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US-China trade talks break up without a deal

Trump hints tariffs 'may or may not be removed'

BY PAUL WISEMAN
AND KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trade talks between the U.S. and China broke up Friday with no agreement, hours after President Donald Trump more than doubled tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese imports.

Trump asserted on Twitter that

there was "no need to rush" to get a deal between the world's two biggest economies and later added that the tariffs "may or may not be removed depending on what happens with respect to future negotiations."

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the talks had concluded for the day but could not say when they would resume.

Hours earlier, the Trump administration hiked tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports to 25% from 10%, escalating tensions between Beijing and Washington. China's Commerce Ministry vowed to impose "necessary countermeasures" but gave no details.

The tariff increase went ahead even after American and Chinese negotiators briefly met in Washington on Thursday and again Friday, seeking to end a dispute

that has disrupted billions of dollars in trade and shaken global financial markets. After a short session on Friday, the lead Chinese negotiator, Vice Premier Liu He, left the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative about midday.

Hu Xijin, editor-in-chief of the Chinese newspaper Global Times, citing "an authoritative source," tweeted: "Talks didn't break down. Both sides think that the talks are constructive and will continue consultations. The two

sides agree to meet again in Beijing in the future."

On Wall Street, stocks fell initially Friday but turned positive on optimism over future talks.

Earlier, Trump tweeted that his tariffs "will bring in FAR MORE wealth to our Country than even a phenomenal deal of the traditional kind. Also, much easier & quicker to do."

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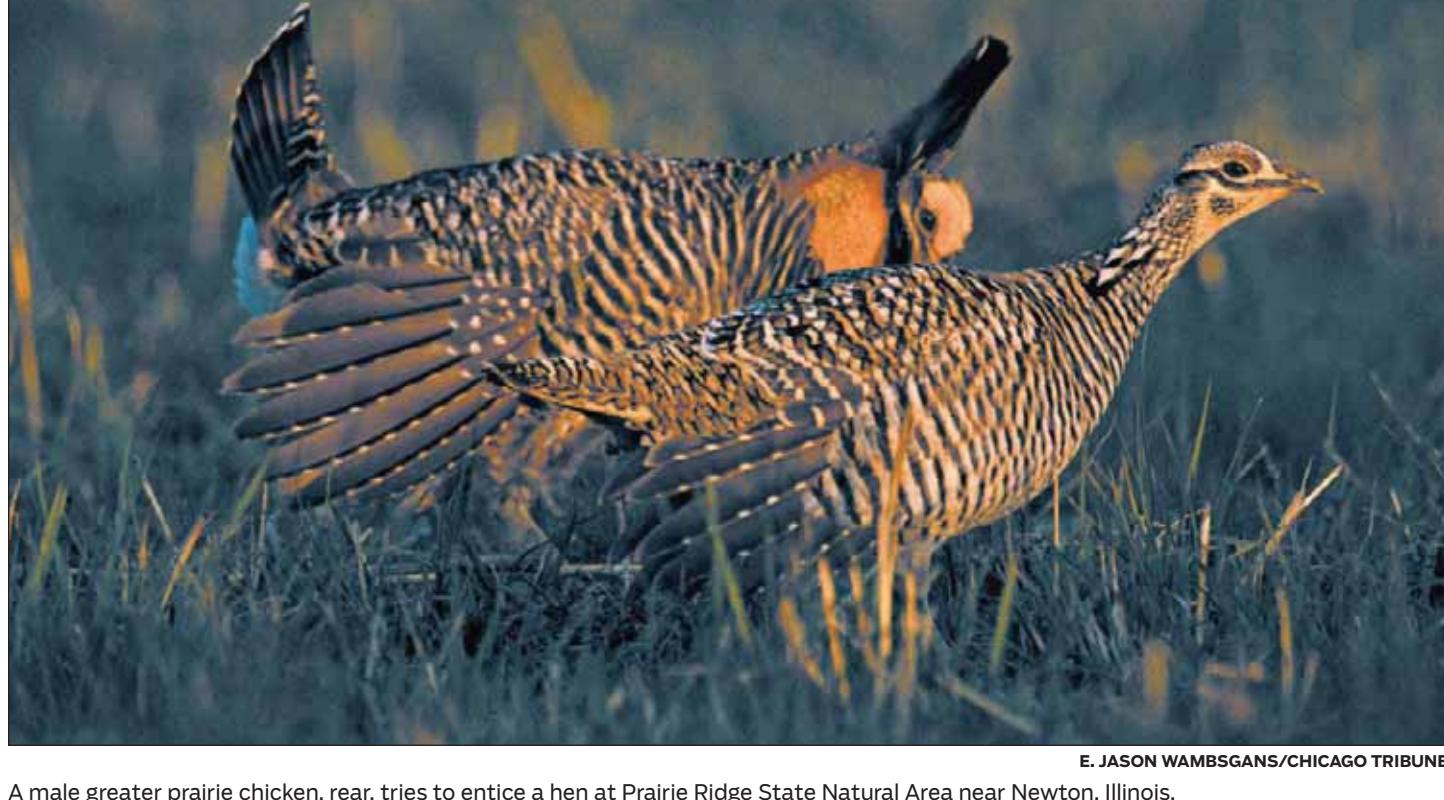
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"The story of the greater prairie chicken is the story of so many species.

Their decline mirrors the decline of the prairie, and all the species that depend on it.

There's an interconnectedness to the greater prairie chicken story."

— Susan Casey-Lefkowitz, chief program officer of the Natural Resources Defense Council



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A male greater prairie chicken, rear, tries to entice a hen at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area near Newton, Illinois.

'Spring courtship' ritual at risk to survive

BY CINDY DAMPIER
Chicago Tribune

It's pitch-black in Jasper County, Illinois — not yet 5 a.m. — and Bob Gillespie is running late.

Gillespie, a wildlife biologist at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area near Newton, opens a gate with a do not enter sign at the edge of a meadow and starts a wet slog across the uneven ground on his way to a patch of field that he has carefully prepared for the main event in his working year — the mating dance of the Illinois greater prairie chicken, one of the state's most endangered species.

He is practiced and sure-

Dance of Illinois greater prairie chicken could soon fade into history. Only 200 birds remain, but one family is fighting to save the species.

footed in the dark, hustling a little so that he can conceal himself in a blind before the birds arrive. He keeps time by the birdsong that rises up from the grasses all around him. "You can hear a little bit of winnowing snipe; bobwhite quail off in the distance, just starting," he says. "We've got a meadowlark singing already, so it won't be very long now."

Then, an otherworldly sound floats up from the darkened meadow, the lyrical "booming"

springtime chorus of the male prairie chicken flock. Gillespie has heard the mating song hundreds of times, and yet, the moment still resonates with a sort of primeval wonder — a flicker of what it means to be alive in the natural world.

"This is just a phenomenon of nature," Gillespie says. "This spring courtship is like nothing else, and it really represents the true prairie. If you think about it, it's a really important element of biodiversity for our state."

Yet, in spite of decades of conservation efforts, this unique species remains imperiled. This week, the United Nations' Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services released a groundbreaking scientific study on biodiversity, which found that 1 million species worldwide are facing extinction. The loss of species, the report noted, is a threat to biodiversity that has direct implications for water quality, food security and, ultimately, human survival.

"The numbers are so big," says Susan Casey-Lefkowitz, chief program officer of the Natural Resources

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Woman thought newborn was dead

Grandmother helped save baby's life, also faces felony charges

BY ELVIA MALAGON,
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Chicago Tribune

In a few desperate moments Tuesday, Karla Antimo went from believing her newly born grandson was dead to helping save his life.

It started with a call from her 17-year-old son with some disturbing news: His 16-year-old girlfriend had just given birth to a boy — Antimo hadn't known she was pregnant — but he had died, according to police and Cook County prosecutors. Antimo drove to meet him, and he got into the car carrying a shopping bag with the baby tucked inside.

As they drove off, the baby made a noise and Antimo realized he was still alive, prosecutors said at a court hearing Friday. She dropped off her son and drove to a firehouse, where she told firefighters she had been parking her car when she heard a sound and found the infant abandoned in a nearby alley.

Antimo, 37, now faces felony charges of disorderly conduct alleging her account was a lie, even though a judge noted that her actions likely saved the life of the boy, who was stabilized after furious work by paramedics and doctors.

Her son and his 16-year-old girlfriend face more serious charges: attempted first-degree murder. The Tribune is not naming them because they are minors.

There are gaps in what prosecutors and police say happened Tuesday, but here is what they have said so far:

Prosecutors say the teens had kept the girl's pregnancy a secret. Around 6 a.m. Tuesday, the girl gave birth in her home in the 3500 block of North

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Not guilty pleas in death of 'AJ' Freund

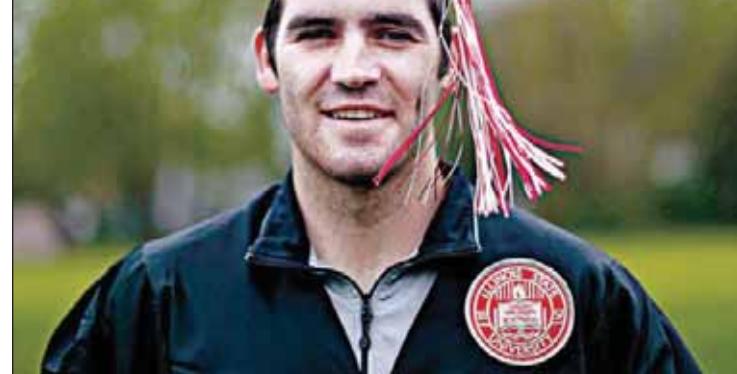
Before a packed courtroom, the parents of 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund plead not guilty to murder and other charges in the death of their son last month. **Page 3**

CHICAGO SPORTS

Cubs suffer through bruising by Brewers

Milwaukee lands the first blow in the weekend's NL Central showdown, a 7-0 victory over the Cubs on Friday, leaving the teams tied for first place.

CPR saved his life; 3 weeks later, he's graduating



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Kevin Hutchinson will walk to accept his finance degree Saturday from Illinois State University after a brush with death from cardiac arrest.

Surviving cardiac arrest, New Lenox man to get degree from Illinois State

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ
Chicago Tribune

On the cusp of graduation from Illinois State University, Kevin Hutchinson went out with friends in late April to unwind after a long day of classes.

He ran into a friend, Macy Orrick, and headed back to her off-campus apartment in Normal to hang out with her and her two roommates. Then the night took a life-or-death turn.

"Almost midconversation, (Kevin) just fell to the ground," Orrick said. "In the moment, for some reason, I thought it was a weird joke and then I got down

to him and realized he was having trouble breathing."

Hutchinson, 22, was born with a congenital heart defect that has required four open-heart surgeries throughout his life. Despite the countless doctor's appointments and precautions to safeguard his health, he didn't realize on April 22 that he had been in heart failure for months before he collapsed.

"I didn't feel like anything was off," he said. "I remember texting my friends before it happened."

Hutchinson said he blacked out and has no memory of what happened that night. But Orrick said his skin turned blue and clammy and his eyes turned yellow. She screamed to her roommates to call 911. One of

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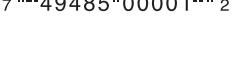


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LINCOLN PARK ZOO RENDERING

Construction on the Kovler Lion House is set to begin in the fall. The completion date is unspecified.

New \$35M Lincoln Park Zoo lion house to have food zipline — but not current lions

Once done, structure will be home to new imports

BY STEVE JOHNSON

Chicago Tribune

Lincoln Park Zoo's new Kovler Lion House will allow visitors to be amid the animals' habitat — from behind see-through walls, of course.

That immersive quality is one of the key features of the renovation for which the zoo announced a construction date and released plans Thursday.

The \$35 million lion house makeover, the last major project of a transformative \$135 million capital campaign at the North Side zoo, will put a new savannah on the north side of the existing 1912 structure and include other features thought to be lion friendly such as "embedded heating and cooling elements," new

rockwork for "verticality" and a "food zipline, simulating prey," the zoo said.

To prepare for construction, slated to begin in fall, Lincoln Park's current lions, 9-year-old male Sahar and 5-year-old sisters Kamali and Zalika, will be moved in coming weeks to Rolling Hills Zoo in Salina, Kansas. The Chicago zoo will get new lions when the project is completed at an unspecified future date.

"That's probably the one building at the zoo where, at least from a perception standpoint, there are bigger animals in smaller cages," zoo President Kevin Bell said in a 2016 interview when he announced Kovler Lion House would get the reworking.

Especially on the building's north side, if you saw the lions and tigers in their indoor spaces, rather than outside, "It looks like, 'Oh, my gosh, they haven't given them very much

space at all,'" he said.

The tigers are gone already in preparation for giving the lions more space. The indoor north wall of the building will be redone to be, essentially, viewing windows into the habitat, from the looks of architectural renderings the zoo released.

Past projects in the Pride of Chicago campaign, which has transformed large sections of the zoo, include Searle Visitor Center (2018), Hurvis Family Learning Center (2017), Walter Family Arctic Tundra (2016) for polar bears, Robert and Mayari Pritzker Penguin Cove (2016), Regenstein Macaque Forest (2015), and Lionel Train Adventure (2014). Goetsch Partners is the design architect and PJA is the exhibit designer for Kovler Lion House.

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Pulaski Road. She and the boy wrapped the baby in a towel and left him in an alley behind the home.

A witness told police she saw a lot of blood in an apartment building and saw the boy and the girl cleaning it up. The girl told a neighbor she had a miscarriage, prosecutors said.

About seven hours later, around 1 p.m., the girl entered Community First Medical Center, about 2 miles west of her home, and said she had a miscarriage, sources said. It was another three to four hours before Antimo walked into the fire station.

The next day, Antimo called police and told detectives she had lied about where she found the baby. She was arrested along with her son and the girl.

During a court hearing Friday for Antimo, Judge Susana Ortiz ordered her released on her own recognizance after noting that she was the one who went to the fire station to seek help for the baby and had also called police. While the facts of the case are "quite disturbing," Ortiz said, Antimo was not accused of a violent crime.

The teens, meanwhile, appeared Friday in juvenile court and were released into the custody of their parents.

Reporters were kept out of most of the hearing for the girl. Her mother and another relative appeared in court with the girl, who wore blue jogging pants and a brown sweatshirt. Her long hair covered the sweatshirt. She was quiet and looked tired.

Her attorney Rajeev Bajaj described her as an honor student who plays soccer and hadn't had any previous run-ins with police. "She's shocked by this whole process," he said. "She's a very young girl. ... She's very scared at this time."

Bajaj said he believes she should not face criminal charges because of



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Karla Antimo, charged with falsely claiming she found her newborn grandson abandoned in an alley, leaves the Leighton Criminal Court Building on Friday.

attorney never denied the baby was hers. Judge Robert Balanoff ordered the girl to undergo a DNA test. He also directed that the infant remain in temporary state protective custody.

The father of the baby did not attend the hearing, though an attorney was there on his behalf. The attorney said she had not had a chance to speak to the boy.

A decision on whether the teens would be allowed to visit the baby was not made Friday. They will return to court next week in the custody case.

The baby is listed in serious condition at Lurie Children's Hospital, where he was transferred after he was stabilized. Officials said a feeding tube has been removed, but doctors are worried he may have suffered brain damage because he was without oxygen for an extended time.

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U.S. importers and often passed along to consumers and companies that rely on imported components.

American officials accuse Beijing of backtracking on commitments made in earlier rounds of negotiations. "China deeply regrets that it will have to take necessary countermeasures," a Commerce Ministry statement said.

U.S. business groups appealed for a settlement that will resolve chronic complaints about Chinese market barriers, subsidies to state companies and a regulatory system they say is rigged against foreign companies.

The latest increase extends 25% duties to a total of \$250 billion of Chinese imports, including \$50 billion worth that were already being taxed at 25%. Trump has said he is planning to expand penalties to all Chinese goods shipped to the United States.

Beijing retaliated for previous tariff hikes by raising duties on \$110 billion of American imports. But regulators are running out of U.S.

goods for penalties due to the lopsided trade balance.

Ford spokeswoman Rachel McCleery said the carmaker is most concerned about any retaliatory tariffs China might impose.

The Dearborn, Michigan-based company says 80% of the vehicles it assembles in the U.S.

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CHICAGOLAND

Parents plead not guilty in AJ's death

Prosecutors allege behavior indicative of wanton cruelty'

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO
Chicago Tribune

Before a packed courtroom Friday in Woodstock, the parents of 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund pleaded not guilty to murder and other charges in the death of their son last month.

Andrew Freund and JoAnn Cunningham, of Crystal Lake, each requested a jury trial. They could both face life in prison if convicted, said McHenry County Assistant State's Attorney Rita Gara.

On Thursday, the couple were indicted on a combined 41 criminal counts. Along with murder, they are accused of concealment of a body, aggravated domestic abuse of a child younger than 13 and other crimes.

The indictment alleges that Freund and Cunningham beat AJ, committing "great bodily harm."

The charges also state "the murderer was accompanied by exceptionally brutal or heinous behavior indicative of wanton cruelty."

Cunningham, 36, appeared first in court, accompanied by her attorney, Assistant Public Defender Rick Behof, and two Correctional Emergency Response Team officers wearing bulletproof vests.

As one of the officers repeatedly scanned the room, Gara read the 20 counts in the indictment against her — including three counts of murder — and the possible sentencing ranges. The visibly pregnant Cunningham stood before Judge Robert Wilbrandt with her head down.

Freund, 60, appeared next, with his attorney, special public defender Henry Sugden, and the two officers. The 21 counts against him, which were read by Gara, are the same as those against Cunningham, with an additional charge of disorderly conduct for allegedly making a false 911 call to report his son missing.

AJ was found buried in a shallow grave six days after Freund made the 911 call on April 18, according to authorities. Three days earlier, authorities say, the boy had been beaten to death. His body was kept in the basement of the family home on Dole Avenue until two days later when Freund moved him and buried him in a field in Woodstock, authorities said.



MCHENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
JoAnn Cunningham and Andrew Freund each requested a jury trial.

und made the 911 call on April 18, according to authorities. Three days earlier, authorities say, the boy had been beaten to death. His body was kept in the basement of the family home on Dole Avenue until two days later when Freund moved him and buried him in a field in Woodstock, authorities said.

As Freund entered the courtroom, a woman attempted to hold up a picture of AJ but was quickly admonished by Wilbrandt and a court deputy.

Along with charges in AJ's death, each parent is also charged with aggravated domestic battery and aggravated battery in an alleged beating of AJ in March

that authorities say was found video-recorded on Cunningham's cellphone.

The indictment also includes charges of reckless conduct, unlawful restraint and child endangerment that allegedly occurred between Sept. 20, 2018, and April 17, 2019.

The charges state that the parents "caused or permitted" AJ to be "struck on or about his body." The couple is accused of "repeatedly detain(ing)" AJ "in that (they) would place (AJ) in 'time outs' for periods of multiple hours or longer."

The indictment also states that if the parents are convicted and eventually freed from prison they each must register as "violent offender(s) against youth" under the Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act.

Authorities say that AJ was born with opiates in his system and grew up in a home that was the subject of several police calls and visits from Illinois Department of Children and Family

workers.

Sugden asked Wilbrandt to rule on his motion for a gag order, saying the case has had too much publicity. Cunningham's lawyers asked to join in on that motion.

Wilbrandt said the motion Sugden filed was too broad. He suggested the attorney refile it. Sugden said he is asking that parties connected with the case, including lawyers, police and the FBI, not make statements outside of court.

"I will not grant the motion as it stands now," Wilbrandt said. "I think it's too broad. I want to balance the rights of the defendant and the public's rights under the First Amendment."

Wilbrandt did grant Freund's motion for a psychological evaluation and two phone calls. Sugden also said in court Freund is not getting some prescribed medicines in the jail.

Freund and Cunningham are due back in court June 18.

Amanda Marrazzo is a freelance reporter.

Farrakhan scoffs at hate inference

Nation of Islam leader speaks at St. Sabina after Facebook ban

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON,
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Chicago Tribune

Supporters of Minister Louis Farrakhan packed the Rev. Michael Pfleger's church Thursday night, punctuating the long-time leader of the Chicago-based Nation of Islam's message with standing ovations, claps and promises to post their own reports of the evening on social media.

Earlier in the week, Pfleger invited Farrakhan to speak Thursday evening at St. Sabina Catholic Church and respond to being banned from Facebook. Alarmed by Pfleger's invitation for Farrakhan to speak at his church, Illinois Holocaust Museum officials spoke out Thursday afternoon against Pfleger for "giving hatred a platform."

Speaking slowly and building up to a plea for "truth," Farrakhan stood at the podium Thursday night and said he was the one battling hate.

"I used that platform with respect," he said, addressing the Facebook ban. "I have not said one word of hate. I do not hate Jewish people. Not one that is with me has ever committed a crime against the Jewish people, black people, white people, no matter what your color is. As long as you don't attack us, we don't bother you."

He continued, "I'm not a misogynist. I'm not a homophobe. Don't be angry with me if I stand up on God's word."

Minutes before, he spoke about how some are angry with him because "he exposed their hatred of Jesus in the Talmud" and said he was "here to separate the good Jews from the satanic Jews."

Last week, Facebook banned a number of users — including Farrakhan and Alex Jones, a right-wing conspiracy theorist — who it says violated its terms of service against hate and violence.

Farrakhan has been labeled an extremist by the Anti-Defamation League and the Southern Poverty

Law Center for making anti-Semitic, anti-white and anti-gay comments.

Throughout the sprawling speech on Thursday, as stained glass windows illuminated by a dark blue sky faded to black, Farrakhan said he wouldn't be long. But he kept on, touching on the Constitution, Cain and Abel, the slave trade, turning hate to love and "Facebook jail."

Farrakhan spoke of how people are afraid to even take a picture with him — referencing a photo of himself and Barack Obama.

"You can't say you like Farrakhan," Farrakhan said. "You can't say, 'I heard him teach and my eyes came open.'"

Farrakhan said he was in the right place for a confession.

"I am really dangerous," he said, referencing an earlier speech about Facebook and the media labeling Farrakhan "dangerous." "I'm not dangerous on my own. God, the lord of the worlds, made me dangerous to Satan."

Pfleger said he had received hateful messages since coming out in support of Farrakhan after the Facebook ban. "Oh, the hypocrisy!" he said.

Some in attendance felt similarly.

Juana Castillo, 48, of Palos Hills, said she came to the church for the first time to hear Farrakhan speak because she believes free speech is under attack.

She said she watches Alex Jones and that's where she learned about the Facebook ban. Castillo said she hopes to hear there's going to be a grassroots effort to fight what she sees as an attack on the First Amendment.

"I'm passionate about a lot of issues, but this one really hit the core for me," she said. "Free speech is everything."

Castillo said she does not support language that promotes violence. "But everything else should be protected."

A few pews in front of her, a man wore a red Team Farrakhan jacket. To her right was Joseph Hall, of Park Manor, who said he had heard Farrakhan speak before.

