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Mourners say goodbye to Crystal Lake boy, still stunned by details of his death



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Mourners wipe away tears after attending the visitation for Andrew "AJ" Freund at the Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory.

'MAYBE AJ WILL BE THE FACE OF CHANGE'

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO
Chicago Tribune

Mourners by the hundreds waited in line at a Crystal Lake funeral home Friday to pay their respects to a 5-year-old boy many of them didn't know but whose tragic death and the circumstances surrounding it left them heartbroken and wondering why more wasn't done to save him.

But along with the many tears for Andrew "AJ" Freund was also the hope that his sad story would prompt greater action to protect children from the type of life and death authorities said the Crystal Lake boy experienced.

AJ was killed last month, and his parents were charged with murder and other crimes after his body was found in a shallow grave near Woodstock. The boy was born with opiates in his

system and lived in a home often visited by police and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

"It's unfortunate," said Sarah Dakof of Crystal Lake, who with her 2-year-old daughter, Skylar, waited patiently in the ever-growing line outside the Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory. "Losing a life in general ... but especially so young. Hopefully, DCFS stand-

ards go up, people are held accountable. Maybe AJ will be the face of change."

People young and old walked solemnly through the funeral home and past the child's tiny wooden casket, which was engraved with a cross. An honor guard stood watch, and several comfort dogs were on duty. Floral arrangements were on

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In call, a chat on 'Russian Hoax'

Trump says he didn't warn Putin to end election meddling

BY JILL COLVIN
AND DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and Russia's Vladimir Putin discussed what Trump again dismissed as the "Russian Hoax" in their first known phone call since the release of special counsel Robert Mueller's report on Russia's meddling during the 2016 election campaign.

Putin chuckled about Mueller's conclusions, Trump said.

During their conversation Friday, which the White House and Kremlin said lasted more than an hour, they also discussed a possible three-party arms control pact with China, North Korea's nuclear weapons program, Ukraine and the crisis in Venezuela, where Moscow is propping up the current government over the U.S.-backed opposition.

"We had a good conversation about many things," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office.

Trump said the leaders were considering a new nuclear agreement "where we make less and they make less. And maybe even where we get rid of some of the tremendous firepower that we have right now." He said they had discussed the possibility of including China in the deal and that China would "very much would like to be a part of" it.

But more interesting, perhaps, was what was left unsaid.

Trump said that, at no point, did he warn Putin not to meddle in the

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YouTube star gets 10 years for child porn

Singer convicted of coercing girls to perform sexually explicit dances

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

For the first hour of disgraced YouTube star Austin Jones' sentencing hearing Friday, "Victim F" sat in the front row, her entire body visibly shaking as she avoided looking in his direction.

Two years ago, Jones had coerced the then-15-year-old girl — and at least five other teens — into sending him sexually explicit videos, leaving her devastated, ashamed and suicidal for a time.

By the time Victim F rose to address the judge, her shaking had stopped, but her eyes were filled with tears.

"He made me feel so good about myself when I did what he wanted and so terrible when I didn't," she said as she fought back tears. "He would use my dreams and my fandom to manipulate me."

After a lengthy, emotionally wrenching hearing, U.S. District Judge John Lee sentenced Jones

to 10 years in prison — double the mandatory minimum term sought by Jones' lawyers.

"I don't think it'd be an exaggeration to say the victims here were probably some of his biggest fans, who cared so much about him, and yet for whom Mr. Jones cared so little," the judge said.

Two of Jones' victims, their parents, as well as the mother of another victim all sat in the courtroom's front row, passing a box of tissues back and forth during the nearly three-hour hearing.

Jones' lawyers stressed his genuine remorse, his commitment to therapy and, most notably, his own history as a victim of abuse. Jones' now-deceased father molested him for years as a child, the defense alleged, saying the singer's subsequent actions can only be understood in context of his own personal trauma.

"The tragedies in this courtroom today are just staggering," said attorney Terrence LeFevour, citing the trauma inflicted on both Jones and his victims. "(Jones' father) was an evil, evil person,

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Austin Jones



KOO ARCHITECTURE RENDERING

The bar area of Offshore is likened to a glass Quonset hut by general manager and partner Bob Amick.

Navy Pier getting huge rooftop deck

BY PHIL VETTEL
Chicago Tribune

There are rooftop lounges, and then there is Offshore, which claims it will be the largest rooftop deck in the nation when it opens at Navy Pier later this month (or possibly early next month).

"Around Memorial Day," estimates partner Bob Amick.

"Somewhere the week before or after."

Offshore, on the east end of Navy Pier (just west of the pier's Grand Ballroom in Festival Hall) spans some 36,000 square feet of cocktail lounge, restaurant, game and entertainment space, two floors above Navy Pier's outdoor promenade.

"We have a huge capacity indoors and out," said Amick in

an understatement. "We easily hold 1,000; the key is to have a space within a space. We built an 8,500 square-foot structure connecting the building; I call it a glass Quonset hut. We can be an open-air bar-restaurant in summer, and enclosed in the winter. Even with no heat, on a sunny winter day, it's warm."

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next election. And while he and Putin did discuss Mueller's findings, they appeared to gloss over Mueller's description of the extensive efforts Russia took to interfere in the 2016 election, including the 25 Russians indicted for that effort.

"We discussed it," Trump said of the report. "He actually sort of smiled when he said something to the effect that, 'It started off as a mountain and it ended up being a mouse,'" Trump said of Putin. "But he knew that because he knew there was no collusion whatsoever."

Trump has repeatedly declined to publicly rebuff Putin for the 2016 operation. And their latest conversation suggests that Mueller's findings have done little to persuade Trump of the gravity of the threat of foreign election interference or derail his efforts to forge a closer relationship with Putin.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders later said Trump didn't tell Putin not to meddle in the 2020 election because he's made that clear in the past. "He doesn't need to do that every two seconds," she said.

Mueller's report concluded that Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election was "sweeping and systematic."

Ultimately, Mueller's investigators did not find a criminal conspiracy between Russia and the Trump campaign, but they found multiple contacts. The report concluded that "the Russian government perceived it would benefit from a Trump presidency and worked to secure that outcome, and that the Campaign expected it would benefit electorally from information stolen and released through Russian efforts."



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Russia's Vladimir Putin and President Trump chatted for more than an hour, the White House and Kremlin said.

Trump has focused only on Mueller's top-line conclusions, hailing the lack of evidence of a conspiracy as a political win.

Trump tweeted after the call that the two had discussed the "Russian Hoax" among other topics. "As I have always said, long before the Witch Hunt started, getting along with Russia, China, and everyone is a good thing, not a bad thing," he wrote.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer slammed Trump for failing to press Putin on the report. "Trump's priorities are appalling and undermine democracy," Schumer said.

Trump said he and Putin focused on other topics, including the possibility of the new nuclear arms deal between the U.S., Russia and China. He said U.S. officials had broached the idea with the Chinese during trade talks and that China was "excited about that."

Discussions on a new nuclear deal, he said, would

likely begin shortly between the U.S. and Russia, with China potentially added "down the road."

Trump did not say which arms control agreement he and Putin had discussed, but the Russian state news agency Tass reported that they talked about the New START treaty, the last major arms-control treaty remaining between the U.S. and Russia.

The treaty, which was signed in 2010 and expires in 2021, restricts the U.S. and Russia to 1,550 deployed strategic nuclear warheads on a maximum of 700 deployed intercontinental ballistic missiles and strategic bombers.

"There was a discussion about having — extending the current nuclear agreement — as well as discussions about potentially starting a new one that could include China as well," Sanders said.

Trump earlier this year announced he was pulling the U.S. out of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces

Treaty, or INF, a decades-old nuclear arms treaty with Russia. Trump accused Moscow of violating its terms with "impunity" by deploying missiles banned by the pact. Moscow denies violating it and has accused Washington of being in noncompliance.

Trump's decision to exit the INF treaty reflected his administration's view that it was an unacceptable obstacle to more forcefully confronting not only Russia but also China. China's military has grown mightily since that treaty was signed, and the pact had prevented the U.S. from deploying weapons to counter some of those being developed by Beijing.

A Kremlin readout of the call said the presidents confirmed their mutual desire "to intensify dialogue in various fields, including on issues of strategic stability."

Trump said the two also spoke about North Korea's nuclear weapons program. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un traveled to Russia last week to meet with Putin. Sanders said Trump said several times that it was important for Russia to continue to help put pressure on North Korea to denuclearize.

On Venezuela, Trump insisted that Putin "is not looking at all to get involved in Venezuela, other than he'd like to see something positive happen for Venezuela." Russia has forged an alliance with Venezuela over many years and is helping to support President Nicolas Maduro.

The U.S. and about 50 other nations take the position that Maduro's re-election last year was irrevocably marred by fraud and he is not the legitimate president. In January, the administration recognized Juan Guaido, the opposition leader, as interim president.

The Kremlin said that during the call, Putin stressed that only the Venezuelan people have the right to determine the future of their country.

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and the damage he did to his son had just radiated throughout this entire case."

In his remarks, though, Lee noted that the pain endured by Jones should have given him a deeper understanding of the impact of his own abuse.

"I realize that you yourself suffered a great deal while you were growing up, and I'm deeply sorry for the treatment you received from your own father," the judge said. "But Mr. Jones, you of all people should know the tremendous harm that you were causing these girls that you targeted and preyed upon when you were doing it."

In arguing for an 11-year prison sentence, Assistant U.S. Attorney Katherine Neff Welsh pointed out that Jones' actions would have a lasting effect on his victims' psyches even though he never physically touched them.

"He wasn't physically with them, but he came into their bedroom windows at night just the same," she said.

When Jones stood to speak on his own behalf near the end of the hearing, he asked the judge's permission to turn and address his victims directly.

After Welsh quietly conferred with the two young women seated in the front row — Victim F and Victim A — she told the judge they would instead prefer he face away from them.

"They'll be listening carefully," Welsh said. Jones faced the judge and spoke in a voice choked with emotion.

In the past two years, he has written songs to help him reckon with the pain he has caused, he said. One of them, he said, compares traumatic memories to a set of boxes that will topple over and create chaos if not

unpacked.

"The absolute hardest thing for me to live with is knowing that I've created boxes for other people," he said. "To the victims of my actions, I want to say I'm so deeply sorry. All you ever did was support me, and I exploited that support. ... I was so selfish."

After Lee imposed the sentence, Welsh argued Jones should be taken into custody immediately, indicating that the singer has a history of self-harm.

Lee allowed Jones to remain at home at least until a hearing Monday when the judge is scheduled to hear from the singer's mental health treatment providers.

Jones rose to fame in a particularly 21st-century fashion, attracting online fans — many on YouTube — with music he mostly recorded in his living room and promoted on social media. At the height of his popularity, he had hundreds of thousands of followers and toured around the world.

But his superstar status crumbled after authorities unearthed dozens of sexually explicit online chats

with underage girls, some lasting hours. He would often coax them to take off their clothes and dance suggestively on video, sometimes instructing them to talk about their young age as they performed while promising modeling opportunities, Instagram stardom and his valuable attention.

The first night he had persuaded Victim A to dance for him in a sexual manner, the girl said in court Friday, she went to bed feeling sick.

"I felt like I had just given my body up for sale," she said.

Victim A told the judge about her subsequent anger, deep depression and regret.

Her mother spoke moments later as her daughter clutched her arm. "I am sorry to hear that others have hurt you, Austin. Please seek the help you need," she said. "God always forgives, and he will forgive you as well. ... Please allow this to change you in a positive way."

Across the room at the defense table, Jones held his face in his hand and sobbed.

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Ex-union boss to plead guilty to extortion

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Powerful former Teamsters boss John Coli Sr. is scheduled to plead guilty next month in a federal corruption case alleging he extorted a well-known Chicago film studio of a combined \$325,000 over several years, court records show.

Coli, 59, a politically connected and nationally known fixture in the Teamsters, resigned his position after he was charged in July 2017 with threatening work stoppages and other labor unrest unless he was given cash payoffs of \$25,000 every three months by an unnamed business.

Sources identified the business as Cinespace Chicago Film Studios on the West Side. The studio was recently in the headlines as the location where "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett alleged he had received a racist and threatening letter.

Coli had been scheduled to appear Friday for a status hearing in federal court in Chicago, but U.S. District Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer canceled the hearing scheduled a change of plea hearing for June 4, court records show. Coli's attorney, Joseph Duffy, was not immediately available for comment.

Though the case against Coli may be wrapping up, there have been signs that the investigation is still active. It was revealed last month that federal investigators had recently subpoenaed the Illinois Senate for documents on state Sen. Tom Cullerton's reimbursements for "travel, lodging, meals, cellular phone and vehicle allowances" from Feb. 1, 2013, through March 3, 2016.

The federal grand jury case number on the Feb. 5 subpoena — obtained by the Chicago Tribune through an open records request — indicates the demand for documents is linked to the same investigation that led to Coli's indictment.

Cullerton, 49, a former Villa Park village president and Teamsters organizer who has served in the Senate since 2013, has not been accused of wrongdoing. He declined to comment when contacted by the Tribune last month.

The 13-count indictment against Coli, meanwhile, alleged his extortion scheme went back as far as 2014 and that he had accepted \$325,000 in payoffs from Cinespace.

The indictment alleged Coli failed to report that income to the U.S. Department of Labor and the Internal Revenue Service, and prosecutors sought the forfeiture of the entire \$325,000. If Coli cannot come up with the cash, the government wants to seize a Lakeview home connected to Coli, according to the charges.

Coli, an early backer of Mayor Rahm Emanuel, spent four decades with the Teamsters and was considered one of the union's most prominent national figures.

The Tribune reported in 2017 that federal authorities made secret recordings at Cinespace's facilities as part of the investigation, capturing numerous conversations between Coli and studio President Alex Pissios, the alleged victim of the extortion.

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Isabella Johnson, 16, foreground, from Benet Academy, chants with other students on Friday.

Several hundred students skip class to protest climate change

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL
Chicago Tribune

Several hundred high school students from Chicago and the suburbs skipped school Friday to march through Grant Park and demonstrate in the Loop to pressure elected officials to take action on climate change.

Carrying signs with messages such as "I'm sure the dinosaurs thought they had time, too" and "Climate Change Now. Homework Later," the students urged legislators to address carbon emissions, greenhouse gases, corporate greed, rising oceans, disappearing coral reefs and melting Arctic ice.

"We should not have to sacrifice our education because the people in power don't believe in science," Isabella Johnson, the Illinois state lead organizer with the group U.S. Youth Climate Strike, said in her speech to those gathered in Federal Plaza at the culmination of the march. "It is not our job to save the world. It is the job of the adult generation, the people in power, but they're not doing their job. We are being forced to act like adults to address the biggest threat to our future we have ever seen."

"They cannot ignore us forever," she said.

Sen. Dick Durbin attended and spoke at the event, criticizing Republicans for their inflexibility on climate issues and President Donald Trump for his intention to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement. He praised the students for their activism and told them to take their enthusiasm to a candidate or campaign that will work on climate issues. After his short speech, he spoke and posed for selfies with the student organizers, accepting an "Illinois Strikes Back" button from Johnson.

"Now it is time for all of us, time for you, time for your generation, to stand up and say, 'Enough,'" Durbin said. "We are going to come together in the



Sen. Dick Durbin joins students at the U.S. Youth Climate Strike rally at Federal Plaza in Chicago.



One demonstrator brought a dog named Lucky.

United States and demonstrate that we believe we have a responsibility this day, this week, this month, this year, in this life, to do something to make a better climate in the future."

The march and rally were one of several school walkouts held throughout the country Friday, including ones in St. Louis, Madison, Wis., and Des Moines, Iowa. As they marched through the Loop, the demonstrators chanted, "What do we want?! Green New Deal! When do we want it?! Now!" and "Fossil fuels have got to go!"

Johnson, 16, a junior at Benet

Academy in Lisle, said many of her fellow classmates question and criticize her activism, because they do not believe that climate change is an important issue or they doubt rallies will make a difference.

"I'm actually kind of used to it," Johnson said. "... Sometimes, that just shows they feel threatened and it proves to me that they are actually paying attention to what we're doing. The fact that they are getting upset shows that they are listening to what I'm saying and it brings the issue into their minds."

Among those who joined Johnson by skipping class was

Jillianne Samiano, 15, a sophomore at Lincoln Park High School who led about 10 of her fellow classmates in a chant as they lined Federal Plaza along Dearborn Street. Samiano is most concerned about the proliferation of plastics in the environment and the waste produced by corporations and restaurants. She said her parents were "kinda iffy" about letting her miss school, but eventually relented and "they understand why I'm here."

"I think it's really important to speak up because we are the future, we are the next generation," said Samiano, who held a sign with the message, "Don't be a fossil fool." "We need to work to make change," she said.

Friends Joanne Reder, 16, and Elizabeth Kruder, 17, juniors at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, took Metra into the city for the march. Reder, who will be eligible to vote in the 2020 elections, said the Green New Deal, a proposed set of environmental policies, is the future.

"I love that. I love it so much," Reder said.

Marching with them was a 17-year-old from the Sarah E. Goode STEM Academy in the Ashburn neighborhood of Chicago who said her mother did not know she planned to attend the march — but she assumed she would understand.

"It's up to us and important for us to speak out," she said. "Because there's plenty of people who do nothing about it."

As the marchers made their way north through Grant Park along Columbus Drive, one of the demonstrators detoured from the sidewalk to pick up pieces of trash in the grass. She collected aluminum cans, crumpled duct tape, shards of plastic, a candy wrapper and plastic bags.

By the time the marchers reached Michigan Avenue, her hands were full.

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Man convicted of reckless homicide in fatal 2015 crash

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY
Chicago Tribune

A Cook County jury convicted an Indiana man of reckless homicide Friday in connection with a high-speed crash that killed a female passenger in 2015.

Prosecutors said Christopher Peacock was speeding north on Lake Shore Drive at nearly 100 miles per hour, weaving in and out of traffic as if he was playing a video game.

At the sharp curve at the end of Lake Shore Drive on the Far North Side, the blue pickup truck he was driving slammed into a barrier wall and flipped over onto a nearby bike path, prosecutors said.

Jillian Tsirtsis was thrown from the front passenger seat and died

at the scene.

"The truck was going incredibly fast, going in and out of cars, like someone very good at playing Mario Kart," Assistant State's Attorney Christina Kye told the jury earlier Friday during closing arguments. "But Lake Shore Drive is not a racetrack."

The jury deliberated for about 2 1/2 hours at the Leighton Criminal Court Building before convicting Peacock, 36, of Griffith, Ind., on the single count.

Judge Joseph Claps set May 30 for sentencing. Peacock faces a sentence anywhere from probation to up to five years in prison for the Class 3 felony.



Peacock

Peacock's attorneys had argued that he may have had a seizure that prevented him from controlling the truck just before it crashed.

A recently retired neurologist testified on Thursday that Peacock could have had a seizure that led to the crash. Dr. Steven Michael Bayer, testifying for the defense, said he had treated Peacock in 2013 for head trauma after he fell and hit his head on pavement at a parking lot.

Jeff Kent, Peacock's attorney, told the jury that Peacock did not hit the brakes, a sign that he may have been unconscious, despite numerous road signs warning drivers that a curve was coming up

in the 5600 block of North Lake Shore Drive.

"He missed approximately 15 warning signs that a turn was coming," Kent said. "That doesn't make sense."

Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Hodal countered that those signs would be "a blur" for someone driving nearly 100 miles an hour.

Tsirtsis, also from Indiana, knew Peacock in high school, and the two had recently reconnected. They were driving from Indiana to Highland Park for a Lenny Kravitz concert at Ravinia.

Tests at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center where Peacock was rushed after the crash showed that he had opiates in his system, according to a police

report at the time. Prosecutors initially charged him with aggravated DUI but later dropped the more serious charge in 2017.

Kent told the jury that prosecutors could not present any evidence that Peacock was impaired.

Peacock and prosecutors previously agreed to a deal in which Peacock would plead guilty to reckless homicide in exchange for a sentence of 40 days in jail and 2 1/2 years of probation. After the deal upset Tsirtsis' family, Claps later proposed a two-year prison sentence.

Peacock opted instead to go to trial.

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'Chicago is killing our kids,' aunt says after teen is fatally shot

BY MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

A young man walked up to the crime tape surrounding the body of a teen who had been shot dead Thursday night in the North Austin neighborhood.

He dialed a number on his phone. He said he was calling a friend who always picked up. This time he wasn't answering.

Nearby, a young girl wiped away tears as young friends and family members gathered around her. "That's my brother," a young man said. "I haven't even called my parents."

Chicago police say Xavier Netisingha, 18, was shot in the head around 7:30 p.m. in the 1700 block of North Linder Avenue. Witnesses told police two men walked up and fired shots. He had lived about half a mile away, in the 1600 block of North Major Avenue.

"Every time you read stories like this, people tend to be numb," Netisingha's aunt Juanta Griffin said Friday morning. "Like it couldn't happen to me. They must have done something really bad, maybe they didn't have a good family. And he had all of the support that you could imagine."

"We're a solid family," added Griffin, 44, who works with young people in Oak Park. "I've been thinking all night. Did I do enough? What could I have done differently? I'm supposed to help kids and I couldn't help my own nephew?"

Griffin said her nephew liked to tell jokes. He was funny. He was interested in fashion and music and liked to rap with her son. Netisingha "thought" he was a lady's man, she joked.

"He hugged me all the time," said Griffin. "He gave me great hugs."

From the time he was 2 years old and tried to save his family's yard from a rogue dog, Netisingha had an instinct to protect his family, she said. One day, he wanted to join the Army.

"He was just an average teenager trying to figure it out," said Griffin.

At the crime scene, yellow tape stretched between North Lotus Avenue and North Linder Avenue and cordoned off an alley on a May night almost cold enough to see your breath. Blue lights flashed across the grass, still wet after days of rain.

A neighbor stood at the corner with his bike. He said he saw two men running from the alley after he heard about two shots.

Other neighbors said they didn't hear anything. "I didn't even hear a gunshot," said the mother of one of the boy's friends. She came to the scene after her kids shared the news. The mother said the boy had been at her home Tuesday.

"I was supposed to help him get back in school," she said. "He wanted to change. I was looking forward to helping him."

Griffin said her family was already preparing for a memorial for their grandfather who recently died.

"And then this happens," she said. "Chicago is killing our kids. They're killing our kids. And there aren't enough safe spaces for children in Chicago — for teenagers in Chicago. They go downtown. They run them out of downtown. They go to the mall. They run them out of the mall."

"There has to be answers," she said. "They can't just keep killing our kids."

No one was in custody.

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AJ

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display throughout the parlor, including one from the Chicago Cubs, another from the Crystal Lake Lions Club and yet another from a family in Florida.

There were stuffed animals, a Batman balloon and toy trucks near the casket and around the funeral home, along with artwork from St. Mary's preschool in Woodstock. And there were large pictures of a smiling AJ.

Jenny Carlini of Crystal Lake said that while the mood was sad, the occasion presented the community an opportunity for "resetting what's important."

"I felt mad (at first)," she said, but as she looked at the hundreds of mourners along Terra Cotta Avenue waiting to go inside she added, "Look what we can do as a community."

"We have to take care of our children," she said. "If we don't we're going to have a very bleak future."

The Tribune has reported that DCFS, which has had contact with the family over several years, missed signs of trouble despite hotline calls and police reports that documented squalid living conditions, substance abuse, domestic violence, suspicious bruises and, at times, uncooperative parents. DCFS' acting director said the agency is reviewing its "shortcomings" in the case and would take steps to address those issues.

Lovely Sauers of Crystal



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Mourners stand in line to attend the visitation for 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund on Friday in Crystal Lake.

Lake asked why other local agencies and community groups were not contacted by DCFS to help in AJ's case.

She said "there are so many resources" that could have been called to help, including shelters, court advocates and local churches, schools and safe havens.

"Crystal Lake is a family community," Sauers said. "It's a good community. To have this at our back door, it's shameful and it's disturbing."

AJ was reported missing by his parents April 18. He was found six days later. An autopsy determined that he died from blunt force trauma to his head. His parents, Andrew Freund and JoAnn Cunningham, are being held in McHenry County Jail in lieu of \$5 million bail.

According to court documents, a two-minute video

of a badly beaten AJ on his mother's cellphone helped crack the investigation into his killing. The video on Cunningham's phone, taken more than a month before AJ's death, showed the boy with severe bruising on his face and body as he was being berated for urinating in his bed, the documents alleged.

The boy's father said that on the night of his death, AJ was forced to take a long, cold shower and was put to bed "cold, wet, and naked" before being found dead, the documents indicate.

The parents are charged with murder, as well as aggravated battery, aggravated domestic battery, failure to report a missing child, and in the father's case, concealment of a homicide. Cunningham was also charged with an aggravated battery related to the video.

Blue ribbons adorned

poles and trees along Terra Cotta in AJ's honor. Several posters showed pictures of AJ with angel wings, along with the words "In loving memory of AJ." A flag was a half-staff at one local business.

At the nearby Twisted Stem floral design business, a big blue balloon archway was on display. Owner and designer John Regan had just finished making his 1,000th blue bow. He has been giving them to members of the community for them to display since AJ was reported missing April 18.

"I'm helping turn the city blue today," he said "It's just a simple gesture."

Among the mourners was Elissa Emmert of Crystal Lake, who was holding and rocking her 21-month-old son, Levi. She said she came to "show support to AJ. My heart breaks for what happened to him."

Michelle Murphy of Cary attended because she wanted to pay her respects.

"If they didn't want him, there are other things they could have done," she said. "Don't kill him. There are other things you could do."

AJ is survived by a 4-year-old brother, now being cared for under a DCFS safety plan. His mother also is pregnant. An online account remains active to raise money for AJ's siblings. Donations may be made at www.gofundme.com/d62g4d-rest-in-peace-aj.

The funeral for AJ will be private.

Amanda Marrazzo is a freelance reporter.

Rooftop

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The raised area will have lake and city skyline views. The space will include a 100-seat, 60-foot bar, seating areas, seven fire pits and some outdoor lawn space suitable for games (bocce especially), picnics and semiprivate parties.

When not booked for parties, the outdoor lawns

will be an ideal area to view the pier's twice-weekly fireworks displays.

Heading the food end of things will be chef Michael Shrader, last seen running the kitchen at Monnie Burke's in Pilsen. "It's a bit of a gear shift for me," he said. "But I've got a magnificent kitchen, really large. It reminds me of when we did N9ne (steakhouse), which was a big, exciting, cool place. I get the same kind of feeling about this place."

"What we're not is a place that does seated, coursed dinners," said Amick. "We're a bar first; we'll have a menu of foods we like to eat while drinking. Almost all of our seating is counter height or soft seating. That said, we have a full kitchen capable of putting out plenty of food."

Large-format plates, suitable for sharing among four or more guests, will be a large part of the menu, Amick said. And Shrader

promises that the menu will have a "pretty good seafood component," among other dishes.

"Crudos, oysters — I'll dabble in a bit of Asian with maki rolls, sashimi and a chirashi bowl," he said. "And dishes that sound simple but are really cool — smoked chicken wings, lamb-zucchini meatballs and a killer burger."

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'I'll be running on the economy'

Hiring surge lifts economy — and Trump's re-election chances in 2020

BY STEVE PEOPLES AND CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The lowest unemployment rate in a half century. More than 260,000 new jobs. And higher hourly wages.

"I'll be running on the economy," President Donald Trump declared Friday.

The day's new round of sunny employment figures offered fresh evidence of a strong national economy — and a big political advantage for Trump just as the 2020 presidential campaign begins to intensify. Stocks are at or near record levels, too.

Democrats pointed to regional disparities in the new government report. And overall income inequality hasn't narrowed.

But the Democrats who are fighting to deny the Republican president a second term are beginning to acknowledge the weight of their challenge: Since World War II, no incumbent president has ever lost re-election in a growing economy.

Even Trump's critics are forced to admit the state of the economy could help him at the ballot box.

"Relative to all the other terrible aspects of Trump's record, the economy is more of an asset to him," said Geoff Garin, a veteran pollster whose clients include Priorities USA, the most powerful super PAC in Democratic politics.

It was a day of celebration for Trump and his allies, who have been well aware of recent warnings

that the economy might slow this year.

The president's chief economic adviser, Larry Kudlow, said the United States has entered "a very strong and durable prosperity cycle." He gave all the credit to his boss: "He is president of the whole economy."

By most measures, the U.S. economy is in solid shape. It is expanding at a roughly 3% pace, businesses are posting more jobs than there are unemployed workers and wage growth, long the economy's weak spot, has picked up.

All these trends are helping lift a broader swath of the population than in the first five years or so after the Great Recession.

Low-income workers are actually seeing healthy wage gains — larger than everyone else's. In March, the poorest one-quarter of workers were earning 4.4% more than a year earlier, according to data compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. The richest one-quarter were up 3%.

Lower-income workers had started to outpace their higher-paid counterparts in 2015, so it's not a Trump phenomenon. And part of the increase has occurred because of minimum wage hikes by more than two-dozen states.

The news isn't good for everyone.

Workers in metro areas are still getting larger pay increases than those in smaller towns or rural areas, according to the Atlanta Fed's data. In fact, that



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President Donald Trump gives a thumbs-up outside the Oval Office on Friday amid the release of sunny job figures.

gap that has widened since Trump was elected.

Overall income inequality hasn't narrowed. The richest 5 percent of Americans earned 34 times a median worker's pay in 2018, according to the left-leaning Economic Policy Institute. That's up from 3.3 times as much in 2016.

In Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in a region Trump carried three years ago, county archivist Barbara Bartos said the president's policies have helped a lot of people although she's seen little economic benefit person-

ally.

"I think he should get credit where credit is due," said Bartos, a 69-year-old registered Democrat who backed Hillary Clinton. "And I think that he helped a lot of people but left a lot of people out."

Three hundred miles to the west in Cleveland, another former Clinton supporter, 42-year-old IT manager Jessica Wieber, said she feels "pretty good" about her economic situation.

"I think he's had a big impact," she said of Trump's

effect on the economy, adding that tax breaks given to companies and corporations have allowed them to hire more workers.

"I hope it helps trickle down a bit," said Wieber, a single mom with four children.

Amid the largely positive news for Trump, friends and foes alike question whether he can stay focused on the economy as the 2020 contest plays out. Blessed with similarly positive news in the past, he has veered into more controversial topics like immigration, the Russia investigation and personal attacks against his rivals.

Democrats, in fact, are counting on him to change the subject.

"The economic indicators would normally be incredibly positive for an incumbent president," said Jeffrey Pollock, the pollster for Democratic New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's presidential campaign. However, Pollock said, "He can't shut his mouth."

At this point, 18 months before Election Day, Trump's political standing is far weaker than the economic numbers would suggest.

The latest CNN poll finds 43% of Americans approve of the way he is handling his job as president. That's even as 56% say they approve of his handling of the economy, marking a high for the president since he took office.

He receives lower marks for other issues, including health care, immigration and foreign policy.

Last month, the government report said, the African-American unemploy-

ment rate was 6.7%, up from a record-low 5.9% last May. That's more than double the rate for whites. And in 2017, according to the latest data available, the black-white income gap widened, with the typical African-American household earning \$40,258, while the equivalent white figure was \$68,145.

Still, the Asian and Latino unemployment rates hit or matched record lows in April.

By some measures, the job market has been better in the past.

A much smaller proportion of Americans are working than in the late 1990s, the last time unemployment was nearly this low. Part of that is because the United States is aging and baby boomers are retiring.

But even among workers aged 25 through 54, which filters out the impact of retirement and increased college attendance, a smaller percentage of people are working: In April 79.7% had jobs. That figure peaked at 81.9% back in 2000.

How much all this will affect the election is an open question.

Ray Fair, a Yale University economist who uses economic data to model election outcomes, says that the state of the economy in the first three quarters of an election year matters more than the rest of a president's term. His model points to a Trump victory in 2020, should the economy continue along its current path.

However, "This doesn't take into account the personalities," Fair said. "Trump is an unusual person."



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Residents scoot along a flooded road Friday after Fani made landfall in Puri, India.

Cyclone slams into east India, forces 1.2 million from homes

BY EMILY SCHMALL AND BIKAS DAS
Associated Press

KOLKATA, India — Cyclone Fani tore through India's eastern coast Friday as a grade 5 storm, lashing beaches with rain and winds gusting up to 127 mph and affecting weather as far away as Mount Everest as it approached the former imperial capital of Kolkata.

The India Meteorological Department said the "extremely severe" cyclone in the Bay of Bengal hit the coastal state of Odisha around 8 a.m., with weather affected across the Asian subcontinent.

Dust storms were forecast in the desert state of Rajasthan bordering Pakistan, heat waves in the coastal state of Maharashtra on the Arabian Sea, heavy rain in the northeastern states bordering China and snowfall in the Himalayas.

Around 1.2 million people were evacuated from low-lying areas of Odisha and moved to nearly 4,000 shelters, according to India's National Disaster Response Force. Indian officials put the navy, air force, army and coast guard on high alert. Odisha Special Relief Commissioner Bish-

nupada Sethi said the evacuation effort was unprecedented in India.

By Friday afternoon, Fani had weakened to a "very severe" storm as it hovered over coastal Odisha and was forecast to move north-northeast toward the Indian state of West Bengal by Friday evening.

In Bhubaneswar, a city in Odisha famous for an 11th-century Hindu temple, palm trees whipped back and forth like mops across skies made opaque by gusts of rain.

It is a "very, very scary feeling," said Tanmay Das, a 40-year-old resident, who described "the sound of wind as if it will blow you away."

Most of the area's thatched-roof houses were destroyed, and there was no electricity.

The national highway to Puri, a popular tourist beach city with other significant Hindu antiquities, was littered with fallen trees and electricity poles and a blue highway sign, making it impassable. A special train ran Thursday to evacuate tourists from the city.

The airport in Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal, closed to Saturday morning, and rail lines were

closed.

At least 200 trains were canceled across India.

The storm hit in the middle of India's six-week general election, with rain forecast in Kolkata forcing political parties to cancel campaign events.

The National Disaster Response Force dispatched 54 rescue and relief teams of doctors, engineers and deep-sea divers to flood-prone areas along the coast and as far afield as Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a group of islands that comprise a union territory about 840 miles east of mainland India in the Bay of Bengal.

Up to four inches of rain were expected in much of Sri Lanka, the island nation off the eastern tip of India.

