either platform.

Since you probably didn't see it: The best feature of ESPN2's college-oriented coverage was it was often still going when the other channels went to commercial. A highlight was the discussion of Louisville's Jackson opting out of being on camera late in the draft as team after team passed on him.

Improving one's roster: Herbstreit was a great addition to the ESPN desk. Anyone saying Chris Berman, Michael Irvin or Jon Gruden was missed is mistaken.

Sometimes the direct answer is the best.

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Flashy WR Miller gives Trubisky new target

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a-kind type guy."

The Bears made two picks Friday. They scooped up Iowa center James Daniels at No. 39 overall, 12 picks and 50 minutes before Pace traded away next year's second-round pick to jump 54 spots to nab Miller.

Daniels seems to be a polished player and a solid addition to the offensive line. But let's face it, no one who binges on the theatrics and hype of the NFL draft gets all juiced up watching highlights of interior offensive linemen.

Ah, cool! Very precise hand placement on that run block!

Miller, on the other hand, is a made-for-draft-weekend action-flick trailer. Explosive. Attention-grabbing. High energy.

"He's competitive," Pace said. "He's tough. His route quickness, his hands, his work ethic, his mentality. All those things are infectious qualities that he possesses. He' a fun guy to watch on tape because of how he plays."

And if Miller's production matches his verve, Chicago will almost certainly fall in love with the edge he brings.

ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper called him "the most underrated offensive player" in this draft.

"He is a dog," Ferguson added. "I'll let you know that. He has one of the best work ethics I've ever been around. When it comes to anything, he is not scared. He doesn't back down."

Over his final two seasons at Memphis, Miller had 191 catches, 2,896 yards, 22 TDs. His favorite game, he said Friday, was a 42-38 upset of Houston in October with the Tigers rallying from 17 points down in the second half.

Miller, 5-foot-11 and 201 pounds, contributed 10 grabs and 178 yards in that contest, showing off his route running savvy and electric nature with the ball in his hands. That was one of four games last fall in which he had at least 10 catches, one of 10 in his career in which he topped 150 yards.

Not bad for a player who walked on to the team out of high school. Not bad for a 23-year-old who takes immense pride in the climb he has made in his hometown of Memphis.

"The Bears are going to get all I got," Miller said. "They're going to get the Memphis Grind. I don't think they've seen that yet. But I'm going to introduce them to it."

A hint of what they're in for?

"That Memphis Grind is one of a kind," Miller said. "This area, there's not a lot going on. People have got to work for everything they've got. ... In order to get respect, you've got to work for it. You've got to grind for it. I believe I get a lot of respect because I didn't ask for any handouts. I just came to work every day and put it in."

Now Miller becomes another new toy for suddenly spoiled quarterback Mitch Trubisky.

Miller describes his run-after-catch ability as "a 10 out of 10." His passion, he says, is "unmatched." He was asked Friday whether his confidence leads him to chew off the ears of opposing defensive backs.

"If it comes to that," he said, "it's in my toolbox."

Noted.

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Smith scouts self: 'Relentless ... leader'

Smith, *from Page 1*

He began playing football at 6 after a Pop Warner coach knocked on his family's door to recruit him.

"Believe it or not, I actually played quarterback and linebacker," Smith explained. "I had been playing linebacker for a while, and then I made a little switch in, like, middle school, but went back to linebacker in high school."

What drew him back to linebacker on the defensive side?

"You're the leader of the team," he said. "You're right in the middle, so it's hard to avoid you. Everything has to pretty much come through you."

Judging from his Georgia highlight reel, Smith makes sure of that. His ability to diagnose plays, his instincts anticipating them and his athleticism tracking the ball helped him earn recognition last season as the SEC defensive player of the year and the nation's best linebacker.

Not bad for a guy who, as a high schooler, fancied himself a better basketball power forward than football player.

Macon County High School football coach Larry Harold eventually turned the light on for him.

"He was like, 'Football is going to be your bread and butter,' " Smith recalled. "Ever since then, I knew at the end of the day football was going to be it."

The Bears are grateful he took that path, which led to their front door. Soon the introductions will be in the past, and if expectations hold, the foundation for a long partnership will be set.

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Georgia's Roquan Smith (3) moves in to tackle Florida's Chris Thompson in 2016 in Jacksonville, Fla. The Bears drafted Smith in Round 1.

NFL DRAFT

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Iowa offensive lineman James Daniels, the first of the Bears' two second-round draft picks, was a center at Iowa but also can play guard.

In line for a big job

Pace expects versatile Daniels will compete to be starter at left guard

By Colleen Kane
Chicago Tribune

James Daniels played high school football in Warren, Ohio, less than 50 miles away from where Mitch Trubisky won the Ohio Mr. Football award as Mentor's quarterback.

"We played his team in the first round of the playoffs, and he just tore us apart," Daniels said of Mentor's 2012 victory over Harding in which Trubisky threw five touchdown passes and ran for a score.

Daniels tracked Trubisky's career through North Carolina and his first season with the Bears because he liked to see how the quarterback who hammered his high school team was faring.

He won't have to watch from afar anymore.

Daniels now will be charged with helping to protect Trubisky after the Bears selected the Iowa offensive lineman 39th overall in the second round of the NFL draft. He can't wait to get started.

"I'm real excited," Daniels said. "If you would have told me six years ago that I'd be blocking for him I would say you're lying. That's the craziest thing I ever heard. But it means a lot to me."

The pick was one of two to boost the Bears offense Friday night. The Bears also traded back into the second round to pick Memphis wide receiver Anthony Miller at No. 51 overall, sending a 2019 second-round pick and one of their fourth-round picks this year, No. 105 overall, to the Patriots.

The 6-foot-3, 306-pound Daniels started at center the last two seasons for the Hawkeyes, but he has the versatility to play guard.

He fills an immediate need for the Bears, who declined veteran left guard Josh Sitton's option this winter. Bears general manager Ryan Pace said Daniels would start out competing at left guard, and Cody Whitehair would remain at center. But the move gives the Bears versatility on a line that also includes left tackle Charles Leno, right guard Kyle Long and right tackle Bobby Massie.

Pace said new offensive line coach Harry Hiestand was passionate about Daniels, an athletic player he said is quick off the ball and plays with good pad level and technique. Daniels is also just 20 years old, and Pace said the Bears think he has growth potential. He already added 10 to 15 pounds onto his frame for the NFL scouting combine, and his agility didn't appear to be affected.

"We feel there's still a lot of upside ahead, as young as he is," Pace said. "You see these offensive linemen kind of get caught in awkward positions. He has the ability to recover and maintain his balance. Some guys awkwardly go down in those moments, he doesn't do that."

NFL Network analyst Mike Mayock had Daniels ranked as the 17th best prospect in the draft because of the sound technique molded at Iowa that has turned him into an excellent run blocker and consistent pass blocker. He is the 17th Iowa offensive lineman to be drafted since 2000 under coach Kirk Ferentz.

"Whenever you're watching Iowa offensive linemen, you know you're going to get a technique-proficient guy," Mayock said. "That is what it is with James Daniels. A big, square dude. Coached very well.

"In the case of Daniels, not only is his technique good, but he's a big kid with physical ability. I think he can play all three interior offensive line positions, but being a center, for me, gives him more value."

An honorable mention All-Big Ten selection in 2017, Daniels anchored a line that helped Iowa average 190.2 passing yards and 139.2 rushing yards per game. He played in the final 12 games of the season after missing the first with injury. He also missed two games in 2016 with knee issues.

He said doctors didn't find issues with his knees during the combine and his pre-draft visits.

"All my trainers and doctors I talked to said they didn't have a problem," Daniels said. "It didn't scare them at all."

Daniels, who also lived in DeKalb, Ill., for a time, comes from a family with NFL experience. His father, LeShun Daniels, played offensive line for the Vikings in 1997. His brother, LeShun Daniels Jr., is a running back who played in four games with the Redskins in 2017.

He described himself as hard-working, athletic and young. He said he has watched film on Eagles center Jason Kelce and tries to model his game after the veteran.

"The thing about Kelce is he's undersized, so in pass protection, the way he uses his hands and plays with leverage, he has to do that, or he wouldn't be in the NFL," Daniels said. "He's not big enough or strong enough to have bad technique and be effective."

Daniels had to sit through the first round Thursday and the first six picks of the second round Friday before the Bears scooped him up, but he said he was picked where he expected. ESPN shared a clip on Twitter of Daniels taking the Bears' call.

Daniels choked up and wiped at his eyes.

"Yeah," he said into the phone, "I'm fired up."

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James Daniels

Round 2, Pick 39, OL, Iowa, 6-3, 306 pounds

On the field: The Bears will move Daniels to left guard after he started 23 games at center over the last two seasons, earning third-team All-Big Ten honors in 2016 and honorable-mention recognition last season. He started two games at left guard as a freshman in 2015.

Upside: Daniels is a technically sound and aware blocker who excels most in the run game. The inside zone running scheme Iowa uses under renowned coach Kirk Ferentz will help him transition to Matt Nagy's new offense with the Bears. He's a fluid athlete who easily gets to the second level to finish blocks. His long (33¾-inch) arms are an asset.

Downside: Power pass-rush moves have given him trouble over time. He will have to answer questions about his ability to anchor against bigger NFL defensive linemen. Daniels told Chicago media Friday that teams assured him during the pre-draft process that they had no problems with his past knee injuries.

You should know: Daniels was a sophomore center at Harding High School in Warren, Ohio, in 2012 when his Raiders lost 45-35 in the first round of the playoffs to Mitch Trubisky's Mentor Cardinals. Trubisky threw for five touchdowns and rushed for one. "He tore us apart," Daniels said.

Anthony Miller

Round 2, Pick 51, WR, Memphis, 5-11, 201 pounds

On the field: Former walk-on set single-season school records in 2016 for receptions (95), receiving yards (1,434), touchdown catches (14) and 100-yard receiving games (8). Last season, he broke his records for catches (96), receiving yards (1,462) and receiving touchdowns (18).

Upside: Miller's ascent from walk-on status to second-round draft pick is a testament to how he matches talent with work ethic. He can play in the slot or on the outside. He attacks the catch point and is explosive after the catch. (He reportedly ran the 40-yard dash in 4.49 seconds, unofficially, at his pro day.) He's pairs a fiery demeanor with savvy route-running ability.

Downside: Miller has struggled at times with dropped passes. He also will need to work on his blocking to factor into an NFL offense early in his career. He has battled injuries: He missed all of 2014 with a shoulder problem and last month was cleared from a fractured right foot.

You should know: Miller has a tattoo on one of his shoulders that reads: "Grind City." "That Memphis Grind is like one of a kind," Miller said. "This area, there's not a lot going on around here. People have to work for everything they have."

Rich Campbell

Edge rusher remains on list

Bears likely looking to address key need during late rounds

By Rich Campbell
Chicago Tribune

There's a lot to like about how the Bears drafted through three rounds, matching needs with talented prospects.

Playmaking inside linebacker and team leader?

Check. Roquan Smith.

Interior offensive lineman?

Check. James Daniels.

Wide receiver?

Check. Anthony Miller.

Pass rusher, on the other hand — well, with four picks remaining on Day 3, they're still waiting on their greatest need.

"We can't force that," general manager Ryan Pace said after the third round. "We've got to take (the) best player."

The Bears, coming off their fourth consecutive season of double-digit losses, entered this draft in a familiar predicament, having more roster holes than picks.

DAY 3

Bears' remaining picks

R4, No. 15, 115 overall
R5, No. 8, 145 overall
R6, No. 7, 181 overall
R7, No. 6, 224 overall

The most glaring need was edge pass rush. The Bears haven't ascended in that area with their roster moves so far.

They cut Pernell McPhee and Willie Young, two capable rushers who had worn down. Look at the depth chart now, and it's impossible not to wonder where the sacks and disruptions will come from.

Leonard Floyd is an obvious source, entering his third year after being drafted ninth overall in 2016. His Pro Bowl potential is clear, but injuries have prevented him from completing both of his NFL seasons. He has 11½ career sacks and 10 missed games.

His recovery from surgery to repair a torn posterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament continues. He was not participating in offseason practices at the Bears' new-coach minicamp in mid-April. He expects to be at full strength by training camp. But even if Floyd plays 16 games, the Bears still need to find another consistent threat.

Veteran Sam Acho is a reliable edge setter against the run and is capable of flashing as a rusher, but he's not known for the latter. Aaron Lynch was jettisoned by the 49ers and is hoping to resuscitate his career under defensive coordinator Vic Fangio. Isaiah Irving and Howard Jones still must prove themselves.

That collection of question marks didn't compel general manager Ryan Pace to dive into the pool of outside linebackers on Day 2. Given the Bears' level of need at the position, those decisions reflected Pace's determination to stay true to the Bears draft board.

But now they enter Day 3 needing to find a sleeper with one of their four picks.

"We still have four picks," Pace said. "College free agency — we're going to have to aggressively attack that. (Saturday) is a really big day."

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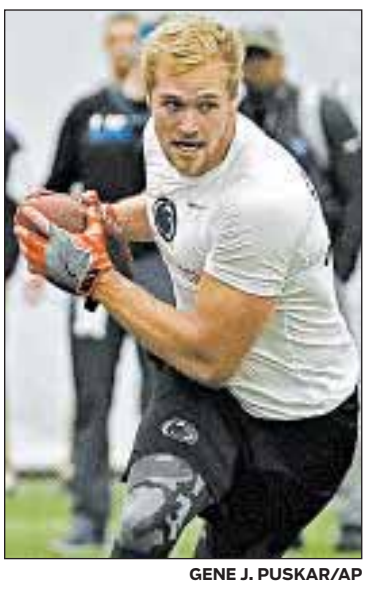

GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Former Penn State tight end Mike Gesicki is expected to start for the Dolphins as a rookie.

BIG TEN

Big time: Dolphins take Penn State TE Gesicki

By Shannon Ryan
Chicago Tribune

Penn State tight end Mike Gesicki considered entering the NFL draft after his junior season, but a conversation with Nittany Lions coach James Franklin made him reconsider.

The decision paid off.

Gesicki became the second tight end selected in the draft when the Dolphins took him Friday with the 10th pick in the second round, the 42nd overall selection.

Listed at 6-foot-6 and 247 pounds, he is a massive target and proven red-zone threat.

In four seasons he caught 129 passes for 1,481 yards and 15 touchdowns. As a senior, he grabbed 57 passes for 563 yards and nine TDs.

Gesicki is projected start for the Dolphins ahead of returnees MarQueis Gray, A.J. Derby and Thomas Duarte and newcomer Gavin Escobar. A basketball and volleyball star in high school in Manahawken, N.J., Gesicki is a multitalented athlete.

"My athleticism is who I am on the field," Gesicki told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

Hayden Hurst of South Carolina was the only tight end taken before Gesicki, going to the Ravens with the 25th pick of the first round.

Gesicki was one of eight Big Ten players selected in the second and third rounds. Three were from Ohio State, which increased the total of Buckeyes taken through three rounds to five.

Former Ohio State defensive ends Tyquan Lewis and Sam Hubbard were taken 13 picks apart, with Lewis going to the Colts with the final pick of the second round and Hubbard going with the 13th pick of the third to the Bengals. Linebacker Jerome Baker went between the two ends, to the Dolphins with the ninth pick of the third round.

A pair of Iowa teammates also heard their names announced, with center James Daniels going to the Bears with the seventh pick of the second round and cornerback Josh Jackson going to the Packers six picks later.

Jackson, a first-team All-American and runner-up for the Thorpe Award, led FBS with eight interceptions in 2017. That included three against Ohio State and two — both returned for touchdowns — against Wisconsin.

Rutgers edge rusher Kemoko Turay went to the Colts with the 20th pick of the second round, and the Cardinals selected Michigan center Mason Cole with the 33rd pick of the third.

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BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	2017 VS. OPP W-L	IP	ERA
Mil	Guerra (R)		2-0	0.56	3-0	0-0	5.2	1.59
Cubs	Quintana (L)	1:20p	2-1	7.78	3-1	1-1	15.0	1.20
Ari	Corbin (L)		4-0	1.89	4-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
Was	Hellickson (R)	3:05p	0-0	4.50	1-1	0-0	6.0	1.50
LA	Buehler (R)		0-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	2.0	4.50
SF	Stratton (R)	3:05p	2-1	2.32	4-1	0-1	4.1	6.23
Atl	Foltynewicz (R)		1-1	2.77	1-4	1-1	18.0	3.00
Phi	Pivetta (R)	5:05p	1-0	2.57	5-0	3-0	17.0	2.12
StL	Flaherty (R)		0-0	1.80	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
Pit	Williams (R)	6:05p	3-1	2.15	3-2	0-2	13.1	8.78
Col	Marquez (R)		1-2	6.14	3-2	0-1	4.1	10.38
Mia	Smith (L)	6:10p	0-3	5.82	1-4	0-0	0.0	0.00
NY	Vargas (L)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
SD	Lucchesi (L)	7:40p	2-1	2.70	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00
LA	Wood (L)		0-2	3.72	2-3	2-0	18.0	4.00
SF	Cueto (R)	9:05p	2-0	0.35	3-1	1-2	22.2	5.96

AMERICAN LEAGUE TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	2017 VS. OPP W-L	IP	ERA
Sox	Fulmer (R)		1-1	6.50	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00
KC	Oaks (R)	1:15p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
Sox	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
KC	Skoglund (L)	7:15p	0-2	8.59	1-2	0-0	3.0	6.00
TB	Chirinos (R)		0-1	2.92	1-3	0-0	0.0	0.00
Bos	Price (L)	3:05p	2-2	2.93	3-2	0-0	8.0	2.25
Tex	Colon (R)		0-0	2.59	1-2	2-1	17.2	3.57
Tor	Garcia (L)	3:07p	2-1	4.57	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
Sea	Leake (R)		2-2	6.59	3-2	0-1	6.2	4.05
Cle	Carrasco (R)	3:10p	4-0	2.31	4-1	1-1	13.2	2.63
Det	Liriano (L)		2-1	3.13	2-2	0-1	6.2	2.70
Bal	Cashner (R)	6:05p	1-3	3.60	1-4	0-0	0.0	0.00
Oak	Mengden (R)		2-2	3.86	3-2	0-0	6.0	3.00
Hou	McCullers Jr. (R)	6:10p	3-1	4.67	3-2	0-0	4.1	10.38
NY	Tanaka (R)		3-2	5.28	3-2	0-0	6.2	1.35
LA	Richards (R)	8:07p	3-0	3.46	4-1	0-0	0.0	0.00

INTERLEAGUE TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	2017 VS. OPP W-L	IP	ERA
Cin	Romano (R)		1-2	4.44	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00
Min	Odorizzi (R)	1:10p	1-2	4.50	2-3	0-0	7.0	3.86

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
CUBS 3, Milwaukee 2
White Sox 7, KANSAS CITY 4 (11)
BALTIMORE 6, Detroit 0
CLEVELAND 6, Seattle 5
PHILADELPHIA 7, Atlanta 3
Texas 6, TORONTO 4
Arizona 5, WASHINGTON 4
PITTSBURGH 6, St. Louis 5 (11)
Tampa Bay 4, BOSTON 3
Colorado 1, MIAMI 0
Oakland 8, HOUSTON 1
Cincinnati 15, MINNESOTA 9
N.Y. Mets 5, SAN DIEGO 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, L.A. ANGELS 3 (10)
SAN FRANCISCO 6, L.A. Dodgers 4

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
White Sox at Kansas City, 1:15
Miwlaukee at **Cubs**, 1:20
Detroit at Baltimore, 12:05
Tampa Bay at Boston, 12:05
Texas at Toronto, 12:07
Seattle at Cleveland, 12:10
Colorado at Miami, 12:10
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 12:35
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 12:35
Arizona at Washington, 12:35
Oakland at Houston, 1:10
Cincinnati at Minnesota, 1:10
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 3:05
N.Y. Mets at San Diego, 3:10
N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels, 7:07

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
CUBS 1, Milwaukee 0
White Sox 6, KANSAS CITY 3
Atlanta 7, CINCINNATI 4
PITTSBURGH 1, Detroit 0
N.Y. YANKEES 4, Minnesota 3
Arizona 8, PHILADELPHIA 2
ST. LOUIS 4, N.Y. Mets 2 (13)
Seattle 5, CLEVELAND 4
Tampa Bay 9, BALTIMORE 5
Boston 5, TORONTO 4

home team in CAPS

NL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	PCT.
Pham StL	22	76	21	28	.368
Arenado Col	21	73	12	25	.342
OHerrera Phi	23	85	14	29	.341
Hoskins Phi	24	74	16	25	.338
Cabrera NYM	22	89	16	29	.326
FFreeman Atl	24	89	18	29	.326
Grandal LAD	19	71	12	23	.324
Winker Cin	22	62	7	20	.323
Bryant ChC	19	69	12	22	.319
DPeralta Ari	20	82	13	26	.317

HOME RUNS
Albies, ATL 8
Blackmon, CO 8
Harper, WAS 8
Baez, CHI 7
DeJong, STL 7
Schwarber, CHI 7
Thames, MIL 7
Villanueva, SD 7

RUNS
Albies, ATL 24
Harper, WAS 22
Blackmon, CO 21
Pham, STL 21
Gdschmidt, AZ 20

RBI
Baez, CHI 24
Cespedes, NY 23
Harper, WAS 19
Hoskins, PHI 19
Story, CO 19

HITS
Albies, ATL 30
LeMahieu, CO 30
Swanson, ATL 30

DOUBLES
Freeman, ATL 11
Albies, ATL 10

TRIPLES
Baez, CHI 3
Marte, PIT 3

STOLEN BASES
Turner, WAS 10
Inciarte, ATL 9
Taylor, WAS 9

PITCHING
Scherzer, WAS 5-1
Corbin, AZ 4-0

ERA
Cueto, SF 0.35
Garcia, Miami, 1.00
Martinez, STL 1.43
Scherzr, WAS 1.62
Arrieta, PHI 1.82