"I don't know what all the fuss is about when he speaks the truth," Hall said. "I've never heard him say a racist thing about the



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Rev. Michael Pfleger, left, welcomes Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam to speak to people gathered at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Chicago on Thursday.

state of Israel."

Zaakirah Muhammad, 21, was also at the church for the first time. She said Farrakhan changed her life and her father's life.

"I think it's hateful that they're banning him," Muhammad said. "Plus I feel like that's taking away from our amendment of freedom of speech."

At a news conference at the Skokie museum, the museum's president, who is a Holocaust survivor, joined the organization's CEO and the Archdiocese of Chicago's director of violence prevention to ask Farrakhan to use language that lifts people up and joins them together.

"What we don't want to see is hatred being given a platform," said Susan Abrams, the museum's CEO.

Abrams asked Farrakhan to "not use his words tonight to denigrate the Jewish people." Instead, she called for him to focus on the common humanity.

The decision prompted the Holocaust Museum to schedule the news conference, hours before Farrakhan was scheduled to speak.

Fritzshall, president of the museum and a survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp, stressed the effect that words had on Jews during World War II.

"We were referred to as the

subhuman, and you know what? You start to feel subhuman too," Fritzshall said.

Both women invited Pfleger and Farrakhan to meet with them, tour the museum's exhibits and discuss how they can all work together.

In a statement, the archdiocese distanced itself from Pfleger's decision to invite Farrakhan to St. Sabina, saying Pfleger did not consult with the archdiocese and Cardinal Blase Cupich before making his decision.

"There is no place in American life for discriminatory rhetoric of any kind," the archdiocese said in a statement. "At a time when hate crimes are on the rise, when religious believers are murdered in their places of worship, we cannot countenance any speech that dehumanizes persons on the basis of ethnicity, religious belief, economic status or country of origin."

Phil Andrew, director of violence prevention for the Archdiocese of Chicago, also attended the museum news conference.

"I know that words matter," Andrew said. "The First Amendment allows for free speech, and as a nation we celebrate that. But it comes with responsibility."

Andrew stressed that hate speech is unacceptable in any form.

"Our presence here today is showing we are in community with the Holocaust Museum, our Jewish friends, our Muslim friends," he said.

Abrams said she wished Pfleger had not invited Farrakhan to speak Thursday evening, but since it was happening, she hoped Farrakhan's speech would focus on unity.

"Use the event for good," she said.

In a statement released Thursday afternoon, Pfleger defended his decision to invite Farrakhan to his church, saying he was responding to the Facebook ban as a defender of free speech.

"Too many people struggled and died for the right of free speech and I will continue to struggle to preserve it," Pfleger said.

He added that he was "saddened" that the museum condemned him.

"Anyone who knows me and my life's work knows I have sought to fight for the beloved community that (the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.) called us to," he said.

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Man rejects plea deal in 1992 death of Skokie teen

Case had gone cold until 2014 arrest in LA

BY BRIAN L. COX
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A man charged with murder in the 1992 death of a 15-year-old Skokie boy in a north suburban forest preserve turned down a plea deal Tuesday that would have seen him released from prison in five years, saying God knows he did not commit the crime.

Robert Serritella, 76, formerly of Park Ridge, is charged with first-degree murder in the strangling of 15-year-old David Chereck, whose body was found in the Linne Woods Forest Preserve in Morton

Grove after he failed to return home from visiting a bowling alley with friends.

The murder case was cold until Serritella was arrested in Los Angeles in 2014, following a long-term joint investigation by the cold case units of the Cook County state's attorney's office and the Cook County sheriff's police.

The case is scheduled to go to a bench trial at the Skokie courthouse May 20.

Serritella has been in jail since his arrest, and during a brief pretrial hearing at the Skokie courthouse Tuesday, prosecutors said they had offered Serritella a plea deal. They said that in exchange for pleading guilty to first-degree murder, he would be

sentenced to 20 years in prison. But they also said he would have to serve only half of that prison term and that since he already has been incarcerated for five years, he would be released from prison in another five years. They also said charges that Serritella had "conspiracy" in his prison cell would be dropped as part of the plea deal.

But Serritella, who was in a wheelchair Tuesday, said he would not take the deal.

"My faith and trust is in God," he said. "He knows I didn't commit this murder. Therefore, we're going to go all the way with this."

Prosecutors said the plea deal still remains on the table.

Last month a judge said she

would allow two Cook County Jail inmates, including a one-time cellmate of Serritella's, to testify at trial that Serritella confessed to them that he had murdered David.

Authorities say David, a Niles West High School student, was found Jan. 2, 1992, with his dark-colored scarf around his neck. Prosecutors allege that Serritella lured Chereck into his vehicle, went to the forest preserve and then strangled him.

When Serritella was arrested 22 years later, authorities said he was a predator and a convicted sex offender.

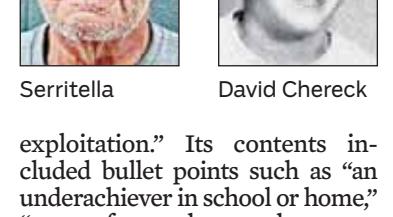
Last year a judge ruled that she

will allow into evidence a chilling list investigators found in Serritella's home titled "boy profile for

exploitation." Its contents included bullet points such as "an underachiever in school or home," "comes from a home where parents were absent either physically or psychologically" and "suffers from poor sociological development," according to court documents.

Serritella's public defender did not comment on the case Tuesday.

Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter.



Serritella David Chereck

Birds

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Defense Council, "that they sound a call for action throughout the world." That, she says, includes our state's 200-odd remaining prairie chickens.

"The story of the greater prairie chicken is the story of so many species," says Casey-Lefkowitz. "Their decline mirrors the decline of the prairie, and all the species that depend on it. There's an interconnectedness to the greater prairie chicken story."

The prairie itself is among the most endangered ecosystems, with an estimated 4 percent of tallgrass prairie habitat remaining nationwide, according to the Audubon Society. Prairie birds have shown the sharpest declines in population of any bird group in North America. The lives of prairie chickens are deeply intertwined with the life cycle of the grasslands — the birth of their young, for instance, is timed to the annual prairie grasshopper bloom, a perfect source of nourishment. "Prairie provides everything a prairie chicken needs," says Gillespie, and it does the same for a range of other species, such as the ornate box turtle and the increasingly rare Henslow's sparrow.

Yet "when we look at what is needed," says Casey-Lefkowitz, "it is not too late to save species across the world, and we need to be sure that we are conserving and restoring species. There are all kinds of small-scale efforts that are emblematic of what we need to be doing."

In Illinois, two generations of the Gillespie family have thrown themselves into the effort to re-create grassland habitat and save the greater prairie chicken. Jim Gillespie, Bob's father, remembers growing up on the family farm near Newton, about 90 miles south of Champaign, close enough to the prairie chickens that "every once in awhile you'd be out in the car going to town, and prairie chickens would fly across the road."

Even then, the prairie chickens were long past their late 1800s heyday, when they numbered in the millions across Illinois and were harvested by the ton to be served up in restaurants in Chicago, Indianapolis and St. Louis. Their status as icons of the prairie was assured: Mark Twain immortalized "prairie hens from Illinois" on a list of his favorite foods; Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote about them in "Little House on the Prairie;" Native American tribes such as the Blackfoot still perform ceremonial dances based on the prairie chicken mating dance.

By the time Jim Gillespie was in college studying wildlife management in the early 1970s, conserva-



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Bob Gillespie, wildlife biologist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and manager at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, stands on one of the "booming" grounds used by greater prairie chickens.



Greater prairie chicken males spar on their booming grounds, or lek, at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area.

tionists were already hard at work trying to save the remnant of that immense flock. He got a job working on a large-scale study of greater prairie chicken nesting behavior that documented the exact kinds of nesting materials and surrounding plants the birds preferred. That work proved to be a roadmap for his son, who works carefully to manage the Prairie Ridge grasslands to the precise height and composition that a nesting hen desires.

Jim worked for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and as a farmer, and pointed his son toward a love of nature. "I was brought up in a conservation mindset," says Bob, "and the prairie chickens were always interesting creatures. It just lined up that the sanctuary was here right out my back door."

Then, as now, the spring mating dance was a treat that most people

weren't lucky enough to see. The prairie chicken, actually a kind of grouse, makes full use of its showy appearance, which for males comes complete with inflatable air sacs on the neck and a patterned tail that fans out for dancing. When hens visit the lek, or booming ground, where males have carefully staked out bedroom-sized territories determined by a series of sparring matches, "You see them stomping their feet, and you can even hear it," says Bob. "It's wonderful. They'll inflate their air sacs, bright orange, the color of the rising sun, and then they'll stand up some feathers on the back of their heads. They'll boom, and they'll cackle, and you'll also hear a whoop. That's a sound they make only for the hens."

The birds, a species that shared his native prairie, captured Bob's imagination. Summer breaks in

high school found him working at Prairie Ridge, where he'd cut brush or run errands for park staff or, on better days, get a chance to help look for freshwater mussels or count prairie chickens. "I have a long, long history with this animal," he says.

In 2013, after grad school and a first job working in Missouri, Bob Gillespie returned home to work at Prairie Ridge once again. He arrived at a particularly dark time for the birds — drought and a violent hailstorm had wreaked havoc on the population, decreasing their numbers to around 60 birds. "That was a very, very critical point, and we had to do something quickly," he says.

The recovery effort turned to a translocation strategy, which calls for birds from a more robust prairie chicken population in another state — in this case, Kansas — to be captured and released in the Prairie Ridge preserve, the bird's only remaining habitat in Illinois. The goal is to increase the flock's genetic stability and allow for population growth through successful reproduction, because low numbers of birds result in inbreeding, which causes genetic drift, meaning fewer viable eggs and weaker young. "Translocation is a very drastic measure," says Gillespie. "It's something as a conservationist you don't necessarily want to do, but when you have such a small and isolated population, it's necessary."

Gillespie led the translocation effort, trapping birds in Kansas and releasing them at Prairie Ridge — while weathering some controversy that included political squawking about use of state

planes to safely and quickly transport the birds. He knows that the strategy of moving birds from one place to another isn't always easy to understand. But he maintains its importance, and notes that the long-term plan for prairie chicken survival in Illinois may one day include another batch of translocated birds.

"The greater prairie chicken is conservation dependent," he says. "It can't survive without our intervention. It's a societal choice too. Do we want to maintain endangered species? Do we want to maintain species that are representative of the great prairie of Illinois? Or do we care less about that, and want to allow them to die out and diminish the landscape? That's the argument."

For Gillespie, there's only one answer. "I've worked with greater prairie chickens all my life. And every one of them is important to me." He spends his days at Prairie Ridge carefully monitoring the birds and other species dependent on the habitat he and his crew maintain, making sure the highly dynamic grasslands are "pushed toward their healthiest, most diverse state."

Following the translocation project, which ended last year, the Illinois prairie chicken flock is up to around 200 birds. "So far, we're very pleased with what we're seeing," Gillespie says. "When we started, we had 14 males in Jasper County and now we're seeing 73. The booming grounds have increased dramatically in size. That's a good sign." Researchers at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign have launched a new study on prairie chicken genetics to assess the gene pool before and after translocation, which may help inform other conservationists employing this strategy to save species.

Other signs point the way forward as well. Gillespie has hope that more land can be purchased to increase prairie chicken habitat in Illinois. "We have a great agricultural heritage in Illinois," he says, "but we have a great prairie heritage too." And, he says, a stronger Illinois population could one day help support other flocks, should tragedy strike elsewhere.

As the sun comes up at Prairie Ridge, Gillespie looks out across a booming ground filled with strutting, sparring males — a group he studies so closely that he recognizes most of them on sight — and knows he's in the right place.

"The reason we do this," he says, "is that greater prairie chickens are important wherever they are. They're a great symbol of the American prairie. They're a unique organism that we should protect for ourselves, and for the people who come after us."

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Cardiac

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them, Sam Bates, was first to get through to an emergency dispatcher, who told them what to do.

With the guidance of the operator, Bates flipped Hutchinson onto his back, held his head upright and tilted it back to open his airway. Taylor Karey started chest compressions.

Paramedics got to the apartment around 1 a.m., according to a police report, and found Hutchinson unresponsive.

They took over performing chest compressions and hooked him up to an automated external defibrillator. Hutchinson was transferred to Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal.

Karey, 22, said she previously had been certified in CPR and relied on that knowledge.

"When you're training, they show you videos and the videos try to replicate a real scenario," she said. "But now, looking back at it, it's different in real life."

Bates, 21, said practicing on a CPR mannequin was very different from how it felt to help a close friend.

"You feel more helpless when it's someone you want to survive and who you care about immensely and you just have no idea what to do," Bates said.

Sandy Hutchinson, Kevin's mom, was asleep in her New Lenox home when she was awakened by a phone call from Bates.

"I just knew if it was our mom, they'd want to know what was happening with their baby," Bates said.

Kevin Hutchinson's parents

immediately got in their car and headed toward BroMenn.

"I couldn't even keep my thoughts straight," Sandy Hutchinson recalled.

Almost two hours into the car ride, she received another call informing her that her son, who was in critical but stable condition, was being airlifted to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn. They changed course.

"I was in shock, I was terrified. It's your worst nightmare coming true. Being so far away, you just want to get there and see him," she said.

At Christ, Sandy Hutchinson remembers not being able to talk and only crying. When she finally saw her son, she was relieved he was alive. Kevin Hutchinson regained consciousness about 11 the next morning.

"I remember waking up and watching my mom look at me

while I was in the hospital," he said.

Sandy Hutchinson said she was concerned about his short-term memory loss.

"He was very confused," she said. "He kept asking the same couple of questions and asking why he was there. We were extremely concerned, but he recognized us and he knew who we were."

Kevin Hutchinson spent more than a week in the hospital undergoing treatment with a heart failure team before recovering at home in New Lenox. He received a pacemaker and an implantable cardioverter defibrillator.

He was able to receive an exemption during his final exams and will walk at his graduation ceremony Saturday to receive a degree in finance.

"You can't even imagine how

much I am going to cry that day," Sandy Hutchinson said. For her son's survival she credits his friends for reacting immediately and performing CPR.

"If those girls did not know CPR and hadn't kept their wits about them, he wouldn't be alive," she said. "It was the CPR that kept him alive long enough to get care."

The road ahead is filled with monitoring, medicines and lifestyle changes, Kevin Hutchinson said. He has since started a low-sodium diet and will no longer consume alcohol.

"It's not that bad, it's just a lot of small things and I have to take it slow, but I'm trying to make this the new normal," he said.

"I'm a positive person. I'm just happy to be here."

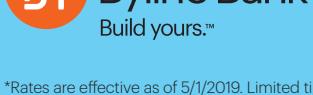
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House OKs \$19B in aid for disaster areas

Funds included for Puerto Rico, Midwest flooding

BY ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House on Friday passed a \$19 billion disaster aid bill that would deliver long-sought relief to farmers, victims of hurricanes and floods, and rebuild southern military bases, as Democrats try to dislodge the legislation from a Senate logjam over aid to hurricane-slashed Puerto Rico.

The measure passed by a 257-150 vote over the opposition of most Republicans, who said it should also include the Trump administration's \$4.5 billion request for stepped up humanitarian aid and law enforcement along the U.S.-Mexico border, which is facing a wave of migrants fleeing violence in Central America.

The House had passed an earlier \$14 billion version of the measure in January, but the legislation has been held up in the Senate amid a fight between President Donald Trump and Democrats over aid to Puerto Rico. Trump is feuding with Democratic officials on the island and falsely claims that Puerto Rico has already received \$91 billion in aid.

Trump took to Twitter on Thursday to urge Republicans to vote against the bill.

"House Republicans should not vote for the BAD DEMOCRAT Disaster Supplemental Bill which hurts our States, Farmers & Border Security," Trump tweeted. "We want to do much better than this. All sides keep working and



NATI HARNIK/AP

The House passed a disaster relief bill that includes funds for Midwestern towns hit by flooding, such as Percival, Iowa.

send a good BILL for immediate signing!"

After the vote, Trump tweeted in praise of GOP solidarity, although 34 Republicans broke with his position and supported the disaster aid. "Great Republicans can vote today on Disaster Relief Bill. We will now work out a bipartisan solution that gets relief for our great States and Farmers. Thank you to all. Get me a Bill that I can quickly sign!"

Some of the Republicans who broke with Trump were from areas hit by the disasters, like Texas and Florida, and others were more moderate Republi-

cans from the Northeast.

Disaster aid measures are usually among the few reliably bipartisan pieces of legislation left in an increasingly partisan Washington. But the pending measure faces several obstacles in addition to the battle over Puerto Rico, including an attempt by powerful Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., to boost Army Corps of Engineers harbor dredging efforts, of which the Port of Mobile in his state would be a major beneficiary. Shelby's relationship with White House acting chief of staff Mick Mul-

vane also appears strained.

Since the House measure originally passed, Midwestern floods have added billions of dollars to the government's roster of disaster needs, while a rising wave of Central American migrants seeking refuge from violence in their countries is requiring additional billions of dollars to house and care for thousands of migrants.

"The bill languished for months in the Senate over assistance for Puerto Rico. And as it sat there, floods battered the Midwest and tornadoes swept the South," said House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman

Nita Lowey, D-N.Y. "This legislation attempts to meet the needs of all of America's disaster-stricken communities — whether in Puerto Rico or the Midwest, California or the Carolinas."

Republicans on Thurs-

day delivered a new offer to Democrats in hopes of finally breaking the legislation free, adding money for Puerto Rico and flooded Midwestern states. Lawmakers had hoped to have the legislation enacted into law by now.

"I've spoken to the president. I've spoken to the leader on the Senate side. I believe we can solve this all

by next week," said top House Republican Kevin McCarthy of California. "Let's do this together. Let's show America that when it comes to a time of need that we all put partisanship aside."

Democrats regard the offer in a positive light.

"The Republicans are finally starting to realize they can't leave Puerto Rico behind, and that's a step in the right direction," said a spokesman for top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer.

The White House and some Republicans want to add Trump's border request to the measure.

Pentagon shifting \$1.5 billion to border wall construction

BY ROBERT BURNS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is shifting \$1.5 billion in funds originally targeted for support of the Afghan security forces and other projects to help pay for construction of 80 miles of wall at the U.S.-Mexican border, officials said Friday.

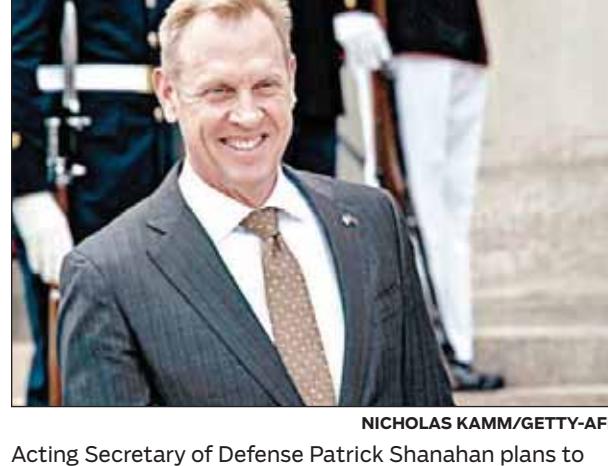
Congress was notified of the move Friday. It follows the Pentagon's decision in March to transfer \$1 billion from Army personnel budget accounts to support wall construction. Some lawmakers have been highly critical of the Pentagon shifting money not originally authorized for border security.

The combined \$2.5 billion is in response to President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the border, where Customs and Border Protection personnel are struggling to cope with increasing numbers of Central American families attempting to gain entry. Trump vetoed Congress' attempt to reverse his emergency declaration.

In all, the Pentagon is expected to shift about \$6.1 billion to help build a border wall, including about \$3.6 billion from military construction projects, some of which will be delayed. The Pentagon has not yet announced which projects will be delayed in order to free up those funds.

Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan, who plans to visit the border on Saturday, said in an exchange with reporters Friday, "I won't be reprogramming any more money for the border wall." He appeared to be referring to having reached the goal of channeling \$2.5 billion — Friday's announcement coupled with the March transfer of money — into a counterdrug program that will be used for the wall.

"We have very smart



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Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan plans to visit the U.S.-Mexico border on Saturday.

people here in the department, and we found ways to do this without having any impact on readiness," he said, speaking before a meeting with Latvian Defense Minister Artis Pabriks.

In a statement announcing the shift of the \$1.5 billion, Shanahan said that the Pentagon is "fully engaged" in fixing the border crisis. He said more than 4,000 troops and 19 aircraft are supporting Customs and Border Protection personnel.

"Today, I authorized the transfer of \$1.5 billion toward the construction of more than 80 miles of border barrier," he said. "The funds were drawn from a variety of sources, including cost savings, programmatic changes and revised requirements, and therefore will have minimal impact on force readiness."

Some in Congress, however, are opposed to the use of Pentagon funds to build the wall.

The Pentagon has now reprogrammed 12 times more money to the wall than for repairs for Tyndall AFB, destroyed by Hurricane Michael. We should put troops first! Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., wrote on Twitter. He was referring to storm damage at the Air

Force base in Florida where almost every building was damaged.

In its written notification to Congress, the Pentagon said it was moving the \$1.5 billion to support "higher priority items based on unforeseen military requirements than those for which" the funds were originally provided by Congress. The move is "necessary in the national interest," it added, according to a copy of the notice obtained by The Associated Press.

To piece together the \$1.5 billion for additional wall construction, the Pentagon is shifting funds from several programs where it says it found savings.

The biggest chunk, \$604 million, is from the Afghan Security Forces Fund, which keeps the Afghan army and other security forces afloat. A standard review of the fund's contract management found the \$604 million in savings, according to two defense officials who discussed the details on condition of anonymity.

Removing the \$604 million means the Afghan Security Forces Fund in the current Defense Department budget is reduced from the \$4.9 billion approved by Congress to about \$4.3 billion.

House panel sends subpoenas, demands Trump's tax returns

BY JEFF STEIN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A House committee issued subpoenas Friday ordering Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Charles Rettig to turn over several years of President Donald Trump's tax returns by next Friday at 5 p.m. Eastern time, according to copies of the subpoenas provided by the committee.

Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee authorized the subpoenas following months of disagreements with the Trump administration over whether federal law mandates Congress can obtain the records.

"The IRS is under a mandatory obligation to provide the information requested," the subpoena states. "The IRS has had more than four weeks to comply with the Committee's straightforward request. Therefore, please see the enclosed subpoena."

Trump refused to release his tax returns during the 2016 presidential campaign in a break with decades of precedent from previous presidents. Legal experts have said Mnuchin's refusal to turn over the returns is unprecedented, noting that a 1924 law explicitly gives lawmakers the authority to seek the records.

A Treasury Department spokeswoman confirmed receipt of the subpoena.

The subpoenas come amid a widening legal conflict between House Democrats and the White House over a range of oversight issues, with the administration invoking executive privilege to prevent the former White House counsel from giving certain records to Congress.

Neal first demanded six years of Trump's personal and business returns, from



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Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, left, and IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig have resisted earlier requests.

2013 to 2018, in letters to the administration this April.

Group, is controlled by Democrats.