More than 1,430 miles away on Mount Everest, some mountaineers and Sherpa guides were descending to lower camps as weather worsened at higher elevations.

Hundreds of climbers, their guides, cooks and porters huddled at the Everest base camp, according to Pemba Sherpa of Xtreme Climbers Trek. May is the best month to climb the 29,035-foot Everest when Nepal experiences a few windows of good weather to scale the peak.

House Dems again press Barr to provide full Mueller report

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee threatened Friday to hold Attorney General William Barr in contempt of Congress if he does not comply with a new Monday deadline for providing special counsel Robert Mueller's full, unredacted report on his Russia probe and some underlying materials.

The offer from House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler comes after the Justice Department missed the committee's earlier deadline for the information. Nadler slightly narrowed his offer in a new letter to Barr, saying the panel would limit its request for underlying materials to those directly cited in the report.

He also asked the department to work with Congress to seek a court order for secret grand jury materials, a request Barr has previously denied.

"The committee is prepared to make every realistic effort to reach an accommodation with the department," Nadler wrote to Barr. "But if the department persists in its baseless refusal to comply with a validly issued subpoena, the committee will move to contempt proceedings and seek further legal recourse."

Meanwhile, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., sent a letter to Mueller on Friday that said the special counsel could provide testimony "if you would like" as to whether he felt Barr misrepresented Mueller's views at a Senate hearing earlier this week.

Barr testified Wednesday that Mueller didn't challenge the accuracy of a



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A House panel has given Attorney General William Barr until 9 a.m. Monday to hand over the full Mueller report.

letter he wrote summarizing the principal conclusions of the special counsel's report. Barr made that assertion despite a letter he received in March from Mueller complaining Barr's summary didn't fully capture the "context, nature and substance" of Mueller's nearly 400-page report, which was released weeks later.

Graham did not specify whether he wanted Mueller to appear in person.

It remains to be seen whether Mueller will come to Capitol Hill. Barr has said he has no objection to Mueller testifying.

Nadler's contempt threat against Barr came one day after Barr skipped a Judiciary panel hearing on Mueller's report amid a dispute over how Barr would be questioned. Nadler said after that hearing that he would give the Justice Department one more chance to send the full report and then he would move forward with holding Barr in contempt. Nadler set a 9 a.m. EDT Monday deadline for the Justice Department to respond to the latest offer.

Democrats have assailed Barr's handling of the

Mueller report and questioned the truthfulness of his statements to Congress.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Thursday said she believed Barr had lied about his communications with Mueller in testimony last month, and that was a "crime." Justice Department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec called Pelosi's accusation "reckless, irresponsible and false."

In the letter, Nadler wrote to Barr that "Congress's constitutional, oversight and legislative interest in investigating misconduct by the President and his associates cannot be disrupted."

In terms of the underlying materials, Nadler said the committee wants to see witness interviews and "items such as contemporaneous notes" that are cited in the report. He also asked that all members of Congress be allowed to review an unredacted version of the report. The Justice Department has made a less redacted version available for House and Senate leaders and some committee heads, but the Democrats have said that is not enough and have declined to read it.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said she believes "at no point will it ever be enough" for Democrats.



Nadler

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Truck driver faces 40 charges in Colorado crash that killed 4

GOLDEN, Colo. — Prosecutors on Friday filed 40 charges, including four counts of vehicular homicide, against a 23-year-old truck driver accused of causing a fiery pileup that killed four people last week on a Colorado highway. Rogel Lazaro Aguilera-Mederos of Houston was "operating the vehicle under circumstances where he was exhibiting extreme indifference to the value of human life,"

said Jefferson County District Attorney Pete Weir. Aguilera-Mederos' lawyer, Robert Corry, called the charges "excessive, duplicative and prosecutorial overkill." The crash happened April 25 on Interstate 70 just after it descends from mountains west of Denver. The pileup involved 28 vehicles and multiple explosions. Aguilera-Mederos told investigators the brakes on his semitrailer failed.

British voters with Brexit on their minds punish main parties

LONDON — British voters angry about Brexit punished the country's two main parties in local elections on Thursday. More than 8,000 seats were up for grabs in the elections held in many parts of England and Northern Ireland. Prime Minister Theresa May's Conservative Party had held more than 60% of them going in. But by Friday evening, with more than 90% of the

results declared, the Conservatives had lost more than 1,200 seats, worse than the drubbing that had been predicted and renewing calls for the embattled May to step down. Labour lost about 80. The smaller parties and independents were the big winners. The Liberal Democrats, a pro-EU centrist party that started from a low base, won more than 600 seats. The Green Party won more than 170.

Afghanistan's grand council ends with call for peace talks

KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan grand council convened by President Ashraf Ghani ended Friday with a resounding call for peace with the Taliban and a promise from the president to free 175 Taliban prisoners ahead of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month that starts next week. The council brought together more than 3,200 politicians, tribal elders, prominent figures and

others to hammer out a strategy for future negotiations with the Taliban. Ghani said the message of the five-day gathering was clear: "Afghans want peace" and offered a cease-fire, though it would not be unilateral. In a statement, the Taliban rejected a cease-fire, saying attacks will continue during Ramadan but said "fighters are very careful of civilians during any operation."



Doan Thi Hong arrives in Vietnam on Friday after leaving a Malaysian prison. The last suspect held in the 2017 slaying of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's half brother, she pleaded guilty in April to a charge of causing injury and was granted early release.

South Korean military says North fired short-range missile

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Saturday fired an unidentified short-range missile from its eastern coast, the South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff said, a likely sign of Pyongyang's growing frustration at stalled diplomatic talks with Washington over its nuclear arsenal. South Korean and U.S. authorities are analyzing the details, but if it is confirmed as a firing of a banned ballistic missile, it will be the first such launch since the North's November 2017 test of an intercontinental ballistic missile. That year saw a string of

increasingly powerful weapons tests from the North, and a belligerent response from President Donald Trump that had many in the region fearing war. The firing Saturday comes amid a diplomatic breakdown that has followed the failed summit earlier this year between Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un over the North's pursuit of nuclear bombs that can accurately target the U.S. mainland. Experts believe North Korea has viable shorter-range nuclear armed missiles but needs more tests to

perfect its longer-range weapons. The South's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the missile was fired from Wonsan on the nation's east coast. During the diplomacy that followed a rocky 2017, Kim said that the North would not test nuclear devices or ICBMs. This short-range missile would not violate that self-imposed moratorium. It may instead be a way to register displeasure with the U.S. and the state of talks meant to provide sanctions relief for disarmament without having the diplomacy collapse.

AAU coach who abused over 400 boys sentenced

Saying that an AAU basketball coach in Iowa "exploited, manipulated and abused children for almost two decades," a judge sentenced him to 180 years in prison Thursday. Greg Stephen, 43, had pleaded guilty to multiple counts related to child pornography and sexual ex-

ploitation of minors, after prosecutors accused him of sexually exploiting at least 440 boys over several years. Stephen was a highly influential figure in the lives of the children as he ran the Iowa Barnstormers, an elite program that helped many get college athletic scholarships, in-

cluding at Division I schools. Most of the boys were tricked by Stephen into sending him sexually explicit photos and videos of themselves, as he posed as a girl who promised to reciprocate, but he was also accused of touching some of his players.

Minneapolis to pay \$20M to kin of woman slain by cop

MINNEAPOLIS — Minneapolis will pay \$20 million to the family of an unarmed woman shot by a police officer after she called 911 to report a possible crime, city leaders announced Friday — a move that comes just three days after the former officer was convicted of murder. The settlement reached with the family of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, a dual citizen of the U.S. and Australia, is believed to be the largest stemming from police violence in Minnesota.

It's believed that Mohamed Noor is the first Minnesota officer to be convicted of murder for an on-duty shooting. Asked about the amount and speed of the settlement, Mayor Jacob Frey cited Noor's unprecedented conviction, as well as the officer's failure to identify a threat before he used deadly force.

In beauty pageants: When Cheslie Kryst won the Miss USA crown, it marked more than a personal triumph: It meant that for the first time, three black women are the reigning Miss USA, Miss Teen USA and Miss America.

The North Carolina lawyer completed the historic triple feat Thursday with pageant winners 2019 Miss America Nia Franklin and recently crowned 2019 Miss Teen USA Kaliegh Garris. Miss USA started in 1952. The first black winner wasn't until 1990. The Miss America pageant began in 1921 but women of color were barred from participating until 1940. In 1970, Cheryl Browne became the first black woman in the Miss America pageant.



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Executive convicted in opioid bribery scheme

Drug company founder accused of misleading insurers

BY ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

BOSTON — A pharmaceutical company founder accused of bribing doctors across the U.S. to prescribe a highly addictive fentanyl spray was convicted Thursday in a case that exposed such marketing tactics as using a stripper-turned-salesrep to give a physician a lap dance.

John Kapoor, the 76-year-old former chairman of Insys Therapeutics, was found guilty of racketeering conspiracy after 15 days of jury deliberations. Four ex-employees of the Chandler, Arizona-based company, including the former exotic dancer, were also convicted.

Some of the most sensational evidence in the monthslong federal trial included a video of employees dancing and rapping around an executive dressed as a giant bottle of the powerful opioid spray Subsys, and testimony about how the company made a habit of hiring

attractive women as sales representatives.

The case threw a spotlight on the federal government's efforts to go after those it views as responsible for fueling the nation's deadly opioid crisis.

Opioid overdoses claimed nearly 400,000 lives in the U.S. between 1999 and 2017, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. An estimated 2 million people are addicted to the drugs, which include both prescription painkillers such as OxyContin and illegal drugs such as heroin.

Kapoor and the others

were accused of bribing doctors to boost sales of Subsys and misleading insurers in order to get payment approved for the costly drug, which is meant for cancer patients in severe pain. The bribes were paid in the form of fees for sham speaking engagements that were billed as educational opportunities for other doctors.

The charges carry up to 20 years in prison.

Kapoor's arrest in 2017 came the same day Republican President Donald Trump declared the opioid crisis a public health emergency. And prosecutors have touted

the case as illustrative of their work to fight the drug epidemic.

Kapoor, a billionaire who was once chairman of Lake Forest-based Akorn Pharmaceuticals, stepped down from that post less than a week after he was charged in the Insys case.

"We will continue the fight to clear Dr. Kapoor's name," defense attorney Beth Wilkinson said in a statement. She said the long deliberations prove it was "far from an open-and-shut case."

A former sales representative testified that regional sales manager Sunrise Lee

once gave a lap dance at a Chicago nightclub to a doctor whom Insys was pushing to write more prescriptions. Lee's lawyer said she will challenge the verdict.

The company's former CEO, Michael Babich, pleaded guilty and testified against his colleagues. He said Insys recruited sales reps who were "easy on the eyes" because doctors didn't want an "unattractive person to walk in their door."

Kapoor's attorney sought to shift the blame onto the company's former vice president of sales, Alec Burlakoff, who also pleaded guilty.

Jobless rate dips to lowest level in 50 years

U.S. economy adds 263,000 April jobs, Labor Dept. reports

BY HEATHER LONG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy added 263,000 jobs in April, notching a record 103 straight months of job gains and signaling the current economic expansion shows little sign of stalling.

The unemployment rate fell to 3.6%, the Labor Department said Friday, the lowest since 1969. The official unemployment rate has been at or below 4% for more than a year.

Hiring was strong across most sectors with especially large gains in business services (76,000 jobs), construction (33,000 jobs) and health care (27,000 jobs). Economists were watching government employment closely since the U.S. census is beginning to ramp up hiring ahead



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of the 2020 census. The federal government added 12,500 jobs in April.

"There is no denying this is a strong jobs report," said Joel Prakken, chief U.S. economist at Macroeconomic Advisers. "The only number you can point to that looks disappointing is that manufacturing employment has stalled."

The United States has more job openings than un-

employed people, a situation some economists call "full employment" since most job seekers are able to land a job. Hispanic unemployment dropped to 4.2% in April, a record low since the Labor Department started measuring it in the 1970s.

"The job market looks good on about any measure," said Matthew Luzzetti, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche

Bank. "While the unemployment rate is the lowest since 1969, a better measure is to look at the unemployment rate that includes people working part time because they can't find a full-time job. That is low, but it's only the lowest since 2000."

Low unemployment is forcing employers to raise pay and become more aggressive about hiring and training workers. Average hourly earnings rose 3.2% in the past year, well above inflation, and lower wage workers enjoyed some of the largest gains as companies scrambled to fill jobs and many states have raised their minimum wage.

Business leaders increasingly say their top challenge is finding enough people to fill job openings.

McClane Co. is a large trucking and warehouse firm that specializes in moving food and grocery items around the country. They are advertising truck driving jobs

for \$70,000 a year and a \$6,000 sign on bonus in Jessup, Pennsylvania, but even at that level of pay it's been tough to get enough people in the door.

"The economy is good, but that's very difficult for employers," said Joe Stagnaro, president of McLane's Pennsylvania operations. "The people you want to hire are employed by someone else."

Stagnaro decided to try something new in addition to the many internet job listings, billboards and newspaper ads that McLane uses to try to get the word out about openings. He just inked a deal with a truck driving school to train people to become truckers right on McLane's site with the company picking up the tab for the training. He has had a lot of interest from the company's warehouse workers who are eager to learn more skills, earn a commercial driver's license and transition into a higher paying job.

The White House cheered the news as more proof President Donald Trump's stimulative policies of tax cuts and increased government spending are helping more Americans gain from the robust economy.

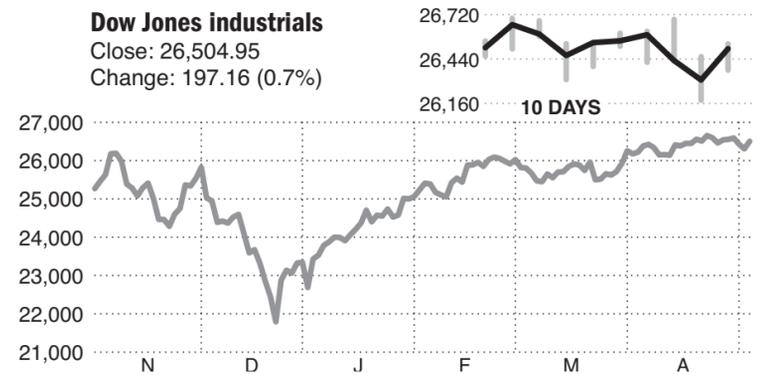
Vice President Pence and National Economic Council head Larry Kudlow both stressed Friday that the economy is growing and wages are rising without triggering a worrisome increase in inflation.

"You can grow the economy without inflation," Kudlow said.

Rising inflation typically forces the Federal Reserve to hike interest rates, which can cause a downturn. But with little sign of inflation, the Fed is on hold with no plans to change rates this year. Trump has repeatedly told the Fed to cut rates, but central bank leaders see little need to lower rates given how strong the economy looks right now.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 26,534.96 Low: 26,370.09 Previous: 26,307.79



Nasdaq
+127.22 (+1.58%)

S&P 500
+28.12 (+.96%)

Russell 2000
+31.37 (+1.98%)

Close 8,164.00
High 8,164.71
Low 8,115.73
Previous 8,036.78

Close 2,945.64
High 2,947.85
Low 2,933.02
Previous 2,917.52

Close 1,614.02
High 1,614.02
Low 1,590.51
Previous 1,582.65

10-yr T-note
-0.02 to 2.53%

Gold futures
+9.50 to \$1,279.20

Yen
-0.41 to 111.09/\$1

Euro
-0.0014 to .8934/\$1

Crude Oil
+0.13 to \$61.94

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-14	+22	+20	+30	+2.84	+1.83	+9.24	+13.24	+10.60

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	427.50	428	427	428	-5.25
		Jul 19	445	448	436	438	-6
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	362.25	363.25	360.25	363	+1
		Jul 19	370.25	371.75	366	370.75	+25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	830.50	832.75	828.75	829.50	-1
		Jul 19	844	848	840.50	842.25	-1
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 19	27.12	27.21	27.07	27.07	-1.16
		Jul 19	27.49	27.58	27.29	27.35	-1.15
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 19	293.00	294.10	292.10	293.60	+1.20
		Jul 19	297.40	299.40	296.90	298.20	+1.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jun 19	61.55	62.52	61.30	61.94	+1.3
		Jul 19	61.63	62.61	61.39	62.04	+1.4
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jun 19	2.589	2.611	2.553	2.567	-0.22
		Jul 19	2.623	2.644	2.587	2.605	-0.024
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jun 19	2.0116	2.0412	2.0105	2.0265	+0.082
		Jul 19	1.9804	2.0060	1.9745	1.9921	+0.077

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.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	78.69	-0.09	Equity Commonwealth	N	32.00	+0.06	Middleby Corp	O	137.58	+5.06
AbbVie Inc	N	78.71	+0.24	Equity LifeStyle Prop	N	118.46	+0.69	Mondelez Intl	O	51.76	+0.28
Allstate Corp	N	98.58	+0.29	Equity Residential	N	76.59	+0.19	Morningstar Inc	O	142.00	+0.89
Apptargroup Inc	N	113.85	+0.85	Exelon Corp	N	49.88	+0.15	Motorola Solutions	N	143.62	+1.27
Arch Dan Mid	N	43.67	+1.13	First Indl RT	N	35.46	+0.49	NISource Inc	N	27.86	+0.28
Baxter Intl	N	77.30	+1.01	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	55.58	+1.75	Nthn Trust Cp	O	99.48	+1.01
Boeing Co	N	376.46	+0.66	Gallagher AJ	N	83.13	+0.24	Old Republic	N	22.37	+0.15
Brunswick Corp	N	52.78	+1.06	Grainger WW	N	283.55	+4.60	Packaging Corp Am	N	100.60	+1.66
CBOE Global Markets	N	100.98	+1.08	GrubHub Inc	N	71.02	+2.01	Paylocity Hldg	O	98.78	+2.84
CDK Global Inc	O	55.80	+0.45	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	101.05	+0.86	RLI Corp	N	83.19	+0.53
CDW Corp	O	109.09	+1.37	IDEX Corp	N	156.43	+1.08	Stericycle Inc	O	52.01	-5.24
CF Industries	N	44.22	+0.76	ITW	N	157.41	+2.81	TransUnion	N	68.00	-0.02
CME Group	O	173.91	+1.11	Ingredion Inc	N	86.72	-0.22	TransMedia Co A	N	46.26	-0.01
CNA Financial	N	45.78	+0.17	John Bean Technol	N	114.73	+4.89	US Foods Holding	N	36.48	+0.09
Cabot Microelect	O	125.95	+2.95	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	152.52	+0.74	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	341.96	-1.72
Caterpillar Inc	N	139.06	+3.89	Kemper Corp	N	90.69	+1.56	United Contl Hldgs	O	88.50	+0.19
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	30.01	+0.06	Kraft Heinz Co	O	32.58	+0.40	Ventas Inc	N	62.48	+0.95
Deere Co	N	166.91	+2.79	LKQ Corporation	O	28.79	-0.26	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	54.08	+0.29
Discover Fin Svcs	N	82.27	+1.13	Littelfuse Inc	O	196.23	+2.66	Wintrust Financial	O	77.15	+0.95
Dover Corp	N	99.37	+1.49	McDonalds Corp	N	197.52	+2.91	Zebra Tech	O	206.46	+5.52

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	10.50	+0.25
US Steel Corp	16.88	+2.49
Coty Inc	11.48	+0.64
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.45	+1.0
Ford Motor	10.41	+0.07
Bank of America	30.71	+0.21
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.59	-0.01
Infosys Ltd	10.33	-0.24
Chesapck Engy	2.82	+0.09
Nokia Corp	5.18	-0.01
Annaly Capital Mgmt	9.70	-0.06
AT&T Inc	30.70	+0.08
Sprint Corp	5.80	+0.32
Ambev S.A.	4.57	+0.01
Brist Myr Sqb	48.62	+1.74
Freepport McMoRan	11.95	+0.44
EnCana Corp	6.76	+0.24
Noble Corp plc	2.68	+0.16
Snap Inc A	11.80	+0.56
Energy Transfer LP	15.36	+0.45
Pfizer Inc	41.39	+0.38
Vale SA	12.79	+0.43
Wells Fargo & Co	48.65	+0.35
Transocean Ltd	7.76	+0.28

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	195.21	+4.82
Alphabet Inc C	1185.40	+22.79
Alphabet Inc A	1189.55	+23.04
Amazon.com Inc	1962.46	+61.64
Apple Inc	211.75	+2.60
Bank of America	30.71	+0.21
Berkshire Hath B	218.60	+2.67
Exxon Mobil Corp	77.47	+1.8
Facebook Inc	195.47	+2.94
HSBC Holdings prA	26.02	+0.05
JPMorgan Chase	116.12	+0.71
Johnson & Johnson	142.01	+0.73
MasterCard Inc	247.95	+7.6
Microsoft Corp	128.90	+2.69
Procter & Gamble	106.08	+0.52
Royal Dutch Shell B	65.49	+0.59
Royal Dutch Shell A	64.29	+0.59
Visa Inc	162.04	+0.93
WalMart Strs	102.08	+0.92

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.45	+0.30	+9.9	
American Funds AMRCBA m	27.23	+0.16	+8.3	
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	49.19	+0.45	+2.4	
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	61.13	+0.36	+5.0	
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	60.47	+0.65	+9.3	
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	50.51	+0.56	+10.3	
American Funds IncAmrCA m	22.48	+0.15	+6.8	
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	38.66	+0.37	+8.4	
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.65	+0.54	+9.0	
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	46.49	+0.38	+11.9	
DFA EMktCorEq	21.22	+0.14	-5.4	
DFA IntlCorEqIn	13.26	+0.11	-6.7	
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.70	+0.02	+5.3	
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.26	+0.32	-4.5	
Dodge & Cox Stk	192.40	+2.14	+10.1	
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.50	+0.01	+4.7	
Fidelity 500IxdInPrm	102.42	+0.99	+14.3	
Fidelity Contrafund	13.14	+0.17	+12.9	
Fidelity TlMktIxdInPrm	83.45	+0.89	+13.4	
Fidelity USBldIxdInPrm	11.49	+0.01	+5.3	
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.33	+0.01	+7.7	
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.61	+0.01	+5.5	
PIMCO IncI2	12.04	...	+5.4	
PIMCO IncIstl	12.04	...	+5.5	
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.11	+0.02	+5.1	
Schwab SP500Ixd	45.30	+0.44	+14.8	

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EDITORIALS

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Give Illinois voters more say

Seven minutes for Illinois Senate Democrats to discuss putting on the November 2020 ballot a constitutional amendment to change the tax code from a flat tax to a graduated tax ("When taxpayers trust Springfield ... Part 2: 'Give us the tax hike, we'll fix Illinois!'" May 3). But not a single second to think about giving the same chance to voters to institute term limits and real pension reform for future state employees. I already know how I'll vote for graduated tax. — *James Kruse, Palatine*

Giving blood easy and essential

The recent editorial on the need for blood donors for sickle-cell anemia patients ("Needed: More African-American blood donors," April 23) speaks to a pressing need every day for all of us. More news emphasis will help increase the awareness on this vital need. Far too few people donate blood, but it is an easy process. Members of the so-called Greatest Generation have led the way for years in donating blood. As a regular donor for almost 25 years, I am concerned who will take their place and fill the need.

It is the exception to see younger donors at the Vitalant (LifeSource) centers. Fortunately, the almost daily local Vitalant blood drives are starting to reach some new and younger donors. The challenge is in getting the donors to continue on a regular basis. You can donate blood every eight weeks.

A little less than 40 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate, and sadly only 5 percent of those people donate. We all know of someone battling cancer or another illness that requires blood transfusions. Every pint potentially saves three lives. Our recent local drive collected over 200 pints and so is helping save over 600 lives.

The Tribune editorial asks, "When's the last time you donated?" Continued promotion and appeals are needed to get many more of the 95% of eligible donors to look hard at the need for blood and sign up. It's easy and is the gift of life. — *Jeff Later, Wilmette*

Uniting Israelis and Palestinians

Not everything is bad in the Middle East.

One initiative is making a difference. Project Rozana transports critically ill Palestinian children to Israeli hospitals, funds treatment and trains Palestinian doctors to work in Israeli hospitals.

In 2018, according to the initiative, around 2,000 Israeli volunteers drove 20,500 critically ill Palestinian children from Gaza and the West Bank checkpoints to Israeli hospitals. Every day, 600 volunteers take 100 patients to receive treatment.

"It's our opportunity to meet with the other side ... to achieve 'a small peace' for one hour," said Yuval Roth, founder of the Israeli nongovernmental organization Road to Recovery.

"A Jew, who was supposedly an enemy, would leave his home at 4:30 to 5 a.m. to help my relative. ... It's simply humane behavior, which can change our attitude. ... Hatred disappears," said the father of Ajam, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor at about age 5.

The lack of medical equipment and power cuts in the occupied territories force Palestinians to find care elsewhere. Since elsewhere is Israel, they must apply for a medical permit to go through the checkpoints at the Palestinian Authority, which refers them to an Israeli hospital. The health care is expensive. Palestinians earning less than \$40 a day can't afford it, and when the PA cannot finance it either, Project Rozana does.

Project Rozana builds bridges between Israelis and Palestinians through health care. Beyond relieving children of pain and parents of economic burden, the organization is building relationships stronger than the conflict. — *Raffaella Tonani, Uniondale, New York*

Cellphone zombies among us

When cellphones were new, I was routinely made privy to half a conversation — in elevators or stores or while walking down the sidewalk. I remember passing a woman on my block and hearing her say loudly, "Well, don't tell anyone, but she has breast cancer."

Most people seem to have gotten the memo on this kind of thing. But with changing technology, cellphone etiquette is like Whac-A-Mole. There's the rude behavior of not putting it away. But there's also dangerous stuff: people falling off cliffs in an effort to get just the right photo, texting and driving, and a newish behavior: Zombie Cellphone Walking.

Someone who is walking toward me on the sidewalk doesn't notice we're headed for a collision, and I realize it's because she or he is holding a phone and is glued to it.

Usually the Zombie Cellphone Walker will notice me and veer at the last minute. But not always. I've had to jump out of the way in some cases, and in others, well, there has been contact. (OK, once or twice I kind of enjoyed running into the Zombie.)

The worst? Backward Zombie Cellphone Walking. I was walking with my wife, Beth, who is blind. She had her white cane, even though she doesn't really use her it when she's on my elbow, but it helps. It clues in oncoming pedestrians that we can't maneuver as quickly as they expect.

That only works, of course, if they're facing us as they approach. The other day, on State Street, as we walked north, a young man approached us walking south, backward, as he recorded his girlfriend.

I yelled, but he was mesmerized. So I decided to play, "I'm a wall and you're not." I planted my feet, braced, and he bounced off me. He turned, looked a little bewildered, saw the white cane, turned around and started walking backward again.

Then there are Stationary Cellphone Zombies. They stop. At turnstiles. On stairways. At intersections. To, you know, finish reading that text. Or who knows what. But whatever it is, it's important enough to disregard everyone and everything else around them.

With any luck, and a few unfortunate accidents, this, too, will pass. I can only imagine what will replace it. — *Michael Knezovich, Chicago*

Most news about Social Security and other government pension programs is bad news, with obligations outpacing income and dire troubles ahead. But the latest news on the Social Security disability program could hardly be better.

In 2015, the Disability Insurance fund was in danger of not being able to cover all its commitments by 2016. Congress responded by temporarily boosting the share of payroll tax revenue designated for the DI fund. In the trustees' report that came out last month, the picture is far better. They figure it will be able to cover full benefits until 2052.

What's changed? The economy, for one thing. It's booming. As Friday's Labor Department report emphatically confirmed, the Great American Jobs Machine continues to roar along, creating 263,000 jobs in April and bringing the unemployment rate down to 3.6 percent. The last time it was that low was 1969.

One happy result is the expansion of employment options available to people with physical limitations or mental health conditions. Disability rates, the trustees note, "tend to

increase temporarily in bad economic times."

Some workers who lost their jobs during the Great Recession and couldn't find new ones were able to qualify for disability benefits. Some of those who went on disability may have been reluctant to take new jobs for fear they wouldn't last. The longer they stayed out of the labor force, the more their marketable skills eroded.

For some, disability payments took the place of unemployment insurance. The Washington Post reported in 2017 that in some rural towns, "as many as one-third of working-age adults live on monthly disability checks."

But when the job market improved, some people who might have been able to qualify have sought employment — and employers have been ready to take on workers they might have passed over before. As the trustees note, the share of Americans awarded new benefits "rose sharply in the recent recession, and has declined since the peak in 2010 to an extraordinarily low level by 2016."

Last year, Deutsche Bank econo-

mist Torsten Slok marveled at the turnaround. "This is a big deal," he told The New York Times. "We thought the numbers for disability would go up forever." The DI fund has benefited in two ways: More people paying in and fewer applying to collect benefits. Outlays, which nearly doubled between 2003 and 2013, have barely grown since then.

Not all of the improvement stems from the economy. The Social Security Administration has also tightened up its review of applications. Administrative law judges with unusually high approval rates were retrained. Between 2008 and 2015, the rate of successful appeals fell by nearly one-third.

The government has a duty to support workers whose illnesses or injuries make it impossible for them to take a job. But it also has to be a conscientious steward of the money provided by taxpayers.

For a long time, the disability fund was a story that kept getting worse. Thanks in part to a robust economy, the employment picture is brighter for all Americans, including those with disabilities.

Facebook, Farrakhan and the fight against hate

Facebook's terms of service are clear: "We do not allow hate speech on Facebook because it creates an environment of intimidation and exclusion, and in some cases may promote real-world violence."

The social network giant draws the line on hate organizations and their leaders who attack individuals based on race, religious affiliation, nationality, ethnicity, gender, sex, sexual orientation or disability.

On Thursday, Facebook announced it had banned seven users it determined were purveyors of hate, including Louis Farrakhan, longtime leader of the Chicago-based Nation of Islam, and right-wing conspiracy theorist Alex Jones. The move was widely seen as a bold broadside against extremists by a Silicon Valley behemoth on the defensive for failing to police itself.

Call it a bold move. Or just plain sensible.

Banning Farrakhan, Jones and the others is a simple matter of enforcing Facebook's rules against users who use their accounts as platforms for spreading hate and bigotry.

Chicagoans are familiar with Farrakhan's vituperative rhetoric. He has called Jews "evil, satanic," according to the Anti-Defamation League, and in a speech last year said, "When you want something in this world, the Jew holds the door." Jones, founder of the "InfoWars" network, has long used Facebook to peddle his conspiracy theory that the Sandy Hook shooting that killed 20 children was a hoax.

Vile though as their words are,



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Facebook banned Milo Yiannopoulos, left, known for neo-Nazi rhetoric, far-right icon Alex Jones, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan and several others.

Farrakhan, Jones and others are within their First Amendment rights to spew venom from their own platforms. But when they disseminate on Facebook, they agree to abide by content policies set by the social

network company. They broke the rules and got kicked off. That's not government censorship, it's an appropriate response to hate.

It's also long overdue. Facebook's previous approach relied on removing individual posts that violated its content rules. That didn't stop the hate mongering.

In New Zealand, the world saw what can happen when hate co-opts social media. A gunman livestreamed on Facebook as he sprayed gunfire at two mosques in Christchurch, killing 50 people. The 51st victim, a Turkish national, died of his injuries Friday.

Social media companies have a responsibility to patrol and regulate their venues. By stepping up, Facebook did the right thing.

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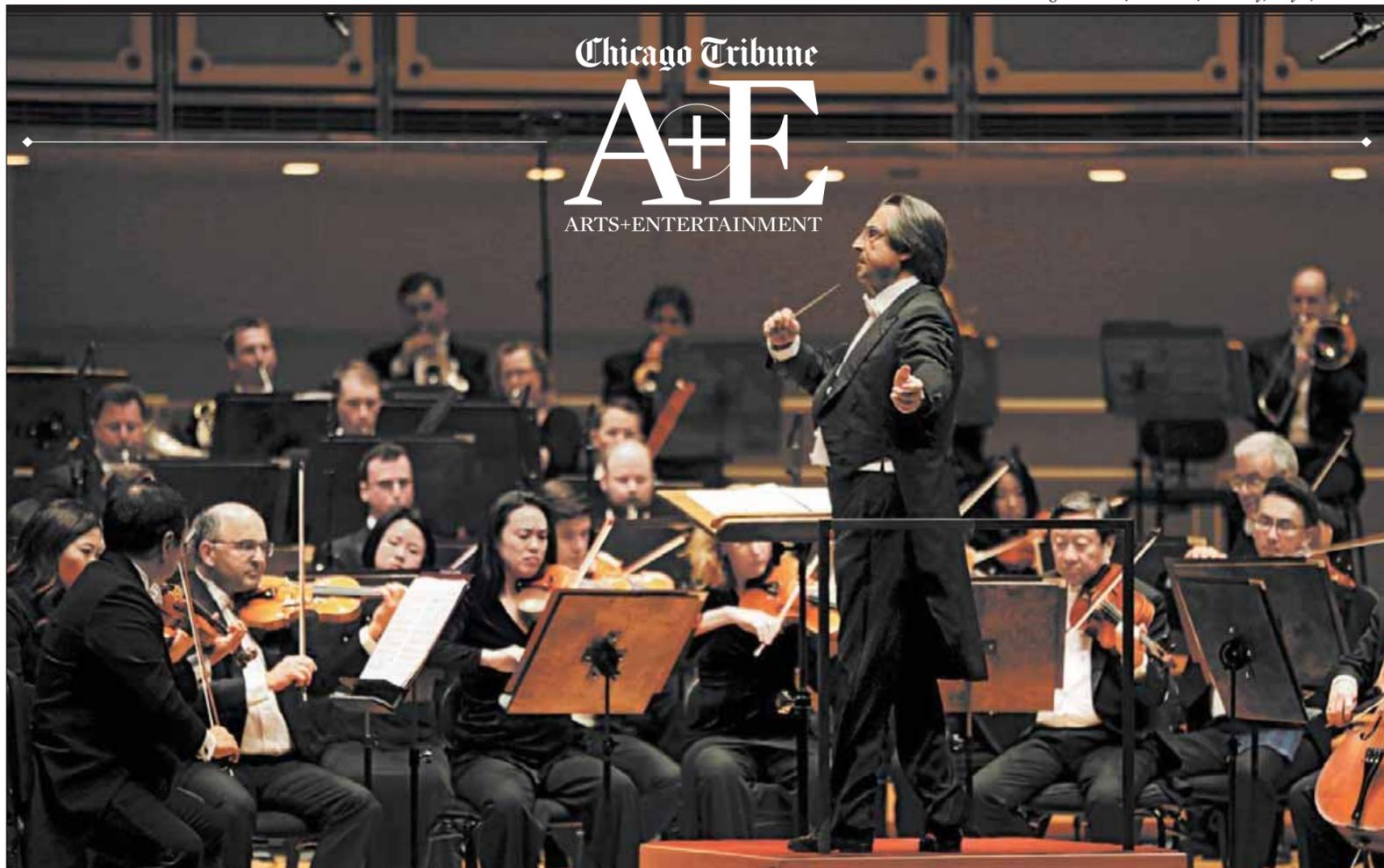
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Conductor Riccardo Muti leads the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in its historic first concert Thursday evening since the end of a bitter seven-week strike.