STRIKEOUTS
Scherzer, WAS 57
Corbin, AZ 48
Syndergrd, NY 46

through Thursday

AL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Gregorius NYY	25	87	23	32	.368
MMachado Bal	26	101	14	36	.356
Lowrie Oak	26	109	13	38	.349
Betts Bos	23	88	27	30	.341
Correa Hou	26	92	19	31	.337
MSmith TB	22	72	9	24	.333
Altuve Hou	27	106	14	35	.330
Castellanos Det	24	98	15	32	.327
Judge NYY	25	91	22	29	.319
JMartinez Bos	23	89	14	28	.315

HOME RUNS
Trout, LA 10
Gregorius, NY 9
Haniger, SEA 9
Davidson, CHW 9
2 tied at 8

RUNS
Betts, BOS 27
Semien, OAK 24
Gardner, NY 23
Gregorius, NY 23
Judge, NY 22

RBI
Gregorius, NY 30
Haniger, SEA 26
Lowrie, OAK 26
Davis, OAK 23

HITS
Lowrie, OAK 38
Machado, BAL 36
Altuve, HOU 35
3 tied at 4

DOUBLES
Andujar, NY 11
Betts, BOS 10
3 tied at 9

TRIPLES
Candelario, DET 3
Chapman, OAK 3
8 tied at 2

STOLEN BASES
Gordon, SEA 9
Anderson, CHI 8
5 tied at 5

PITCHING
Carrasco, CLE 4-0
Porcello, BOS 4-0
Verlnder, HOU 4-0
Severino, NY 4-1

ERA
Manaea, OAK 1.23
Cole, HOU 1.29
Verlndr, HOU 1.36
Lopez, CHI 1.50

STRIKEOUTS
Cole, HOU 49
Verlndr, HOU 48
Cluber, CLE 47
Sale, BOS 45
Bundy, BAL 44
Paxton, SEA 44

through Friday

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	14	10	.583	—	6-4	W-1	8-4	6-6
Detroit	10	14	.417	4	5-5	L-3	6-7	4-7
Minnesota	8	13	.381	4½	1-9	L-8	5-4	3-9
WHITE SOX	7	16	.304	6½	3-7	W-2	2-10	5-6
Kansas City	5	19	.208	9	2-8	L-4	1-11	4-8
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Boston	19	5	.792	—	7-3	W-2	8-1	11-4
New York	16	9	.640	3	8-2	W-7	11-5	5-4
Toronto	14	11	.560	5½	4-6	L-3	8-6	6-5
Tampa Bay	10	13	.435	8½	7-3	W-6	6-7	4-6
Baltimore	7	19	.269	13	2-8	W-1	4-9	3-10
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Houston	17	10	.630	—	7-3	L-1	7-6	10-4
Los Angeles	16	10	.615	½	3-7	L-2	5-8	11-2
Seattle	14	11	.560	2	5-5	L-1	5-5	9-6
Oakland	14	12	.538	2½	8-2	W-1	8-6	6-6
Texas	10	17	.370	7	4-6	W-2	4-12	6-5

through Friday

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
St. Louis	15	10	.600	—	7-3	L-1	7-5	8-5
Milwaukee	16	11	.593	—	8-2	L-2	8-6	8-5
Pittsburgh	15	11	.577	½	4-6	W-3	8-5	7-6
CUBS	13	10	.565	1	7-3	W-2	5-4	8-6
Cincinnati	6	20	.231	9½	3-7	W-1	3-9	3-11
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
New York	16	8	.667	—	4-6	W-1	7-4	9-4
Philadelphia	15	9	.625	1	6-3	L-1	10-3	5-6
Atlanta	14	10	.583	2	5-4	W-2	8-4	6-6
Washington	11	15	.423	6	4-6	L-1	3-8	8-7
Miami	7	18	.280	9½	3-7	L-1	3-10	4-8
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Arizona	18	7	.720	—	7-3	W-2	9-3	9-4
Colorado	15	12	.556	4	6-4	W-3	5-7	10-5
San Francisco	12	13	.480	6	6-4	W-1	6-5	6-8
Los Angeles	11	13	.458	6½	6-4	L-3	7-8	4-5
San Diego	9	18	.333	10	2-8	L-3	4-11	5-7

through Friday

HALL OF FAME

Guerrero enjoys his visit to Hall

Associated Press

Fresh from swinging some heavy lumber in the basement of the Baseball Hall of Fame, Vladimir Guerrero took a quick peek at where his likeness will hang in three months.

Talk about a sense of pride.

"I feel happy and my people feel happy," the 43-year-old native of the Dominican Republic said Thursday in the Plaque Gallery after a whirlwind tour of baseball's mecca. "I'm the first one from my town, obviously, but I'm also the first Dominican hitter in the Hall of Fame."

Guerrero, a nine-time All-Star outfielder, was elected in January on his second try. He will be inducted July 29 with first-ballot sluggers Jim Thome and Chipper Jones, relief ace Trevor Hoffman, and former Tigers stars Alan Trammell and Jack Morris, who were elected in December by a veterans committee. Guerrero received 92.9 percent of the vote from the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"Growing up in my town of Don Gregorio, all I wanted to do was sign a professional baseball contract," said Guerrero, who was accompanied by girlfriend Roxannie Rodriguez and brother Julio.

"I never thought I would be in the Hall of Fame, but now that I'm here I'm so glad it has happened."

Guerrero, who earned eight Silver Slugger Awards and the 2004 AL MVP, retired in 2011 with a .318 batting average, 2,590 hits, 1,496 RBIs and 449 home runs. A notorious bad-ball hitter, he hit .300 or better 13 times, knocked in at least 100 runs 10 times, and surpassed 30 homers eight times. Guerrero also had a pair of seasons with 30 homers and 30 steals. His 31-game hitting streak in 1999 remains tied for 25th on the all-time list, and his rocket arm produced 126 assists.

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Brewers:** 1B Eric Thames had surgery on his left thumb and he will miss six to eight weeks. Dr. Donald Sheridan operated Friday in Scottsdale, Ariz. Thames tore the ulnar collateral ligament during Tuesday night's victory in Kansas City when he dived to grab Mike Moustakas' eighth-inning grounder and Thames' glove hit the ground hard. Thames made the flip to pitcher Dan Jennings covering first for the out and was replaced in the middle of the ninth inning. Thames, 31, is hitting .250 with seven homers and 13 RBIs. Jesus Aguilar and Ryan Braun will see time at first in his absence.

■ **Red Sox:** SS Xander Bogaerts returned to lineup against the Rays after missing 15 games with a broken talus bone in his left ankle. Bogaerts, who was sidelined for nearly three weeks, went 3-for-4 with a double in a 4-3 loss. ... The Red Sox placed OF/INF Brock Holt (left hamstring) on the 10-day disabled list.

■ **Athletics:** LHP Sean Manaea didn't join the Reds' Johnny Vander Meer in throwing consecutive no-hitters. Manaea's hitless streak ended at 14 innings when the Astros' Carlos Correa singled cleanly through the right side in the fourth inning.

■ **Orioles:** RHP Chris Tillman snapped a 22-start winless streak in a 6-0 victory over the Tigers. He pitched seven innings of one-hit ball with five strikeouts and two walks for his first victory since May 7, 2017, helping the Orioles end a five-game losing streak.

■ **Braves:** RHP Julio Teheran left after three innings against the Phillies because of tightness in his right upper trapezius. Teheran allowed a three-run homer in the first inning but didn't give up a hit in the next two innings before coming out. He was replaced by Max Fried.

■ **Phillies:** RHP Ben Lively landed on the 10-day DL with lower back tightness. He allowed seven runs in 2⅓ innings Thursday in an 8-2 loss to the Diamondbacks. The Phillies recalled RHP Jake Thompson from Triple-A Lehigh Valley.

ON THIS DATE

1956: Reds rookie Frank Robinson hit the first home run of his 586 lifetime homers in a 9-1 win over the Cubs
1961: Warren Spahn, at the age of 40, no-hit the Giants 1-0 at Milwaukee.
1966: Sonny Siebert defeated the Angels 2-1 as the Indians tie the modern major league record with its 10th straight win since opening day.
1999: The Rockies' Larry Walker hit three home runs and drove in eight runs in a 9-7 win over the Cardinals.
2011: Ben Zobrist set a Rays record with eight RBIs, hitting a home run and two doubles in a win over the Twins 15-3 in the first game of a day-night doubleheader.

Orioles 6, Tigers 0

DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Martin cf	4	0	0	0	.275
Candelario 3b	3	0	0	0	.281
Cabrera 1b	3	0	0	0	.313
Castellanos rf	4	0	1	0	.327
Martinez dh	3	0	0	0	.239
J.Jones lf	3	0	0	0	.259
McCann c	3	0	0	0	.232
Iglesias ss	3	0	1	0	.222
D.Machado 2b	3	0	0	0	.210
TOTALS	**29**	**0**	**2**	**0**	

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Mancini lf	4	0	0	0	.266
Santander rf	0	0	0	0	.194
Peterson 2b	4	1	2	1	.300
M.Machado ss	3	1	2	2	.356
A.Jones cf	4	0	0	0	.257
Davis 1b	4	0	0	0	.167
Valencia 3b	4	1	1	0	.178
Alvarez dh	3	2	2	3	.218
Gentry rf-lf	3	0	0	0	.186
Joseph c	3	1	1	0	.130
TOTALS	**32**	**6**	**8**	**6**	

Detroit	000 000 000—0	2	0
Baltimore	100 011 21x—6	8	0

LOB: Detroit 5, Baltimore 3. **2B:** Iglesias (5), Peterson (2), Joseph (1). **HR:** M.Machado (9), off Fiers; Alvarez (3), off Fiers; Alvarez (4), off Barbato. **RBIs:** Peterson (3), M.Machado 2 (20), Alvarez 3 (10). **SB:** Peterson (2). **SO:** Martin (1), Candelario (1), Cabrera (1), Castellanos (1), Martinez (1), J.Jones (2), Mancini (1), Davis (2), Valencia (1), Gentry (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Detroit 3 (Martin, Martinez 2); Baltimore 1 (Davis). RISP: Detroit 0 for 5; Baltimore 2 for 5. **Runners moved up:** D.Machado.

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
FierS,L,2-2	6	4	3	3	1	5	3.91
Barbato	2	4	3	3	0	0	13.50
BALTIMORE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Tillman, **W**,1-4	7	1	0	0	2	5	7.03
Bleier	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.54
Givens	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.97

HBP: Tillman (Candelario). **WP:** Barbato, Givens. **Umpires:** H, Bruce Dreckman; 1B, Mike Estabrook; 2B, Chad Fairchild; 3B, Alfonso Marquez. **Time:** 2:26. **A:** 14,223 (45,971).

Phillies 7, Braves 3

ATLANTA	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Inciarte cf	4	1	0	0	.262
Albies 2b	4	1	1	0	.287
Freeman 1b	4	1	2	1	.333
Markakis rf	4	0	1	0	.303
Suzuki c	4	0	0	0	.292
Acuna lf	4	0	2	1	.462
Swanson ss	4	0	0	0	.303
Flaherty 3b	4	0	1	0	.307
Teheran p	1	0	0	0	.000
Fried p	1	0	0	0	.000
Camargo ph	1	0	1	0	.308
Whitley p	0	0	0	0	—
Moylan p	0	0	0	0	—
Tucker ph	1	0	1	0	.257
TOTALS	**36**	**3**	**9**	**2**	

PHILA.	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Hernandez 2b	3	1	0	0	.300
Santana 1b	2	1	0	0	.170
Herrera cf	4	2	2	4	.348
Hoskins lf	4	0	2	0	.346
Altherr rf	3	0	0	0	.169
Kingery 3b	4	1	1	0	.213
Crawford ss	3	1	1	0	.190
Alfaro c	4	1	3	3	.208
Nola p	1	0	0	0	.000
Williams ph	1	0	0	0	.208
Hunter p	0	0	0	0	—
Florimon ph	1	0	0	0	.188
Neris p	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	**30**	**7**	**9**	**7**	

Atlanta	300 000 000—3	9	0
Philadelphia	300 001 21x—7	9	1

E: Crawford (5). **LOB:** Atl 7, Phil 5. **2B:** Albies (11), Markakis (6), Acuna (2), Crawford (3). **HR:** Herrera (2), off Teheran; Herrera (3), off Fried; Alfaro (2), off Whitley. **RBIs:** Freeman (18), Acuna (3), Herrera 4 (13), Alfaro 3 (6). **SB:** Inciarte (10), Albies (2), Freeman (2). **S:** Nola. **SO:** Inciarte (1), Albies (2), Suzuki (1), Acuna (1), Swanson (2), Flaherty (1), Hernandez (1), Santana (1), Hoskins (1), Kingery (1), Crawford (1), Nola (1).

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Teheran	3	2	3	3	2	2	4.50
Fried, **L**,0-2	3	2	1	1	1	3	9.00
Whitley	1	2	2	2	1	1	18.00
Moylan	1	3	1	1	0	0	3.38
PHILA.	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Nola, **W**,3-1	7	7	3	3	1	4	2.58
Hunter, H, 1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Neris	1	1	0	0	0	3	3.27

HBP: Moylan (Crawford). **Umpires:** H, Paul Nauert; 1B, Kerwin Danley; 2B, Scott Barry; 3B, Ramon De Jesus. **Time:** 2:50. **A:** 27,076 (43,647).

Pirates 6, Cardinals 5 (11)

ST. LOUIS	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Pham cf	5	1	1	1	.358
Fowler rf	5	0	0	0	.178
Martinez 1b	4	1	1	0	.309
Ozuna lf	5	0	3	2	.257
Molina c	5	0	0	0	.269
DeJong ss	5	1	0	0	.266
Gyorko 3b	3	1	1	1	.421
2-Bader pr	0	0	0	0	.281
Wong 2b	3	1	1	1	.188
Mikolas p	1	0	0	0	.100
Norris p	0	0	0	0	—
Carpenter ph	1	0	0	0	.169
Garcia 3b	0	0	0	0	.276
TOTALS	**37**	**5**	**7**	**5**	

PITTSBURGH	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Frazier 2b	3	0	0	0	.222
Glasnow p	0	0	0	0	.000
Rodriguez ph	1	0	0	0	.175
Rodriguez p	0	0	0	0	—
Freese ph-3b	0	1	0	0	.243
Polanco rf	6	1	2	1	.213
Marte cf	6	1	2	1	.284
Bell 1b	5	0	1	0	.238
Dickerson lf	4	1	2	1	.322
Cervelli c	4	1	3	0	.306
Moran 3b	3	0	0	1	.284
Kuhl pr	0	1	0	0	.200
Vazquez p	0	0	0	0	—
Diaz ph	0	0	0	0	.444
Kontos p	0	0	0	0	—
Mercer ss	5	0	1	1	.244
Brault p	1	0	0	0	.200
Crick p	0	0	0	0	—
Moroff ph-2b	4	0	0	0	.200
TOTALS	**42**	**6**	**11**	**5**	

St. Louis	003 110 000 00—5	7	2
Pittsburgh	000 002 003 01—6	11	1

Two outs when winning run scored. **E:** Pham (1), Martinez (2), Moran (2). **LOB:** St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 10. **2B:** Pham (5), Martinez (8), Ozuna (3), Dickerson (9), Mercer (8). **HR:** Gyorko (2), off Brault; Polanco (6), off Mikolas.

ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Mikolas	7	6	2	2	0	7	3.27
Norris, H, 2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.02
Holland, **BS**,1-1	0	3	3	2	0	0	7.11
Leone	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	4.22
Lyons	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	6.23
Bowman	1⅓	0	0	0	2	2	5.56
Hicks, L, 1-1	⅔	1	1	1	1	1	1.32
PITTSBURGH	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Brault	4⅔	5	5	4	3	3	4.97
Crick	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.69
Glasnow	3	2	0	0	1	4	4.70
Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.50
Vazquez	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.97
Kontos, **W**,2-2	1	0	0	0	1	0	3.75

Holland pitched to 4 batters in the 9th.

D-backs 5, Nationals 4

ARIZONA	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Peralta lf	4	0	0	0	.302
Dyson rf	4	0	0	0	.185
Goldschmidt 1b	4	1	1	0	.278
Pollock cf	4	3	3	2	.286
Descalso 3b	2	1	1	2	.197
Marte 2b	4	0	0	0	.222
Ahmed ss	4	0	1	1	.197
Mathis c	2	0	0	0	.185
Godley p	2	0	0	0	.111
Chafin p	0	0	0	0	—
Owings ph	1	0	0	0	.246
TOTALS	**31**	**5**	**6**	**5**	

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Turner ss	5	1	2	0	.274
Kendrick 2b	5	1	3	2	.303
Harper rf	3	1	0	0	.250
Zimmerman 1b	5	0	1	0	.188
Adams lf	3	1	2	0	.267
Sierra ph-lf	2	0	0	0	.243
Wieters c	3	0	1	1	.206
Stevenson cf	4	0	1	0	.429
Difo 3b	3	0	0	1	.200
Strasburg p	3	0	1	0	.182
Madson p	0	0	0	0	—
Taylor ph	1	0	0	0	.221
TOTALS	**37**	**4**	**11**	**4**	

Arizona	020 102 000—5	6	0
Washington	003 010 000—4	11	1

E: Difo (2). **LOB:** Arizona 2, Washington 10. **2B:** Descalso (3), Kendrick (9). **3B:** Pollock (2). **HR:** Pollock (6), off Strasburg; Kendrick (3), off Godley. **RBIs:** Pollock 2 (19), Descalso 2 (12), Ahmed (15), Kendrick 2 (10), Wieters (4), Difo (7). **CS:** Ahmed (1), Owings (3). **SF:** Descalso, Difo. **SO:** Peralta (1), Goldschmidt (2), Descalso (1), Ahmed (1), Mathis (1), Godley (2), Turner (1), Kendrick (1), Harper (1), Zimmerman (1), Sierra (2), Wieters (1), Stevenson (2), Difo (1), Strasburg (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Arizona 1 (Ahmed); Washington 5 (Turner, Zimmerman 2, Adams 2).

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Godley, **W**,4-1	5	10	4	4	3	4	3.81
Chafin, H, 4	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.00
Hirano, H, 6	1	0	0	0	0	3	1.59
Bradley, H, 8	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.88
Boxberger, **S**,7-7	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.70
WASHINGTON	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Strsbrg, **L**,2-3	6⅓	6	5	5	2	7	3.63
Solis	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.50
Madson	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
Doolittle	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.45

Inherited runners-scored: Solis 1-0. **Time:** 3:02. **A:** 26,517 (41,313).

Rangers 6, Blue Jays 4

TEXAS	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
DeShields cf	4	1	1	0	.185
Choo dh	4	1	0	0	.233
Profar ss	4	0	0	0	.222
Mazara rf	4	2	3	2	.302
Gallo lf	4	2	2	2	.240
Kiner-Falefa 3b	3	0	1	0	.280
Guzman 1b	4	0	2	2	.244
Centeno c	3	0	0	0	.167
Robinson 2b	4	0	1	0	.172
TOTALS	**34**	**6**	**10**	**6**	

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Pearce lf	5	0	1	2	.288
Hernandez rf	5	1	1	0	.300
Smoak 1b	4	0	4	1	.275
Solarte 3b	4	1	1	0	.229
Pillar cf	4	0	2	1	.292
R.Martin c	4	1	1	0	.140
Morales dh	3	0	0	0	.195
1-Grichuk pr-dh	0	0	0	0	.079
Travis 2b	3	0	0	0	.148
a-Granderson ph	1	0	0	0	.321
Gurriel Jr. 2b	0	0	0	0	.222
Diaz ss	3	1	0	0	.183
TOTALS	**36**	**4**	**10**	**4**	

Texas	400 002 000—6	10	2
Toronto	121 000 000—4	10	0

a-grounded out for Travis in the 8th. 1-ran for Morales in the 8th. **E:** Profar 2 (6). **LOB:** Texas 5, Toronto 7. **2B:** Mazara (3), Guzman (4), Pearce (5), Hernandez (5), Smoak (7), Pillar (8), R.Martin (2). **3B:** Pillar (1). **HR:** Gallo (8), off Stroman. **RBIs:** Mazara 2 (12), Gallo 2 (19), Guzman 2 (9), Pearce 2 (13), Smoak (14), Pillar (10). **CS:** Kiner-Falefa (1). **S:** DeShields, Kiner-Falefa. **SO:** Profar (1), Gallo (1), Kiner-Falefa (1), Guzman (1), Centeno (1), Robinson (2), Pearce (1), Hernandez (1), Solarte (1), Morales (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 5 (DeShields 2, Profar, Gallo, Centeno); Toronto 4 (Hernandez, Solarte, Pillar, Morales).

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Minor, **W**,2-1	6	9	4	4	0	4	4.33
Jepsen, H, 2	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	4.63
Claudio, H, 5	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	6.75
C.Martin, H, 6	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.70
Kela, **S**,5-5	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.12
TORONTO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Stroman, **L**,0-3	5⅓	8	6	6	1	4	8.88
Clippard	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	2.02
Loup	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.32
Axford	2	2	0	0	0	2	2.70

Inherited runners-scored: Claudio 1-0, Clippard 1-0. **HBP:** Minor (Diaz). **WP:** Minor 2, Clippard. **Time:** 2:50. **A:** 26,312.