The subpoena could bolster Neal's position in federal court because it will help him demonstrate he pursued all possible avenues to obtain the returns before filing a lawsuit against the administration, said Steve Rosenthal, a legal expert at the Tax Policy Center, a nonpartisan think-tank. That, at least in theory, will make it less likely for the court to strike down his claim on procedural grounds.

"A week now could save many months later," Rosenthal said.

Even if House Democrats receive Trump's tax returns, there is still no guarantee they will be made public. Legal experts say leaking the returns is a violation of privacy law that could be punishable with up to five years in prison, a provision intended to ensure taxpayer privacy, said George Yin, a legal expert at the University of Virginia.

Earlier on Friday, Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas, the ranking Republican on the Ways and Means Committee, cautioned Neal against issuing a subpoena, arguing, "Such actions would be an abuse of the committee's oversight powers and further examples of the Democrat majority's coordinated attempt to weaponize the tax code."

If Mnuchin and Rettig do not turn over the returns, Neal could respond by going to a congressional body to authorize a lawsuit in federal court against the two Trump administration officials. That body, the Bipartisan Legal Advisory

NEWS BRIEFING

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2 French commandos killed freeing hostages in West Africa

PARIS — Two French special forces officers were killed Friday in a military operation in the West African nation of Burkina Faso that freed four people from the United States, France and South Korea who were kidnapped in neighboring Benin, French officials.

Four "terrorists" also were killed during the predawn operation in northern Burkina Faso that was carried out to free the two French tourists,

French Defense Minister Florence Parly said.

It was "an operation of rare difficulty" that grew more complex with the discovery of the American and South Korean hostages being held with the French citizens, Parly said.

Despite careful planning and U.S. and Burkina support, "no one had any knowledge" of the presence of an American and a South Korean, she said, adding that the four were in a "safe place."

Up to 70 migrants drown after boat capsizes off Tunisia

TUNIS, Tunisia — As many as 70 migrants trying to reach Europe from Libya drowned Friday when their boat capsized in the Mediterranean Sea, and at least 16 other people from the boat were rescued, according to U.N. migration officials and Tunisia's state news agency.

The International Organization for Migration called it the deadliest migrant boat sinking since

January. The drownings happened as migrant arrivals to Europe are decreasing.

The smuggling boat left Libya on Thursday and sent a distress signal in international waters early Friday off the Tunisian coastal city of Sfax, according to an IOM official in Tunisia and a statement from Tunisia's Defense Ministry. Between 60 and 70 people drowned, said the official.

Pelted by heavy rain and hail, Houston girds for more storms

HOUSTON — Schools shut down Friday around Houston after clusters of violent and slow-moving thunderstorms overnight unleashed torrential rain and enormous hail. The deluge wrought havoc on the nation's fourth-largest city, spurring floods reminiscent of Hurricane Harvey in some areas.

And the heavy rain threat is not over.

Houston is under a flash flood watch through

Saturday night given the potential for at least 1 to 3 inches of rain on top of the 2 to 5 inches which fell Thursday night and 2 to 3 inches Tuesday.

The storms pelted the Houston area with golf-ball sized hail and flooded streets, leading to several high-water rescues.

Forecasters warned that flash flooding was possible in parts of Louisiana and Mississippi as the storm heads east.



A historic photo from 1869 is re-created Friday during the 150th anniversary celebration of the completion of the 1,800-mile Transcontinental Railroad at the spot in Utah's Golden Spike National Historic Park where the last spikes were hammered.

Prosecutors get more time to file Colorado shooting charges

DENVER — Prosecutors leading the case against two students suspected of shooting nine classmates, one fatally, in a suburban Denver charter school have until next week to decide what charges to pursue, a judge ruled Friday.

The decision by District Judge Theresa Slade delays hearings that had been scheduled for Friday for Devon Erickson, 18, and a 16-year-old girl to learn the criminal charges they face in the shooting at STEM School Highlands Ranch on Tuesday.

Court spokesman Rob McCallum said that both

the prosecutors and defense agreed to postpone the hearing until Wednesday.

Vicki Migoya, a spokeswoman for District Attorney George Brauchler, said the office could not explain the reason for the delay.

A motion to continue the hearings until next week is under seal along with the entire file in both cases. In an initial court appearance on Wednesday, Brauchler asked to wait until Monday to file charges so that authorities would have the weekend to make progress on their investigation.

The latest delay gives

prosecutors more time to decide whether to charge the 16-year-old girl as an adult. Colorado law permits prosecutors to file adult charges of serious felonies against 16- and 17-year-olds without prior approval from a judge.

Kendrick Castillo, the 18-year-old senior killed during the shooting, and two classmates at the school have been credited with helping thwart the attack by charging at one of the shooters when he entered a classroom. Authorities have said an armed private security guard restrained the second shooter.

'Emma' and 'Liam' still rule for top U.S. names

WASHINGTON — Archie isn't in top 10 boys' names in the U.S., but don't count it out in the future.

Social Security released its annual list of top baby names on Friday. For 2018, Emma and Liam were again the most popular names. It's the second year in a row for Liam, the fifth

for Emma.

Of course, the U.K.'s newest royal, Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor, was only born Monday. But Social Security says his mom — Meghan Markle, now Duchess of Sussex — seems to have already influenced U.S. parents.

Meghan was the fastest

rising girl's name for 2018, up from 1,404 in 2017 to 703.

Filling out the top 10 for girls are: Olivia, Ava, Isabella, Sophia, Charlotte, Mia, Amelia, Harper, and Evelyn. For boys: Noah, William, James, Oliver, Benjamin, Elijah, Lucas, Mason, and Logan.

Pompeo in Russia next week for talks on key topics

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will head to Russia next week for talks with President Vladimir Putin amid heightened U.S.-Russia tensions over the crisis in Venezuela and the Trump administration's hard-line policy on Iran, the State Department said Friday.

Pompeo's meeting with Putin and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Tuesday will be the highest-level face-to-face talks between the former Cold War foes since the release of special counsel Robert Mueller's report on Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election.

As Pompeo prepared for his weekend departure, administration critics noted that a statement highly critical of alleged Russian involvement in an attempted coup in Montenegro had been removed from the State Department's website.

In Congo: The World Health Organization warned Friday that it may not be possible to contain Ebola to the two affected provinces in the nation's east if violent attacks on health teams continue.

The statement comes amid escalating violence nine months after the outbreak began, crippling efforts to identify suspected cases and vaccinate those most at risk. Earlier this week, Mai-Mai militia fighters attacked the town of Butembo at the epicenter of the crisis.

WHO also noted that a burial team had been "violently attacked" after they interred an Ebola victim in the town of Katwa. The corpses of victims are highly contagious, requiring special precautions to ensure the disease is not transmitted at funerals.

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Uber's hailed IPO was bumpy ride

BY CATHY BUSSEWITZ,
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — After much hype leading up to the largest initial public offering in five years, Uber hit a few potholes on its first day of trading, closing down 8% and reflecting lingering doubts about its future prospects for profitability.

The ride-hailing company injected investors with a dose of reality right out of the gate, trading at \$42 a share Friday — or nearly 7% below its IPO price of \$45 on an already volatile day for the markets. Its shares closed at \$41.57.

Despite the rocky debut, Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said he was thrilled to complete the IPO, adding that the \$8.1 billion that Uber raised in the process would be crucial to its future growth plans.

"It's a great moment for the company and all the employees who have been working so hard to get here," Khosrowshahi said. "It was a tough week to go public, but we got it done."

Uber's IPO price was lower than



Uber co-founder Ryan Graves (right) rings a ceremonial bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Friday.

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initially expected, and the caution may have been driven by escalating doubts about the ability of ride-hailing services to make money since Uber's main rival, Lyft, went public six weeks ago.

Jitters about an intensifying U.S. trade war with China also contributed. Stocks were down sharply Friday morning after the two countries failed to reach a deal before a tariff deadline, but finished with

Despite the volatile market, Khosrowshahi said he did not consider postponing Uber's IPO date.

"Our company is not a fair-weather company," Khosrowshahi said. "We keep moving forward in tough and easy environments, and I think that we as a company will be a great investment over the long term."

It's not the first time a company's stock has started off trading below

its IPO price, not even this week. On Thursday, Axcella Health began trading well below its \$20 IPO price and ended its first day at \$13.80.

But it's relatively uncommon for U.S. technology companies backed by venture capital, like Uber. Over the past five years, just 10% of such companies finished their first day of trading below their IPO price, said Matt Kennedy, senior IPO market strategist at Renaissance Capital, a manager of IPO focused funds.

"We were not expecting much of a pop, given the size of the deal" for Uber, Kennedy said. "The last U.S. company of this size to IPO was Facebook, for example, and you may remember how that traded initially."

Facebook debuted in 2012 and, after technical difficulties delayed its start to trading, it ended its first day just 23 cents above its IPO price of \$38.

Investors say they're hesitant to buy Uber's stock out of the box because of what happened with Lyft, and want to see it settle before buying significant amounts of shares, said Dan Ives, managing director of equity research at Wedbush Securities.

Mother of all spending expected this Mother's Day

BY JAMES F. PELTZ

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Anna Jarvis, who led the push in the early 1900s for a national celebration of Mother's Day, later decried the holiday because she felt it became too commercialized.

If only Jarvis could see the business of Mother's Day now.

Americans are expected to spend a record \$25 billion on Mother's Day this year for flowers, jewelry, greeting cards and the like, according to the National Retail Federation.

That's the highest spending in the 16 years that the trade group,

together with Prosper Insights & Analytics, has been surveying consumers about their spending plans for the day. It's also up 8 percent from the \$23.1 billion spent a year ago.

"It's the most important holiday week we have," said Scott Yamabe, manager of the Southern California Flower Market, one of the two entities that operate the flower mart in downtown Los Angeles. Sales are "exponentially higher" than most days, he said.

The same holds true for 1-800-Flowers.com, which generates about \$71.4 million, or 6 percent of its annual revenue of \$1.19 billion, from Mother's Day alone.

Mother's Day also is the most popular holiday of the year to dine out, with about 87 million people going to a restaurant for the occasion, according to the National Restaurant Assn.

Spending on those meals and other "special outings" will total \$4.6 billion nationwide, nearly 70 percent more than a decade ago, the NRF figures show.

Consumers' buying habits for the holiday are being shifted by millennials and young people, who seek "experiential" gifts or consumer electronics for mom rather than flowers and other traditional gifts, said Pamela Danziger, who runs the retail consulting firm

Unity Marketing.

Those planning to get mom a spa treatment or other personal service, for instance, have jumped to 24 percent of the total from 16 percent a decade ago, and spending on those gifts has nearly doubled to \$2 billion, the NRF figures show.

Danziger says stronger millennial spending is one reason total Mother's Day spending is at a record, and that it partly reflects the relatively high number of millennials living with moms.

Americans are expected to spend an average \$196 each on Mother's Day, a 9 percent jump from last year, the NRF said.

Party City planning to close 45 stores

Tribune staff

Party City plans to close 45 of its 870 stores this year and has found a new source of helium to alleviate the shortages affecting its balloon business.

The chain, which operates more than 40 stores in Illinois, did not disclose the locations of the stores that will close throughout the year. However, the DeKalb Daily Chronicle reported last month that the DeKalb store will close Nov. 30.

Typically, the Elmsford, New York-based chain has closed 10 to 15 stores annually.

The planned store closings were announced Thursday, as the company reported a first-quarter net loss of \$30.3 million. In a call with financial analysts, CEO James Harrison said Party City also will test four new smaller-format stores this year and is developing a new store concept "designed to improve the overall shopping experience and product merchandising of our stores to provide a crisper, cleaner and easier shopping environment and a more open footprint."

The retailer also has made investments in equipment so it can manufacture its own paper straws for sale, and will eliminate all plastic straws from its stores by the end of 2020.

A shortage of helium has affected the chain's balloon sales, but Harrison said the company has found a new source of helium that will help stores, beginning this summer.

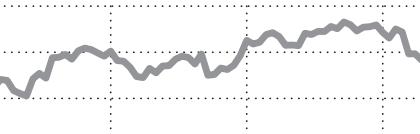
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EDITORIALS

Spread the word

Illinois has a strong law to protect newborns of panicked parents

Not all expectant mothers relish that status. Some aren't imagining Mother's Day bouquets and brunches. They're picturing furious parents or boyfriends, or their minds are racing with all the reasons they aren't equipped to care for children.

The consequences can be tragic: babies delivered by young women alone, then left in public bathrooms or alleys to die.

In Chicago, an infant boy dubbed Patrick Casey Doe lies in Lurie Children's Hospital after being born to a 16-year-old girl in the Hermosa neighborhood. He was taken to a fire station around the corner. The Tribune reported early Friday that, according to police, the 37-year-old woman who brought the 7-pound bundle to firefighters had concocted a false story about finding the child. We don't know all the facts and won't sit in judgment. We're just grateful that the baby made it to the fire station and soon received life-saving medical treatment.

Illinois has a strong law, the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act, that allows families to relinquish a baby to a person at a police station, firehouse or hospital without facing questions. The Safe Haven law, as it's known, went into effect in 2001, giving harbor to 131 babies since.

Yet it's an ongoing task to make sure that young girls and families know about it. Too many infants still are abandoned — more than 80 since the law was enacted — and about half of them die. The Chicago-based Save Abandoned Babies



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Illinois' Safe Haven law allows families to relinquish a baby to a person at a police station, firehouse or hospital without facing questions.

Foundation has helped bring educational efforts about the law to outlets including classrooms, buses and YouTube. The message may reach a terrified teenager herself or a friend or family member who can offer her advice. Turning over a baby legally also allows a birth mother to seek care for herself without having to lie to medical personnel about her circumstances.

The law allows time for parents who hand over a baby at a Safe Haven site to change their minds. Babies who are permanently relinquished are placed into adoptive homes. Some of their stories are told on the Save Abandoned Babies website.

"I don't think most people real-

ize what an amazingly honest, generous and kind act it is to relinquish a child," said one adoptive parent. "We will always think of our son's birth mother as a hero. ... We will always include her proudly in our son's story."

Word about Safe Haven should be generously and repeatedly spread wherever young people are found, from schools to social media. Illinois law requires that students in grades 6 to 12 be taught about Safe Haven in health classes; school board members, principals and parents should insist that actually happens.

Young people need to know this option exists long before they're holding a crying newborn with what feels like no way out.

Electric car owners, brace for a jolt. A Chicago Dem wants to charge you \$1,000 — every year.

If the price of your favorite latte suddenly went up 5,614% — say, from \$3 to \$171.42 — would you still buy it? Probably not. Unless you really like lattes.

Keep that in mind as you ponder state Sen. Martin Sandoval's plan to raise money for transportation funding in Illinois. The Chicago Democrat's bill includes proposals to more than double the gas tax to 44 cents a gallon, raise the driver's license fee to \$60 and the standard vehicle registration fee to \$148 ... and raise the yearly registration fee for electric vehicles from the current \$17.50 to \$1,000.

That's right, \$1,000. That's a 5,614% increase. And it's nearly seven times more than the proposed fee for gas-powered vehicles. Sandoval's thinking: Electric vehicle owners don't pay a gas tax, so his

stratospheric jump in the electric vehicle registration would make those car owners pay their fair share.

What Sandoval's not thinking about: The massive broadside that his fee would deliver to the electric vehicle market and electric vehicle owners. Far fewer people likely would buy electric vehicles in this state, and people who own them likely would want to unload their EVs.

What he's also not thinking about: The rise in popularity of electric vehicles represents a movement away from our reliance on petroleum — a movement toward a cleaner, more environment-friendly way of getting around.

Yes, we understand that electricity comes from power plants, and as a rule coal-fired plants aren't environment-friendly. But in comparative terms, nuclear, natural gas, wind

and solar power are.

Electric vehicles remain just a sliver of the overall U.S. auto market — last year, EV sales represented just 2% of total American auto sales. But the market's growing; JPMorgan projects that by 2025, electric vehicle sales will make up 38% of all vehicle sales in the U.S.

The advent of electric vehicles is something to embrace, not discourage.

Sandoval is right to seek new ways to pay for Illinois' crumbling transportation infrastructure. We also like his user-fee orientation: People who heavily use roads should pay for their upkeep accordingly.

But he's way off course when it comes to finding new revenue sources for transportation funding. Raising the gasoline tax makes sense. Charging electric vehicle owners a yearly \$1,000 doesn't.

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Abortion and contradictions

Regarding Steve Chapman's column "The 'fetal heartbeat' abortion ban and the war on women's autonomy" (May 9) and Eric Zorn's column "Should 11-year-old girls have to bear their rapists' babies? Ohio says yes." (May 10):

In March, I had a lengthy conversation with the leader of a Southern Baptist youth group witnessing and proselytizing to the college and high school kids on spring break who were enjoying the sun, sand and waves on Daytona Beach. Toward the end of our religious Q-and-A bantering, I asked her if she voted for the president. "Yes." Why? "Because he's against abortion." Along with, I suggested, appointing conservative judges, opposing LGBTQ rights and same-sex marriage, supporting religious liberty to discriminate against sinners, etc., all of which she agreed were reasons to vote for Trump. The formerly "I'm very pro-choice" Trump's anti-abortion stance is the No. 1 reason evangelicals give me for voting for him.

Based on her church's teaching, the church leader said she believes that life begins at conception and that aborted babies go to heaven. For example, this passage appears on the Southern Baptist Convention webpage "On the Sanctity of Human Life": "WHEREAS, God alone is the Author of life and He alone numbers our days, from the moment of conception until natural death (Job 14:5-7; Psalm 39:4)."

From the Southern Baptist magazine The Courier: "Among Southern Baptists, most agree Scripture suggests aborted babies — along with others dying in infancy and individuals with severe mental disabilities — go to heaven."

In response to what the youth leader told me, I presented her this conundrum: Your youth group is here on the beach witnessing to the "lost," hoping that they will accept John 3:16, become saved and go to heaven when they die. But if these "lost" had been aborted, they would already be in heaven.

That's when she ended the conversation, saying, "I have to go check on my kids."

— David Thiessen, Woodstock

The hypocrisy of liberals

I agree with Eric Zorn that the 11-year-old rape victim should be allowed an abortion. To the larger issue, is it surprising that conservatives have taken a page from liberals' playbook? If liberals can create "sanctuaries" where federal law does not apply concerning immigration, then why can't conservatives create sanctuaries where federal law does not apply concerning abortion?

— Neil Spun, Chicago

Gym won't fill school's needs

Ald. James Cappleman ends his letter ("46th Ward kids need new gym," May 5) about the proposed gym for the McCutcheon Elementary School by stating, "It's time for neighbors to support this amazing school." For decades, the neighbors whom the alderman attacks have been supporting the school. Some have tutored and assisted teachers in the classrooms. One of them served on the Local School Council. Others have provided financial support for the annual holiday party. They have also been generous supporters of the McCormick Boys & Girls Club that has programs for the kids.

A more objective observer might conclude that the neighbors are realistic analysts of the proposed construction. The alderman's campaign literature boasted that he obtained \$10 million for the project. That is not a prudent expenditure of limited resources. The gym will not solve more pressing problems. Some of the McCutcheon students attend classes in decades-old "temporary structures" that have outlived their projected useful life. Those structures are more than two blocks away from where the gym will be built. The enrollment at the school has been declining, and the school boundaries have been expanded to offset that decline. How long will it be before closure is likely?

For decades the students have used the gym at the Boys & Girls Club, which is closer than the alderman implies. The alderman cites his strong advocacy for the gym. Even the parents who have children at the school expressed satisfaction with the gym arrangement at the club. The alderman should acknowledge the folly in spending \$10 million on a gym and devote his attention to finding the resources needed to deal with the homelessness and poverty in the ward.

— Robert R. Watson, Chicago

Rev. Pfleger's appalling choice

I have supported the Catholic Church my entire life. When the Rev. Michael Pfleger invites a person like Louis Farrakhan, with such a history, to speak at Pfleger's church, I withdraw all my future support. That Cardinal Blase Cupich allows this type of hatred to be spewed from pulpit inside a Catholic house of worship is appalling. Farrakhan routinely preaches hate and divisiveness. Pfleger regularly disobeys church canon. This is not a religious leader I will follow. Cardinal Cupich, do your job.

— Larry Casey, Forest Glen

Facebook ban a slippery slope

I cannot share the Tribune Editorial Board's enthusiasm ("Facebook, Farrakhan and the fight against hate," May 4) for Facebook's decision to ban Louis Farrakhan and others from its platform. This strikes me as something very Stalinist in approach, something my mentor, the late Professor Paul Barton Johnson of Roosevelt University, warned against in his many years in academic life.

— David L. Blatt, Chicago

Over 60 and still vital

In response to letter writer Steve Hanan ("Elderly deserve their due," April 26) there is a community that honors "60 over 60" every year. That is Oak Park. This year, I am proud to be one of those whose brief bio has been published in the local paper and will be honored at a dinner. However, as an actress, I am very aware that the roles I can audition for are almost always patients, nosy neighbors and fringe characters. This does not reflect the positions of leadership all of my friends and I hold in society. The depictions need to catch up to the modern reality.

— Joyce Porter, Oak Park



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Northlight Theatre announced plans to build a new theater in downtown Evanston at 1012-1016 Church St. Artistic director BJ Jones said the goal is to open the theater in the fall of 2021.

Back where it all began

Northlight Theatre has new plan to return home to Evanston, building its own theater

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

In a pivot away from developers and controversial Evanston high-rises, Northlight Theatre says it has made a fresh plan for a new home. Northlight said Friday that it has signed an option agreement to purchase (and then demolish) an existing Evanston building at 1012-1016 Church Street in the near north suburb, and then build a new, low-rise theater that it says will be "transformational" for the 45-year-old non-profit theater.

Northlight, which has an annual budget of about \$3.5 million, is now

embarking on a \$20 million campaign, allowing it to build and equip a roughly 300-seat theater on the site. Future phases of the development plan call for an additional black-box theater and office space.

"Evanston has a world-class university and it should have a world-class theater," said Tim Evans, the theater's executive director. "There has been a drumbeat for Northlight to come home." Artistic director BJ Jones said the new theater would ensure the theater's relevance and viability for the next 45 years."

Northlight was founded in Evanston in 1974 and worked for

many years in the now-demolished Coronet Theatre. For the last dozen years, it has been a tenant at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, a facility that lacks access to public transportation and that the theater does not itself control.

It has been trying for years to find a soft landing in Evanston. The most recent scheme, which the Tribune reported in September 2017, was a project in concert with a developer, Farpoint Development, building a 37-story high-rise in the historic 1700 block of Sherman Avenue. But that plan was scuppered due to vociferous community opposition.

This time, Northlight said, it is going it alone. The suggestion of this building, Evans said, came from the restaura-

rant owner Amy Morton, whose eatery The Barn would be adjacent to the new theater (and would continue to operate, likely to the benefit of both institutions). Jones said that if fundraising and construction went according to plan, the goal would be to open the new theater in the fall of 2021, coinciding with the end of the current lease at the North Shore Center.

