



Allied forces strike in Syria

British, French military join U.S. barrage in wake of suspected poison gas attack

BY DAVID S. CLOUD AND ALEXANDRA ZAVIS
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — U.S. ships and warplanes in the eastern Mediterranean launched a fiery barrage of missiles at military targets in Syria to punish the Russian-backed government in Damascus for its alleged use of poison gas against civilians last weekend, President Donald Trump announced late Friday.

Trump authorized the punitive attack against President Bashar Assad's government and sought to cripple its chemical weapons facilities with what he called precision airstrikes. French and British forces joined the attack, Trump said in a televised address from the White House.

"We are prepared to sustain this response until the Syrian regime stops its use of prohibited chemi-

cal agents," Trump said.

Loud explosions could be heard in the Syrian capital before dawn as he spoke.

The use of manned aircraft suggested a far more extensive attack, with more targets, than last year's airstrike with 59 Tomahawk missiles on a single Syrian airfield in response to a nerve gas attack. The Syrian military said it was using its air defense system.

Syrian media reported that air defenses hit 13 rockets south of Damascus. After the attack ceased and the early morning skies went dark once more, vehicles with loudspeakers roamed the streets of Damascus blaring nationalist songs.

"Good souls will not be humiliated," Syria's presidency tweeted after airstrikes began.

Trump promised that the



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President Donald Trump announces airstrikes against Syria are under way with British and French forces.

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Emma Wrenn of Pennsylvania's St. Francis University competes in Thursday's NCAA bowling championship.

Chicago college bowlers in league of their own

5 of 8 teams vying for national title feature area athletes as region grows increasingly known for producing scholarship-worthy talent

BY JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

The NCAA women's bowling championship is taking place in St. Louis this week, but Windy City aficionados of the sport could be forgiven if it seems to them like Saturday league at a suburban Brunswick Zone.

Chicago-area bowlers populate the rosters of five of the eight teams vying for the national title — evidence, some say, of the region's pre-eminence as a production line for scholarship-worthy talent.

"Coaches have said Illinois is probably the No. 1 spot," said Marty Miller, a longtime coach in Aurora who has helped to develop dozens of

college bowlers. "I'm just spitting out what they've said to me. I don't know what it is about Illinois, particularly in this neck of the woods, but it's a hot spot."

Observers say the area's multitude of serious youth leagues, strong high school teams and competitive

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Neighborhood gardens under lock, key

2 popular Woodlawn meeting places, food pantry sources closed in apparent rift with church

BY WILLIAM LEE
Chicago Tribune

Rooting her fingers through the soil at a popular community garden in the Woodlawn neighborhood transports Gloria Mance back to her childhood on a Southern farm.

Back then, struggling relatives and neighbors bonded through shared purpose and the need to feed their families.

"It brings back memories of when I was a little girl when I lived in Arkansas and we only had the land to live off of," Mance said of sitting in the Kumunda garden near 64th Street and Kimbark Avenue. She said she was delighted when organizers of Kumunda and the larger 65th and Woodlawn Community Garden, near her son's home, allowed her to plant and harvest her own vegetables.



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The 65th and Woodlawn Community Garden is one of two gardens padlocked to residents for the first time since their creation in the early 2000s.

She was even more pleased to see how well neighbors of all ages and ethnic groups, new arrivals and longtime residents, got along as they tended their lots. In addition to being a meeting place, the gardens produced more than a ton of fresh produce each summer for a local food pantry. For Mance, who lives in

South Shore, it was a welcome change from all-too-common headlines about violence and poverty that plague some communities.

"I had no idea that people of this century, young, old (and) middle-aged alike, they can get together and

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Tribune parent's top shareholder to sell his stake

Ex-Tronc Chair Ferro cuts \$208.6M deal, ending a tumultuous 2-year run

BY ROBERT CHANNICK AND SAMANTHA BOMKAMP
Chicago Tribune

Michael Ferro, who resigned last month as chairman of Chicago-based newspaper chain Tronc, has struck a deal to sell his entire stake in the company, according to a filing late Friday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ferro, who as the largest shareholder owned more than 25 percent of Tronc, the parent of the Chicago Tribune and other newspapers, agreed to sell his more than 9 million shares for \$23 per share, or \$208.6 million, to McCormick Media, pending approval by regulators. Ferro owned the shares personally and through his Merrick Media and Merrick Venture Management entities.

The buyer, a distant relation to the McCormick fam-



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Michael Ferro is selling to a buyer whose family has historical links to the Tribune.

ily that controlled the Chicago Tribune throughout much of its history, approached Ferro within the past couple of weeks with the offer, said a source familiar with the deal.

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Activists: Add LGBT history to curriculum

Bill would require teaching lessons in Ill. public schools

BY BILL LUKITSCH
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — Gay and transgender rights advocates want to require Illinois public schools to teach students about LGBT history, as opponents say those kinds of decisions should be left to local officials.

Legislation pending in Springfield would require that a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender section be added to history classes and have school districts ensure that textbooks "accurately portray the diversity of our society."

Supporters say the state already has similar rules requiring lessons on African-Americans and other

groups. They say a dedicated LGBT history unit would give students greater perspective on instrumental Americans whose stories often go untold.

"There is no justice for LGBTQ people when we are erased from the study of history," said Brian Johnson, CEO of Equality Illinois, a gay and transgender rights advocacy organization.

But opponents say those lessons hinder the religious freedom of students with certain beliefs. Ralph Rivera, a lobbyist with the conservative Illinois Family Institute, said adding LGBT education to public school curricula would promote "a value system counter to the value system that those students have."

"Where's the protection for students and parents

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Trump pardons ex-Cheney aide Libby

President Donald Trump, facing a special counsel investigation of his own, pardoned I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby on Friday, suggesting the ex-aide to Vice President Dick Cheney had been "treated unfairly" by a special counsel. **Page 6**



LBGT history bill promoted

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who have a religious belief?" Rivera said. "Which has always been the case, this is not a new, avant-garde thing that they find this behavior to be against their religious beliefs and their churches' or synagogues' beliefs. No one seems to be mindful of that. They don't care."

The Illinois Association of School Boards doesn't back the proposal either. It opposes most state requirements for schools, contending that local officials can make the best decisions for their districts without lawmakers getting involved.

Johnson, though, said the absence of LGBT education means students are "deprived of the role models we deserve," and all children should have the opportunity to get a "full understanding" of some of the historic figures they already learn about in school.

"You know, the fact that you would learn about Martin Luther King Jr. and learn about Coretta (Scott King), but not learn about Bayard Rustin and his partners, it's just a sign that we're giving kids a lopsided view of history," he added. Rustin was a civil rights leader who was a chief organizer of the famous 1963 March on Washington, where the Rev. King gave his "I Have a Dream" speech.

The proposal has won preliminary approval from Illinois House and Senate committees and could be debated further in the coming weeks.

The latest push from gay rights advocates follows a number of high-profile victories at the Capitol in recent years, including the approval of same-sex marriage in Illinois before the U.S. Supreme Court allowed it nationwide. Just last year, lawmakers approved allowing transgender Illinoisans to change the designated sex on their birth certificates. And another new law bans use of the so-called "gay panic defense," in which criminal defendants charged with

first-degree murder were able to claim they acted out of passion after learning their victim was gay or transgender.

Under the LGBT history bill, the Illinois State Board of Education would recommend resources for schools to develop a curriculum. Local school districts would be largely responsible for creating and administering the programs, which would include material to present significant contributions made by LGBT people and promotion of equal treatment of all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The new requirement wouldn't take effect until the 2019-20 school year.

"We're really trying to do this in a way that gives as much flexibility as possible to school districts," said state Sen. Heather Steans, a Chicago Democrat and the proposal's sponsor. On Wednesday, dozens of supporters from around the state traveled to the Capitol, clad in matching Equality Illinois T-shirts, in a demonstration effort led by the group to connect constituents with their lawmakers.

Advocates met with Gov. Bruce Rauner, and Johnson said "the governor has always heard us out." A Rauner spokeswoman said he would "carefully consider" the bill if it lands on his desk.

Among the demonstrators were Peter Thaddeus Kwiatkowski and Josh Lynch, a married couple from Warrenville who volunteer weekly with an LGBT support group for youths. In doing that work, they've found that young people grapple with many of the same issues they dealt with years ago, Kwiatkowski said.

"I hear very similar stories, kind of this feeling that 'I'm the only one.' It's kind of an isolating situation to not know there are LGBT people," he said. "And they're not learning it in history, so they don't see any representation of themselves."

"This is one of those (issues) that's been left out," he added. "I think a lot of people thought we had marriage and then we had everything. It just isn't the case."

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Repeat donors pledge to add to Obama Foundation contributions

By LOLLY BOWEAN
Chicago Tribune

The Obama Foundation saw its largest donations so far this year come from repeat contributors who pledged to give even more money toward the organization's vision, records show.

The Crown Family, which owns a stake in the Chicago Bulls, real estate mogul and gay rights activist Mel Heifetz, and the Ford Foundation have made large million-dollar contributions before but agreed to repeat donations of more than \$1 million

each. The Obama Foundation reported one new donor of more than \$1 million: Iger Bay Foundation, which is affiliated with the Disney family.

The Obama Foundation was also given more than \$250,000 from the Glenview-based Illinois Tool Works Inc., a manufacturer of industrial products and equipment. And for the first time, the foundation received a gift from the University of Chicago, valued between \$100,001 and \$250,000.

Former President Barack Obama and his wife,

Michelle Obama, both worked at the University of Chicago, and the institution was instrumental in luring the Obama Presidential Center to the South Side. The university has donated office space and partnered with the foundation on a scholarship program, but this is its first large cash donation, records show.

The foundation updated its list of donors Friday with those who gave money during the first three months of the year. The list shows donors by a monetary range, but the foundation will not reveal exactly

how much each contributor gave.

The funding will help pay for the Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park, which is scheduled to break ground this year. Some of the donations also pay for the foundation's programming and events, officials said. So far, 47 donors have supported the foundation by giving \$1 million or more. About 49 donors have given between \$10,000 and \$100,000. But the largest group of donations are for less than \$10,000 each.

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The 65th and Woodlawn Community Garden sits on property owned by First Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

Community gardens padlocked

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do something that's really helping out. I didn't know that happened. I thought everybody was against everybody."

But that sense of community has taken a hit after both gardens were padlocked to residents for the first time since their creation in the early 2000s. A rift apparently developed between the community gardeners and leaders of First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, which owns the land.

Residents, who say they have been unable to get a meeting with the church's new pastor ahead of the spring planting season, have launched a campaign to reopen the gardens, with an online petition that had attracted more than 1,900

signatures as of Friday evening and a #savewoodlawngardens hashtag on social media.

Through a worker at First Presbyterian's food pantry, the Rev. Romney Amariah declined to speak with a Tribune reporter Thursday.

The Presbytery of Chicago, which oversees nearly 30,000 members and more than 90 congregations throughout the city and suburbs, set up a listening session for Tuesday with the gardeners at its office. The Rev. Sue Krummel, executive Presbyter, said that First Presbyterian's leadership "didn't express in great detail" why it decided to close the gardens.

Those who help at the gardens say there's more at stake than closing a meeting place. They offer fresh produce in an area that activists have long called a food desert for its lack of full-service grocery stores.

"We don't have any stores hardly in South Shore," Mance noted. "We

had Dominick's that closed. There's nice places to live and the lake, maybe a few restaurants, but there's no place really to shop. You have to go out of the neighborhood to really go to a grocery store."

The padlocked gardens have prompted some to sneak in to ready the plots for planting.

Megan Mass, a master gardener and urban gardening activist, became involved in the Woodlawn gardens after a home foreclosure forced her to find an alternative place to grow food to make ends meet. Since then, she and other longtime urban gardeners have tried to get more area residents to grow their own food and thus save money they would otherwise spend outside the community.

"People have to leave the neighborhood to spend money (on food), so all of that (money) is leaving," Mass said. "Money doesn't stay in Woodlawn, and what we're trying to do is create a system where peo-

ple can grow their food here and keep their money here, not spend their day traveling to Jewel two buses away, but actually be part of their community and take control of where their food is coming from."

Ald. Willie Cochran, 20th, whose ward covers Woodlawn and the two gardens, said he's heard of the closures, though he said he, too, had no idea why they were shuttered.

"I don't know the crux of it, other than they've been asked to leave, or the reason for it. I'm an advocate for community gardens, that's for sure. I think it has been a great location for socialization and engagement, but sometimes things change and neighborhoods are torn down for new development of something else," Cochran said.

"And if the church has made a decision to go forward with something else ... they have their rights."

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Jacksons finalize contentious divorce

Former power couple settle before trial, seek 'amicable friendship'

By **PATRICK M. O'CONNELL**
Chicago Tribune

Former Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. and former Chicago Ald. Sandi Jackson reached a settlement Friday in their contentious divorce case, their attorneys said.

The onetime Democratic power couple came to terms on ending their 27-year union Friday morning during a meeting at District of Columbia Superior Court in Washington, the lawyers said. A judge signed off on the divorce at an afternoon hearing, a court spokeswoman said.

Terms of the settlement were not made public.

A trial date had been set for June, and both Jackson Jr.'s lawyer, Brendan Hammer, and Sandi Jackson's attorney, Chandra Walker Holloway, said their clients wanted to settle the case before taking it to that stage.

"After two years of often tough litigation, they were able to reach something for themselves individually and for their families collectively," Hammer said.

Walker Holloway said Sandi Jackson is satisfied with the terms of the settlement. "I feel it's equitable and they did themselves a favor by solving this in a way that made sense for both of them," the

attorney said. "I'm very pleased for both of them."

The case has drawn widespread attention, especially because Jackson Jr. had attempted to subpoena former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, who is now running for mayor. Hammer and Walker Holloway said McCarthy was not a factor in the settlement and had not been discussed as the Jacksons worked on a final agreement. "Who is Garry McCarthy?" Walker Holloway deadpanned.

"Mr. McCarthy's name did not come up at the settlement table and hasn't come up between the parties in months," Hammer said.