Rays 4, Red Sox 3

TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Duffy 3b	5	0	1	0	.262
Cron dh	3	1	2	0	.278
Gomez rf	4	0	0	0	.168
Ramos c	4	1	1	2	.261
Robertson 2b	3	1	2	1	.364
Miller 1b	4	0	1	0	.216
Hechavarria ss	4	0	1	0	.272
Smith cf	4	0	0	0	.333
Refsnyder lf	2	1	2	1	.200
Span ph-lf	0	0	0	0	.254
TOTALS	**33**	**4**	**10**	**4**	

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Betts rf	3	2	2	1	.341
Ramirez dh	4	0	0	0	.314
Martinez lf	4	0	2	2	.315
Moreland 1b	4	0	0	0	.288
Bogaerts ss	4	0	3	0	.405
Nunez 3b-2b	4	0	0	0	.241
Bradley Jr. cf	4	0	0	0	.205
Vazquez c	3	1	1	0	.194
Benintendi ph	1	0	0	0	.229
Lin 2b	2	0	0	0	.240
Swihart ph	1	0	0	0	.167
Devers 3b	0	0	0	0	.261
TOTALS	**34**	**3**	**8**	**3**	

Tampa Bay	201 100 000—4	10	1
Boston	000 002 010—3	8	0

E: Snell (1). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 6, Boston 5. **2B:** Robertson (6), Betts 2 (10), Martinez (6), Bogaerts (8), Vazquez (4). **HR:** Ramos (3), off Pomeranz; Refsnyder (1), off Pomeranz; Robertson (3), off Pomeranz. **RBIs:** Ramos 2 (11), Robertson (7), Refsnyder (1), Betts (18), Martinez 2 (20). **SB:** Betts (3). **CS:** Refsnyder (1), Span (1). **SO:** Duffy (2), Gomez (3), Ramirez (2), Martinez (1), Moreland (2), Bogaerts (1), Nunez (2), Bradley Jr. (2), c-Benintendi (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 2 (Hechavarria 2); Boston 2 (Moreland, Vazquez). **DP:** Tampa Bay 2 (Hechavarria, Robertson, Miller), (Robertson, Hechavarria, Miller); Boston 2 (Lin, Bogaerts, Moreland), (Velazquez, Lin, Moreland).

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Snell,**W**,4-1	7⅓	5	2	2	1	9	2.52
Roe, H, 6	⅔	2	1	1	0	0	3.60
Colome, **S**,5-7	1	1	0	0	0	2	5.73
BOSTON	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Pomeranz, **L**,0-1	5	6	4	4	2	4	7.27
Velazquez	3⅓	4	0	0	1	0	2.25
Hembree	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	3.46

Inherited runners-scored: Hembree 1-0. **HBP:** Velazquez (Robertson). **Time:** 3:10. **A:** 32,620 (37,731).

Indians 6, Mariners 5

SEATTLE	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Gordon cf	3	0	0	0	.277
Romine cf	0	0	0	0	.000
Segura ss	4	0	1	0	.286
Cano 2b	4	0	0	0	.307
Cruz dh	4	0	0	0	.250
Seager 3b	3	2	1	0	.250
Haniger rf	3	2	2	2	.307
Zunino c	4	1	1	3	.214
Gamel lf	4	0	0	0	.107
Healy 1b	3	0	1	0	.138
TOTALS	**32**	**5**	**6**	**5**	

CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Lindor ss	5	1	3	1	.235
Kipnis 2b	5	1	1	0	.175
Gonzalez 2b	0	0	0	0	.222
J.Ramirez 3b	4	0	0	0	.239
Brantley lf	3	1	3	2	.344
Encarnacion dh	4	1	1	1	.180
Alonso 1b	4	1	1	1	.221
Gomes c	3	1	1	1	.233
Naquin rf	4	0	2	0	.292
Zimmer cf	4	0	1	0	.266
TOTALS	**36**	**6**	**13**	**6**	

Seattle	000 000 203—5	6	0
Cleveland	301 002 00x—6	13	0

LOB: Sea 3, Cle 8. **2B:** Haniger (6), Lindor (6), Kipnis (6), Naquin (1), Zimmer (4). **3B:** Brantley (1). **HR:** Haniger (9), off Kluber; Zunino (3), off Allen; Lindor (4), off E.Ramirez; Brantley (2), off E.Ramirez; Encarnacion (6), off E.Ramirez; Alonso (7), off E.Ramirez; Gomes (4), off E.Ramirez. **RBIs:** Haniger 2 (26), Zunino 3 (7), Lindor (10), Brantley 2 (10), Encarnacion (10), Alonso (16), Gomes (8). **SF:** Brantley. **SO:** Gordon (2), Cano (2), Cruz (1), Seager (1), Haniger (1), Gamel (2), Healy (1), Lindor (1), Kipnis (2), Encarnacion (1), Gomes (2), Naquin (1), Zimmer (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Sea 1; Cle 5.

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
E.Ramirez, **L**,0-2	5	9	6	6	0	5	10.24
Rzepczynski	1	2	0	0	0	2	9.00
LeBlanc	2	2	0	0	0	2	4.61
CLEVELAND	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Kluber, **W**,4-1	8⅔	4	3	3	3	10	2.18
Allen	⅓	2	2	2	0	0	1.59

E.Ramirez pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. **Inherited runners-scored:** Allen 1-1. **HBP:** E.Ramirez (Gomes). **Umpires:** H, Chad Whitson; 1B, Mark Wegner; 2B, Jim Reynolds; 3B, Mike DiMuro. **Time:** 2:36. **A:** 16,335 (35,225).

Rockies 1, Marlins 0

COLORADO	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
LeMahieu 2b	2	0	1	0	.290
Valaika 2b	2	0	0	0	.093
Blackmon cf	5	0	0	0	.282
Arenado 3b	3	0	0	0	.329
Dahl rf	3	0	1	0	.316
Story ss	4	0	1	0	.253
Parra lf	3	1	2	0	.236
Desmond 1b	3	0	0	0	.176
Ottavino p	0	0	0	0	—
Cuevas ph	0	0	0	0	.222
Iannetta c	2	0	0	0	.224
T.Anderson p	0	0	0	0	.000
Senzatela p	2	0	1	1	.333
McMahon 1b	1	0	1	0	.188
TOTALS	**30**	**1**	**7**	**1**	

MIAMI	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Realmuto c	5	0	1	0	.355
Prado 3b	4	0	0	0	.000
Castro 2b	4	0	1	0	.300
B.Anderson rf	4	0	0	0	.244
Bour 1b	2	0	1	0	.250
Maybin lf	2	0	0	0	.217
Dietrich ph	1	0	1	0	.240
Rojas ss	4	0	0	0	.240
Brinson cf	4	0	1	0	.151
Urena p	2	0	1	0	.111
Telis ph	1	0	0	0	.207
Barraclough p	0	0	0	0	—
Shuck ph	0	0	0	0	.257
TOTALS	**33**	**0**	**6**	**0**	

Colorado	000 010 000—1	7	0
Miami	000 000 000—0	6	0

LOB: Colorado 10, Miami 10. **2B:** LeMahieu (8), Parra (3), Senzatela (1), Urena (1), Dietrich (2). **RBIs:** Senzatela (1). **CS:** Dahl (1). **S:** Iannetta, Valaika. **SO:** Valaika (1), Blackmon (1), Arenado (1), Dahl (1), Story (1), Iannetta (2), Senzatela (1), Prado (1), Castro (1), B.Anderson (3), Bour (1), Maybin (1), Rojas (1), Brinson (1), Urena (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 6 (Blackmon 2, Story 2, Valaika 2); Miami 5 (Realmuto 2, Bour, Brinson, Telis).

COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
T.Anderson	1⅓	1	0	0	1	1	4.10
Senztla, **W**,2-1	3⅔	1	0	0	1	4	6.23
Shaw, H, 5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.59
McGee, H, 7	⅔	1	0	0	1	1	4.76
Ottavino, H, 6	1⅓	2	0	0	0	2	0.60
Davis, **S**,10-11	1	1	0	0	1	2	2.38
MIAMI	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Urena, **L**,0-4	7	6	1	1	1	5	4.91
Wittgren	1	1	0	0	2	1	2.08
Barraclough	1	0	0	0	3	2	2.53

Inherited runners-scored: Ottavino 2-0. **Time:** 3:16. **A:** 5,931 (36,742).

Athletics 8, Astros 1

OAKLAND	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Semien ss	4	2	2	0	.278
Pinder lf	4	2	2	2	.281
Lowrie 2b	4	0	1	2	.352
Davis dh	4	0	0	0	.257
Chapman 3b	4	2	2	1	.269
Olson 1b	4	1	1	1	.275
Canha cf	4	1	1	2	.311
Piscotty rf	4	0	1	0	.276
Lucroy c	4	0	0	0	.254
TOTALS	**36**	**8**	**10**	**8**	

HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Springer rf	4	1	1	0	.248
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	0	.333
Correa ss	4	0	1	1	.341
Gurriel 1b	4	0	0	0	.262
Bregman 3b	3	0	0	0	.263
McCann c	3	0	0	0	.306
Gattis dh	3	0	1	0	.205
Reddick lf	3	0	1	0	.247
Marisnick cf	3	0	0	0	.140
TOTALS	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	

Oakland	000 012 320—8	10	1
Houston	000 100 000—1	5	0

E: Semien (4). **LOB:** Oakland 1, Houston 5. **2B:** Chapman (2). **3B:** Lowrie (0). **HR:** Chapman (5), off Keuchel; Pinder (1), off Keuchel; Canha (3), off Keuchel. **RBIs:** Pinder 2 (2), Lowrie 2 (24), Chapman (14), Olson (11), Canha 2 (9), Correa (19). **SO:** Semien (2), Davis (1), Chapman (1), Canha (1), Piscotty (1), Lucroy (1), Springer (1), Correa (1), McCann (1), Gattis (1), Reddick (1), Marisnick (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Oakland 1 (Olson); Houston 2 (Altuve, McCann). RISP: Oakland 2 for 5; Houston 1 for 3. **Runners moved up:** Altuve. **GIDP:** Lucroy, Correa. **DP:** Oakland 1 (Semien, Lowrie, Olson); Houston 1 (Altuve, Correa, Gurriel).

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Manaea, **W** 4-2	7	4	1	0	1	7	1.23
Dull	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.40
Casilla	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	2.00
HOUSTON	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Keuchel, **L** 1-4	7	7	6	6	0	3	3.10
Smith	⅔	3	2	2	0	1	8.22
Sipp	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	6.75
McHugh	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.93

Inherited runners-scored: Sipp 1-0. **WP:** Keuchel. **Umpires:** H, Dan Bellino; 1B, Tom Hallion; 2B, Chris Segal; 3B, Adam Hamari. **Time:** 2:30. **A:** 32,636

Reds 15, Twins 9

CINCINNATI	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Winker dh	6	0	1	1	.309
Peraza ss	6	3	4	2	.286
Votto 1b	3	2	3	1	.280
Gennett 2b	5	2	3	1	.298
Suarez 3b	6	2	4	1	.324
Schebler rf	5	2	2	3	.316
Duvall lf	6	2	2	2	.170
Barnhart c	4	0	0	2	.233
Hamilton cf	4	2	1	1	.175
TOTALS	**45**	**15**	**20**	**14**	

MINNESOTA	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Dozier 2b	4	1	2	0	.275
Mauer 1b	2	2	0	0	.290
Sano 3b	5	1	1	1	.213
Rosario lf	5	2	2	2	.228
Kepler cf	5	0	3	1	.311
Escobar ss	4	1	1	0	.300
Morrison dh	5	2	2	3	.134
Grossman rf	4	0	3	1	.222
Castro c	4	0	0	0	.135
Adrianza ph	1	0	0	0	.214
TOTALS	**39**	**9**	**14**	**8**	

Cincinnati	102 160 104—15	20	1
Minnesota	502 100 001—9	14	1

E: Schebler (1), Duffey (1). **LOB:** Cin 12, Min 9. **2B:** Winker (5), Votto (2), Suarez (2), Duvall 2 (7), Dozier (5), Rosario (4), Kepler (7), Escobar (9), Grossman (4). **3B:** Hamilton (1). **HR:** Peraza (1), off P.Hughes; Votto (4), off Duffey; Peraza (2), off Hale; Morrison (2), off Castillo; Rosario (3), off Iglesias. **RBIs:** Winker (8), Peraza 2 (8), Votto (14), Gennett (14), Suarez (8), Schebler 3 (8), Duvall 2 (13), Barnhart 2 (8), Hamilton (8), Sano (14), Rosario 2 (12), Kepler (9), Morrison 3 (6), Grossman (7). **SF:** Barnhart 2. **SO:** Winker (1), Suarez (1), Schebler (2), Duvall (1), Barnhart (1), Hamilton (2), Dozier (1), Sano (1), Rosario (1), Escobar (2), Morrison (2), Castro (1), Adrianza (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Cin 6; Min 6.

CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Castillo	1	6	5	5	2	0	7.85
Shackelford	2⅔	4	3	2	1	1	9.82
Hrnndz, **W**,1-0	1⅓	1	0	0	1	3	0.00
Garrett, H, 2	1	1	0	0	0	2	1.84
J.Hughes ,H, 2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1.84
Iglesias	1	2	1	1	1	1	2.38
MINNESOTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
P.Hughes	3⅔	5	4	4	2	3	7.71
Duffey, L, 0-1	⅓	4	5	4	0	0	27.00
Pressly	⅔	2	1	1	0	1	0.66
Rogers	⅓	3	0	0	0	1	6.30
Hale	3	4	4	4	4	2	7.20
Hildenberger	1	2	1	1	0	1	4.91

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 4

LATE THURSDAY

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Betts cf-rf	5	0	0	0	.329
Benintendi lf	4	1	2	1	.232
Ramirez dh	3	1	2	0	.329
Martinez rf	4	1	2	3	.306
Bradley Jr. cf	0	0	0	0	.216
Moreland 1b	4	1	0	0	.313
Nunez 2b	4	0	1	0	.253
Devers 3b	2	0	0	1	.261
Vazquez c	4	0	0	0	.188
Holt ss	1	0	1	0	.340
1-Lin pr-ss	2	1	0	0	.261
TOTALS	**33**	**5**	**8**	**5**	

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Pearce dh	3	0	0	0	.296
a-Morales ph-dh	2	0	0	1	.195
Hernandez lf	3	1	1	0	.311
Smoak 1b	4	1	2	1	.241
Solarte 3b	3	0	0	0	.228
Pillar cf	2	0	1	1	.292
Gurriel Jr. ss	3	0	0	0	.222
b-Granderson ph	0	0	0	0	.321
Diaz ss	0	0	0	0	.191
Grichuk rf	4	0	0	0	.079
Maile c	4	0	0	0	.364
Travis 2b	4	2	2	1	.155
TOTALS	**32**	**4**	**6**	**4**	

Boston	001 130 000—5	8	0
Toronto	111 000 100—4	6	0

a-grounded out for Pearce in the 7th. b-walked for Gurriel Jr. in the 8th. 1-ran for Holt in the 3rd. **LOB:** Boston 5, Toronto 7. **2B:** Benintendi (5), Nunez (7), Holt (6), Hernandez (4), Pillar (8). **3B:** Travis (1). **HR:** Martinez (5), off Estrada; Travis (1), off Sale; Smoak (3), off Sale. **RBIs:** Benintendi (14), Martinez 3 (18), Devers (18), Smoak (13), Pillar (10), Travis (3), Morales (8). **SB:** Devers (1). **SF:** Devers, Pillar. **SO:** Benintendi (2), Ramirez (1), Moreland (1), Nunez (2), Devers (2), Vazquez (1), Hernandez (1), Smoak (2), Solarte (1), Maile (3), Travis (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 2; Toronto 5.

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sale, **W**,2-1	6	4	3	3	2	4	2.31
Smith, H, 2	⅔	2	1	1	0	0	5.87
MBarnes, H, 5	1⅓	0	0	0	2	3	2.89
Kimbrel, **S**,7-7	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.87
TORONTO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Estrada, **L**,2-2	5	8	5	5	1	5	6.00
Loup	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.32
Oh	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.74
D.Barnes	1	0	0	0	2	1	2.08

HBP: Sale (Solarte). **Time:** 3:08. **A:** 23,571.

Yankees 4, Angels 3 (10)

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Hicks cf	3	0	0	1	.238
Judge rf	5	0	0	0	.319
Gregorius ss	5	2	3	1	.368
Stanton lf	4	0	1	0	.238
Sanchez c	4	1	0	0	.193
Walker 1b	3	0	0	1	.164
Andujar dh-3b	4	1	2	0	.292
Torres 2b	3	0	0	0	.273
Torreyes 3b	3	0	1	0	.410
Gardner ph	0	0	0	1	.230
Robertson p	0	0	0	0	—
Chapman p	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	**34**	**4**	**7**	**4**	

LOS ANGELES	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Kinsler 2b	3	0	0	0	.224
Trout cf	4	1	1	0	.293
Upton lf	4	0	1	0	.235
Pujols 1b	4	1	1	0	.257
Ohtani dh	2	1	1	1	.341
Valbuena ph-dh	1	0	0	0	.231
Marte ph-dh	1	0	0	0	.368
Simmons ss	4	0	1	2	.315
Cozart 3b	4	0	1	0	.227
Calhoun rf	3	0	0	0	.168
Young ph	1	0	0	0	.174
Maldonado c	3	0	0	0	.164
TOTALS	**34**	**3**	**6**	**3**	

New York	000 011 0011—4	7	0
Los Angeles	010 000 2000—3	6	1

E: Simmons (3). **LOB:** New York 7, Los Angeles 2. **2B:** Gregorius (8), Andujar 2 (11), Cozart (5). **3B:** Simmons (1). **HR:** Gregorius (10), off Parker; Ohtani (4), off Severino. **RBIs:** Hicks (8), Gregorius (30), Walker (4), Gardner (6), Ohtani (12), Simmons 2 (15). **CS:** Kinsler (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 3, Los Angeles 2. **RISP:** New York 1 for 8; Los Angeles 1 for 4.

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Severino	7	5	3	3	1	8	2.61
Holder	1	0	0	0	0	0	8.10
Rbertson, **W**,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.14
Chpman, **S**,5-5	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.64
L.A. Angels	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Heaney	5	5	2	1	1	9	6.91
Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.45
Bedrosian	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.55
Anderson, H, 3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Mddlton, **BS**,1-7	1	1	1	1	2	1	2.40
Prker, **L**,0-1	1	1	1	1	0	1	4.85

Heaney pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. **WP:** Heaney, Johnson, Severino. **Umpires:** H, Alan Porter; 1B, Bill Miller; 2B, Angel Hernandez; 3B, Todd Tichenor.

Mets 5, Padres 1

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Cabrera 2b	4	2	2	3	.333
Cespedes lf	3	0	1	0	.214
Frazier 3b	5	0	1	1	.256
Flores 1b	4	0	0	0	.213
Conforto rf	3	0	0	0	.211
Lagares cf	3	2	2	0	.371
Lobaton c	4	1	2	1	.160
deGrom p	3	0	0	0	.154
Blevins p	0	0	0	0	—
Ramos p	0	0	0	0	—
Harvey p	0	0	0	0	.333
Rosario ss	4	0	1	0	.240
TOTALS	**33**	**5**	**9**	**5**	

SAN DIEGO	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Myers rf	4	0	1	0	.324
Hosmer 1b	3	0	0	0	.250
Villanueva 3b	4	0	1	0	.348
Cordero cf	4	1	2	1	.241
Pirela lf	2	0	0	0	.257
Asuaje 2b	4	0	0	0	.207
Galvis ss	4	0	2	0	.240
Hedges c	2	0	0	0	.143
Richard p	1	0	0	0	.182
Stammen p	0	0	0	0	—
Makita p	0	0	0	0	—
Szczur ph	1	0	0	0	.269
Lyles p	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	**29**	**1**	**6**	**1**	

New York	100 000 310—5	9	0
San Diego	000 000 001—1	6	0

LOB: New York 7, San Diego 6. **2B:** Cabrera (9), Lobaton (1). **HR:** Cabrera (5), off Stammen; Cordero (5), off Harvey. **RBIs:** Cabrera 3 (15), Frazier (15), Lobaton (3), Cordero (10). **CS:** Cordero (2). **S:** deGrom, Richard. **SO:** Frazier (3), Flores (1), Conforto (1), deGrom (1), Rosario (1), Myers (2), Cordero (1), Asuaje (1), Galvis (1), Hedges (1), Richard (1), Szczur (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 2 (Frazier, deGrom); San Diego 2 (Myers, Richard). RISP: New York 2 for 6; San Diego 0 for 3.

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
deGrm, **W**,3-0	7⅓	5	0	0	3	8	2.06
Blevins	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	11.25
Ramos	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.48
Harvey	1	1	1	1	1	0	6.00
SAN DIEGO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Richard, **L**,1-3	6⅔	6	3	3	3	4	5.35
Stammen	⅓	2	1	1	0	1	2.63
Makita	1	1	1	1	0	1	4.85
Lyles	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.20

Inherited runners-scored: Blevins 1-0, Ramos 1-0, Stammen 2-2. **HBP:** Makita (Lagares). **Time:** 2:40. **A:** 29,977 (42,445).