IN PERFORMANCE

CSO retakes the stage

Muti back on the podium after seven-week strike

BY HOWARD REICH

Chicago Tribune

What happens when a great orchestra returns to the stage after a painful, costly and bitter seven-week strike?

Catharsis.

That's what both the music and the audience buzz conveyed Thursday evening, when the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and its music director — Riccardo Muti — took their rightful place on the stage of Orchestra Hall.

Though the first concert at post-strike Symphony Center occurred Wednesday evening, when violinist Itzhak Perlman and pianist Evgeny Kissin played an eloquent recital, the main event was yet to come with the start of Muti's spring residency. After the long hiatus, everyone seemed eager to hear this inimitable ensemble again.

"I missed five concerts!" said Gail Gold, a bilingual speech pathologist and longtime CSO subscriber. "There was a big void."

Mary Ellen Pinzino, a volunteer usher who stands at the foot of the main floor stairs each Thursday night, felt the loss, too. "We don't realize the richness this music brings into our lives until we don't have it," Pinzino said. "Our souls were hungry."

Many in the audience said they grieved for what the artists had been through.

"With all the horrible weather we've had, I felt badly for the musicians who — when they decided to become musicians — didn't expect to be marching in rain and snow," said Dan Murray, an attorney who has attended CSO concerts since the 1970s.

"I want the CSO to continue to be one of the best in the world," added Murray.

"It's special to be here tonight with Muti. He has a certain way about him. Hopefully, this will be a special night."

Indeed it was, from the very first notes.

Though some might have expected Muti to say a few words, instead he let the music do the talking, cueing the start of "The Star-Spangled Banner." In effect, Muti was saying this wasn't just another concert in the ongoing season. It was the beginning of a new chapter.

Then the conductor made a bit of history, leading the orchestra in a work it last

performed in full when its first music director, Theodore Thomas, was at the podium, in 1894: Bizet's "Roma." The four-movement opus holds considerable appeal, its genteel opening passage raising the curtain on a score rich in pictorial charm.

Was it Bizet's writing or the ardor of the CSO strings that made the first movement so radiantly alluring? The CSO's winds always set a lofty artistic standard, but the tenderness they showed in the third movement sounded especially disarming, as when their lines floated above the staccato accompaniment of two harps.

The surging rhythms and regal brass playing of the finale suggested that the performance may have been superior to the work itself, but surely another century or more need not go by before a complete "Roma" returns.

Mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato made a compelling case for a lyric scene from Berlioz's "The Death of Cleopatra," thanks to the vividness of her imagination and her instrument's tonal and expressive range. From the throaty low notes she produced at the beginning to the more stratospheric pitches that followed, she was in splendid voice. She also brought forth the dramatic

meaning and subtext of this music, especially in the Meditation, as Cleopatra contemplates her imminent demise. DiDonato's turbulent shifts from fortissimo to pianissimo and the chilling, otherworldly, utterly vibratoless high notes she offered at the end pointed to a singer whose remarkable instrument is governed by an equally agile intellect.

For all the familiarity of Respighi's "Pines of Rome," it was quite welcome on this occasion. The sonic splendor of its first pages reminded listeners of the CSO's virtuosity and sonic resources, while the relentless closing section attested to the grandeur this orchestra can achieve under Muti's baton. Uninterested in rushing the work's inexorable climax, the conductor let the intensity build slowly to a shattering peak.

Yes, the CSO is back.

The program will be repeated on select dates through May 7 in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; ticket prices vary; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Matilda the Musical' ★★ 1/2

This Roald Dahl family musical is mostly a letdown

BY CHRIS JONES

Chicago Tribune

"Matilda," the proto-feminist story of a gifted little girl with nasty parents, is perhaps the best family musical of this young century. Prescient for 2010, it managed both to be a thrilling, spectacular event in London, on Broadway and on tour and yet entirely in the irreverent, oft-kilter spirit of its creator, Roald Dahl. In its affirmation that young people, especially girls, need to be empowered, heard and sometimes rescued from horrors they cannot control, "Matilda" threw off the shackles of many levels of adult repression of the young, especially in education.

The show made you ache for the fate of some kids, yet Tim Minchin's score and Dennis Kelly's book both were huge fun. The villainess, Miss Trunchbull, made Cruella de Vil look like an amateur. And Matilda — resilient, battle-scarred, independent, brilliant, determined to change her story — was the greatest of heroines. Any adult seeing the show ached for their own youth, ideally re-lived with adult awareness.

Which brings me to the mostly disappointing Drury Lane production, which opened Thursday night. "Matilda" works

in almost any circumstances, especially when you have as many talented kids as there are on the stage in Oakbrook Terrace. There are things to like about this version of the show — and all involve performers, such as Sean Fortunato's mincing, terrifying Trunchbull, Stephanie Gibson's superbly crafted Mrs. Wormwood and (on opening night), the winning Matilda forged by the sixth-grader Audrey Edwards.

But the director, Mitch Sebastian, treats material he appears not to trust like it's some sort of Grand Guignol horror show — there are so many expressionistic shadows in this staging, you feel like you're watching Fritz Lang's "Metropolis" at times. There is a complete lack of awareness of the show's emotional vocabulary. And, time after time, Sebastian wrecks the crucial simplicity of many scenes with oodles of portentous directorial conceit, usually involving video, moving walls and shadowy figures in black, looking like they're runaways from an audition for "The Addams Family."

The most egregious disaster involves "When I Grow Up," a simple but inestimably beautiful song wherein kids, mistreated kids, dream of having adult control, while their grown-up counterparts look back with longing on their own lost youth. Every other time I've seen the show, kid and



BRETT BEINER PHOTO

Natalie Galla in "Matilda the Musical."

adults cried together at all the awful things we do to each other, and everyone vows silently to make change. But Sebastian's staging — which involved kids' voices coming out of adult mouths — merely confused. It was awful, as was the scene when Matilda finally finds a home with her teacher, Miss Honey (Eben K. Logan).

That scene in a little house should be the simplest thing in the world — a woman finds a daughter she loves and that daughter gets the mother she deserves. But not here, especially since Logan, a big talent, seems to have been directed to be perpetually insecure, which is she is supposed to

When: Through June 23

Where: Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

Running time: 2 hours, 25 minutes

Tickets: \$50-\$65 at 630-530-0111 and www.drurylane.com

be the epitome of quiet feminist strength, the greatest of mothers. That choice throws off the show.

I'm aware of the danger of critics loving material too much, and of the challenges new directors face when trying to put their own stamp on a musical wherein the original production looms so large in the memory. And the broad comedy in this staging is stronger than I may have so far have implied, especially when we see the fine work of Jackson Evans and Evan C. Dolan, both of whom will tickle you. And did I mention the talents of these local kids?

But here's the thing. This production lacks heart and its pretensions get in the way of what matters. Doing Dahl is a bit like doing "Harry Potter." Like J.K. Rowling, Dahl understood that kids know that the world is not safe, despite all the best efforts of the adults who love them. The cruel world of "Matilda" is just a heartbeat away from our own. It's not some campy, fantastical haunted house, but in our own cities. What the theater — and this musical — can do is teach you how to cope.

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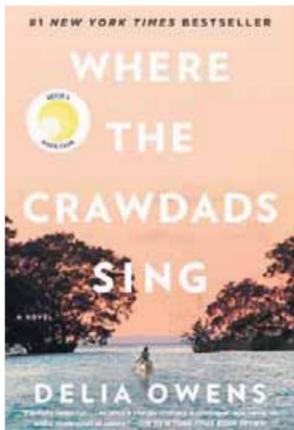
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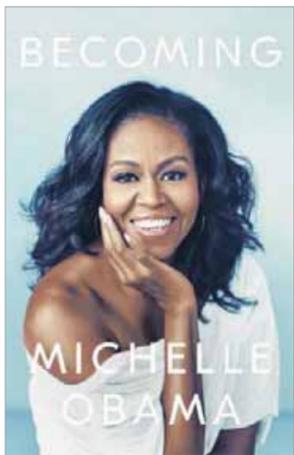
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8. **"Celtic Empire: A Dirk Pitt Novel"** by **Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler** (Putnam, \$29) *Last week: 8*
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1. **"Becoming"** by **Michelle Obama** (Crown, \$32.50) *Last week: 3*
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6. **"Pulling Profits Out of a Hat: Adding Zeros to Your Company Isn't Magic"** by **Brad Sugars and Monte Wyatt** (Cranberry, \$24.95) *Last week: —*
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8. **"Next Level Basic: The Definitive Basic Bitch Handbook"** by **Stassi Schroeder** (Gallery, \$27) *Last week: 1*
9. **"Life Will Be the Death of Me: ... and you too!"** by **Chelsea Handler** (Spiegel & Grau, \$27) *Last week: 5*
10. **"The Path Made Clear: Discovering Your Life's Direction and Purpose"** by **Oprah Winfrey** (Flatiron, \$27.99) *Last week: 7*



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— Publishers Weekly



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Dating pair are on different pages

Dear Amy: I have been dating "Bradley" for four months now, and I really like him. He's the real deal, and I have been enjoying our relationship. I know he enjoys my company, too. We have agreed on exclusivity and are happy knowing that there is no one else in either of our lives. However, recently I asked him if he was ready to refer to one another as "boyfriend and girlfriend." He says he is not ready for that.

I want him to fully commit to me, and it hurts that he doesn't seem to be interested in taking our relationship to the next step. If he truly likes me, shouldn't he be proud/happy to be my boyfriend?

Five months before dating me, he ended his four-year relationship with a girlfriend. Unfortunately, he is in regular contact with her, and it hurts every time I see her name pop up on his phone. He says he misses her as a friend.

I have talked to him about this and he continues to tell me what I want to hear (that he will stop talking to her), and that he will commit to me, but I don't see any change. Should I stay with him and work it out? Or should I ask him to figure himself out without me and basically end the relationship?
— *Truly Conflicted*

Dear Conflicted: I agree with you that when two people are on the same page, romantically, they are generally delighted to refer to themselves as an "official" couple. Your version of this is "boyfriend and girlfriend." But you and your guy are not quite on the same page. You're on

Chapter Three of your Big Book of Love, and he is still on the preface.

You seem to be the prime mover in this fairly young relationship. The way to discern where your friend is on the relationship spectrum is to stop pressing him to tell you what you want to hear, stop asking him to define things for you and simply watch — with as objective an eye as you can — to see what he actually does.

It sounds as if he likes you. It also sounds as if he isn't ready to commit fully. If he were, he wouldn't be in regular contact with his ex. And if he and his ex had transitioned to friendship, he would include you in that friendship.

Romantic love is as much about timing as it is about attraction. Your timing might be off. Understand and accept this tough truth, and if you aren't getting what you want, you should love yourself enough to perhaps let this one go.

Dear Amy: What is a gracious, non-hurtful way to say, "We prefer to eat alone"? We live in a retirement home where it is common for people to join together at meals. However, my husband prefers to share this time with me and no others.

He is not an anti-social person, but eating with a stranger makes him uncomfortable. The suggestion that mealtimes are opportunities to make friends doesn't work for him.

— *Not Unfriendly*

Dear Not Unfriendly: You two should ask if you could be seated at a two-person

table (or at the smallest available table) during mealtimes.

You could also try to time your trip to the restaurant area toward the later end of the meal service. That way, most of the other diners would already be seated, and you could choose to sit at a table with fewer other diners.

Also, ask the home's social worker for advice.

You don't mention if your husband has medical issues that would prevent him from taking responsibility for his own preferences, but if he is of sound mind, perhaps he should handle this himself. He could say, "I hope you don't mind, but my wife and I would like to eat alone tonight." If there are no other available seats, he will have to tolerate sharing his mealtime with other people.

It's important that you both get what you need from this experience. I hope you are taking care of yourself as well as you are taking care of him.

Dear Amy: Thank you for your compassionate advice and practical tips to "Not-Wool," the recuperating mother who was overwhelmed having a new dog at home.

I agree with you that the entire family should pull together to ease this burden. And yes, they should keep the dog.

— *Dog Lover*

Dear Dog Lover: Animals are not expendable.

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TV REVIEW

Zac Efron captures charisma of serial killer Ted Bundy

By OWEN GLEIBERMAN
Variety

Serial killers are the ultimate compartmentalized criminals — the fear and horror they represent isn't just there in the gruesomeness of their violence, but in the way they pass among us, impersonating normal people. Seen in that light, Ted Bundy was the ultimate compartmentalized monster. He wasn't the first hideous murderer to become infamous in the media age; that would be Richard Speck, in 1966. But Speck, at the time, seemed a killer out of central casting; he looked like the monumentally damaged cold-blooded demon-creep

he was. Charles Manson, likewise, in his zombie-eyed snake-charmer way, was ideally cast for the role of savage hippie psycho.

Whereas Ted Bundy was handsome and "presentable" with an easy-going, all-American grown-up-boy-next-door jocularly. In the key decade of his crimes, the 1970s, when he was caught and put on trial and rose to a new kind of mass notoriety, a lot of people had trouble wrapping their heads around the fact that this guy could have done what he did. But that's what's so scary about Ted Bundy.

"Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile" is a drama, directed by the



BRIAN DOUGLAS/NETFLIX

Zac Efron, left, portrays serial killer Ted Bundy and Lily Collins plays Bundy's girlfriend, Lily Collins.

veteran documentarian Joe Berlinger, that casts Zac Efron as Ted Bundy, and the movie devotes so much screen time to Bundy's "normal" side — i.e., the side that wasn't out bashing, strangling and dismembering young women — that you could make a case that the film itself is compartmentalizing Bundy's evil.

The whole reason a movie like this one exists is that a great many people

have a fascination with serial killers, an obsession that has spread, in recent decades, to the culture at large. But is there something voyeuristic and unseemly about it? Or can the fascination with Ted Bundy that's tapped by a movie like "Extremely Wicked" escape exploitation to become, in its way, a valid and even moral dramatic impulse?

It all depends on the movie, of course. "Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile" is an honestly unsettling and authentic inquiry into the question of who Ted Bundy was, how he operated, what his capture and trial and ongoing infamy has meant, and what, if anything, his existence tells us about our individual relationship to toxic evil.

So how is Zac Efron as

'Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile'

MPAA rating: R (for disturbing/violent content, some sexuality, nudity and language)

Running time: 1:50

Streaming: On Netflix

Bundy? He's startlingly good: controlled, magnetic, audacious, committed and eerily right. With his hair grown out into a sort of Bert Convy 'do, Efron looks the part just fine, and he uses his insidious charisma to grab us from the start, when Ted, haunting a college bar in Seattle in 1969, meets Liz Kendall (Lily Collins), the single mom who will become his romantic and domestic partner throughout the years of his crimes.

The two fall in love, and from that it may sound like "Extremely Wicked" is soft-pedaling the very notion of Ted's feelings (did he even have any?). But from what we know (the film is based on Kendall's 1981 memoir "The Phantom Prince: My Life With Ted Bundy"), this was a genuine attachment — and the fact that Ted, once he gets arrested, lives in trembling fear of the idea that he might lose Liz doesn't seem far-fetched. The "human"

side of Ted is real, and even, at times, a quality we're asked to identify with. And that in no way undermines the film's portrait of his warped landscape of interior mayhem. What it shows us, with a shudder, is how he can hide that violence even from himself.

The dramatic engine of "Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil" is Ted's insistence, right up until the final minutes of the movie, that he is innocent. He denies his guilt to Liz so ardently, and so stridently, that she stands right by him, even as she's drowning her hidden doubts in alcohol. And he denies it to the cops, based on his supposition that they have no definitive evidence, but also on the fact that he's using the whole Ted Bundy persona — the looks, the charm, the sexy hint of mellow — to imply at every turn: How could I have possibly done that?

Yet the most strange-but-true section of the movie has to be his murder trial in Florida. Brushing his state-appointed counsel aside, he acts as his own attorney, transforming the court into a theater of the absurd. It's the first nationally televised trial in America, and for Ted, in his blue blazer and big dark bowtie, that gives him the chance to treat the trial as showbiz. He's playing the star defendant, and portraying his "innocence," the same way he fooled his victims: by pretending to be someone he's not.

Efron's acting takes wing in these scenes. We see the desperate soul hidden in the charlatan hidden in the handsome straight-arrow.

Liz begs Ted to finally release her by confessing the truth, Berlinger crafts a moment that haunts us, linked to the word that Ted writes on the glass partition. "Extremely Wicked" doesn't rub our noses in the horror of Ted Bundy. It shows us just enough, keeping the horror where it belongs, in the recesses of our imagination, where it remains what it should be: dark as midnight, and altogether too much to fathom.

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WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Adam Sandler

“Saturday Night Live” (10:29 p.m., NBC): It’s been nearly a quarter of a century since Adam Sandler left the cast of “SNL” in 1995 to concentrate on films, but he returns to NBC’s Studio 8H for the first time as host tonight. He may favor fans with another goofy original song and/or an appearance by Opera Man. He also welcomes Canadian singer-songwriter Shawn Mendes as tonight’s musical guest.

“145th Kentucky Derby” (1:30 p.m., NBC): Billed as “The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports” but more commonly known as the “Run for the Roses,” it’s time for the 145th Kentucky Derby. Three-year-old thoroughbreds kick off the Triple Crown on the one-and-a-quarter mile track at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. Last year, Justify pulled away from the rest of the field on a muddy track on his way to becoming the thirteenth, and most recent Triple Crown winner.

“Trading Spaces” (7 p.m., 11 p.m., TLC): Two original legacy designers revisit signature rooms they designed in past episodes of the show in the new “What’s Old Is New Again.” Host Paige Davis welcomes Laurie Smith and Doug Wilson to review flashbacks to their earlier appearances. Laurie’s choice of an unexpected paint color for the master bedroom she’s redesigning gets some strong blowback from her homeowners.

“Den of Thieves” (7:30 p.m., Showtime): Christian Gudegast wrote and made his directorial debut with this 2018 action thriller that focuses on California’s most infamous — and successful — bank robbery crew as they plan an elaborate and, in fact, seemingly impossible heist on the Federal Reserve Bank of downtown Los Angeles. As the story unfolds, the story cuts back and forth between this crooked team and an elite unit of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

“Chasing Life With Dr. Sanjay Gupta” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., CNN): Sanjay Gupta continues his globe-hopping exploration of different locations around the world in which citizens seem to have found some key to living fully and well with an hour that takes him the northern part of Norway. To an outsider’s eye, this Nordic country appears dark, chilly and downright desolate for much of the year, yet Norwegians seem to have unlocked some secret to being happy.

“Big Texas Fix” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., DIY): In the new episode “Run Down Family Rental,” Ashley and Michael tackle a ramshackle family-owned 1939 Craftsman home that definitely has seen better days and are surprised when the job takes them on an emotional journey. Gradually, though, this island home undergoes a transformation into a breathtaking residence that includes room expansions and some inspired flooring choices.

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‘THE LAST’ ★★ 1/2

Matriarch’s confession upends her family

By **PETER DEBRUGE**
Variety

In August 2018, Jakiw Palij — a former concentration camp guard identified as “the last known World War II Nazi living in the U.S.” — was deported to his homeland, fully 15 years after a federal court had stripped him of his citizenship. No country, not even Germany, wanted to accept him, and so he remained in America until President Donald Trump booted him out last year.

But was Palij, who died in January, really the last of his kind? What if there were others? What if it turned out that there was a Nazi living undetected in your family? These are but some of the head-scratching questions in Jeff Lipsky’s “The Last,” the latest wall-to-wall talkathon from the hyper-literate writer-director, a former independent film distributor who began his career as an advocate for other tough-sell voices and has become somewhat prolific making a frustratingly amateurish kind of low-budget feature.

With “The Last,” Lipsky stirs up an examination of not only anti-Semitism but also philo-Semitism, or Judeophilia — reflected in a lapsed-Catholic woman’s eagerness to adopt her Jewish fiancé’s faith (the attractive young couple, Olivia and Josh, are played by Jill Durso and AJ Cedeño) — with a matter-of-fact euthanasia subplot thrown in for good measure.

The movie opens with a Jewish family observing the first day of Rosh Hashanah and swiftly turns to long, dense discussions about Olivia’s decision to convert to Judaism.



PLAINVIEW PICTURES/GLASS HALF FULL MEDIA

In “The Last,” a Jewish family is forced to rethink its heritage after the 92-year-old matriarch (Rebecca Schull, left, with Jill Durso) reveals a series of secrets.

No MPAA rating
Running time: 2:04

Strange time jumps follow, skipping over her bat mitzvah and wedding to pick up at another family gathering, where three generations are represented. The faith-based conversations continue, though the characters are so hazy at this point, it can be a challenge for audiences to engage.

During these early scenes, Josh’s 92-year-old great-grandmother Claire (Rebecca Schull), or Nana, beams warmly, almost invisibly, from the edge of the frame. She’s the least conspicuous character at first, but will come to take the spotlight when she shows up to visit the couple at the beach, where idle remembrances of her family history take an unexpected turn. Over the course of a nearly 45-minute, narcolepsy-tempting stretch on the sand, Nana drops at least three bombshells. (Technically, Lipsky spreads them out across several dialogue scenes, clumsily staged in four locations along the beach with a shocking disregard for either dramatic tension or cinematic composition.)

Be warned: This paragraph contains spoilers, though some viewers may be grateful to see the three points explained. After a long-winded lead-up in which she summarizes her mother’s diary, Nana confesses that she is not Jewish but was in fact a Nazi nurse who assisted at Auschwitz, and later emi-

grated to the U.S., posing as a Jewish refugee of the war. Second, she explains that her husband, “Papa Moishe,” was also a Nazi and not the biological father of her child (Josh’s grandmother Rosalie, now deceased), meaning that the family’s entire Jewish lineage is a lie. And finally, Nana shares that she has been diagnosed with cancer and intends to take her own life, rather than wait for the disease to claim it.

These are heavy revelations, complicated by Schull’s chipper delivery. She speaks with an almost mischievous smile, eyes sparkling, but as the conversation turns darker, so too does her sensibility, to the point that she’s rejecting the word “Holocaust” and blaming Jews for controlling the narrative of WWII. It’s an ugly spectacle but also an acting tour de force for this longtime Lipsky collaborator, weirdly enhanced by the film’s biggest plot hole: that this unrepentant anti-Semite has spent more than 70 years pretending to be the very thing she claims to hate.

“The Last” isn’t grounded in anything truthful, making it a strange kind of exploitation film: one that poses elaborate rhetorical questions of little real-world relevance. Is the characters’ Judaism really destabilized in any way by Nana’s past?

Compared with “Us,” also in theaters now, the movie feels benign, almost polite — which can’t possibly be what Lipsky had in mind.

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 4

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	NBC	5	† (6:15) NHL Hockey: Columbus Blue Jackets at Boston Bruins. Eastern Conference Semifinal, Game 5. (N)		Saturday Night Live (N) ©	NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)			
	ABC	7	NBA Countdown (N) ©	NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Houston Rockets. (N)		Eyewitness News (N) ▶			
	WGN	9	Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story (PG, '05) ★★★ Kurt Russell, Dakota Fanning. ©		WGN Weekend News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	Man of the People (N)			
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	The U	26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad
	MeTV	26.3	Svengoolie: “Frankenstein.” ©		Star Trek ©	MasterChef © ▶			
	H&I	26.4	The District: “Pilot.” ©	The District ©	The District ©	Hill Street ▶			
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	BET	† (6:30) The Temptations							
	BIGTEN	† College Lacrosse (N)	BIG Show	BIG Show	BIG Show	BIG Show	Campus		
	BRAVO	† Legally Blonde 2	(8:14) Legally Blonde (PG-13, '01) ** Reese Witherspoon. ©						
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	News (N)	
	CNBC	Undercover Boss ©	Undercover Boss ©	Undercover Boss ©	Boss ▶				
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)	Chasing Life (N)	United Shades	United ▶				
	COM	† (5:50) Happy Gilmore **	Happy Gilmore (PG-13, '96) ** Adam Sandler. ©	South Park					
	DISC	Expedition Unknown: Rediscovered (N) ©		Expedition Unknown (N) ▶					
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	ESPN2	College Volleyball (N)	Rookie	Rookie	SportCtr (N)				
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	FOOD	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Im. (N)	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant ▶				
	FREE	† (6:10) The Lion King ***	(8:15) The Incredibles (PG, '04) *** Voices of Craig T. Nelson. ▶						
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HIST	Patriots Day (R, '16) *** Mark Wahlberg, Kevin Bacon. ©		Gold ▶						
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LIFE	Pregnant and Deadly (NR, '19) Christa B. Allen. ©	(9:03) Surviving R. Kelly (N) © ▶							
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NBCSCH	† MLB Baseball: Red Sox at White Sox (N)		Postgame	Crackbrx	UFA ▶				
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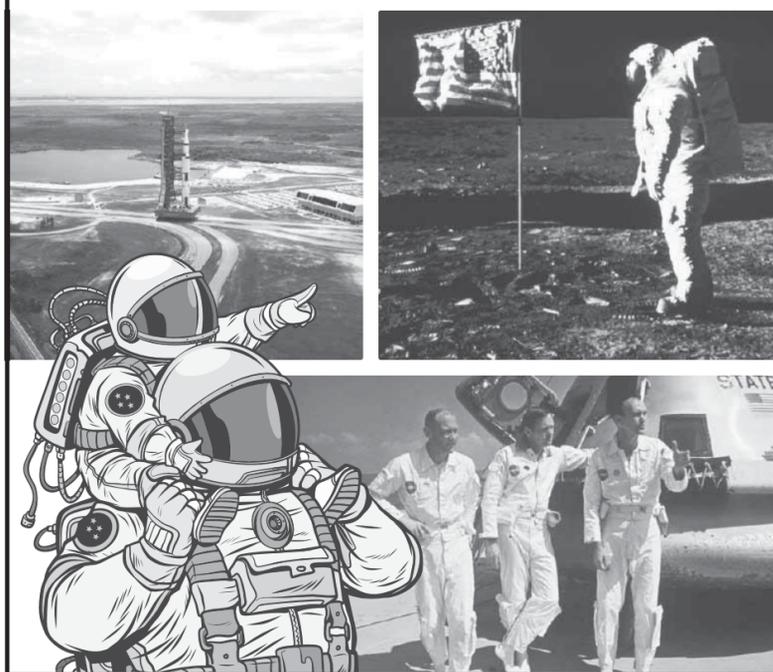
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (May 4): Family fortunes rise with nurturing this year. Meticulous planning and preparation save time, trouble and money. Summer networking, communication and connection lead to a change in your itinerary. Long-distance travel or research next winter can inspire a creative change.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Use creative communications for sales and marketing under this new moon. Step into new levels of prosperity. Begin a new chapter.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. A new personal phase dawns with this new moon in your sign. Take the high road. Take your talents, capacities and skills to new levels.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Insights, breakthroughs and revelations sparkle under this new moon. Dreams seem within reach. Practice benefits a philosophical, spiritual and mindful phase. Make long-term plans.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Take a group endeavor to new heights. Breakthroughs in friendship, social networks and community provide cause for celebration under the Taurus new moon.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Accept new responsibilities as you prepare. Professional opportunities shine under this new moon. Develop an exciting project from an idea to reality.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Investigate new ideas and opportunities, possibly long distance. Education, travels and exploration sprout under this new moon. Try exotic flavors.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Find collaborative ways to grow your family's nest egg. A lucrative two-week phase dawns. Launch a profitable initiative together. Reap a rich harvest.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. A romantic dream is within reach. Support each other through changes or transformations. A partnership blossoms under this new moon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Fresh energy floods your work, health and vitality under this new moon. Nurture yourself before caring for others. Power into physical routines. Practice your moves.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. This new moon sparks a family, fun and passion phase. A romantic relationship transforms. It's all for love and love for all. Share your heart.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Wrap your love around home and family. A new domestic phase arises with this new moon. A seed planted long ago flowers into beauty.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Adapt to the news. Profit through creativity, arts and communications. Breakthroughs arise in conversation under this Taurus new moon.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

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

Today's deal is from a recent youth tournament in Norway. There are many fine bridge players in Norway — they just bid funny. They bid quite well, actually, but their approach is different from ours. Transfer responses to an opening bid are popular in Europe and other parts of the world, but they are just starting to make an appearance in American bidding.

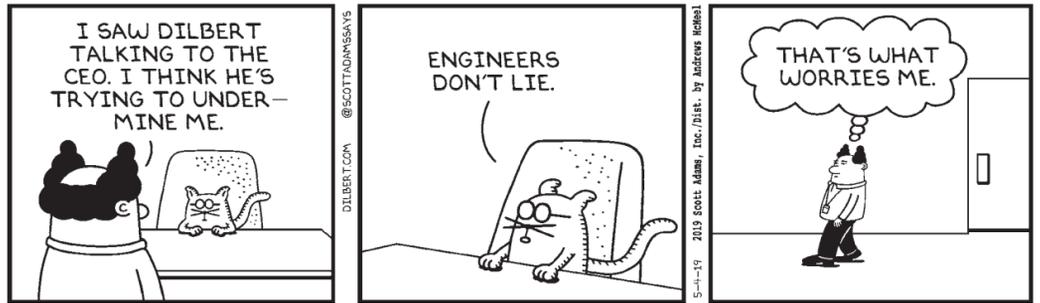
The exuberance of youth no doubt had a hand in the bidding. The final contract was terrible, but declarer had a chance when West found an unfortunate opening lead. South ruffed the ace of clubs in dummy with the nine of spades and led a heart. East rose with his ace and led another heart to South's king. A low club was ruffed with the ace of spades. Dummy's queen of spades was cashed and the jack was overtaken by South's king. The nine of clubs was ruffed with dummy's 10 of spades and the four of spades was led to declarer's eight, drawing the last outstanding trump. South cashed the king of clubs, leaving this position:

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

Declarer led his last trump and discarded dummy's 10 of diamonds. East was helpless. In this classic crisscross position, South had the rest of the tricks regardless of East's play. Nice bidding, I guess!

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

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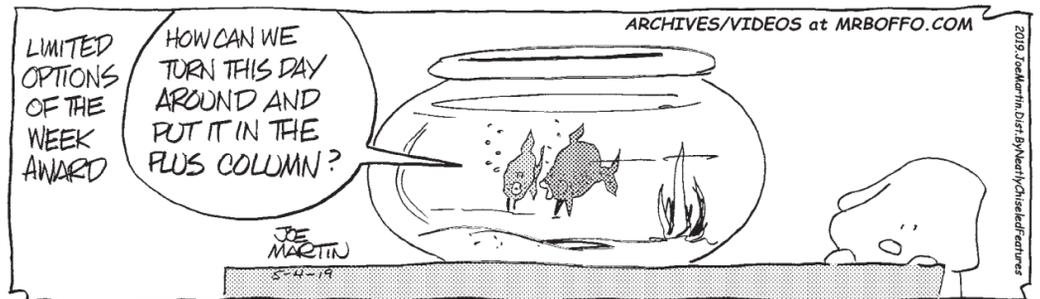
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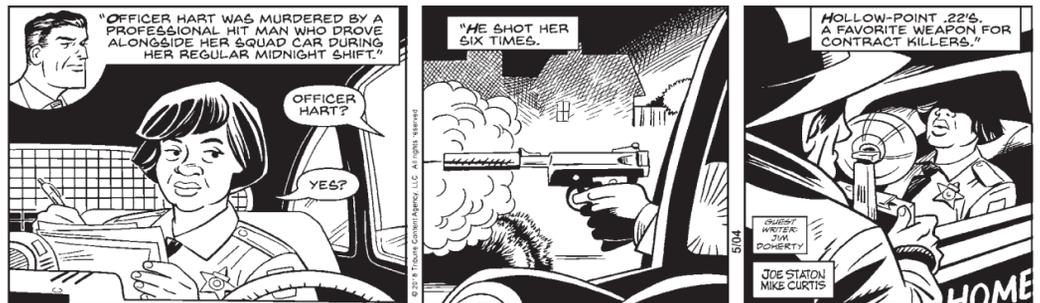
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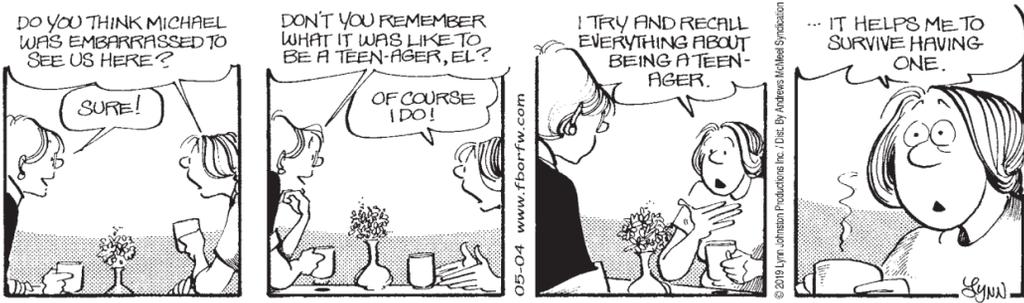
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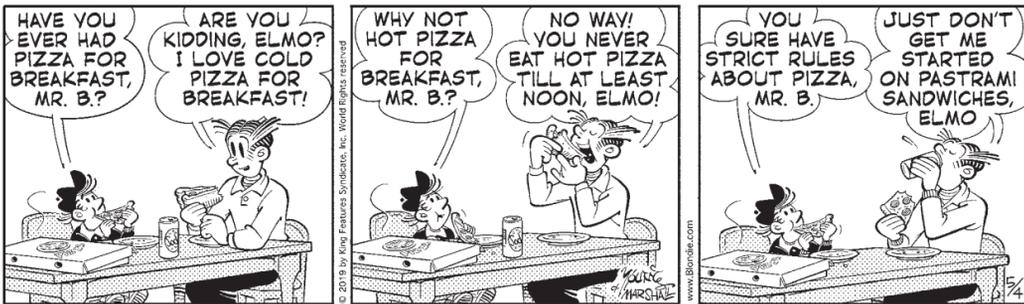
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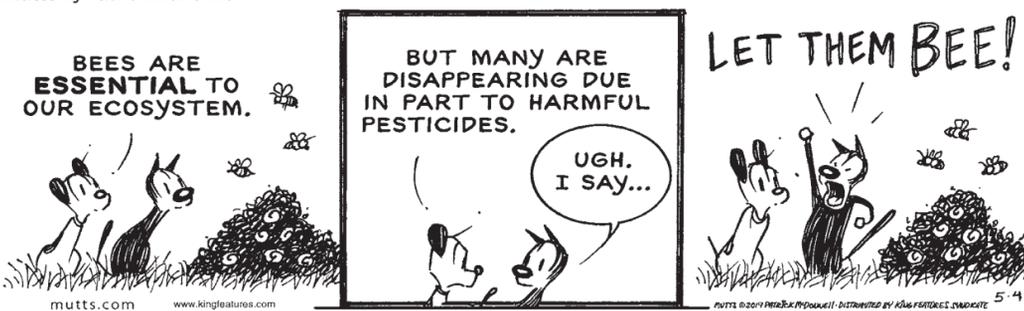
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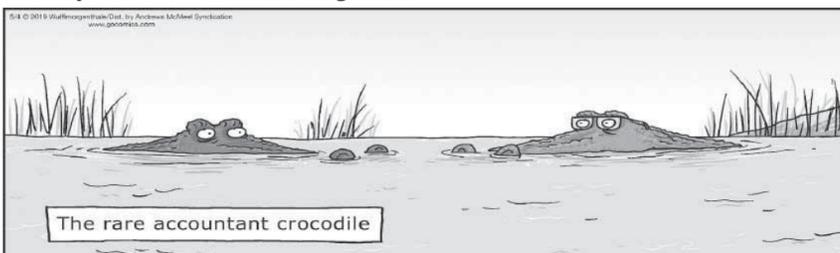
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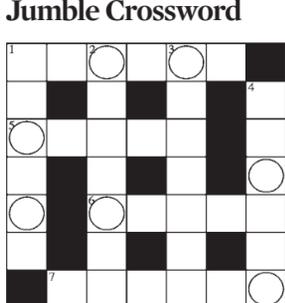
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Trivia Bits

The Alabama quarter in the U.S. Mint's 50 State Quarters series incorporates what element into its design?
 A) Braille writing
 B) Confederate flag
 C) Hologram
 D) QR code
 Friday's answer: The 1924 Summer Olympics were held in Paris.

Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Obliterated
 - Characteristic
 - Himalayan region
 - Tribulation
- CLUE DOWN**
- Complete, whole
 - Power
 - Article of food
 - Soft shade

ANSWER ACROSS
 SEARDE
 IATTR
 TEBTI
 DRALOE

ANSWER DOWN
 INEETR
 PARTADE
 AABELTE
 TAPSEL

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.

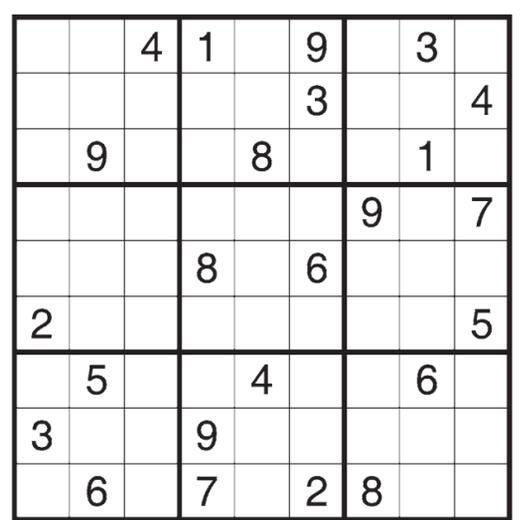
TRIPLE BONUS
 The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

CLUE: Talks aimlessly, endlessly
 CLUE: Actress, diva
 CLUE: Surprise

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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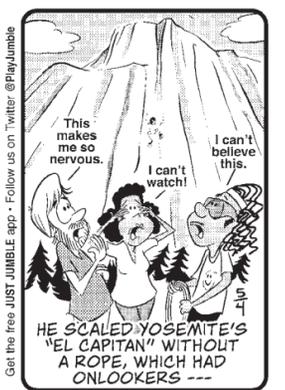
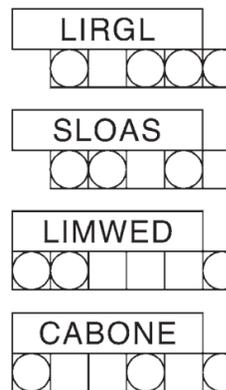
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3	9	4	8	7	5	6	2	1
6	7	2	9	4	1	5	8	3

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

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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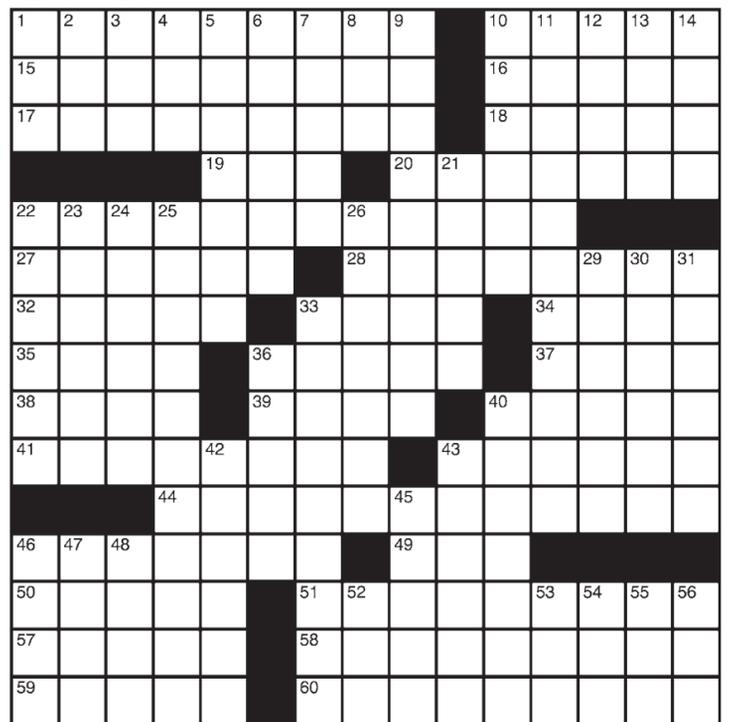


Friday's answers

Jumbles: DRINK RODEO JOVIAL MEDIUM
 Answer: She was becoming angrier, but, after thinking about it, it was — MIND OVER "MADDER"

Crossword

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- Across**
- One of the X-Men
 - Prior's superior
 - Essential supply for an ophiologist
 - Home of Bosch's "The Garden of Earthly Delights"
 - Vehicle in the 2012 film "Arbitrage"
 - New Mexico school athletes
 - Italy's equivalent of the BBC
 - Some necklaces
 - Its solution refutes its existence
 - Not on edge
 - Collections of plant specimens
 - Flow
 - Fill a hold
 - Ireland's Féin
 - Follower of the old school?
 - Favor, slangily
- Down**
- Diamond immortal, with "The"
 - Fridge-cleaning motivation
 - Not sleep well
 - Took on
 - Iconic dot-eater
 - Flammable gas
 - Rise on hind legs
 - "Knowing where your food comes from" movement
 - Aspen abodes
 - Grand Canal span
 - Ready to roll
 - Canonized Archbishop of Canterbury
 - Part of a blabbing metaphor
 - Abrupt increase
 - Prayer books
 - Occult decks
 - Hard-to-overcome evils
 - Brew in Brest
 - Ottoman officers
 - Crown
 - Grand
 - Iranian's monogram
 - Hanoi holiday
 - Supermarket-based chain
 - Less-common spelling; Abbr.
 - Local boundaries?
- Friday's solution**
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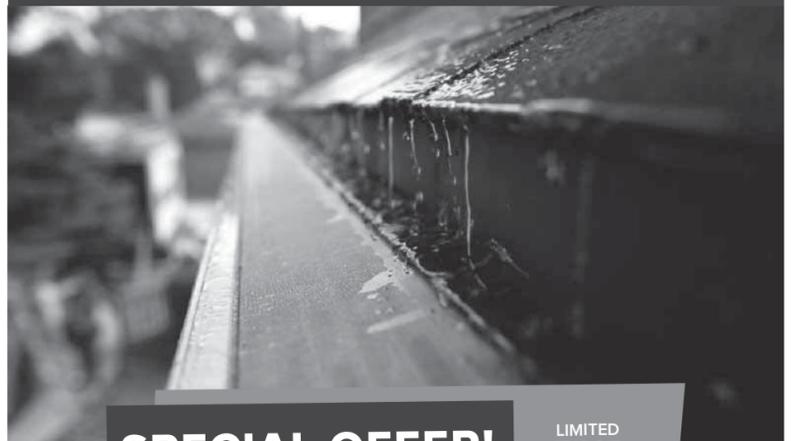
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Cubs starter Kyle Hendricks is congratulated by catcher Willson Contreras after throwing a shutout against the Cardinals on Friday.

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Past perfect

Hendricks' 81-pitch gem conjures memories of Maddux's many masterpieces

Cubs pitcher Kyle Hendricks often has been compared to Hall of Famer Greg Maddux because he relies on location and changing speeds rather than an overpowering fastball.

So it was only appropriate Hendricks wound up with a "Maddux" of his own Friday afternoon, throwing 81 pitches in a 4-0 shutout of the Cardinals on a chilly but sunny day at Wrigley Field.

The Maddux is an unofficial stat invented by writer Jason Lukehart for a



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

complete-game shutout with fewer than 100 pitches. Maddux did it 13 times in his career, including three times for the Cubs, the most since accurate pitch-count data became available in 1988.

Nobody else has more than seven, which makes Maddux the king of Madduxes.

"I'm lucky I got one," Hendricks said of his first Maddux. "Every time I go out there, I'm trying to get early contact, early outs, and when it happens

to go this way, you can say, 'Look, I did it.' "But there were some hard-hit balls early in counts that were just right at guys that could've been hits."

Look, he did it, becoming the first Cub to throw a Maddux since Carlos Zambrano in 2009.

Anthony Rizzo's three-run, third-inning home run off Jack Flaherty was all the support Hendricks needed, and he cruised to his second win to pull the Cubs within 1 1/2 games of the first-place Cardinals.

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BULLS

Extension shows faith in Boylen

Team 'committed' to coach, gives him new, multiyear deal

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

The Bulls officially announced Jim Boylen's contract extension Friday, a formality after executive vice president John Paxson said on April 11 that such a move was "very possible."

Boylen already was under contract through next season when he took over for the fired Fred Hoiberg on Dec. 3. The Bulls, who never placed an interim tag on Boylen's head coach title, initially reworked his deal to reflect his increased responsibilities. This multiyear extension replaces that deal.

At the onset of negotiations, which didn't start until April 24, one source said Boylen likely would get a three-year deal, although it's unknown if one year is a team option.

"Jim has a strong vision on where he wants to take this team, and he has done a great job establishing the culture that we want this organization to stand for as we continue to progress," Paxson said in a statement. "He has tremendous passion for developing young talent, is a strong communicator and a good fit for this team. The organization is confident in the direction that he is taking our players, and we are committed to him."

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Boylen



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears coach Matt Nagy speaks with the media following the team's minicamp at Halas Hall on Friday.

Kicker search remains wide of the mark

Only 2 of 8 kickers hit 43-yard FG during minicamp tryout



DAN WIEDERER
On the Bears

Friday's practice at Halas Hall ended just the way the Bears' 2018 season did: with a northbound 43-yard field-goal attempt.

Well, eight of them, actually. Each of the kickers the Bears brought in for this weekend's rookie minicamp got one opportunity to try "The Cody Parkey." Forty-three yards. Let's see what you're made of.

The distance of the kick was a calculated move. "That was on purpose," Matt Nagy admitted.

The Bears coach also asserted that each of the eight kickers — four under contract and four here on a tryout basis — didn't need a reminder from above about what that distance symbolized. "They already know," Nagy said. "They know loud and clear why?"

Of course they do. It was Parkey's season-ending 43-yard miss in the opening round of the playoffs that got the Bears into this mess, into this 2019 kicker carnival in which the candidates for next season's job have seemingly been multiplying like wet Gremlins. It's incredibly rare that any practice in the NFL proceeds with eight kickers involved. So the unique nature of the Bears'

Turn to Wiederer, Page 6

RED SOX AT WHITE SOX

Kopech patient, yet eager during Tommy John rehab

By LAMOND POPE | Chicago Tribune

Michael Kopech sat in the White Sox dugout before Friday's night's game against the Red Sox.

A couple of hours later, Chris Sale would be on the mound starting for the Red Sox at Guaranteed Rate Field.

"Who is that?" Kopech asked with a smile. "No, just kidding."

The two forever will be linked as part of a Dec. 6, 2016, trade. The White Sox acquired four players, including Kopech and third baseman Yoan Moncada, for Sale, their longtime ace who helped the Red Sox win the World Series last season. Sale struck out the side in the ninth inning of the clinching Game 5 against the Dodgers.

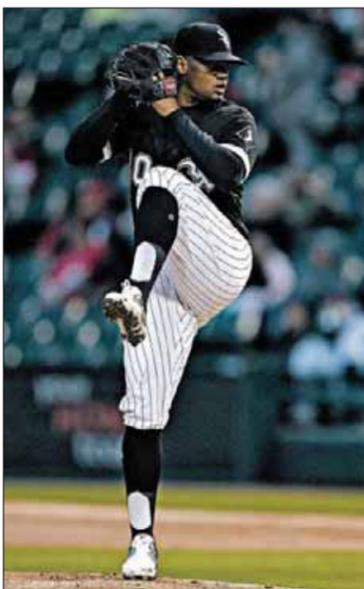
Kopech doesn't mind the association. "It's cool," Kopech said. "Obviously he had a heck of a year last year and he's a heck of a pitcher. He's one of the faces of

baseball, so to even still be included in that is really cool.

"I know that (Moncada) and myself probably would rather almost put that behind us, but not in a negative connotation. Just in the fact we want to have our own careers and build a name for ourselves. It's not a bad thing by any means. Chris Sale is Chris Sale. I'm excited to see him pitch."

Kopech is eager to get back on the

Turn to White Sox, Page 3



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox starting pitcher Reynaldo Lopez allowed three runs in the first inning Friday night against the Red Sox.

KENTUCKY DERBY

Baffert: Pressure of Derby 'never gets old'

Hall of Fame trainer has three serious contenders in Saturday's 145th "Run for the Roses." Page 2

HORSE RACING



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert has three serious contenders for the Kentucky Derby.

KENTUCKY DERBY

Big shot Bob seizes spotlight

Derby pressure? For Baffert, it 'never gets old'

BY CHILDS WALKER
The Baltimore Sun

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Every time he brings a top contender to the Kentucky Derby, Bob Baffert offers a discourse on pressure — that gnawing tension he feels when he has to get a horse, invested with so many dollars and so many hopes, to the starting gate for the most scrutinized race in North America.

You might think Baffert would shrug off his unease after five career Derby victories and two Triple Crowns in the last four years. But he says it's always roiling behind those signature sunglasses, and the truth is, the 66-year-old trainer finds the sensation intoxicating.

"Never gets old," he said Thursday, as he greeted waves of reporters and well-wishers outside his familiar Barn 33 at Churchill Downs.

Is the pressure greater when all his ambitions ride on one mighty animal, as was the case with Justify last year? Or is it actually magnified when he has three top contenders?

That's Baffert's story this year as he tries to tie Ben Jones for the most trainer wins in Derby history. With former morning-line favorite Omaha Beach scratched from the field, the most famous trainer in the sport now has the top three betting choices headed into Saturday's 145th running of the race.

"It's a different feeling when you have one horse," he said. "We're spreading it out this year."

Game Winner, Improbable and Roadster do not draw the same awed statements from Baffert as his Triple Crown winners, American Pharoah and Justify. But together, they represent quite a hand.

When Baffert has multiple Derby contenders, he will often tip careful listeners to which one he thinks is best.

This time around, he's been more circumspect.

If we think of the three horses in terms of human siblings, Game Winner is the first son. The thickly built bay colt beat his stablemates to the national stage when he won the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile in November, and he always gives a good effort.

Improbable is the chestnut middle son, thought by some to be the most promising 3-year-old in the 2019 class but fussy and undermined on race day by his seeming lack of focus.

Roadster is the gray baby, rated by many in Baffert's barn to be the most gifted of the three last summer, then derailed by throat surgery before he re-emerged to upset Game Winner in the Santa Anita Derby on April 6.

Baffert speaks of Game Winner, the 9-2 morning-line favorite despite the fact that he's finished second in both his 2019 starts, with the most assurance.

"Game Winner is a champion," the white-haired trainer said simply. "He's always right there and has never run a bad race."

He described the 2-year-old champion's running style as "like a fullback." But jockey Joel Rosario will have to avoid the wide trips that cost Game Winner in his two narrow defeats this year.

When it comes to 5-1 co-second choice Improbable, Baffert often sounds as if he's discussing a reform-school case.

"He can be a little bit feisty," he said. "He's got a little bigger engine on him; he gets excited a little bit, but that's him."

Improbable won all three of his starts as a 2-year-old, including the Grade 1 Los Alamitos Cash Call Futurity. But he faced questions about his focus, because he tended to look around and cock his head during workouts. Those questions gained steam after Long Range Toddy caught him in their division of the March 16 Rebel Stakes. Then he became agitated trying to enter the starting gate for the April 13 Arkansas Derby and failed to outduel Omaha Beach.

That said, he still ran well in both those races, the second in muddy conditions that might be repeated Saturday at Churchill Downs.

Improbable lost his most recent rider, Jose Ortiz, to fellow contender Tacitus. But Irad Ortiz Jr., Jose's brother, picked up the mount, choosing Improbable over several other possibilities.

Roadster, meanwhile, didn't race for six months after he finished third in the Sept. 3 Del Mar Futurity. He was also out of training for half that time because of surgery to remove an obstruction in his throat that was limiting airflow. He returned, victorious, in an allowance race at Santa Anita Park on March 1. But his entire chance to qualify for the Derby came down to the Santa Anita Derby on April 6, when he chased down Game Winner.

Given that victory and the general respect for contenders from California, Baffert thought Roadster might have been the Derby favorite if jockey Mike Smith had opted to stay on him. Instead, Smith chose Omaha Beach. Florent Geroux will ride Roadster on Saturday.

Baffert has done his best to keep the bullseye off his contenders this week. But the carnival atmosphere around Baffert's barn is a constant reminder of the place he occupies at the center of his sport.

Baffert could hide from it, but he stands outside until the last question is asked, last photograph snapped. He cannot quit this stage or the pressure that comes with it.

■ Serengeti Empress went wire-to-wire to win the \$1.25 million Kentucky Oaks by 1 1/4 lengths over Liora on Friday at Churchill Downs.

It was the first Kentucky Oaks victory for trainer Tom Amoss.

Ridden by Jose Ortiz, Serengeti Empress covered 1 1/8 miles 1:50.17 and paid \$28, \$14.80 and \$9.60.

The AP contributed to this report.

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Derby field

145th Kentucky Derby
Churchill Downs
Post time: 5:50 p.m. Saturday, NBC-5

- 1. WAR OF WILL**
Jockey: Tyler Gaffallone
Trainer: Mark E. Casse
Prep: 9th, Louisiana Derby
Last 3 races: 9th, 1st, 1st
Career starts, W-P-S: 8, 3-1-1
- 2. TAX**
Jockey: Junior Alvarado
Trainer: Danny Gargan
Prep: 2nd, Wood Memorial
Last 3 races: 2nd, 1st, 3rd
Career starts, W-P-S: 5, 2-2-1
- 3. BY MY STANDARDS**
Jockey: Gabriel Saez
Trainer: W. Bret Calhoun
Prep: 1st, Louisiana Derby
Last 3 races: 1st, 1st, 3rd
Career starts, W-P-S: 5, 2-2-1
- 4. GRAY MAGICIAN**
Jockey: Drayden Van Dyke
Trainer: Peter Miller
Prep: 2nd, UAE Derby
Last 3 races: 2nd, 2nd, 5th
Career starts, W-P-S: 8, 1-3-2
- 5. IMPROBABLE**
Jockey: Irad Ortiz Jr.
Trainer: Bob Baffert
Prep: 2nd, Arkansas Derby
Last 3 races: 2nd, 2nd, 1st
Career starts, W-P-S: 5, 3-2-0
- 6. VEKOMA**
Jockey: Javier Castellano
Trainer: George Weaver
Prep: 1st, Blue Grass
Last 3 races: 1st, 3rd, 1st
Career starts, W-P-S: 4, 3-0-1
- 7. MAXIMUM SECURITY**
Jockey: Luis Saez
Trainer: Jason Servis
Prep: 1st, Florida Derby
Last 3 races: 1st, 1st, 1st
Career starts, W-P-S: 4, 4-0-0
- 8. TACITUS**
Jockey: Jose Ortiz
Trainer: Bill Mott
Prep: 1st, Wood Memorial
Last 3 races: 1st, 1st, 1st
Career starts, W-P-S: 4, 3-0-0
- 9. PLUS QUE PARFAIT**
Jockey: Ricardo Santana Jr.
Trainer: Brendan P. Walsh
Prep: 1st, UAE Derby
Last 3 races: 1st, 13th, 5th
Career starts, W-P-S: 7, 2-1-2
- 10. CUTTING HUMOR**
Jockey: Mike Smith
Trainer: Todd A. Pletcher
Prep: 1st, Sunland Derby
Last 3 races: 1st, 7th, 2nd
Career starts, W-P-S: 6, 2-2-1
- 11. HAIKAL***
- 12. OMAHA BEACH***
- 13. CODE OF HONOR**
Jockey: John Velazquez
Trainer: Claude McLaughy III
Prep: 3rd, Florida Derby
Last 3 races: 3rd, 1st, 4th
Career starts, W-P-S: 5, 2-1-1
- 14. WIN WIN WIN**
Jockey: Julian Pimentel
Trainer: Michael J. Trombetta
Prep: 2nd, Blue Grass
Last 3 races: 2nd, 3rd, 1st
Career starts, W-P-S: 6, 3-2-1
- 15. MASTER FENCER**
Jockey: Julien Lejaroux
Trainer: Koichi Tsunoda
Prep: 2nd, Fukuryu Stakes
Last 3 races: 2nd, 4th, 1st
Career starts, W-P-S: 6, 2-2-0
- 16. GAME WINNER**
Jockey: Joel Rosario
Trainer: Bob Baffert
Prep: 2nd, Santa Anita Derby
Last 3 races: 2nd, 2nd, 1st
Career starts, W-P-S: 6, 4-2-0
- 17. ROADSTER**
Jockey: Florent Geroux
Trainer: Bob Baffert
Prep: 1st, Santa Anita Derby
Last 3 races: 1st, 1st, 3rd
Career starts, W-P-S: 4, 3-0-1
- 18. LONG RANGE TODDY**
Jockey: Jon Court
Trainer: Steven M. Asmussen
Prep: 6th, Arkansas Derby
Last 3 races: 6th, 1st, 3rd
Career starts, W-P-S: 8, 4-1-1
- 19. SPINOFF**
Jockey: Manny Franco
Trainer: Todd A. Pletcher
Prep: 2nd, Louisiana Derby
Last 3 races: 2nd, 1st, 3rd
Career starts, W-P-S: 4, 2-1-1
- 20. COUNTRY HOUSE**
Jockey: Flavien Prat
Trainer: Bill Mott
Prep: 3rd, Arkansas Derby
Last 3 races: 3rd, 4th, 2nd
Career starts, W-P-S: 6, 1-2-1
- 21. BODEXPRESS**
Jockey: Chris Landeros
Trainer: Gustavo Delgado
Prep: 2nd, Florida Derby
Last 3 races: 2nd, 2nd, 4th
Career starts, W-P-S: 5, 0-3-0

* — With the scratch of Omaha Beach, Bodexpress will draw into the field and break from Post 20. All horses outside of Omaha Beach (13-20) will move one position toward the inside, but their numbers will remain the same. As a result of Haikal's scratch, all horses inside of Haikal (1-10) will move one position toward the outside, but their numbers will remain the same as well. Post 1 will not be used. Only 19 horses will make up the field.
Note: Morning-line odds
GRAPHIC: Tribune News Service
SOURCES: Equibase, Churchill Downs

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	Saturday Cardinals 3:05 p.m. WGN-9	Sunday Cardinals 6:05 p.m. ESPN
	Saturday Red Sox 6:10 p.m. NBCSCH	Sunday Red Sox 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH
	Saturday @LAFC 9:30 p.m. ESPN+	Wednesday Revolution 7 p.m. ESPN+

SATURDAY TV/RADIO

MLB	Noon Twins at Yankees	MLBN
	3 p.m. Cardinals at Cubs	WGN-9 WSCR-AM 670
	6 p.m. Red Sox at White Sox	NBCSCH WGN-AM 720
	6 p.m. A's at Pirates	FS1
	9 p.m. Dodgers at Padres	MLBN
COLLEGE BASEBALL	2 p.m. Ohio St. at Minnesota	BTN
	7 p.m. Vanderbilt at South Carolina	ESPN
NBA	7:30 p.m. Warriors at Rockets	ABC-7
BOXING	9 p.m. Beterbiev vs. Kalajdzic	ESPN
GOLF	Noon Wells Fargo Championship	Golf
	2 p.m. Wells Fargo Championship	CBS-2
	2 p.m. In斯perity Invitational	Golf
	5 p.m. MEDIHEAL Championship	Golf
	11:30 p.m. Volvo China Open	Golf
NHL	6:15 p.m. Blue Jackets at Bruins	NBC-5
	9 p.m. Avalanche at Sharks	NBCSN
HORSE RACING	1:30 p.m. Kentucky Derby	NBC-5
COLLEGE LACROSSE	11 a.m. Patriot League Tournament	CBSSN
	1:30 p.m. Big East Championship	FS2
	3:30 p.m. Big East Tournament	CBSSN
	6 p.m. Big Ten Tournament	BTN
SOCCER	5:30 a.m. Bourne vs. Tottenham	NBCSN
	8:20 a.m. Bayern vs. Hannover	FS2
	8:30 a.m. Wolves vs. Fulham	NBCSN
	11:20 a.m. Werder vs. Dortmund	FS2
	11 a.m. Cardiff vs. Crystal Palace	NBC-5
	1 p.m. Galaxy at Red Bulls	ESPN
	1:30 p.m. Newcastle vs. Liverpool	NBCSN
	9 p.m. Tijuana vs. Puebla	FS1
COLLEGE SOFTBALL	3 p.m. Northwestern at Minnesota	ESPNU
	5 p.m. Auburn at Arkansas	ESPNU
	7 p.m. Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma	ESPN
TENNIS	1 p.m. Munich, Estoril, Prague, Rabat	Tennis
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL	7 p.m. NCAA Tournament	ESPN2

FIRE

Trade for Calvo should help backline

Fire get Minnesota United captain for allocation money

BY JEREMY MIKULA | Chicago Tribune

The Fire added to their backline Friday, acquiring Costa Rican international defender Francisco Calvo from Minnesota United in exchange for \$400,000 in allocation money.

The deal for Calvo, who can play left back or center back, includes \$100,000 in General Allocation Money and \$50,000 in Targeted Allocation Money in 2019, and \$100,000 in GAM and \$150,000 in TAM in 2020. Minnesota could receive an extra \$125,000 in TAM based on Calvo's performance with the Fire, and Minnesota retains considerations for a percentage of a potential future transfer if Calvo is sold outside MLS.

He is under contract through the 2020 season with club options for 2021 and 2022.

"Acquiring Francisco's talents and character is a big plus for our club," Fire President and general manager Nelson Rodriguez said in a statement. "He is a versatile defender with international experience in the prime of his career. He is familiar with MLS and has demonstrated a competitive mentality that should fit well with our group."

Calvo, 26, had been Minnesota's captain since joining the team in 2017. He scored five goals and had four assists in 60 games with the Loons. He made his international debut for Costa Rica in 2011 and played two matches for the Ticos in the 2018 World Cup.

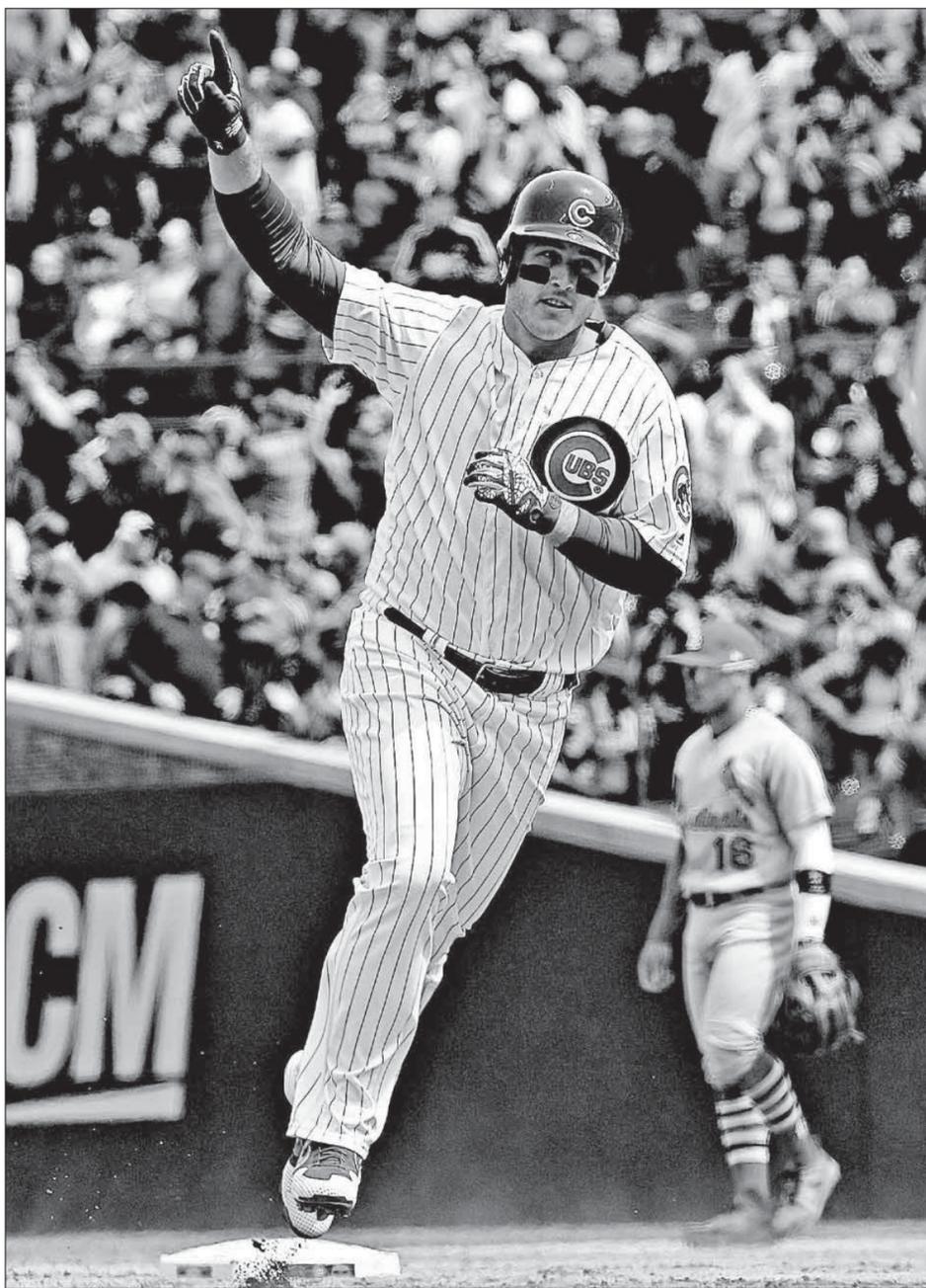
Calvo was not on the squad for Minnesota's 1-0 win against D.C. United on Sunday, with coach Adrian Heath reportedly saying he "didn't want any negativity about the group."

"He's obviously disappointed, and I thought it would be better if we left him out all together," Heath told reporters.

Left back has been a problem position for the Fire this season since Brandon Vincent's retirement at the end of last season.

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CUBS



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Cubs' Anthony Rizzo rounds the bases after hitting a three-run homer in the third inning Friday against the Cardinals at Wrigley Field.

Master on the mound

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nals in the National League Central.

The No. 31 flag on the Wrigley Field roof, which represents the retired jerseys of both Maddux and Fergie Jenkins, was blowing in at 12 mph when Hendricks took the mound, coming off a poor start in Arizona and another inconsistent April.

The Cardinals were aggressive early in counts, keeping Hendricks' pitch count low and giving him a chance to stay in until the end. He hadn't thrown a complete game since Aug. 1, 2016, against the Marlins, and this was only the third in his career.

"It just doesn't happen," manager Joe Maddon said of an 81-pitch shutout.

With home runs, strikeouts and walks the way of the world in modern baseball, Hendricks' gem was an anomaly. After Matt Carpenter struck out to begin the game, the next 24 Cardinals hitters put the ball in play, a stretch that ended when Harrison Bader was called out on strikes to end the eighth.

"I stuck with my mental approach the whole time instead of abandoning it, like in the last game," Hendricks said.

The Cardinals had only three

singles in that stretch, and Hendricks picked off Bader in the sixth, so he faced only 26 batters through the eighth, aided by fine defensive plays from Kris Bryant, Javier Baez and Jason Heyward.

Hendricks allowed four hits and walked no one, improving to 2-4.

"Just amazing," Rizzo said. "Fun to watch."

The Cubs have won 16 of 22 since April 6, the best record in the majors. The woeful 1-6 start that ignited talk-radio panic seems like a bad dream now.

"It all starts in the head and the mind," Maddon said. "And then we go out there and there's a believability something good is going to happen."