Jesse Jackson Jr. filed a subpoena against McCarthy in January 2017, demanding that the former police superintendent turn over any emails, text messages, phone records or social media exchanges he had with Sandi Jackson, as well as details of any financial relationship they might have had. But lawyers held off on deposing McCarthy, whose attorney at the time said he had "absolutely nothing to do with the Jackson divorce."

In a bizarre February 2017 speech outside divorce court, Jackson Jr. said he had tried to subpoena McCarthy and two other men in his divorce case the prior month "because I don't want my children to ever walk through a grocery store line and see what I found — and look at what we know exists."



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Ex-U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr.

Sandi Jackson tried to subpoena her husband's onetime travel companion as well as the owners of a strip club and a bathhouse, along with television reporter Tamron Hall. She asked for the date and location of "each and every such incidence of sexual relations" he had with others during their marriage.

But in recent days, the Jacksons decided to put the contentiousness behind them.

"While the marriage has ended, the party's commitment to their family continues and each of them looks forward to working collaboratively and cooperatively for the benefit of their children and to rebuilding an amicable friendship



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Former Ald. Sandi Jackson, 7th

in the future," a joint statement said. "While this case was often contentious, the parties ultimately resolved their disputes in person and respectfully — at the settlement table. Sandi and Jesse wish each other well in their future endeavors."

The Jacksons have two teenage children who live in Washington, D.C., according to a recent court filing.

Jackson Jr. was in Congress from 1995 until he quit in 2012 amid the criminal investigation and treatment for bipolar disorder and depression. Sandi Jackson was Chicago's 7th Ward alderman from 2007 until she resigned in 2013.

Their divorce follows years of legal troubles. Both pleaded guilty in February 2013 to federal charges related to the former congressman's looting of about \$750,000 from his federal campaign treasury. The money was spent on vacations, furs, celebrity memorabilia and two mounted elk heads. He served 22 months in prison. Sandi Jackson served a one-year sentence for filing false income tax returns.

Sandi Jackson filed for divorce in Washington while Jesse Jackson filed in Cook County in 2016.

Their lawyers said discussions on a divorce settlement accelerated in recent weeks. They said resolving issues surrounding the Jacksons' property was the initial hurdle. Once they reached agreements on property, other matters fell into place, Hammer and Walker Holloway said without offering specifics.

A March court filing showed the Jacksons own three properties, a house on O Street NW in Washington, a D.C. condominium and a house in Chicago. Sandi Jackson wanted a judge to authorize an immediate listing of the O Street house but was denied.

Court papers show Sandi Jackson had asked for the couple's marital property and debts to be "equitably" divided. She previously asked for alimony, child support and attorney fees.

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LA Galaxy's Zlatan Ibrahimovic, center, practices a day before Saturday's match with the Chicago Fire.

Zlatan mania builds as soccer icon comes to town

By **JOHN KEILMAN**
Chicago Tribune

Chicago, welcome to Zlatan.

Even among the one-name titans of international soccer, Zlatan — or Zlatan Ibrahimovic, if you insist — towers over the sport. The 6-foot-5 striker, a Swede of Bosnian-Croatian heritage, can make a field of battle-hardened professionals look like schoolboys, such is his size and skill.

But even though his highlight reel is among the most eye-popping ever assembled, it's his attitude that has made him a global superstar, combining a winking braggadocio with a flair for the outrageous, as in this exchange with a reporter who asked him to predict the outcome of a match:

"Only God knows," Ibrahimovic said.

"It's hard to ask him," the reporter responded.

"You're talking to him now."

On Saturday, the 36-year-old icon is expected to play his first meaningful game in the Chicago area when his new team, the LA Galaxy, meets the Chicago Fire for a sold-out match.

The club is putting up temporary bleachers to accommodate the overflow crowd, and ticket reselling websites show prices that top \$350.

Efrain Martinez will be among the throng. He roots for Manchester United — one of Ibrahimovic's former clubs — and rarely attends Fire games, but when Ibrahimovic signed with the Galaxy, he bought tickets as fast as he could.

"His persona, the way he says things, is super arrogant," said Martinez, the principal at Chi-

cago's Orozco Academy. "In the normal world, everyone would be upset at him. But when he does what he does, everyone loves him."

Ibrahimovic's life story sounds like a Scandinavian tall tale. He grew up in a housing project in Malmo, Sweden — an experience he chronicled in his autobiography, "I Am Zlatan" — practicing soccer tirelessly in its courtyard when he wasn't stealing bicycles.

After signing a contract with the local professional team, he leapt up the ladder to some of the world's biggest clubs, including Juventus, Barcelona and AC Milan. He racked up bushels of goals at each stop and, while playing for Sweden in 2012, scored on a bicycle kick from 30 yards away — a feat some call one of the greatest goals of all time.

Ibrahimovic appeared at a Soldier Field exhibition game in 2015, scoring for Paris Saint-Germain in a 2-0 win over Manchester United. He switched sides a year later, playing alongside current Chicago Fire midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger and scoring 28 goals before tearing his ACL in April 2017.

After a surprisingly swift return from the injury — "Lions don't recover like humans," he boasted — he followed the trail blazed by many European stars in the twilight of their careers and moved to Major League Soccer. He announced his arrival in a full-page newspaper ad infused with typical Zlatanic modesty:

"Dear Los Angeles, You're Welcome."

He didn't take long to back up the swagger. Entering his first

game with the Galaxy trailing, he tied the score with a 40-yard strike that dipped and swerved like a drunken insect. Fourteen minutes later, he lobbed a header past the goalkeeper for the game winner.

Guillermo Rivera, who covers the Fire for The Athletic and Chicago Now, said Ibrahimovic's star power will be a tonic for professional soccer in America, which still struggles to grab attention from more-entrenched sports such as football and basketball.

"They really need marquee names with some personality, and he's a perfect fit," he said.

Chicago Fire players interviewed Thursday betrayed no nerves about facing Ibrahimovic, saying they welcomed the test.

"It'll be a different challenge for sure, one I think not many of us have experienced," said left back Brandon Vincent. "At the end of the day we've got to try to exploit his weaknesses, if there are any, and try to make him uncomfortable."

Midfielder Dax McCarty, who has played with and against many big names in his 13-season MLS career, said the club hopes to turn the buzz to its advantage.

"If there are a lot of people in the Chicago area who want to see Zlatan play, who aren't maybe Chicago Fire fans, you want to have a good performance," he said. "You want to play well as a team so they say, 'OK, maybe Zlatan didn't play that well ... but our hometown team, the Chicago Fire, the team we can see week in and week out, they played fantastic.'"

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Man charged in death linked to synthetic pot

By **ROBERT MCCOPPIN**
Chicago Tribune

An Illinois man has been charged with drug-induced homicide in a death linked to tainted synthetic marijuana — the latest arrest in an outbreak that has killed three people and sickened scores of people in the state.

Prosecutors in Tazewell County said they found 15 pounds of synthetic marijuana, also known as K2 or Spice, in the suspect's apartment in the Peoria area, where the majority of Illinois cases have occurred.

Prosecutors said they expect the arrest of Lonnie K. Smith, of Pekin, to put a dent in the supply of synthetic pot that has been blamed for poisoning 126 people and killing three since March 7, according to the latest numbers released Friday by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

In some cases, rat poison was discovered in the substance, which authorities said has turned up both on the street and in shops, though it's been illegal in the state for several years.

More than 70 of those cases have turned up in the Peoria area in Tazewell and Peoria counties, and about 40 have been reported the Chicago area, nearly all in Cook County.

Victims reported using synthetic pot products, also known as cannabinoids, before suffering from severe bleeding.

"It's a serious problem, but I think we made some progress today," Tazewell County State's Attorney Stewart Umholtz said Friday of Smith's arrest.

According to prosecutors, Smith is accused of delivering the drug — in this case known as "Diablo" — to Anthony Phillips and his girlfriend, who lived together in Pekin, on April 7. Around 4 the next morning, Phillips woke with severe stomach pain and began vomiting blood, and his girlfriend began suffering unspecified symptoms, according to court documents and prosecutors. Police were called to their home, and the two were taken to a hospital, where Phillips died the next day.

His girlfriend survived and told police that Smith sold a bag of K2 to Phillips every two or three days, authorities said. A preliminary report from the county medical examiner's office indicated that Phillips died of bleeding in his head.

A Pekin police detective spoke to Smith on Tuesday and said he admitted to selling the drug to Phillips, and to dealing synthetic pot, according to court docu-

ments.

The charges are punishable by six to 30 years in prison.

Smith, 46, appeared in court Friday afternoon, when he was ordered held in Tazewell County Jail in lieu of a \$100,000 bond, officials said.

The Illinois State Police lab tested the K2 and found it contained FUB-AMB, a Schedule I controlled substance, according to court documents.

State law prohibits the possession of synthetic marijuana, which is not marijuana but is meant to simulate its high while allowing users to pass workplace drug tests. But law enforcement officials said producers have changed its chemical composition to get around the law.

"We think we're doing the right thing (by banning the product)," Umholtz said. "But ironically, all we've accomplished is creating something much more dangerous than marijuana."

He compared the phenomenon to the methamphetamine epidemic that hit the part-urban, part-rural Peoria area in the 2000s. After state law changed to make it more difficult for local cooks to buy the ingredients they needed to make meth, Mexican cartels began making it and shipping it into the U.S. A much more dangerous armed criminal element began dealing it, and it became much more difficult to investigate, Umholtz said.

"We think this case will result in a substantial reduction (in supply)," he said, "but when you have demand, you're going to have supply."

Earlier this month, federal prosecutors charged the owner and two employees of a mini mart on Chicago's West Side with selling tainted cannabinoids after saying that as many as five customers complained that they fell ill.

Public health officials say synthetic marijuana is made by spraying chemicals onto other plants that are then smoked, vaporized or otherwise ingested.

The charges come as epidemiologists from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have joined state officials to aid in investigating the outbreak. That includes compiling onset dates, hospitalization information, incidence, demographic and location information, and as much information about the products as possible, Illinois Department of Public Health spokeswoman Divya Little said.

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Books written by pastor won't be printed

2 publishers halt plans in wake of misconduct claims

BY MANYA BRACHEAR PASHMAN
Chicago Tribune

Two Christian book publishers have suspended publication of books by Bill Hybels, the megachurch pastor and best-selling author who stepped down from the helm of Willow Creek Community Church amid allegations of improper conduct with women.

Tyndale House Publishers in Carol Stream has suspended its plans to publish "Everyone Wins When a Leader Gets Better,"

which was scheduled for release in August. That month, Hybels was to have hosted the renowned Global Leadership Summit, a conference sponsored by the related nonprofit Willow Creek Association, but he bowed out of that as well.

"We will make a final decision regarding potential publication after we absorb the facts and implications related to these allegations," Todd Starowitz, a spokesman for Tyndale House, said in a statement. "We take allegations of misconduct seriously, and we are deeply concerned for all involved, both those who have brought forth these allegations as well as the Hybels family."

Westmont-based Inter-

Varsity Press also announced it would not reprint Hybels' book titled "Who You Are When No One's Looking," a book about the importance of maintaining consistent moral character, and its companion study guide.

A third publisher of Hybels' titles, Zondervan, said in a statement: "We take these allegations seriously and we continue to sort through the information as it is presented."

The pastor's resignation from the northwest suburban powerhouse comes less than a month after a Chicago Tribune investigation disclosed allegations of inappropriate conduct by the pastor with women spanning decades. The Tribune



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The Rev. Bill Hybels founded and led Willow Creek.

examined allegations investigated by elders and other claims by interviewing current and former church members, elders and employees, as well as reviewing hundreds of emails and internal records.

The alleged behavior in-

cluded suggestive comments, extended hugs, an unwanted kiss and invitations to hotel rooms. It also included an allegation of a prolonged consensual affair with a married woman who later said her claim about the affair was not true, the Tribune found.

Elders of the church — appointed members who oversee Willow Creek's administration and pastor — had conducted multiple investigations, one of which involved an outside attorney, after claims about Hybels came to their attention more than four years ago. All inquiries cleared the pastor of misconduct.

But three former teaching pastors — one with an allegation of her own — and

the wife of a longtime president of the Willow Creek Association faulted those investigations, saying that they were not rigorous or independent enough. At least three leaders of the association's board resigned over what they believed was an insufficient inquiry.

Compassion International, a humanitarian aid agency, also chose not to renew its sponsorship of the church's Global Leadership Summit over concerns about the association's process for reviewing complaints about senior leaders.

Hybels has called allegations against him "flat-out lies."

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McKendree University's Sarah Wille, 22, of Hoffman Estates, rolls in Thursday's NCAA women's bowling championship.

Chicago a prime spot for bowlers

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tournaments have created a deep and bountiful pool for recruiters as more colleges add women's bowling to their athletic lineups.

"A lot of kids are catching on that there's opportunity in college to offset some of the cost," said Jeff Bailey, manager of Joliet Town and Country Lanes. "Local talent is going to college, and these younger kids are seeing they're getting scholarship money. That's the driving force."

The NCAA sanctions only women's bowling — men's college teams and some women's squads compete under the auspices of the United States Bowling Congress — and the sport has rapidly gained popularity since the first championship in 2004, going from 42 teams to 81.

St. Francis University in Pennsylvania formed its squad in 2010. Coach Tom Falbo has three Chicago-area women on his team and said the region has been critical to the Red Flash making its first appearance at the championship.

"I would say Chicago, in my eyes, is the top," he said. "There's a lot of good coaching all over. There's a good deal of professionals

in the area and they give back. A lot of great centers cater to the youth. There's just a large bed of talent."

Former Illinois high school state champ Kyra Udziela, a St. Francis junior from Lemont, said many area families have deep connections to the sport, passing their affinity from one generation to the next.

But family bowling isn't just fun time with parents and siblings, she said — kids who grow up like that want to win.

Such competitiveness helps produce college-level players by the score, something that's evident when familiar faces pop up at event after event. Udziela, 20, recalled a recent competition in Nashville where at least a dozen Chicago-area bowlers crowded together for a photograph.