Northlight joins an array of capital campaigns for new and restored theaters in the Chicago area, including projects for Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Definition Theatre Company, TimeLine Theatre and the Uptown Theatre.

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How to make a TV show shot in Toronto look like it's set in Chicago

BY TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Corinne Kingsbury said she set her new CW drama "In the Dark" in Chicago because of fond memories she has shared there with her husband, "Freaks and Geeks" alum John Francis Daley (yes, one of those Daleys).

"Chicago is my favorite city, maybe ever. I love it so much, and my husband's from Chicago. He took me there a few years ago, and I just absolutely just like fell in love with it," Kingsbury told the Tribune by phone. "What's funny is, I thought (the series) was going to be shot in Chicago. One of the other reasons why I like to write places that I love is I think I'm going to be there a lot."

But "In the Dark" ended up being shot in Toronto — several CW dramas, including "Riverdale" and "Supergirl," film in Canada. "In the Dark" is not the first Chicago-set TV show to film elsewhere, but it is among the latest to try to pass itself off as Chicago with few realistic touches.

The series — which airs at 8 p.m. Thursdays and was renewed last month for a second season — struggles with authenticity overall. The drama follows a hard-partying blind woman in her 20s as she tries to unravel the mystery surrounding her friend's disappearance. Perry Mattfeld, who is not blind, plays the lead role of Murphy Mason. An executive producer said Mattfeld was chosen from a large pool of applicants "because she was the best actor for the role in a really exciting way."

"In the Dark," which counts Ben Stiller as an executive producer, employed a Toronto blind consultant and a Los Angeles blind consultant to help portray blindness accurately. Co-star Calle Walton and consulting producer Ryan Knighton are blind as well.

Between tracking down clues about her missing friend, Mason begrudgingly works at a suburban guide dog school owned by her overprotective parents. Kingsbury said she spent some time in the Chicago suburbs with her hus-

band, who was born in Wheeling and is a second cousin of former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley.

"I think that they did a really good job making Toronto suburbs feel like Chicago suburbs," Kingsbury said. "I feel like Murphy's apartment looks very much like downtown Chicago."

Production designer Nazgol Goshtasbpour said when she found out the pilot was set in Chicago, she compared neighborhoods in Chicago to those in Toronto and took special care with train stations, metal bridges and alleys. Much of the action of "In the Dark" takes place in alleys, though these could be alleys anywhere, not necessarily Chicago.

Goshtasbpour said she read "Building Chicago: The Architectural Masterworks," by John Zukowsky, and "Lost Chicago," by John Paulett and Judy Floodstrand, and relied on prior visits to the city to try to re-create the look of Chicago for the show. She said was inspired by Chicago's devotion to public art and incorporated murals into the police



Perry Mattfeld plays Murphy Mason on the CW drama "In the Dark," which is set in Chicago but actually was shot in Toronto.

station set.

It's a little early to discuss plans for Season 2, Goshtasbpour said, but she and Kingsbury do intend to visit Chicago in the meantime.

"What I would like to do is go back to Chicago and just look at it with a different eye and photograph most of it. When we come back for a second season, I would like to do more that I can for street signs and just the overall

exterior vibes of the locations to make sure they're more authentic and they look even more like Chicago. And who knows if that trip will inspire anything or if I see something that I really love that I would like to re-create, and we'll go from there," Goshtasbpour said.

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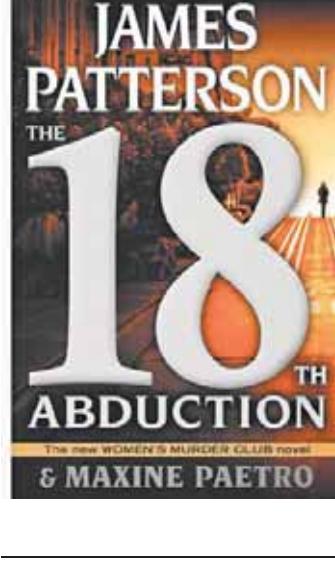
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'POMS' ★★

Diane Keaton and her squad lack a little spirit

BY KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

The elevator pitch for "Poms" had to have been: "It's 'Bring It On' in an old folks home!" because that's exactly what it is. The brilliant 2000 cheerleading comedy is the gift that keeps on giving (to the tune of, count'em, five sequels), so it makes sense to try to re-create that magic by mapping the formula onto something like a Diane Keaton vehicle. But while "Poms" ekes out a few authentically moving moments, it lacks the acidic wittiness of Jessica Bendinger's script, which was the essential quality that made "Bring it On" such a winner.

Shane Atkinson makes his feature screenwriting

debut on "Poms," and director Zara Hayes takes a "story by" credit as well. It's a formulaic piece, relying heavily on the fish-out-of-water tale of "Bring it On," as well as Diane Keaton's erudite and frazzled star persona. Keaton stars as Martha, a single, childless woman in her 70s who

moves from New York City to a Georgia senior living community. She has a dire cancer diagnosis she's decided to ignore, as well as a repressed dream of cheerleading, symbolized by the high school uniform she's held onto for all these years. The cranky, isolationist Martha meets her match in her bubbly and outgoing neighbor Sheryl (Jacki Weaver), who is so persistent in her companionship that Martha simply suc-

cums. Peer pressured to join a club by septuagenarian mean girl Vicki (Celia Weston — the only performer to nail the necessary wackiness yet with wit), Martha convinces Sheryl and a few other women to join her in a cheerleading club.

Training montages, interpersonal feuds and viral videos ensue as they chase their dream of competing in a prestigious cheer competition. The story and plotting

are thin and merely serviceable at best, and it often feels like the film has barely been written. We know almost nothing about Martha aside from her prickly personality and secret illness. So it's hard to follow her emotional transitions, which turn on a dime and feel unearned. Much like a cheerleading routine, the story hits every expected beat, but it rings hollow.

Atkinson and Hayes do manage to achieve a few touching moments and even some inspiring displays of independence. The friendship between Martha and Sheryl becomes the emotional touchstone of the film, and especially Weaver helps carry the heart of the relationship. There's even an undercurrent of rebellion in their cheering, bucking the prescribed behavior of what older women "should" do and what the prissy Vicki



Diane Keaton, Karen Beyer, Sharon Blackwood and Celia Weston in "Poms."

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for some language/sexual references)

Running time: 1:31

deems an acceptable pastime. The group refuses to be shamed, and even stands up to the controlling men in their lives.

One area where "Poms" surprises is in its forthright and funny treatment of death. "I'm just here to die," Martha informs Vicki flipantly, who reminds her to aim higher than that. In a place where death is palpable and frequent, there's a certain amount of gallows humor among the inhabitants of the community. While the fear of death remains, it's not something that will ever stop these gals from doing what they want. Why worry about dying when you can spend your time dancing? Although "Poms" is an imperfect package, one can't help but take the message to heart.

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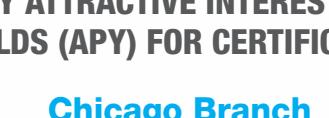
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Horoscopes

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Don't worry about money, and don't spend much either. Make plans for fun with family and friends. Cook up something wonderful. Invent a fine romance.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. Fix up your place. The best-laid plans can have gaps or holes. You can see what wasn't working. Collaborate to find cost-effective solutions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Reinforce the basic foundations of a creative project. Provide stability to grow your elaborations and details. Make plans and outlines. Study the options.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Keep generating positive cash flow. Watch your step to avoid mistakes. Make plans for growth and expansion while maintaining a tight budget. Stash it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Gain options with strength. Don't divulge a secret source. Guard your energy. Practice to grow it. Refine plans to realize a personal vision.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Slow down, and consider your plans and itineraries. Anticipate future challenges. Use what you've kept hidden. Organization provides the backbone of your next adventure.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. You can't do everything. Delegate what you can. Proceed with caution to avoid breakage. Raise the level of organization and coordination for peace of mind.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Provide excellent service despite a potential hurdle. Make sure that everyone is on the same page. Draw upon hidden resources. Review and revise professional plans.

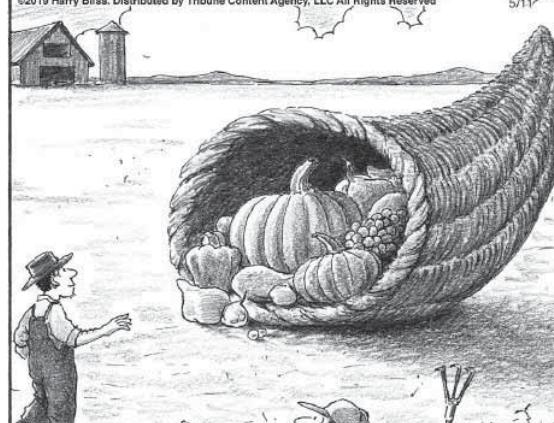
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— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn**Bliss** By Harry Bliss

"It's a trap!"

Bridge

East-West vulnerable, West deals

North
♦ K J
♥ K 6 2
♦ 9 7 4
♣ Q 9 8 4

East
♦ Q 7 4
♥ 10 8 4
♦ J 8 6
♣ 10 7 6 5

West

♠ 10 8
♥ J 7 5
♦ A K Q 5 3
♣ A 3 2

South
♠ A 9 6 5 3 2
♥ A Q 9 3
♦ 10 2
♣ K

American expert Marshall Lewis was South in today's deal. His three-spade bid was not covered by a partnership agreement, but he was trying to show a good hand with a long suit. North got the message, but the game contract is dicey with three top losers and a trump problem.

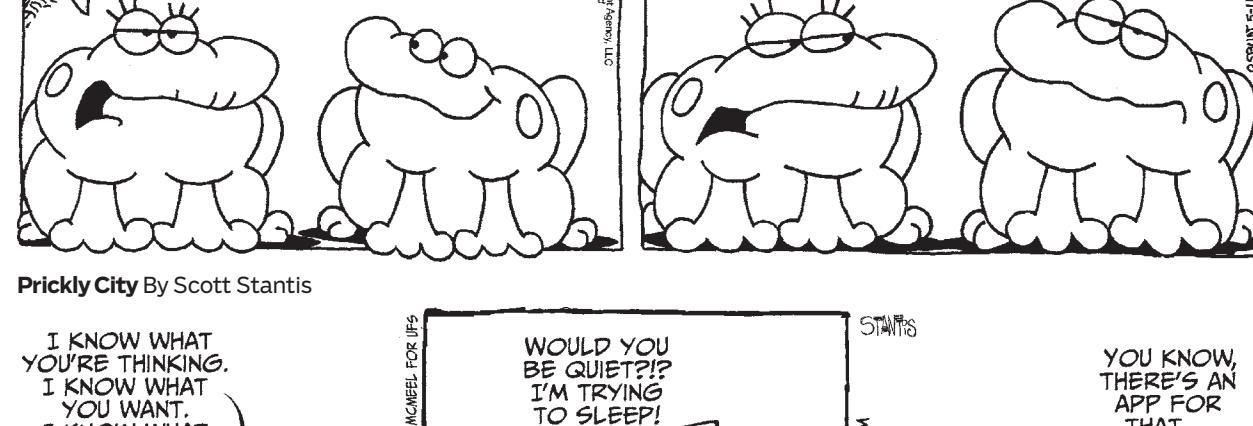
West's king of diamonds lead asked for a count signal

from partner, by agreement. East played a low diamond to show an odd number, and West continued with the queen — a revealing play. West shifted to the jack of hearts at trick three and Lewis

won in hand with the ace to lead the king of clubs. West won with his ace and led another heart, won in dummy with the king. A diamond was ruffed as East followed with the jack.

Lewis took a moment to think. The play in diamonds almost certainly meant that West started with ace-king-queen fifth. West also had the ace of clubs. Lewis reasoned that West would have considered his hand too good for a Precision one no trump opening if he also held the queen of spades. Backing his judgment with his play, Lewis led a spade to dummy's king and then ran the jack of spades when East played low! This successfully pinned the 10 of spades in the West hand. The 3-3 heart split gave Lewis his 10 tricks. Good reasoning followed by good play!

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West	North	East	South
INT*	Pass	Pass	3♦

Pass 4♠ All pass

*Precision, 12-15 points

Opening lead: King of ♦

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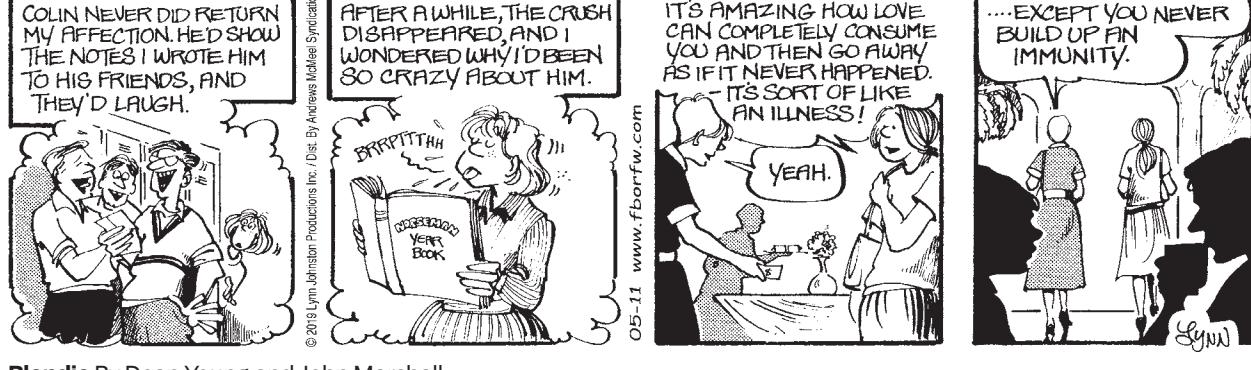
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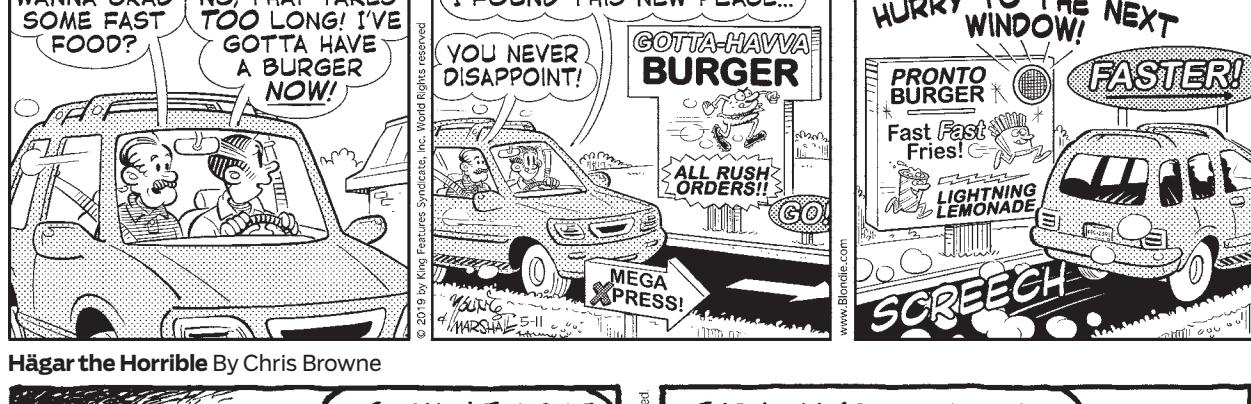
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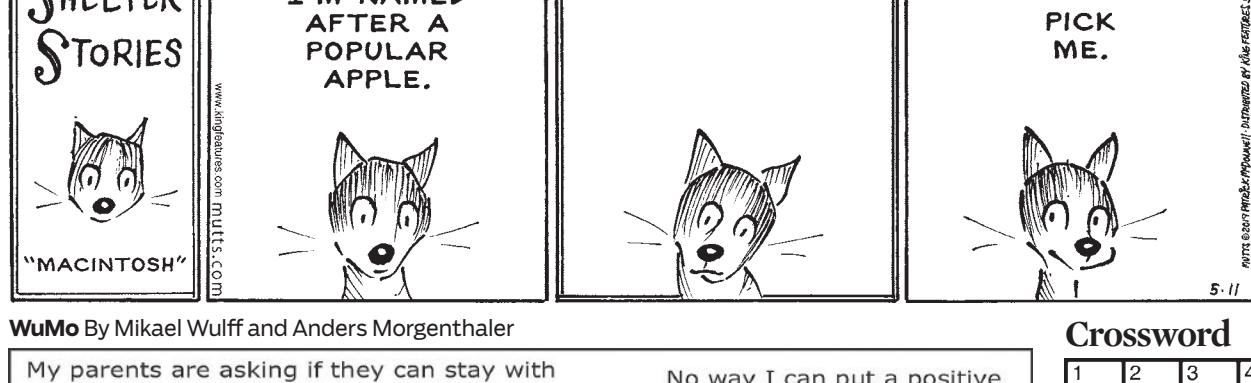
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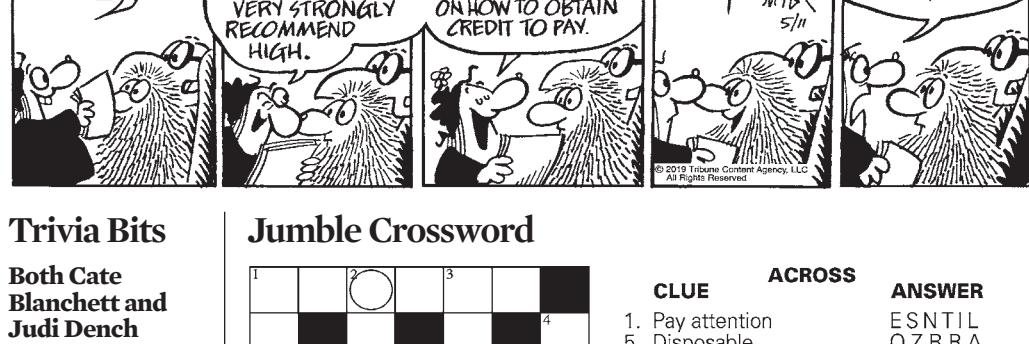
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Both Cate Blanchett and Judi Dench received Oscar nominations for portraying what woman?

- A) Queen Elizabeth I of England
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 - C) Margaret Thatcher
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Friday's solutions

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Jumble

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

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Friday's answers

Jumbles: WAFFER SUNNY DRAFTY STUDIO

Answer: Trying to identify and deal with all the different types of flu was a — STRAIN ON THE STAFF

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1 Annual gown renters

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17 Modern gamer's

headset, briefly

19 Org. concerned with

gaps, at times

20 Cavalry member

21 "Between the World

and Me" author Ta-

Nehisi —

24 Latin primer word

25 Singer who made

Georgia famous

27 TV warrior princess

29 Classic paper name

30 Restored

34 San Joaquin Valley

wine region

35 Anguished protest

39 Fast-paced highlight

video

43 Adjective for Scotty on

"Star Trek"

44 Baker, for one

45 Most delicate

47 Cy Young Award stat

48 Two-piece ensembles

49 Sports show hosts,

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53 Hitchcock antagonist

54 Had no doubt

55 Bizarre

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57 Perfectly harmonious

36 Credit as an inspiration

37 Best —

38 Chin stroker's words

39 "The Post" co-star

40 Taloned predators

41 Take off the table?

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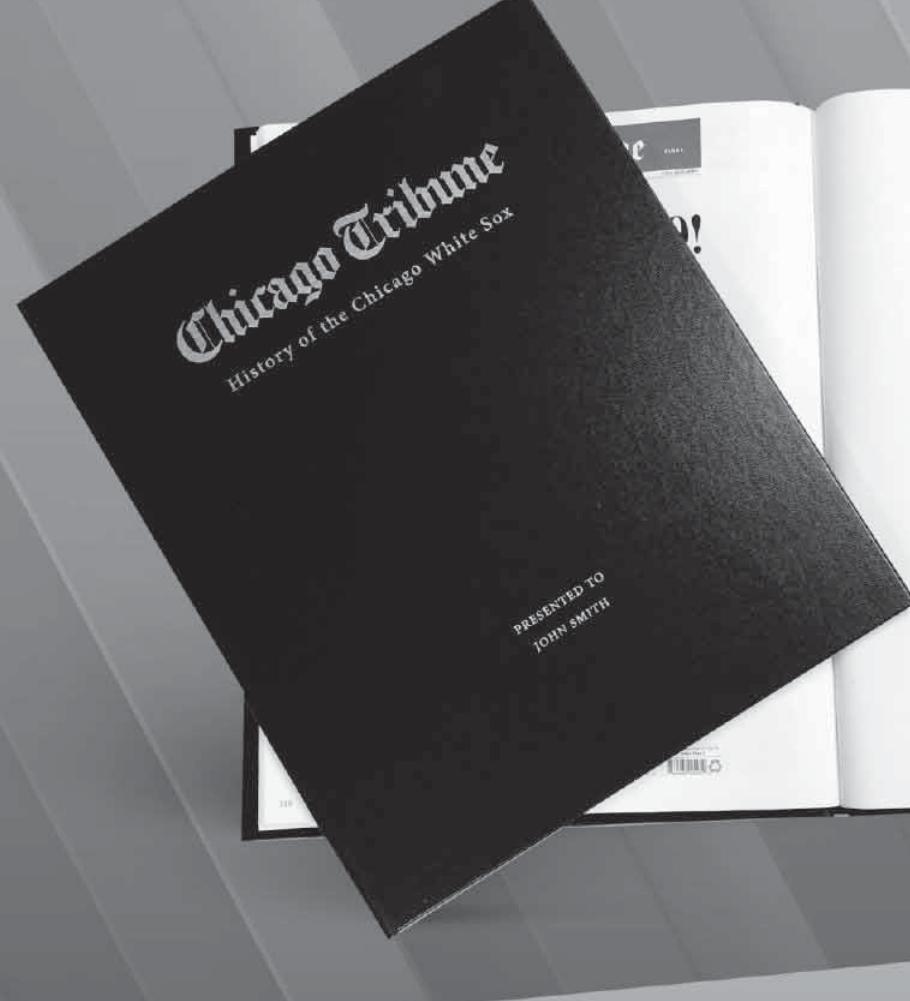
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Cubs starting pitcher Jose Quintana sits in the dugout after being taken out of the game in the seventh inning against the Brewers at Wrigley Field on Friday afternoon.

BREWERS 7, CUBS 0

Crew cuts deep

With visions of last year's Game 163, Brewers still riding high



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

Game 163 in October was a historic day for the Brewers, so their return to Wrigley Field this weekend was bound to bring back some good memories.

"For our organization, that was a special day, so for sure, first time back you definitely take a second to think about that," manager Craig Counsell said. "And when you're playing a good team, a team you have to beat to accomplish your goals, and you're playing in a good atmosphere, it brings out the best in everybody."