"Analytically speaking, it's hard to describe and you cannot put numbers on it. It's a feel, and it exists. There's another dimension out there. And when you're playing in that other dimension, everyone feels it and you've got to ride it as long as you can."

Hendricks was in another dimension Friday, not to be confused with being in the Twilight Zone. Last week in the Cubs clubhouse, he was talking about the rarity of the complete game, a stat that's becoming extinct with the explosion of power arms in bullpens and stricter pitch counts.

"I loved watching them as a fan growing up," he said. "I loved the pitching duels. But there's not too many of them anymore."

Who knew he not only would throw one two outings later, but it would go down as one of the best starts by a Cubs pitcher in years.

No two Madduxes are alike, and comparing them is as meaningless as comparing a Picasso with a Rembrandt. Zambrano needed 98 pitches in his 3-0 win over the Giants on Sept. 25, 2009, at AT&T Park.

Before Hendricks, the Cubs starter with the fewest pitches in a Maddux was Jon Lieber, who needed only 78 pitches in a one-hit shutout of the Reds on May 4, 2001.

Coincidentally, both Zambrano and Lieber were at Friday's game and visited the Cubs clubhouse afterward. Lieber remembered everything about his Maddux, including the fact he faced the minimum 27 batters and that Juan Castro broke up his no-hit bid in the sixth.

But that was before anyone called a Maddux a Maddux. Hendricks knew he had a chance for one, so his Maddux was definitely one to savor.

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CUBS NOTES

Maddon says Russell 'not far off'

By PAUL SULLIVAN
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Friday was supposed to be the day Addison Russell returned from his 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy.

Instead he's in Omaha, Neb., after the Cubs optioned him to Triple-A Iowa on Thursday after he finished a seven-day minor-league assignment.

Iowa started a series in Omaha on Friday night.

There is no timetable for Russell's return to the Cubs, though spring training usually consists of three weeks of games, and he's basically one week into his second spring.

Manager Joe Maddon said Friday he has texted with Russell recently but has not spoken with him. What does Russell need to do to show he's ready to play again?

"Just more at-bats, just to go out and play," Maddon said. "When you have been through what he's been through and the awkwardness of their preparation to get here... Guys right now, they're not in midseason form but are pretty

much advanced, and we just want to make sure he's ready to play here. Get you at-bats, get your reps, make sure you're not sore."

"It's actually about being fair to him, too, to make sure he's ready to go by the time he gets back up here. It's not far off, from what I understand. Actually I've heard some good things, but typically everybody wants to rush things. When you don't have to rush things, it's a better method."

Russell entered Friday hitting .217 with one home run and seven RBIs in 23 at-bats for Iowa. He's getting acclimated to playing second base again after moving to shortstop full time in 2015.

The Cubs could bring Russell back near the end of this 10-game homestand or wait until they go on the road, where he would face less media scrutiny. Or they could wait if he doesn't look ready.

"Regardless of where we play or when he's ready to go, he'll be fine."

Finding a groove: Kyle Hendricks' four-hit gem against the Cardinals on Friday gave the Cubs consecutive shutouts for the second time this season, and their

starting pitchers have a combined 2.15 ERA over the last 18 games.

"That is the contagious part of this game I love," Maddon said. "Good starting pitching, and everything revolves around that."

The 4-0 win pushed the Cubs' run differential to plus-42 — tied with the Mariners for first in the majors entering Friday night's games — and the defense has stepped up since the first week.

"When we play defense like that and get pitching like that, we know that's the formula," Anthony Rizzo said.

Extra innings: Rizzo's three-run blast in the third inning Friday was his 198 with the Cubs, tying Hank Sauer for ninth place on the franchise's home-run list. Rizzo has 199 overall, the other coming with the Padres. ... Right-hander Tony Barnette suffered a setback in his rehab from shoulder inflammation and was transferred to the 60-day injured list. ... The Cubs reinstated minor-league pitcher Oscar De La Cruz, who was suspended 80 games in July for PED use. The right-hander will begin with Double-A Tennessee.

WHITE SOX

Kopecch patient, eager during rehab

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mound too. The right-hander is out for the entire season while recovering from Tommy John surgery, which was performed Sept. 18.

"I got told (Friday) percentage-wise I'm a little less than halfway, so about 42 percent," Kopecch said. "But I feel good. I feel in the best shape I've been in in a couple of years. Throwing wise, it's coming out easy. I'm learning to have more feel."

"I'm not really at a point where I'm putting too much stress on what I'm doing because I know I have a lot of time left. I'm excited about where I'm at."

Kopecch is rehabbing in Arizona. But he is in town for a portion of the homestand, along with Dane Dunning, who also is recovering from Tommy John surgery.

Kopecch said he's doing a long-toss program.

"I'm out to 120 feet," Kopecch said. "Then I threw my first flat ground (Thursday). It went well. I was excited about it. Just move on to the next stage, which should be bullpens eventually, but I'm not sure when exactly."

General manager Rick Hahn is pleased with the progress.

"It's certainly going to be a matter of pulling him back as opposed to moving him forward," Hahn said Thursday. "Even (Thursday) when he was throwing his flat ground he had to be told to back off a little bit, which again is on brand for Michael Kopecch, but everything

physically in where he's at in his rehab is positive."

The Red Sox drafted Kopecch with the 33rd pick in 2014. He went 1-1 with a 5.02 ERA in four starts last season with the White Sox and was diagnosed with a torn right ulnar collateral ligament Sept. 6.

Kopecch is the No. 2 prospect in the White Sox organization and No. 21 in baseball, according to the Baseball America 2019 preseason rankings.

Whenever he returns, he won't feel the need to "win the trade."

"Obviously when (Sale) was here, he was a big part of the team, and me and (Moncada), we want to be our own addition to the team," Kopecch said. "We want to be able to help this team win a championship someday and hopefully soon."

"We are not really trying to prove anyone right or wrong or anything like that. It's just now this is the team. This is who we are."

Dunning, meanwhile, who underwent surgery on his right elbow March 18, said it will be a couple of months before he starts throwing.

Dunning was acquired with Lucas Giolito from the Nationals as part of the Adam Eaton trade in December 2016. Dunning had a combined 2.71 ERA with Class A Winston-Salem and Double-A Birmingham last season before being shut down.

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ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale reacts after hitting Adam Engel with a pitch during the third inning Friday at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Bulls commit to Boylen with multiyear extension

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The Bulls were 5-19 when Boylen took over and went 17-41 under him, finishing at 22-60 and missing the playoffs for the second consecutive season. After a slow start, they went 7-3 in the first 10 games that Otto Porter Jr. played after his February acquisition from the Wizards. With widespread injuries and no desire to affect draft-lottery status, the Bulls limped to the finish line with 13 losses in 16 games.

Boylen, 54, joined the organization before the 2015-16 season as Hoiberg's associate head coach.

The extension is mostly about ownership and management's belief in Boylen's teaching ability for a young roster and strong care for players. But it's also rooted in the organization's desire to upgrade Boylen's staff. Boylen now has security to present to potential lead assistant coaching hires, a process that sources said Boylen has begun.

After a tumultuous start to his tenure in which he publicly challenged players' conditioning and used two five-man substitutions in a franchise-record 56-point loss, Boylen connected with several players through long film sessions and daily communication. Zach LaVine, one of the most emotional and passionate voices at an air-it-all-out team meeting Dec. 9, even offered to pay Boylen's fines for getting ejected from a March 16 road loss to the Clippers.

"We're not winning and he's still coaching us hard," LaVine said then. "We're going somewhere. And I appreciate that."

League rules prohibited LaVine from following through on his gesture anyway. And with his new deal, Boylen certainly

can afford to pay his own fines.

But Boylen isn't worried about that. He's focused on making himself and the Bulls better.

"Change is hard on people," Boylen said on the final night of the season in Philadelphia. "There was a shock to the system here that I thought was necessary, although at times painful and difficult. I think we're going to see benefits of that not only this year, but in the future."

"We obviously have guys around here that want to be coached, honor 'Bulls' across their chest. That might not be for everybody, but I know what winning looks like. I've been a part of it, and we're going to try and build this culture to be a winning culture."

Indeed, Boylen already is excited for his first training camp as head coach.

"It will mean hopefully establishing our foundation at both ends better," he said that April 10 night. "Hopefully, it will reinforce the style of play that we want."

"We want to improve our individual defense and our team defense. That's a big training camp point of emphasis. That's what training camp is: getting in a stance and learning how to play together defensively."

"Offensively, we're going to keep building on our multiball-handler system and playing out of flow and then executing. I didn't think we always screened well this year. I didn't think we hit the open man as well as we could. Those are all training camp basics that are going to be coached and taught."

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BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	21	11	.656	—	—	7-3	W-2	9-7	12-4
New York	18	13	.581	2½	—	7-3	W-1	9-7	9-9
Toronto	15	17	.469	6	3	5-5	W-1	7-8	8-6
Boston	15	18	.455	6½	3½	6-4	W-1	8-7	7-11
Baltimore	11	22	.333	10½	7½	3-7	L-2	3-11	8-11
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	19	11	.633	—	—	6-4	L-1	11-5	8-6
Cleveland	17	13	.567	2	—	5-5	W-1	8-4	9-9
Detroit	14	15	.483	4½	2½	5-5	W-1	7-5	7-10
Chicago	14	16	.467	5	3	6-4	L-1	8-8	6-8
Kansas City	11	22	.333	9½	7½	4-6	L-2	8-11	3-11
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	18	14	.563	—	—	5-5	L-2	10-3	8-11
Seattle	18	16	.529	1	1	2-8	L-5	7-11	11-5
Los Angeles	15	17	.469	3	3	6-4	W-4	11-7	4-10
Texas	14	16	.467	3	3	2-8	L-3	10-7	4-9
Oakland	15	19	.441	4	4	4-6	W-1	10-8	5-11

Late games noted below

SATURDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
STL Wacha (R)	2-0 4.78 3-2	0-1 9.1 8.68	2-0 14.2 7.36
Chi Darvish (R)	3:05p 2-3 5.02 2-4	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-1 16.2 3.24
Ari Soroka (R)	2-1 1.62 2-1	0-0 4.2 1.93	2-1 16.2 1.62
Mia Richards (R)	5:10p 0-4 4.64 0-6	0-0 4.1 10.38	0-3 15.0 8.70
Was Corbin (L)	2-1 3.58 3-3	1-0 7.1 0.00	2-1 18.2 4.34
Phi Arieta (R)	6:05p 4-2 3.46 4-2	0-0 19.0 4.74	2-1 19.0 4.74
SF Rodriguez (R)	3-3 4.35 3-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-1 13.2 4.61
Cin Roark (R)	6:10p 1-1 4.08 3-3	0-1 6.0 6.00	1-1 14.0 3.86
NY Wheeler (R)	2-2 5.05 2-4	0-0 6.0 6.00	1-1 20.0 3.15
Mil Gonzalez (L)	6:10p 0-0 3.60 0-1	1-1 17.2 2.04	0-0 5.0 3.60
Ari Weaver (R)	2-1 3.73 3-3	0-0 3.1 5.40	2-0 15.2 2.30
Col Freeland (L)	7:10p 2-4 4.81 2-4	2-1 29.2 3.64	1-2 17.0 4.24
LA Hill (L)	0-0 1.50 1-0	2-1 20.0 2.25	0-0 6.0 1.50
SD Lucchesi (L)	7:40p 3-2 4.94 3-3	0-3 12.2 8.53	1-1 16.2 5.40
AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Min Odorizzi (R)	3-2 3.34 3-3	1-1 12.0 4.50	3-0 18.1 1.47
NY Happ (L)	12:05p 1-2 4.68 4-2	1-0 6.0 6.00	1-0 20.1 2.21
Sea Leake (R)	2-3 4.98 3-3	2-0 13.0 4.15	0-3 17.0 5.82
Cle Carrasco (R)	3:10p 2-3 5.86 2-4	1-1 8.2 9.35	1-1 17.2 2.04
KC Bailey (R)	2-3 5.70 2-4	0-1 8.0 2.25	1-2 13.0 6.23
Det Ross (R)	3:10p 1-3 4.03 2-3	1-0 6.0 6.00	0-2 17.0 5.29
TB TBD	—	—	—
Bal Bundy (R)	6:05p 0-4 6.67 1-5	2-2 22.2 6.35	0-3 16.0 5.06
Hou Milley (L)	1-2 3.24 4-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 17.2 3.06
LA Cahill (R)	6:10p 1-2 5.93 2-4	1-1 20.0 4.05	0-1 12.1 9.49
Bos Rodriguez (L)	2-2 6.16 4-2	1-0 11.1 3.97	1-0 16.0 4.50
Chi Baneluos (L)	6:10p 2-0 2.70 2-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 9.2 1.86
Tor TBD	—	—	—
Tex Lynn (R)	7:05p 3-2 5.45 4-2	0-1 14.0 7.71	2-1 16.0 6.19
INTERLEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Oak Bassitt (R)	1-0 0.75 1-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 12.0 0.75
Pit Williams (R)	6:05p 1-1 3.38 4-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 19.0 4.26

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
 Tampa Bay 7, Baltimore 0
 Detroit 4, Kansas City 3
 Cleveland 2, Seattle 1
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Minnesota 3
 Oakland 14, Pittsburgh 1
 Boston 6, Chicago White Sox 1
 Toronto 1, Texas 0 (12)

SUNDAY'S GAMES
 Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 12:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Detroit, 12:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Cleveland, 12:10 p.m.
 Oakland at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
 Boston at Chicago White Sox, 1:10 p.m.
 Toronto at Texas, 2:05 p.m.
 Houston vs. L.A. Angels at Monterrey, 3:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
 Chicago Cubs 4, St. Louis 0
 Philadelphia 4, Washington 2
 Atlanta 7, Miami 2
 Oakland 14, Pittsburgh 1
 San Francisco 12, Cincinnati 11 (11)
 Milwaukee 3, N.Y. Mets 1
 Arizona 10, Colorado 9
 L.A. Dodgers 4, San Diego 3
SUNDAY'S GAMES
 Atlanta at Miami, 12:10 p.m.
 Oakland at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
 Washington at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.
 Arizona at Colorado, 2:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 3:10 p.m.
 San Francisco at Cincinnati, 3:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 6:05 p.m.

BOX SCORES

CUBS 4, CARDINALS 0

ST. LOUIS AB R H BI SO AVG
 Carpenter 3b 4 0 0 0 1 190
 Goldschmidt 1b 4 0 0 0 1 254
 DeJong ss 4 0 0 0 0 323
 Ozuna lf 3 0 0 0 0 270
 Martinez rf 3 0 0 0 0 361
 Molina c 3 0 1 0 0 263
 Wong 2b 3 0 1 0 0 262
 Bader cf 3 0 1 0 1 237
 Flaherty p 2 0 0 0 0 100
 Gallegos p 4 0 1 0 0 312
 Leone p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 a-Fowler ph 1 0 1 0 0 321
TOTALS 30 0 4 0 3

CHICAGO AB R H BI SO AVG
 Desclazo 2b 3 1 0 0 1 247
 Bryant 3b 3 2 1 0 1 229
 Rizzo 1b 3 1 3 3 0 252
 Baez ss 4 0 1 1 0 262
 Contreras c 4 0 1 0 2 299
 Zobrist rf-lf 3 0 0 0 1 224
 Schwarber lf 2 0 0 0 1 236
 Almora jr. cf 4 0 0 0 0 243
 Heyward cf-rf 4 0 0 0 0 315
 Hendricks p 3 0 0 0 3 077
TOTALS 29 4 6 4 12

TIGERS 4, ROYALS 3

KANSAS CITY AB R H BI SO AVG
 Merrifield 2b 4 0 0 0 1 289
 Mondesi dh 4 0 0 0 2 277
 Gordon lf 3 1 1 0 0 286
 Dozier 1b 4 1 1 0 3 340
 Soler rf 3 1 3 2 0 242
 Rodriguez 3b 4 1 2 0 2 269
 Whiting ss 3 0 0 0 2 143
 a-O'Hearn ph 1 0 1 0 0 237
 Maldonado c 4 0 0 0 1 181
 Hamilton cf 2 1 2 0 2 324
 Jones p 3 0 0 0 1 212
TOTALS 32 3 7 13

DETROIT AB R H BI SO AVG
 Candelario 3b 3 1 0 0 1 226
 Castellanos rf 3 2 1 0 0 271
 Cabrera dh 4 0 3 1 0 295
 1-Dixon pr-dh 0 0 0 0 0 333
 Groom lf 4 0 0 0 2 236
 Rodriguez lf 4 1 2 0 2 324
 Beckham 2b 3 0 2 0 1 250
 Greiner c 4 0 0 0 1 211
 Mercer ss 3 0 0 0 1 226
 Jones p 3 0 0 0 1 138
TOTALS 31 4 8 3 7

RAYS 7, ORIOLES 0

TAMPA BAY AB R H BI SO AVG
 B.Lowe 2b 4 2 2 0 1 311
 Pham lf 4 0 3 2 0 305
 Choi 1b 4 0 0 1 2 269
 Diaz 3b 3 0 0 0 0 257
 N.Lowe dh 4 1 1 1 2 263
 Garcia lf 4 1 0 2 1 269
 Kiermaier cf 4 0 1 0 0 260
 Zunino c 4 1 1 3 0 198
 Adames ss 3 2 2 0 1 228
 Lir. Alberto, Davis, H. 3 0 0 0 3 171
TOTALS 34 7 12 7

BALTIMORE AB R H BI SO AVG
 Villar ss 4 0 1 0 1 274
 Mancini rf 4 0 0 0 6 331
 Smith Jr. lf 4 0 2 0 1 299
 Nunez dh 4 0 0 0 0 252
 Ruiz 3b 3 0 1 0 0 240
 Alberto 2b 3 0 0 0 0 316
 Lir. Alberto, Davis, H. 3 0 0 0 3 171
 Wilkerson cf 3 0 1 0 1 242
 Severino c 3 0 0 0 3 250
TOTALS 31 0 5 10

YANKEES 6, TWINS 3

MINNESOTA AB R H BI SO AVG
 Garver c 4 0 0 0 0 308
 Polanco ss 3 1 0 0 0 327
 Cruz dh 3 1 1 2 2 303
 Cron 1b 3 0 1 1 2 220
 Gonzalez lf 4 0 2 0 0 191
 Kepler rf 4 1 0 0 2 274
 Schoop 2b 3 0 0 0 1 270
 Adrianza 3b 4 0 0 0 2 158
 Buxton cf 2 1 0 0 0 247
 Tauchman lf 4 1 0 0 2 174
TOTALS 30 3 4 3 8

NEW YORK AB R H BI SO AVG
 Gardner cf 4 1 0 1 1 212
 Voit 1b 2 0 1 1 1 278
 Sanchez c 4 2 3 2 1 265
 Torres ss 4 0 1 1 1 270
 Ford dh 4 0 1 0 2 179
 Urshela 3b 3 0 1 0 0 338
 Tauchman lf 4 1 0 0 2 174
 Maybin rf 2 2 1 0 1 400
 Wade 2b 1 0 0 0 0 204
TOTALS 29 6 8 5 9

INDIANS 2, MARINERS 1

SEATTLE AB R H BI SO AVG
 Gordon 2b 4 0 2 0 0 334
 Haniger cf 4 0 1 0 3 207
 Vogelbach dh 2 0 0 0 0 289
 Encarnacion 1b 4 0 1 0 1 231
 D.Santana lf 4 0 0 0 1 275
 Bruce rf 4 0 0 0 0 289
 Narvaez c 4 0 1 0 0 289
 Beckham ss 4 0 2 0 1 284
 Healy 3b 2 0 0 0 1 231
 a-Naquin ph 2 0 0 0 2 184
TOTALS 34 1 8 10

CLEVELAND AB R H BI SO AVG
 Lindor ss 3 0 0 0 1 214
 Martin cf 4 2 1 0 1 214
 Ramirez 3b 4 0 1 0 2 186
 C.Santana 1b 3 0 0 0 1 314
 Luplow rf 2 0 1 0 1 273
 a-Naquin ph 1 0 1 0 1 278
 Gonzalez lf 3 0 0 0 2 226
 Kipnis 2b 3 0 0 0 0 173
 Plawecki c 3 0 0 0 1 200
 Bauer dh 3 0 0 0 2 231
TOTALS 29 2 4 11

ST. LOUIS 000 000 0-0 4 0
 000 000 10x-4 6 0
 a-singled for Leone in the 9th. **LOB:** St. Louis 3.
CHICAGO 7:2; Bryant (11), HR: Rizzo (8), off Flaherty. **RBIs:** Rizzo (3), Baez (25), SB: Flaherty (1), CS: Bader (3), Rizzo (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** St. Louis 1 (Carpenter); Chicago 2 (Heyward 2). **RISP:** St. Louis 0 for 1; Chicago 2 for 4.

DETROIT 000 200 001-3 7 0
 301 000 00x-4 8 0
 a-doubled for Owings in the 9th. 1-ran for Cabrera in the 8th. **LOB:** Kansas City 5, Detroit 6.
2B: O'Hearn (4), Rodriguez (5), 3B: Gutierrez (2). **HR:** Soler (8), off Greene. **RBIs:** Soler 2 (21), Gutierrez (8), Cabrera (12), Rodriguez 2 (7), CS: Hamilton (4), SF: Soler. **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 2 (Maldonado 2), Detroit 3 (Greiner 3). **RISP:** Kansas City 0 for 3; Detroit 3 for 10. **GIDP:** Greiner. **DP:** Kansas City 1 (Owings, GIDP).

TAMPA BAY 100 400 000-7 12 0
 000 000 00x-4 5 0
LOB: Tampa Bay 9, Baltimore 4. **2B:** Lowe (7), Pham (2), 3B: Kiermaier (4). **HR:** Zunino (3), off Straily. **RBIs:** Pham 2 (14), Choi (10), N.Lowe (1), Zunino 3 (15), SF: Choi, N.Lowe. **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 5 (B.Lowe, Diaz, Garcia 3). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 3 for 14; **Runners moved up:** Kiermaier. **GIDP:** Diaz, Kiermaier, Zunino, Davis. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1 (Adames, Diaz, Choi); Baltimore 5 (Villar, Alberto, Davis), (Alberto, Davis), (Davis, Villar).

MINNESOTA 001 000 020-3 4 2
 110 210 10x-6 8 1
 E: Cron (3), Buxton (1), Torres (4). **LOB:** Minnesota 5, New York 4. **HR:** Cruz (6), off Britton; Sanchez (9), off Gibson; Sanchez (10), off Morin. **RBIs:** Cruz 2 (20), Cron (16), Gardner (12), Voit (27), Sanchez 2 (20), Torres (16), SF: Cron, S. Wade. **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 3 (Gonzalez 2, Adrianza). **RISP:** Minnesota 0 for 5; New York 3 for 8. **Runners moved up:** Kepler, Gardner. **GIDP:** Adrianza, Urshela, Tauchman. **DP:** Minnesota 2 (Polanco, Schoop, Cron), (Polanco, Schoop, Cron); New York 1 (Wade, Torres, Voit).

SEATTLE 000 100 000-1 8 0
 000 100 001-2 4 0
 Two outs when winning run scored. a-singled for Luplow in the 9th. **LOB:** Seattle 8, Cleveland 4. **2B:** Beckham (2), Martin (5), Luplow (2). **HR:** Bruce (10), off Bieber. **RBIs:** Bruce (18), Naquin (8), SB: Gordon (9). **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 4 (Vogelbach 3, D.Santana), Cleveland 1 (Gonzalez). **RISP:** Seattle 1 for 6; Cleveland 2 for 4. **Runners moved up:** C.Santana. **GIDP:** C.Santana. **DP:** Seattle 1 (Gordon, Beckham, Encarnacion).

ATLANTA 7, MARLINS 2

ATLANTA AB R H BI SO AVG
 Albies 2b 5 1 1 0 0 289
 Donaldson 3b 5 0 0 3 1 275
 Freeman 1b 5 1 2 1 0 311
 Acuna Jr. lf 5 1 1 0 2 270
 Markakis rf 2 1 0 0 0 321
 Swanson ss 4 0 1 1 0 262
 McCann c 2 1 1 3 1 304
 Inciarte cf 3 1 1 0 0 237
 Gausman p 0 0 0 0 0 091
 Toussaint p 1 0 0 0 1 000
 Blivins p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 b-Joyce ph 0 1 0 0 0 276
 Winkler p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 c-Culberson ph 1 0 0 0 1 400
 Webb p 0 0 0 0 0 —
TOTALS 34 7 10 7 7

MIAMI AB R H BI SO AVG
 Granderson lf 5 0 0 0 2 182
 Rojas ss 5 0 1 0 2 281
 Anderson rf 3 0 0 0 2 246
 Castro 2b 4 0 0 0 0 231
 Prado 1b 4 0 1 1 0 280
 Alfaro 3 0 2 0 0 301
 Bertli 3b 3 0 1 0 0 240
 Herrera cf 4 0 1 1 1 177
 Urena p 1 0 0 0 1 000
 a-Walker ph 0 0 1 0 0 256
 Guerrero p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 Chen p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 Kinley p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 c-Calloway ph 1 0 0 0 1 205
TOTALS 32 2 6 2 11

PHILLIES 4, NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON AB R H BI SO AVG
 Eaton lf 3 0 2 0 0 294
 Robles rf 4 0 0 0 2 246
 Kendrick 3b 4 0 1 1 0 349
 Adams 1b 4 0 0 0 3 238
 Suzuki c 4 1 2 1 1 269
 Dozier 2b 3 0 0 0 0 181
 Kieboom ss 4 0 0 0 2 111
 Hellickson p 1 0 1 0 0 000
 Jennings p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 b-Difo ph 1 0 0 0 0 235
 Miller p 1 0 0 0 0 0 368
 Hellickson p 1 0 1 0 0 000
 Taylor cf 4 0 0 0 3 115
TOTALS 33 2 6 2 12

PHILADELPHIA AB R H BI SO AVG
 McCutchen cf 4 0 0 0 1 248
 Segura ss 4 2 2 1 1 345
 Harper rf 3 1 1 0 0 234
 Hoskins 1b 3 2 3 1 288
 Hellickson p 1 0 1 0 0 000
 Williams lf 3 0 0 0 1 150
 Hernandez 2b 3 0 1 0 1 284
 Franco 3b 3 0 0 0 2 255
 Hellickson p 1 0 1 0 0 000
 a-Altherr ph 1 0 0 0 1 034
 Dominguez p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 Morgan p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 c-Knapp ph 1 0 0 0 0 167
 Neshek p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 Neris p 0 0 0 0 0 —
TOTALS 29 4 6 4 10

NEW YORK 100 000 000-1 7 0
 100 020 00x-3 10 1
 a-flie out for Claudio in the 6th. b-struck out for Gagnon in the 9th. 1-ran for Ramos in the 9th. E: Aguilar (2). **LOB:** New York 7, Milwaukee 4. **2B:** Conforto (9), Moustakas (7), Perez (2), HR: Cain (4), off Matz; Braun (7), off Matz. **RBIs:** Ramos (18), Cain (12), Braun (20). **SB:** Rosario (4), Braun (2), Perez (2). **CS:** McNeil (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 4 (McNeil, Cano, Nimmo, Rosario). **Milwaukee:** Cain 2, Moustakas, Gamel, Arcia, J. Lopez, New York 1 for 7; Milwaukee 1 for 5. **GIDP:** Ramos, Frazer, Aguilar. **DP:** New York 1 (Rosario, Cano, Alonso); Milwaukee 3 (Grandal, Perez), (Moustakas, Perez, Aguilar), (Claudio, Perez, Aguilar).

ATHLETICS 14, PIRATES 1

OAKLAND AB R H BI SO AVG
 Semien ss 5 0 1 2 2 298
 Laursano cf 5 1 1 0 3 223
 d-Grossman ph-lf 0 0 0 0 0 210
 Chapman 3b 6 2 3 2 2 300
 Davis lf 3 3 3 0 0 222
 Piscotty lf 6 1 1 0 2 246
 Morales 1b 3 0 0 1 1 183
 Profar 2b 4 2 1 1 0 168
 Phegley c 5 2 4 8 0 288
 Anderson p 3 0 2 0 0 667
 b-Holmes ph-cf 2 0 0 0 1 000
TOTALS 43 14 16 14 7

PIRSSBURGH AB R H BI SO AVG
 Pitzer 2b 4 1 2 0 1 255
 Marte cf 5 0 1 0 1 212
 Cabrera rf 2 0 1 0 1 344
 Abreu 1b 1 0 0 0 0 150
 Bell 1b 4 0 1 1 1 283
 Rodriguez lf 3 0 0 0 1 394
 Cervelli c 3 0 0 0 0 169
 Shuck rf 1 0 1 0 0 213
 Kang 3b 4 0 0 0 0 152
 Tucker ss 3 0 0 0 1 214
 c-Moran ph-3b 1 0 0 0 1 246
 Musgrove p 0 0 0 0 0 000
 Kingham p 1 0 0 0 1 000
 a-Reyes ph-rf-ss 3 0 0 0 0 128
TOTALS 36 1 7 1 8

RED SOX 6, WHITE SOX 1

BOSTON AB R H BI SO

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

PGA WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP

2nd of 4 rds; at Quail Hollow Club; Charlotte, N.C.; 7,554 yds; Par 71

131 (-11)
Jason Dufner 68-63
132 (-10)
Joel Dahmen 66-66
Max Homa 69-63
136 (-6)
Rory McIlroy 66-70
Patrick Reed 67-69
137 (-5)
Justin Rose 70-67
Seamus Power 69-68
Jason Day 68-69
Pat Perez 69-68
138 (-4)
Brendon Todd 68-70
Sebastian Munoz 68-70
Martin Laird 67-71
Kyle Stanley 69-69
139 (-3)
Sungjae Im 70-69
Fabian Gomez 70-69
Aaron Wise 69-70
Jhonattan Vegas 72-67
Lucas Glover 70-69
Vaughn Taylor 68-71
Richy Werenski 70-69
140 (-2)
Tom Hoge 70-70
Kevin Streelman 71-69
Jim Knous 68-72
Jason Kokrak 70-70
Paul Casey 69-71
Matt Jones 70-70
Doc Redman 70-70
141 (-1)
Alex Prugh 73-68
Adam Long 70-71
Rickie Fowler 71-70
Tony Finau 72-69
Chez Reavie 70-71
Henrik Stenson 74-67
Jimmy Walker 69-72
Bill Haas 71-70
Beau Hossler 69-72
Shawn Stefani 76-65
Dylan Frittelli 67-74
Wes Roach 70-71
Adam Schenk 67-74
Bryce Garnett 70-71
Trey Mullinax 72-69
John Senden 68-73
Colt Knost 73-68
Nate Lashley 71-70
Kramer Hickok 72-69
142 (E)
Byeong Hun An 72-70
Kyoung-Hoon Lee 72-70
Webb Simpson 69-73
Daniel Berger 73-69
Sergio Garcia 69-73
Adam Hadwin 73-69
Nick Watney 70-72
Harris English 71-71
Roberto Diaz 70-72
Rory Sabbatini 76-66
J.J. Henry 70-72
Brendan Steele 72-70
Keith Mitchell 68-74
Brandon Harkins 73-69
Nick Taylor 67-75
143 (+1)
Luke List 75-68
Matthew Short 76-67
Ryan Blaum 71-72
Offie Schniederjans 74-69
Hideki Matsuyama 73-70
Gary Woodland 73-70
Brian Harman 68-75
Cody Gribble 71-72
Bud Cauley 73-70
Joaquin Niemann 71-72
Hank Lebioda 71-72
Chase Wright 73-70
Julian Etlanian 73-70
Zack Sauer 72-71