"You go to a tournament and everyone's hugging each other," she said. "It's really heartwarming to see so many people you know."

St. Francis' first opponent Thursday was defending national champion McKendree University, a school in Illinois' Metro East region outside St. Louis. It brought two Chicago-area bowlers to the championship, including Sarah Wille, 22, from Hoffman Estates.

She grew up bowling in a Mount Prospect youth league before joining the squad at Hoffman Estates High School. She also played volleyball in high school and had a few schools recruiting her to

play that sport, she said, but ultimately decided bowling was a more comfortable fit.

"There are so many people who play volleyball and not as many bowlers," she said. "It felt like the better path to take, and I'm glad I did. I never knew how competitive bowling could be until I got to college."

The NCAA championships feature other Chicago-area products, including Jordan Newham, a graduate of Metea Valley in Aurora who plays at Vanderbilt, and Julia Bond, who attended neighboring Waubonsie Valley and has been a three-time All-American at the University of Nebraska.

Mia Pope is there, too, bowling for North Carolina A&T. A 2016 graduate of Lindblom Math and Science Academy on Chicago's South Side, she's one of the rare college bowlers to come out of the city.

She credited her freshman year appearance at the Illinois High School Association championship for drawing attention that is often hard to get for a city bowler.

The competition attracts dozens of college coaches — "If you can't find bowlers from that tournament, you're not doing recruiting right," Hoffman Estates coach Dan Pflieger said — and Pope said it put her on the radar early.

"That's the door opener," said Pope, 19. "Now, schools have seen you. They tend to continue to look at you for the rest of

your years."

She is on a partial athletic scholarship — NCAA rules allow bowling teams a maximum of five full scholarships, with each usually divided among multiple players — and said it has helped to make college affordable.

"It's really helpful, especially since I'm out-of-state," she said. "(The cost) is nothing compared to what I could have paid elsewhere."

But Karl Nickolai, coach for Michigan State University's club team and president of the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association, said families shouldn't count on a huge windfall if their child is fortunate enough to be offered a scholarship.

"Bowling scholarships, by and large, will not pay for college," he said. "They'll help out, but they won't be the primary contributor. You definitely need to do the math if you're a parent."

Falbo and Shannon O'Keefe, the head coach at McKendree, said they look for bowlers who demonstrate good and consistent form, and who have the mental fortitude and courtesy to be good teammates.

Miller said top programs also want bowlers who average around 200 — and luckily, the Chicago area has a good supply.

"These girls, they are really good," he said.

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Tribune parent's top shareholder selling his stake

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Sargent McCormick is listed in the SEC filing as the manager of McCormick Media, whose address is affiliated with Harvester Trust, a privately held trust formed in 1900 "to continue the legacy of the McCormick Family, building upon the pivotal role played by International Harvester in the industrial revolution and development of the United States and the world in the 1800s," according to its LinkedIn page.

Leander McCormick and his brother, Cyrus, co-founded the company that would become International Harvester. A third brother, William, was the grandfather of Robert McCormick, the famous publisher of the Chicago Tribune.

McCormick Media's planned level of involvement remains unclear. Efforts to reach McCormick were not successful Friday.

Ferro, a technology entrepreneur who previously owned the Chicago Sun-Times, became the largest shareholder and nonexecutive chairman of Tribune Publishing in February 2016 when he spent \$444 million, or \$8.50 a share, for 5.22 million shares in the company. In December 2016 he bought an additional 2.5 million shares at \$15 per share for an additional \$37.5 million.

The name of the company, whose newspapers also include the Los Angeles Times and Baltimore Sun and other publications, was changed to Tronc, for Tribune online content.

It was a tumultuous run for Ferro. He stepped down from the board of Tronc in late March, just hours before Fortune magazine published a story online accusing him of inappropriate sexual behavior toward two women while in his previous role as head of a Chicago investment firm.

In early January, the newsroom of the Los Angeles Times voted to form a union. A month later, Tronc

announced plans to sell that paper and the San Diego Union-Tribune to LA biotech billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong, Tronc's second-largest shareholder, for \$500 million in cash. That deal has not closed.

On Friday afternoon, Soon-Shiong said he was committed to holding onto his Tronc shares.

"Now that the McCormick family have taken over Ferro's stock, over the course of the next couple of weeks we will try to understand what their vision is," he said. "But I'm pleased because they have the same values as I do."

Earlier this week, some staffers of the Chicago Tribune announced an effort to unionize the newsroom in what would be a historic move at the 171-year-old newspaper.

In an emailed statement to employees, Tronc Chairman and CEO Justin Dearborn noted that the company itself was not involved in the business transaction. "I want to emphasize that this is a private transaction between Merrick and the buyer and does not alter our business strategy or the pending sale of the California News Group," Dearborn wrote.

Ferro's three-year, \$5 million-per-year management consulting agreement with Tronc remains in effect for now, Tronc spokesman Dennis Culloton said Friday. The agreement was struck in December, and Ferro received his first \$5 million annual fee Jan. 1, according to the agreement filed with the SEC.

Culloton said prior board approval was not needed for the transaction with McCormick.

"The board does not need to approve or disapprove of the sale," Culloton said.

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Allies launch airstrikes on Syria

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United States would not maintain an indefinite presence in the war-torn region, saying "no amount of American blood or treasure" can bring stability to the Middle East. "It is a troubled place."

He called on Russia and Iran, which he said are the chief enablers of the Syrian government, to relinquish their support.

"What kind of a nation wants to be associated with the mass murder of innocent men, women and children?" he said.

The pre-dawn air assault Saturday raised concerns of a direct confrontation with Russia, which has an extensive network of ground-to-

air missiles in Syria, as well as hundreds of troops and warplanes, and threatened to shoot down any U.S. missiles or planes that it saw as a threat.

The Pentagon's Central Command, which oversees U.S. military operations in the Middle East, made heavy use of a special communication channel with Russia's armed forces, called a "deconfliction line," in recent days to gain a better picture of where Russian forces are deployed in Syria and to reassure Moscow that any U.S. strike will target only Syrian military units, facilities and equipment involved in last Saturday's attack.

Leaders in Britain, France and Saudi Arabia had pledged to support a strong response, and French warships armed with cruise missiles were near the Syrian coast. The Navy had at least two guided-missile destroyers in the eastern Mediterranean.

Defense Secretary James Mattis said the U.S. has no

reports of suffering any losses during the initial airstrikes on Syria Friday.

Mattis said "right now this is a one-time shot" but is not ruling out further attacks.

Trump's Twitter posts and comments this week gave Syria time to move aircraft and troops out of likely target areas, and provided Moscow advance warning, making it more likely its advanced air defense batteries could succeed in shooting down U.S. cruise missiles or warplanes, complicating the Pentagon's task of preparing a response.

It wasn't clear whether the initial salvos presaged a broader, multiday air campaign against Syrian military command-and-control facilities, and their elaborate network of ground-to-air missile batteries, to clear the skies for allied bombers and other warplanes.

Syrian troops had evacuated airports and primary military air bases in government-held areas in anticipation of a U.S. air attack, and

reportedly moved some Syrian warplanes to Russian-controlled airfields for protection.

Fact-finding teams from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, an international watchdog agency based in The Hague, were expected to arrive in Douma on Saturday to collect evidence on the April 7 attack that left 43 people dead and wounded hundreds more.

U.S. officials said Syrian helicopters dropped gas-filled barrel bombs in Douma, a suburb east of Damascus. Photos and videos showed victims, including children, foaming at the mouth, choking and twitching in agony.

Local medics and rescue workers said some of the victims emitted an odor that suggested chlorine gas had been used. Others showed symptoms, including constriction of the pupils and convulsions, that suggested an illegal nerve agent such as sarin was mixed in.

The rebel-held town fell to Syrian forces after last

week's bombardment, and Russian troops also have entered the area. Thousands of rebels and civilians have been evacuated.

Trump had telegraphed the attack early Wednesday in a tweet that taunted Russia as well as Assad.

"Russia vows to shoot down any and all missiles fired at Syria. Get ready Russia, because they will be coming, nice and new and 'smart!' You shouldn't be partners with a Gas Killing Animal who kills his people and enjoys it!" he wrote.

Trump's tweet followed a mid-level Russian diplomat's claim that Russian President Vladimir Putin had authorized shooting down any U.S. missiles aimed at Syria. The Kremlin did not confirm the warning.

"Russia will execute the statement of its president related to any U.S. aggression against Syria, knocking down American missiles and striking at the sources of fire," Alexander Zasyukin, Russia's ambassador to Lebanon, told the Lebanese

TV channel Al-Manar.

Russia has disputed claims by the U.S. and its allies that Assad's forces used lethal chemical agents against civilians in Douma.

The airstrikes come almost exactly a year after U.S. warships fired 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles at a Syrian air base that U.S. intelligence said was used to carry out a nerve gas attack that killed about 75 people in the town of Khan Sheikhoun.

In that attack, the Pentagon avoided hitting suspected chemical-agent storage facilities at the Shayrat air base, for fear of spreading a toxic cloud, targeting planes and hangars there instead. The Pentagon also gave advance notice to Moscow to ensure any Russian personnel at the base could leave before the attack.

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FBI probes Cohen's personal business dealings

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WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors revealed Friday that their probe of President Donald Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, involved suspected fraud and the attorney's personal business dealings, and was going on long enough that investigators had already covertly obtained his emails.

The details in court papers came as lawyers for Cohen and Trump sought to block the Justice Department from examining records and electronic devices, including two cell phones, seized by the FBI on Monday from Cohen's residences, office and safety deposit box.

The raids enraged Trump, who called them an "attack on the country." He sent his own lawyer to a hastily arranged hearing before a federal judge in Manhattan to argue that some of the records and communications seized were confidential attorney-client communications and off-limits to investigators.

Prosecutors blacked out sections of their legal memo in which they described what laws they think Cohen has broken, but the document provided new clues about an investigation that the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan had previously declined to confirm existed.

"Although Cohen is an attorney, he also has several other business interests and sources of income. The searches are the result of a months-long investigation into Cohen, and seek evidence of crimes, many of which have nothing to do



JUSTIN LANE/EPA

Michael Cohen has been told to appear at a court hearing Monday to answer questions about his law practice.

with his work as an attorney, but rather relate to Cohen's own business dealings," said the filing, signed by Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas McKay.

Prosecutors said they took the unusual step of raiding Cohen's residence and home, rather than requesting records by subpoena, because what they had learned so far led them to distrust he'd turn over what they had asked for.

"Absent a search warrant, these records could have been deleted without record, and without recourse," prosecutors wrote.

The document was filed publicly after lawyers for Cohen appeared before U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood to ask that they — not Justice Department lawyers — be given the first crack at reviewing the seized evidence to see

whether it was relevant to the investigation or could be forwarded to criminal investigators without jeopardizing attorney-client privilege.

Trump attorney Joanna Hendon told the judge that the president has "an acute interest in these proceedings and the manner in which these materials are reviewed."

"He is the president of the United States," she said. "This is of most concern to him. I think the public is a close second. And anyone who has ever hired a lawyer a close third."

McKay told the judge that he thought the proceedings were an attempt to delay the processing of seized material.

"His attorney-client privilege is no greater than any other person who seeks legal advice," he told Wood.

Cohen's lawyer, Todd Harrison, told the judge, "We think we deserve to know some more of the facts about the underlying investigation in order to rebut their arguments."

Cohen wasn't present for the hearing. Wood, who didn't immediately rule, ordered him to appear in person at another court hearing Monday on the issue to help answer questions about his law practice.

Prosecutors struck back at claims by Trump and others that the raids violated the attorney-client privilege between Trump and Cohen, or amounted to an improper extension of the work of Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

As part of the grand jury probe, they wrote, investigators had already searched multiple email accounts maintained by Cohen.

Those emails, they said, indicated that Cohen was "performing little to no legal work, and that zero emails were exchanged with President Trump."

People familiar with the investigation have told The Associated Press the searches Monday sought bank records, records on Cohen's dealing in the taxi industry, Cohen's communications with the Trump campaign and information on payments made in 2016 to a former Playboy model, Karen McDougal, and a porn star, Stephanie Clifford, who performs under the name Stormy Daniels. Both say they had affairs with Trump.

Clifford's lawyer, Michael Avenatti, spoke briefly in court. Outside court, he said: "We have every reason to believe that some of the documents

seized relate to my client."

Avenatti said it's "very possible" the former porn actress would show up at Monday's hearing. He then followed with a suggestive tweet that "the weather forecast for Mon looks very Stormy."

Public corruption prosecutors in the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan are trying to determine, according to one person familiar with the investigation, if there was any fraud related to payments to McDougal and Clifford. Cohen has denied wrongdoing.

McDougal was paid \$150,000 in 2016 by the parent company of the National Enquirer under an agreement that gave it the exclusive rights to her story, which it never published. Cohen said he paid Daniels \$130,000 in exchange for her silence about her claim to have had a one-night-stand with Trump.

The White House has said Trump denies either affair.

Meanwhile, a top fundraiser for Trump resigned Friday from the Republican National Committee after a report that he paid \$1.6 million to a Playboy Playmate he had an affair with.

Elliott Brody told RNC Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel that he was resigning immediately, an RNC official said. The official requested anonymity to discuss a private call between McDaniel and Brody.

The Wall Street Journal reported Friday that Cohen helped negotiate a nondisclosure agreement between Brody and the model last year. The unidentified woman had an abortion after discovering she was pregnant.

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Trump administration ditches crackdown on legal marijuana

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is abandoning a Justice Department threat to crack down on recreational marijuana in states where it is legal, a move that could enable cannabis businesses states that have legalized pot to operate without fear of federal raids and prosecution.

President Donald Trump directed the retreat, which came at the behest of Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colo. White House

officials confirmed the policy shift Friday.

Gardner was incensed in January when the Justice Department said it was rescinding an Obama-era policy that directed federal prosecutors not to target marijuana businesses that operate legally under state law. The senator had blocked Justice Department nominees in retaliation. In response to the policy shift, he lifted his remaining holds on nominees.