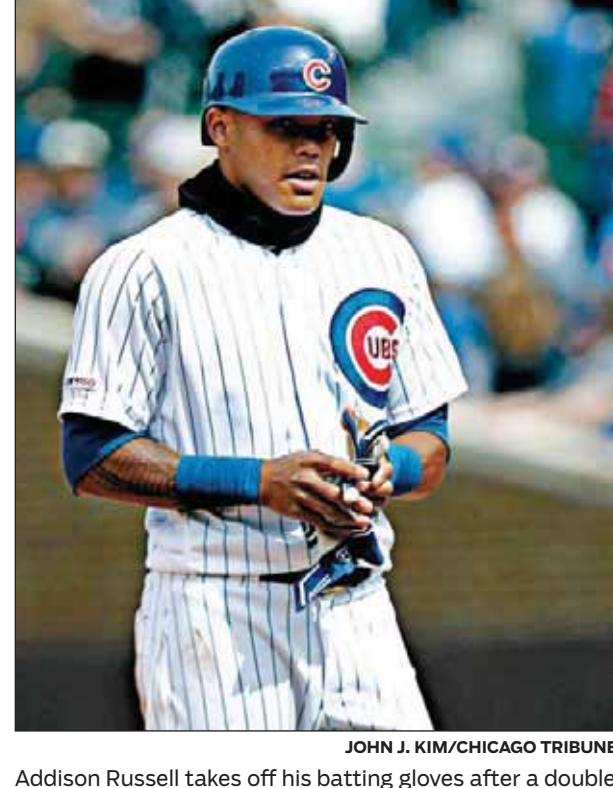
It certainly brought out the best in the Brewers, who cruised to a 7-0 victory over the Cubs on Friday afternoon in the frozen confines, winning their seventh straight and moving into a first-place tie in the National League Central.

But it didn't do much for the Cubs, who looked lackadaisical at the plate and lacked intensity in the opener of the three-game series.

Gio Gonzalez outdueled Jose Quintana for the first half of the game, and the Brewers added on late against the Cubs bullpen to pull away, allowing them to save their not-so-secret weapon, Josh Hader, for Saturday and/or Sunday.

"We had a couple well-contacted balls," manager Joe

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Addison Russell takes off his batting gloves after a double in the seventh inning Friday, his first hit of the season.

Russell 'respects' fans, understands their boos

BY PAUL SULLIVAN | Chicago Tribune

Cubs infielder Addison Russell on Friday said he understood why fans booed him upon his return from a 40-game suspension for violating MLB's domestic violence policy.

"Basically everyone is entitled to doing whatever they want to do, thinking whatever they want to think, saying whatever they want to say," he said before the Cubs lost to the Brewers 7-0 in the series opener at Wrigley Field.

"The reaction to me I feel like I have to respect that. My actions are what they are, and I have to be responsible for them."

Russell told the Sun-Times on Thursday — a day after he played in his first game since September because of the suspension — that if Cubs fans "want to boo someone that's trying to help bring the team a World Series again, then that's on them." He insisted Friday that the comment wasn't meant to be critical of fans who boo him.

"No, I have nothing but respect for the fans," he said. "It's a goal to get the respect of Cubs fans back, so having said that it's just out of respect for them. I have nothing but respect for them."

"I just wish that it could be on different terms, you

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WHITE SOX

Weber no longer going it alone

Sox team doctor broke gender barrier in MLB; now 3 females fill role

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Shortly after the White Sox won the 2005 World Series, Kathy Weber received an invitation from Major League Baseball's team physicians association asking if team doctors had any research they would like to present at the winter meetings.

Weber, at the time the only

female head physician in MLB, noticed the letter was addressed, "Dear gentlemen." When Weber presented her research on MRSA at the meetings, the association president publicly apologized to her.

"I'm like, 'What for?'" Weber recalled. "He said, 'I should have said, 'Dear gentlemen and women.'" We all had a laugh."

Ten years later, Weber became the first woman elected president of that organization, and she was one of the first two female team physicians in the NBA when she began working for the Bulls in

2005, a year after she started with the Sox.

She has seen more professional sports teams hiring women in that role; she's now one of three female head physicians in MLB.

"Times are changing," she said.

A sign of that progress appeared when Weber arrived at Sox spring training this year. With a full-time female massage therapist also on staff, a lock had been added to the shower-room door.

"We have a bathroom," said Weber, who said she has had to

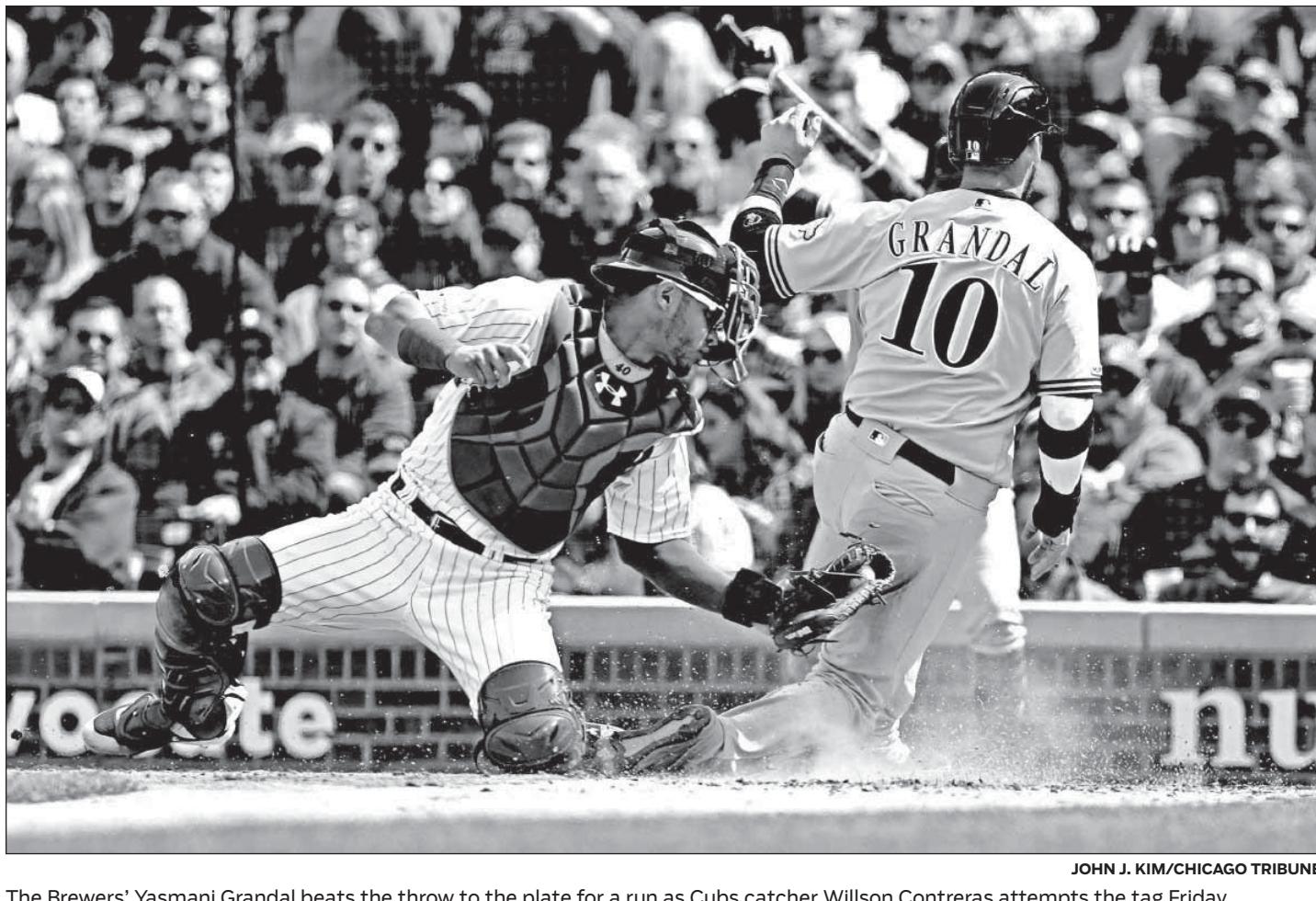
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Kathy Weber, the White Sox team doctor since 2004, is one of three female head physicians in Major League Baseball.

CUBS & WHITE SOX



The Brewers' Yasmani Grandal beats the throw to the plate for a run as Cubs catcher Willson Contreras attempts the tag Friday.

JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Crew cuts deep

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Maddon said. "But for the most part, not."

One bad game doesn't negate the Cubs' hot stretch. They came in having won 10 of their last 11 and 17 out of 21.

But since winning eight of the first nine games against the Brewers in 2018, the Cubs haven't been able to figure out their small-market rivals from the land of cheese and supper clubs.

They've now lost to the Brewers 11 times in the last 15 meetings. And as we discovered last year, one game in this series can mean the difference between a division title and a wild-card spot.

A strong effort from Quintana, who allowed only a fourth-inning home run to Ryan Braun through six innings, went to waste despite a few prime scoring opportunities. The Cubs went 0-for-9 with runners in scoring position.

The last time the Brewers were here, they soaked the visitors' clubhouse in champagne after winning the division title and sending the Cubs to their demise in the wild-card game. Christian Yelich, the 2018 NL MVP who is leading the major leagues with 16 home runs this season, said Game 163 is a nice memory that's irrelevant now. "Maybe you think about it a little when

you walk back in there for the first time," he said. "After that I don't really see it carrying over too much. Both teams have new players. It's obviously a cool memory for sure."

Yelich, the hottest hitter this side of the Dodgers' Cody Bellinger, was mostly held in check Friday, going 1-for-4 with a double and a walk.

The Cubs trailed 1-0 in the seventh when Yasmani Grandal led off with a single and Jesus Aguilar walked. The runners advanced on a wild pitch before Mike Moustakas hit a sharp grounder to first baseman Anthony Rizzo. Instead of getting the easy out at first, Rizzo made a risky throw home that failed to nail Grandal. Ben Gamel added a sacrifice fly to make it 3-0, and Quintana's day was done.

"It was just weird because 'Q' was going so well, and after the base hit things just changed a little bit," Maddon said. "But they outpitched us today and deserved to win it."

Said Quintana: "I just made one mistake to Braun. I kept battling, kept fighting, but it was a tough game."

One mistake to Braun sometimes is all it takes. He got off to a slow start this season but had a six-hit game last Saturday in an 18-inning win and hit .433 on the Brewers' recent homestand.

"Really he changed his season in two days," Counsell said earlier. "He had nine hits in two days, and it's still early enough in the season where that can happen. Ryan is still a force that other teams have to think about in the middle of the lineup. The only thing we might be doing is resting him a little more so he can be healthy over the course of a long season."

After his solo shot Friday, Braun is hitting .325 (106-for-326) with 18 home runs and 69 RBIs in 84 career games at Wrigley. Why is it such fertile ground for Braun?

"Just the atmosphere is so much fun," Braun said. "Wrigley is always such a special place to play. It's loud. It's always packed. It's energetic. You play in some of these ballparks now with the teams that aren't competing, and it can be really empty at times. It's not an enjoyable atmosphere to play in as a competitor."

Braun, who gets booted more than any other opposing player at Wrigley, always seems to answer with his bat. Maybe someday Cubs fans will learn not to bait Braun, though Friday was not that day.

"He enjoys weekends at Wrigley Field," Counsell said.

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Russell 'respects' fans, absorbs boos

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know? I'm just continuing to get better and know (the reaction is) not always going to be good."

Starting at second base and hitting eighth in the lineup — as he did in his season debut Wednesday against the Marlins — Russell went 1-for-3 with a double and a walk Friday, and the boos were less audible with every at-bat.

Manager Joe Maddon said he's trying to help and provide support for Russell.

"I understand what he said and I know he kind of walked it back today," Maddon said. "What I do every day is I talk to him in the dugout, try to get the temperature, see

where he's at. I hug him and I encourage him to go out and tried to do the right thing, try to make right choices."

Russell said the media attention "shouldn't be on me, it should be on what's positive going on in this clubhouse, and that's winning ballgames." He spoke to the media before his return Wednesday but was unavailable after the game to talk about the boos.

Does Russell understand why some fans are booing him?

"I totally understand," he said. "It's a serious issue, and what can I do? Get better day by day. That's all I can do and be the example of a person who is trying to make things right."

Russell said he doesn't "listen or read a lot into what's going on off the field about these issues" but added he has received some positive responses from fans. He knows the spotlight is not going away any time soon and said he has been able to "block out" the negativity when he's on the field.

"It's out of my control," he said. "I can handle it one of two ways — being positive or it could be negative. I'd like to switch it to a positive."

Russell said he continues to talk to his therapist "multiple times" every week.

"There's going to be a lot more adversity moving forward for sure," he said. "Just tackle it one day at a time."



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Addison Russell sits in the dugout in the eighth inning Friday against the Brewers.

When Anderson steals, he will be paying for it

Chicago Tribune staff

Tim Anderson is putting his legs — and wallet — to good use on and off the field.

The 25-year-old White Sox shortstop is donating \$500 each time he steals a base this season, with proceeds going to his anti-violence foundation, he announced in an Instagram post. Anderson leads the major leagues with 12 stolen bases.

"With EVERY stolen base I swipe this season, I personally pledge \$500 to help steal away from senseless violence within our communities," he wrote in the post Wednesday.

In conjunction with his donations, Anderson started a pledgeit.org drive seeking \$25,000. As of Friday afternoon, it had raised more than \$19,000. Anyone who pledges \$50 or more will be entered in a drawing, with one randomly selected winner receiving a game-used and autographed base, according to his Instagram post.

In 2017, the Tuscaloosa, Ala., native founded Anderson's League of Leaders LLC in memory of Branden Moss, his best friend who was killed in a shooting in May of that year. According to its website, the foundation's purpose "is to build leadership characteristics within the youth of the community, especially in circumstances associated with violence (domestic, gang, and guns) ... (and) aspires to bring positivity, safety and unity to the community."



Dylan Covey allowed four earned runs in 4 2/3 innings as the White Sox lost 4-3 to the Blue Jays on Friday night in Toronto.

Covey gave up a long three-run home run to Randal Grichuk in the first inning and a solo shot to Teoscar Hernandez in the second. The Sox bullpen pitched 3 1/3

scoreless innings.

Back-to-back doubles by Yoan Moncada and Jose Abreu (above) put the Sox ahead

1-0 in the first, Tim Anderson hit a solo

home run in the fifth, and Leury Garcia's

groundout scored Anderson in the seventh.

The Blue Jays used seven pitchers after

scheduled starter Clay Buchholz was

scratched because of a sore shoulder.

For the full story from Friday's game, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Weber not going it alone

White Sox, from Page 1

cover windows with a towel so she could clean up. "We have to share it with the guys, but we get a lock now."

Rarely, though, does Weber — a sports medicine doctor with Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush University Medical Center — think about gender at work.

She was a high school basketball, volleyball and track athlete growing up in Indianapolis. She also ran track at Mount St. Joseph University and has become an avid marathon runner. Weber has undergone several surgeries for injuries, which she said helps her relate to the athletes she treats as patients.

"I'm just a competitive person," Weber said. "This is in so many ways a dream job."

Weber also works as head team physician for the Force women's football team and as co-head team physician for DePaul athletes while serving on the LPGA medical advisory board, NBA team physicians executive committee, and NBA and MLB research committees.

Weber sees patients during the day, often before heading to the ballpark or stadium.

"This is a busy time for me," she said, noting the overlap of the Bulls and Sox seasons.

She covers about 25 Sox home games per season and can work as many as 90 hours per week.

Earlier this season, she covered the Sox during the day and the Bulls at night. Weber said she was going to "pray there's no rain delay."

LET'S PLAY 2



Saturday
Brewers
1:20 p.m.
ABC-7

Sunday
Brewers
6:05 p.m.
ESPN



Saturday
@Blue Jays
2:07 p.m.
NBCSCH

Sunday
@Blue Jays
12:07 p.m.
WGN-9



Saturday
Minnesota
7 p.m.
ESPN+

May 18
@Quakes
2:30 p.m.
DAZN

SATURDAY TV/RADIO

MLB

Noon Mariners at Red Sox

MLBN

1 p.m. Brewers at Cubs

ABC-7

WSCR-AM 670

2 p.m. White Sox at Blue Jays

NBCSCH

WGN-AM 720

3 p.m. Indians at A's

FS1

6 p.m. Yankees at Rays

MLBN

8 p.m. Nationals at Dodgers

MLBN

COLLEGE BASEBALL

1 p.m. LSU at Arkansas

ESPN2

7 p.m. Maryland at Minnesota

BTN

8:30 p.m. Indiana St. at Dallas Baptist

ESPNU

BOXING

7 p.m. Hurd vs. Williams

FOX-32

9 p.m. Vargas vs. Berchelt

ESPN

GOLF

7 a.m. British Masters

Golf

Noon AT&T Byron Nelson

Golf

2 p.m. AT&T Byron Nelson

CBS-2

2 p.m. Regions Tradition

Golf

NHL

7 p.m. Blues at Sharks

NBC-5

COLLEGE LACROSSE

11 a.m. Syracuse vs. Loyola (Md.)

ESPNU

1:30 p.m. Georgetown vs. Yale

ESPNU

4 p.m. Army vs. Penn

ESPNU

6:30 p.m. Rob. Morris vs. Virginia

ESPNU

MOTOR SPORTS

2:30 p.m. IndyCar Grand Prix

NBC-5

6:30 p.m. Digital Ally 400

FS1

SOCCER

8:30 a.m. Bundesliga TBA

FS1

8:30 a.m. Bundesliga TBA

FS2

3 p.m. NYCFC at Galaxy

ESPN

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

11 a.m. Big Ten Tournament

BTN

CUBS

With his players on stage, Cubs manager Joe Maddon speaks to the audience at the ninth annual Bricks and Ivy Ball on Thursday at Navy Pier.

Charitable champs

Cubs raise \$1.65M to help renovate fields, fund youth programs in city

BY PHIL THOMPSON | Chicago Tribune

Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts jokingly promised that the team would keep up its winning pace if guests at Thursday night's Bricks and Ivy Ball helped top \$2 million for charity.

"We just went 10-for-11 — (the players) said if we get to two million bucks we'll go 10-for-11 again," Ricketts said at the ninth annual gala at Navy Pier, themed this year as a "Night Under the Stars."

Considerable star power notwithstanding, Ricketts didn't quite get to his desired total. The event raised \$1.65 million for Cubs Charities.

Last year, the Cubs raised \$1.8 million for youth baseball fields and fitness-related programs for at-risk kids. In 2017, donations reached \$2.2 million.

This year Cubs Charities has emphasized its Diamond Project, tasked with renovating baseball and softball fields and funding kids' baseball and academic programs across the city.

Archer Manor Little League recently received \$185,000 for new lights, a scoreboard, dugouts and bleachers. Morgan Park High School was granted \$87,380 for renovations.

In January, the team and nonprofit partner Good Sports delivered \$110,000 in new sports equipment to 110 Chicago schools.

On Saturday, a renovated Dawes Park (\$65,000) in Auburn Gresham will be unveiled at a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Other observations from the gala:

1. Joe Maddon paid tribute to Ken Ravizza.

Ravizza, the sports psychologist who worked with Maddon as his mental skills coach for the Rays and Cubs, died in July.

Maddon ticked off a top 10 of Ravizza's favorite mantras.

"Here's the off-color one — and I can just hear him saying it — Have a good (crappy) day," Maddon said. "It's not always going to be perfect, and that's what you have to understand."

Other Ravizza-isms the Cubs manager cited:

"Be present, not perfect."

"Attitude is a decision."

"The time is now, the place is here."

Maddon is a master of pithy, poignant sayings, and the more you listen to Maddon, the more you hear Ravizza.

2. One gala attendee has ties to the White Sox Fan in Chief.

Michael Strautmanis, an ardent supporter of the Cubs' charity efforts, became a Cubs fan not long after his family moved to Uptown, within a couple miles of Wrigley Field. "As I got older I realized being an African-American Cubs fan in Chicago was too rare of a thing and frankly made me more of a Cubs fan."

One of his first jobs as a high school student was selling T-shirts outside Wrigley. Strautmanis now works as vice president of civic



Shortstop Javier Baez high-fives fans Thursday at the Bricks and Ivy Ball at Navy Pier.

engagement for the Obama Foundation, which means the big boss, former President Barack Obama, roots for his crosstown rival.

"I remember one time we were at the White House and he was getting ready to throw out the first pitch at the All-Star Game and he came out and slapped on that White Sox cap and gave me a look and pointed his finger at me there," said Strautmanis, who was Obama's deputy assistant in the White House. "You know, he was letting me know who he is and being true to his fandom."

"What can I say? He was the leader of the free world at the time. I just had to take it."

When the Cubs won the World Series in 2016, "I had at least a world championship to put in his face," Strautmanis said. "(But) you know what was nice about it is he reached out; he was really happy for me. ... There were a few Cubs fans on his team and he was nice enough to reach out to a few of us."

3. A high school softball player wanted to test herself and got much more in the bargain.

Lake View High School junior Alexandra Nevarez joined the Cubs and Major League Baseball's Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities program last summer in part because her teammates did too. But she also saw an opportunity to test herself under pressure.

"I just wanted to improve the player I am and improve myself in a way," said the 17-year-old outfielder from Belmont Cragin. "If an occasion arises ... that panics you during the game, I want to know where I should go and where all the plays should be at."

Because of her involvement in softball, she said, she got to attend her first professional baseball game last year. "When I saw them warming up I started crying because it's always been a dream of mine to see them play live," Nevarez said.

Last week, Ryan Dempster and mascot Clark the Cub caught her off guard when they presented her with a \$20,000 college scholarship at school.

"For them to surprise me like that and award me such a big amount, that really sets a foundation for my future ... I thank them from the bottom of my heart," she said.

Nevarez said she still can't fathom why the Cubs Scholars program picked her as one of eight recipients.

"I quite honestly don't know what they saw (in me)," she said. "When I came out of the interview, I was like, 'I didn't get it. I didn't get it,' because I didn't feel very confident. That's one of the reasons I love the program even more is because they saw something in me that I didn't see in myself."

4. Speaking of auctions.

It always will be hard to top former Cub Matt Szczur's painting of then-teammates Anthony Rizzo and Kris Bryant, which sold for \$35,000 two years ago.

There was less fanfare for this year's collection, which included an Allen Robinson-signed Bears helmet, a picture of Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder before taking the stage at Wrigley and a David Ross jersey (and, yes, he was at the gala).

Perhaps one of the most interesting items was a collection of baseballs signed by each of the five living presidents.

There is also an ongoing online auction and as of Friday morning, the top bid was \$1,410 for Anthony Rizzo's game-used broken bat from the game against the Dodgers on April 23. The bidding for that piece of memorabilia and others ends Sunday.

5. On Sunday, the Cubs turn their attention to breast cancer awareness.

On Sunday, the Cubs host their annual "Pink Out" game at Wrigley Field, where breast cancer survivor Kristen Hall will serve as honorary bat girl. In the morning, Rizzo and his mom, Laurie, will co-host the launch of the 22nd annual Komen Chicago Race for the Cure at Montrose Harbor. Rizzo also serves as honorary chair.

Rizzo's grandmother died of breast cancer just two weeks after his own battle with Hodgkin lymphoma went into remission. She was one of the inspirations for Rizzo's foundation, which raises money for research and financially supports families of child patients.