LPGA TOUR MEDIEVAL CHAMPIONSHIP

2nd of 4 rds; at Lake Merced GC; Daly City, Calif.; 6,551 yds; Par 72

137 (-7)
So Yeon Ryu 67-70
138 (-6)
Ryann O'Toole 73-65
Sei Young Kim 72-66
139 (-5)
He Yong Choi 74-65
Na Yeon Choi 72-67
Inbee Park 70-69
Charley Hull 69-70
Eun-Hee Ji 67-72
140 (-4)
Shanshan Feng 73-67
Chella Choi 72-68
Louise Ridderstrom 71-69
Maria Torres 69-71
In Gee Chun 69-71
Peiyun Chien 68-72
141 (-3)
Megan Khang 75-66
Bronie Law 73-68
142 (-2)
Yu Liu 76-66
Dottie Ardina 72-70
Azahara Munoz 69-73
Amy Yang 68-74
143 (-1)
Laetitia Beck 74-69
Jeongeun Lee6 74-69
Lexi Thompson 73-70
Jaclyn Lee 72-71
Klara Spilkova 72-71
Anne-Catherine Tanguay 71-72
In-Kyung Kim 72-71
Angela Stanford 71-72
Amy Olson 70-73
Sarah Schmelzel 70-73
144 (E)
Charllotte Thomas 74-70
Brittany Lincicome 74-70
Dana Finkelstein 73-71
Haeji Kang 73-71
Danielle Kang 73-71
Nanna Koerstz Madsen 73-71
Jenny Shin 71-73
Moriya Jutanugarn 69-75
Celine Boutier 68-76
Anne van Dam 67-77
145 (+1)
Minjee Lee 76-69
Jasmine Suwannapura 76-69
Hannah Green 75-70
Carlotza Ciganda 74-71
Lizette Salas 74-71
Daniela Darquea 74-71
Emma Talley 73-72
Austin Ernst 72-73
Cristie Kerr 72-73
Pernilla Lindberg 72-73
Mariah Stackhouse 72-73
Kristen Gillman 71-74
Ariya Jutanugarn 71-74
146 (-2)
Caroline Masson 76-70
Lydia Ko 75-71
Karine Icher 74-72
Marina Alex 74-72
Jennifer Song 74-72
Jing Yan 73-73
Brittany Altomare 73-73
Brianna Do 73-73
Suzuka Yamaguchi 73-73
Mi Hyang Lee 72-74
Cheyenne Knight 72-74
Gerina Pillier 71-75
Morgan Pressel 70-76
147 (+3)
Dad Yeon Lee 79-68
Alena Sharp 76-71
Marijajo Uribe 76-71
Ashleigh Bahai 75-72
Mina Harigae 75-72
Wei-Ling Hsu 74-73
Hee-Jung Park 74-73
Aditi Ashok 74-73
Pavarisa Yoktuan 74-73
Kinnada Strom 73-74
Kendall Dye 72-75
CHINA OPEN
2nd of 4 rds; at Genzon CC; Shenzhen, China; 7,145 yds; Par 72131 (-13)
Ashun Wu 66-65
133 (-11)
Tapio Puulkkanen 65-68
134 (-10)
Jorge Campillo 65-69
135 (-9)
Benjamin Hebert 67-68
136 (-8)
Min Woo Lee 69-67
Jason Scrivener 70-66
Sean Crocker 68-68
Erik Van Rooyen 68-68
Victor Dubuisson 68-68
Romain Langasque 67-69Nacho Elvira 68-69
David Lipsky 65-72
Jordan Smith 67-70
Mikko Korhonen 68-69
Scott Jamieson 68-69
Matthieu Pavon 68-69
Jacques Kruyswijk 70-67
Others
139 (-5)
Micah Lauren Shin 69-70
140 (-4)
Berry Henson 70-70
141 (-3)
Julian Suri 69-72
Paul Peterson 69-72
142 (-2)
John Catlin 66-76
WEB.COM NASHVILLE OPEN
At Nashville Golf & Athletic Club; Nashville, Tenn.; 7,600 yds; Par 72Partial Second Round
135 (-9)
Scottie Scheffler 68-67
Chase Seiffert 68-67
Ryan Brehm 70-65
136 (-8)
Chris Baker 69-67
Mark Hubbard 70-66
137 (-7)
Robby Shelton 64-73
Matthew NeSmith 68-69
Horacio Leon 69-68
Brandon Matthews 65-72
Andy Zhang 72-65
138 (-6)
MJ Daffue 69-69
Brian Campbell 71-67
Matt Harmon 70-68
139 (-5)
Lanto Griffin 70-69
Steve LeBrun 70-69
Bo Hoag 69-70
Henrik Norlander 71-68
Xinjun Zhang 71-68
140 (-4)
Zac Blair 71-69
Garrett Osborn 67-73
John Merrick 71-69
Lee Hodges 71-69
Joseph Winslow 69-71
Michael Buttacavoli 70-70
Michael Hebert 69-71
Corey Pereira 71-69
Grant Hirschman 72-68
141 (-3)
Drew Weaver 69-72
Vince India 70-71
Matt Atkins 73-68
George Cunningham 74-67
Christopher Petefish 69-72
Vincent Whaley 71-70
Trevor Cone 70-71
Andrew Svoboda 69-72
Michael McGowan 73-68
142 (-2)
David Lingmerth 71-71
Michael Gellerman 70-72
Harry Higgs 74-68
Mark Anderson 72-70
Rico Hoey 70-72
Cameron Beckman 71-71
Max Rottluff 72-70
Kevin Lucas 71-71
Olin Browne 71-71
Todd Baek 71-71
Nick Voke 71-71

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE SATURDAY

at Chicago -125 St. Louis +115
Atlanta -163 at Miami +153
at Phila. -115 Washington +105
at Milwaukee -108 New York -102
at Cincinnati -127 San Fran. +117
at Colorado -128 Arizona +118
LA Dodgers -127 at San Diego +117
AMERICAN LEAGUE SATURDAYat New York -117 Minnesota +107
at Cleveland -185 Seattle +170
at Detroit off Kansas City off
at Baltimore off Tampa Bay off
Houston -130 at LA Angels +120
Boston -153 at Chicago +143
at Texas -145 Toronto +135
INTERLEAGUE SATURDAYOakland -107 at Pittsburgh -103
NBA PLAYOFFS pregame.com SATURDAY
at Houston 3½ Golden State
SUNDAY
Toronto 1½ at Philadelphia
NHL PLAYOFFS SATURDAYat Boston -132 Columbus +122
at San Jose -130 Colorado +120
TENNIS
ATP TOUR MILLENIUM ESTORIL OPEN
QF at Clube de Tennis do Estoril; Estoril, Portugal; clay-outdoor
#1 Stefanos Tsitsipas d.
Joao Domingues, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Alejandro Davidovich Fokina d.
#3 Gael Monfils, 6-7 (2), 7-5, 6-4.
#4 David Goffin d.
Malek Jaziri, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
#8 Pablo Cuevas d.
#9 Frances Tiafoe, 6-0, 6-7 (5), 6-2.
ATP TOUR BMW OPEN
QF at MTTC Iphitos; Munich; clay-outdoor
Cristian Garin d.
#1 Alexander Zverev, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5.
#3 Marco Cecchinato d.
#8 Marton Fucsovics, 1-6, 7-5, 7-5.
#4 Roberto Bautista Agut d.
#7 Guido Pella, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.
Matteo Berrettini d.
Phillip Kohlschreiber, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.
WTA GRAND PRIX SAR LA PRINCESSE LALLA MERYEM
SF at Royal Club de Tennis; Rabat, Morocco; clay-outdoor
#7 Johanna Konta d.
#4 Ajla Tomljanovic, 6-2, 7-6 (7).
#6 Maria Sakkari d.
#8 Alison Van Uytvanck, 6-4, 6-4.
SATURDAY'S FINAL
#6 Maria Sakkari vs. #7 Johanna Konta
WTA J&T BANKA PRAGUE OPEN
SF at TK Sparta Praha; Prague, Czech Republic; clay-outdoor
Karolina Muchova d.
Bernarda Pera, 6-2, 7-5.
Jil Teichmann d.
#9 Barbora Strycova, 6-3, 6-0.
SATURDAY'S FINAL
Karolina Muchova vs. Jil Teichmann

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY GANDER RV 400 LINEUP

Friday's qualifying for Sunday's race at Dover International Speedway; Dover, Del.; Lap Length: 1 mile

SP NO. DRIVER MK MPH
1. 9 Chase Elliott C 165.960
2. 24 William Byron C 165.555
3. 42 Kyle Larson C 165.464
4. 22 Joey Logano F 164.722
5. 88 Alex Bowman C 164.707
6. 4 Kevin Harvick F 164.331
7. 10 Aric Almirola F 164.249
8. 11 Denny Hamlin F 164.151
9. 2 Brad Keselowski F 164.114
10. 14 Clint Bowyer F 164.017
11. 12 Ryan Blaney F 163.577
12. 48 Jimmie Johnson C 163.347
13. 19 Martin Truex Jr. T 163.228
14. 41 Daniel Suarez F 163.095
15. 20 Erik Jones T 162.999
16. 3 Austin Dillon C 162.970
17. 95 Matt DiBenedetto T 162.837
18. 21 Paul Menard F 162.631
19. 1 Kurt Busch C 162.602
20. 17 Ricky Stenhouse Jr. F 162.514
21. 6 Ryan Newman F 162.338
22. 18 Kyle Busch T 161.921
23. 8 Daniel Hemric C 161.674
24. 38 David Ragan F 161.312
25. 13 Ty Dillon C 161.254
26. 34 Michael McDowell F 161.247
27. 43 Bubba Wallace C 160.578
28. 32 Corey LaJoie F 159.490
29. 47 Ryan Preece C 158.604
30. 37 Chris Buescher C 157.694
31. 00 Landon Cassill C 156.876
32. 36 Matt Tifft F 155.629
33. 51 Cody Ware F 154.050
34. 52 BJ McLeod C 153.951
35. 77 Quin Houff C 153.420
36. 15 Ross Chastain C 0.000
37. 27 Reed Sorenson C 0.000

NBA PLAYOFFS

EAST SEMIFINALS

Milwaukee 2, Boston 1
April 28: Boston 112-90
April 30: Milwaukee 123-102
Friday: Milwaukee 123-116
Monday: at Boston, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
x-May 10: at Boston, TBD
x-May 13: at Milwaukee, TBD
Philadelphia 2, Toronto 1
April 27: Toronto 108-95
April 29: Philadelphia 94-89
May 2: Philadelphia 116-95
Sunday: at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday: at Toronto, 7 p.m.
x-Thursday: at Philadelphia, TBD
x-May 12: at Toronto, TBD
WEST SEMIFINALSGolden State 2, Houston 0
April 28: Golden State 104-100
April 30: Golden State 115-109
Saturday: at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Monday: at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday: at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
x-May 10: at Houston, TBD
x-May 12: at Golden State, TBD
Denver 1, Portland 1
April 29: Denver 121-113
May 1: Portland 97-90
Friday: at Portland, late
Sunday: at Portland, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
x-Thursday: at Portland, TBD
x-May 12: at Denver, TBD
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)BUCKS 123, CELTICS 116
MILWAUKEE: Mirotic 5-9 0-13, Antetokounmpo 8-13 16-22 32, Lopez 3-6 0-0 7, Bledsoe 4-15 0-4, Middleton 6-12 5-6 20, Ilyasova 1-2 2-2 5, Frazier 0-0 0-0 0, Hill 9-12 1-2 21, Snell 1-3 0-0 2, Connaughton 5-11 0-0 14. Totals 42-83 24-36 123.
BOSTON: Tatum 7-14 6-6 20, Morris 6-8 0-0 16, Horford 4-8 6-6 17, Irving 8-22 11-12 29, J.Brown 6-12 3-4 18, Hayward 2-8 4-4 10, Ojeleye 2-4 0-0 6, Theis 0-1 0-0 0, Baynes 0-1 0-0 0, Rozier 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 35-81 30-32 116.Milwaukee 25 30 40 28 -123
Boston 30 26 31 29 -1163-Point Goals—Milwaukee 15-37 (Connaughton 4-9, Middleton 3-6, Mirotic 3-7, Hill 2-3, Ilyasova 1-1, Lopez 1-4, Bledsoe 1-6, Antetokounmpo 0-1), Boston 16-40 (Morris 4-5, Horford 3-5, J.Brown 3-7, Ojeleye 2-3, Hayward 2-4, Irving 2-8, Baynes 0-1, Rozier 0-2, Tatum 0-5).
Fouled Out—J.Brown. Rebounds—Milwaukee 44 (Antetokounmpo 13), Boston 44 (Tatum 11). Assists—Milwaukee 23 (Antetokounmpo 8), Boston 24 (Irving 6). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 26, Boston 27. Tech—Tatum. A—18,624 (18,624).

NHL PLAYOFFS

EAST SEMIFINALS

Columbus 2, Boston 2
April 25: Boston 3-2 (OT)
April 27: Columbus 3-2 (2 OT)
April 30: Columbus 2-1
May 2: Boston 4-1
Saturday: at Boston, 6:15 p.m.
Monday: at Columbus, 6 p.m.
x-Wednesday: at Boston, TBA
Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 0
April 26: Carolina 1-0 (OT)
April 28: Carolina 2-1
May 1: Carolina 5-2
Friday: Carolina 5-2WEST SEMIFINALS
Dallas 3, St. Louis 2
April 25: St. Louis 3-2
April 27: Dallas 4-2
April 29: St. Louis 4-3
May 1: Dallas 4-2
Friday: Dallas 2-1
Sunday: at Dallas, 2 p.m.
x-Tuesday: at St. Louis, TBA
San Jose 2, Colorado 2
April 26: San Jose 5-2
April 28: Colorado 4-2
April 30: San Jose 4-2
May 2: Colorado 3-0
Saturday: at San Jose, 9 p.m.
Monday: at Colorado, 9 p.m.
x-Wednesday: at San Jose, TBA
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)STARS 2, BLUES 1
Dallas 1 1 0 - 2
St. Louis 0 0 1 - 1FIRST PERIOD: 1, Dallas, Spezza 3 (Janmark, Seguin), 2:42.
Penalties: Schenn, STL, (hooking), 6:57, Polak, DAL, (holding), 19:24.
SECOND PERIOD: 2, Dallas, Lindell 1 (Klingberg, Radulov), 6:13.
Penalties: Comeau, DAL, (hooking), 9:47, Cogliano, DAL, (high sticking), 17:14.
THIRD PERIOD: 3, St. Louis, Schwartz 7, 8:26.
Penalties: Benn, DAL, (hooking), 8:47, Schenn, STL, (slashing), 20:00.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Dallas 11-15=27. St. Louis 13-11=24.
POWER PLAYS: Dallas 0-of-11. St. Louis 0-of-4.
GOALIES: Dallas, Bishop 7-4 (39 shots-38 saves).
St. Louis, Binnington 6-5 (27-25).
Referees: Francis Charron, Dan O'Rourke.
Linesmen: Matt MacPherson, Mark Shewchuk.
A: 18,542.

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN W L T PT GF GA
Philadelphia 5 3 2 17 15 10
D.C. United 5 3 2 17 13 10
Montreal 5 3 2 17 12 14
Toronto FC 4 2 1 13 19 13
Columbus 4 5 1 13 8 11
Orlando City 3 3 3 12 13 14
N.Y. City FC 2 1 6 12 11 12
Chicago 2 4 3 9 12 13
N.Y. Red Bulls 2 4 2 8 9 9
Atlanta 2 3 2 8 6 8
Cincinnati 2 6 2 8 8 16
New England 2 6 2 8 10 19
WESTERN W L T PT GF GA
Los Angeles FC 7 1 2 23 26 8
LA Galaxy 7 1 1 22 15 8
Seattle 5 1 3 18 18 12
FC Dallas 5 2 2 17 14 9
Houston 5 1 1 16 15 8
Minnesota 4 3 2 14 18 15
Real Salt Lake 3 5 1 10 11 16
Sporting KC 2 2 4 10 19 15
Vancouver 2 5 3 9 10 14
San Jose 2 5 2 8 12 19
Portland 2 5 1 7 11 19
Colorado 0 8 2 2 14 273 points for victory, 1 point for tie.
FRIDAY'S RESULT
Vancouver 3, Colorado 2
SATURDAY'S GAMES
LA Galaxy at N.Y. Red Bulls, 1 p.m.
FC Dallas at Houston, 3 p.m.
Toronto FC at Orlando City, 3 p.m.
N.Y. City FC at Montreal, 4 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 8 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Jose, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles FC, 9:30 p.m.
SUNDAY'S GAME
Atlanta at Sporting KC, 8 p.m.NWSL
TEAM W L T PT GF GA
Utah 3 0 0 9 3 0
North Carolina 2 0 1 7 10 2
Portland 1 0 2 5 8 6
Chicago 1 1 2 5 8 6
Houston 1 1 4 3 5 5
Washington 1 1 0 3 2 1
Reign FC 0 1 2 2 2 5
Sky Blue FC 0 2 1 1 2 5
Orlando 0 3 1 1 1 9FRIDAY'S RESULT
Utah 1, Chicago 0
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Seattle at Washington, 6 p.m.
Sky Blue FC at North Carolina, 6 p.m.
SUNDAY'S GAME
Orlando at Houston, 5 p.m.

GRANT HALVERSON/GETTY

Gregg McKegg, right, celebrates with teammate Jordan Martinook during the Hurricanes' victory Friday night.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

'Canes secure series sweep

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. —

Teuvo Teravainen and Greg McKegg scored 66 seconds apart in the second period, and the Hurricanes beat the Islanders 5-2 on Friday night to sweep the Eastern Conference semifinals series.

Teravainen and linemate Sebastian Aho each finished with a goal and an assist, captain Justin Williams and rookie star Andrei Svechnikov each added insurance goals and goalie Curtis McElhinney made 26 saves in his second career playoff start.

The Hurricanes — who went a decade between playoff berths — earned the first four-game sweep in franchise history and have reached the conference finals in each of their last four postseason appearances since 2002.

They're also unbeaten in five home playoff games.

Now the Hurricanes — after winning six straight and eight of nine — have some time to heal before they face the Blue Jackets-Bruins winner.

Mathew Barzal scored a power-play goal and Brock Nelson added a late goal for the Islanders, who managed just five goals in

the series and were swept for the first time since the Rangers did it in the first round in 1994.

They kept the identity of their starting goalie a secret until warmups — when Robin Lehner led them onto the ice for the fourth straight game in the series.

He didn't last long. Coach Barry Trotz pulled him in favor of backup Thomas Greiss after the bang-bang goals by Teravainen and McKegg early in the second period.

Teravainen put the Hurricanes ahead to stay after some slick passes from Aho and Warren Foegele set up his sixth goal of the postseason.

And McKegg chased Lehner when the goalie couldn't keep hold of the rebound of Brett Pesce's shot and the Hurricanes rookie stuffed it in for his first playoff goal.

Greiss wasn't much better against the relentless Hurricanes, with Williams scoring their third goal of the period off a give-and-go from Nino Niederreiter at 8:51 and Svechnikov riling up the rowdy Caniacs with his goal with 4:47 left.

Lehner and Greiss each finished with eight saves for the Islanders.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Raptors must help Leonard — or else

Associated Press

The Raptors gave Kawhi Leonard plenty of help in the regular season.

They need to start doing that in the postseason — or else.

Leonard is a free-agent-in-waiting, someone who will have a huge decision to make this summer. An abrupt second-round exit from this postseason probably won't enhance the Raptors' chances of convincing Leonard to stay — so Game 4 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series Sunday against 76ers, who lead 2-1, could have reverberations felt long after this season ends.

"We've got to help him," Raptors guard Kyle Lowry said after the 76ers' 116-95 win in Game 3, a night where Leonard scored 33 points and his teammates shot 36 percent. "Especially me. I've got to help."

"He's playing unbelievable right now. But we're not giving him any help. Me — I'm not giving him any help. Got to help him."

Leonard has been brilliant in the playoffs, averaging 31.5 points and 6.9 rebounds while shooting 58 percent. The only player in NBA history who has put up those numbers

over a full postseason is Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, for the Lakers in 1977.

And the Raptors, who finished the regular season with the NBA's second-best record despite giving Leonard 22 games off largely for rest, are in trouble anyway.

Leonard has done more than his part. He has averaged 37.7 points on 61 percent shooting in the three games. The closest thing he's gotten to real help has come from Pascal Siakam (23.3 points per game).

The 76ers are almost resigned to Leonard getting his big numbers. They're preferring to just stop everyone else.

When Kawhi is doing what he does, his individual offensive brilliance is daunting, haunting," 76ers coach Brett Brown said.

Leonard has indeed been daunting.

The rest of the Raptors, they're haunting.

Or hurting.

Simmons draws fine: The NBA fined 76ers point guard Ben Simmons \$20,000 and assessed him a flagrant foul 1 upon league office review for an elbow to Lowry's groin during Thursday's game.

IN BRIEF

Colleges: The NCAA rescinded its policy prohibiting championship events from being held in states that have legalized sports gambling. After last year's Supreme Court decision that opened the door for states to sponsor legalize sports betting, the NCAA indefinitely suspended the policy that previously had kept events such as the men's basketball tournament out of Nevada. Sports betting now is legal in seven other states. ... Clemson fired assistant basketball coach Steve Smith. At the ongoing federal corruption and bribery trial in New York, a wiretap was played in court of a conversation between Smith, defendant Christian Dawkins and an undercover FBI agent. Smith is heard commenting on why Clemson's national championship football team is so successful. He said "if you use resources at Clemson, you can really keep everything tight." Clemson AD Dan Radakovich has said a review found no reason to believe the football program had done anything wrong.

Golf: Former PGA champ Jason Dufner shot an 8-under 63 to take a one-stroke lead midway through the PGA Tour's Wells Fargo Championship in Charlotte, N.C. Dufner reached 11-under 131. Max Homa (63) and first-round co-leader Joel Dahmen (66) were tied for second, while four-time major champ and first-round co-leader Rory McIlroy (70) and 2018 Masters champ Patrick Reed (69) were five back of the lead and tied for fourth. ... First-round co-leader So Yeon Ryu shot a 2-under 70 to take a one-stroke lead over Sei Young Kim (66) and Ryann O'Toole (65) midway through the LPGA MEDIEVAL Championship in Daly City, Calif. Ryu reached 7-under 137. ... Wu Ashen held a two-stroke lead midway through the China Open in Shenzhen. Kuang Yang became the youngest player to make a cut at a regular European Tour event at 14 years, six months, 12 days after holing a 20-foot par putt on his final hole to make it to the weekend on the number. ... Ken Tanigawa and Tim Petrovic shared the lead when the first round of the PGA Tour Champions' Insignity Invitational in The Woodlands, Texas, was suspended because of lightning and heavy rain.

NBA: The Suns hired assistant Monty Williams as their coach. The deal reportedly is for five years. Williams, 47, will be the Suns' seventh coach in an eight-season span. He replaces Igor Kokoskov, who was fired last month after one season. ... The Lakers are close to offering Tyronn Lue a deal to become their coach, ESPN reported.

Soccer: Xavi Hernandez will retire at the end of Qatari club Al-Sadd's season. Hernandez, 39, retired as an international for Spain in 2014 and left Barcelona in 2015 after 17 seasons. He helped Spain win the 2010 World Cup and 2008 and 2012 European titles and holds a record with 767 appearances for Barca. ... The French federation suspended Paris Saint-Germain's Kylian Mbappe three matches for a red card in the club's Coupe de France final loss to Rennes. He already served one match of the ban.

Also: Serena Williams will return from a left knee injury at the Italian Open in Rome, which begins May 13. She hasn't played since withdrawing from her third-round match at the Miami Open in March. ... Chase Elliott set a single-lap qualifying track record of 165.960 mph to claim the pole for Sunday's NASCAR Cup race at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

— News services

BEARS



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears cornerback Duke Shelley, a sixth-round draft pick out of Kansas State, stretches during rookie minicamp Friday at Halas Hall.

ROOKIE MINICAMP

Shifting to nickel back no big deal for Shelley

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

The Bears opened their rookie minicamp Friday with an 84-man roster, including recent draftees, undrafted free-agent signings and tryout players.

Defensive players and coach Matt Nagy spoke with the media before and after the first of three practices this weekend. Aside from a much anticipated competition among eight minicamp kickers, here are four things we learned at Halas Hall.

1. Duke Shelley said he doesn't think the transition to nickel cornerback will be difficult.

Shelley, the Bears' sixth-round draft pick out of Kansas State, played mostly outside in college, but general manager Ryan Pace said after the draft that nickel would be ideal for the 5-foot-9, 180-pound player.

Shelley said it felt "a little different" to line up there during the morning walk-through but thought he would be fine after a couple of reps. A successful transition would give the Bears another backup behind starter Buster Skrine.

"Nickel's a hard position to play, just because of where you're at on the field," Shelley said. "There's more grass, more field to cover. Guys have opportunities to go two-way on you and things like that.

"But my skill set fits it, being my size and how quick I am and the feet I have. The transition, I don't feel like (it) will be hard for me."

Nagy said he saw "a lot of quickness" from Shelley on Friday.

"He's quick-twitch," Nagy said. "He's a happy-go-lucky guy. You can't miss that smile he has. But he was out here doing some special teams drills early on, and you could just really feel the energy and how quick he is making his moves.

"And then doing some DB drills, he was flipping his hips real quick, turning over and then actually finishing with the catch."

2. Nagy said the Bears are hesitant about how much they do with top picks such as David Montgomery right away because the players are coming off long

periods of travel and disrupted workout routines after the draft process.

Even so, Nagy said he liked what he saw from Montgomery, the Bears' third-round pick and potential starter at running back.

"I thought he handled himself great," Nagy said. "He looks like he's in great shape. Caught the ball really well. These camps aren't too big on running, so it's a lot of receiving, and I was really impressed."

3. Nagy brought in former Bears players to talk with the rookies Thursday night about the team's history and making the most of their opportunities.

Nagy said he wanted them to learn about the franchise's tradition but also understand that drafted and undrafted players can go on to big things in the NFL.

Shelley said he sat down at the same table as Charles Tillman and picked his brain about his rookie season. Tillman told Shelley the story of his interception on a pass intended for Randy Moss in the final two minutes of a win over the Vikings during Tillman's rookie season.

"You have this rookie versus this Hall of Fame guy, and he made the play," Shelley said. "He was just going to show that it's no different than what you've been doing your whole life. Just because you're here, it's no different.

"Just attack every situation. Go into everything thinking you're going to make the play, you're going to be the best. And if you do that, you'll be fine."

4. Cornerback Stephen Denmark said he didn't hesitate when Valdosta State coaches asked him to move from wide receiver last year.

"There's a lot of 6-3, 220 wide receivers, but there's not many 6-3, 220 cornerbacks at all, really," Denmark said. "But I just felt like ... to get to this spot, I think that was the best move for me at the time."

The seventh-round pick said he knows he still has a lot to work on in terms of technique but thinks "there's a lot they can pull out of me."

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Bears' kicker search goes on

Wiederer, from Page 1

current plight was impossible to miss Friday.

As for the results of the practice-ending kicking session? Well, Bears fans, you might want to cover your eyes and ears: Six of the eight kickers on hand missed.

Chris Blewitt started things off and pulled his attempt wide left. So did Emmitt Carpenter, Casey Bednarski, Elliott Fry and Justin Yoon.

Redford Jones had the audacity to clang his try off the left upright. As if anyone at Halas Hall needed a reminder of how cruel it can sound when leather collides with cold steel.

John Baron II, signed earlier this week, made his 43-yard attempt. Spencer Evans, a tryout guy from Purdue, did also.

"Two-for-eight," Nagy said. "That's not good enough."

No, it certainly isn't. Yet it was a fitting reminder of just how messy this whole kicking situation has become. And, for Nagy, general manager Ryan Pace, special teams coordinator Chris Tabor and newly hired kicking coach Jamie Kohl, it was also a warning that the next four months might require a Costco run for a bulk-sized barrel of Mylanta.

Nagy, who could somehow put a positive spin on an emergency colonoscopy, did his best to keep the proper perspective on the half-dozen field-goal misses that ended an otherwise trivial practice.

He noted that two of the misfires were at least partially affected by sloppy snap-and-hold operations. He also insisted that the next couple days of practice will offer an opportunity for some cleanup.

"That's why after today we're not going to make rash decisions or anything," Nagy said. "We're going to play it out."

While the Bears media policy prohibits us from sharing specifics from the early portion of the kicking competition Friday, we can share that Evans had an incredibly rough start to his tryout.

Fry, meanwhile, might have been the best of the bunch and therefore earned a solo 43-yard attempt toward the end of practice before the group 43-yard battle.

Fry made that one.

"I don't know these guys really well," Nagy said. "I'm starting to learn who they are and what they're about, but just from the times I've been with him, he's a very calm kid. He's confident, which I like."

What Nagy would like even more is to find a kicker he can truly trust, one who doesn't cause him to lose sleep on Saturday nights — or even worse, Sunday nights. And while Friday was just one very small snapshot, one minor May rookie camp practice, it also seemed abundantly clear that the Bears are a long, long way from finding the mental comfort they seek.

Asked for a timeline for these current kickers or a structure for when and how to whittle things, Nagy shrugged.

"That's really gray for us," he said. "We start with a lot (of kickers). In the end, we end with one, right? So how are we going to do it? If a guy has a rough day, does he bounce back and have seven good days? Does he not? I don't know.

"Ryan, myself, (Tabor), all of us together — we've thought about it. But we're going to create a game plan as to how we want to evaluate it and make a decision in the end.

"Right now, there's no concrete answer. A lot of it's gray."

Gray and dreary, to be quite honest.

Eventually, Nagy and the Bears hope the clouds will part and there will be a chunk of blue sky and a blast of sunshine to melt the crippling anxiety Parkey left behind. And while Pace continues to stress that the Bears are being ultra-thorough in this kicker search, there's a level of desperation attached too.

How things evolve from here is anyone's guess.

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Death Notices

Blinderman, Susan

Susan Blinderman, Age 59. Loving mother of Jon and Sam Blinderman. Beloved daughter of Sandra and the late Arthur Marks. Cherished sister of Patricia (Fred) Lurie and Daniel Marks. Memorial service, Sunday 2PM at Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield, IL 60093. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Wellness Center, 215 Revere Dr, Northbrook, IL 60062, www.cancerwellness.org, or the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals — Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

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Hammett, Dianne Lee

Dianne L. Hammett, nee Teichert, went to her eternal rest during Holy Week at age 72. She will be terribly missed by her nieces and nephews and their spouses: Mary (Joseph), Theresa (William), Barbara (David), Jeffrey (Christine), Kenneth (Sisi), and their daughter Sealia, John (Simona). She was the loving "baby sister" of the late Raymond. Dianne was a loyal and generous woman who cherished her friends and family, who will deeply feel her loss. She had style and grace, and brought inimitable elegance to our lives. Dolly, we will miss you. Services will be held Saturday May 25 at 10:00 a.m., St Gertrude Catholic Church, 1420 W. Granville Ave. Chicago. Flowers may be sent there.

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Lasch, Jeff

It is with great sadness that the family of Jeff Lasch announces his passing on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at the age of 54 years. He will be forever remembered by his parents, Frank and Patricia (Taylor) Lasch, and his sisters, Deborah Lasch (Ken) Crane, Frances Lasch and preceded in death by his sister, Karen Lasch. He will also be lovingly remembered by his brother-in-law, James Mazzone; his nieces, Jacquelyn Mazzone (Jose) Calderon and Corinne Mazzone; and his great-nieces and nephew, Jasmina, James and Joselyn Calderon. Jeff resided at Misericordia for 27 years and considered many of his friends and staff there as family. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Jeff may be made to Misericordia, 6300 N Ridge, Chicago IL 60660. Visitation will held at Misericordia, 6300 N Ridge, Chicago IL 60660 on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 11:00am with funeral mass following at 12 Noon. Interment will be private. For information 773-736-3833 or visit Jeff's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes

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Mintz, Arthur Martin

Arthur Martin Mintz left this earth peacefully, surrounded by family and pets, on April 15, 2019 at age 83. Parkinson's was the only health problem he could not defeat. Born on April 4, 1936 to Raeh and Sidney Mintz, Arthur grew up in Chicago, an only child in a loving extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins. Arthur attended The Harvard School for Boys and went on to Undergraduate and Law School at Northwestern University.

Throughout his mostly charmed life in Chicago and later in Woodside, CA, Arthur wove his law and business careers with his love of new adventures, mystery and travel. Open and accepting of all beliefs and life paths, with a big smile and contagious joy for life, he frequently acquired new friends in restaurants, shops and on trips, often developing them into lifelong friendships. He reveled in sharing his amazing life experiences with friends and family and in teaching each of his six children similar appreciations.

Arthur is survived by his loving partner and wife of 43 years, Abby Sanders Mintz and his six children: Sydney (Ellen) Mark, Ajahn Cunda, Sarah (Tito) Llantada, Allison and Elizabeth. Also, his "Godson", Dave Siebs (Sharon), and sons August and Erik, and his precious grandchildren, Sienna, Elijah, Gabriel, and newborn, Alia Grace Llantada. Additionally, he is survived by his first wife, Ila Lewis, mother of Sydney, Mark and Cunda, and his acquired Sanders siblings, Victoria (Hank), Bob and Dave. He will also be remembered by numerous cousins, their children and by his many friends.

Arthur was a True Warrior, successfully battling a number of life threatening illnesses for over 21 years, earning him the nickname "Nine Lives". He had a will to live like no other, with a fighting spirit that enabled him to defeat every enemy except the last, Parkinson's. For this reason, Arthur's family is hopeful that any gifts which might be given in memory of ARTHUR M. MINTZ, go to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, for Parkinson's Research where 88% of every dollar goes to finding a cure for this terrible disease.

Services for Arthur will be held this Sunday, May 5th, at 11:00am, at Westlawn Cemetery in Norridge. We will then congregate at the home of Ila Lewis, 246 Vernon Ave., Glencoe, for Luncheon and Memories.

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Renard, Barbara Bond

Ms. Barbara Bond Renard (née Bond), of Ithaca, NY, passed away on Friday, 26 April 2019, at the age of 86.

Barbara was born to parents Hodd Richard Bond and Virginia Marie Bond on 29 January 1933 in Chicago, IL. She was an only child who attended Immaculata High School. She was married for a short period of time after high school and, in 1954, took a position as a bank teller at Harris Trust Bank and eight years later as a bank accounts officer at Illinois State Bank. Ten years later, she married organist and music teacher Paul Steven Renard and took a new position as bank auditor at Lakeside Bank. Divorced in 1981, she left the banking profession and took a post as executive assistant to Dr Boyd Banwell and later Dr John Brandt at the Illinois College of Optometry until her retirement in 2003, when she relocated to Ithaca, NY.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Anistatia Renard Miller and son-in-law Jared Brown. She is preceded in death by her ex-husband, Paul Renard and her parents, Hodd and Virginia.

She will be cremated at Perkins Funeral Home in Dryden, NY, and her ashes will be scattered in the garden of her daughter's home. The family is grateful for kind thoughts and prayers but declines flowers. www.perkinsfh.com

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Starsiak, Megan 'Moo'

It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we announce the passing of our sweet Moo. Megan passed away unexpectedly on May 1, 2019 at the age of 41 at the Northwestern Hospital.

Beloved daughter of Julie Starsiak and the late Dr. Drew Starsiak. Loving sister of Heather and Joseph S. Kotlarz, Jr., Cherished aunt of Anne, Avanna, Joseph III, and Harry Kotlarz. Dear friend of Todd Pappas and the Pappas family. Adored granddaughter to the late Dr. William and Virginia Starsiak, and niece to Donna, Betty, Dr. Mary and Dr. William and Stephanie Starsiak. Devoted friend to many. Moo Moo will be missed more than words can express. She will forever be remembered for her spirit and beautiful soul, forever an angel among us all. A Memorial and Celebration of Life Mass celebrated by Monsignor Kenneth Velo will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at Old Saint Patrick's Catholic Church at 700 W. Adams, Chicago, Illinois at 10.00am.

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Thomson, Dr. Cameron John

Fun loving, fast car driving, airplane flying, yacht coasting, motorcycle riding, model building, get-your-hands-dirty... grasses growing, grill mastering, Think Big Project constructing, vigorous student, acclaimed athlete, history enthusiast, art procuring, Alter Boy spirited, Naval officiating, Indiana Jones - looking, John Wayne - commanding, rugged and fair-minded thinking, greatest bedside mannered expert and devoted medicine practicing, perpetual care-giving big-hearted accomplished doctor... an exemplary role model and willing leader, a practiced scientist, ethicist, humorist, and a constant source of wide-eyed ambition, energy and goodness... an abundantly caring, thoughtful, loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend to all... passed away peacefully on Thursday April 18, 2019.



Dr. Thomson is survived by people that loved him very much, his wife Mary Jean, his sister Mary Glennis, his children Brian and Allison, and Grandsons Doug and Chris.

Memorial Services to celebrate the life of Dr. Thomson will be determined soon. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation and/or UNICEF.