Ky. lawmakers override budget veto amid rally by teachers

FRANKFORT, Ky. — With the chants of hundreds of teachers ringing in their ears, Kentucky lawmakers voted Friday to override Republican Gov. Matt Bevin's veto of a two-year state budget that increases public education spending with the help of a more than \$480 million tax increase.

The votes came as thousands of teachers rallied inside and outside the Capitol, forcing more than

30 school districts to close.

The two-year state operating budget includes record new spending for public education, fueled by a 50-cent increase in the cigarette tax and a 6 percent sales tax on some services including home and auto repair. Bevin vetoed the budget and the money in it, calling the bills "non-transparent." He said they would not raise enough funds to cover new spending.

Agency monitoring death of Ohio teen trapped by van seat

CINCINNATI — The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it's monitoring what happened to a teenage boy in Ohio who became trapped by a Honda minivan rear bench seat and died.

The agency said Friday it's been in contact with local authorities and Honda "to understand all of the facts related to this tragic incident."

Kyle Plush, 16, died Tuesday after becoming

trapped inside a 2004 Honda Odyssey. A coroner said Plush died of asphyxiation due to "chest compression."

Plush made two 911 calls Tuesday begging for help from a parking lot at Seven Hills School in Cincinnati. Two Cincinnati police officers and a Hamilton County sheriff's deputy searched but failed to locate him.

The minivan wasn't subject to recalls.



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Palestinian protesters burn Israeli flags Friday near the border fence with Israel in the Gaza Strip. Friday marked the third mass protest near the border fence since March 30.

Israeli troops kill 1, injure 163 protesters, Gaza officials say

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Thousands of Palestinians, some burning Israeli flags and torching tires, staged a mass protest on Gaza's sealed border with Israel for a third consecutive Friday as part of a pressure campaign to break a decade-old blockade of their territory.

Israeli live fire from across the border fence killed a 28-year-old Palestinian man and wounded at least 163, Gaza health officials said. The death brought to 28 the number of protesters killed in two weeks, with hundreds wounded by Israeli fire since March 30, officials said.

The marches have been

organized by Gaza's Hamas rulers, but large turnouts on two preceding Fridays were also driven by desperation among the territory's 2 million residents who have been buckling under a crippling border closure by Israel and Egypt since 2007.

"We want to live like everyone else in the world," said construction worker Omar Hamada, 37, an unemployed father of eight. "We came here so the world can see us and know that life here is miserable, and that there should be a solution."

On Friday, the turnout seemed much lower than on previous Fridays — some 10,000 protesters, according to the Israeli mili-

tary — raising questions about the Palestinian organizers' goal of keeping the mass marches going until mid-May.

Gaza's Health Ministry said that at least 701 people were wounded Friday, including 163 by live fire and the rest by tear gas or rubber-coated steel pellets.

Rights groups have described the Israeli military's open-fire regulations as unlawful, saying they permit soldiers to use potentially lethal force against unarmed protesters.

Israel has accused Gaza's Islamic militant Hamas rulers of using the protests as a cover for attacks and says snipers only target the main "instigators."

N.J. worker claims jackpot, recalls wife's 'idiot' reply

TRENTON, N.J. — The winner of a \$533 million lottery jackpot wasn't sure he could believe his eyes. So, when his mother called to say someone in his new home state had won it, his response was: It wasn't me.

Richard Wahl, 47, of Vernon, N.J., was introduced Friday at lottery headquarters after winning the March Mega Millions drawing. Wahl, a production manager at a food services company, said he plans to retire and take the cash payout of \$220.7 million after taxes. He moved to New Jersey from Michigan in July.

He described finding out he had the winning ticket late at night. "Some of my family members were sleeping so I didn't go and scream out. I walked upstairs. I saw my wife and said, 'Baby, we get to go on vacation.' She said, 'What are you talking about? Don't be an idiot.'"

Puerto Rico's Electric Power Authority says power has been restored to all 840,000 customers affected by an outage in the U.S. territory. Executive sub-director Justo Gonzalez said Friday that crews worked up to eight hours to fix two lines that failed Thursday. One of the lines was affected by a tree that fell.

A pride of lions has been killed by suspected poisoning in one of Uganda's protected areas, a wildlife official said Friday. Eleven lions were found dead in Queen Elizabeth National Park, said Jossy Muhangi, a spokesman for the Uganda Wildlife Authority. The lions are believed to have been poisoned after attacking livestock.

Woman who drove SUV off cliff drunk, police say

SEATTLE — The Woodland, Wash., woman who was driving the SUV that plunged off a California cliff last month was drunk, officials said Friday.

Jennifer Hart had a blood-alcohol level above the legal limit, said Olegario Marin, a public information officer with the Cali-

fornia Highway Patrol. Two children involved in the wreck and Jennifer's wife, Sarah, also had an allergy drug that can lead to drowsiness in their systems, he said.

Toxicology tests found Jennifer Hart had an alcohol level of 0.102, police said. California drivers are

considered drunk with a level of 0.08 or higher.

Five people have been confirmed dead after the SUV carrying the mothers and at least three of the children plunged from a 150-foot cliff in Northern California onto the ocean-side rocks below last month.

Trump pardons Scooter Libby

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump issued a pardon Friday to I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby, suggesting the former top aide to Vice President Dick Cheney had been “treated unfairly” by a special counsel.

The pardon comes at a moment when the president faces an escalating special counsel investigation of his own.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders insisted the pardon was not intended to send a message to the special counsel investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 election, saying, “One thing has nothing to do with the other.”

But critics noted the timing, as Trump fumes over Robert Mueller’s probe, which he has dubbed a “witch hunt.”

Trump said in a statement that he didn’t know Libby, “but for years I have heard that he has been treated unfairly.”

Libby, Cheney’s former chief of staff, was convicted in 2007 of lying to investigators and obstruction of justice following the 2003 leak of the covert identity of CIA officer Valerie

and an “unblemished” record since. He had been disbarred but was reinstated by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 2016.

Conservatives have rallied around Libby’s case, arguing he was the victim of an overly zealous and politically motivated prosecution by a special counsel.

In a twist, the special counsel in Libby’s case, Patrick Fitzgerald, was appointed by James Comey, deputy attorney general at the time. Comey later became head of the FBI but was fired by Trump in 2017 and has written a book critical of the president.

Libby’s attorneys, Joseph diGenova and Victoria Toensing, issued a statement thanking Trump for “addressing a gross injustice” they said was inflicted by Fitzgerald and Comey.

Toensing told the Associated Press that she submitted the pardon papers for Libby to the White House counsel’s office last summer. She said the president called her midday Friday to deliver the news.

“He said, ‘He got screwed,’” Toensing said.

Trump knows the attorneys and had sought to add them to his legal team in the Russian investigation, but it was determined

diGenova and Toensing had conflicts of interest that would prevent them from joining.

A spokesman for Bush said the former president was “very pleased” for Libby and his family.

Rep. Liz Cheney, a Wyoming Republican and daughter of the former vice president, said Libby was the victim of a “miscarriage of justice,” and she thanked Trump for “righting a terrible wrong.”

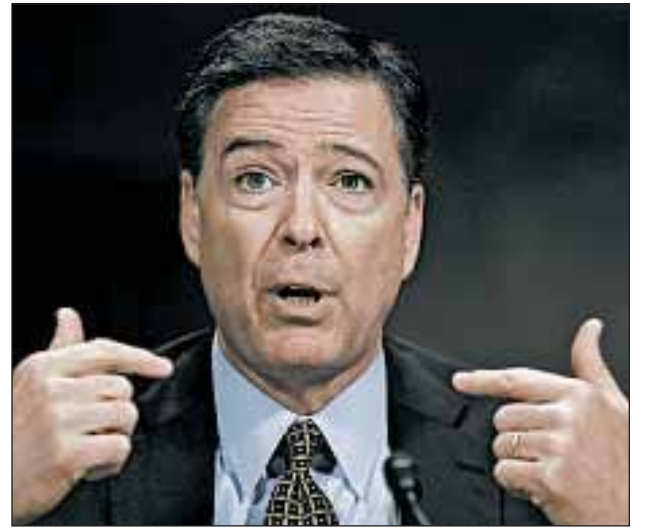
Critics questioned the timing of the pardon.

Democratic Rep. Gerry Connolly of Virginia, the vice ranking member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, said Trump “is sending a clear signal to others that he will reward obstruction of justice.”

In a statement, Plame said the argument that Libby had been treated unfairly was “simply false.” She said that Libby had a fair trial and that “President’s Trump’s pardon is not based on the truth.”

The pardon was the third for Trump. He granted one last year to former Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio, awaiting sentencing for contempt of court.

Trump also pardoned a Navy sailor convicted of taking photos of classified portions of a submarine.



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Former FBI Director James Comey’s new book blasts President Trump as “untethered to the truth.”

Trump: Comey is ‘untruthful slime ball’

BY CHAD DAY AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
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WASHINGTON — Firing back at a sharply critical book by former FBI Director James Comey, President Donald Trump blasted him Friday as an “untruthful slime ball,” saying, “It was my great honor to fire James Comey!”

Trump reacted on Twitter early Friday, the day after the emergence of details from Comey’s memoir, which says Trump is “untethered to truth” and describes him as fixated in the early days of his presidency on having the FBI debunk salacious rumors he said were untrue but that could distress his wife.

The book, “A Higher Loyalty,” is to be released next week. The Associated Press purchased a copy this week.

In the book, Comey compares Trump to a mafia don and calls his leadership of the country “ego driven and about personal loyalty.”

Comey also reveals new details about his interactions with Trump and his own decision-making in handling the Hillary Clinton email investigation before the 2016 election. He casts Trump as a mobster-like figure who sought to blur the line between law enforcement and politics and tried to pressure him personally regarding his investigation into Russian election interference.

The book adheres closely to Comey’s public testimony and written statements about his contacts with Trump and his growing concern about Trump’s integrity. It also includes strikingly personal jabs at Trump that appear sure to irritate the president.

The 6-foot-8 Comey describes Trump as shorter than he expected with a “too long” tie and “bright white half-moons” under his eyes that he suggests came from tanning goggles. He also says he made a conscious effort to check the president’s hand size, saying it was “smaller than mine but did not seem unusually so.”

“Donald Trump’s presidency threatens much of what is good in this nation,” Comey writes, calling the administration a “forest fire” that can’t be contained by ethical leaders within the government.

On a more personal level, Comey describes Trump repeatedly asking him to consider investigating an allegation involving Trump and Russian prostitutes urinating on a bed in a Moscow hotel, in order to prove it was a lie. Trump has strongly denied the allega-

tion, and Comey says that it appeared the president wanted it investigated to reassure his wife, Melania Trump.

Trump fired Comey in May 2017, setting off a scramble at the Justice Department that led to the appointment of Robert Mueller as special counsel overseeing the Russia investigation. Mueller’s probe has expanded to include whether Trump obstructed justice by firing Comey, which the president denies.

Trump has assailed Comey as a “showboat” and a “liar.” Top White House aides also criticized the fired FBI director on Friday. White House spokeswoman

“It was my great honor to fire James Comey!”

—President Donald Trump

an Sarah Huckabee Sanders questioned Comey’s credibility in a tweet and White House counselor Kellyanne Conway said Comey took “unnecessary, immature pot shots.”

Comey’s account lands at a particularly sensitive moment for Trump and the White House. Officials there describe the president as enraged over a recent FBI raid of his personal lawyer’s home and office, raising the prospect that he could fire Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who appointed Mueller, or try to shut down the probe on his own. The Republican National Committee is poised to lead the pushback effort against Comey by launching a website and supplying surrogates with talking points that question his credibility.

Trump initially said he fired Comey because of his handling of the FBI’s investigation into Clinton’s email practices.

But, shortly after the firing, Trump told NBC News, “When I decided to just do it, I said to myself, I said, ‘You know, this Russia thing with Trump and Russia is a made up story.’”

Comey writes that he regrets his approach and some of the wording he used in his July 2016 press conference in which he announced the decision not to prosecute Clinton. But he says he believes he did the right thing by going before the cameras and making his statement, noting that the Justice Department had done so in other high profile cases.

The Washington Post contributed.

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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

Japanese hotel chain to build near Union Station

BY RYAN ORI
Chicago Tribune

A Japanese hotel company appears ready to build a 615-room hotel near Union Station, as the economy chain makes its long-planned arrival in the U.S.

Toyoko Inn Co. on Wednesday secured a construction permit for the surface parking lot at 320 S. Clinton St. The permit comes more than a decade after the Tokyo-based company bought the site and about eight years after the first public meeting on the development.

Delays on the project

could work in Toyoko Inn's favor because there are now several large developments happening nearby.

A more than \$1 billion redevelopment and addition to Union Station is planned immediately northeast of Toyoko Inn's site. Also nearby, major redevelopments are underway at the long-vacant old main post office and at the city's tallest building, Willis Tower.

But there also are concerns about an oversupply of hotel rooms downtown, following years of new construction and conversions of vintage office buildings.

There were 1,610 hotel

rooms added in the central business district in 2017, and an additional 1,800 new rooms are expected to be completed in 2018, according to Choose Chicago, the city's tourism marketing arm. There were 42,456 downtown hotel rooms at the end of 2017, a 15 percent increase since 2014.

Chicago tourism is off to an encouraging start to 2018, with first-quarter hotel room occupancy reaching a record 2.33 million, a 10.5 percent increase from the same period last year. The overall 61.2 percent hotel occupancy during the quarter tied the highest

level recorded, a mark set more than a decade ago, Choose Chicago said.

Under its planned development, which was approved by the city in 2012 and amended in 2016, Toyoko Inn would have 615 rooms. That would make the hotel the 13th-largest in Chicago.

Toyoko has owned the Clinton Street property since 2006, before the onset of a lengthy recession, according to Cook County property records.

The city permit is only for the construction of the 24-story building's foundation, a portion of the project

expected to cost \$2 million, according to a description of the work listed on the permit.