CUBS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AVG	OBA	AB	R	H
Bryant	.319	.467	69	12	22
Almora	.308	.366	65	15	20
Baez	.307	.365	88	20	27
Schwarber	.286	.398	70	20	20
Contreras	.268	.348	82	7	22
Caratini	.297	.350	37	4	11
Heyward	.247	.333	73	14	18
La Stella	.250	.308	36	5	9
Happ	.246	.300	65	7	16
Russell	.215	.303	79	11	17
Bote	.111	.111	9	1	1
Rizzo	.175	.288	63	7	11
Totals	.258	.340	827	125	213

BATTERS	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO
Bryant	7	1	2	11	13	12
Almora	5	1	1	7	6	15
Baez	7	3	7	25	6	19
Schwarber	3	0	7	17	13	19
Contreras	8	1	1	7	6	18
Caratini	3	0	0	2	2	10
Heyward	2	1	2	14	9	10
La Stella	2	0	0	7	3	7
Happ	2	0	3	7	5	31
Russell	5	0	0	2	9	13
Bote	1	0	0	0	0	3
Rizzo	0	0	1	8	4	13
Totals	46	8	25	115	83	203

PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	IP	H
Duensing	1	0	0.00	7.2	4
Farrell	0	0	0.00	2.0	2
Morrow	0	0	0.00	9.0	6
Edwards	0	0	0.71	12.2	7
Cishek	1	0	2.92	12.1	8
Strop	3	0	2.79	9.2	10
Hendricks	2	1	3.10	29.0	27
Lester	2	1	3.29	27.1	23
Chatwood	1	3	3.74	21.2	18
Montgomery	0	1	5.40	10.0	13
Wilson	1	0	5.59	9.2	8
Darvish	0	2	5.26	25.2	24
Quintana	2	1	7.78	19.2	24
Totals	13	10	3.75	211.0	187

PITCHERS	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
Duensing	0	0	0	4	6
Farrell	1	0	0	0	5
Morrow	0	0	0	3	9
Edwards	1	1	0	4	21
Cishek	5	4	0	9	11
Strop	3	3	1	3	9
Hendricks	10	10	5	7	24
Lester	12	10	4	10	22
Chatwood	9	9	1	19	23
Montgomery	6	6	1	5	3
Wilson	6	6	2	11	13
Darvish	11	15	3	13	29
Quintana	17	17	3	11	16
Totals	95	88	21	104	201

through Friday

WHITE SOX STATISTICS

BATTERS	AVG	OBA	AB	R	H
Abreu	.281	.340	89	12	25
Sanchez	.280	.333	82	8	23
Anderson	.270	.323	89	9	24
Moncada	.264	.362	91	16	24
Castillo	.250	.318	60	8	15
Delmonico	.246	.352	61	4	15
Davidson	.237	.356	76	15	18
L.Garcia	.217	.294	46	5	10
Thompson	.167	.167	24	4	4
Engel	.164	.235	61	1	10
Narvaez	.138	.265	29	1	4
Palka	.000	.000	8	0	0
Totals	.240	.311	797	90	191

BATTERS	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO
Abreu	3	0	6	12	3	15
Sanchez	4	2	1	11	4	17
Anderson	3	1	3	6	7	20
Moncada	7	1	6	12	14	41
Castillo	3	0	3	6	5	14
Delmonico	1	0	1	4	9	13
Davidson	3	0	9	18	12	31
L.Garcia	1	1	0	5	3	13
Thompson	1	0	2	2	0	8
Engel	1	1	0	7	5	18
Narvaez	2	0	0	1	5	10
Palka	0	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	33	6	32	89	67	223

PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	IP	H
Jones	1	0	1.64	11.0	9
Lopez	0	2	1.78	30.1	22
Soria	0	0	2.70	10.0	10
Santiago	0	0	3.38	16.0	14
Volstad	0	1	3.75	12.0	12
Avilan	0	0	4.50	8.0	9
Beck	0	0	6.00	3.0	6
Fulmer	1	1	6.00	18.0	20
Shields	1	3	6.14	29.1	33
Rondon	1	0	6.23	8.2	6
Bummer	0	1	6.43	7.0	11
Giolito	1	3	7.71	25.2	23
Infante	1	1	8.00	9.0	12
Totals	7	16	5.71	207.2	219

PITCHERS	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
Jones	2	2	0	4	14
Lopez	9	6	3	15	25
Soria	3	3	1	2	10
Santiago	6	6	2	7	15
Volstad	5	5	1	3	10
Avilan	7	4	1	5	9
Beck	2	2	1	0	1
Fulmer	14	12	3	10	15
Shields	20	20	2	17	15
Rondon	6	6	0	6	13
Bummer	5	5	0	2	9
Giolito	23	22	2	21	11
Infante	8	8	0	8	6
Totals	136	126	23	111	168

■ **Extra innings:** Starling Marte's game-ending single in the 11th inning lifted the Pirates to a 6-5 victory over the Cardinals. ... Cubs manager Joe Maddon hopes 3B Kris Bryant will return to the lineup Saturday against Milwaukee. He missed the last four games after getting hit by a pitch in the head last weekend. ... Francisco Lindor, Michael Brantley and Edwin Encarnacion homered in the first inning for the Indians in a 6-5 victory over the Mariners in Cleveland.

WHITE SOX 7, ROYALS 4 (11)

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White Sox DH Matt Davidson rounds the bases after hitting a two-run homer Friday in a win over the Royals.

Davidson loves KC

Sox DH blasts 6th, 7th homers at Kauffman Stadium this year

By Teddy Greenstein
Chicago Tribune

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — After Matt Davidson slugged two homers Thursday night, pitcher Lucas Giolito offered an explanation: "Something about the Kansas City barbecue has gotten him going."

Davidson wouldn't dare deny it, saying: "I do love barbecue."

Whether it's rib tips, burnt ends or sliced turkey, what's not debatable is how much Davidson loves hitting at Kauffman Stadium.

After entering Friday with five homers in 10 at-bats in Kansas City, Davidson did it again. He massacred a 3-1 slider from Danny Duffy in the fourth inning, sending a 447-foot rocket to center field.

And then — stop the presses — he went yard in extra innings, launching a 3-2 fastball from left-hander Tim Hill. The 411-foot shot in the 11th scored two runs, and a hustling Yoan Moncada added a third as the Sox pulled out a 7-4 victory.

The Sox hope they never have to leave Kansas City: They're 4-0 here and 3-16 everywhere else.

Davidson broke the record for most opponent home runs in a season at Kauffman Stadium — and did it on April 27, after four games.

Reynaldo Lopez was in position to get his first victory of the season after exiting the game in the seventh with a two-run lead and runners at first and third. But Aaron Bummer threw a wild pitch before retiring Lucas Duda, and Tim Anderson erred on a throw from shortstop.

After snaring Jorge Soler's grounder, Anderson took several steps before throwing low and a bit wide of Jose Abreu at first. Abreu had his own miscue in the first inning, failing to corral a foul pop, but at least he felt well enough to return to the lineup after a two-day absence because of a stomach virus.

THE BOX SCORE

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Anderson ss	5	0	2	0	.270
Sanchez 3b	5	0	0	0	.280
Abreu 1b	5	0	1	0	.281
Castillo c	5	1	1	0	.250
Davidson dh	5	2	2	3	.237
Moncada 2b	4	1	1	0	.264
Thompson rf	5	2	1	0	.161
Garcia lf	5	1	3	2	.217
Engel cf	3	0	1	2	.164
TOTALS	**42**	**7**	**12**	**7**	

KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Merrifield 2b	5	1	2	0	.261
Moustakas dh	6	2	2	1	.311
Perez c	5	1	1	0	.222
Duda 1b	5	0	1	0	.220
Soler rf	4	0	2	1	.292
Jay cf	5	0	2	0	.244
Cuthbert 3b	5	0	0	0	.221
Gordon lf	4	0	1	0	.211
Escobar ss	5	0	1	0	.202
TOTALS	**44**	**4**	**12**	**2**	

WHITE SOX	020	200	000	03—7	12	2
Kansas City	200	000	200	00—4	12	0

E: Anderson (6), Abreu (3). **LOB:** WHITE SOX 4, Kansas City 10. **2B:** Anderson (3), Moncada (7), Merrifield (4), Soler (5). **3B:** Garcia (1), Engel (1). **HR:** Davidson (8), off Duffy; Davidson (9), off Hill; Moustakas (8), off Lopez. **RBIs:** Davidson 3 (18), Garcia 2 (5), Engel 2 (7), Moustakas (19), Soler (5). **S:** Engel. **SO:** Sanchez (1), Abreu (1), Moncada (1), Thompson (2), Engel (1), Merrifield (1), Moustakas (1), Perez (1), Cuthbert (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** WHITE SOX 3 (Anderson, Sanchez, Davidson); Kansas City 6 (Moustakas, Perez, Jay, Cuthbert 2, Gordon). RISP: WHITE SOX 1 for 5; Kansas City 1 for 12. **Runners moved up:** Perez, Duda. **GIDP:** Engel, Jay, Cuthbert. **DP:** WHITE SOX 2 (Anderson, Moncada, Abreu), (Anderson, Abreu); Kansas City 1 (Merrifield, Duda).

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lopez	6⅓	10	4	2	0	2	1.78
Bummer, H, 1	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	6.14
Jones, **BS**,1-2	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	1.64
Avilan	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.50
Infante, **W**,1-1	1	0	0	0	1	0	8.00
Soria, **S**,4-5	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.70

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Duffy	6	6	4	4	1	3	5.40
McCarthy	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.26
Keller	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.12
Herrera	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Hill,**L**,0-1	2	5	3	3	0	3	3.72

Inherited runners-scored: Bummer 2-1, Jones 1-1. **HBP:** Lopez 2 (Merrifield,Gordon). **WP:** Bummer. **Umpires:** H, Sean Barber; 1B, Vic Carapazza; 2B, Jordan Baker; 3B, Jerry Layne. **Time:** 3:34. **A:** 15,395 (37,903).

HOW THEY SCORED

ROYALS FIRST: Merrifield grounded out. Moustakas homered. Perez singled. Duda singled, Perez to second. Soler doubled, scoring Perez, Duda to third. Jay flied out. Cuthbert fouled out. **Two runs. Royals 2-0.**
WHITE SOX SECOND: Moncada walked. Thompson grounded into fielder's choice, Moncada out at second. L. Garcia tripled, scoring Thompson. Engel sacrificed, scoring L. Garcia. Anderson popped out. **Two runs. Tied 2-2.**
WHITE SOX FOURTH: Davidson homered. Moncada flied out. Thompson singled. L. Garcia lined out. Engel tripled, scoring Thompson. Anderson flied out. **Two runs. White Sox 4-2.**
ROYALS SEVENTH: Merrifield singled. Moustakas singled, Merrifield to second. Bummer pitching. Perez lined out, Merrifield to third. Wild pitch by Bummer, scoring Merrifield, Moustakas to second. Duda grounded out, Moustakas to third. Jones pitching. Soler reached on throwing error by Anderson, scoring Moustakas, Soler to second. Jay grounded out. **Two runs. Tied 4-4.**
WHITE SOX ELEVENTH: Abreu singled. Castillo grounded into fielder's choice, Abreu out at second, Castillo to first. Davidson homered, scoring Castillo. Moncada doubled. Thompson struck out. Garcia singled, scoring Moncada, Garcia out at second. **Three runs. White Sox 7-4.**

"When I say I'm feeling bad, it's bad," said Abreu, who isn't prone to complaining. "When I tell that to my family, they know it's really bad. But you know what? Thank God I'm back. I'm feeling better and I'm alive."

Joe McEwing delivered the lineup card to home-plate umpire Sean Barber before the first pitch. Anyone thinking he did it to mark an important occasion — his first time managing a major-league game from the outset — doesn't know the depth of baseball superstitions.

The Sox alternate the task. And if the team wins, the same man repeats the mission the following game.

McEwing, the Sox bench coach, took over managing duties Friday night and will be in charge for Saturday's day-night doubleheader after manager Rick Renteria traveled to Austin, Texas, for the funeral of his mother, Angela.

McEwing, a super-sub during his nine years as a big-league player, hoped Renteria would not be tempted to watch the three games he will miss.

"We all want him to focus on his family," he said. "They need him in this moment."

McEwing's message to Renteria: "We'll miss you dearly, but we'll handle this."

McEwing has known he wanted to manage since he was a player — and a minor-league player at that. The year was 1998.

The Sox call him "Super Joe" — a nickname Eric Davis gave him because "he said every time he walked in a clubhouse, I was by my locker ready to go (and already) in uniform."

McEwing played every position on the diamond other than pitcher and catcher, and he says his utility background is "huge.

"You can relate to every single individual on the field and what they are going through — and relate to every guy on the bench," he said. "You're constantly teaching."

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WHITE SOX NOTES

McEwing: 9/11 relief a career highlight

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KANSAS CITY, MO. — The big leagues are generally no place for a 28th-round draft pick who stands 5-foot-10.

But **Joe McEwing** defied the odds and produced a streak of 230 errorless games and a 25-game hitting streak during his career. He was fifth in voting for National League Rookie of the Year in 1999 with the Cardinals and was on third base for **Mark McGwire's** 70th home run in 1998.

Before Friday night's game against the Royals in Kansas City, during which he subbed for manager **Rick Renteria,** the White Sox bench coach cited something else for which he was grateful.

"Being part of the relief efforts for 9/11," he said.

McEwing played for the Mets in 2001. Following the attacks, the team was bused to New York from Pittsburgh.

"To be able to help load trucks and deliver food ... anything to put a smile back on people's faces, that was probably one of the biggest things during my career," he said. "I'm sorry it happened, but what I'm thankful for is that I was able to give back in that capacity."

Renteria is expected back for Sunday's game after attending the funeral for his mother, **Angela,** in Austin, Texas.

Poetic license: Daniel Palka recorded his first major-league RBI on Wednesday, and he did it in thrilling fashion against the Mariners.

"It was a rocket off King **Felix (Hernandez),**" he said. "Went 440 feet (and) bounced off the wall. Runners got caught up (and it) was a forceout at first."

That's not exactly what happened, but that will be what Palka tells his grandkids. In truth, he hit a grounder up the first-base line that scored **Yolmer Sanchez.**

There was some confusion regarding which ball was used, but a Major League Baseball official authenticated one that Palka has back at home.

Coming soon: The Sox will have **Carson Fulmer** start the front end of Saturday's day-night doubleheader to give their minor-league call-up a few more hours to get ready for the nightcap. The Sox freed up a spot on their 40-man roster by outrighting infielder **Casey Gillaspie** to Triple-A Charlotte. ... **Donn Roach,** a 28-year-old right-hander, is 3-0 with a 1.88 ERA at Charlotte.

CUBS 3, BREWERS 2

CUBS NOTES

Bryant appears ready to return

By Paul Sullivan
Chicago Tribune

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The Cubs expect Kris Bryant back in the lineup for Saturday's game against the Brewers.

Kris Bryant was working on his chipping in the Cubs clubhouse before Friday's game against the Brewers, the fourth straight game he sat out since a pitch hit him in the head Sunday in Colorado.

Bryant has resumed all baseball activities, along with working on his golf game, and manager **Joe Maddon** said he is expected back Saturday.

Though Bryant was not deemed to have a concussion, Maddon said they have been extra cautious because of changes in protocol for head injuries.

"You want him back on the horse," Maddon said. "This is something that's relatively new though. We all knew what it was like for years. Nobody ever even really had been concerned about that much. It would have been probably treated differently, even 10 years ago. So there's more protocol, there's more information, more stuff going on right now. There's tendency to be more conservative right now.

"But I think it's a good thing too. This is about a young man's life and how he feels 30-40 years from now, so I'm all into that."

Bryant has been hit by seven pitches this season, leading the league, though Maddon theorized it was because he's being pitched inside more.

"We'll watch it as it progresses during the course of this season, but I don't think there's anything sinister," he said.

Hit machine: Yu Darvish, a .108 career hitter in 37 at-bats coming into the day, said he told **Albert Almora Jr.** before his fifth inning at-bat he was going to hit a double, and to "make sure you bunt afterward."

Almora replied: "Yeah, whatever. Go ahead."

Darvish sliced a double down the right-field line for his first hit and stumbling after reaching second base.

"You mean the triple he turned into a double?" Maddon said. "I was talking to (first base coach Will Venable) and he said, 'If he does not get a triple on that particular play, he will never hit a triple in the big leagues.' "

Darvish explained his stumble by joking he didn't want to ruin Almora's sacrifice.

"I purposely did a double instead of a triple," Darvish deadpanned, through his interpreter.

Closing time: Brandon Morrow kept his perfect season alive on Friday with a 1-2-3 ninth inning. Morrow has not allowed a run in nine innings over 10 appearances and notched his sixth save.

"He has the look," Maddon said.

"I don't know that there is (a look)," Morrow countered. "You still go out and attack guys. That's number one."

Darvish gets on track against rival Brewers

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in Spanish, and after an uninspiring start to the season it may be the new buzzword for a club expected to cruise to another division title.

Albert Almora Jr. and Baez continued to settle in at the top of the lineup, doing a deft impression of the old "Daily Double" tandem of Bob Dernier and Ryne Sandberg.

After the Brewers scored an unearned run in the first thanks to Jason Heyward's a two-base error, a stolen base and a sacrifice fly, the Cubs answered quickly in their half of the inning.

Almora led off with a double, extending his hitting streak to a career-high 10 games, before Baez singled him home, also extending his hitting streak to a career-high 10 games.

"It's something I don't like to follow because I (feel) pressure," Baez said. "But it's good to know and hopefully we keep it going for our team."

Baez became the third Cub with 25 or more RBIs before the end of April since 1908, joining Billy Williams (25 in 1970) and Derrek Lee (28 in 2005).

After Baez stole second, Anthony Rizzo singled him in to give the Cubs a 2-1 lead.

Darvish cruised into the fifth, the inning that had been his Achilles' heel in three of his first four starts.

Once again after retiring the first two hitters he got into trouble, giving up a single to Brent Suter and walking Lorenzo Cain. But after catcher Willson Contreras made a mound visit, Darvish induced Christian Yelich to hit a grounder back to him and he made the short toss to first to get out of the inning.

Maddon had a meeting with Darvish in Cleveland earlier this week and told him to focus on the pitch at hand without worrying about the previous pitch.

"He really takes care of me, he thinks a lot about me," Darvish said. "In today's outing, there was a similar situation because of the previous game. But since I spoke to Joe I was able to overcome and kept going today."

Darvish surrendered a two-out double to Domingo Santana in the sixth, but struck out Hernan Perez on a slider to end his afternoon.

After the Brewers tied things up in the seventh, the Cubs regained the lead and Carl Edwards Jr. and Brandon Morrow finished it off with two perfect innings.Morrow said it was the best he has felt all year.

"A little bit of warmth today, compared to some other days, helped," Morrow said.

Actually it was only 49 degrees with a 16 mph wind blowing in. But the difference between Friday's weather and most of the games on the opening homestand was, in a word, yuge.

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THE BOX SCORE

MILWAUKEE	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Cain cf	2	1	1	0	.300
Yelich lf	3	0	0	1	.281
Aguilar 1b	3	0	0	1	.381
Jennings p	0	0	0	0	1.000
Jeffress p	0	0	0	0	—
Drake p	0	0	0	0	—
Shaw 3b	4	0	0	0	.263
Santana rf	3	0	1	0	.247
Perez 2b	4	0	0	0	.184
Sogard ss	3	1	0	0	.118
Pina c	4	0	1	0	.205
Suter p	2	0	1	0	.125
Williams p	0	0	0	0	—
a-Braun ph-1b	2	0	0	0	.268
TOTALS	**30**	**2**	**4**	**2**	

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Almora cf	4	1	1	0	.308
Baez 2b	4	1	1	1	.307
Rizzo 1b	4	0	1	1	.175
Contreras c	4	0	0	0	.268
Bote 3b	4	0	0	0	.111
Happ lf	4	0	1	0	.246
Russell ss	3	1	1	0	.215
Heyward rf	1	0	0	0	.247
Darvish p	1	0	1	0	.143
Cishek p	0	0	0	0	.500
Duensing p	0	0	0	0	—
Strop p	0	0	0	0	—
b-Caratini ph	1	0	1	0	.297
Edwards p	0	0	0	0	—
Morrow p	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	**30**	**3**	**7**	**2**	

Milwaukee	100	000	100—2	4	1
CUBS	200	000	10x—3	7	1

a-flied out for Williams in the 7th. b-singled for Strop in the 7th. **E:** Sogard (2), Heyward (1). **LOB:** Milwaukee 7, CUBS 6. **2B:** Santana (2), Almora (5), Darvish (1). **RBIs:** Yelich (9), Aguilar (8), Baez (25), Rizzo (8). **SB:** Cain (6), Baez (2). **SF:** Yelich, Aguilar. **S:** Heyward, Darvish. **SO:** Yelich (2), Aguilar (1), Shaw (1), Perez (2), Sogard (2), Pina (1), Braun (1), Almora (2), Contreras (2), Happ (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 3 (Yelich, Aguilar, Perez); CUBS 4 (Baez, Rizzo 2, Russell). RISP: Milwaukee 0 for 5; CUBS 3 for 12.

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suter	5	5	2	2	1	3	5.34
Williams	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.16
Jennings, L, 2-1	⅓	2	1	0	0	0	1.46
Jeffress	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	0.64
Drake	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.40

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Darvish	6	3	1	0	2	8	5.26
Cishek, H, 3	⅓	1	1	1	2	0	2.92
Duensing, BS, 1-1	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Strop, W, 3-0	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.79
Edwards, H, 6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.71
Morrow, **S**,6-6	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Jeffress 2-1, Duensing 3-1, Strop 2-0. **Umpires:** H, Stu Scheurwater; 1B, Eric Cooper; 2B, Gary Cederstrom; 3B, Cory Blaser. **Time:** 3:03. **A:** 35,579 (41,649).