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ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. Y19001240 on the Date: May 1, 2019 Under the Assumed Name of: JUBILEE GIFT BASKETS with the business located at: 515 EAST END AVE. APT. 200 CALUMET CITY, IL, 60409 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: PAMELA ARTHUR 515 EAST END AVE. APT. 200 CALUMET CITY, IL, 60409

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. Y19001050 on the Date: April 9, 2019 Under the Assumed Name of: Junior Tires with the business located at: 8978 W Grand Ave River Grove, IL, 60171 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: Ramon Castellanos-Sanchez 2707 Elm St River Grove, IL, 60171

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INVITATION TO BID The Elmhurst Public Library is accepting sealed bids for each of the following trades: General Trades, Millwork, Electrical, Flooring and Painting. Bid packet information can be obtained from the Construction Manager, Pacific Construction Services, Inc. (773) 290-1600 and at the mandatory jobsite walk-thru at 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL to be held Thursday May 23, 2019 at 8am CDT. Sealed bids will be opened June 12, 2019 at 1pm CDT. Bidders are advised that they will be required to pay prevailing wages and submit certified payroll as required by law and that they must meet all licensing and bonding requirements required by law.

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND AGENDA as required by

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF THE TERMINATED REGIONAL GANG INTELLIGENCE DATABASE (RGID) AND AFFILIATED DATA

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 10:00 AM Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

There will be a public hearing of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes.

AGENDA OF MEETING Sec. 46-37.4 (f) of the Cook County Code of Ordinances approved by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on February 21, 2019 contains the following paragraph:

"The Criminal Justice Committee will hold a public hearing to review how Regional Gang Intelligence Database has been used within ninety (90) days after the adoption of this ordinance."

The Committee Chair, pursuant to this paragraph, calls a public hearing expressly for this purpose. There are no items expected for a vote.

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary
Chairman: Moore
Vice-Chairman: Johnson
Members: Committee of the Whole

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGES BUSINESSES Dilmo Bros. Inc 720 Richard Lane Elk Grove IL 60007 phone 847- 640 2240, is seeking disadvantages businesses for Village of Algonquin Downtown Streetscape Stage 2 West Utilities Project VOA16-02-25B. Project for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: Landscaping, Trucking, Concrete, Paving, Traffic Control, Pavement, Markings and Laboring in the Chicago Land Area. All disadvantages businesses should contact, IN WRITING, (certified letter, return receipt requested) to John Dilmo, to discuss the subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid opening date May 21, 2019@ 10:00 AM.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Electrical Mechanic (Original)

Application Filing Period: May 3, 2019 through May 17, 2019. Examination Date: June 8, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of electrical mechanic practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under supervision, performs skilled manual work in the installation and maintenance of electrical circuits, apparatus, machinery and equipment. Pay: \$48.35 per hour

Engineering Technician IV (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: May 3, 2019 through May 31, 2019. Examination Date: June 22, 2019 at Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 North Kedzie, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of Engineering Technician IV practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under supervision, performs beginning sub- professional engineering work in connection with surveys, design, maintenance, construction, inspection, and testing to ensure conformity to plans and specifications and the reliability and integrity of existing systems and structures. Pay: \$39,237.62 per year

Applications can be submitted online only at www.districtjobs.org.

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Accounting Manager (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: April 26, 2019 through May 24, 2019. Examination Date: June 15, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of accounting manager practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision, directs and coordinates professional and administrative staff in the performance of a variety of accounting and/or treasury activities which may include fund accounting, contract accounting, auditing, report preparation, budget preparation, general ledger maintenance, payroll functions, accounts receivable functions, accounts payable functions, cash management and forecasting, bond sale execution and reporting requirements, policy implementation, and information systems management. Pay: \$109,991.70 per year

Engineering Draftsman II (Original)

Application Filing Period: April 12, 2019 through July 5, 2019. Examination Date: July 27, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of Engineering Draftsman II practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision, prepares multi-discipline engineering drawings used for contract bidding and construction using computer aided drafting and design (CADD) tools. Pay: \$59,237.62 per year

Senior Environmental Research Technician (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: April 26, 2019 through May 31, 2019. Examination Date: June 15, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of senior environmental research technician practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under supervision, performs a variety of technical duties associated with the collection and analysis of field and laboratory data. Provides general oversight of field and lab activities related to wastewater, surface water monitoring, biosolids processing and soil science. Pay: \$67,032.16 per year

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GARAGE/MOVING SALES

LAKE FOREST, IL Saturday, May 4th
700 N Sheridan Rd 7AM-3PM
RUMMAGE SALE! 1st Presbyterian Church. Furniture, Clothing for ALL ages, (includes high end Men's and Women's clothing) Shoes, Sports, Books, Art, Toys, Housewares, Linens, Garden, Small Appliances, "Treasures", Jewelry & more!
ALL NET PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY!
www.firstchurchil.org

GARAGE/MOVING SALES

Park Ridge Sat, May 4
900 S Knight 8 am-3 pm
4 family sale - Tools, kitchen, household items, electronics, luggage, artwork, jewelry

Skokie, IL 60076 05/01/2019 - 05/05/2019
8720 Karlov Ave Skokie, IL 60076 11am-5pm
Moving Sale: Dishes, Paintings, Furniture, Area Rugs, Women Clothes, Toys, Computer Office

CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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SATURDAY, MAY 4 NORMAL HIGH: 66° NORMAL LOW: 45° RECORD HIGH: 92° (1952) RECORD LOW: 32° (1954)

Well-deserved nice weekend after a wet week

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 65 **LOW** 44

■ The second of three consecutive days with sun after a very wet start to the week.

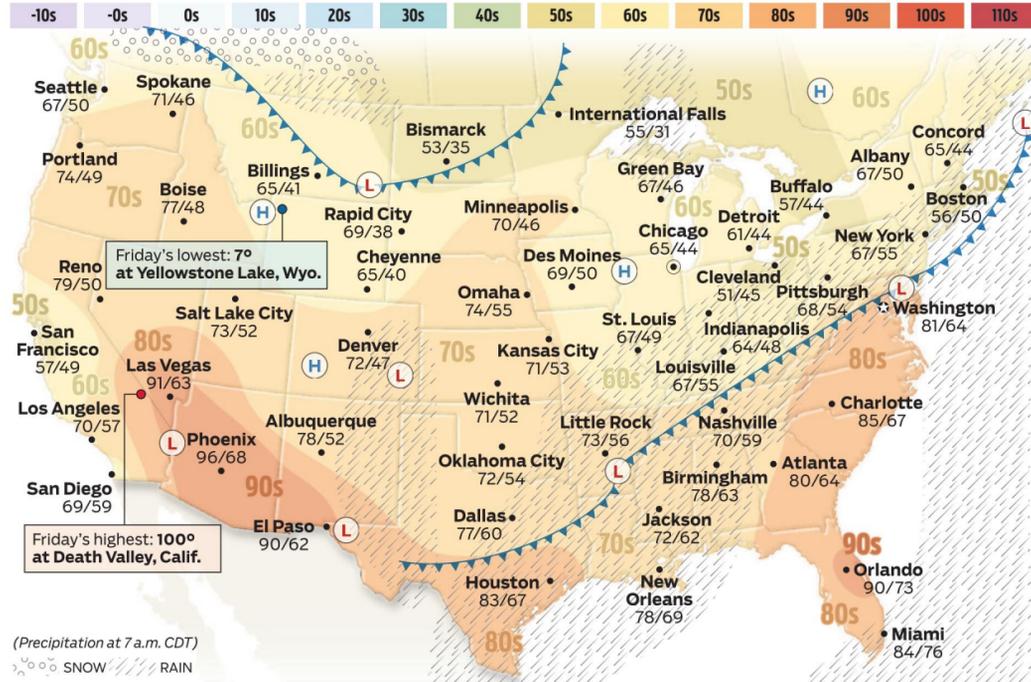
■ Some clouds early but clearing as the day progresses. Mostly sunny and milder by afternoon.

■ High 65 away from the lake but mid 50s lakeshore as light northeast winds at 4-9 mph bring cooler air on shore.

■ Mainly clear and seasonably cool overnight with a low in the mid 40s.

■ Winds turn from east to southwest overnight foreshadowing warmer temperatures for Sunday.

NATIONAL FORECAST



After the snow and rain that we experienced from April 27 through May 2, we will have sun and higher temperatures through the weekend. Much of the area saw over 5 inches of precipitation as of Saturday, April 27, through Thursday, May 2.

While the weekend will be dry and warmer with a high in the low 70s on Sunday, Monday will bring a downturn to much colder temperatures and the potential for rain.

Rain chances will persist through Thursday, with heavy rain possible Wednesday and Thursday with high temperatures in the low to mid-50s, nearly 15 degrees below normal for the first third of May.

Nighttime lows will be in the 40s through the week.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

HIGH 72 **LOW** 49

Cool start to morning but temps rise, reaching a high in low 70s. Temps will remain cooler near lake with highs only reaching the low 60s. Light SW winds. Increasing clouds overnight with a low in the upper 40s.

MONDAY, MAY 6

HIGH 59 **LOW** 45

Scattered rain showers. Scattered thunderstorms possible. High in upper 50s. Wind shifts from SSW to NE. Cooler lakeshore. Scattered showers overnight. NE winds 8-12 mph with gusts to 20 mph.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

HIGH 51 **LOW** 42

Scattered showers continue under cloudy skies. Colder with a high to reach 50. NE winds 12-17 mph. Gusts to 25 mph. Cloudy skies at night as showers persist. Low in the low 40s with NE winds continuing overnight.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

HIGH 54 **LOW** 42

Windy, cool. Heavy rain possible. High temps reach mid 50s, more than 10 degrees below normal. East winds 10-15 mph. Overcast skies overnight with rain and strong NE winds 14-22 mph gusting to 30 mph.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

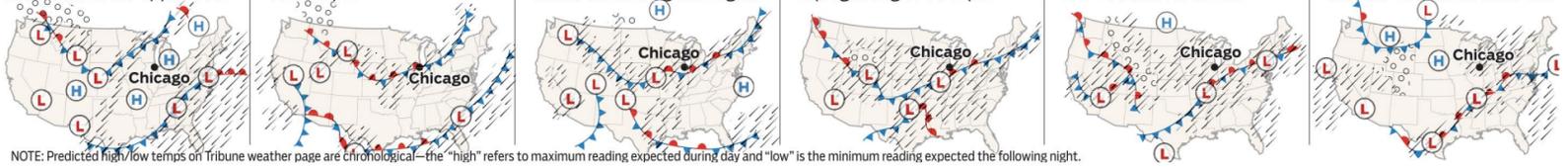
HIGH 54 **LOW** 43

Clouds and potentially heavy rain at times. High temp again in mid 50s with east winds gusting to 25 mph. Rain diminishes but light showers still possible overnight with a low in the low 40s and NE winds.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

HIGH 56 **LOW** 43

Cloudy early. Light rain possible, especially north. Skies clear later in the day. Strong N winds 12-18 mph gusting to 25 mph keep temps in the mid 50s. Skies clear overnight with a low in the low 40s, winds diminish.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Growing up in the Quad Cities along the Mississippi River, I have a vague recollection of snow around Memorial Day in the early or mid-1950s. Is my memory accurate? Also, what is the latest accumulated snowfall in the Chicago area?

— Al Swanson, River Forest

Dear Al,
We had weather historian Frank Wachowski check the archives, and he found that the climate facts do not support your memories.

The latest measurable snowfall ever recorded in the Quad Cities occurred on May 3, 1935, when 0.3 inches fell.

Chicago's latest measurable snowfall occurred eight days later in May, taking place on May 11, 1966, when 0.2 inches fell.

The city's latest significant snowfall was on May 3, 1907, when 1.3 inches fell, and the latest trace of snow fell on June 2, 1910.

Write to: ASK TOM
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May starts the way April ended—cold, dreary and wet

PRECIPITATION TOTALS

7 AM April 27 through 7 AM May 3

Gary	7.00"
Oswego	6.08"
Merrillville	5.86"
Glen Ellyn	5.83"
Wheaton	5.78"
Roselle	5.75"
Countryside	5.73"
Homewood	5.68"
Plainfield	5.65"
Villa Park	5.62"
Monroe	5.58"
North Aurora	5.57"
Plainfield	5.56"
Naperville	5.56"
Aurora	5.49"
Palos Park	5.49"
Oak Forest	5.46"
Crown Point	5.46"
Downers Grove	5.45"
Elk Grove Village	5.43"
Park Forest	5.42"

SOURCE: NWS/CoCoRaHS

MAY 2019 OPENS 23° COLDER THAN A YEAR AGO

May 1-3 O'Hare temperatures

THIS YEAR: 47°
A YEAR AGO: 70°
23° COLDER

WARM DAYS IN SHORT SUPPLY TO DATE

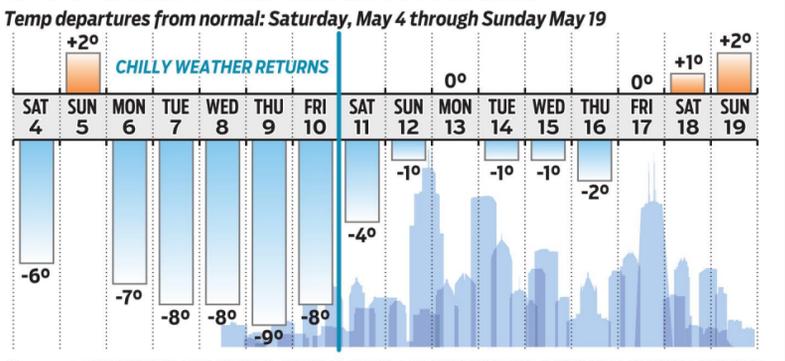
Through May 3rd
Half or less the average number of 70 and 80° days

NUMBER OF WARM DAYS IN 2019:
70°-5
80°-1

91-YEAR AVERAGE AT MIDWAY:
10
3

*NOTE: Observations have been archived since 1928

16-DAY PREDICTED TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES



CHICAGO DIGEST

FRIDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	59	40	Midway	57	45
Gary	48	45	O'Hare	55	40
Kankakee	60	46	Romeoville	60	46
Lakefront	48	41	Valparaiso	54	44
Lansing	52	43	Waukegan	54	38

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Fri. (through 7 p.m.)	0.00"	0.12"
May to date	1.41"	0.35"
Year to date	14.29"	9.75"

SATURDAY SUNBURN FORECAST

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS

7 a.m.	2 hours, 46 minutes
1 p.m.*	22 minutes
4 p.m.	55 minutes

SOURCE: Clear Skin Dermatology, Dr. Bryan Schultz
*Peak intensity

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Wind	NE 5-10 kts.	SW 5-10 kts.
Waves	1 foot	1 foot
Fri. shore/crib water temps	50°/39°	

FRIDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	Moderate
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Rachna Shah

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Friday's reading: Good
Saturday's forecast: Good
Critical pollutant: Ozone

SATURDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	5:43 a.m.	7:52 p.m.
Moon	5:57 a.m.	7:40 p.m.

NEW May 4, 1ST Q May 11, FULL May 18, 3RD Q May 26

SATURDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:10 a.m.	6:16 p.m.
Venus	4:45 a.m.	5:29 p.m.
Mars	7:50 a.m.	11:08 p.m.
Jupiter	10:55 p.m.	8:09 a.m.
Saturn	12:51 a.m.	10:11 a.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:15 a.m.	5° E
Mars	9:00 p.m.	20.5° WNW
Jupiter	3:30 a.m.	25.5° S
Saturn	4:30 a.m.	25° SSE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	rn	63	50	pc	73	53
Carbondale	pc	66	44	pc	71	51
Champaign	pc	66	45	pc	71	51
Decatur	pc	66	45	pc	71	51
Moline	su	70	47	cl	73	55
Peoria	pc	67	46	pc	72	54
Quincy	pc	69	48	pc	74	56
Rockford	su	67	45	pc	72	54
Springfield	su	67	45	pc	72	54
Sterling	su	66	44	cl	72	53
Indiana	sh	62	49	pc	72	52
Bloomington	sh	65	54	pc	73	53
Evansville	sh	65	54	pc	73	53
Fort Wayne	sh	63	44	pc	69	50
Indianapolis	sh	64	48	pc	71	51
Lafayette	sh	66	43	pc	71	50
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South Bend	pc	64	41	pc	71	50
Wisconsin	pc	67	46	pc	69	43
Green Bay	pc	67	46	pc	69	43
Kenosha	su	57	42	sh	67	48
La Crosse	pc	69	48	sh	67	48
Madison	pc	67	46	sh	71	50
Milwaukee	su	62	46	sh	70	49
Wausau	sh	65	42	cl	62	41
Michigan	cl	61	44	pc	68	48
Detroit	cl	61	44	pc	68	48
Grand Rapids	pc	66	42	pc	70	50
Marquette	pc	66	42	sh	49	36
St. Ste. Marie	pc	61	41	cl	54	37
Traverse City	su	63	45	pc	63	42
Iowa	pc	69	46	sh	71	51
Ames	pc	69	46	sh	71	51
Cedar Rapids	su	67	46	sh	70	51
Des Moines	pc	69	50	sh	72	53
Dubuque	pc	69	47	sh	71	51

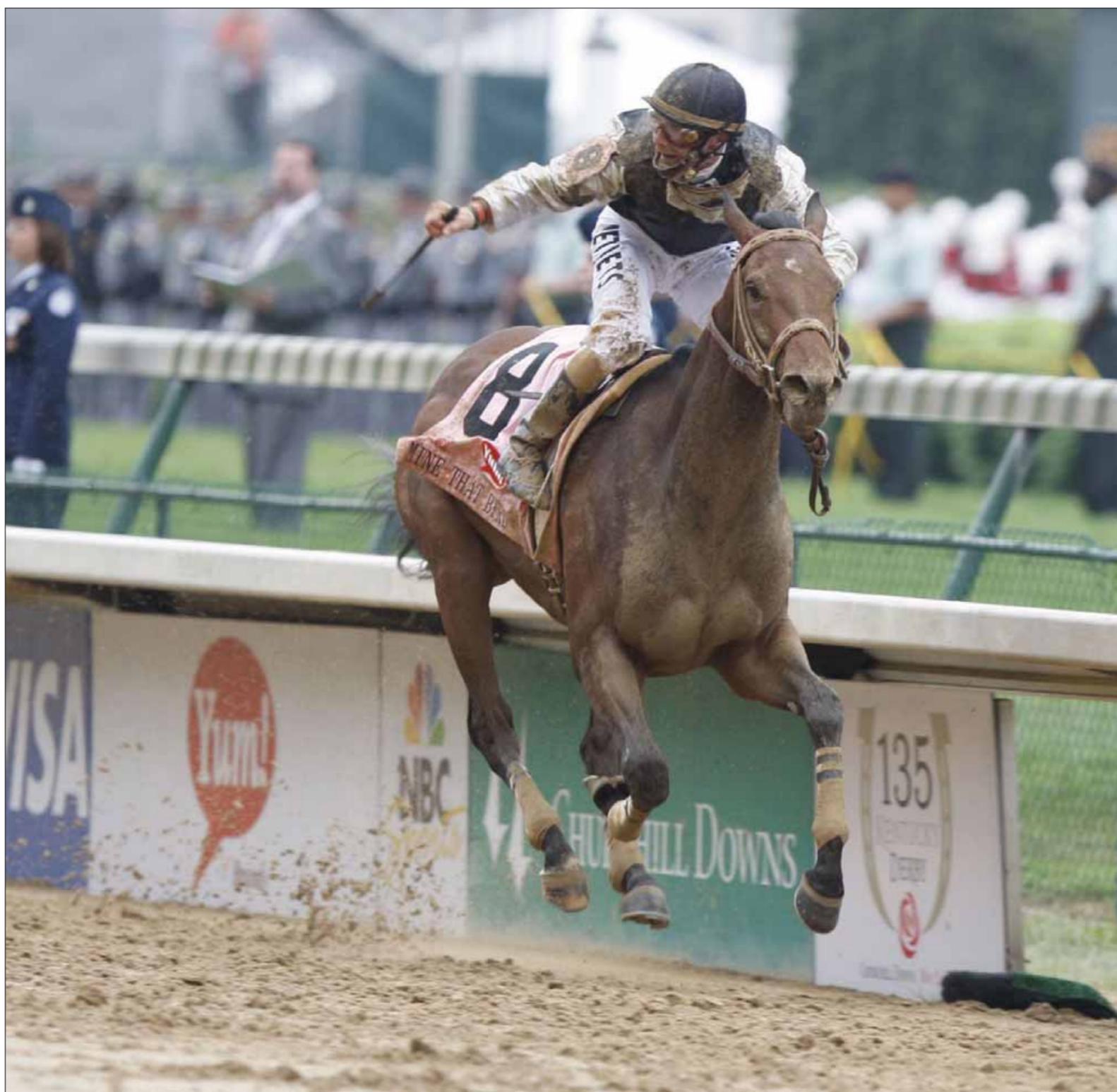
OTHER U.S. CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	sh	67	50	pc	64	51
Albuquerque	pc	78	52	pc	82	54
Amarillo	pc	72	52	pc	79	55
Anchorage	pc	52	40	sh	50	41
Asheville	ts	78	60	sh	74	54
Aspen	pc	57	35	sh	60	36
Atlanta	ts	80	64	sh	79	59
Atlanta City	ts	65	54	rn	58	50
Austin	ts	80	61	pc	83	66
Baltimore	ts	79	62	sh	66	56
Birmingham	pc	65	41	sh	53	37
Birmingham	ts	78	63	pc	79	58
Bismarck	sh	53	35	sh	51	35
Boise	pc	77	48	pc	79	48
Boston	sh	56	50	sh	55	46
Brownsville	pc	89	74	sh	88	75
Buffalo	sh	57	44	pc	63	44
Burlington	ts	59	42	pc	68	49
Charlotte	ts	85	67	ts	79	61
Charlottesville	ts	81	69	ts	81	66
Charlottesville	ts	71	55	sh	74	50
Chattanooga	ts	77	63	pc	79	55
Cheyenne	pc	65	40	pc	67	41
Cincinnati	pc	65	49	pc	73	59
Cleveland	sh	51	45	pc	54	40
Colorado Spgs	pc	68	43	cl	70	46
Columbia MO	pc	69	48	pc	76	58
Columbia SC	ts	88	68	ts	83	63
Columbus	sh	66	47	pc	69	47
Concord	sh	65	44	sh	62	42
Corpus Christi	ts	84	71	pc	83	74
Dallas	pc	77	60	pc	83	65
Daytona Bch.	ts	89	69	ts	86	70
Denver	pc	72	47	cl	73	49
Duluth	pc	60	39	cl	52	37
El Paso	pc	90	62	pc	92	65

WORLD CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	cl	48	28	pc	52	35
Fargo	sh	55	36	ts	85	35
Flagstaff	pc	70	34	pc	69	35
Fort Myers	ts	88	73	cl	89	74
Fort Smith	pc	76	54	pc	79	60
Fresno	su	88	55	sh	80	55
Grand Junc.	pc	74	48	pc	77	50
Great Falls	cl	60	36	rs	49	34
Harrisburg	ts	76	59	rn	63	53
Hartford	sh	70	54	sh	58	48
Helena	pc	68	42	sh	61	39
Honolulu	sh	75	66	pc	78	65
Houston	ts	83	67	pc	89	68
Int'l Falls	cl	55	31	cl	51	28
Jackson	pc	72	62	pc	80	60
Jacksonville	pc	90	74	ts	83	73
Jamez	sh	47	38	cl	53	41
Kansas City	pc	71	53	ts	75	57
Las Vegas	su	91	63	su	89	59
Lincoln	pc	72	52	ts	75	53
Little Rock	ts	73	56	pc	76	58
Los Angeles	pc	70	57	pc	67	57
Louisville	sh	67	55	pc	74	53
Louisville	sh	67	55	pc	74	53
Macon	ts	84	65	ts	82	60
Memphis	sh	70	59	pc	75	57
Miami	ts	70	59	pc	76	54
Minneapolis	pc	70	46	sh	63	44
Mobile	ts	82	68	ts	84	66
Montgomery	ts	81	65	ts	82	60
Los Angeles	ts	70	59	pc	76	54
New Orleans	ts	79	69	pc	83	70
New York	sh	67	55	rn	77	57
Norfolk	ts	84	66	rn	77	57
Oklahoma City	pc	72	54	pc	78	62
Omaha	su	74	55	ts	74	56
Orlando	ts	90	73	ts	87	73
Palm Beach	ts	86	74	ts	87	74
Palm Springs	su	96	64	pc	99	59
Philadelphia	ts	74	57	rn	60	52
Phoenix	su	96	68	pc	96	65
Pittsburgh	sh	68	54	pc	69	50
Portland, ME	cl	59	45	pc	56	42
Portland, OR	pc	74	49	pc	75	48
Providence	sh	63	48	sh	59	45
Raleigh	ts	86	67	ts	79	58
Rapid City	cl	69	38	sh		

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Calvin Borel rides Mine That Bird to a 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ -length, long-shot victory at the Kentucky Derby in 2009. Mine That Bird finished second in the Preakness and third in the Belmont.

Victory remains mystery

Ten years after long-shot Derby win, Mine That Bird still seems like a UFO

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER
The Washington Post

ROSWELL, N.M. — He dwells at the end of a pretty but unpretentious driveway lined at its outset with stouthearted yuccas. He takes visitors with or without appointments in a paddock that's easy whinnying distance from two modest one-story houses. He resides on the high plains, outside a city of about 48,000 where tourists might drop by after seeing the International UFO Museum.

Mine That Bird was his own sort of UFO 10 Kentucky Derbies ago — unidentified at the top of the stretch even by a great race-caller, flying from hopeless yonder to a 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ -length blowout, an object of mass bewilderment. At 50-1 odds he forged an upset that stands tied with Giacomo in 2005 for second biggest in race history, behind only Donerail at 91-1 in 1913. Mine That Bird's narrative continues to giggle at the supposed nonfiction of it.

Everyone knows about living Derby winners. They inhabit lush, verdant, Kentuckian farms with names such as Ashford Stud, WinStar, Darley's Jonabell, Taylor Made, Claiborne, Calumet. Some venture abroad. In a quirk nowadays, two live in Oregon. In a bigger quirk, one lives here, not far down the Texas-bound road past the sign indicating that Tatum lies 71 miles ahead, Lovington 93.

How many Derby winners live behind a fence with a sign reading, "PLEASE DON'T CHASE BIRDS"?

Further, the smallish bay gelding lives here for one hell of a reason: He's beloved. "He has that connection with me and (co-owner) Mark (Allen), that we're not gonna let him go to any home or any farm," said co-owner Leonard Blach, 84, retired lately after 58 years of veterinary practice. "And not that there's anything

wrong with that. It's just that he's one of the family."

To visit Mine That Bird, go through downtown Roswell with its statues of extraterrestrials, including a gigantic one at Dunkin' Donuts, in honor of a visit the area might have received from non-earthlings in 1947. Turn left just before the UFO museum and the alien store. Follow the unprepossessing boulevard east 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles past the silo, the Cowboy Cafe, the house with an alien out front and a dinosaur in the garden, the stand selling honey, pollen and beeswax. Turn right at the billboard advertising Allen's Double Eagle Ranch.

Drive the driveway, hear the screeching birds, and gasp if you will, 1,200 miles from Louisville, at what comes next: a replica of the twin spires at Churchill Downs. Blach designed it. A local tinsmith made it. Mine That Bird lives below it, in a good, clean, functional, unostentatious shed with four stalls. Blach lives directly across from it, across Route 254 at his Buena Suerte Ranch with its Buena Suerte Equine Clinic.

"I drive in there probably, I'd say almost once a day, usually in the morning," Blach said, "because I get up early and have breakfast with buddies in town. I come home just to check on him, and in the summertime we leave him out. A little Shetland's in there with him, and that keeps him quiet. The training center over there behind ... the horses would gallop, he could see them, and he'd just pace that fence."

So Blach got Winston, the Shetland, and while the two horses aren't all that ga-ga about one another, they make do. "They don't really get along," Blach said, "but they don't fight or anything."

The vet figures Mine That Bird has a long, happy, New Mexico life ahead, maybe even to age 30 or so, with bags of peppermints still arriving from human admirers



MIKE FISHER/AP

Mine That Bird was a 50-1 long shot to win the Derby in 2009.

afar and burial slated for just below those spires.

For this Derby weekend, Mine That Bird will make an appearance at Sunland Park close to El Paso. The horse finished fourth at the facility's biggest race, the Sunland Derby, in March 2009, before finishing 1-2-3 in the 2009 Triple Crown series. He would not win another race in nine starts between the Derby and retirement.

It all remains merrily ludicrous, 10 years after the post-Derby quotation of trainer Chip Woolley, which went, "To be honest, I didn't have any real feeling that I could win the Derby."

The two minutes of life in which they did left Blach's office permanently renovated. Photos of May 2, 2009, crowd the walls of the house across the street from the residence of the horse who caused such shock. A stirring one just to Blach's left as he sits at his desk focuses upon Mine That Bird as he enters the first turn, trailing his 18 rivals with a palpable absence of hope.

Ten years on, it's still jarring to hear Blach say casually: "And I never thought we could win the race. I only hoped and prayed after he started that he'd run up in the pack someplace: fifth, sixth, 10th, and just sort of get lost in there, so

we'd run in the Kentucky Derby, and we didn't run last."

And then: "And then what a downer that was, watching him do that thing (of getting bumped out of the gate and then trailing). 'Oh Lord, just don't let him run last.' Then here he comes, you know, picking his way through that crowd and onto the rail with Calvin (Borel, the jockey), win by six and three-quarters, and it's a high then."

And: "I just can't, even today, put into words how exciting that was."

Each anecdote Blach revisits seems to pile on allure, one decade on.

There's the one about the Churchill Downs racing secretary calling Allen about a month before the race to suggest the owners try the Derby because their horse had earned enough money as a 2-year-old in Canada, and Allen thinking the call was a prank, and the racing secretary calling again the next day. There's the one about the Derby connections party on Derby eve, when a hostess saw the cowboy hats in the Mine That Bird group and admonished, "This is a private party," before correcting the error and sending them to their allotted Table 23 in a distant corner.

There's the one about Allen and

Blach not realizing they lacked a Kentucky racing license until the Thursday before the race, and trying to alert someone in an office that evening by throwing twigs and whatnot up at the windows. There's the last-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita in fall 2008, after which trainer Richard Mandella both advised Allen and Blach to take their horse home and encouraged them about his quality.

There's the very idea their spring plans included not the Derby but ventures to southwestern tracks such as Lone Star in Texas, and that the TV cameras kept going right past them in the run-up to the Derby in Louisville, and that they felt relieved about that, and that after they won the Derby, certain relatives of Blach didn't even realize he had entered the race until seeing him on TV winning it.

There's the eternal detail of the 1,200-mile road trip Woolley took from Roswell to Louisville, hauling Mine That Bird's spiffy van.

"A miraculous miracle," Blach called it, which didn't ring as overstatement.

On a late morning during Derby week 10 years on, he drove across Route 254 as he always does, got through the driveway and past the houses, and stopped his truck next to the paddock fence. He got out and called for Mine That Bird, who was all the way across the space alongside the Shetland. At first Mine That Bird either didn't hear or pretended not to, whereupon Blach said, "Don't be so lazy," and, "Get over here," and then, "He knows."

In the high plains of eastern New Mexico with the horizon that looks halfway to forever, one of the world's most beautiful UFOs lumbered across, maybe even playacting his trudge for effect, until he reached the humans and the peppermints. As he and Blach cavorted like old chums, horse and human, so far in every way from Kentucky, it still seemed implausible that 10 years ago they epitomized that sport, at its best, remains a mystery.

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U.S. stars Meghan Duggan, left, and Hilary Knight celebrate after winning gold at the 2018 Winter Olympics. Duggan says "we would be excited" if the NHL created a women's league.

Next step the biggest one

Women's players hold out hope NHL will take initiative and create new league

BY STEPHEN WHYNO AND JOHN WAWROW
Associated Press

Meghan Duggan need only look around sports to get excited about what an NHL-run women's hockey league might look like.

The NBA did it with the WNBA. Soccer leagues in Europe and the U.S. have done it. And that was enough for the 2018 U.S. Olympic gold-medal winning captain and more than 200 fellow players to take a leap of faith by pledging not to play in North America this year to try to get to the point where there's a single, economically viable professional league.

"History has told all of us that startup women's professional leagues thrive and are very successful when working with an existing professional league," Duggan told The Associated Press on Thursday. "That's definitely something I think that we would be excited about. But this is just the first step in getting there."

The effective boycott of North America's only remaining women's hockey league, the National Women's Hockey League, sent shockwaves through the sport with a major equipment company advocating for NHL ownership and men's players and agents voicing their support.

Now comes the big question: Will it work?

"I think they have a better chance of succeeding than some of the men's unions have," said Matt DeDuca, a labor and employment attorney with Pepper Hamilton. "Strikes have not been very effective in professional sports for players because it's hard to maintain them long term. Women's professional sports are a little different because of the economics. I think there is a tremendous opportunity for them."

It's an opportunity equipment giant Bauer Hockey wants to be a part of. Vice president of marketing Mary-Kay Messier released a statement saying the National Hockey League "must be in an ownership position" for any women's league.

"I really do believe and we at Bauer believe that that is the only sustainable, viable option for ownership," Messier said in a phone interview. "It will really take a long-term view and the possibility of looking at this from a perspective of not the bottom line immediately but as a necessary step to ensure the future of the game through continued growth and participation inspiring those (future) generations."

The NHL has given \$50,000 annually each to the NWHL and the now-defunct Canadian Women's



JERRY HOLT/TNS

Minnesota Whitecaps goalie Amanda Leveille celebrates with the Isobel Cup on March 17. The Whitecaps beat the Buffalo Beau to win the NWHL title. 200 players are boycotting all North American pro women's hockey leagues, including the NWHL, until the leagues pay a viable wage.

en's Hockey League that recently ceased operations. It has invited a handful of top players to participate in its All-Star skills competition. When Brianna Decker demonstrated the passing drill and finished with a better time than the winner, CCM Hockey said it would pay her the \$25,000 she would've gotten as the prize.

University at Buffalo sports law professor Nellie Drew said her children follow the NHL and NWHL and love the game. She wonders what happens next.