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GOLF**COMMENTARY**

Daly to be major sideshow at Bethpage

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press

Next week, there will be a legitimate major championship at Bethpage Black.

We'll also get a ridiculous sideshow, at least for the first couple of days.

John Daly will rip it up in the PGA Championship — while gripping the wheel of a golf cart.

Yep, the guardians of the game are accommodating a 53-year-old who spent a good part of his life not taking good care of himself and has zero chance of winning.

"I think walking is an integral part of being a pro golfer," six-time major champion Nick Faldo said during a conference call to promote CBS coverage of the event. "I'll leave it at that."

Sir Nick is right.

If an arthritic knee won't allow Daly to walk such a demanding course — and we're in no way questioning his condition — then he shouldn't play.

Making matters worse, this dubious decision denies a deserving player the chance to take part. The alternate list for the second major of the year is filled with regulars on PGA Tour, any of whom could possibly win the event if they're on top of their game.

Remember: A ninth alternate named John Daly won the PGA Championship at Crooked Stick in 1991. Since then, Daly's life has largely been a well-publicized train wreck, other than that one week in 1995 when he somehow harnessed his enormous talent to win a second major championship at the British Open.

Now, he's just a soft drink-swilling, cigarette-smoking caricature of wasted potential. He has no business scooting around at the PGA Championship, portraying himself as a worthy player.

"I hope I don't get a lot of grief from the fans," Daly told the Associated Press. "My knee is screwed. I had the meniscus cut out. I have osteoarthritis so bad I can walk up a hill, I just can't walk down one."

The PGA of America said Daly applied to use a cart through its American with Disabilities Act policy and provided "the requisite information to allow for a review of his request by the PGA's medical team."

That request was approved, which means Daly will be the first player to ride in a cart at a major championship since Casey Martin in the U.S. Open in 1998 and 2012.

But Martin's was a much different case. He suffers from a birth defect in his right leg that restricts circulation, making it virtually impossible for him to walk 18 holes a day over four rounds. He successfully sued the PGA Tour for the right to use a cart in a case that went to the U.S. Supreme Court.

His was a just cause. There was nothing he could do about his condition. Besides, it was such a rare case, one unlikely to ever come up again.

Daly, on the other hand, may have established a troubling precedent.

He has found his calling on the PGA Tour Champions, a 50-and-older circuit that allows carts. Last year, he asked for a cart at the U.S. Senior Open, but the USGA turned him down. Daly vowed to never play another USGA event.

But Daly will be cruising around the PGA Championship, which is even more galling when one considers that Bethpage Black doesn't even allow the general public to use carts.

Let's leave the golf to the real players.

Paul Newberry is an AP sports columnist.

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BASEBALL**American League**

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	23	14	.622	—	—	5-5	L-2	11-9	12-5
New York	23	15	.605	½	—	6-4	W-2	13-9	10-6
Boston	20	19	.513	4	1	8-2	W-3	9-7	11-12
Toronto	16	22	.421	7½	4½	2-8	W-1	8-11	8-11
Baltimore	13	25	.342	10½	7½	3-7	L-3	5-14	8-11
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	24	12	.667	—	—	7-3	W-4	12-5	12-7
Cleveland	20	17	.541	4½	—	5-5	L-1	11-7	9-10
Detroit	16	19	.457	7½	3	4-6	L-2	9-8	7-11
Chicago	16	21	.432	8½	4	4-6	L-3	8-10	8-11
Kansas City	14	25	.359	11½	7	5-5	W-1	9-11	5-14
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	24	15	.615	—	—	7-3	W-3	14-4	10-11
Seattle	20	21	.488	5	2	2-8	L-2	7-11	13-10
Los Angeles	18	20	.474	5½	2½	7-3	W-2	11-9	7-11
Texas	17	19	.472	5½	2½	4-6	L-2	12-7	5-12
Oakland	18	22	.450	6½	3½	4-6	W-1	13-9	5-13

Late games noted below

PROBABLE PITCHERS FOR SATURDAY

TEAM PITCHER	2019			2018 VS. OPP.			LAST 3 STARTS			
	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Pit Lyles (R)	2-1	2.20	5-1	0-2	12.2	4.97	0-1	15.2	4.02	
StL Mikolas (R)	1:15p	4-2	4.02	6-2	1-2	31.0	2.90	2-1	18.0	6.60
Mil Davies (R)	4-0	1.56	5-2	0-1	16.2	2.16	2-0	17.2	2.04	
Chi Hamels (L)	1:20p	3-0	3.38	5-2	0-0	6.0	3.00	0-0	16.2	4.32
Min Alcantara (R)	1-3	4.93	3-4	1-1	19.4	1.89	0-1	15.1	4.70	
NY deGrom (R)	6:10p	2-4	3.60	2-5	0-2	26.6	3.12	0-0	18.0	3.50
Atl Gausman (R)	1-3	5.00	3-4	0-1	4.2	7.71	0-1	11.0	7.36	
Ari Kelly (R)	7:10p	3-3	4.85	3-4	0-0	0.00	2-1	16.1	5.51	
SD Lucchesi (L)	3-2	5.00	3-4	1-0	22.0	2.05	1-0	14.2	4.91	
Col Gray (R)	7:10p	3-3	4.22	4-3	4-1	30.1	3.26	2-0	16.1	5.51
Cin DeSclafani (R)	2-2	3.65	4-3	0-0	7.3	1.17	2-0	17.2	1.53	
SF Samardzija (R)	8:05p	2-3	3.16	5-2	0-0	0.00	1-0	15.1	3.52	
Was Scherzer (R)	1-4	3.78	1-7	1-0	13.0	2.08	0-1	20.0	2.70	
LA Buehler (R)	8:10p	4-0	4.95	5-2	0-0	0.00	2-0	18.0	4.50	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS	W-L	IP	ERA	
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Sea Hernandez (R)	1-3	5.20	3-4	0-1	7.0	1.29	0-2	18.0	5.50	
Bos Porcello (R)	12:05p	2-3	5.11	4-3	0-0	6.0	2-0	20.0	2.25	
Det Turnbull (R)	2-2	2.31	4-3	0-1	10.0	6.30	2-0	18.0	1.00	
Min Pineda (R)	1:10p	2-3	6.09	3-4	0-0	0.00	0-2	15.1	7.04	
Chi Nova (R)	1-3	7.04	2-5	0-0	0.00	1-1	16.2	8.10		
Tor Stroman (R)	2:07p	1-5	2.96	2-6	1-0	6.2	2.70	0-2	15.0	5.40
LA Harvey (R)	1-3	6.94	3-4	0-0	0.00	1-1	17.2	4.08		
Bal Bundy (R)	3:05p	1-4	5.30	2-5	0-1	4.1	10.38	1-2	18.1	2.95
Cle Bauer (R)	4-2	3.42	5-3	0-1	6.2	2.54	2-1	20.0	5.40	
Oak Brooks (R)	3:05p	2-3	5.74	3-3	0-0	0.00	0-2	14.1	7.53	
NY Sabathia (L)	2-1	3.20	4-1	1-2	18.0	2.00	1-1	15.1	5.28	
TB TBD	5:10p	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
DETROIT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Min Perez (L)	7:10p	5-0	2.83	4-1	0-0	0.00	3-0	21.0	0.43	
Tex Smyly (L)	0-2	6.63	1-4	0-0	0.00	0-1	12.2	6.39		
Hou Cole (R)	7:10p	3-4	4.17	4-4	0-2	25.0	2.88	2-1	20.1	2.66
INTERLEAGUE	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS	W-L	IP	ERA	
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Phi Eflin (R)	4-3	3.00	4-3	0-0	0.00	2-1	20.0	2.25		
KC Keller (R)	6:15p	2-3	3.99	3-5	0-0	0.00	0-2	16.2	6.48	

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

RESULTS, SCHEDULE**AMERICAN LEAGUE****FRIDAY'S RESULTS**

Toronto 4, Chi. White Sox 3
NY Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 3
L.A. Angels 8, Baltimore 3
Houston 3, Texas 0
Boston 14, Seattle 1
Minnesota 6, Detroit 0
Kansas City 5, Philadelphia 1
Oakland 4, Cleveland 3 (12)
SUNDAY'S GAMES
L.A. Angels at Baltimore, 12:05 p.m.
Seattle at Boston, 12:05 p.m.
Chi. White Sox at Toronto, 12:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 12:10 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.
Texas at Houston, 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Kansas City, 1:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 3:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**

Milwaukee 7, Chi. Cubs 0
N.Y. Mets 11, Miami 2
Pittsburgh 2, St. Louis 1
Kansas City 5, Philadelphia 1
Colorado 12, San Diego 2
Atlanta 2, Arizona 1
Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 0
L.A. Dodgers 5, Washington 0
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Miami at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Kansas City, 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 2:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Arizona, 3:10 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 3:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chi. Cubs, 6:05 p.m.



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Mitch Moreland, right, celebrates after his three-run homer during the Red Sox's win.

RED SOX 14, MARINERS 1**Champs roll, go above .500**

Associated Press

BOSTON — Mitch Moreland hit a three-run home run, Rafael Devers and Andrew Benintendi each added a solo homer, and the Red Sox moved above .500 for the first time this season with a 14-1 victory over the Mariners on Friday night.

The Red Sox (20-19) have won nine of 11, scoring 80 runs during the stretch. The Mariners (20-21) lost for the 10th time in 12 games and are under .500 for the first time.

Eduardo Rodriguez (4-2) pitched seven score-

less innings, allowing five hits and striking out five to pick up his third win in four starts. It was the first time Rodriguez lasted seven innnings in a start since Sept. 23, 2017, at Cincinnati.

Rookie Erik Swanson (1-4) took the loss, allowing seven hits and seven runs over 4 2/3 innnings.

It marked the latest rough outing for a Mariners' pitching staff that has given up 11 or more runs four times in 12 games.

The Red Sox did the brunt of their damage in the third inning.

Jackie Bradley Jr. led off

with a double down the left field line and scored on Mookie Betts' two-out single up the middle.

J.D. Martinez moved Betts over to third base with a single, and Moreland cleared the bases with his looping blast that landed just over the Red Sox bullpen in center. It was Moreland's 11th home run of the season.

Devers led off the fourth inning with a line-drive homer over the Mariners bullpen in right field.

Moreland added an RBI double in the fifth.

The Red Sox scored in all but two innnings.

Seattle 14, Mariners 1
SEATTLE AB R H BI SO AVG
Haniger rf 4 0 1 0 0 1 .294
Sanchez cf 4 1 3 0 0 0 .288
Encarnacion dh 4 0 1 1 0 2 .254
Healy 3b 4 1 1 0 0 0 .243
Ramos ss 4 0 1 0 0 0 .243
Frazier 1b 4 0 1 0 0 0 .231
Torres ss 3 0 1 0 1 0 .280
Andujar dh 4 0 1 0 0 0 1 .254
Urshela 3b 4 0 1 0 1 1 .349
Maybin ff 3 0 1 0 0 1 .324
Gardner cf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .205
TOTALS 3

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

PGA TOUR BYRON NELSON

2nd of 4 rds; at Trinity Forest GC; Dallas; 7,371 yds; Par 71

126 (-16)

Sung Kang

65-61

130 (-12)

Matt Every

65-65

Tyler Duncan

64-66

131 (-11)

Brooks Koepka

65-66

132 (-10)

Rory Sabbatini

67-65

133 (-9)

Martin Laird

67-66

Beau Hossler

67-66

Roberto Diaz

134 (-8)

Michael Thompson

66-68

135 (-7)

Jordan Spieth

68-67

Matt Jones

65-70

Jonas Blixt

65-70

Sebastian Munoz

69-66

Stephan Jaeger

69-66

Doug Ghim

69-66

Zack Sucher

67-68

136 (-6)

Henrik Stenson

67-69

Scottie Scheffler

66-70

Seth Reeves

66-70

Thomas Pieters

70-66

Vaughn Taylor

69-67

C.T. Pan

66-70

Kevin Tway

67-69

Scott Piercy

66-70

J.J. Spaun

67-69

Cameron Davis

137 (-5)

Ollie Schniederjans

68-69

Shawn Stefani

67-70

Hideki Matsuyama

Kiradech Aphibarnrat

Ryan Palmer

69-68

Kevin Na

69-68

Russell Knox

68-69

Joey Garber

68-69

Davis Riley

68-69

138 (-4)

Carlos Ortiz

69-69

Sam Burns

66-72

Patrick Reed

70-68

Pat Perez

67-71

Padraig Harrington

69-69

Cameron Tringale

70-68

Morgan Hoffmann

71-67

Curtis Luck

68-70

Bill Haas

69-69

Aaron Wise

66-72

Daniel Berger

67-67

Russell Henley

65-73

Chad Campbell

67-68

Alex Noren

65-73

Kramer Hickok

139 (-3)

Justin Harding

66-73

Ryan Moore

69-70

Daniel Chopra

72-67

Peter Malnati

70-69

Seamus Power

72-67

Nicholas Lindheim

70-69

Brady Schnell

72-67

Braden Grace

69-70

Bud Cauley

70-69

Keith Mitchell

66-73

Troy Merritt

67-72

Brian Stuard

67-72

Harris English

68-71

David Lingmerth

68-71

Alex Prugh

68-71

Tom Hoge

64-75

Peter Uihlein

69-71

Rafa Cabrera Bello

70-72

Roger Sloan

68-72

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Matthew Jordan

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Lee Westwood

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ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

Fink says he hasn't decided yet on Illini

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

USC graduate transfer Matt Fink has not committed to Illinois, the quarterback said Friday on Twitter, contrary to a report earlier this week.

"To clarify, I am NOT committed to any schools at the moment," Fink tweeted. "I am in the process of deciding and still looking for other opportunities."

Fink's father told the Los Angeles Times on Monday that his son would be joining Illinois, where he would have two seasons of eligibility beginning this fall.

The Illini have only two scholarship quarterbacks — redshirt freshmen Matt Robinson and Coran Taylor — on the current roster after sophomore M.J. Rivers II announced he is transferring. Freshman Isaiah Williams, a four-star recruit from St. Louis, will join Illinois this summer.

Rivers was the only returning quarterback with starting experience, having started three of the eight games he played in as a true freshman last fall.

Illinois continues to pursue Penn State graduate transfer Tommy Stevens, who visited Champaign on Sunday and Monday, according to Illini Inquirer. Stevens also has visited Miami of Ohio, Kentucky and Mississippi State, where former Penn State offensive coordinator Joe Moorhead is head coach.

Fink, a native of Rancho Cucamonga,



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Stevens, from Indianapolis, has more game experience, though much of it came at wide receiver or running back. He played in 23 games over the last three seasons for the Nittany Lions and accounted for 14 touchdowns (four passing, eight rushing, two receiving). He has one season of remaining eligibility.

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NASCAR

New rules package still in spotlight

At Kansas Speedway, drivers remain confused, unhappy

BY DAVE SKRETTA | Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Martin Truex Jr. should know how to get around Kansas Speedway in a hurry.

He won both races at the 1½-mile track just west of downtown Kansas City during his 2017 championship season. He has an astonishing eight top-five finishes, more than any other track, his run of success following him from Furniture Row Racing to his current team, Joe Gibbs Racing.

But after a pair of practice sessions ahead of Saturday night's NASCAR Cup Series race, the driver of the No. 19 Toyota was left just as confused as everybody else.

"There's so many approaches and options right now how you want your car to be," said Truex, who is coming off wins at Richmond and Dover in two of the past three races. "How fast do you want to be by yourself? How fast do you want to be in traffic without sacrificing speed? There are just a lot of options. Trying to find the right combination for us right now has been tricky."

That would be a diplomatic way to assess NASCAR's new rules package, which makes its Kansas debut this weekend. The more risque way came from Kyle Busch, who went on an expletive-laced tirade about the package following Monday's rain-postponed race at Dover.

The new package was supposed to increase side-by-side racing and manufacture competition, but the unintended consequence has been aerodynamics that make it nearly impossible to pass.

How that looks at Kansas: The cars in practice that were at the front and in clean air were fast and handled well, while car shuffled back in the pack were nearly impossible to drive.

In other words, good luck trying to work your way to the front.

"The package here has been intense," Kurt Busch said. "Out there by yourself, you're wide open. It almost gives you an indication your car is handling too good. Then jump into a pack and it's like pack-drafting at Talladega and your car is all over the place."

The frustration, the elder Busch said, lies in the fact that nobody knows what to



COLIN E. BRALEY/AP

Defending race champ Kevin Harvick celebrates with the speedway pole award after qualifying Friday night.

expect. The rules packages are producing different results at every track, even though the mile-and-a-half tracks should theoretically be similar, and the packages themselves are constantly being tweaked.

Just this week, NASCAR announced that it would be adding aero ducts to the three remaining tracks where 500 horsepower engines will be run that did not originally require them: Pocono, Darlington and the season-ending race at Homestead.

"The continuity and the patterns and the consistency isn't here right now because each week we go to these tracks for the first time, the packages are all over the place," Kurt Busch said. "Right now a lot of people are just bouncing around like a pingpong ball in their setups."

Of course, few things get fan juices going like a robust discussion about rules — OK, that's not really true. Most fans just want to see a good race. And when there is little side-by-side racing, few passes and even fewer wrecks, it hardly helps a sport that has been fighting for relevance for years.

"It's definitely tough," Chase Elliott said. "We're not able to create that kind of racing and be comfortable all the time, pushing and shoving and things like that."

Now the question becomes: How do you fix it?

■ Kevin Harvick scored his third pole of the season and his Stewart-Haas Racing team swept the top four spots in qualifying for Saturday night's race at Kansas Speedway.

Harvick, the defending race winner, turned a lap of 179.217 mph Friday night in the return of single-car qualifying to Kansas. That was enough to edge Aric Almirola, Clint Bowyer and Daniel Suarez, who locked down the rest of the front two rows for the 400-mile race.

INDYCAR

Drivers eager after long break

BY MICHAEL MAROT | Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — All Colton Herta wanted to do after crashing at Long Beach was race. All he did over the next 3½ weeks was test for two days in Indianapolis.

The interminable wait finally ended Friday.

Twenty-four days after competing in California, Herta and the other series regulars eagerly jumped back into their cockpits to practice and qualify for Saturday's IndyCar Grand Prix.

"It's a long time not to be in a car in between, having two kind of back-to-back bad results," said Herta, a 19-year-old rookie who has posted 24th- and 23rd-place finishes his last two races.

He is not the only IndyCar driver who thought the layoff was too long.

Sébastien Bourdais of France and 2014 Indy 500 winner Ryan Hunter-Reay com-

peted in sports cars along with three-time

Two-time world champion Fernando Alonso of Spain tuned up for his return to Indianapolis by winning a six-hour endurance race in Belgium. British driver Jordan King, who competes in Formula 2, competed in the same race and also will come to Indy next week ahead of the May 27 Indianapolis 500.

Teammates JR Hildebrand and Sage Karam prepared for their first IndyCar starts in almost a year by testing RallyCross cars in late April.

Others, such as Will Power, the defending champion in both Indy races, spent time with his family and working out.

But most felt like Herta.

"I love being in a car, I love racing," said Scott Dixon, who won his fifth series title in 2018. "The breaks are frustrating."



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Barmak , Mark Elliott

Mark E. Barmak passed away surrounded by family on May 5th near his home in Encinitas, CA at the age of 77.

Mark grew up in Lowell, MA before attending Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston. He then went to University of Rhode Island to obtain his Master's Degree, followed by University of Connecticut to acquire his law degree.

Mark eventually moved to Lake Bluff, IL. where he was an attorney at Abbott Laboratories for many years, eventually becoming Associate General Counsel and a Corporate Officer, before retiring to Southern California. In retirement, he served as a Trustee on the Board at Carthage College and was involved with other various charities.

He is survived by his long-time love Jody Zuraitis, his three children Arrin (Lisa) Barmak, Jessica (Mark) Wilson, and Meredith (Ray) Mobile as well as stepsons John and Michael Zuraitis and his two sisters Reika Levine and Myrna Wexler.

Lastly, the joys of his life, his grandchildren; Harrison, Adrian, Payton, Jude, Boone, Estelle, Brianna, and Haley.

Remembrances may be made in the form of donations to San Diego Zoo Global in memory of Mark E. Barmak by following this link to continue his devotion to the preservation of species around the world.

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Buchan, Catherine E.

Catherine E. Buchan (Adams), of Ponce Inlet FL, (formerly of Chicago, Indiana, and Arizona) passed away May 4, 2019 in Florida. She was born May 11, 1920 in Crete, IL, in the original house still standing on the Muirhead family farm. She worked as a nurse at Roseland Hospital for 25 years. Catherine was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, David N. (2007), her daughter Barbara Gail (1942), and her son Douglas John (1991). She is survived by her son, David Bruce (Irene) of Indiana, her daughter, Janet (Thomas) McSharry of Ponce Inlet, FL, and daughter-in-law, Carla Buchan of Arizona. She is also survived by 6 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. She will be missed by her many nieces, nephews, family, and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Donoghue, Patricia H.

Patricia H. Donoghue nee Hosty, 96, of River Forest. Proud Coast Guard Veteran of WWII; Beloved wife of the late John; Loving mother of Michael (Elizabeth), Timothy (Julie), Sue Anne, Patrick (Barbara), Mary Adele (James) Ryan, Cecilia and the late

Richard Luke. Cherished grandmother of Megan (David) Flom, Collen (Ryan) LeClair, Conor (Melissa), Bridgette (Jake) Nelson, Timothy, Yuri, Margarita (Taylor) Wilbert, Kevin and great-grandmother of 9; Dear sister of the late Thomas, late Adele, late William and late John R.; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Graduate of Trinity High School and DePaul University. Lifetime member of St. Luke Parish. Visitation Monday 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS 6938 W. North Avenue.

Funeral prayers Tuesday 9:15 a.m. at funeral home to ST. LUKE CHURCH for Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Information 773.637.4441 or www.petersonfuneralhome.com

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Kaiser, Dennis Anthony

LTC Dennis Anthony Kaiser (Ret.) completed his service to his country, faith, and family on April 29, 2019.

He was born Chicago, IL December 24, 1942, raised in McHenry, IL. He graduated in 1965 from Loyola University and was Sigma Delta Phi brother. He served 22 years as a US Army Signal Corp Officer and did a tour in Viet Nam, receiving a Bronze

star w 2 oak leaf cluster. Post Army, he worked for Prudential, USA and his own independent agency.

He will be remembered for his humility, love of family and country, integrity, generosity and fine sense of humor.

His legacy includes sons Dennis (Traci), Daniel (GiangPham); grandchildren Makenzi, Paityn, Kenadi,Lukas and Koen. These riches are shared by his devoted wife of 52 years and the love of his life, Dorette. He is survived by his sister, Sharon Wohlert and predeceased by his sister, Marlene Bundy, father Anton and stepmother Cora Lee Kaiser

Mass St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1501 N. Alafaya Trail, Orlando, FL May 18 at 10:45am with burial at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, 5525 U.S. Hwy 1, Mims, FL June 28. Email DAKaiserMemorial@gmail.com for more information.