HOW THEY SCORED

BREWERS FIRST: Cain reached and advanced to second on Heyward's error. Yelich strikes out. Cain stole third. Aguilar sacrifice fly, scoring Cain. Shaw struck out. **One run. Brewers 1-0.**
CUBS FIRST: Almora Jr. doubled. Baez singled, scoring Almora Jr. Baez stole second. Rizzo singled, scoring Baez. Contreras flied out. Bote grounded into fielder's choice, Rizzo out at second. Happ singled, Bote to second. Russell grounded into fielder's choice, Bote out at third, Happ to second. **Two runs. Cubs 2-1.**
BREWERS SEVENTH: Cishek pitching. Sogard walked. Pina singled, Sogard to third. Braun flied out. Cain walked, Pina to second. Duensing pitching. Yelich sacrifice fly, scoring Sogard, Pina to second. Strop pitching. Aguilar flied out. **One run. Tied 2-2.**
CUBS SEVENTH: Jennings pitching. Russell singled. Heyward sacrificed, Russell to second. Caratini singled, Russell to third. Almora Jr. struck out. Baez safe on Sogard's error, scoring Russell, Caratini to second. Rizzo lined out. **One run. Cubs 3-2.**

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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	MIL 1:20 ABC-7 AM-670	MIL 1:20 NBCSCH AM-670	COL 6:05 NBCSCH AM-670	COL 7:05 WGN-9 AM-670	COL 1:20 NBCSCH AM-670		@STL 7:15 NBCSCH AM-670
	@KC 1:15, 7:15 WGN-9 AM-720	@KC 1:15 WGN-9 AM-720		@STL 7:15 NBCSCH AM-720	@STL 12:15 WGN-9 AM-720	MIN 7:10 NBCSCH AM-720	MIN 7:10 NBCSCH+ AM-720
	@TOR 2 WXFT-60 AM-1200						

SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB		
1 p.m.	Reds at Twins	MLBN
1:15 p.m.	G1, White Sox at Royals	WGN-9, WGN-AM 720
1:20 p.m.	Brewers at Cubs	ABC-7, WSCR-AM 670
3 p.m.	Diamondbacks at Nationals	FS1
5 p.m.	Braves at Phillies	MLBN
7:15 p.m.	G2, White Sox at Royals	WGN-9, WGN-AM 720
8 p.m.	Yankees at Angels	FS1, WMVP-AM 1000
COLLEGE BASEBALL		
3 p.m.	LSU at Mississippi	ESPNU
5 p.m.	Rutgers at Purdue	BTN
7 p.m.	Texas Tech at TCU	ESPNU
NBA PLAYOFFS		
7 p.m.	G7, Bucks at Celtics	TNT
9:30 p.m.	G1, Pelicans at Warriors	TNT
BOXING		
6 p.m.	Jessie Magdaleno vs. Isaac Dogboe	ESPN
7:30 p.m.	Josesito Lopez vs. Miguel Cruz	FOX-32
9 p.m.	Daniel Jacobs vs. Maciej Sulecki	HBO
NFL DRAFT		
11 a.m.	Rounds 4-7	ABC-7, ESPN, NFLN
GOLF		
Noon	PGA Zurich Classic	Golf (more, 2 p.m., CBS-2)
5 p.m.	LPGA Mediheal Championship	Golf Channel
NHL PLAYOFFS		
2 p.m.	G1, Bruins at Lightning	NBC-5
7 p.m.	G2, Sharks at Golden Knights	NBC-5
COLLEGE LACROSSE		
10 a.m.	Men, Michigan at Penn State	BTN
11 a.m.	Men, Harvard at Yale	ESPNU
1 p.m.	Women, Michigan at Penn State	BTN
1 p.m.	Men, Maryland at Johns Hopkins	ESPNU
3 p.m.	Men, Rutgers at Ohio State	BTN
MOTORSPORTS		
8 a.m.	Formula One qualifying	ESPN2
10 a.m.	NASCAR Xfinity qualifying	FS1
Noon	NASCCAR Cup qualifying	FOX-32
2 p.m.	NASCAR Xfinity Sparks 300	FOX-32
4:30 p.m.	Monster Supercross at Salt Lake City	FOX-32
MLS		
2 p.m.	Fire at Toronto FC	WXFT-60, WRTO-1200
PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER		
6:25 a.m.	Stoke City at Liverpool	NBCSN
8:55 a.m.	Bournemouth at Southampton	NBCSN
9 a.m.	West Brom at Newcastle	CNBC
11:30 a.m.	Chelsea at Swansea City	NBC-5
BUNDESLIGA SOCCER		
8:20 a.m.	Eintracht Frankfurt at Bayern Munich	FS2
11:25 a.m.	Stuttgart at Bayer Leverkusen	FS1
COLLEGE SOFTBALL		
11 a.m.	LSU at Florida	ESPN2
1 p.m.	Texas at Oklahoma	ESPN2
3 p.m.	Oregon at Washington	ESPN2
TENNIS		
5:30 a.m.	ATP Barcelona semifinals	Tennis Channel

LATEST LINE

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE

		SATURDAY	
at **Cubs**	-156	Milwaukee	+146
Arizona	-126	at Wash.	+116
at Phila.	-131	Atlanta	+121
St. Louis	-118	at Pittsburgh	+108
Colorado	-139	at Miami	+129
at San Diego	-125	New York	+115
L.A. Dodgers	-107	at San Fran.	-103
L.A. Dodgers	-125	at San Fran.	+115

AMERICAN LEAGUE

		SATURDAY	
at Kansas City	off	**White Sox**	off
at Kansas City	off	**White Sox**	off
at Boston	-210	Tampa Bay	+190
at Toronto	-176	Texas	+164
at Cleveland	-226	Seattle	+206
at Baltimore	-114	Detroit	+104
at Houston	-200	Oakland	+180
at Los Angeles	-107	New York	-103

INTERLEAGUE

		SATURDAY	
at Minnesota	-140	Cincinnati	+130

NBA

		SATURDAY	
at Golden State	9	New Orleans	
at Boston	4½	Milwaukee	

NHL

		SATURDAY	
at Tampa Bay	-146	Boston	+136
at Las Vegas	-175	San Jose	+163
		SUNDAY	
at Washington	-115	Pittsburgh	+105

TENNIS

WTA PORSCHE GRAND PRIX

Stuttgart, Germany; clay-indoor; QF
CoCo Vandeweghe d.
#1 Simona Halep, 6-4, 6-1
#6 Caroline Garcia d.
#3 Elina Svitolina, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-2
#5 Karolina Pliskova d.
#4 Jelena Ostapenko, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4
A. Kontaveit d.
A. Pavlyuchenkova, 7-5, 6-7 (6), 6-4

TEB BNP PARIBAS ISTANBUL CUP

Istanbul; clay-outdoor; QF
Pauline Parmentier d.
#1 Caroline Wozniacki, 4-6, 6-3 retired
Polona Hercog d.
#2 Svetlana Kuznetsova, 6-1, 1-6, 7-5
#7 Irina-Camelia Begu d.
Donna Vekic, 3-6, 7-6 (1), 6-1
Maria Sakkari d. Arantxa Rus, 6-3, 7-6 (6)

ATP WORLD TOUR BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL

Barcelona, Spain; clay-outdoor; QF
#1 Rafael Nadal d. Martin Klizan, 6-0, 7-5
#5 Pablo Carreno Busta d.
#2 Grigor Dimitrov, 6-3, 7-6 (4)
Stefanos Tsitsipas d.
#3 Dominic Thiem, 6-3, 6-2
#4 David Goffin d.
#8 R. Bautista Agut, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-2

ATP WORLD TOUR GAZPROM HUNGARIAN OPEN

Budapest, Hungary; clay-outdoor; QF
#5 Aljaz Bedene d.
Lorenzo Sonego, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2
Marco Cecchinato d.
#7 Jan-Lennard Struff, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2
#8 Andreas Seppi d.
N. Basilashvili, 6-4, 7-6 (3)
John Millman leads Yannick Maden, 2-6, 6-1, 5-4, susp

AUTO RACING

NHRA QUALIFYING

Friday at zMax Dragway; Concord, N.C. (Qualifying continues for eliminations)
Top Fuel

NO.	DRIVER	TIME	MPH
1.	Brittany Force	3.689	318.39
2.	Tony Schumacher	3.692	331.61
3.	Antron Brown	3.719	331.77
4.	Steve Torrence	3.731	330.72
5.	Terry McMillen	3.744	329.75
6.	Doug Kalitta	3.758	327.98
7.	Clay Millican	3.773	289.82
8.	Shawn Reed	3.838	323.43

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

TAMPA BAY VS. BOSTON
Saturday: at Tampa Bay, 2
Monday: at Tampa Bay, 6
Wednesday: at Boston, 6
May 4: at Boston, 6
***May 6:** at Tampa Bay, TBD
x-**May 8:** at Boston, TBD
x-**May 10:** at Tampa Bay, TBD

PITTSBURGH 1, WASHINGTON 0
April 26: Pittsburgh 3-2
Sunday: at Washington, 3
Tuesday: at Pittsburgh, 6:30
May 3: at Pittsburgh, 6
x-**May:** at Washington, TBD
May 7: at Pittsburgh, TBD
x-**May 9:** at Washington, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

WINNIPEG 1, NASHVILLE 0
Friday: Winnipeg 4-1
Sunday: at Nashville, 6
May 1: at Winnipeg, 7
May 3:: at Winnipeg, 8:30
x-**May 5:** at Nashville, TBD
x- **May :** at Winnipeg, TBD
x-**May 10:** at Nashville, TBD

VEGAS 1, SAN JOSE 0
April 26: VEGAS 7-0
Saturday: at Vegas, 7
Monday: at San Jose, 9
Wednesday: at San Jose, 9
x-**May 4:** at Vegas, 9
x-**May 6:** at San Jose, TBD
x-**May 8:** at Vegas, TBD

(best-of-7; x-if necessary)

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

MIDWEST LEAGUE

EASTERN	W	L	PCT.	GB
Lansing (Blue Jays)	14	7	.700	—
W. Michigan (Tigers)	13	7	.650	½
Lake County (Indians)	11	9	.550	3
South Bend (Cubs)	9	9	.500	4
Bowling Green (Rays)	10	11	.476	4½
Dayton (Reds)	9	10	.474	4½
Fort Wayne (Padres)	9	13	.409	6
Great Lakes (Dodgers)	5	14	.263	8½
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**PCT.**	**GB**
Clinton (Mariners)	12	6	.667	—
Burlington (Angels)	11	8	.579	1½
Beloit (Athletics)	9	7	.563	2
Cedar Rapids (Twins)	8	7	.533	2½
Kane County (DBacks)	9	10	.474	3½
Peoria (Cardinals)	9	10	.474	3½
Quad Cities (Astros)	9	10	.474	3½
Wisconsin (Brewers)	6	15	.286	7½

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Lansing 11, W. Michigan 7 (Game 1)
W. Michigan 7, Lansing 4 (Game 2)
Beloit 2, Clinton 1
Fort Wayne 6, Dayton 5
South Bend 5, Great Lakes 2
Lake County 1, Bowling Green 0
Wisconsin 15, Peoria 5
Burlington 7, Kane County 1
Quad Cities 6, Cedar Rapids 5

AHL PLAYOFFS

WESTERN CONFERENCE

ROCKFORD 3, WOLVES 0
April 21: Rockford 2-1
April 22: Rockford 5-2
April 26: Rockford 4-3 (3OT)

MANITOBA 2, GRAND RAPIDS 2
April 21: Manitoba 3-2
April 22: Grand Rapids 5-1
April 25: Manitoba 6-3
April 26: Grand Rapids 3-0
Monday: at Grand Rapids, 6

TUCSON 3, SAN JOSE 1
April 19: Tucson 4-2
April 21: San Jose 6-3
April 25: Tucson 6-0
Friday: Tucson 3-0

TEXAS 3, ONTARIO 1
April 19: Texas 4-3 (OT)
April 20: Ontario 5-1
April 22: Texas 5-4 (2OT)
April 24: Texas 1-0

EASTERN CONFERENCE

LEHIGH VALLEY 2, PROVIDENCE 1
April 20: Lehigh Valley 3-2
April 21: Providence 5-3
Friday: Lehigh Valley 4-1
Saturday: at Lehigh Valley, 6:05
x-Monday: at Lehigh Valley, 6:05

CHARLOTTE 3, WB/SCRANTON 0
April 20: Charlotte 3-2 (OT)
April 21: Charlotte 4-1
April 26: Charlotte 7-3

TORONTO 2, UTICA 2
April 21: Toronto 3-2 (OT)
April 22: at Toronto 5-2
April 25: Utica 5-2
Friday: Utica 5-2
Sunday: at Toronto, 3

SYRACUSE 3, ROCHESTER 0
April 20: Syracuse 6-2
April 21: Syracuse 6-5
April 25: Syracuse 6-3

(best-of-5; x-if necessary)

NBA PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

TORONTO 4, WASHINGTON 2
April 14: TORONTO 114-104
April 17: TORONTO 130-119
April 20: WASHINGTON 122-103
April 22: WASHINGTON 106-98
Wednesday: TORONTO 108-98
Friday: Toronto 102-92

BOSTON 3, MILWAUKEE 3
April 15: BOSTON 113-107 (OT)
April 17: BOSTON 120-106
April 20: MILWAUKEE 116-92
April 22: MILWAUKEE 104-102
April 24: BOSTON 92-87
April 26: MILWAUKEE 97-86
Saturday: at Boston, 8

PHILADELPHIA 4, MIAMI 1
April 14: PHILADELPHIA 130-103
April 16: Miami 113-103
April 19: Philadelphia 128-108
April 21: Philadelphia 106-102
April 24: PHILADELPHIA 104-91

CLEVELAND 3, INDIANA 3
April 15: Indiana 98-80
April 18: CLEVELAND 100-97
April 20: INDIANA 92-90
April 22: Cleveland 104-100
April 25: CLEVELAND 98-95
Friday: INDIANA 121-87
Sunday: at Cleveland, noon

WESTERN CONFERENCE

HOUSTON 4, MINNESOTA 1
April 15: HOUSTON 104-101
April 18: HOUSTON 102-82
April 21: MINNESOTA 121-105
April 23: Houston 119-100
April 25: HOUSTON 122-104

GOLDEN STATE 4, SAN ANTONIO 1
April 14: GOLDEN STATE 113-92
April 16: GOLDEN STATE 116-101
April 19: Golden State 110-97
April 22: SAN ANTONIO 103-90
April 24: GOLDEN STATE 99-91

NEW ORLEANS 4, PORTLAND 0
April 14: New Orleans 97-95
April 17: New Orleans 111-102
April 19: NEW ORLEANS 119-102
April 21: NEW ORLEANS 131-123

UTAH 4, OKLAHOMA CITY 2
April 15: OKLAHOMA 116-108
April 18: Utah 102-95
April 21: UTAH 115-102
April 23: UTAH 113-96
April 25: OKLAHOMA CITY 107-99
Friday: UTAH 96-91

ROUND 2: WARRIORS VS. PELICANS
Saturday: at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
JAZZ VS. ROCKETS
Sunday: at Houston, 2:30 p.m.
(best-of-7; x-if necessary)

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
N.Y. City FC	5	1	2	17	16	9
Atlanta	5	1	1	16	17	8
Orlando City	4	2	1	13	14	12
New England	3	2	2	11	12	8
Columbus	3	3	2	11	11	9
N.Y. Red Bulls	3	3	0	9	14	8
FIRE	2	3	1	7	9	10
Montreal	2	5	0	6	9	17
D.C. United	1	3	2	5	6	10
Philadelphia	1	3	2	5	3	8
Toronto FC	1	4	0	3	4	11
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Kansas City	5	1	2	17	20	11
Los Angeles FC	4	2	0	12	16	13
FC Dallas	3	0	3	12	9	3
Vancouver	4	4	1	12	10	17
LA Galaxy	3	3	1	10	8	10
Real Salt Lake	3	4	1	10	9	16
Houston	2	2	2	8	14	9
Colorado	2	2	2	8	9	8
Portland	2	3	2	8	12	14
Minnesota	2	5	0	6	9	15
San Jose	1	3	2	5	11	13
Seattle	1	3	1	4	5	8

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

FRIDAY'S RESULT
Vancouver 2, Real Salt Lake 0
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Fire at Toronto FC, 2
Montreal at Atlanta, noon
D.C. United at Philadelphia, 2:30
San Jose at Columbus, 6:30
Sporting KC at New England, 6:30
Houston at Minnesota, 7
N.Y. Red Bulls at LA Galaxy, 9:30

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Red Stars at Washington, 7
North Carolina at Houston 3:30
Seattle at Orlando, 7:30
Portland at Utah, 9

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Liverpool vs. Stoke, 6:30 a.m.
Burnley vs. Brighton, 9 a.m.
Newcastle vs. West Brom, 9 a.m.
Southampton vs. Bournemouth, 9 a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Leicester, 9 a.m.
Huddersfield vs. Everton, 9 a.m.
Swansea vs. Chelsea, 11:30 a.m.

NFL DRAFT

ROUND 2
33. CLE, Austin Corbett, G, Nevada
34. N.Y. Giants, Will Hernandez, G, UTEP
35. CLE, Nick Chubb, RB, Georgia
36. IND, Darius Leonard, LB, SC State
37. IND, Braden Smith, G, Auburn
38. TB, Ronald Jones II, RB, Southern Cal
39. **BEARS**, James Daniels, C, Iowa
40. DEN, Courtland Sutton, WR, SMU
41. TEN, Harold Landry, LB, BC
42. MIA, Mike Gesicki, TE, Penn State
43. DET, Kerryon Johnson, RB, Auburn
44. SF, Dante Pettis, WR, Washington
45. GB, Josh Jackson, CB, Iowa
46. KC, Breeland Speaks, DL, Mississippi
47. ARZ, Christian Kirk, WR, Texas A&M
48. L.A.C., Uchenna Nwosu, LB, USC
49. PHI, Dallas Goedert, TE, SD St.
50. DAL, Connor Williams, OL, Texas
51. **BEARS** (from Detroit through N. Eng.) Anthony Miller, WR, Memphis
52. IND, Kemoko Turay, DE, Rutgers
53. TB, M.J. Stewart, CB, North Carolina
54. CIN, Jessie Bates III, DB, Wake Forest
55. CAR, Donte Jackson, CB, LSU
56. NE, Duke Dawson, CB, Florida
57. OAK, P.J. Hall, DT, Sam Houston State
58. ATL, Isaiah Oliver, CB, Colorado
59. WAS, Derrius Guice, RB, LSU
60. PIT, James Washington, WR, OK St.
61. JAC, D.J. Clark, WR, LSU
62. MIN, Brian O'Neill, OT, Pittsburgh
63. TB, Carlton Davis, CB, Auburn
64. IND, Tyquan Lewis, DE, Ohio State

ROUND 3
65. OAK, Brandon Parker, OL, N.C. A&T
66. N.Y. Giants, Lorenzo Carter, LB, UGA
67. CLE, Chad Thomas, DE, Miami
68. HOU, Justin Reid, S, Stanford
69. N.Y. Giants, B.J. Hill, DL, N.C. State
70. SF, Fred Warner, LB, BYU
71. DEN, Royce Freeman, RB, Oregon
72. N.Y.J, Nathan Shepherd, DL, FH St.
73. MIA, Jerome Baker, LB, Ohio State
74. WAS, Geron Christian, OL, Louisville
75. KC, Derrick Nnadi, DL, FSU
76. PIT, Mason Rudolph, QB, O.K. St.
77. CIN, Sam Hubbard, DE, Ohio State
78. CIN, Malik Jefferson, LB, Texas
79. SEA, Rasheem Green, DL, USC
80. HOU, Martinas Rankin, OL, Miss
81. DAL, Michael Gallup, WR, Co. St.
82. DET, Tracy Walker, DB, LLF
83. BAL, Orlando Brown, OL, Oklahoma
84. L.A.C. , Justin Jones, DL, N.C. State
85. CAR, Rashaan Gaulden, CB, TEN
86. BAL, Mark Andrews, TE, Oklahoma
87. OAK, Arden Key, LB, LSU
88. GB , Oren Burks, LB, Vanderbilt
89. L.A.R. , Joseph Noteboom, OL, TCU
90. ATL, Deadrin Senat, DL, USF
91. NO, Tre'Quan Smith, WR, UCF
92. PIT, Chukwuma Okorafor, OL, W.M.
93. JAC, Ronnie Harrison, S, Alabama
94. TB, Alex Cappa, OL, Humboldt St.
95. SF, Tarvarius Moore, S, Southern Miss
96. BUF, Harrison Phillips, DL, Stanford
97. ARZ, Mason Cole, C, Michigan
98. HOU, Jordan Atkins, TE, UCF
99. DEN, Isaac Yiadom, CB,BC
100. KC, Dorian O'Daniel, LB, Clemson

MOST QUARTERBACKS DRAFTED IN 1ST ROUND

1983 (6)
1. Indianapolis, John Elway, Stanford
7. K, Todd Blackledge, Penn St.
14. Buffalo, Jim Kelly, Miami
15. New England, Tony Eason, Illinois
24. N.Y. Jets, Ken O'Brien, Cal-Davis
27. Miami, Dan Marino, Pittsburgh

1999 (5)
1. Cleveland, Tim Couch, Kentucky
2. Philadelphia, Donovan McNabb, Syracuse
3. Cincinnati, Akili Smith, Oregon
11. Minnesota (from Washington), Daunte Culpepper, Central Florida
12. Chicago (from WAS), Cade McNown, UCLA