It's not clear how soon Toyoko Inn plans to begin building the hotel.

The project's architect of record, Richard Kalb of Chicago firm Hotel Architect, declined to comment. Toyoko Inn officials could not be reached.

The company's Chicago project is moving forward as it also plans a 50-story, 1,260-room hotel in New York. Toyoko Inn also in January bought a parking lot in Seattle, according to The Registry, a publication

that covers real estate in the region. The firm also wants to expand into Atlanta, according to an online prospectus seeking development partners for new hotels.

Toyoko Inn has 247 hotels in Japan, seven in South Korea and one in Cambodia, according to the prospectus. The company also says it plans hotels in Germany and France.

Toyoko Inn specializes in no-frills economy hotels with small rooms and few amenities.

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Consumer watchdog sees no evil

Enforcement actions halt under CFPB chief

BY KEN SWEET
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As of this week the Trump administration had not recorded a single enforcement action against banks, credit card companies, debt collectors or any finance companies whatsoever in the 135 days since it took control of the nation's consumer watchdog agency.

Mick Mulvaney, appointed acting director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in late November, promised to shrink the bureau's mandate and take a much softer approach to enforcement, and records reviewed by The Associated Press indicate he has kept his word.

A review of a CFPB database obtained by the AP through a Freedom of Information request shows that the bureau issued an average of two to four enforcement actions a month under former Director Richard Cordray, President Barack Obama's appointee.

But the database shows zero enforcement actions had been taken since Nov. 21, 2017, three days before Cordray resigned.

Mulvaney acknowledged at a congressional hearing Wednesday that although the bureau had averaged opening one new enforcement action a week under his predecessor, he had launched none since taking over.

He added that "we are still going after bad actors," noting the bureau still had

100 ongoing probes.

But he reiterated formal recommendations he made last week for Congress to reduce the bureau's authority, which includes funding outside the regular congressional appropriation process and job protection for its director, who can only be fired by the president for cause, rather than at will.

Before Mulvaney, the bureau used enforcement actions to extract billions of dollars in relief for consumers from financial companies and to stop companies from doing harm.

Bank of America was ordered to return \$727 million to consumers for deceptive credit card practices in 2015 — the largest award in the bureau's history — but the CFPB has issued dozens of smaller actions to get relief for student borrowers, victims of debt collection companies and bank customers.

In the seven years it has been in existence, the bureau has returned \$3.97 billion in cash to American consumers through enforcement actions and an additional \$793 billion in other types of relief, such as lower loan balances or debt relief, based on the CFPB's records.

The bureau estimates one of every 10 Americans has received some sort of reimbursement or relief because of the bureau's enforcement work since it was created.

Despite that direct relief to consumers, Republicans — including Mulvaney



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Mick Mulvaney said Wednesday that no new enforcement actions had been undertaken since he became director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

when he was representing South Carolina in Congress — accused the bureau of overreach.

Mulvaney once called the bureau a "sick, sad joke" of an agency.

Bureau watchers on both sides of the issue say they don't think enforcement actions have stopped entirely, and supervision and investigations at the agency are still ongoing.

In a statement, the CFPB said the slowdown is tied to a new administration taking over the bureau, adding that "it is our job to enforce the law, and we take it very seriously."

"Assessing the legal risks of all pending enforcement actions is a critical part of the transition process and standard procedure for new leadership at enforcement agencies such as the Bureau. That review continues alongside the agency's ongoing law enforcement work," the statement said.

While consumer advocates expected fewer enforcement actions under a more business-friendly

Trump administration, the fact that the database indicates they have stopped entirely raises concern that consumers have been left vulnerable.

There were some periods under the Obama administration where bureau enforcement actions slowed, but those appear largely tied to the fact the agency was just getting underway. This is the longest stretch without enforcement actions in the CFPB's history.

"Enforcement is very important," said Lauren Saunders, associate director at the National Consumer Law Center, a consumer advocacy organization and a critic of Mulvaney. "If a company violates the law, it needs to be held accountable and called out instead of being quietly admonished through supervision."

The bureau effectively has two main avenues it can use to check wrongdoing at banks and other financial companies.

One is supervision, which is typically confi-

dential and more routine. The CFPB has full-time inspectors inside most of the nation's largest banks who, when they see something that may not be illegal but still raises concerns, can speak privately with bank management.

If an issue is more substantial, like a potential breach of consumer protection laws, the bureau can begin an investigation that can culminate in an enforcement order, which is basically a court order directing a company to stop illegal behavior and often carries a fine.

"Enforcement is one of the most important parts of CFPB, because of the signals it is able to send to markets," Saunders said.

Whether or not enforcement has been slowed by the change in management, Mulvaney repeatedly has said he wants to significantly curtail the bureau's operations, and the slowing of enforcement would be part of that.

Los Angeles Times contributed.

Wells Fargo says fines may reach \$1 billion

BY RENA MERLE
The Washington Post

Wells Fargo said Friday that it faces a potential \$1 billion in fines to resolve government investigations into the megabank's behavior in the auto and mortgage markets.

The bank has acknowledged that it charged thousands of customers for auto insurance they didn't need, driving some to default on their loans and lose their cars through repossession. The bank has also said it will refund customers who were charged improper fees to lock in an interest rate for a Wells Fargo mortgage.

Both matters have been under investigation for months by two federal regulators, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Those regulators are offering to resolve the matter for a combined \$1 billion, the bank said. Such a large civil penalty would just be the latest hit to Wells Fargo.

"I'm confident that our outstanding team will continue to transform Wells Fargo into a better, stronger company," Tim Sloan, the bank's chief executive, said in a statement, "However, we recognize that it will take time to put all of our challenges behind us."

San Francisco-based Wells Fargo has been struggling to rebuild its reputation since acknowledging in 2016 that it had opened millions of sham accounts customers didn't want. Its longtime chief executive resigned, and Wells paid millions in fines. Last month, the Federal Reserve levied an unprecedented penalty against the bank, blocking its ability to expand.

Billionaire's \$900M could save Toys R Us

BY KATHERINE DOHERTY AND STEVEN CHURCH
Bloomberg

NEW YORK — Billionaire Isaac Larian, the toy marketer whose lineup includes Little Tikes and Bratz dolls, offered to save part of Toys R Us from liquidation with an almost \$900 million bid for stores in the U.S. and Canada.

Larian would pay \$675 million and \$215 million for outlets in Canada, he said Friday in a statement. The funds will come from Larian himself and bank financing, including UBS Group and Bank of America Corp., Larian told Bloomberg in an emailed statement.

The would-be rescuer is the chief executive officer of MGA Entertainment Inc., which sells toys including L.O.L. Surprise! and Baby Born. Larian previously started a GoFundMe campaign to help keep Toys R Us open, with

the page now showing pledges of \$200 million from Larian and other investors, and an additional \$58,998 from various public contributions.

The crowdfunding "was meant to bring community awareness to the effort of saving Toys R Us," he said via email. "We are financing this from personal funds as well as bank financing."

Larian's statement said a formal bid had been put in, but he said later via email that "the bids are going in today." He's working with advisers, whom he declined to name, and said he intends to bid for about 274 U.S. stores. Representatives for Toys R Us and UBS declined to comment, and BofA didn't immediately respond to a message.

Toys R Us has until April 16 to notify Larian and any other bidders whether their offers are sound enough to be part of an auction. Under bidding rules approved by a bank-



CHRISTINE COTTER/AP

Isaac Larian is CEO of MGA Entertainment, whose lineup includes Little Tikes and Bratz dolls.

ruptcy judge, bidders must meet certain minimum qualifications.

Should Larian win the auction, his bid would need approval from a bankruptcy judge and could face opposition from lenders if the value falls below rival bids from firms bent on liquidating the retailer.

The court rules say a

company must accept the bid that offers the "highest and best" value, which will sometimes lead to a fight in front of the judge over which bid meets that definition. If a lower-valued offer keeps the company alive and saves jobs, the bidder can try to argue it should prevail over a higher-paying competitor.

For bids to be considered, the debtor must file a proposed form-of-sale agreement, and interested parties get the chance to object before a given deadline, Bloomberg Intelligence litigation analyst Negisa Balluku said.

Larian would join a list of bidders taking last-minute looks at parts of Toys R Us. The company drew multiple offers of over \$1 billion for its Asian business, a lawyer for Toys R Us said Wednesday in bankruptcy court. Those come amid efforts to wind down U.S. operations, after attempts to restructure the Wayne, N.J.-based business

and keep it operating collapsed.

The company filed for bankruptcy in September, hoping to shed debt and turn around the business, but after dismal sales during the holiday season, it opted to liquidate.

Toys has said it will shut all of its U.S. stores and is in the process of collecting bids from liquidation companies. The company said last month it may be able to save about 200 U.S. stores by selling them as part of auction for the Canadian division.

A complete shutdown would be a blow to toymakers such as MGA and other suppliers, since Toys R Us ranked as the industry's biggest retailer. It could also cost tens of thousands of workers their jobs. Last month the company said in court papers that it had about 30,000 employees working in the stores and distribution centers it plans to close by the end of the year.

Bernie Madoff victims to get \$504.2 million

BY STEPHEN REX BROWN
New York Daily News

Victims of Bernie Madoff will receive \$504.2 million, the government announced Thursday, bringing the total reimbursements from a Department of Justice fund to \$1.3 billion.

The money will be sent to more than 21,000 victims across the world.

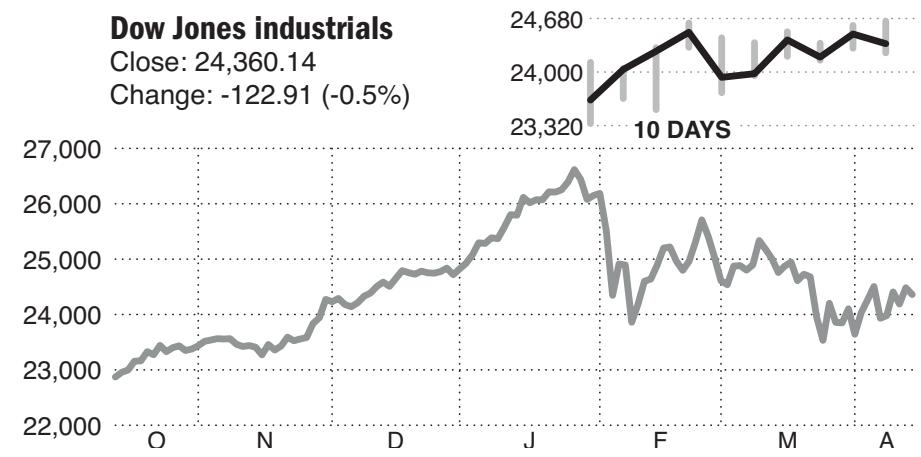
"We cannot undo the damage that Bernie Madoff has done, but today's distribution will provide significant relief to many of the victims of one of the worst frauds of all time," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said.

Last year, the government repaid \$772 million to more than 24,000 victims of the largest Ponzi scheme in history.

In 2009, Madoff, 79, was sentenced to 150 years in prison and ordered to forfeit the symbolic sum of \$170 billion.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,646.45 Low: 24,243.74 Previous: 24,483.05



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-33.60 (-.47%)	-7.69 (-.29%)	-7.82 (-.50%)
Close: 7,106.65	Close: 2,656.30	Close: 1,549.51
High: 7,183.62	High: 2,680.26	High: 1,563.75
Low: 7,078.14	Low: 2,645.05	Low: 1,545.06
Previous: 7,140.25	Previous: 2,663.99	Previous: 1,557.33

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.01 to 2.83%	+6.40 to \$1,344.80	+18 to 107.41/\$1	-0.0003 to .8108/\$1	+0.32 to \$67.39

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.79	NASD +2.77	S&P +1.99	DOW -2.35	NASD -5.02	S&P -3.48	DOW +19.10	NASD +22.42	S&P +14.06

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	480.25	481.25	469.50	472.50	-8.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	388.50	389.25	385	386.25	-2.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	1060.25	1067.25	1051.50	1054.25	-6.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 18	31.68	31.81	31.44	31.48	-.15
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 18	383.40	387.60	380.20	382.80	-.60
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 18	67.18	67.76	66.70	67.39	+0.32
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 18	2.689	2.760	2.674	2.735	+0.049
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 18	2.0598	2.0707	2.0360	2.0654	+0.0108

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	58.49	-.34	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	87.70	+0.81
AbbVie Inc	N	91.83	-.29	Equity Residential	N	61.65	+0.20
Allstate Corp	N	96.36	-.39	Exelon Corp	N	38.34	+0.58

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	29.80	-.85
Gen Electric	13.49	+0.31
JPMorgan Chase & Co	110.30	-3.07

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	1029.27	-3.24
Alphabet Inc A	1036.04	-1.25
Amazon.com Inc	1430.79	-17.71

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.86	...	+21.4
American Funds AmnrcBAlA m	26.93	...	+10.7
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	151.73	...	+10.9

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Neovasc Inc	.05	-.00
Micron Tech	52.23	-3.36
Adv Micro Dev	9.93	-.15

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.72	1.72
6-month disc	1.89	1.88
2-year	2.36	2.35

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1344.80	\$1338.40
Silver	\$16.628	\$16.443
Platinum	\$927.30	\$929.00

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The wrong way — and right way — to redo Lake Shore Drive

North Lake Shore Drive is four lanes either way, and eight never seems to be enough. We know the bottlenecks, and we know when they're at their worst: The Belmont ramp when the Cubs are in town. The Chicago Avenue traffic light intersection — always. The Le Mans-like bends through the S-curve at Oak Street Beach — always.

What would happen if one lane in each direction disappeared? You certainly would have more time to soak in the aesthetic of sailboats and Jet Skis plying the lake's shimmering expanse — as you contemplate missed meetings and furious bosses.

The notion of taking away a northbound and southbound lane of North Lake Shore Drive has been offered up by a group of civic organizations, which fervently believe Chicago would be served well if those lanes were reserved solely for CTA buses. That group includes the Metropolitan Planning Council, the Active Transportation Alliance and Friends of the Parks, among others. Their theory: More people would switch from cars to the CTA if buses could zip up and down the drive unimpeded by everyday traffic.