"The question is going to be whether the economic demand will be there to drive this," Drew said. "Right now in 2019, do the women's hockey players have the economic leverage to make an effective stand on this position? Maybe not. But do they have the capacity to drive public sentiment strongly enough that it will make the (NHL) consider it? Yeah, I think they do."

NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly told the AP, "We will further explore the situation privately before taking any affirmative position on next steps."

The U.S. women's national team in 2017 threatened to skip the world championships in Michigan and wound up getting

an improved benefits package from USA Hockey. Those players will now make \$3,000-\$4,000 a month with the ability to earn about \$71,000 annually. They can make up to \$129,000 in Olympic years with contributions from the U.S. Olympic Committee. It was a big boost for a group of women who were getting \$1,000 a month for six months around the Olympics.

That situation is much different from trying to establish a league from scratch, with questions ranging from the business model to potential locations, sponsors and investors, player benefits and more. The NWHL said it was going ahead with next season and was offering improved salaries and a revenue-sharing deal with players, who nonetheless made their decision to sit out.

Skipping a season is a question female soccer players have faced many times as a labor tactic and it's a difficult issue, said Megan Rapinoe, named to her third U.S. roster for the upcoming Women's World Cup. The captain of Reign FC in the NWSL expressed support for her fellow female athletes.

"It's sort of a last-resort tactic that is just the labor side of things (athletes are) sometimes forced to

take," Rapinoe said Friday. "And I think you never want to, but I think you always have to be willing to if it gets to that point."

Numerous players have urged both nations' governing bodies — USA Hockey and Hockey Canada — to become involved in helping set up the framework for a professional league. Critics have questioned why USA Hockey hasn't done more on the women's side, particularly when it provides support to the USHL, America's top junior hockey league for males 20 and younger.

"While we're certainly an interested party in the happenings on the professional side of the game, our priority is on continuing to grow the game at the grassroots level and enhancing and supporting our national team program," USA Hockey executive director Pat Kelleher said in a prepared statement.

Hockey Canada drew criticism for failing to respond to the CFWHL's last-minute plea for assistance just before the league announced in March it would shut down. The organization has not responded to a request for comment this week.

No one believes a long-term league will materialize overnight,

but U.S. Olympic game-winning goal-scorer Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson said she was optimistic based on the NHL's position and the power of so many players.

"We feel confident that we potentially have a gap year now and players are prepared to sit out an entire season of professional hockey, which isn't good for any one individual player," Lamoureux-Davidson said. "But hopefully that will be the maximum that anyone would have to sit out."

As word of the women's decision spread, NHL players said they were excited even if they're not sure how a league run by the NHL might work.

"They're the best in the world at what they do. They should be compensated accordingly," Colorado defenseman Ian Cole said. "I'm not sure how that would be structured. I'm not the chief financial officer of the NHL. I don't know what the figures would look like. I don't know if it's economically feasible. I'm not sure how they would do it. Would we like to see that? Yeah, absolutely."

AP Sports Writers Pat Graham and Teresa M. Walker contributed.

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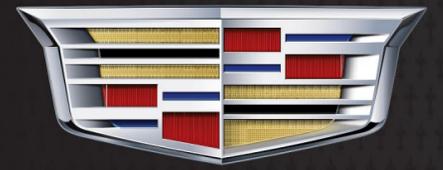


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Nissan's big Armada returns, with updates

By G. Chambers Williams III,
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The Nissan Armada full-size sport utility, now in its second generation, returns for 2019 with a few updates, including new standard safety technology.

Now included on all trim levels are Rear Door Alert, Intelligent Cruise Control, Automatic Emergency Braking and Intelligent Forward Collision Warning.

There are four trim levels for 2019: SV (base price \$46,790), SL (\$51,590), Platinum (\$59,690) and Platinum Reserve (\$62,690), a top-of-the-line model added. All of these come with rear-wheel drive, but four-wheel drive can be added to any trim level for an additional \$3,000.

Also for 2019, the Armada comes with NissanConnect Services powered by SiriusXM, including an eight-inch multi-touch display, HD Radio, SiriusXM Travel Link with three years of service (SiriusXM subscription sold separately), Enhanced Voice Recognition, Hands-Free Text Messaging Assistant, and additional USB ports for all models.

Extras on the Platinum Reserve include Dark Chrome on the grille, door handles and outside mirrors; special 20-inch Dark Chrome wheels; two-tone leather seats with unique stitching; Black Quartz and premium wood-tone interior trim; and an embossed "Platinum Reserve" emblem on the lid of the center console.

The Platinum and Platinum Reserve models come with the Intelligent Rear-View Mirror, which uses a high-resolution camera at the rear exterior to transmit a rear-facing image onto a monitor built into the center rearview mirror. But there is a switch at the bottom of the mirror that lets the driver change between camera and standard mirror views.

This camera system eliminates blind spots in the rearview mirror image caused by such interior elements as headrests, body panels and large cargo items.

Armada's second generation is based on the architecture of the similar Infiniti QX80 luxury SUV.

The original Armada was introduced in 2004 as the Pathfinder Armada, and was built on the same chassis as the Nissan Titan pickup. It was assembled at the Nissan plant in Canton, Miss. Now, the Armada comes from the same plant in Kyushu, Japan, that has been assembling the QX80 since it moved into its second generation for 2011.



ANOTHER LOOK: 2019 NISSAN ARMADA

The package: Full-size, seven- or eight-passenger, five-door, rear- or four-wheel-drive, V-8 powered, body-on-frame sport utility vehicle. **Highlights:** The Armada was redesigned for 2017 to mirror the premium Infiniti QX80 model on which it is based. A Platinum Reserve model was new for 2018, and more high-tech safety features were added for 2019. This is a big, premium family hauler with lots of power, a smooth ride, and a long list of available comfort, convenience and safety features.

Engine: 5.6-liter V-8.

Transmission: Seven-speed automatic.

Cargo capacity: 16.5 cubic feet (behind third row); 49.9 (third row folded).

Electronic stability control: Standard.

Towing capacity: 8,500 pounds.

Fuel economy: 14 mpg city/19 highway/16 combined (2WD); 13/18/15 (4WD).

Base price range (2019): \$46,790-\$65,690, plus \$1,395 freight.

On the Road rating: 9.3 (of a possible 10).

Ever since the midsize, seven-passenger Nissan Pathfinder was shifted to a car-based crossover format five years ago, the Armada is the only three-row, truck-based SUV left in the Nissan lineup.

Inside, there is seating for up to eight people, and it still has a conventional body-on-frame design rather than the unibody construction of a crossover. It's 1.2 inches longer overall than the first-generation Armada, but has a 2.1-inch shorter wheelbase. It's 0.6 inches wider and 2.2 inches lower.

The Armada can be configured for seven passengers by replacing the standard three-person second-row bench seat with two captain's chairs (\$450 extra). That lowers the capacity to two in front, two in the middle and three in the rear.

We tested the 2019 Armada SV with all-wheel drive and the standard eight-passenger arrangement (base price \$49,790). We didn't need the third row during our week with the Armada, but

it can easily accommodate big kids or average-size adults.

For some trips, we did have two adult passengers in the middle row, and they found their seats to be quite roomy and comfortable.

The Armada is high enough off the ground (9.1-inch ground clearance for the SV, 9.2-inch for the other trims) that it can be a bit difficult to get into from outside, especially for short people. To help, there are steel side step rails with rubber pads on each side.

Armada competes in the full-size SUV class along with the Chevrolet Tahoe/Suburban and its siblings, the GMC Yukon/Yukon XL, as well as the Ford Expedition and Toyota Sequoia. Also in the mix is the Lincoln Navigator, which also is a direct competitor to the QX80.

All trim levels of the Armada come with a 5.6-liter Endurance V-8 engine, rated at 390 horsepower and 394 foot-pounds of torque. It's connected to a seven-speed automatic transmission. This powerful engine moves the Armada

quite easily, and offers plenty of passing and towing power of trailers up to 8,500 pounds.

EPA ratings are 14 city/19 highway/16 combined for rear-drive models, and 13/18/15 for four-wheel-drives. During our test week, with about 70 percent interstate highway driving, we averaged 16.7 mpg.

The standard Intelligent Cruise Control on our Armada was very precise, holding the vehicle to the preset speed with little or no variation going uphill or down. Unlike some high-end vehicles, the Armada's cruise control can be adjusted up or down in 1 mph increments, and the driver can see the set speed on a digital readout in the center of the instrument panel.

For the second generation, the Armada got a completely new exterior similar to that of the QX80. Nissan says there was an increase of 20 percent in body stiffness, helping to enhance handling and ride comfort.

Corners and edges are more rounded than those of the previous Armada, and this vehicle sits up above most other vehicles, giving driver and passengers great outward visibility.

Among other standard features on our vehicle were heated front seats; a 13-speaker Bose audio system with navigation and an eight-inch color touch screen, satellite and HD radio, four USB ports (two are charge-only), Bluetooth connectivity, and Nissan Connect services; 10-way power driver's seat and eight-way power front passenger seat, both with two-way power lumbar adjust; cloth seats in charcoal color; leather-wrapped steering wheel and shifter knob; and keyless entry with pushbutton start.

Other exterior elements include a black V-motion grille and standard LED low-beam headlights with halogen high beams and LED Daytime Running Lights. Headlights are automatic on/off, and there are fog lights on the SL, Platinum and Platinum Reserve models.

At the rear, there are LED taillights. There are functional air intake vents on the front fenders. Chrome-plated electrochromatic mirrors with memory, heat and puddle lamps are standard on SL and Platinum models.

Because this is a truly off-road-capable SUV, the all-mode four-wheel drive features low-range gearing with a two-speed transfer case for extreme trail driving.

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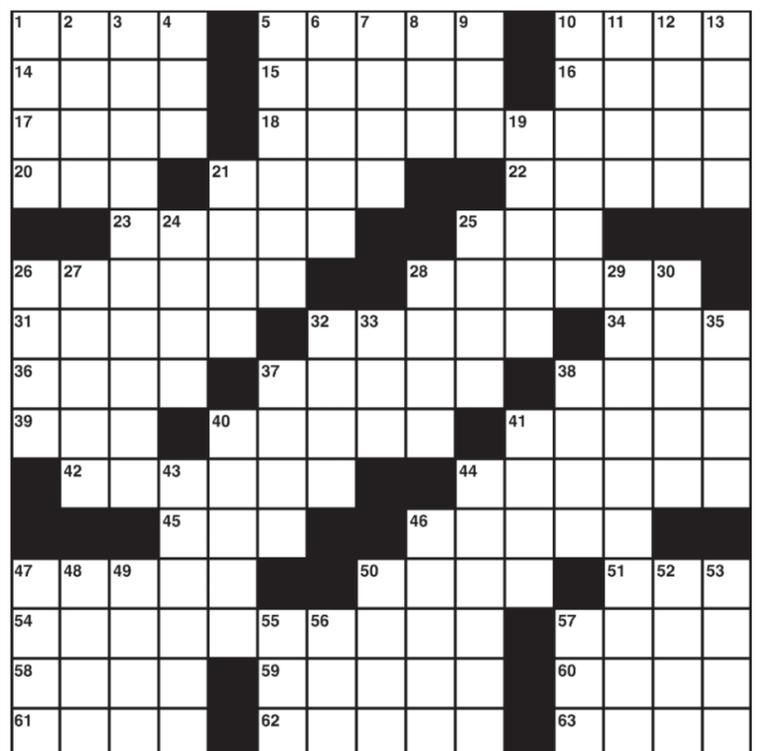
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- 10 Slightly open
- 14 Villain
- 15 Peruvian pal
- 16 In a ___; furious
- 17 ___ down;
- 18 Very talkative
- 20 Mayor pro ___;
- 21 "The ___ Ranger"
- 22 Requirements
- 23 ___ to; because of
- 25 Want ___; newspaper section
- 26 Shaping devices
- 28 Light bulb inventor
- 31 Alien
- 32 Public square
- 34 eBay offer
- 36 Opening for mail
- 37 Dudley or Demi
- 38 ___ club; singing group
- 39 Cheap metal
- 40 Marshmallow chicks
- 41 Fruit drink
- 42 Revere
- 44 Colored slightly
- 45 Acorn producer
- 46 Lightweight wood
- 47 Take place
- 50 Piece of china

- 51 Brown shade
- 54 Helicopter
- 57 City in which the Iditarod ends
- 58 C-sharp or A-flat
- 59 Refueling ship
- 60 Make beer
- 61 ___ off; hightailed it
- 62 Like poorly wrapped cheese
- 63 Pus-filled sac

DOWN

- 1 Expense
- 2 Make eyes at
- 3 Job advancements
- 4 Evergreen tree
- 5 Beauty parlors
- 6 "There is honor ___ thieves"
- 7 Highest digit
- 8 ___ foo yong
- 9 Use an oar
- 10 Star of "Gunsmoke"
- 11 Green gem
- 12 Elderly
- 13 Johnny Bench & Pete Rose location
- 19 Mumbai's location
- 21 Claim against property
- 24 Sharpen
- 25 Carving tool
- 26 Final
- 27 TV's "Kate & ___"

Solutions



- 28 Corncobs
- 29 Mandatory; required
- 30 Sister's daughter
- 32 Sonnet or limerick
- 33 Cut off
- 35 Landowner's paper
- 37 Submissive
- 38 Weapons
- 40 Singer Bailey
- 41 Hill climber of nursery rhyme
- 43 Visited to see the sights
- 44 Cheap & gaudy
- 46 Like a dull speaker's audience
- 47 ___ up; admits guilt
- 48 Referve verb
- 49 Refer to
- 50 ... George H.W., ___ George W., Barack...
- 52 Singing brothers of the '50s
- 53 Mr. Gingrich
- 55 ___ Kippur
- 56 Brief life sketch
- 57 Network for "Cheers"

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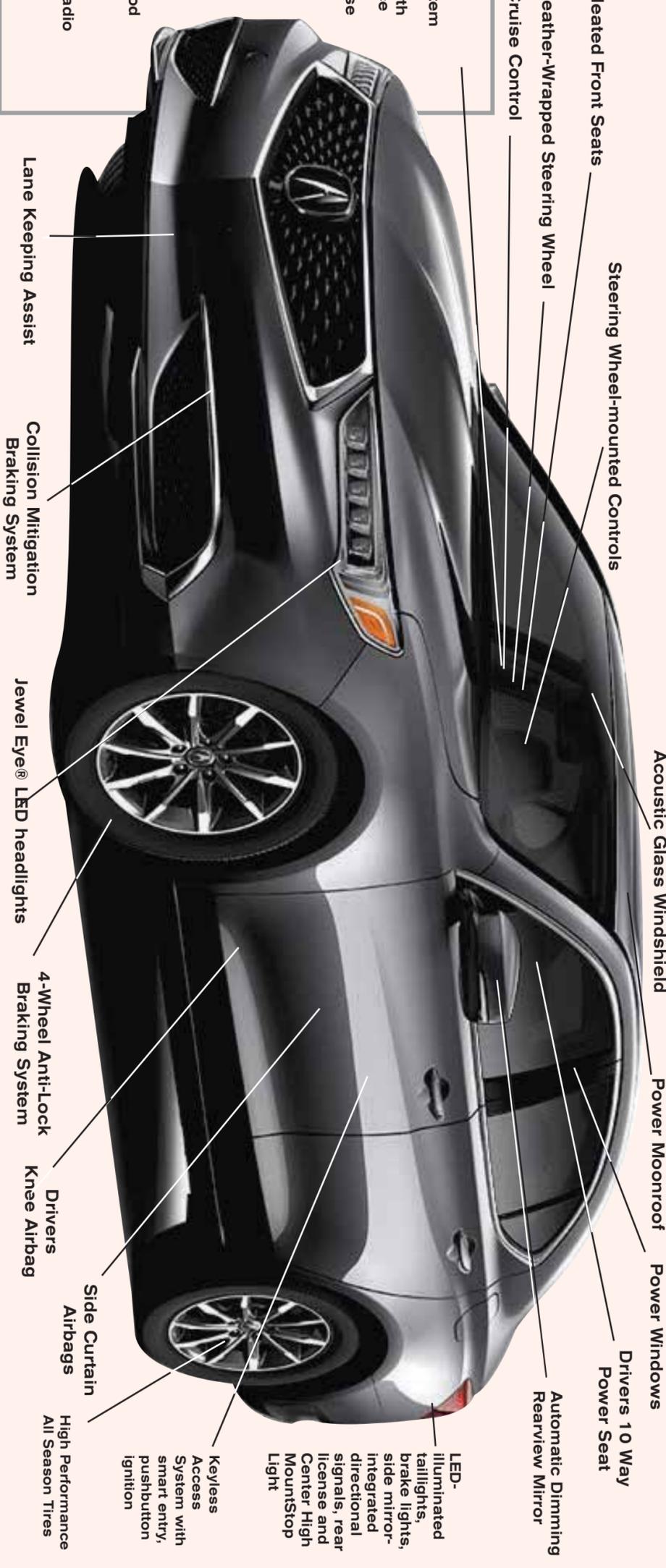
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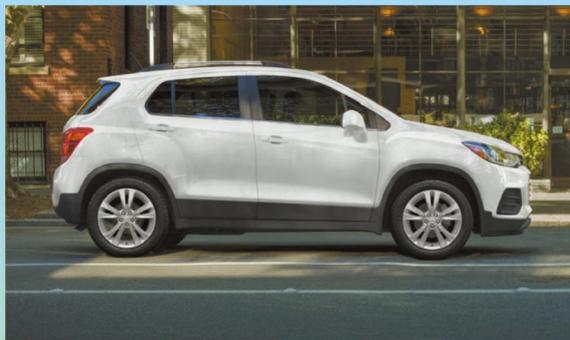


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West Lawn students help change lives

Students from Mariano Azuela Elementary School look forward to WE Day in celebration of the ways they're working together to make the world a better place.

When Dawn Meyer began teaching at Mariano Azuela Elementary School in Chicago's West Lawn neighborhood, she found a tightknit, largely immigrant community where parents were deeply invested in their children's educations — even though they didn't always have a lot of time or resources to spare.

Meyer came to the school with 20 years of teaching in a high-needs public school and knew how important it was that students become invested in their communities early, so they learn they have the power to change the inequities they see around them.

So, she turned to the WE Schools program, a free service-learning educational resource that transforms classrooms and empowers students to become community leaders and give back. The program is active in 16,000 schools and groups across North America and the UK and was founded more than 20 years ago by social entrepreneur brothers Craig and Marc Kielburger.

The brothers also founded WE Day Illinois, which comes to

Chicago on May 8. It's an unparalleled event that allows teachers and students to celebrate their year of taking actions to transform their communities and change lives through the WE Schools program.

Students from Mariano Azuela Elementary School will be there. Their journey began when Meyer created an after-school WE club in 2014 so students from Grades 5 to 8 could learn about social issues and campaign for causes they were passionate about. When the club held food drives for the WE Scare Hunger campaign, families didn't hesitate to contribute even though food insecurity is sometimes faced in this school community as well. During a bottled water drive for the families in Flint, Michigan, whose city water supply is contaminated, one parent filled the bed of the pickup truck he used for his landscaping business with cases of water.

In 2017, the club joined with the school's anti-bullying program to create a student outreach arm — the SEL Ambassadors. Led by the school's Social and Emotional Learning Specialist, Sabrina

Chen, the group uses WE Schools resources but also works with the school community on issues like violence prevention, conflict resolution and active listening.

"Our entire school staff makes social-emotional learning a priority and a part of our Azuela culture," says Chen. "It clearly shows in our students' actions and impact in our community."

In one year, the group has participated in the UN's Peace Day rally at the Richard J. Daley Center, organized an art contest whose results will be turned into murals throughout the school, created a mentorship program for younger students, held a WE Read Together campaign to promote literacy and organized several "Talking Circle" workshops on socially relevant topics like self-image for students and visiting scholars.

"They're just a group of energetic and passionate students," says Chen.

For Liliana Zavala, 14, being part of WE Schools programs has meant more than a chance to do good work. She has been transformed as well. She arrived as a



Members of Mariano Azuela's SEL Ambassadors participate in the UN's Peace Day rally at the Richard J. Daley Center on September 17, 2018. (Photo courtesy of Sabrina Chen)

shy and withdrawn student, after students at her old school had left mean comments on her social media. Today, Liliana speaks with passion and confidence. She feels better able to stand up for herself and others — and she's been able to make many new friends. Her best friend, Frida Delgado, 14, is also a member of the group.

"Realistically, SEL has helped me be the person I am now," says Liliana.

Liliana and the other SEL Ambassadors will join 15,000 other students and educators at the Allstate Arena for WE Day Illinois. It is one of 19 WE Day events held in stadiums across the U.S., Canada, the UK and the Caribbean. More than 200,000 students attend WE Days and millions more tune in online and through TV broadcasts. Each WE Day showcases a powerful lineup of world-renowned speakers,

thought leaders and performers.

However, there's no way to buy a ticket to one of these events. Each attendee earns their way there by taking action on one local and one global cause of their choice. Since 2007, students involved in WE Schools yearlong service-based learning programs have raised more than \$119 million for 6,165 organizations and volunteered for a combined total of over 46.4 million hours.

This WE Day will be Meyer's fifth at the school. While the group she founded has evolved, she continues to see how WE Schools programming empowers students to find their passion and chart their own paths for social change.

"This is pretty much what WE organization is about," she says. "You can do little things and from there those little things can snowball into global effects."

— Chinelo Onwualu



Members of the SEL Ambassadors led a Thanksgiving Food Drive at Mariano Azuela Elementary School in November, 2018. (Photo courtesy of Sabrina Chen)



Members of the SEL Ambassadors host a WE Read Together literacy campaign for their Big Brother, Big Sister program at Mariano Azuela Elementary School. (Photo courtesy of Sabrina Chen)

WE Day Connect: A virtual all-access pass

Special online WE Day event connects a digital community of change-makers

WE Day Connect is coming soon to a classroom near you.

Streaming live online on Thursday, May 16, WE Day Connect is a free, interactive event that brings together students and educators to celebrate acts of volunteerism and showcase how local youth, schools and groups have made a difference in their communities and around the world. The interactive format will give participants watching via livestream the opportunity to ask questions, make comments and share their stories.

The 90-minute, action-packed program brings the power of WE Day to schools everywhere. Along with celebrity and special guests, WE Day Connect will feature real-life stories of students, their teachers and the impact they have made in their communities. Here is a preview of some of the schools and teachers in the spotlight.

Woodlake Elementary School, Sacramento, CA

Fondly called the "Tolerance Kids," these students support a local shelter for homeless teens

by donating their time as well as snacks, blankets and care packages. With many living across from a well-known charity, Loaves and Fishes, and too often living in shelters themselves, the students fully understand what it is like to be homeless.

Dr. Jaqueline Landrum Sanderlin, Inglewood Unified School District, CA

For "Dr. J," it's all about unlocking and fostering potential. As executive director of School and Community Relations for the district, Dr. Landrum Sanderlin works to identify opportunities for students to tackle the important issues in their communities and create future opportunities for themselves through education.

Pine Grove Public School, St. Catharines, ON, Canada

This all-female group of grade 7 students is using their new coding skills to build an educational app to promote inclusive language, and are creating videos to raise awareness about different types of disabilities or barriers people face. The videos and app prompt



Students from St. Hope Leadership Academy (New York, NY) getting ready to be featured in the fall 2018 WE Day Connect. (Photo courtesy of WE)

the user to take action and earn rewards through incentives.

Brazil Secondary School, Trinidad and Tobago

This year, Brazil Secondary School participated in the WE Global Classroom on March 14th,

highlighting CNN's #MyFreedomDay. Focusing on the issue of child labor, students carried out a highly effective awareness campaign that included creating a tunnel of informational posters for students to reflect on as they walked through, as well as a traditional

dance flash mob in the school courtyard.

WE Day Connect will livestream on Thursday, May 16.

To sign up for reminders or for more information, visit WE.org/wedayconnect.

— Sharon McAuley

Service empowers youth to become local leaders

In Englewood, students team up with Allstate agency owner to provide everyday essentials to those in need

At the iGrow Chicago house, volunteers lined up to fill backpacks with socks, toothpaste, lip balm, deodorant, tissues and other daily living essentials. The supplies will stock the iGrow's community pantry in Englewood.

The volunteers, mostly high school students from Perspectives Charter Schools, had come to the South Side neighborhood as part of WE Charity and Allstate Foundation's WE Volunteer Now campaign. During the 2017-2018 academic year, more than 260,000 young people were empowered through the campaign to identify local issues, plan actions to address an issue critical to them and lead volunteer efforts to strengthen their community.

For Elijah Lewis, 16, spending a day volunteering in Englewood meant spending a day in his own community. Lewis, a sophomore at the Perspectives Rodney D. Joslin campus, enjoyed bringing his classmates from around the city to his neighborhood to open their eyes to what it's really like in a community often defined only by the violence reported on the news. "To see other kids come into my community and help out feels great," says Lewis. "The smallest thing can make a big impact."

Helping to make that community impact a reality was Allstate agency owner Barbara Brown, who joined the students, not only to fill backpacks, but to present the young people with a \$250 WE Volunteer Now grant made possible by The Allstate Foundation. With the grant, students will turn more of their ideas



Perspectives Charter Schools student Elijah Lewis fills backpacks as part of their WE Volunteer Now project that will benefit Englewood residents who need everyday essentials like deodorant and socks. (Photo courtesy of The Allstate Foundation)

into actions to benefit their communities.

Brown also spoke to the students about the importance of volunteering, letting them know Allstate Foundation and WE "are there for them to support their efforts to bring about peace and change in their community."

"Her words really caught my attention," says Colby Cline, 16. "I would love to grow up and make a big influence for good. She made me want to take chances and to be a real success."

Brown says she finds fulfillment in working alongside students. "These are the folks who are our future — sitting at my desk, going to the White House or working in a surgery room," she says. "Helping them to the point where they have the confidence to make a difference is essential. I know they will make a huge impact."

As an Allstate agency owner for almost 31 years, Brown has participated in Allstate Foundation-sponsored volunteer activities throughout her career. For

her, giving back goes along with her day-to-day work.

"As agents, we are about people — we talk to people all day long," she said. "We are about protecting families and caring for our local communities. That's what we do."

In addition to volunteering, this event gave the Perspectives Charter Schools students — members of the Peace Team — a chance to demonstrate leadership and be mentors. They invited eighth grade students along to pack the bags and watch the Peace Team in action.

"We brought them to this beautiful house in an Englewood neighborhood they think of as violent, to give them a new mindset, a new perspective on how it really is in the community," says Naomi Lucas, 17. "You can tell by their faces that they're enjoying their time giving back."

iGrow Chicago is a healing zone filled with accessible resources that build skills, foster connection, and promote safe and thriving communities.

Service-learning experience is the future of education

WE asked Craig Kielburger, co-founder of WE Charity, and David Coleman, CEO of College Board, about AP with WE Service, and how the program gives students hard lessons about local and global issues and the skills to solve them. This is their reply:

The American education system has a desk drawer full of rulers for measuring student success. While grades are important, a young person's potential cannot be summed up with numbers alone. One important measure is their awareness of what's going on around them, outside of school, outside of their homes.

Since the advent of global connectivity and social media, kids have a greater awareness of world issues than any previous generation. Our students know when there's been a hurricane in Texas or a famine overseas. Classroom lessons can give them a sense of responsibility and agency over these challenges; students now have a clearer picture of how problems are solved and the tools needed to do so. The AP with WE Service model combines academic challenges from Advanced Placement with WE's experience in youth empowerment and volunteering. Students consider how to apply their classroom lessons to find solutions to real world problems.

For example, a student worried about the decline of global bee populations could work through their AP Environmental Science course to find solutions to reverse the trend. One AP with WE Service class wanted to make a difference for a person in Ecuador with accessibility issues. They used the tools and resources from their AP Computer Science with WE Service course to study



David Coleman, CEO of College Board, at WE Day UN 2018. (Photo courtesy of WE)

prosthetics and then design an artificial hand.

With service-learning opportunities like these, the core curriculum is linked to local, national and global issues, enabling students to learn through volunteer actions. Many schools incorporate elements of community service — but it is usually an extracurricular activity, an add-on. Service-learning lets students tackle real issues, help real people and acquire crucial life skills.

This is the evolution of education: to shape the whole person, academically and as a responsible citizen.

Over half of the participants in the WE Schools service-learning program report their grades have improved. Participants are 30 percent more likely to feel prepared for college than their peers, according to an independent survey conducted by Mission Measurement. These youth are also twice as likely to volunteer with community groups and causes at least once a week, and 1.3 times more likely to vote consistently when they reach the age of majority. Even after graduation, as these students become young adults, the lessons from service-learning stay with them.

Colleges and employers are looking for more than marks. Young people need to demonstrate soft skills

like leadership and problem-solving, and to give back. In a 2018 survey of college admissions officers, 61 percent agreed that, when considering potential students with equivalent academic achievement, community service is a tie-breaker.

Similarly, surveys of tech giants Microsoft and Google have found that, in addition to coding skills, the innovation industry wants workers who can communicate effectively and lead with empathy. Programs like AP with WE Service build emotional intelligence, and make these students lifelong learners with adaptable career goals.

Immersing students in their course work through service will provide an opportunity to strengthen college readiness of students across the country while empowering them to be active and engaged citizens.

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Water everywhere, but not a drop was drinkable

The Amazon rainforest is one of the wettest places on Earth, but for small riverside communities like Los Rios, clean water access is complicated.

Rio Jatunyacu — Big Water River — moves lazily, dragging foam and scraps of plastic with its current while, near its bank, the local water committee of Los Rios is busy making it safe to drink.

Jugs of chemicals are passed among a group of men, who redistribute their contents into other, smaller containers. Toxic warning labels are read, buttons pushed and charts checked, all so that these men and their families can have clean water in one of the wettest places on Earth.

Los Rios isn't far from the Napo River, the largest tributary of the Amazon River, which has the highest volume of water discharge in the world. Annual rainfall is as high as you'd imagine in a forested jungle region named after its rain. The small community is nestled beside Rio Jatunyacu, which, despite its grand title, isn't all that great for drinking.

Big rivers have long journeys. By the time their rushing waters straddle Los Rios, the rivers have passed through urban industry, development and pollution. And though it's almost always raining, catching rainwater is tricky. Even if enough rain is collected, heat, humidity and insects threaten storage tanks.

When we arrive the water committee is peering over the edge of a raised metal platform into a vat, assessing the contents. Below them, river water churned through one of the most advanced treatment systems in the Amazon, a custom design from WE Charity built by a local company, Yakupro, to serve



Ney Goyes, the rest of the water committee and a Yakupro trainer stand over the vat that's the first step in Los Rios's water purification system. (Photo courtesy of Sara Cornthwaite)

the 72 families in Los Rios. Today, Yakupro has sent a trainer to conduct a refresher on the system's workings and maintenance.

Inside an enclosure sits a vat, housing eight compartments that force untreated water through a downward-tilting maze. Compounds called flocculants, which attach to solid waste and cause it to sink, are injected into the first compartment and waste is dragged down and left at the bottom while the water moves on to the next compartment. In a separate tank treated water is filtered again with a mix of activated charcoal to remove impurities and chlorine to kill parasites. Then the water is safe to consume.

Ney Goyes, 38, president of the committee, explains that injecting too few chemicals into untreated water leaves impurities but adding too many can make the water unsafe to ingest.

Goyes speaks Spanish through an interpreter, telling us his term as committee president started three years ago, before the system was installed. Before the treatment system was finished late in 2018, water from the river was piped

unfiltered into homes.

The community frequently suffered from waterborne illness, a roster of diseases including diarrheal disorders that can be deadly. To combat this, another nonprofit shipped in trucks of clean water weekly. Families arrived in alphabetical order to collect their allotted portions. There was never enough.

Heading the committee, monitoring water quality and system maintenance are big responsibilities, Goyes acknowledges, and he doesn't take them lightly.

"Mientras viva, estoy aqui para dar mi granito de arena," he says. "As long as I live, I'm going to contribute my grain of sand."

It isn't enough to be surrounded by bodies of water. And the efforts of the Los Rios committee are a stark reminder that humans must reverse-engineer our damage to the environment in order to keep living in it. Even here in the Amazon basin, where nature is relatively unspoiled and water is everywhere, drinking it requires chemicals and mechanical feats.

Water is work. But water is life.

— Katie Hewitt

From a storage room to an adventure in the Amazon

Illinois student's volunteer project earns her a spot on once-in-a-lifetime adventure to Ecuador, thanks to DHL

Radka will never forget the moment. She was leading a makeover project — storage room edition — transforming a local elementary school's storage room into a library, and the kindergarten class had just seen their new library for the first time.

"Seeing the kids' reactions made all the work disappear. It was pure bliss," says Radka Pierdinock, 19, who was inspired to start the project after finding out the school had no library.

"Books are so important to me and to my education. I had to do something," she says. With the support of her community, Radka spent weeks organizing donations of books, décor and paint, and setting up the space, complete with "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" mural.

After finishing the project, Radka wrote about it in her application for the DHL Youth Fellowship Award, which recognizes young Americans who are tackling social issues in their communities and around the world. She thought the application hadn't gone through — until her mom got a phone call letting her know Radka was one of six winners chosen from across the country.

"I remember sitting in the car and my mom was like, 'Radka, you're going to Ecuador!'" Radka says. Her prize included the chance to travel on a ME to WE Trip to Ecuador's Amazon jungle, where she spent an unforgettable week helping build a school kitchen, learning about local culture and connecting with families and students in the rural community of Bellavista. She was joined on her life-changing adventure by fellow winners Piper Huddleston, Esperanza Lee, Bianka Ortiz, Tyler



Radka Pierdinock was one of six students who won the opportunity of a lifetime last summer: a ME to WE Trip to Ecuador. (Photo courtesy of Ernesto Garcia)

Zangaglia and Vivian Wang, like-minded students who each champion causes of their own, including mental health, homelessness, poverty and inclusivity.

"I loved seeing how much the students in Ecuador value education," says Radka. "And how much time and dedication the community members put into making sure their kids are educated."

This year, another group of six change-makers will have the chance to embark on an incredible adventure of their own in the Amazon jungle. WE and DHL will

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also provide the six fellowship winners with mentorship opportunities, to use the inspiration from their trip to take action on other issues they're passionate about. The fellowship is open to U.S. citizens ages 13 to 18: apply online today at WE.org/dhl.

— Megan Harris

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