GOLF

LPGA MEDIHEAL CHAMPIONSHIP

2nd of 4 rds; At Lake Merced GC; Daly City, Calif.; 6,551 yds; par 72
135 (-9)
Jessica Korda 68-67
136 (-8)
Annie Park 70-66
137 (-7)
Charley Hull 69-68
138 (-6)
Lydia Ko 68-70
139 (-5)
Moriya Jutanugarn 71-68
Sei Young Kim 69-70
140 (-4)
Nasa Hataoka 71-69
Minjee Lee 70-70
So Yeon Ryu 70-70
Su Oh 68-72
141 (-3)
Caroline Masson 72-69
Jacqui Concolino 72-69
Mo Martin 70-71
Ryann O'Toole 70-71
Perrine Delacour 70-71
142 (-2)
Angel Yin 73-69
Peiyun Chien 72-70
Celine Boutier 72-70
Mi Hyang Lee 72-70
Nelly Korda 72-70
Hee Young Park 71-71
Mariajo Uribe 71-71
Jaye Marie Green 70-72
Karine Icher 70-72
Celine Herbin 69-73
Caroline Hedwall 68-74
143 (-1)
Juli Inkster 72-71
Br. M. Henderson 72-71
Inbee Park 72-71
Vicky Hurst 71-72
Ariya Jutanugarn 71-72
Ayako Uehara 71-72
Dani Holmqvist 70-73
Caroline Inglis 70-73

PGA ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS

2nd of 4 rds; at TPC Louisiana; Avondale, La.; 7,425 yds; par 72
131 (-13)
Kim/Putnam 62-69
132 (-12)
Kisner/Brown 62-70
133 (-11)
Campbell/Jones 63-70
Lashley/Oppenheim 64-69
134 (-10)
Gribble/Peterson 66-68
Finau/Summerhays 62-72
135 (-9)
Kim/Yun 66-69
Watson/Kuchar 68-67
Steele/Lovemark 64-71
Werenski/Lindheim 64-71
Reavie/Glover 60-75
Henry/Hoge 62-73
136 (-8)
Reed/Cantlay 65-71
Rose/Stenson 65-71
Johnson/Byrd 66-70
Goosen/Van Aswgn 65-71
Duncan/Schenk 64-72
McDowell/Poulter 65-71

VOLVO CHINA OPEN

2nd of 4 rds; At Topwin Golf & CC; Beijing; 7,261 yds; par 72
135 (-9)
Matt Wallace 65-70
136 (-8)
Sihwan Kim 70-66
Jason Scrivener 67-69
Nacho Elvira 69-67
137 (-7)
Julien Guerrier 68-69
Adrian Otaegui 68-69
Soomin Lee 68-69
Jorge Campillo 69-68
138 (-6)
Jordan Smith 69-69
Scott Jamieson 67-71
Jeunghun Wang 72-66
Alexander Bjork 66-72

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston: Placed OF/INF Brock Holt on the 10-day DL. Reinstated SS Xander Bogaerts from the 10-day DL.
Detroit: Assigned RHP Drew VerHagen outright to Toledo (IL).
Kansas City: Optioned CF Bubba Starling to Omaha (PCL).
Minnesota: Optioned RHP Aaron Slegers to Rochester (IL). Announced the Los Angeles Angels returned 2017 Rule 5 selection RHP Luke Bard.
Oakland: Placed LHP Ryan Buchter on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 26. Reinstated RHP Yusmeiro Petit from the bereavement list. Recalled LHP Danny Coulombe from Nashville (PCL).
Tampa Bay: Activated 3B Matt Duffy from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Austin Pruitt to Durham (IL).
Texas: Activated RHP Tony Barnette from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Jos
Toronto: Activated RHP John Axford from the bereavement list. Optioned LHP Tim Mayza to Buffalo (IL).
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta: Recalled RHP Chase Whitley from Gwinnett (IL). Optioned RHP Matt Wisler to Gwinnett. Activated C Tyler Flowers from the 10-day DL.
Cincinnati: Optioned INF/OF Phil Gosselin to Louisville (IL). Reinstated RHP David Hernandez from the 10-day DL.
Miami: Optioned RHP Trevor Richards to New Orleans (PCL). Activated 3B Martin Prado from the 10-day DL.
Milwaukee: Sent LHP Boone Logan on a rehab assignment to Biloxi (SL).
New York: Recalled RHP Jacob Rhame from Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned RHP Corey Oswalt to Las Vegas.
Pittsburgh: Traded CF Todd Cunningham to the **White Sox** for a player to be named.
St. Louis: Optioned RHP John Gant to Memphis (PCL).
San Francisco: Sent RF Hunter Pence on a rehab assignment to Sacramento (PCL).

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Calgary: Announced the resignation of president of hockey operations Brian Burke, effective May 1.
Edmonton: Fired assistant coaches Ian Herbers and Jim Johnson.
Los Angeles: Signed G Matthew Villalta to a three-year entry-level contract.
Montreal: Named Dominique Ducharme assistant coach. Fired assistant coaches Jean-Jacques Daigneault and Dan Lacroix.

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
N.Y. Red Bulls: Signed M Sean Davis.

COLLEGE

Michigan: Announced QB Shea Patterson is eligible to play this year after the NCAA granted his request to waive the usually required redshirt season.

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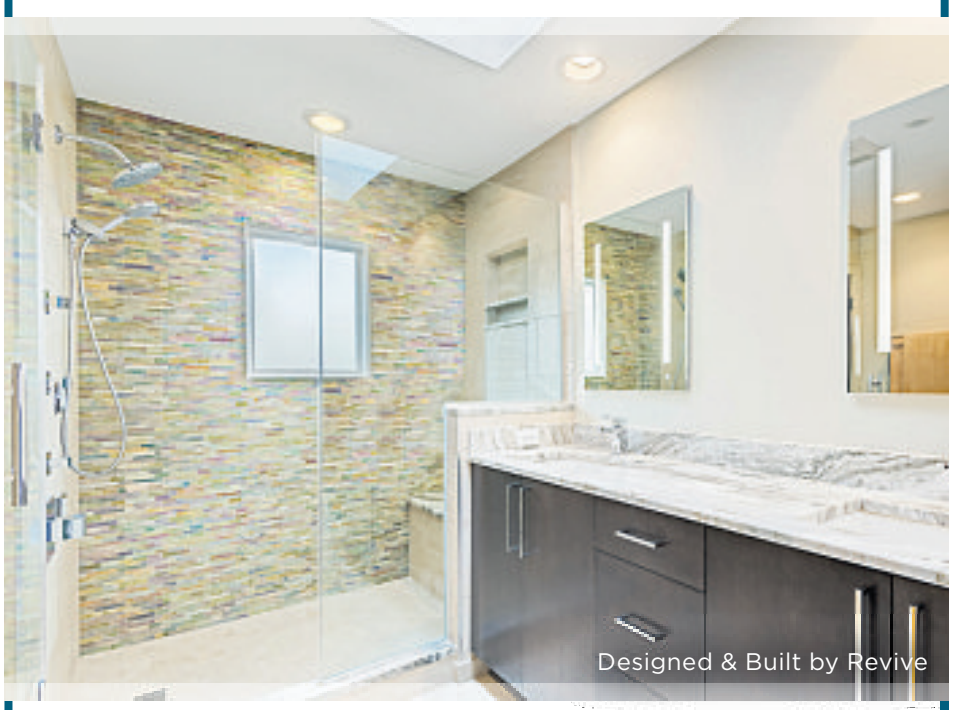

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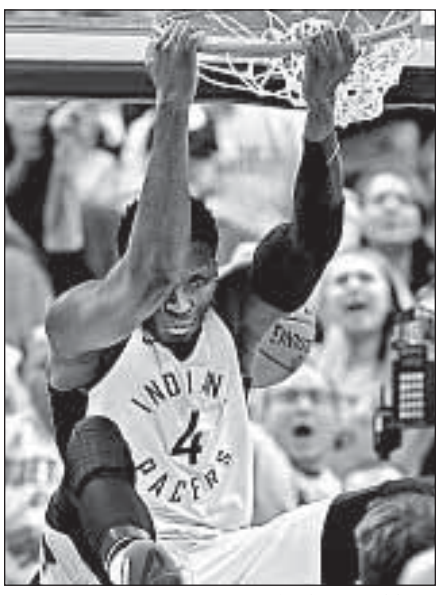

DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

The Pacers' Victor Oladipo dunks for two of his 28 points against the Cavaliers.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Pacers rout Cavaliers, force Game 7

Associated Press

Victor Oladipo scored 28 points and posted the first postseason triple-double of his career Friday night, leading the Pacers to a 121-87 blowout of the visiting Cavaliers that evened the Eastern Conference first-round series at three games apiece.

Game 7 will be played Sunday in Cleveland.

The three-time defending Eastern Conference champs again were led by LeBron James with 22 points, seven assists and five rebounds despite sitting out the entire fourth quarter. Nobody else scored more than 13 points as the Cavaliers lost their first closeout game in 14 tries dating to 2009. James had won 11 consecutive closeout games and is 12-0 all-time in the first-round series.

With their season at stake, the Pacers played hard, aggressive and tough. And it showed with a record-breaking victory margin.

Kevin Love hurt his left wrist on a hard fall midway through the second quarter and wound up scoring just seven points while shooting 3 of 10 from the field.

With Oladipo figuring out how to defeat the Cavs' double teams, he rediscovered his shooting touch. Oladipo finished with 13 rebounds, 10 assists and was 11 of 19 from the field and 6 of 8 on 3s.

After the Pacers erased a 22-17 deficit with a 12-2 run, the Cavs never led again.

Raptors 102, Wizards 92: The Raptors overcame a halftime deficit in a road playoff game for the first time in 24 tries, using 24 points from Kyle Lowry and a tremendous effort from their second unit to beat the Wizards in Game 6 and win the first-round series.

Lowry and DeMar DeRozan, who had 16 points, were on the bench to start the fourth quarter as the Raptors trailed by five, but reserve point guard Fred VanVleet helped turned things around.

Bothered by a bad right shoulder, VanVleet had played a total of three minutes in the series until Friday, when he came through with five points, four assists and four rebounds. His 3-pointer keyed a quarter-opening 11-2 surge that put the Raptors ahead to stay.

Bradley Beal scored 32 points and John Wall finished with 23 points and eight assists for the Wizards.

Curry not yet a go: Stephen Curry went through his first five-on-five scrimmage since injury his left knee, but coach Steve Kerr wasn't ready to proclaim Curry a go for Saturday night — that might not be decided until after the morning shootaround.

MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck blocks a shot against the Predators Friday night.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Hellebuyck powers Jets in opener

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Connor Hellebuyck made 47 saves and the Jets beat the Predators 4-1 on Friday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinal between the NHL's top teams in the regular season.

Not only did the teams top the standings, this series is the first between clubs with the most combined points ever before a conference finals after the Predators (117) edged the Jets (114) for the Presidents' Trophy.

Both the Jets and Predators brought a Vezina Trophy finalist into this series, and the 24-year-old Hellebuyck outdueled veteran Pekka Rinne, who was pulled after the second period after giving up three goals on 16 shots. Hellebuyck, who made his NHL postseason debut in the first round where he finished off the Wild with back-to-back shutouts, picked up in Nashville where he left off a week ago.

Hellebuyck stretched his shutout streak to 163 minutes before the Predators finally scored.

Mark Scheifele scored two goals, including an empty-netter as the Jets were outshot 48-19. Brandon Tanev and Paul Stastny also scored to help the Jets — the NHL's best home team — steal home-ice advantage.

Kevin Fiala scored for Nashville, which had won 11 of its last 14 playoff games.

The Predators had the sparkling pregame show with the retractable screen dropping from the ceiling and country star Dierks Bentley singing the U.S. national anthem, and a couple catfish hit the ice before the puck drop to boot. Then they pelted Hellebuyck with 15 of the first 19 shots.

Then the Jets scored the game's first goal for a sixth straight playoff game. Tanev's wrister beat Rinne's outstretched right skate at 14:51 of the first.

The Predators finished the period with 20 shots, a franchise postseason record for a period.

The Predators kept shooting away with Hellebuyck making every save, and the Jets proved very opportunistic. Stastny scored off a rebound of Patrik Laine's shot at 9:01 of the second on the Jets' ninth shot for a 2-0 lead.

Filip Forsberg, the Predators' postseason scoring leader, hit the post on the power play with 3:31 left. The Jets killed off the penalty, and Scheifele beat Rinne with a long shot with 2:09 left in the second for a 3-0 lead.

Fiala at least helped the Predators avoid being shutout with his wrister 1:23 into the third.

IN BRIEF COLLEGES

Michigan transfer QB can play in '18

Associated Press

Quarterback **Shea Patterson** is eligible to play for Michigan next season after the NCAA granted the Mississippi transfer's request to waive the usual redshirt season.

Patterson, who passed for 3,139 yards and 23 TDs in 10 games at Mississippi, transferred after the Rebels were sanctioned by the NCAA. He claimed Mississippi recruiters misled him about the NCAA investigation.

■ Washington State freshman basketball player **Milan Acquaah** will transfer.

AUTO RACING: Jamie McMurray rolled his car at least seven times in a practice session at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway. McMurray's left rear tire appeared to fail, his car spun and he was broadsided by **Ryan Newman. Ty Dillon** and **Daniel Suarez** also were caught in the wreck. ... NASCAR acquired the stock car racing organization Automobile Racing Club of America. ARCA has been a launching pad for drivers looking to make it to NASCAR's Cup series.

GOLF: Michael Kim and **Andrew Putnam** teamed to shoot a 3-under 69 to take the halfway lead at the Zurich Classic in Avondale, La. The format switched to alternate shot for Round 2. **Kevin Kisner** and **Scott Brown** were a stroke back after a 70. ... **Jessica Korda's** 5-under 67 put her at 9 under and gave her a one-stroke lead over **Annie Park** after two rounds of the LPGA event in Daly City, Calif. ..... **Matt Wallace** shot a 2-under 70 for a one-stroke lead into the third round of the China Open in Beijing.

NFL: Cowboys TE **Jason Witten** plans to retire after 15 seasons and join ESPN as the lead analyst for "Monday Night Football," the network reported. ... Chargers TE **Antonio Gates** will not return for a 16th season, the AP reported. He caught just 30 passes last year, his lowest total since his rookie season.

NHL: Devils LW **Taylor Hall,** Kings C **Anze Kopitar** and Avalanche C **Nathan MacKinnon** are the finalists for the Hart Memorial Trophy as the leauge MVP. ... **Brian Burke** will step down as the Flames' president of hockey operations.

SOCCER: Andres Iniesta said this will be his last season with Barcelona after 16 trophy-filled years with the Spanish club. Iniesta, one of the best players in club history, helped the team win 31 titles. ... FIFA's ethics committee banned **Marco Polo del Nero** for life for bribery and corruption. Del Nero is a former Brazilian confederation president and onetime FIFA executive committee member. ... Paris Saint-Germain coach **Unai Emery** will leave at the end of the season. ... Bayer Leverkusen of the Bundesliga signed Brazilian **Paulinho** for next season.

TENNIS: Rafael Nadal defeated **Martin Klizan** 6-0, 7-5 to reach the Barcelona Open semifinals. Nadal will next face **David Goffin.**

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Death Notices

Cronin-Folino, Catherine C.
Beloved and cherished mother of John Jr. (CPD), Sean, Nicholaus (Jennifer) and Anthony (CPD); doting grandmother of Sean Jr., Brandon, Anthony and Nicholaus, Jr.; dear friend of the late Sam Catrambone; devoted daughter of the late John P. and the late Elvera F. Cronin; loving sister of the late John P. "Butch" Cronin, Jr., Sharon (Larry) Wimsatt, Terrence (Mariola) Cronin, Patrick (Jeanette) Cronin and Kevin (Nancy) Cronin; loving aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews. Fond friend to many in Sugar Grove, Elmwood Park and Chicago, IL. Catherine was adored by her family, friends and those with whom she volunteered at the Salvation Army. She was known for her generosity, compassion, talent for baking, and exuberant love of travel and adventure. A visitation will be held April 29, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; memorial service will take place at 5 p.m., and St. Jude will begin at 7 p.m., at the Salvation Army Citadel, 8354 W. Foster Ave., Norridge. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army.
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Davis, Virginia "Mitsey" S.
Virginia S. Davis "Mitsey", nee Koprowski. Beloved Wife of the late Fred R. Davis. Cherished Mother of Herbert R. Bell and Jeff Samulowitz , Virginia J. Boulden and the late Robert R. Davis. Loving Grandmother of Dana Davis (Alberto Ramirez), Heather (Jimmy John) Zore, Justin Boulden, Lauren Boulden and Shannon Davis. Great Grandmother of Johnny Zore. Daughter of the late Walenty and late Helen, nee Drewinga Koprowski. Beloved Sister of the late Edmond, John, Walter, Marion, Emily, Sophie, Leo, Henry, Jeannie, Eugene and Valentine. Favorite Aunt of Janice Lutkas and many other Nieces and Nephews.
Funeral Monday, April 30, 2018 at 9:45 AM from **FORAN FUNERAL HOME**, 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th St. just West of Harlem) to St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, 6435 S. Kilbourn, Chicago, IL, for a 10:30 AM Mass of Resurrection. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2 PM to 9 PM. Cremation private with Interment at a later date. Condolences may be sent to Virginia's "Mitsey's" family on her personal tribute website at: www.foranfuneralhome.com. For information 708-458-0208.
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DeBosko, Ronald

Mr. Ronald Thomas DeBosko, born on December 20, 1934 in Chicago, Illinois, passed away at age 83 on April 26, 2018 in Mesa, Arizona. Ronald served in the United States Army. Ronald was the loving husband of the late Joanne. He is survived by his daughters, Patti and Connie; grandchildren, Robin and Ryan; and great-grandchild, Andi. He had a passion for golf and all Chicago and Arizona sports teams. He was a member of the Catholic Church. The family invites donations in Ronald's name to the American Cancer Society. Ron passed away peacefully and will live forever in our hearts. The graveside service will be private. A celebration of life will take place at a location and date still to be determined. **Angels Funeral Home** is handling arrangements, 422 W. McCellan Road, Mesa, (480) 962-6435.
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Gremel, Russell P.
Russell P. Gremel, age 99. Veteran WW II and Korean Conflict. Retired attorney, Scout Master for over 60 years of B.S.A. Troop 979 and lifelong member of the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park. Beloved son of the late Carl and Agnes Gremel. Loving brother of the late Fred Gremel, June Ney and Evelyn Phieffer. Dearest uncle of Diane Samec and Fred Gremel. Russ deeply touched the lives of many people who will dearly miss him. He was truly a special person. A light has gone out of our lives – Bless you Russ and thank you for being there for us all. Visitation will be held Thursday and Friday from 3:00 – 9:00 pm at **Malec & Sons** Funeral Home, 6000 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Family and friends to meet on Saturday for funeral service at 10:00 am at the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, 5320 W. Giddings in Chicago. Interment will follow to Irving Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park appreciated. (773) 774-4100. Malec and SonsFH.com
Dignity Memorial Malec Funeral Home
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Hennig, Adam J.
Adam J. Hennig – 85, beloved husband of the late Sharlene; loving father of Kenneth (Karen), Sharon (Norbert) Reinhard and Janice (Garnet) Steen; proud and cherished grandfather of Brian and Jennifer Hennig; U.S. Army Veteran. Past president of the Father's Club of the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club of Chicago. Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. Funeral Monday, prayers at funeral home at 9:15 a.m. going to St. Benedict Church for 10 a.m. Mass. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Parkinson's Association (parkinsons.org) would be appreciated. Info 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com
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Hudoba, Frank N.
Frank N. Hudoba, 89, of Berkeley, IL., was called home to God on April 18, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Lillian, nee Skowronek; Dear father of Donna (Rick) Woitas, Janice (Carl) Knutsen and Carole (Mike) White; Proud papa of 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Private cremation. We loved him in life, let us not forget him after death. Love You More! X0X0
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Iverson, Robert N.
Robert N. Iverson, age 84 of Chicago, IL passed away peacefully, on April 27, 2018. He was preceded in death by his wife-Suzanne; grandson-Mark Koves; brother-Richard Iverson; brother in law-Ray Valente; nephews-Steven Ritchie, Timothy Ritchie; sister-in-law-Louise (Rich) Pruzina , many nieces and nephews. Bob is survived by his daughter-Deborah (Ronald) Koves; sisters-Marge Kaufman, Linda Valente; brother-Larry (Margaret) Iverson; grandchildren-Brianna, Allison, Henry, Collin, Nora and Brendan Koves. Friends are invited to visit with Bob's family on Sunday, April 29th, 2018 from 1-4 p.m. at **Burns Funeral Home**, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. The visitation will conclude with the Time of Sharing with the family.
www.burnsfuneral.com
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Keane, James J
James J. Keane
81, of Lockport formerly of Orland Park, passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Jim was born in Chicago to the late William and Katherine (nee Ryan) Keane. Beloved husband of Sue (nee Condon); loving father of Colleen (Al) Wille, Erin (Bill) Trost, and Jim Keane; proud grandfather of Emmet and Liam Trost; dear brother of the late Maureen Gibson, Bill (Bunny) Keane, and John (Maureen) Keane; brother-in-law of Mary Schrodt; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and many dear friends. Jim was a salesman with Hines Lumber for 26 years and retired from Jeld-Wen. He was also a U.S. Army Veteran. Family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel 102 E Francis Rd, New Lenox, Il 60451 on Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 3 – 9pm. Funeral Service Monday, April 30, 2018 with prayers at the funeral home at 10:00am to St. Michael Catholic Church, Orland Park for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:45am. Services will conclude at church. Per Jim's request, cremation rites will be accorded and then burial of cremains with full military honors will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 10:30am. www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-485-3700.
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Labuda, Mary

Mary Labuda (nee Bzdyk) age 85; Beloved wife of Edward F. Labuda for 61 years; Loving mother of Rosanne Labuda, Genevie (Michael) Prangle and Edward M. (Christine) Labuda; Proud and loving grandma "Busia" of Casey, Brady and Kailey Labuda; and Grace, Jack and Sophie Prangle; Preceded in death by her parents Anna and John Bzdyk; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews and a friend to many. Mary lived a beautiful life. She was so blessed and loved by so many. Mary took great pride in attending her grandchildren's activities, and no doubt, was their #1 fan. It brought great joy to Mary to make home cooked meals for family and friends. Visitation Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Monday 9:00 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL to St. Bede the Venerable Church, 8200 S. Kostner Ave., Chicago for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society would be most appreciated. For funeral info www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878.
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Malzone, Mary L

(Nee: Aurelio)

Age 86, of Lockport, formerly of Chicago, passed away peacefully, Thursday, April 26, 2018 surrounded by her loving family.