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Panzella, Anthony W

Passed in peace May 9, 2019, 82, in Glenview, IL. Preceded in death by his father, Michael, mother Lena (Chiaramonte) and sister Mary. Dear Friend/ Companion of Tania Dru. Survived by siblings William and Jodi. Loving father to Patricia, William, Michelle and Claudia. Grandfather to William Joseph "Joey", Kevin, Melissa, Eric and Nicolas. Tony was a long time member of the Chicago Carpenter's Union 1185, Assistant Manager of Cavalier Cadets, was an amateur photographer, golfer and bowler.

A memorial celebration will be held June 15, 2019, see Facebook page Memorial of Anthony (Tony) W. Panzella for information.

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Rice, Margaret P.

Margaret Rice (nee Just). Beloved wife of the late Gary L. Rice. Loving mother of the late Gary Rice Jr., Catherine (James) Rapata, Frank (Elizabeth) Rice and Lawrence Rice. Proud Grandmother of Dustin Parlick, Anthony (Michelle) Parlick, Cameron Rapata and Jason Rice. Dear sister of Angela (the late Donald) Kumorek, and the late Joseph (Judy) Just. Caring aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday 1-7 pm at the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home 4950 W. 79th St., Burbank IL. Family and friends to gather Monday May 13th at Our Lady Immaculate Chapel, 410 Washington Blvd., Oak Park, IL for the Requiem Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Our Lady Immaculate Chapel would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878. Robert J. Sheehy & Sons

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Styczeński, Cecilia V "Sheila"

Cecilia V. Styczeński nee Gajewski passed away May 7, 2019 at the age of 97. She was the beloved wife of the late Michael P. Styczeński; loving mother of Michael J. (the late Linda), Thomas, James, Susan, John (Nancy) Styczeński and Christina (Edward) Belsan; cherished grandmother of nine; and great-grandmother of 13; dearest sister of Frances Brooks; fond aunt of many. Visitation will be held Sunday from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Funeral Monday 9:00 a.m. from Casey Laskowski Funeral Home, 4540 W Diversey Ave. to St. Genevieve Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. For more information (773) 777-6300 or www.caseylaskowskifh.com



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Zator, Ethel

Ethel Zator, 94, born March 24, 1925, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2019.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Baby Girl Rollins AKA Serenity Gholson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Bertha Rollins (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00831**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Garnell Gholson** (Father) All Unknown Fathers Any

respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on April 16, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court

Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 04/22/2019 at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

May 11, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Sincere Drake Serenity Drake

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Pajdra Woods (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00081 19JA00079**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kenneth Drake** (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on February 1, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court

Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 05/29/2019 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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May 11, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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How we will hire Laborers:

1. We will use the Illinois State Lottery Pick 4 (evening) game on Sunday, May 19, 2019 to get the numbers for the Laborer lottery list. (The Illinois State Lottery has no interest in the way the District hires people.)
2. On May 20, 2019, we will post the winning numbers on the District's employment website at www.districtjobs.org and from May 21 to June 10, 2019 we will publish the winning numbers in newspapers.
3. If the last four digits of your Social Security number match the winning numbers or are within the range of the winning numbers plus 500, you will have until June 14, 2019 to file an application for Laborer.
4. Applications must be filed by the following method:
Submitted online through the District's Online Employment Center at www.districtjobs.org. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on the closing date, June 14, 2019, in order to be considered.
5. All communication with applicants during the selection process will be by email. It is the applicants' responsibility to check their email for important notifications from the District during the selection process.
6. Applications from anyone whose numbers do not match the winning numbers or are not within the range of the winning numbers plus 500 will be disqualified. You must show your photo identification (with your birth date) and Social Security Card at the basic skills written test to confirm you have the winning numbers or are within the range of the winning numbers plus 500. Failure to show these documents may result in disqualification from the Laborer examination process.
7. Candidates must be able to read and understand simple instructions at approximately the sixth grade level and be at least 18 years old by July 14, 2019.
8. In the event that more than one applicant has the same last four digits of their social security number, ties will be broken by the date and time of application submission.
9. A short list of candidates, based on their rank in the lottery, will be asked to take a basic skills written test which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 10, 2019. Candidates will receive more information about the basic skills written test if they are placed on the lottery list and are within the selected range.
10. A short list of candidates who pass the basic skills written test, based on their rank in the lottery, will be interviewed. Interviews are tentatively scheduled between the dates of September 3 and September 13, 2019.
11. Candidates who pass the interview will be eligible for hire as a Laborer. Appointments will

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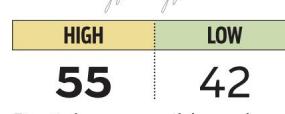
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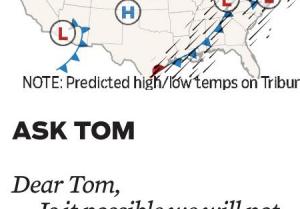


- Weak disturbance aloft brings clouds, chance of sprinkles.
- Extensive high-mid level clouds veil the sky much of the day. Early morning temps hover in the low-mid 40s most areas.
- E winds 10-15 mph limit daytime warming.
- Filtered sun possible at times, especially N of the city.
- Sprinkles develop, mainly S of the immediate metro area.
- High temps range from mid-upper 50s inland, to upper 40s along the lakeshore.
- Becoming partly cloudy overnight.

SUNDAY, MAY 12



Partial sun possible early, otherwise mostly cloudy. Scattered sprinkles or light showers develop in the afternoon. High temps range from near 60 well inland, to near 50 lakeside. E winds 10-15 mph.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Is it possible we will not see a temperature above 70 degrees here this year? It seems while the world warms up, Chicago gets colder and colder.

— Eric Hansen,
Lake in the Hills

Dear Eric,
I assume you are joking, because Chicago experiences relatively warm summers. We have had a temperature in the 70s every summer, and in the 80s as well. Even 90 degrees has occurred at least once in every year since records began in 1871 (the exception — the only exception — was 1875, when the highest reading was 89). And Chicago has experienced a few days above 70 degrees this year, in April.

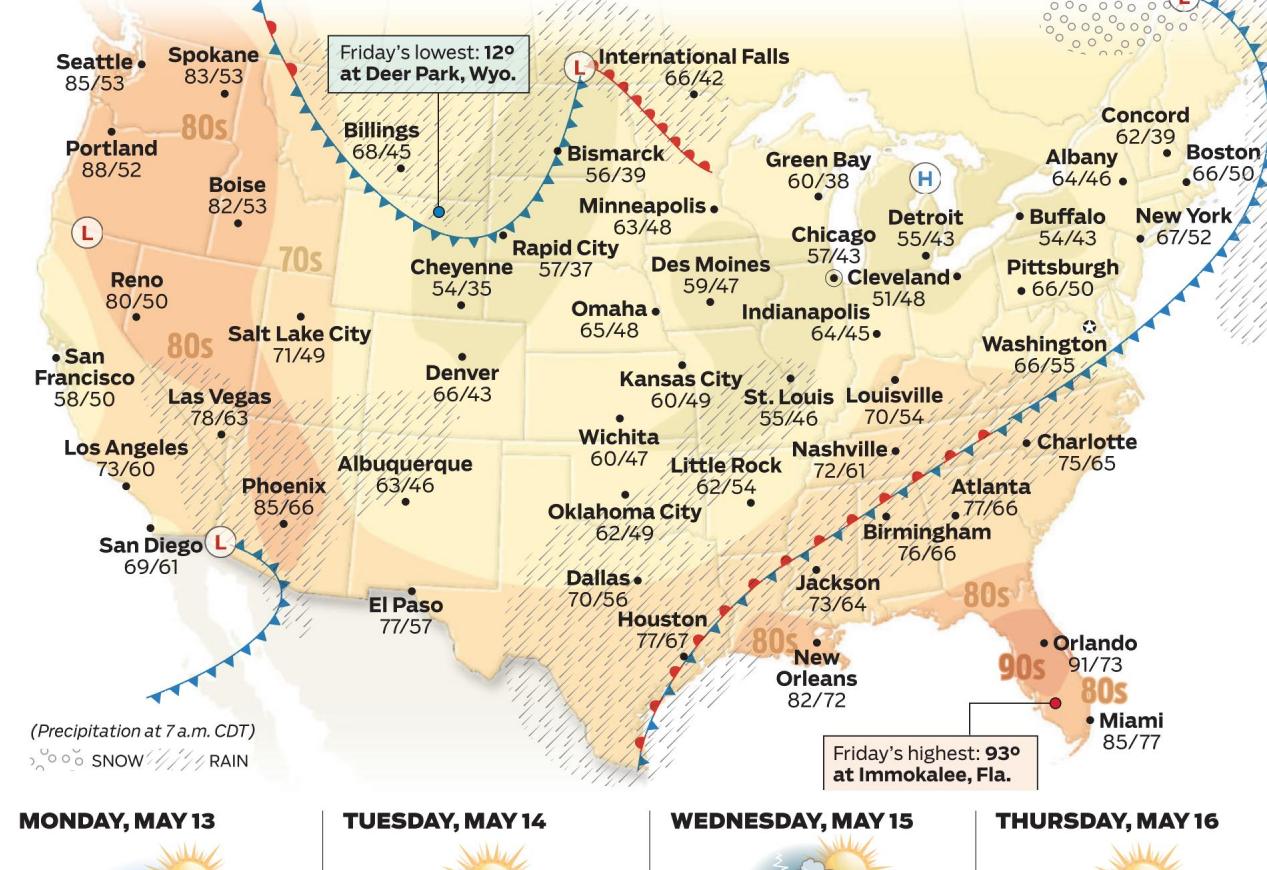
It's true that we are experiencing a chilly spring thus far, but don't despair: More 70-degree days will occur this year, and so will days in the 80s, and most likely several in the 90s as well.

Write to: ASK TOM
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WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koerner, Paul Merzock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

NATIONAL FORECAST



The first 10 days of May have been chilly and wet in contrast to a year ago, when Chicagoans basked in summerlike temperatures punctuated by only 3 days with measurable rain. Unlike last year's major temperature reversal in late April, this spring has been marked by large week-to-week fluctuations. Dating to early April, each weekend has brought major weather changes. April 6-7 was mild, April 13-14 was cold and snowy, Easter weekend was warm and dry, but snow covered the ground again April 27-28. This pattern will continue over the Mother's Day weekend. We can expect clouds and chilly conditions, though rain amounts will be scant, and in scattered coverage. There are signs we may break this cycle midmonth. Some forecasts suggest temps will average above normal by the latter part of next week.

MONDAY, MAY 13



Considerable cloudiness, then becoming partly cloudy. Temps moderate a bit, climbing to low 60s inland, with low 50s along the lake. N-E winds 10-15 mph. Clearing and chilly overnight.



TUESDAY, MAY 14



Pleasant. High pressure brings ample sunshine. Temps rebound to near seasonal levels, reaching the mid-upper 60s most areas. Cooler at the lake as light SW winds turn onshore in the afternoon.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 15



Clouds bring a chance of showers/t-storms in the morning as a cold front passes. Decreasing cloudiness in the afternoon. Temps peak in the 65-70 degree range. SW winds turn NW at 10-20 mph.



THURSDAY, MAY 16



A tranquil, milder day as high pressure drifts across the Midwest. Temps climb to afternoon highs of around 70 degrees. W winds at 10-15 mph. Fair and mild overnight. Low temps stay above 50.



FRIDAY, MAY 17



Temps continue a slow day-to-day rise under partly to mostly sunny skies. Increasing S winds help boost readings to the mid and upper 70s. Breezy and mild at night. Temps again hold in the 50s.



Water-logged South to get even wetter; warm-up in sight here

DRENCHING RAINS FLOOD AREAS FROM THE PLAINS TO THE GULF COAST



Rainfalls through Friday

Richmond, Texas	14.26"	Udall, Kansas	9.08"
Kingwood, Texas	12.48"	Sayre, Okla.	7.88"
Lateral, Texas	11.33"	Orange, Texas	7.71"
Armand Bayou, Texas	11.32"	Moss Bluff, La.	7.31"
Webster, Texas	11.28"	Greenville, Miss.	7.25"
Sugarland, Texas	10.86"	Jennings, La.	7.21"
Ramon Forest, Texas	9.53"	Camden, Ark.	6.50"
Rose Hill, Kansas	9.32"		

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES

20% SAT 40% SUN 10% MON 5% TUE 40% WED

Mother's Day

PREDICTED CHICAGO HIGH TEMPERATURES

57° SAT 55° SUN 59° MON 67° TUE 68° WED

69° 69° 69° 69° 70°

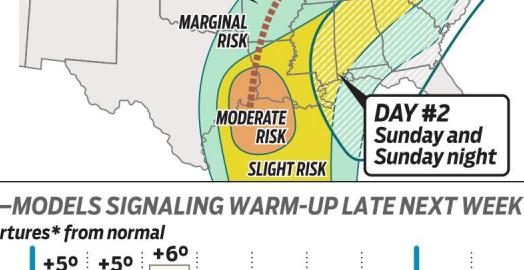
NORMAL HIGHS

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WEEKEND EXCESSIVE RAINFALL



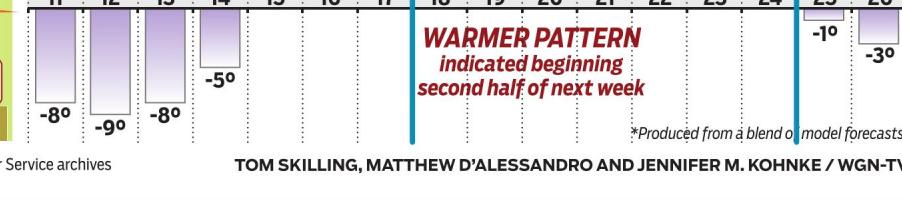
DAY #1 Saturday and Saturday night



DAY #2 Sunday and Sunday night

MULTIPLE COMPUTER FORECAST—MODELS SIGNALING WARM-UP LATE NEXT WEEK

Predicted 16-day Chicago temperature departures* from normal



*Produced from a blend of model forecasts.

TOM SKILLING, MATTHEW D'ALESSANDRO AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

CHICAGO DIGEST

FRIDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	H	LO	LOCATION	H	LO
Aurora	59	43	Midway	56	45
Gary	53	45	O'Hare	58	44
Kankakee	59	45	Romeoville	60	44
Lakefront	49	42	Valparaiso	58	44
Lansing	55	45	Waukegan	54	43

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD 2019 NORMAL

Fri. (through 7 p.m.) 0.00" 0.12"

May to date 3.00" 1.16"

Year to date 15.88" 10.56"

SATURDAY SUNBURN FORECAST

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS

7 a.m. Burn unlikely

1 p.m.* 36 minutes

4 p.m. Burn unlikely

SOURCE: Clear Skin Dermatology; Dr. Bryan Schultz

*Peak intensity

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

SATURDAY E 10-15 kts. S 10-20 kts.

WAVES 1-3 feet 2-3 feet

Fri. shore/crib water temps 53°/50°

FRIDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN LEVEL

Tree High

Grass Low

Mold Moderate

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 5:35 a.m. 8:00 p.m.

Moon 11:43 a.m. 2:23 a.m.

FULL 3RD Q NEW 1ST Q

May 18 May 26 June 3 June 10

SATURDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET RISE SET

Mercury 5:11 a.m. 6:58 p.m.

Venus 4:38 a.m. 5:45 p.m.

Mars 7:41 a.m. 11:01 p.m.

Jupiter 10:25 p.m. 7:40 a.m.

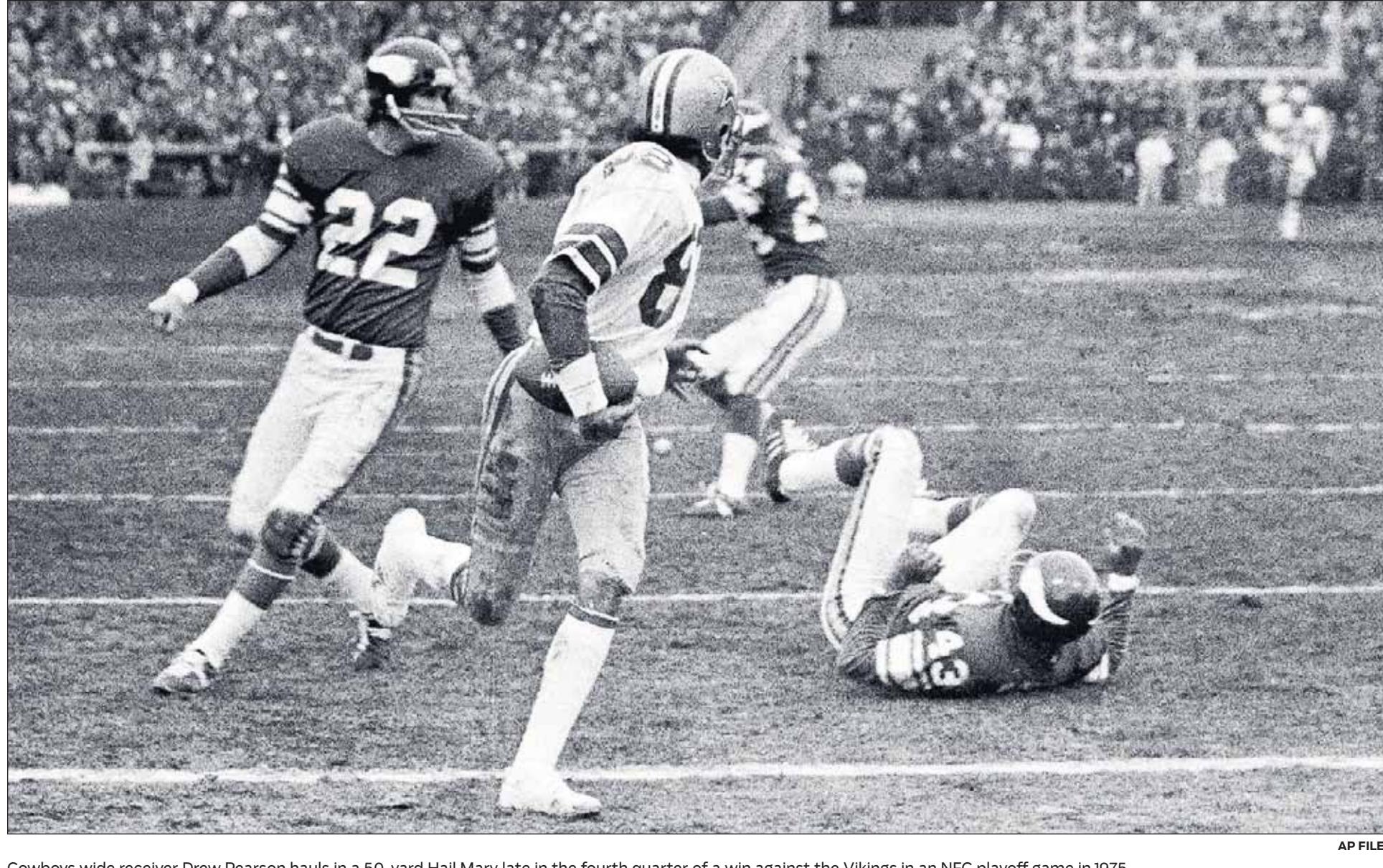
Saturn 12:23 a.m. 9:43 a.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury Not visible

Venus 5:00 a.m. 3.5° E

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Cowboys wide receiver Drew Pearson hauls in a 50-yard Hail Mary late in the fourth quarter of a win against the Vikings in an NFC playoff game in 1975.

AP FILE

Language of the league

Hail Mary to Any Given Sunday, NFL has its own lexicon

BY SIMMI BUTTAR AND BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Like most sports, football has its own lexicon. Here's a look at 32 words and phrases — one for each franchise — that have long been identified with the NFL (in alphabetical order):

A-gap — The gap between the center and guard on the O-line. Each gap is described in such a fashion, so the B-gap is between the guard and tackle, the C-gap between the tackle and tight end, etc.

Any Given Sunday — The adage refers to the idea that any team can beat any other in a given week, regardless of record. It rarely applies to opponents of the New England Patriots in the Tom Brady/Bill Belichick era. Also the title of a 1999 football movie starring Al Pacino.

Audible — While some coaches frown on it, and some even prohibit young quarterbacks from doing it, the audible is critical to any offense. It's simply switching from the play called in the huddle to another play, using language that can include colors, numbers, places — remember Peyton Manning's "Omaha"?

Blitz — When the defense sends more than three or four rushers at the quarterback to disrupt or stop the offense. One of the most widely used is the zone blitz, popularized by longtime defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau in Pittsburgh.

Bomb — A long pass attempt to either score quickly or stretch the defense to assist the run game or short/intermediate passing game.

Bootleg — The quarterback will fake a handoff to a running back heading one way and will "hide" the ball by his hip or thigh as he runs the other way. Bootlegs usually are called close to an opponent's end zone. Hard to fathom, but even slow pokes such as Peyton and Eli Manning have scored this way.

Check-down pass — Everyone is covered deep. Or they haven't gotten deep. Or there are no receivers who can get open deep. So the quarterback finds his check-down option, usually a running back or tight end. One reason completion percentages have risen in recent years is the use of check downs.

End around — A similar play to a sweep or a jet sweep, except it's always run by a receiver who has come in motion. The Chiefs used this play to great effect in the fourth Super Bowl when they upset Minnesota.

Game plan — The strategy each team puts together weekly. Some game plans were as thick as the Manhattan phone book — if you recall what phone books looked



Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski spikes the ball after a TD catch in 2017.

STEVEN SENNE/AP

like before everyone, including NFL teams, went digital. Players are expected to memorize game plans well before kickoff, with QBs and defensive signal callers needing to master virtually every position's responsibilities.

Gridiron — When the game was invented, before the NFL even existed and then in its early years, fields were marked in a checkerboard pattern resembling a gridiron.

Gunslinger — Any quarterback known for having a strong throwing arm and leading a prolific passing game. Some examples include Hall of Famers Brett Favre, Dan Marino and "Slingin'" Sammy Baugh.

Hail Mary — Credit Hall of Famer Roger Staubach with this. After the Dallas Cowboys quarterback completed a late 50-yard pass to Drew Pearson to win a playoff game at Minnesota, Staubach said: "I guess you could call it a Hail Mary. You throw it up and pray."

Hard count — One talent every successful quarterback must own is an ability to call out signals in a way that makes defensive players think the snap is coming before it does. That hard count causes them to jump offside. Drew Brees is a master of this technique.

Icing the kicker — No, opponents aren't throwing snowballs in winter or Slushies in warmer weather. This is the "art" of making a kicker wait before he attempts a field goal by calling a timeout, usually late in games.

Thankfully, the NFL has limited this practice to one timeout; college coaches can use all three TOs if they have them remaining.

Instant replay — Yes, it's a staple in every sport, sometimes to the point of being a distracting intrusion. And it first was used by CBS in an Army-Navy game. Instant replay has become synonymous with pro football, whether for watching a great play all over again or in officiating.

Juke — When any player makes a deceptive move to fake out an opponent on the field. Often, but not always, applies to running backs and wide receivers. Hall of Fame running back Barry Sanders was one of the best at it.