Encouraging Chicagoans to use their cars less — or not at all — and rely on mass transit to get around is right on target, and a goal we've repeatedly championed. Cities work better when their mass transit systems thrive.

But in the case of Lake Shore Drive, bus-only lanes would commandeer too much roadway real estate. We fear congestion that's already tiresome now would become exponentially worse. Imagine the ire of motorists stuck bumper-to-bumper alongside a wide-open lane occupied only by a bus every few minutes. We have a better idea.

Managed lanes, in which drivers pay a

bit more for the privilege of bypassing gridlock, are changing the way cities cope with traffic congestion. Yes, there are cautionary tales — in Washington, D.C., motorists on the opening day of express toll lanes on Interstate 66 found out their morning rush hour commute on a 10-mile stretch of road cost them \$34.50. But many cities report success with less onerous pricing schemes. Seattle and San Diego reported markedly improved commute times after adopting congestion pricing on highways.

The Illinois Department of Transportation and city planners are crafting a long-term plan to revamp North Lake Shore Drive. Designating a northbound and southbound lane as express toll lanes for commuters, and also allowing buses to use those lanes, should be part of that revamp. Motorists who want to get to work, or to Millennium Park, or to a doctor's appointment downtown faster can pay more for the privilege. And because traffic in those toll lanes moves faster, buses, too, would move faster.

IDOT is mulling other ideas that could radically improve traffic on the drive: Eliminating the traffic signal at the intersection with Chicago Avenue and instead building an overpass there, would ease one choke point. Adding infill that moves the shoreline farther into the lake at Oak Street Beach would allow an easing of the bends of the S-curve. Building an interchange at Addison would help remedy the jams at the Belmont Avenue ramp, particularly on game or concert days at Wrigley Field.

The designers have time to get this right. A final concept for the North Lake Shore Drive overhaul isn't expected until 2020. That gives planners plenty of time to map the right approach, one that preserves the drive's unique feel, makes getting around easier — and guards against making it worse.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

America rarely looks to the bureaucrats of Brussels for guidance. Commercial freedom appeals more than *dirigisme*. But when it comes to data privacy, the case for copying the best bits of the European Union's approach is compelling.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is due to come into force next month. It is rules-heavy and has its flaws, but its premise that consumers should be in charge of their personal data is the right one. The law lets users gain access to, and to correct, information that firms hold on them. It gives consumers the right to transfer their data to another organization. It requires companies to define how they keep data secure. And it lets regulators levy big fines if firms break the rules.

If America continues on today's path, it will fail to protect the privacy of its citizens and long-term health of its firms. America's data economy has thrived so far with hardly any rules. That era is over.

The Economist

The events along the Gaza border underscore how, no matter how hard Israel may try to wall off the Gaza Strip not only from its own territory but from our consciousness and from the universe of live and festering political issues, it cannot succeed: 1.8 million desperate and miserable people cannot be walled out of existence.

The desperation came through in some of the anecdotal reporting, such as of other young men who said they would rather die while protesting than to continue living in hopelessness. Some of them indeed voiced displeasure with Hamas, but the tens of thousands were aiming their protest at Israel, not Hamas.

Ultimately this is not a Hamas problem.

If Hamas were to vanish tomorrow then probably a more radical group would pick up the banner of resistance.

The 1.8 million are not just a term in an equation. They are human beings who feel pain and have aspirations. They cannot be wished away.

Paul Pillar, The National Interest

America's first great protectionist political figure was Alexander Hamilton, George Washington's treasury secretary. And compared to later mercantilist politicians in our history, Hamilton wasn't even that much of a protectionist.

His original U.S. tariff bill imposed an average taxation level of just 8.5 percent on imported goods. And Hamilton argued that any protection encompassed in those duties, as opposed to revenue requirements, should be discontinued as soon as protected industries established themselves in the American economy.

Hamilton's opponents, the early American free traders, feared he had created a monster, while northeastern industrialists, particularly in Pennsylvania, predictably argued that protection should be substantial and permanent to ensure national prosperity.

Therein lay the first stirrings of the great trade debate that has reverberated through our history, down to our own time and to President Trump's announcement that he intends to slap protective tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. Thus do we have the first president since Herbert Hoover who has explicitly placed protectionist sentiments at the heart of his economic philosophy.

Robert W. Merry, The American Conservative

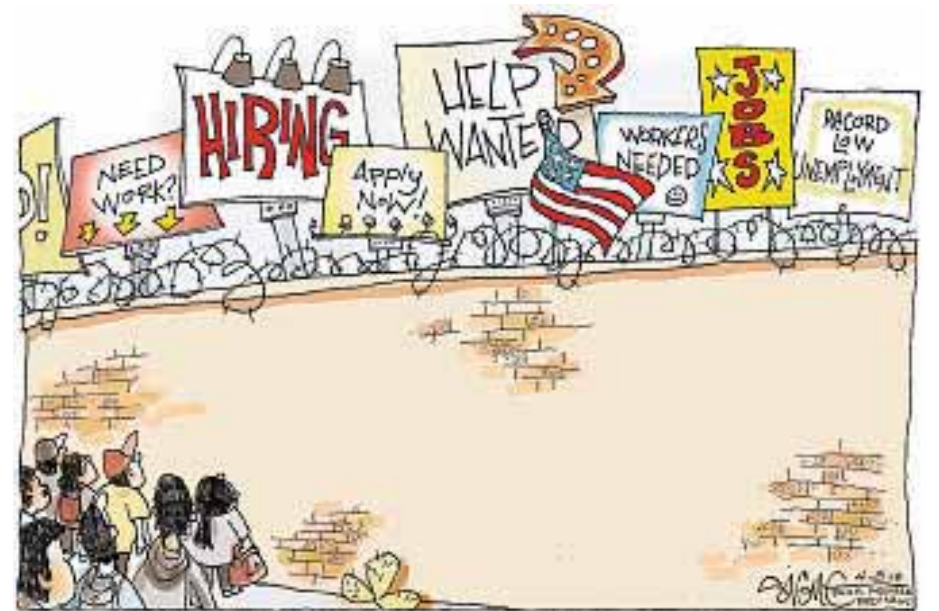
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Day of reckoning

Illinois' and Chicago's dire fiscal situations are said to be causing many residents to flee elsewhere. Without knowing it, for years we all enjoyed a "free ride" as cowardly politicians in Springfield and City Hall, afraid of being voted out if they taxed us enough to meet functional needs and pension promises, undertaxed us instead, postponing the day of reckoning by borrowing.

Families budgeted accordingly, since no one knew how big a rainy-day fund they would need by 2018 to help bail out the state and city to make up the difference and restore fiscal normalcy.

Now that day of reckoning is upon us, with all options unpalatable and scary. Even if those cowardly politicians' identities were published, sticking pins in their effigies wouldn't help. The piper must be paid.

Since the money can't be squeezed from those without it (low-earners and retirees barely making it), those same cowardly politicians had better bite the bullet and tax the corporations, the high-earners and the idle rich accordingly, or their comfy assets are apt to lose value anyway as the drift becomes a stampede of residents whose Social Security benefits and nest eggs are already maxed out just to meet living costs. That out-migration would weaken the economic base for everybody.

Taxes were demonized into a dirty word for political gain. Properly managed, they needn't be odious, as neighboring states prove. It's the underfunding to sustain the fairy tale of something for nothing, plus willfully blind bureaucratic waste and public sector pensions more lavish than can be sustained (plus interest) that are the problem. Time to face facts and act, legislators.

— Ted Z. Manuel, Chicago

A growing problem

After reading Dawn Rhodes' Sunday Tribune article, "Brain drain in state grows," the problems of Illinois continue to multiply; however, one important issue seems to be at the center of every obstacle. Al Bowman, executive director of the state's higher education board, told the Tribune that "in the \$3.4 billion budget request the education board sent to the Illinois legislature this year, half of the money would go to paying pensions."

Gov. Bruce Rauner and candidate J.B. Pritzker, in their infinite wisdom, have yet to present a solution that will take the citizens of Illinois and future generations off the hook for the growing public pension debt. Either a governor will have the guts to propose amending the Illinois Constitution, or Illinois taxpayers will continue paying ridiculous tax rates or flee the state.

Will a proposed program grow, sustain or somehow decrease the pension debt? You see my fellow Illinoisans, every conversation, idea or can't-miss project boils down to the effect on Illinois pensions. And unfortunately, our gubernatorial candidates will continue to sidestep the elephant in the room.

— Mark Zavagnin, La Grange

Hometown heroes

I am a resident of Tisdale, Saskatchewan, Canada, and a proud hockey mom. Recently, our province and hockey community suffered a tragedy beyond comprehension, losing 16 people, the Humboldt Broncos, in a horrific accident. The outpouring of love from people all over the world has been incredible, and the Chicago Blackhawks' and Winnipeg Jets' tribute on April 7 was beautiful.

A year ago, I took my two children to Winnipeg to watch the Blackhawks and

Jets. We were fortunate enough to meet many of the Blackhawks and were thrilled at their kindness and willingness to take a moment to meet their fans.

At lunch, we were surprised when a man in a Blackhawks jacket asked to join us. John Wiedeman, the radio voice of the Blackhawks, spent over an hour talking to my children about hard work, perseverance, resilience and about the amazing Blackhawks family of players, parents, coaches and those behind the scenes who ensure that the Blackhawks are people of integrity.

My children will not remember the score of the game that night, but they will always remember how their heroes took the time to say hello and pose for pictures. Even more than that, they will remember the impact that Wiedeman made on their lives through his time and message.

The tragedy in Saskatchewan not only took the lives of young men who loved to play hockey, it took the coach and the broadcaster. Thank you for keeping all those touched by this tragedy in your hearts and take a moment to appreciate the Chicago Blackhawks family for the kind and generous human beings they are.

— Leah Sisson, Tisdale, Saskatchewan

Our posturing president

It has sadly become clear that President Donald Trump's idea of Making America Great has more to do with satisfying his ego and sense of importance than truly improving life for the average American.

Rather than quietly work with the existing coalition on a response to the inhumane actions of Syria's president, Trump brags about his possible actions and places the U.S. in the crosshairs of a possible military response by Russia and Iran.

Rather than work with other Asian countries in an effort to isolate China economically and bring the Chinese to understand that their actions have consequences, the president loudly threatens a trade war in which American farmers, manufacturers and consumers will only suffer in a tit-for-tat round of expensive tariffs.

Yes, threats and posturing make Trump seem tough. But it is the average consumer who will pay the price.

— David Kravitz, Chicago

Running on time

I've been taking a Metra train to work since fall of last year. I have two Metra apps, on Time Metra and Ventra. What's amazing to me is that, in this day and age, we can create cars that drive themselves, artificial intelligence, guilt-free ice cream, elevators that move sideways, super-smart smartphones, umbrellas with cup holders, and LED slippers, yet Metra is not capable of the most simple task: letting me know when a train will arrive in my station. How hard can this be?

Yes, there is a PA system and these two wonderful apps I have on my really smart phone. Yet almost on a daily basis, either on the way to or from work, I either hear that my train will arrive in seven minutes, followed immediately by an announcement stating my train is now arriving; or there is no announcement at all, and the train just shows up; or the apps tell me my train will arrive on time, only to often be wrong. The apps are supposed to provide alerts of train delays — sometimes they do, but mostly they don't.

This might not sound like a big deal, but when it's cold out and riders want to be in a certain car based on where they need to be let off the train — or they can't move too fast due to their age or a physical ailment and dozens of people are scrambling last minute to get on the train — this ordeal becomes quite a pain in the rear car.

— Bruce Handler, Chicago

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John Malkovich narrates Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" in concert with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on Thursday.

IN PERFORMANCE

A lukewarm 'Lincoln Portrait'

Malkovich's wan narration disappoints in CSO presentation of Copland's patriotic symphony

By JOHN VON RHEIN
Chicago Tribune

It was somewhat ironic that the most eagerly awaited portion of the first concert of Riccardo Muti's April residency with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra carried the weakest impact.

The program combined American orchestral pieces of broad popular appeal from the early 1940s with the most popular symphony in the repertory that was inspired by America, Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, subtitled "From the New World." There was nothing terribly adventurous about it, but mostly familiar music helped fill plenty of seats at the performance given Thursday night at Symphony Center.

No doubt many audience members also were drawn by the prospect of hearing Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" with Illinois-born film and stage actor and longtime Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member John Malkovich making his CSO debut as narrator.

Malkovich is no stranger to the classical concert platform, having taken the stage of Orchestra Hall in 2013 when he starred as an Austrian serial killer in "The Infernal Comedy," a hybrid theater, opera and concert work writ-

ten and directed by Michael Sturminger.

For his part, Muti is no stranger to conducting Copland's setting of speeches and writings of Abraham Lincoln. The CSO music director led the Philadelphia Orchestra in a nationally televised performance in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1991, with the retired Philadelphia 76ers basketball star Julius Erving (nicknamed Dr. J) as narrator.

And Malkovich is the latest celebrity speaker from the worlds of politics, show business, classical music and American letters to take on the high-flown Lincoln-esque rhetoric of Copland's 1942 contribution to the war effort, a populist drummer designed to boost the morale of Americans reeling from the shock of Pearl Harbor.

The actor's distinguished predecessors at the CSO have included Carl Sandburg, Claude Rains, former Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner Jr., Copland himself, James Earl Jones, Jessie Norman and, memorably, the then-freshman U.S. senator Barack Obama, in 2005 at Millennium Park.

Nice as it was to have a major actor taking on "Lincoln Portrait," Malkovich's bloodless narration fell wide of the mark. Was he embarrassed by the score's fer-

vent patriotic rhetoric and oratorical grandeur? If so, he went completely in the opposite direction, declaiming the text in a flat monotone. Public speakers far less practiced than he have brought off phrases like "government of the people, by the people and for the people" far more eloquently. Understatement doesn't work with this piece.