Devoted mother to Sandy Lietz, Anthony (Maria) Malzone, Paul Kevin (Debra) Malzone and Deborah (John) Morelock; cherished grandmother to Nicholas Lietz, Jessica, Dominick, Isabella, Sophia, Angelina, Jake and Anthony Malzone, Taylor Grabon, Kevin (Denise) Morelock and Michelle (Marty) McGinnis; loving great-grandmother to Emory, Eamon, Madison and Michael.

Preceded in death by an Infant grandson, John Morelock; her parents, Albert and Rose (Vizza) Aurelio; brothers, Frank and James Aurelio; sisters Antoinette (James) Newell and Ida Aurelio.

Mary was a loving mother, grandmother and friend who always thought of others.

Funeral services will be held Monday, April 30, 2018, 11:00 AM from the O'NEIL FUNERAL HOME, 1105 E. 9TH ST. (159TH ST.), LOCKPORT to St. Joseph Church, Lockport for Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 AM.

Per Mary's wishes, cremation rites will be respectfully addressed after Mass.

Visitation Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

Family and friends can sign the online guestbook or attain directions at: www.oneilfuneralhome.com

O'Neil Funeral Home and Heritage Crematory

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Marco, Connie M.

81, of Mesa, AZ passed away on April 11, 2018. Born Dec. 1936 in Chicago IL to the late John & Mae Conrad. Preceeded in death by her husband of 60 yrs. Thomas C Marco. Loving mother to Thomas J Marco, Chris (John) Lansing, Connie (CJ) (Frank) Prag, beloved grandmother to Nicole and Johnny Lansing and Alissa Marco, great grandmother to Jackson Lansing, adopted grandmother to Danna Johnson-Tucker and Gage Tucker, sister to Jill DiFoggio and large extended family in Chicago.

Connie owned and operated Connie's Ceramic & Dolls for many years in Mesa, AZ. She loved going to the casino, quilting, sewing, embroidery and most of all, her family!

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday May 19, 2018 at Central Christian Church (Mesa Campus) Chapel located at 933 N. Lindsay Rd. Mesa, AZ 85213.

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McDonough, Elke

A longtime resident of the Chicago area, Elke T. McDonough passed into God's loving arms in her Evanston home, surrounded by her daughters and stepdaughter, on January 1, 2018. Diagnosed with terminal cancer in March of 2017, Elke valiantly pursued every means to stay alive, and experiencing miraculous results, was able to spend extra time with her young grandchildren.

Born Elke Tittel in Hamburg, Germany, Elke succeeded as a top student. She received a business degree from the University of Lausanne and went on to work in business and the media in Lausanne, London, and finally Paris, where she met William J. McDonough. The two were married until 1985 and had two daughters, Fiona and Alana McDonough.

A beautiful, loving and creative soul who traveled all over the world, Elke co-owned a business selling Chinese furniture and art, designed and created jewelry, and worked as a realtor on the North Shore. Her proudest accomplishment, however, was being a mother to her two daughters and grandmother to her grandsons, Jeremiah and Alex.

Her creative talent graced her home, children's schools, fabulous homemade Halloween costumes, and elegant personal style. In addition to her daughters, she will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren, son-in-law, stepchildren, neighbors, and friends. Those she touched will miss her vibrancy and laughter.

"Bist Du bei mir geh' Ich mit Freuden zum Sterben und zu meiner Ruh." - Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel

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Prentiss, Roberta A 'Bobbie'

Roberta A. "Bobbie" Prentiss, 87, of Batavia, Illinois, passed away peacefully in her home on Tuesday, April 24 2018, with her daughter Patti by her side.

Bobbie was born December 11, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Robert and Kathryn Aiken.

A lifelong educator, Bobbie spent 37 years teaching Kindergarten, at Ryerson School in Chicago and in School District #45 in Villa Park, IL.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, husband Derk L. Prentiss, and her sister, Patricia Aiken Murray. Bobbie is survived by her three children and their spouses, Robert (Nancy) of Batavia, Patricia (Brian) Rosenquist of Sycamore, and David (Nicole) of St. Charles; grandchildren Caitlin (Chuck) Sinks, Of Overland Park, KS, Collin Prentiss, of Lubbock TX, Corey Prentiss and Casey Prentiss, of Geneva, Noah Prentiss and Oliver Prentiss, of St. Charles, and great granddaughter Lillian Sinks. She is also survived by her beloved Beagle grand dogs, Brewster and Oscar.

A celebration of her life will be held on August 4, 2018 at Baker Memorial United Methodist Church, 307 Cedar Avenue, in St. Charles, IL. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in her name to either Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Charles, IL, or Covenant Care Hospice, 3755 E. Main St., Suite 165, St. Charles, IL 60174.

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Robert, Renata

Renata Kozlowski Robertson: April 29, 1957 to April 26, 2018. Comedian, actress, healer. Proud and active member of AA for many years. Many thanks to the caring staff of OSF St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford, IL. A celebration of Renata's life will be held at a later date.

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Sparks, Darlene

Darlene Sparks, 87, of Belvidere, IL passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at OSF St. Anthony's Medical Center in Rockford, IL. The daughter of the late Albert and Gladys (Ruch) Hansen she was born on Wednesday, November 5, 1930 in Chicago, IL. She attended Carl Schurz High School where she served as the vice president of her class. Darlene married the love of her life, Thomas W. Sparks, on December 30, 1950 in Chicago, IL. Together she and her husband owned and operated Witbeck, Wheeler, Sabien, and Sparks Funeral Home in Belvidere, IL. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Belvidere Garden Club, Belvidere Women's Club, numerous bridge clubs, and sang in the church choir. Darlene is loved and will be missed by her son, Thomas (Karen) Sparks; brother, Al Hansen; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband; sisters, Dorothy, and Charlene. There will be a visitation Sunday, April 29, 2018 at the **Belvidere Funeral Home** in Belvidere, IL from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. There will be a second visitation Monday, April 30, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church in Belvidere, IL from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. A funeral service will begin at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Dr. Robert R. Kopp officiating. Interment is private at Union Ridge Cemetery in Park Ridge, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to First Presbyterian Church in Belvidere, IL. Condolences may be shared at www.belviderefh.com.

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Walsh, Carol A.

Carol A. Walsh, age 69, of Chicago, Illinois passed away on Saturday April 21, 2018. Carol was born November 14, 1948 in Chicago. She is survived by her two sons, David S. Walsh and James T. Walsh, Jr. She was predeceased by her husband James T. Walsh, Sr.

A funeral service for Carol will be held Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 11 am at Drake & Son Funeral Home with a visitation starting at 10am. Burial will take place at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1400 S Wolf Rd, Hillside, Illinois 60162.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.DrakeandSonFuneralHome.com for the Walsh family.

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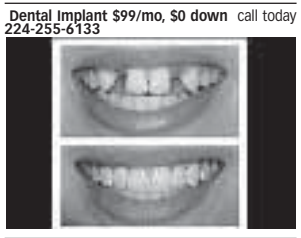

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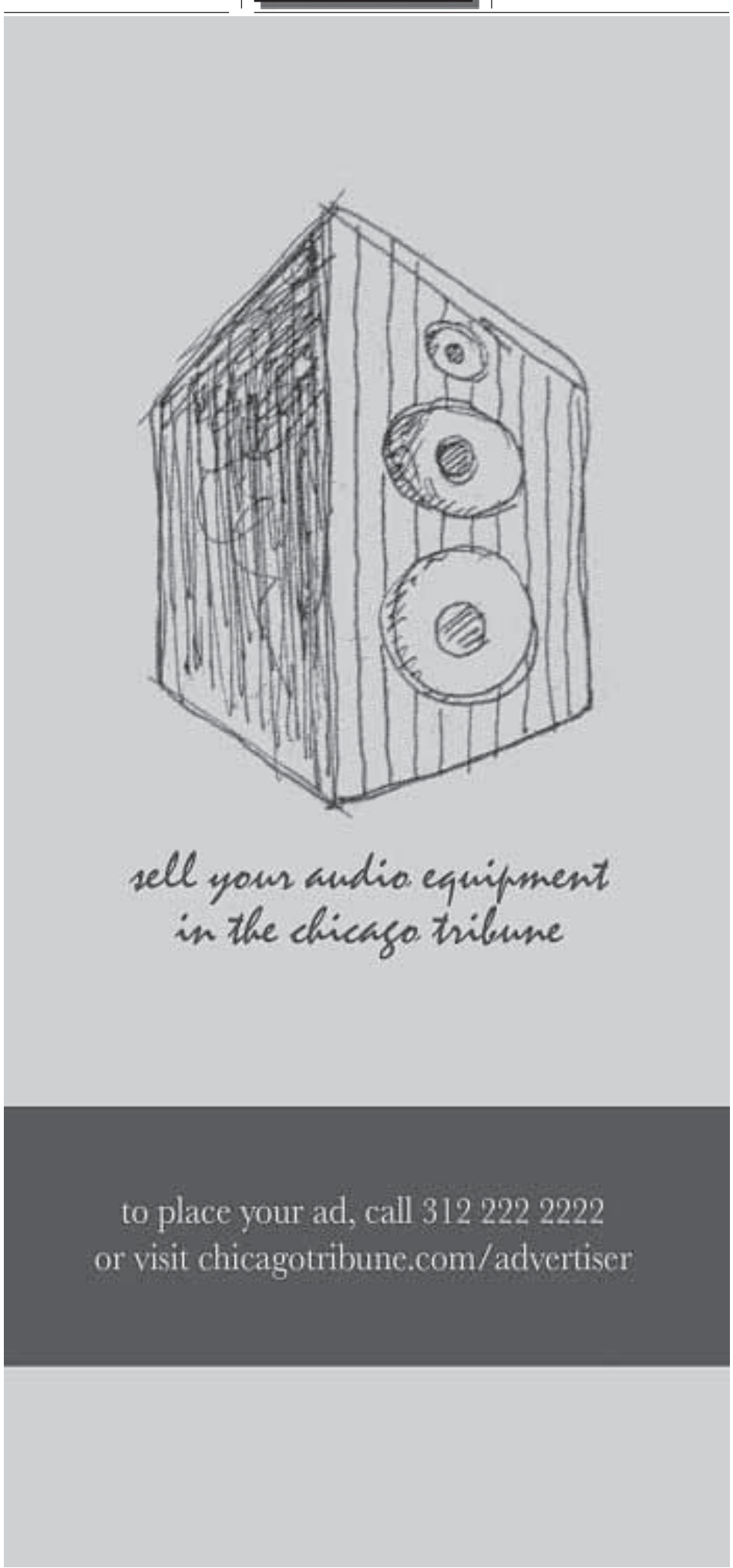

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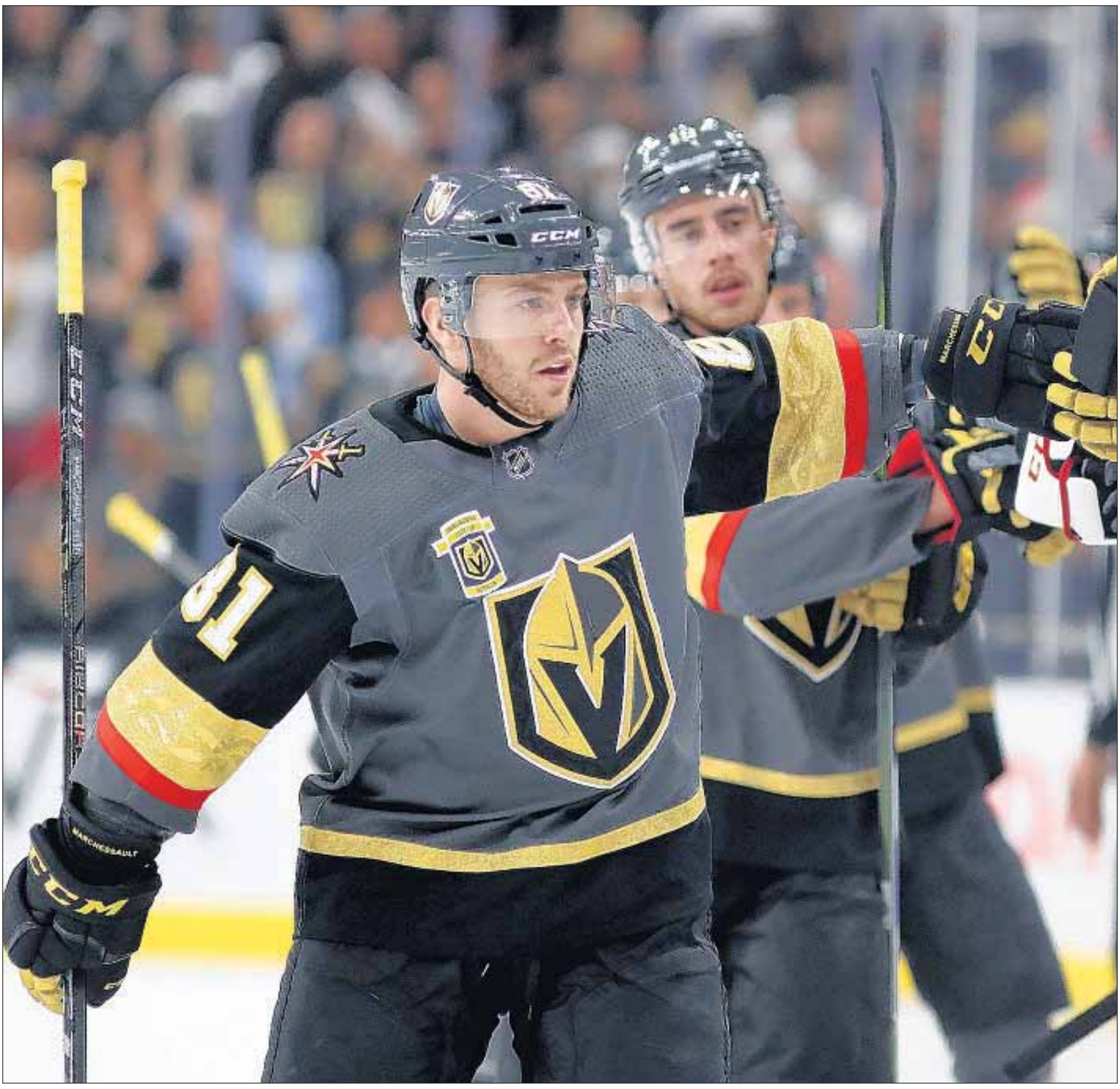

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Jonathan Marchessault's 75 points during the regular season ranked second on the Golden Knights, and he picked up five more during a first-round sweep of the Kings in the playoffs.

Vegas has winning hand

Golden Knights have done much right during inaugural season

By Mike Harrington
Buffalo News

The second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs begins this week, and the games should be great.

We're talking heavyweight matchups — Penguins-Capitals, Jets-Predators, Lightning-Bruins. And there's the Pacific battle between the Golden Knights and Sharks.

Every time people say the Golden Knights are just too raw to keep winning, they go and do it. That four-game sweep of the Kings was ultra impressive and has fan bases around the league wondering: Why can't we do that?

It's a common refrain for teams struggling to even make the playoffs (see: Sabres) or ones that have gone years, or maybe their entire history (such as the Blue Jackets), without winning a series.

The Golden Knights get into the postseason during their first year, and their first series is a sweep. There has to be a lot of lessons about team-building in this magic season.

A big one is the Golden Knights don't have any contract or trade albatrosses around their neck. General manager George McPhee started with a clean slate: no big-money busts or must-play guys because of previous deals. Nobody gets to do that.

"Their salary structure is dynamite — that's absolutely No. 1 to me," former Sabres and current Golden Knights television analyst Brad May said last week by phone.

"They don't have anybody out of line in that structure."

Indeed, the Golden Knights' playoff roster features six players making between $3.7 million and the team-high $5.75 million earned by goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury. Reilly Smith and Jonathan Marchessault are signed to extensions now paying $5 million a year, while young players William Karlsson and Shea Theodore are making a combined $1.9 million this year and will get raises as restricted free agents but won't break the bank.

"George McPhee has found that niche at around $5 million," May said. "He can have seven, eight, nine players at that number and be well under the salary cap and fill holes.

"He has motivated players who are handsomely paid but modestly at the same time. The structure isn't out of whack and gives George a lot of flexibility."

So without cap issues, what did the Golden Knights do to get good fast?

Certainly they finagled the expansion draft with some teams (Panthers, Wild, Blues and Ducks should raise their hands). But McPhee's team is following the current blueprint of speed, speed and more speed.

Heavy hockey is over, as evidenced by the first-round sweeps of the Kings and Ducks. The Kings, in fact, haven't won a playoff game since their 2014 Stanley Cup triumph over the Rangers.

McPhee and his staff identified players who needed a chance in bigger roles, such as Karlsson, and it has paid off handsomely. No one thinks Karlsson is a regular 40-goal scorer because of a high shooting percentage this season, but he's also not a six-goal player, as he was last year in Columbus.

Goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury is earning $5.75 million but has been a bargain for the expansion Golden Knights.

I hated how the Sabres used guys such as Justin Bailey and Nick Baptiste this year. They bounced back and forth from Rochester, not doing a lot in Buffalo.

One reason? How were they going to do much playing with guys such as Johan Larsson and Jordan Nolan around? The Sabres simply didn't give their fringe forwards enough of a chance with top players, which is exactly how Vegas has thrived.

And, of course, Golden Knights players aren't complacent. They have a chip on their shoulder. Somebody didn't want them and every game has been revenge.

And here we are, with an expansion team having remarkably good odds of winning the Stanley Cup in its first year. It's amazing, but one would hope every GM in the league is taking copious notes on it.

"They built it on speed and character, and maybe some players have overachieved or came out more than we anticipated," May said. "Of the eight teams that remain, they have as good a chance as anyone else. Absolutely.

"The best? They'll have to prove it, but they've been consistent all year. They're competitive.

"When they won Game 4 in LA, they didn't jump off the bench (as if) they won the Stanley Cup. Sure, they were all happy, but guys took their time (and probably thought), 'Let's enjoy this for 12 hours and (get) back to work.' It's very impressive to see that."

Fletcher gone: Former Sabres GM Tim Murray's best friend and favorite trading partner among GMs was the Wild's Chuck Fletcher. The first big trade last summer for Murray's successor, Jason Botterill, was with Fletcher, whom Botterill worked with in Pittsburgh.

Don't look for the Wild-Sabres trade pipeline to continue as Fletcher was sacked after nine years by Wild owner Craig Leipold on Monday.

The Wild simply weren't competitive in their 5-0 loss last Friday in Winnipeg that ended their series in five games and gave them a third straight first-round exit. They have made the playoffs six straight years but won only two series and never got past the second round.

"I shared with Chuck that we wanted to go further," Leipold said. "I wanted a new set of eyes on this team."

Leipold is not looking to rebuild. He feels the Wild need changes but that coach Bruce Boudreau is the right man for the job. Injuries to Zach Parise and Ryan Suter were damaging, but the Wild's core of young players hasn't been good enough.

Fletcher's moves look dubious. He protected players on the current roster and let Erik Haula and Alex Tuch go to Vegas. He acquired Marcus Foligno and Tyler Ennis from the Sabres, and should any GM have been acquiring two middling forwards from last season's Sabres?

Ennis was a healthy scratch for four games against the Jets. After just eight goals and 22 points in 73 games, he's considered a candidate for a buyout of the final year of the five-year, $23 million contract he signed with the Sabres in 2014 that carries a $4.6 million cap hit.

"We want to win a Stanley Cup," Leipold said, "and that doesn't mean that's going to be next year. But I want someone to help me with a plan to win a Stanley Cup.

"The fans deserve to win one here. This is the 'State of Hockey,' and I'm really confident that we're going to have candidates interested in coming here because of our fans, our market (and) our team."

Reports out of Minnesota have Predators assistant GM Paul Fenton as the leading man in the wings.

Blue again: One has to feel for the good folks of Columbus, with another season going by and still nary a playoff series victory.

The Blue Jackets are 0-for-4 in the postseason since they were born in 2000 and have yet to finish higher than third in a division. That's some major futility.

"This is a kick in the teeth," captain Nick Foligno said after the 6-3 loss to the Capitals in Game 6, the Blue Jackets' fourth straight defeat in the series. "No one feels good in here. We had a 2-0 lead and didn't win. That doesn't happen."

What went wrong after they won the first two games in Washington? Among other things, the Blue Jackets didn't get nearly enough goaltending from Sergei Bobrovsky, who has allowed three-plus goals in 12 straight playoff starts.

Bobrovsky's career playoff record is 5-14 with a 3.49 goals-against average and .891 save percentage. He was at 3.18 and .900 in this series — not nearly good enough in crunch time.