Pay dirt — The 49ers should have invented this one, or at least pirated it. Hitting pay dirt means striking it rich and comes from the California Gold Rush in the 19th century. Too bad the Niners didn't hit pay dirt very often last season. San Francisco was 4-12 in 2018.

Pick-6 — One of many phrases whose origin is uncertain, but it's definition is not. When a defensive player intercepts a pass and returns it for a touchdown, what else would you want to call it?

Pigskin — No, the football isn't made from pig skins. However, when it originally was created, the bladder of a pig often was used inside to help inflate the ball. We would not suggest trying it on the barbecue, though.

Play action — Sounds like what goes on in a casino. It's actually the act of a quarterback faking a handoff or pitchout as he drops back to pass, then throws the ball. It's designed to slow the rush of defenders who have to protect against the run. Philip Rivers has fooled defenses for years with play-action passes.

Point spread — For decades, the NFL tried to ignore its existence, even as it served as a catalyst for some of the sport's skyrocketing popularity. Bettors need not pick a winner but are either given points if they choose an underdog or "lay" points if they pick the favorite. There are other options for bettors — coincidentally, sometimes are called "punters" even though they never kick a ball — such as whether both teams will combine to score above or below a certain number of points.

Red zone — The area of the field inside the opponent's 20-yard line when the offense is expected to come away with points, though it

often depends on the quality of a team's kicker. There's also less room to operate, particularly in the passing game. Some teams call it the green zone. Others should call it the dead zone because they can't score down there.

RPO (run-pass option) — A more recent development and another tactic borrowed from the college game. A run play often is the first choice, but when the quarterback sees the defensive line or linebackers in position to thwart it, he has the option to fake the handoff and then throw. Receivers are taught to never assume the running play will be, well, run.

Shotgun — An offensive formation when the quarterback stands roughly six to seven yards behind the center to receive the snap. Popular in this era of a pass-centric NFL, the goal is to give the quarterback more time to look at the defense, to throw, and provide better protection from an aggressive defense. John Brodie of the 49ers is believed to be the first one to use it in 1960. Now, everyone does it.

Scoop and score — When a ball carrier loses the football, most sane people would simply dive on it to get or keep possession. But the show-offs want to scoop it up and run the fumble into the end zone. That would give them a scoop and score.

Screen pass — Watch out, defensive linemen are storming the quarterback! No worries, it's planned on the screen pass, when offensive linemen barely make contact with defenders, then pull outside as the quarterback tosses the ball to a running back or tight end or even a wideout, who then has a carver of blockers ahead of him. Brett Favre was the master of pulling off screen passes.

Spike — Most fake spikes, such as the one Hall of Famer Dan Marino pulled on the Jets in 1994, are far more impactful. But the spike came into vogue because the NFL no longer wanted quarter-

backs chucking the ball far out of bounds to stop the clock. It has been a safety measure that has worked well. It is not grounding because it is designed to do nothing more than stop the clock.

There also is the celebratory spike in the end zone, something perfected by the recently retired Rob Gronkowski.

Sweep — Vince Lombardi didn't invent this run to the outside, but his Green Bay Packers made an art out of it. QB Bart Starr would hand off or pitch to a running back, often Paul Hornung, whose blockers already had pulled in that direction, providing a convoy. All of them are in the Hall of Fame.

A current version is the jet sweep, which usually involves a wide receiver coming in motion toward the quarterback and taking a forward handoff or pitch, using his speed to outpace defenders to the outside.

Tampa-2 — For a tutorial on this defense, try Hall of Famer Tony Dungy and Monte Kiffin. We can tell you that it was developed in response to the West Coast offense and required strong man coverage by cornerbacks, a fast middle linebacker (or versatile safety) and a reliable pass rush. It basically is a seven-man coverage scheme in which cornerbacks try to force receivers to the inside, and safeties protect vertical throws while trying to keep the ball in front of them.

West Coast offense — One of coach Bill Walsh's main contributions to the game, the West Coast was mastered first by Joe Montana and remains the foundation for many offenses today. It featured the quarterback behind center using his running backs and tight ends as something of a substitute for the running game.

Vertical routes were limited — in part because Jerry Rice could break anything into a touchdown — and there was lots of motion before the snap. Lots of success, too, as Walsh, Montana and Rice all rode it to Canton.

Wildcat — This formation and play was borrowed from the colleges, or maybe even from high schools. But it became something of a fad in the last decade, then faded, but still is in use for teams with a good runner at quarterback or a halfback with excellent hands and possibly an accurate arm. The QB either leaves the field or splits out wide, while the halfback takes the snap in a shotgun formation and usually runs. But the threat of him passing makes the wildcat somewhat challenging.

YAC — Yards after contact/catch. Yards gained by either a receiver or running back after an initial attempt to stop them by the defense, as opposed to receivers or running backs who are stopped immediately after contact. Some of the best current players in earning YAC include Panthers running back Christian McCaffrey, Giants running back Saquon Barkley, and 49ers tight end George Kittle.

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ANALYSIS

Divorce the only solution



MADDIE MEYER/GETTY

Kyrie Irving and the Celtics were sent home this postseason by the top-seeded Bucks.

Irving, Celtics gave it a shot but it never really worked — time to call it quits

BY BEN GOLLIVER
The Washington Post

Not quite two years ago, Kyrie Irving and the Boston Celtics came together with the best of intentions.

The superstar point guard sought greater fame, a franchise to call his own and an escape from LeBron James' shadow. The storied franchise needed a healthier lead scorer than Isaiah Thomas, an injection of championship experience and an established veteran who could mentor young prospects and potentially lure other A-list stars.

This was more than a marriage of convenience. The Celtics offered Irving better organizational structure, a stronger history of winning and a better coach than the teams that appeared on his wish list when he demanded a trade from the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Irving was one of the league's most popular, marketable and electric playmakers — exactly the type of player that Boston had desired, and struggled to attract, in free agency.

Their union was put to the test for the first time this week, and it failed spectacularly.

Irving, fresh off eight months of bragadocious declarations about his ability to single-handedly solve the Celtics' problems, crumbled to pieces against the Milwaukee Bucks. The self-styled "basketball genius" played well in just one of the Celtics' five games against the East's top seed, and his influence waned as the series unfolded.

Once the dust and the emotions settle, both Irving and the Celtics should come to the same conclusion: they are better off without each other.

Milwaukee was a better and more com-

plete team than Boston, armed with the best player in the series: Giannis Antetokounmpo. But Irving's poor play in the series ranged from baffling to inexcusable.

In Game 2, he scored just nine points — the second-lowest total of his postseason career. In Game 3, as Antetokounmpo seized control of the series, Irving shot 8 of 22 and railed against the referees mere minutes after Celtics coach Brad Stevens said the officiating was not to blame for Boston's woes.

In Game 4, Irving shot 7 of 22 and comically tried to take on defensive responsibilities that were well beyond his limited capabilities.

After leaving the TD Garden court to boos from the home crowd, he delivered the least satisfying response to questions about his struggles: "Who cares?" Finally, in a series-deciding Game 5 blowout loss, he checked out completely, going down in a blaze of hero ball shots and mental lapses.

Worst of all, Boston took on the identity of its franchise player along the way. Last year, with Irving sidelined with a knee injury, Boston emerged as a tenacious underdog in the playoffs, improbably winning two series and pushing James' Cavaliers to seven games in the conference finals.

This season, Boston was maddeningly inconsistent and arguably the NBA's biggest disappointment. The first hint of postseason adversity broke the Celtics, who quit on each other down the stretch of Game 4. Ball movement on offense and extra effort on defense disappeared entirely, replaced by shrugged shoulders and pointed fingers.

This postseason confirmed the assumption that Irving isn't equipped to be the first option on a true title contender. In Cleveland, he thrived as a second option, utilizing his exquisite ballhandling and isolation scoring skills to roast defenses that had to

focus most of their attention on James. When Irving was faced with traps, extra attention and the pressure to deliver play after play, he wasn't up to the task.

Boston's offense ranked just 12th in the playoffs after Game 5, and Milwaukee was happy to trade Antetokounmpo dunks and wide open threes for Irving's contested long twos. The Bucks bet that Irving would become overly self-reliant and that he couldn't make enough good decisions as a passer. They were right.

Irving's defenders will point to a decided lack of help from a supporting cast that wavered in this series.

Fair enough, but Irving hardly cultivated a cohesive culture this season and his confidence in his teammates' quickly waned in the playoffs.

While the Celtics have numerous attractive trade assets, it's difficult to envision a path where they can acquire a star playmaker this summer who can shoulder the burden that proved to be too heavy for Irving. Their cap is also weighed down by Gordon Hayward's gigantic contract and the need to pay Al Horford if he opts out.

What's more, Irving hardly developed rapport with Boston's two most promising youngsters: Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown.

Irving has some options: he could attempt to pursue a partnership with Kevin Durant in New York, he could swallow his pride and hitch a ride to James' Los Angeles Lakers, or he could take a second shot at being "The Man" for the Brooklyn Nets or Los Angeles Clippers. Any of those options would enable him to start fresh, leave the burned bridges in Boston behind and walk into more flexible cap situations.

The Celtics are better off without Irving, too. While he was undoubtedly their best player, their team structure required him to rise to the moment and pull the team over

the top. The opposite happened, as Boston won 10 playoff games over two years with Thomas running the show and just five with Irving on the court during his two-year stint.

Clearly, Boston finds itself at an unexpected crossroads. Trying to run it back makes little sense, given Hayward's long-term health questions, Horford's advancing age and the fact that Irving didn't make Tatum and Brown appreciably better. One could argue that Irving's presence and ball dominance actually played a role in stunting their growth.

Moving on from Irving would create more oxygen for Tatum and Brown, and it would relieve the expectations that swallowed this year's team. Stevens would then be free to return to a more egalitarian offensive approach and a more fearsome commitment to team defense.

Not to be lost in Boston's long-term thinking is Irving's health and his positioning relative to his peak, as the 27-year-old guard is slated to receive four-year max offers despite already enduring multiple season-ending injuries. Irving remains one of the quickest and most dynamic players in the league, but he's never played in more than 75 games in any of his eight NBA seasons. He's also theoretically at or near his prime, from an age perspective, so hoping that he will come back next season as a substantially more effective postseason player is just asking to be let down.

One of the toughest things is to know when to cut one's losses, especially after investing years of time and mental energy.

It was telling, then, that Irving couldn't wait to get off the court following the Game 4 loss, to escape the mess that he didn't see coming and couldn't solve as he had promised.

The Celtics should let him keep walking.

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Buick Encore: Younger drivers wanted

By G. Chambers Williams III, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Since arriving in the Buick lineup for 2013, the Encore small crossover, with a 2019 base price of just \$23,200 (plus \$995 freight), quickly became Buick's top-selling vehicle.

A major freshening of the five-passenger Encore made it even better for year 2017.

That brought a new, sculpted front end and streamlined design that included new front and rear fascias, a winged grille with a new Buick tri-color insignia, new headlights and taillights with LED signature lighting, a new hood and front fenders, and redesigned 18-inch alloy wheels.

The interior got its share of changes as well, with a new instrument layout, eight-inch touch-screen audio system, 4.2-inch driver-information screen, chrome accents, contrast stitching on upholstery, and premium materials.

The 2017 Encore also debuted such new features as pushbutton start, Android Auto and Apple CarPlay connectivity, keyless lock/unlock on the door handles, and improved six-power power-adjustable driver's seat (with manual recline).

For 2019, the trim levels have been dropped to four from last year's five, and include the base Encore (\$23,200), Preferred (\$24,600), Sport Touring (\$25,800) and Essence (\$29,300). Those prices are for front-wheel-drive models, but all-wheel drive can be added to any trim level except the base model for \$1,500.

Our test vehicle for this report was the top-end Essence model with all-wheel drive (base price \$30,800).

Also new for 2019 is the Safety Package II (\$940), available only on the Essence trim. It was included on our tester, and it added rain-sensing wipers, front and rear park assist, Forward Collision Alert, Lane Departure Warning and an air ionizer.

New exterior colors for 2019 are Satin Steel Gray Metallic, which was the color of our tester, and Deep Azure Metallic. On the Essence model, only Summit White is available at the base price. Our car's Satin Steel Gray, the Deep Azure and four other metallic colors — Ebony Twilight, Quicksilver, Winterberry Red and Coppertino — are \$495 extra, and White Frost Tricoat adds \$1,095 to the sticker price.

The Encore is a big part of efforts to bring new, younger buyers to Buick as it tries to rebuild a brand that had long been associated with big cars and older clientele.

This small crossover is a version of the Opel Mokka, from GM's now former German subsidiary that was sold to French automaker Peugeot in 2017. The Buick Encore and the similar Chevrolet Trax are assembled in GM's plant in South Korea.

Encore is a junior version of the full-size Enclave crossover, and is among a growing number of small crossovers introduced by a variety of automakers as more consumers look for vehicles that are versatile and economical to operate.

Along with the addition of the slightly larger China-built Envision compact crossover for 2016, Buick now has three crossovers, as well as a wagon version of the Opel-based Regal midsize sedan, called the Regal TourX.

With room for up to five people, the Encore was designed for young, upwardly mobile singles and couples



ANOTHER LOOK: '19 BUICK ENCORE

The package: Compact, five-door, five-passenger, turbocharged four-cylinder powered, front- or all-wheel-drive premium crossover utility vehicle. **Highlights:** Introduced for 2013 and updated extensively two years ago, this is the smallest vehicle in the Buick lineup, made on the same chassis as the Chevrolet Trax and the Opel Mokka, which is sold in Europe and Asia. It offers sporty handling for a utility vehicle, decent performance with its turbocharged engines, decent fuel economy, and plenty of utility.

Engines: 1.4-liter turbocharged inline four-cylinder, gasoline; upgraded 1.4-liter turbo four-cylinder gasoline with start-stop feature.

Transmission: Six-speed automatic.

Length: 168.5 inches.

Cargo volume: 18.8 cubic feet (behind rear seat); 48.4 cubic feet (rear seat folded).

Fuel capacity/type: 14 gallons/unleaded regular.

EPA fuel economy: 25 mpg city/30 highway.

Base price range: \$23,200-\$30,800.

On the Road rating: 8.7 (of a possible 10).

looking for a vehicle that fits their active lifestyles. It also appeals to empty-nesters and retired consumers.

For 2016, the Sport Touring model was added to the lineup. It comes with some unique features, such as 18-inch aluminum-alloy wheels with midnight silver finish, rear spoiler, and body-color door handles.

The base engine is a 1.4-liter turbocharged Ecotec four-cylinder with 138 horsepower and 148 foot-pounds of torque. It's connected to a six-speed automatic transmission.

Optional on the Sport Touring and Essence models, for \$250 extra, is a more-powerful 1.4-liter Ecotec turbo four-cylinder engine with start-stop technology. It has 153 horsepower and 177 foot-pounds of torque. It's also paired with a six-speed automatic. This engine was included on our test vehicle.

The Encore comes with OnStar with 4G LTE connectivity and a built-in Wi-Fi hotspot. That gives everyone in the vehicle access to the Internet while the vehicle is in range of cell towers. GM says the hotspot is

on whenever the car is running, and it includes a free three-month trial subscription.

Encore's all-wheel drive is designed to send power almost 50-50 to the front and rear on startup, but favors the front wheels in normal driving until the automatic system detects wheel slippage. There is no low-range gearing for serious off-road driving, however.

Available high-tech safety features include Rear Cross Traffic Alert and Side Blind Zone Alert systems, included on all but the base model.

Driving the Encore is rather fun for a crossover. Even the base engine is turbocharged, which gives it a good boost when the accelerator is mashed. With either engine, you'll get the same six-speed automatic transmission.

The electric power steering was precise and predictable, and the four-wheel antilock disc brakes made for quick and sure stopping, even in the occasional near-panic situations that seem to occur with more frequency when traffic gets thick.

With its small size and light weight (about 3,400 pounds), the Encore offers the best fuel economy in the Buick lineup, and EPA ratings that are among the best in the crossover realm. With the base engine and front drive, the estimates are 25 mpg city/30 highway/27 combined; for all-wheel-drive models, 24/29/26. The optional turbo engine is rated slightly better, at 26/31/28 for front drive, and 25/30/27 with all-wheel drive.

During my test, I averaged about 26.8 mpg, with a combination of city and highway driving.

Inside, the Encore doesn't feel small. Tall people — six feet or more — can ride in comfort in the front bucket seats, and they're riding higher up than you would imagine in a vehicle with such a small exterior size. There is no need of being in a tiny vehicle, sitting close to the ground.

Outside, the Encore looks somewhat like a junior-size version of the seven-passenger Enclave, with similar front-end styling and overall shape, and the signature Buick grille.

The Encore is about a foot shorter than the Honda CR-V. It's about the same size inside as the Volkswagen Tiguan, which is about six inches longer, and the Audi Q5, which is about a foot-and-a-half longer.

We were able to seat three average-size adults in the rear bench seat for some short trips. Outboard passengers had plenty of leg and knee room, although the middle rider was a bit cramped and suggested that might not be a good place for a long trip. A child safety seat would fit there well, however, with two larger kids or even small- to medium-size adults on each side.

But the only cupholders in the back were a pair in a small pull-down center armrest that eliminates the middle seating position. Small door pockets were not wide enough to serve as bottle holders either in front or back.

In front, the center console area provides two small cupholders and a lidded compartment for gadgets. In front of the shifter is a slanted cubby suitable for a couple of portable devices, and there are USB and auxiliary ports right next to a 12-volt power outlet in front of the storage spot.

There is 18.8 cubic feet of cargo space behind the rear seat, accessed through a rear hatch that flips up.

Encore is relatively quiet inside, aided by Buick's exclusive QuietTuning, which uses Bose Active Noise Cancellation technology.

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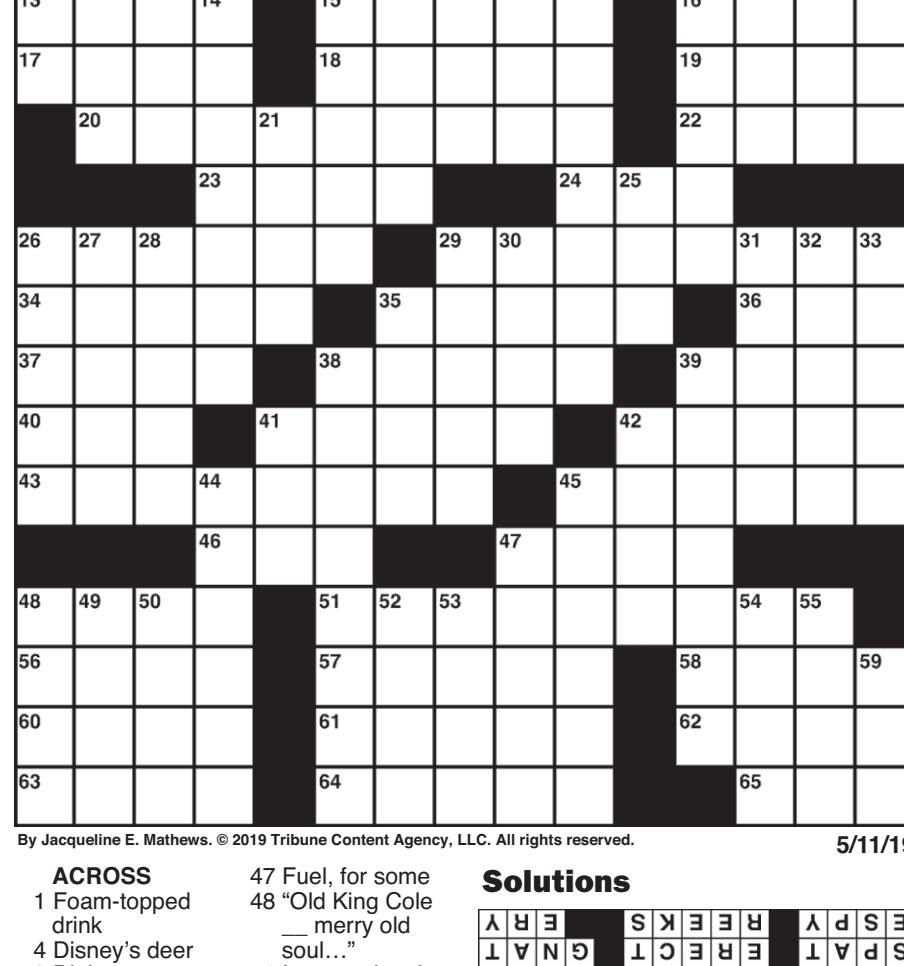
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- 1 Fuel, for some
- 4 "Old King Cole
— merry old
soul..."
- 5 In a restricted
area
- 6 Misfortunes
- 7 Cause of
mumps
- 8 "Cuckoo
- 9 Squabble
- 10 Build
- 11 Small fly
- 12 Notice
- 13 Stinks to high
heaven
- 14 Suffix for cream
or print
- 15 Kit's partner, in
phrase
- 16 Covered with firs
- 17 Russia's currency
- 18 Estes or Lowe
- 19 Regretted
- 20 Syrup flavor
- 21 Apply finger paint
- 22 "What'll __";
Irving Berlin song
- 23 Blood-filtering
organ
- 24 "_____,
justice for all."
- 25 Film
- 26 Employee's
delight
- 27 Bugged
- 28 Like rhinos &
unicorns
- 29 Way or
another; somehow
- 30 Skin marking
- 31 Winged boy with
bow & arrow
- 32 Up to the task
- 33 Down the __;
irretrievably lost
- 34 Haywire; amiss
- 35 One of Adam's
sons
- 36 Use a keyboard
- 37 Three-__ sloth
- 38 Talk wildly
- 39 Word of affection
- 40 Fellow
- 41 Meander
- 42 Fawn's mother
- 43 Grin
- 44 Small rodents
- 45 Small fly
- 46 "_____,
justice for all."
- 47 Dried fruit
- 48 Winged boy with
bow & arrow
- 49 Small fly
- 50 In the face;
insult
- 51 Give a gun to
- 52 Lifts with effort
- 53 Hen's comment
- 54 Astute
- 55 Swiss skier's
milieu
- 56 Stinks to high
heaven
- 57 "_____,
justice for all."
- 58 Small fly
- 59 Place where
lunch is sloop

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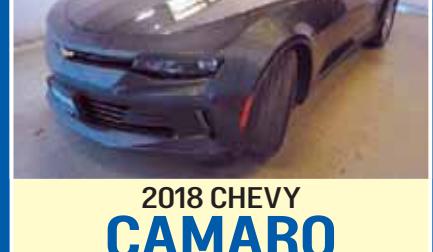
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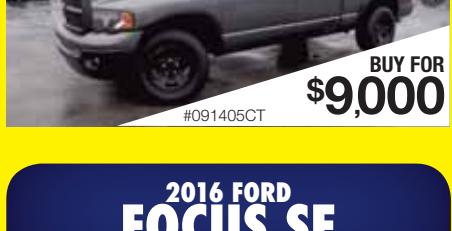
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