Muti put the emphasis on rhythmic snap and surging vitality, laying on waves of thunderous brass and rumbling percussion. Taken as a whole, however, the reading was ill-balanced and failed to cohere. If Lincoln's powerful words combined with Copland's faux-naive populism cannot stir the listener, what's the point in bringing back one of the American master's lesser works?

The remaining two pieces on the shortish program, in their own ways, reflect a need to strike a chord of openhearted accessibility with a general concert public.

George Walker's brief "Lyric for Strings" dates from 1941, five years after Samuel Barber's "Adagio for Strings," whose elegiac mood it echoes. Muti shaped a flowing performance, although more resonant stage sonics would have better served the lush string sonorities. There is much more music by the distinguished, Pulitzer Prize-winning African-American composer, now 95, that the orchestra has never touched. What about it, CSO?

The "New World" Symphony marks only the second symphony of Dvorak that Muti has directed during his tenure in Chicago, following admirable performances of the Symphony No. 5 he led here and on tour in 2012.

There was much to admire, as well, in Thursday's sturdy yet warmly lyrical performance of the ever-popular Ninth. As usual with Muti, small details spoke with a freshness that banished any feeling of routine. Scott Hostetler traced a melting legato line in the famous English horn solo of the largo, although Muti's easing the pace later in the slow movement threatened to stifle forward impetus. It wasn't the best night for some of the brass players, but, altogether, Dvorak's richly melodious symphony came off enjoyably.

An audience member seated in the front row who emitted a spectacularly ill-timed cough seconds before the final chord of the third movement became the object of one of the maestro's most withering glares.

The program will be repeated at 8 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave., \$55-\$285; 312-294-3000, www.cso.org

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CRITICS PLANNER



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Gideon Adlon, from left, Kathryn Newton and Geraldine Viswanathan in "Blockers."

MICHAEL PHILLIPS MOVIES

"Blockers"

Leslie Mann, Ike Barinholtz and John Cena play the blockers of the title, friends since their daughters bonded in elementary school. Now the girls are graduating seniors. One day at lunch the girls make a pact to lose their virginity on prom night. Some casual digital monitoring reveals the plan to their parents. From there "Blockers" becomes a tracking device of a sex comedy. The middle-age killjoys follow the girls from prom to lakeside after-party to hotel bash. Some of the gags are centuries old; other scenes redirect the movie to a fresher place. The girls' friendship, however, is what makes "Blockers" more than an elevator pitch. One trio gets 'em in the door; the other trio keeps 'em there. *R, 1-42, comedy*

CHRIS JONES THEATER

"Hang Man"

At the beginning of "Hang Man" in the tiny Gift Theatre in Jefferson Park, an African-American Mississippian climbs up high in the sudden darkness, inserts his neck into a noose and swings. It was enough on opening night to elicit gasps from audience members. This world premiere by Stacy Osei-Kuffour doesn't get much easier from there. "Hang Man" is a work about racism and self-loathing; there has not been a lynching, at least not in how that heinous word usually is understood. You will not easily arrive at villains and heroes on Osei-Kuffour's watch. *Through April 29 at Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$30-\$40; 773-283-7071, www.thegifttheatre.org*

GREG KOT ROCK

Sarah Shook, "Years"

Sarah Shook's "Years" (Bloodshot) is an album about what happens to a woman when her seemingly endless trope of patience runs out. On "Lesson," the Disarmers sound like a great garage-rock band, evoking "Nuggets"-era pithiness, venom and catchiness. Hard lessons rain down as the album closes. In "Heartache in Hell," the pace slows to a crawl. "Give anything I possess to drown even a little less, but I ain't cut out for it," she sings. The words themselves aren't particularly remarkable, but Shook's delivery leaves blood on the floor. She elongates "cut," slides fatally on "out," then turns "for it" into a sigh. The wrenching tone gives way to the no-nonsense clarity of the title song. "There was a time you were good to me and we took on new frontiers, there was a time that you were kind to me," but those times are gone. You can practically see Shook closing the door behind her as she walks out into the dawn.

JOHN VON RHEIN CLASSICAL

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The company closes its season with a double bill of rarely performed one-acters by Gaetano Donizetti — his first opera, "Il Pigmalione," and one of his last, the opera buffa "Rita." Francesco Miloto will conduct a production directed by Amy Hutchison that ties together the works and sets them in 1940s Italy. *Opens at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and plays through April 22, Studebaker Theater, 410 S. Michigan Ave., \$45-\$145; 312-704-8414, www.chicagooperatheater.org*

IN PERFORMANCE

Price's wide range turns country upside down

By GREG KOT
Chicago Tribune

With her fringe sleeves and robust twang, Margo Price looks and often sounds like an artist steeped in country tradition.

She opened her encore with the honky-tonk of "Hurting" (on the Bottle), built on a classic country theme marinated in alcohol, and then melded it with Willie Nelson's "Whiskey River." For a brief moment in the first of two concerts Thursday at Thalia Hall, Price transformed the 19th-century Chicago landmark into a Texas roadhouse.

But Price wasn't interested in straight homage to country tradition. With a half-dozen musicians providing dynamic support, the singer from rural western Illinois offered an expansive take on many of the songs from her acclaimed albums, "Midwest Farmer's Daughter" (2016) and last year's "All American Made."

The first three songs established the wide stylistic reach. With mallets and counterpoint keyboards and pedal steel anchored by an authoritative guitar riff, "Nowhere Fast" became a

moody swirl that reflected the turbulent emotions in the lyrics. "Weakness" turned on the clever wordplay and light bounce of so much Nashville country-pop, but "A Little Pain" embraced the syncopation and grit of a Deep South soul ballad.

On "Cocaine Cowboys," Price jumped on the drums as the song stretched into an extended jam accented with funk guitar. After that crescendo, she dramatized the contrast to the introspective "All American Made" by performing it solo at the electric piano. It painted a bleak picture of political corruption, but the singer lightened the mood immediately: "I hated my piano teacher," she said. "Those mistakes, those were for her."

There weren't many mistakes to count, but the free-wheeling music ensured that this would not be a rote recitation of the tightly scripted songs on her albums. "Do Right by Me" bridged blues and country, then soared with gospel fervor. "Four Years of Chances" became a rock stomp, and "This Town Gets Around" and "Paper Cowboy" served as bookend commentaries



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Margo Price mixed ballads and rockers at Thalia Hall on Thursday.

on music-industry pieties and falsehoods. The latter started in a relatively subdued space before going up in acid-rock flames, with Price once again augmenting the powerhouse rhythms on drums.

As Price and her band wove country's earthier virtues through songs that got downright cosmic at times, they never sounded like they were merely showing off. Price's supple voice proved conversant with everything from blues to soul. And on an encore of John Fogerty's

"Proud Mary," she first nodded toward Creedence Clearwater Revival's original version on acoustic guitar, then embodied Tina Turner's raucous interpretation as she strutted across the stage in a glittering dress. She's a tough artist to pin down — no wonder her music felt so unencumbered by borders.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Poor People's TV Room' ★★★ 1/2

Oprah and Boko Haram history in a difficult work

BY LAUREN WARNECKE
Chicago Tribune

"There was a time, way, way back, when Oprah was a human being," said Thuli Dumakude near the beginning of Okpokwasili's "Poor People's TV Room," running through Sunday at the MCA.

The line is a welcome break from the intense opening to this interdisciplinary work for four women, whose ages span a few generations. Dumakude is the eldest, spending much of the work's overture seated stoically in a patio chair.

She is a calming presence in an otherwise saturated space; visual elements by scenic designer Peter Born section off the upstage space using translucent plastic sheeting, behind which is Okpokwasili, topless, her body shuddering and convulsing as it moves in and out of our field of vision. Downstage of her is Katrina Reid, who traces a diagonal path alongside Okpokwasili. It's what dancers call the "strong diagonal" — the line from upstage left to downstage right is thought to provide the strongest visual punch for the audience member's eye.

Reid and Okpokwasili come together on a large wooden platform. Looking straight at the stage, one simply sees two women lying down together. Above them hang artifacts from home: lamps, a table and an old-fashioned cathode ray tube television. But this seemingly random collection of suspended housewares transforms the platform into a nondescript living room when a camera films the women from above and the image is projected onto a large white screen. This is the "TV Room": an ordinary space literally turned on its



IAN DOUGLAS PHOTO

"Poor People's TV Room" is an interdisciplinary work that touches on the world's "collective amnesia."

When: Through Sunday

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side. Reid slides into a chair, and pulls her breast from her bra. Okpokwasili appears to drink.

This infantilizing image of Okpokwasili's long, lanky body at Reid's breast, though startling, is a cue that this sideways world of the TV Room is about accessing memory — history. Specifically, Okpokwasili uses the 1929 Women's War in Nigeria and the Boko Haram kidnappings as a catalyst for describing the world's "collective amnesia," as she calls it.

Meanwhile, Nehemoyia Young has been crawling on hands and knees, covered in a blanket. When she emerges, she sits with Dumakude, who then stands up to give that line about Oprah. It's a moment of clarity in a confusing, circular world that bombards its viewers with walls and walls of nonlinear text, the theme of

which seems to be about transformation or political activism. "What if perpetual transformation is just stagnation?" says Dumakude, with a nod toward Oprah's commodified efforts in weight loss.

Okpokwasili and Reid offer the most "danced" sections of the evening, moving together in slow motion, and then separately, in manifestations of Reid's initial solo. Okpokwasili's iteration of this, for me, offers the most poignant images of the night.

At the end, the whole stage fades to black. Dumakude and Okpokwasili, the two vocalists in the cast, sing a mournful, somber tune. There are so many salient images here, but I have to admit, I struggled with this piece.

I leave it to others whose histories and expertise are more informed about this work's many references to determine its effectiveness. For me, multiple viewings might be needed to really get inside of this work. I didn't feel particularly transformed or transfixed in the way that I expected, but I also recognize that it's not for or about me.

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ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Relatives grab unearned credit

Dear Amy: Can you resolve a family debate? Whenever my niece or nephew (they are my brother's kids) do something great (get into a top college, look beautiful in a picture, become the top football scorer) my dad and my sisters and I all say something to them like, "You got that from our side of the family" or "You got that from me," or "You are smart because of us."

We say this to show them how proud we are of them. I have heard (third-hand) that my niece thinks that we are jerks because her mom "makes more money and is more educated than all four of her aunts put together."

Is what we have been saying wrong? Doesn't she owe us all an apology? My brother is the only one of us with children, so we like to see some of ourselves in his kids. What is wrong with that?

—Wondering

Dear Wondering: Not having children shouldn't make you so dense regarding what is wrong with what you are doing, which is to basically claim another person's success as (partly) your own.

Many of us will reflexively make comments like: "You get your smarts (or looks, or spunk) from MY side of the family..." but these comments should always be delivered with an obvious wink and a nod — and a clear understanding that you are joshing.

When you and your family members always respond this way to your niece and nephew, this is what they hear: "You wouldn't have achieved this without the wonderful

qualities you've inherited from me."

When you break off a little part of someone else's hard-won achievement and claim it for yourself, you not only diminish the individual's hard work, but you also manage to deny that person's DNA from the other side of their family. So basically it's a two-fer of an insult. If you are perpetually doing this to these younger family members, I can see why your niece finally snapped. So no, she does not owe you an apology for basically delivering an accurate assessment of your behavior. You and other family members can demonstrate how awesome you are by changing your own behavior and apologizing to her.

Dear Amy: Two of my friends, "Christine" and "Eric," have been dating since midway through senior year of high school; we are now all college freshmen.

In the past two months, Christine has become extremely close to another mutual friend, "Michael." This attraction is obvious to everyone in our friend group. Michael and Christine physically touch often and spend a lot of time alone together. Their behavior does not change when Eric is present.

In my interactions with Eric and Christine, they have never seemed emotionally intimate. Christine is very controlling and manipulative toward Eric.

Eric knows about the relationship between Christine and Michael, but does not seem willing to confront either of them. I don't know if Christine and Michael's relationship

makes Eric uncomfortable, but it makes the rest of my friend group uncomfortable. What, if anything, should I do to make sure that Eric is not hurt or being used?

— Meddling in Minnesota

Dear Meddling: This type of nebulous or confusing relationship behavior is never fun to witness, but it is not unusual for a big transition like the first year of college where students often push relationship boundaries.

Unfortunately, this is not your relationship, and there is not a lot that you can do to make your high school friend grow up and engage in a more mature relationship.

All you can really do in a situation like this is to be present for your friend. Let him know that if he wants to talk, you are available. Knowing that someone is there for him when he's being overshadowed may give him the courage to stand up for himself.

If this behavior continues and you start to suspect that he is being physically or emotionally abused, assure him that you are in his corner, and suggest that he make an appointment with a counselor on campus.

Dear Readers: I still receive, read and appreciate "Ask Amy" postal mail. I have a new postal address, so I am noting it here. People wanting to write to me can address mail to "Ask Amy" PO Box 194, Freeville, NY 13068.

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WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Hazel E

"Iyanla, Fix My Life" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., OWN): Fans of the reality show "Love & Hip Hop: Hollywood" may remember cast member Hazel E, who went on some social media rants against dark-skinned women and gay people, sparking a backlash on Twitter. In the new episode "Broken Reality: Hazel E.," Iyanla works with the former reality starlet to get to the root of her inexplicable meltdown.

"Ransom" (7 p.m., CBS): Eric and Zara (Luke Roberts, Nazneen Contractor) experience a hostage situation from the other side as they become captives of an armed man while they're working for an investment bank in the new episode "Alters."

"Elvis Presley: The Searcher" (7 p.m., 2:05 a.m., HBO): Filmmaker Thom Zinny, whose previous HBO projects include three well-received Bruce Springsteen documentaries, turns his focus to the creative journey of another musical titan in this new two-part documentary, which airs tonight in its entirety. Part 1 examines Elvis Presley's early life in Tupelo, Miss., where both black and white gospel music provided strong inspiration. He shot to fame in a single year — 1956 — with a string of hit records and memorable TV performances. Part 2 immediately follows.