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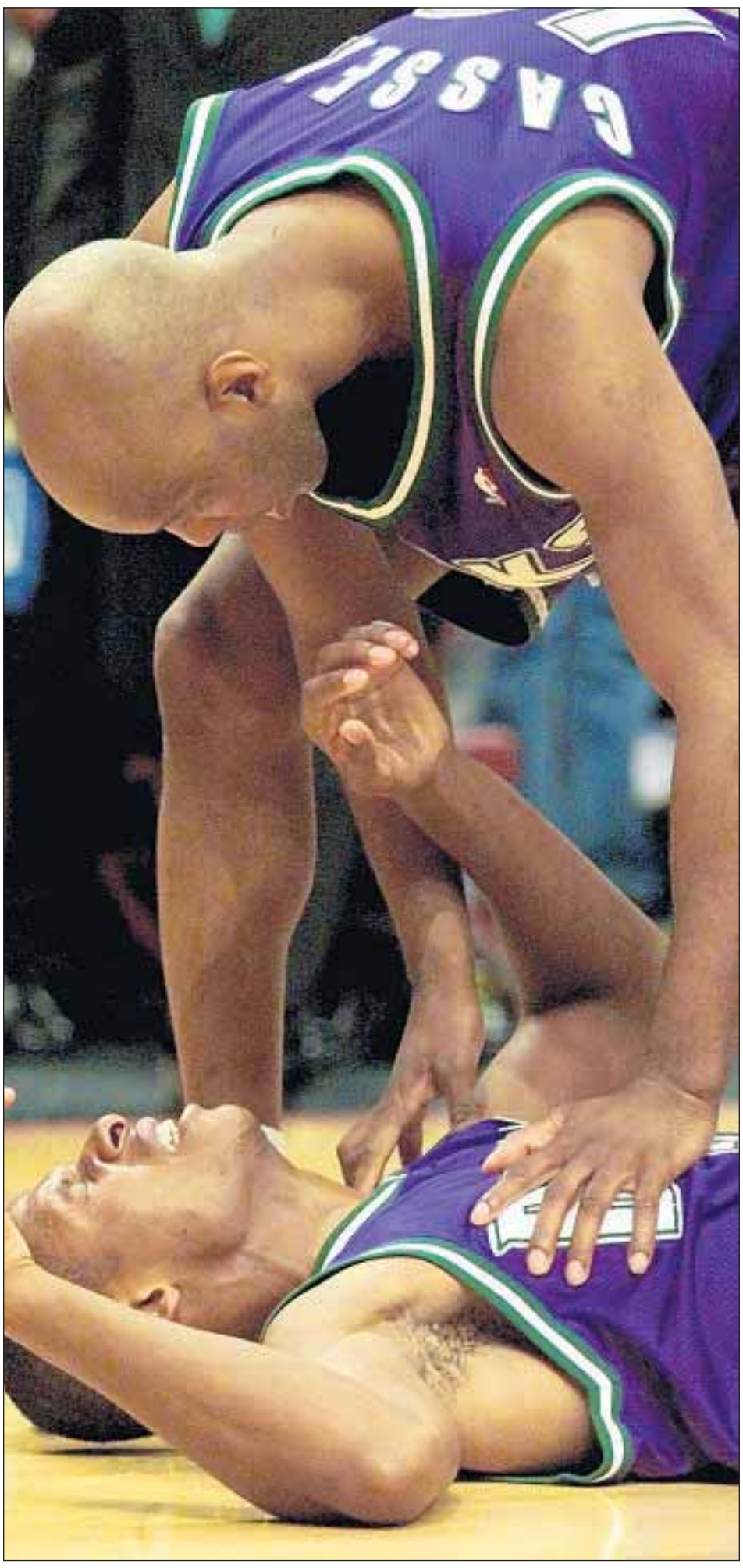

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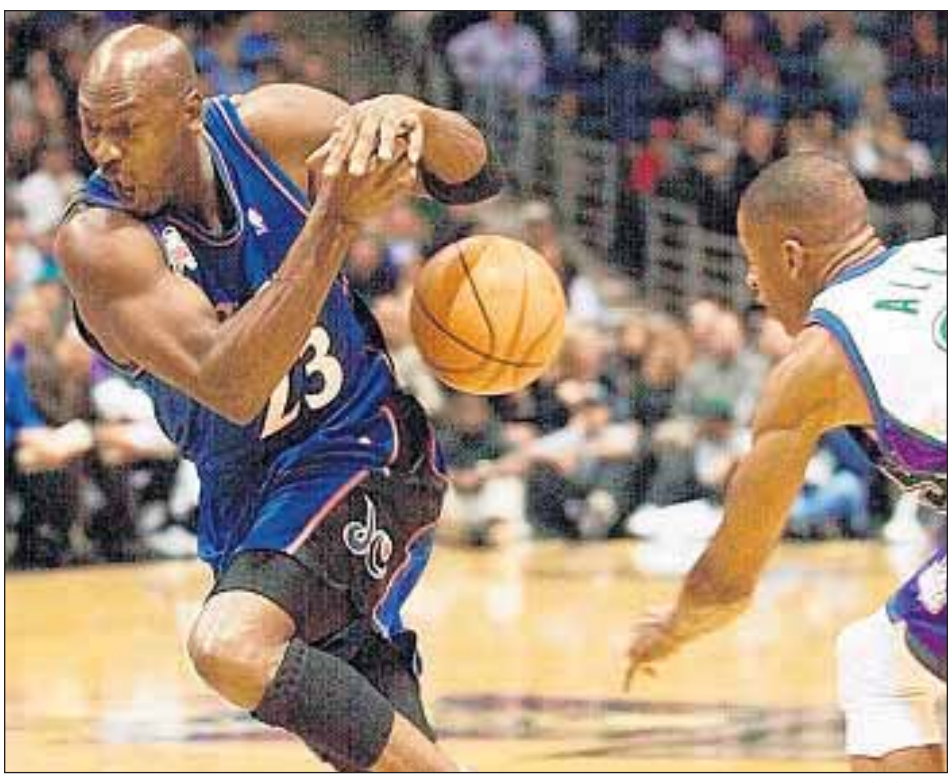
Ray Allen is helped up by teammate Sam Cassell during game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals against the 76ers on June 3, 2001. The Bucks lost the game 108-91.



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Ray Allen strips the ball from the Wizards' Michael Jordan on Jan. 11, 2002.

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Andrew Bogut and the Heat's Udonis Haslem reach for a loose ball January 30, 2010.

'My Camp Randall. My County Stadium.'

Remembering better days at Milwaukee's Bradley Center as the new Bucks arena takes shape

By Chris Doyle | Wisconsin State Journal

The Bradley Center is where I fell in love with basketball.

Well, as is probably true for many fans my age, watching Michael Jordan on TV was what first sparked my infatuation with the sport, especially the NBA version.

Growing up a Wisconsin transplant in southwestern Ohio in the 1990s, I had few opportunities to take in a live basketball game. Sure, there was the occasional Dayton Flyers game, but they had no Antetokounmpos at the time, and the real treat was when we returned to Milwaukee during basketball season.

I was 11 when the Bucks drafted Glenn Robinson in 1994, providing hope for a franchise as I was just beginning to appreciate the excitement of winning basketball.

I remember where I was, at 13, when the Bucks pulled off a draft-day trade for Ray Allen.

While older relatives were quick to point out the Bradley Center's shortcomings when compared with the MECCA Arena, I had no basis for comparison. And just as the team started getting interesting once again, my family moved back to the Milwaukee area.

Finally able to attend games regularly, I was still too young to drive and was able to get to the Bradley Center only when my family did.

That all changed in the spring of 1999. Just as the Bucks were acquiring Sam Cassell in a complicated three-team, eight-player trade, I got my driver's license. Still, to this day, I think my parents were way too trusting in letting us drive a half-hour into the city unaccompanied as often as we did.

My love of basketball was cemented before the 2000-01 season, but that year it escalated to new heights.

During the Bucks' 52-win season en route to a division championship and an Eastern Conference playoff berth, I missed three of a possible 50 games at the Bradley Center. As a senior in high school. With a job.

And I still graduated — on June 3, 2001. I would never remember the date if the internet didn't confirm that's when Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals was held.

That loss was tough to take (and I later told Scott Williams how I felt about his absence), but it couldn't erase how much fun we had leading up to that game.

Sports fans the world over know that feeling when the energy in the stands takes over. Years later I watched Aaron Rodgers turn the tide of a bleak Packers playoff game on a dime at Lambeau Field, and amid the suddenly euphoric crowd of 80,000 people I thought, "Wow, this is almost as good as the Bradley Center in May 2001!"

I realize how ridiculous that must sound to anyone familiar with the legend of the "Frozen Tundra." But that's what the Bradley Center meant to me.

It's my Lambeau.

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For better or worse, the Bradley Center is my MECCA.

Granted, I'm the first to admit it was often much worse than it was in that magical 2000-01 season. I saw a lot of tough losses, pitiful performances and seemingly endless seasons of near-silent drudgery in the ensuing years at the Bradley Center.

But that isn't to say there weren't great memories in that building during otherwise mediocre times. Michael Redd was My Guy long before I watched him torch the Rockets for a record eight 3-pointers in a single quarter.

I watched Jordan give it his all for a forgettable Wizards team, because, as I said before, Jordan is where it started.

To this day I still respect Andrew Bogut, if for no other reason than the feeling I had after Toni Kukoc found him with a perfect inbounds pass for a last-second win over an impressive Spurs team.

Bogut brings me to a crossroads in my Bradley Center story. I missed almost the entirety of the "Fear the Deer" season in 2009-10.

Again, I can tell you exactly where I was on draft day 2009, and I was (and very much still am) in support of Brandon Jennings. But by November 2009, regardless of my optimism over the team, it was time to get out of Dodge. I needed to escape the northern winters.

I moved to a rural part of Costa Rica with my brother just as Jennings' rookie year was beginning. Trying to live on a very limited budget, we had a couple of bicycles we would ride for miles from our house to town every few days for groceries, and to spend a few minutes in the air-conditioned internet cafe sending correspondence home and checking how the Bucks were faring.

I can still remember, sitting in that tiny, cool room, sweating from the ride, and opening ESPN.com and seeing the headline "NBA rookie scores 55" and my brother and I saying, "Wonder who that was."

When we clicked the link and found out a day late about Jennings' game, we knew exactly what the Bradley Center felt like that night. Despite being holed up in the jungle thousands of miles away.

Some casual fans may forget that the 2009-10 Bucks campaign wasn't always as good as it started out and ended. When we had family visit from Milwaukee just before New Year's, the first words out of my mouth were, "We don't want to talk about how bad the Bucks are, paradise is too amazing!"

Of course, the money ran out long before spring got to the Midwest. Forced to return to America, my brother and I flew back to the U.S., loaded a car with all of our belongings, attended a late January win over the Heat at the Bradley Center, got on the road and headed south to Florida.

Within a day we rented a small house a few blocks from the Gulf Coast and drove a few more hours to Miami's American Airlines Arena, less than 48 hours after leaving Milwaukee, to see the Bucks defeat the Heat again, this time on the road. The box scores confirm this. I was too tired then to clearly recall it all now.

Coming back from the Costa Rican tropics, we had to get out of the Wisconsin cold any way possible. South Florida was the best option at the time. We had family there. We got jobs. It was usually sunny. We had no idea those wins over the Heat were only a taste of the "Fear" to come that spring.

We were working tirelessly at customer service jobs while the Bucks were reeling off a streak we couldn't even afford to stream properly in those days. They ended up closing the season on a 28-11 run.

After the disappointing playoff loss to the Hawks with Bogut sidelined, I had a few weeks off of work during Summerfest in the summer of 2010 and returned to Milwaukee on "vacation."

For me, a visit to the Fest wouldn't be complete without a stop at the Bucks Zone, though my friends and I had more adult concerns than when Vin Baker was teaching me how to properly dribble a basketball in the early '90s.

While reuniting with my friends and family in the beautiful Midwest summer weather, after missing out on a season like that at the Bradley Center, I felt it was time to start looking at return options.

By this time I had an associate's degree, some college newspaper experience and, luckily enough, a connection at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, which had already lost several key employees.

For me, a chance to work at such a highly respected news organization was an opportunity too good to pass up. The fact that the newsroom is across from the "Fortress on Fourth" was merely an added bonus.

I would eventually move to an apartment above a bar across the street from work. The fact my apartment was also across the street from my favorite sports venue was merely an added bonus.

Though it was an added bonus that came in handy. For as great of a fan experience as the Bradley Center provided on limited means, the security often left something to be desired.

Not that my friends and I complained when we may or may not have bolted across the street for a round from the home bar and no lines at the bathroom.

In these more recent years, and as the Bradley Center increasingly showed its age, I grew more aware of the building's inherent limitations.

It was from a different era. The architecture was hideous.

I had been to other NBA arenas across the country. The Bradley Center didn't have to be a concrete vault. You could play basketball in a beautiful building.

Of course, older basketball fans in Milwaukee, and elsewhere, had known that for decades.

I thought I understood just how bad the Bradley Center was when I worked on coverage of the efforts toward construction of the new arena.

I didn't truly appreciate what that older generation had told me for over 20 years ... until last October.

In the midst of my first year working for the Wisconsin State Journal in Madison, focusing on Badgers football and basketball, I knew I couldn't miss the opportunity to see the Bucks face the Celtics at the old MECCA Arena.

With the new arena progressing at a rapid pace, it was clear this was an opportunity that would come only once.

Then they confirmed the Robert Indiana-designed floor would be in place.

I got back to Milwaukee at the expense of other responsibilities.

I got a ticket.

We got the family together.

We went to Major Goolsby's for the pregame.

We crossed over to the MECCA.

Just over a year before, I had received my college diploma in the same building, but the history didn't fully resonate until that October night.

We didn't sit the entire game (lest we lose a last-row bet and owe a round of beers).

The Bucks lost a close early season game to the Celtics ... but it didn't matter.

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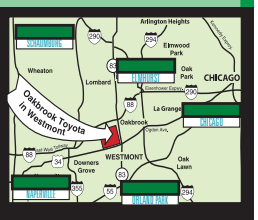

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TOP DOWN REVIEW

2018 BMW 430i delivers sunshine and good times

By Larry Printz, Tribune News Service

Disillusion is a constant in life, like an ever-present pigeon waiting for you to drive out of the car wash.

No doubt you've bought something online from a company that analyzed everything you did and sold your data along with that of many other shoppers. The company makes millions. You get a credit card bill. Or you look forward to lower costs under government-run health care, only to find your insurance premiums skyrocketing.

Trust, it seems, is hard to come by. That's why you don't leave your car door unlocked. After all, if we truly trusted each other, cars wouldn't have locks. Of course, such things don't bother convertible owners; all you need to break into their cars is a pocketknife. Truly, they have a higher level of trust than most of us.

Perhaps this is why the retractable hardtop seems the ideal solution for a disillusioned world.

True, even retractable hardtops come with issues. They're bulky, meaning it takes a lot of space to stow them, markedly reducing trunk space. They add a serious amount of weight, an anathema to driving enthusiasts. And there seems to be a limit to how these roofs' sheet metal can be shaped while also being retractable, meaning that most retractable hardtops lack the sporting grace possessed by their soft-top brethren.

Today's subject, the BMW 430i Convertible, looks ungainly compared to its coupe sibling, but fresh air access comes with compromises. With classically conventional styling in the best BMW tradition, the 430i appears to be more the quiet conservative than loudmouth radical. Nevertheless, the 430i gets much better looking once the lid is lowered. Stowing the 430i's roof doesn't take long, although it seems to take longer than you'd like, as if the mechanisms have arthritis. However, it's an ingenious solution in a world where strangers can't seem to be trusted.

But with the top down, a modest trunk turns meager. So if you're traveling, or heading to Costco, pack light. Or lower the rear seatback, which transforms the legroom-deprived rear seat into a more appropriate storage hold. Once underway, you'll find wind management to be excellent, meaning that you can hold a conversation without screaming to be heard by your fellow passengers.

For BMW enthusiasts, performance matters more than trunk space, so let's look at the numbers.

The BMW 4 Series comes as the turbocharged four-cylinder-powered 430i or six-cylinder-powered 440i, with rear-wheel or all-wheel drive. The 430i is rated at 248 horsepower, while the 440i comes with 320 horsepower. Both engines mate to an eight-speed automatic transmission. Opting for the former engine propels the car to 60 mph in 6 seconds; opting for the later reduces that to 5.1 seconds. (There's also a high-performance M4 Convertible, with a variety of performance enhancements, but that's a different review.)

2018 BMW 430i Convertible

Base prices: $51,650-$60,700
Engine: Turbocharged 2.0-liter 4-cylinder
Horsepower: 248
Torque: 258 pound-feet
EPA fuel economy: 24/34
Wheelbase: 110.6 inches
Length: 182.7 inches
Cargo capacity: 7.8-13.1 cubic feet
Curb weight: 4,037 pounds

Certainly, the 430i that I tested never felt underpowered, with minimal turbo lag and lots of power for passing at speed. An added benefit is its fuel economy, which measured a respectable 27 mpg. That's very good given the amount of time spent with the roof down, which hurts aerodynamics, and thus fuel economy. For the record, the EPA rates the 430i at 24 mpg city, 34 mpg highway with rear-wheel drive. Adding all-wheel drive reduces that to 22/32 mpg respectively. BMW recommends using premium unleaded fuel.

As with any BMW, you'll find this to be a lively dancing partner, ready for commuting or navigating pokey parkways. The steering is quick and nicely weighted, and the brakes ensure you don't inadvertently re-sculpt the 430i's sheet metal. The car feels athletic enough to enjoy on your favorite back road or for the cut-and-thrust of daily driving. Engineers fine-tuned the suspension and steering to enhance straight line stability for 2018, although only diehards will notice the difference.

The interior is straight from the 3 Series, with which it shares DNA, so expect a premium but not lavish interior. Material quality is pleasing yet restrained in the finest European tradition. A large flatscreen anchors the center of the instrument panel and features the latest iteration of BMW's infotainment system, which proves far easier to use than previous iterations — no doubt helped by the larger screen. A large wheel controls it, and is surrounded by shortcut buttons that prove easy to identify by touch.

Better yet, this BMW supports your e-life by supplying two USB ports, a Wi-Fi hotspot that supports up to 10 mobile devices, and an inductive charging tray for wireless charging. Stingily, BMW makes Apple CarPlay optional, not standard.

The front seats proved firm yet comfortable for long stints in the saddle. Legroom is generous in front; rear seat accommodations are best left to parcels and purses. The cabin is satisfyingly quiet with the roof up. With the roof down, wind management was excellent, allowing for conversations at civilized levels.

Is it any wonder that the 2018 BMW 430i Convertible ably plays the part of a grand tourer? Its sublime blend of ride comfort and sporting performance keeps everyone happy, while its intimate cabin feels like a special treat.

Besides, any vehicle that provides a fun driving experience, remarkable handling and a dollop of style with effortless access to sunshine — which is in short supply this time of year — is more than welcome.

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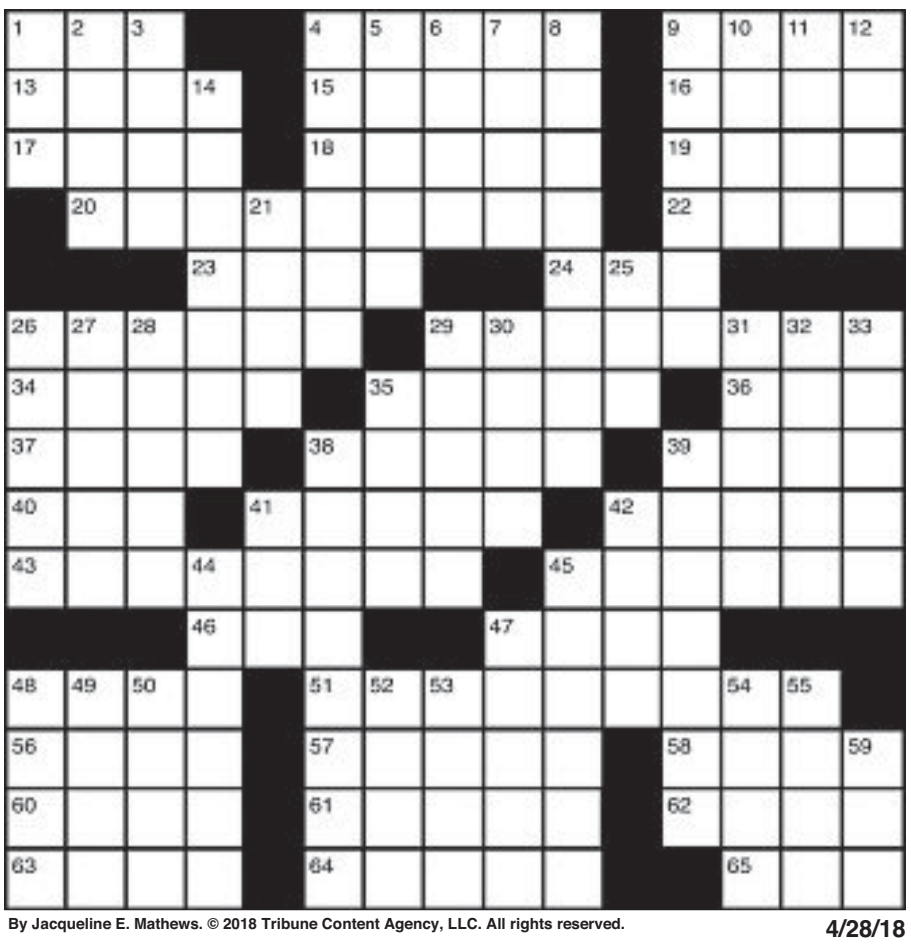

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