"All Saints" (7 p.m., Starz): Based on a true story, this moving 2017 drama recounts the story of Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), a salesman turned pastor who is dispatched to a tiny, moribund congregation whose church is about to be closed. When a group of Burmese refugees joins the congregation, however, Michael senses the potential to help both these Asian newcomers as well as the rest of the community. Barry Corbin, who starred with Corbett in "Northern Exposure," has a featured role, along with Cara Buono and David Keith.

"Before I Fall" (8 p.m., Showtime): The "Groundhog Day" premise of a person being compelled to relive the same day over and over gets a decidedly non-comedic makeover in this murky 2017 thriller starring Zoey Deutch ("The Disaster Artist") as Samantha Kingston, a teenager who goes through a thoroughly unsettling day that culminates in a vehicular accident that kills her and her friends. Events begin to repeat themselves when she awakes the next morning. Halston Sage ("The Orville") and Logan Miller ("Guardians of the Galaxy") also star.

"The Book of John Gray" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., OWN): A new episode called "The Chapter on For Better or For Worse" finds John and Aventer working with a couple who find themselves on the very brink of divorce. Later, John helps a veteran struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder find the path back to emotional and spiritual health. Actress LeToya Luckett and her fiance arrive in Houston for a session of premarital counseling with John and Aventer.

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BROADCAST	CBS 2	Ransom: "Alters." (N) ©	48 Hours ©			48 Hours ©		News (N) †
	NBC 5	NHL Hockey: Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins. Eastern Conference quarterfinal, Game 2. (N) (Live) ©						NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC 7	The Crossing: "Pilot." ©	Station 19: "Shock to the System." ©			20/20 ©		Eyewitness News (N) †
	WGN 9	Collateral (R,'04) *** Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx. A contract killer uses a cabdriver for his jobs. ©				WGN Weekend News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		Man of the People (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Morning McHale	Knows Best	Jack Benny		Burns/Allen Jeannie		Bewitched
	This TV 9.3	The Saint ©	The Saint ©			The Saint ©		The Saint †
	PBS 11	800 Words (N) ©	Father Brown: "The Jackdaw's Revenge." (N) ©			Death in Paradise (N) ©		I Want My Wife- (N)
	The U 26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Burgers
	MeTV 26.3	Svengoolie: "Abbott and Costello Go to Mars." ©				Batman ©	Batman ©	Star Trek †
	H&I 26.4	Hunter ©	Hill Street Blues ©			Hill Street Blues ©		Wiseguy †
	Bounce 26.5	† (5) Blue Hill Avenue **	The Long Kiss Goodnight (R,'96) *** Geena Davis. †					
	FOX 32	UFC Fight Night: Poirier vs. Gaethje (N) (Live) ©				Fox 32 News at Nine Saturday (N)		Love Connection †
	Ion 38	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU †
	Telem 44	† KF Panda 2 Iron Man 2 (PG-13,'10) ** Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow. ©						Noticiero
	CW 50	AHL Hockey: Rockford IceHogs at Chicago Wolves. (N) (Live)						Crimes †
UniMas 60	† (6) El señor fotógrafo	Te Presento a Laura (NR,'10) Martha Higareda.					Halloween †	
WJYS 62	Paid Prog. Moses	Bishop	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ultimate	
Univ 66	† (6:55) Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)				Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) †			
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©	Live PD: "Live PD -- 04.14.18." (N) © †					
	AMC	† Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse				Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse †		
	ANIM	The Zoo: Bronx Tales (N)	The Zoo (N) ©			The Zoo ©		The Zoo †
	BBCA	† (5:30) Goldfinger ***	Casino Royale (PG-13,'06) *** Daniel Craig, Eva Green. © †					
	BET	† (6:55) Soul Plane (R,'04) ** Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold.				Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain ('13) ** †		
	BIGTEN	BTN Football in 60 ©	B1G Spring Football			College Football †		
	BRAVO	† (6:44) The Shawshank Redemption (R,'94) **** Tim Robbins. ©						Shaw †
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	News (N)
	CNBC	Undercover Boss ©	Undercover Boss ©			Undercover Boss ©		Boss †
	CNN	CNN Special Report (N)	The Kennedys			C. Amanpour (N)		Anthony †
	COM	† Friends With Benefits ***	Step Brothers (R,'08) ** Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly. ©					
	DISC	Deadliest Catch: "Battle From the Docks to the Sea." (N) ©						Sea Gold †
	DISN	† (6:45) Teen Beach 2 (NR,'15) ** ©	Stuck	Stuck		Bizaardvark		Bunk'd ©
	E!	Meet the Parents (PG-13,'00) *** Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. ©				Meet the Fockers *** †		
	ESPN	NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Philadelphia 76ers. (N) (Live)				NBA Basketball (N) †		
	ESPN2	The Draft	The Draft	Rookie	Inside	Inside	SportsCenter (N) © †	
	FNC	Watters' World (N) ©	Justice With Jeanine (N)			Greg Gutfeld (N)		Watters †
	FOOD	Diners, Drive Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive
	FREE	† Monsters University ***	(7:50) Inside Out (PG,'15) *** Phyllis Smith ©					Siren © †
	FX	† (6) The Martian (PG-13,'15) *** Matt Damon. ©	Trust: "The House of Getty." ©					
	HALL	† (6) Once Upon a Prince	Destination Wedding (NR,'17) Alexa PenaVega. ©					Golden Girls Bargain
	HGTV	Fixer Upper ©	Fixer Upper ©			Lakefront (N)		
	HISTV	(7:05) Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper: "Greco-Roman Weapons." (N) ©						Forged †
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	There's Something About Mary (R,'98) *** Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon. ©						Evan Alm †
	LIFE	The Midwife's Deception (NR,'18) Katie Savoy. ©				(9:02) Twin Betrayal (NR,'18) © †		
	MSNBC	The Last Word	The 11th Hour			Deadline: White House		Hardball †
	MTV	The Waterboy (PG-13,'98) * Adam Sandler. ©				Jersey Shore--Vacation		Jersey †
	NBCSCH	† Minor League Baseball: RailRiders at Knights (N)				Beverly Hills Dog Show (N) †		
	NICK	Henry (N)	Knight (N)	Star Falls (N)	Full House	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
	OVATION	† (6) The People vs. Larry Flynt (R,'96) *** ©				Artful Detective (N)		Tomorrow †
	OWN	Iyanla, Fix My Life ©	Iyanla, Fix My Life (N) ©			Book, J. Gray (N)		Iyanla †
	OXY	Snapped ©	Snapped ©			Snapped: "Whitney Harris." ©		Snapped †
	PARMT	Fast Five (PG-13,'11) ** Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. ©						John Wick †
	SYFY	† Superman	Shooter (R,'07) ** Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña. ©					
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	
TCM	The Eagle and the Hawk (NR,'33) ***	Hell's Angels (PG,'30) *** Ben Lyon, Jean Harlow. †						
TLC	Trading Spaces: "New Roles." (N) ©				Nate & Jeremiah (N)		Trading †	
TLN	Exalted	Pacific Garden Mission	In Grace		Humanitarian		Pure Pas	
TNT	Star Wars: The Force Awakens (PG-13,'15) *** Harrison Ford. ©						Star Wars †	
TOON	Cleveland	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Family Guy	Dragon (N)	Dragon	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©	Ghost Adventures (N) ©			Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost †	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom: "Pilot." Mom ©		King	
USA	NCIS: "Detour." ©	NCIS: "So It Goes." ©			NCIS: "16 Years." ©		Unsolved †	
VH1	Next Friday (R,'00) ** Ice Cube, Mike Epps. ©				Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13,'06) **			
WE	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©			Criminal Minds ©		Criminal †	
WGN America	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods ©			Blue Bloods ©		Messenger	
PREMIUM	HBO	Elvis Presley: The Searcher: "Part 1." (N) ©				(8:49) Elvis Presley: The Searcher (N)		
	HBO2	Gifted (PG-13,'17) ** Chris Evans.			(8:45) The Beguiled (R,'17) *** Colin Farrell.			
	MAX	Erin Brockovich (R,'00) *** Julia Roberts. ©			(9:15) Duplicity (PG-13,'09) *** © †			
	SHO	The Chi: "Quaking Grass." † Before I Fall (PG-13,'17) ** ©			(9:40) Billions © †			
	STARZ	All Saints (PG,'17) *** John Corbett. ©			(8:51) Howards End ©		East Prom †	
STZNC	† (6:23) Gladiator (R,'00) *** Russell Crowe.				Spartacus: Gods		Shallows †	

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April 20th 7:00pm
Immigrants in Entertainment
Melissa Harris-Perry leads a panel conversation with Bambadjan Bamba (Marvel's Black Panther), Nico Santos (NBC's Superstore), Rafael Agustín (The CW's Jane the Virgin), and Reshma Shetty (USA's Royal Pains) on immigrants and immigration in entertainment, and being an immigrant in Hollywood.
An opening night reception with a DJ and complimentary beer and wine will follow immediately afterward.

April 21th 1:00pm
Bisbee '17
Follow characters in Bisbee, Arizona, an old copper-mining town just miles from the Mexican border, as they struggle to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the infamous Bisbee Deportation.

5:00pm
The Women's Movement: Where do we go from here?
Paola Mendoza, Artistic Director of the Women's March, leads a panel conversation with leaders in the women's movement. How are the voices of women changing our country, and what's next?

7:30pm
Secret Screening
Followed by a panel conversation with Emmy-Nominated Filmmaker Hans Charles (Netflix's 13th), Menelek Lumumba, and Kelly Lytle Hernandez, moderated by Dr. Iva Carnuthers.

April 22th 1:00pm
This Is Home
An intimate portrait of four Syrian families arriving in Baltimore, Maryland and struggling to find their footing. Winner: World Cinema Documentary Audience

5:30pm
Comedy Night at DAFF
Presented in partnership with The Second City and its Harold Ramis Film School, Comedy Night at DAFF will feature performances by Tamer Kattan, Zahra Noorbakhsh, Felonious Monk, Alex Kumin and more TBA. Hosted by Baratunde Thurston (Comedy Central's The Daily Show).

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (April 14): Family wealth grows this year. Create professional plans and visions. Increase organization and structure. Reduce, revise and simplify. Strategize for household renovation and career action this summer, before romantic fun distracts. Shift directions with a group effort for winter victories.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Your confidence is returning. Finish up old business. Contribute to a miracle. Compassion is all around. You can find what you need.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Private acts of compassion feel good. Take care of yourself so you can care for others. Rest, and figure out your next moves.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Strengthen a team effort. Build structures for support. Friends together can get much farther than a single individual. Collaborate and communicate your views.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Continue keeping your word. Your reputation grows, and so does your professional status. Do the groundwork. Handle details behind the scenes. Provide excellence.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Expand your boundaries and limitations. Take a trip, or just get outside. Make or strengthen long-distance connections. Study and explore.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Negotiate and strategize for shared benefit. Read the fine print before signing. Come up with imaginative solutions. Stay in communication. Make payments and contributions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Your partner has an excellent suggestion. Listen and consider. Old assumptions could get challenged. Not everyone thinks the same.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Build strength and support structures. Maintain health and fitness practices. Use it or lose it! Put your heart into your work and play.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. You're especially attractive and charismatic. Spend time with someone who has your heart. Accept a gift. Love blooms and takes your breath away.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Make a good impression with family. Adapt to new domestic circumstances. Your optimism and generosity don't go unnoticed. Clean up, and discover buried treasure.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Check in with your networks to discover the latest. You hear glad tidings. Good news travels fast. Verify from a second source before publishing.

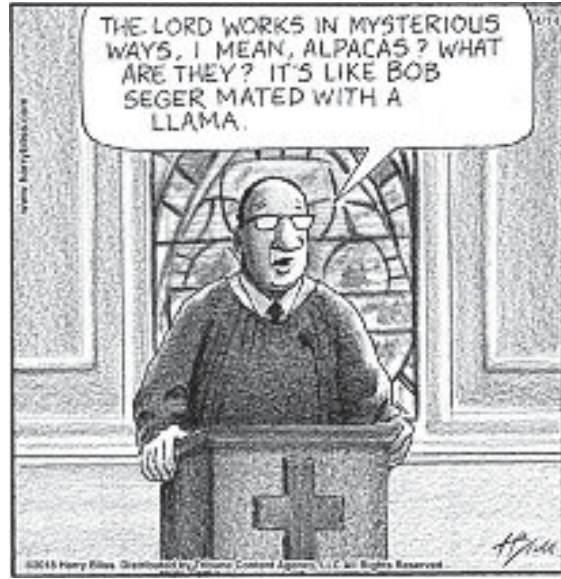
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Manage your money to keep a deadline. An older person has valuable advice. Your ideas are attracting attention. Handle transactions and exchanges.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

North		East	
♠ Q73	♥ A85	♠ A10962	♥ J2
♦ AJ2	♣ K865	♦ 1083	♣ QJ2
West		South	
♠ K854	♥ 9743	♠ J	♥ KQ106
♦ 96	♣ 1094	♦ KQ754	♣ A73

"Upside-Down Count and Attitude," or UDCA, is a common signaling agreement among modern tournament players. It simply reverses the normal meaning of a defensive signal — a high card is discouraging and a low card encouraging. Any agreement can bite you on a bad day, and today's deal is an example.

South's ambitious bidding put him in a contract that appeared doomed. There was a certain spade loser and a club loser, not to mention the missing jack of hearts. One side effect of being a poor bidder is that you get a lot of practice declaring bad contracts. That experience can help you develop some clever techniques.

South played low from dummy on the opening club lead and East, who was playing UDCA with his partner, followed with the encouraging two. South threw a cloud of mystery over the hand when he smoothly ducked and allowed West's 10 to win the trick. Who can blame poor West for continuing the suit? His 10 had held the trick and his partner had encouraged. He quickly led another club, which South captured with the ace. Three rounds of diamonds drew the trumps. The 3-3 club split provided a discard for South's losing spade and the jack of hearts was kind enough to drop. Making six!

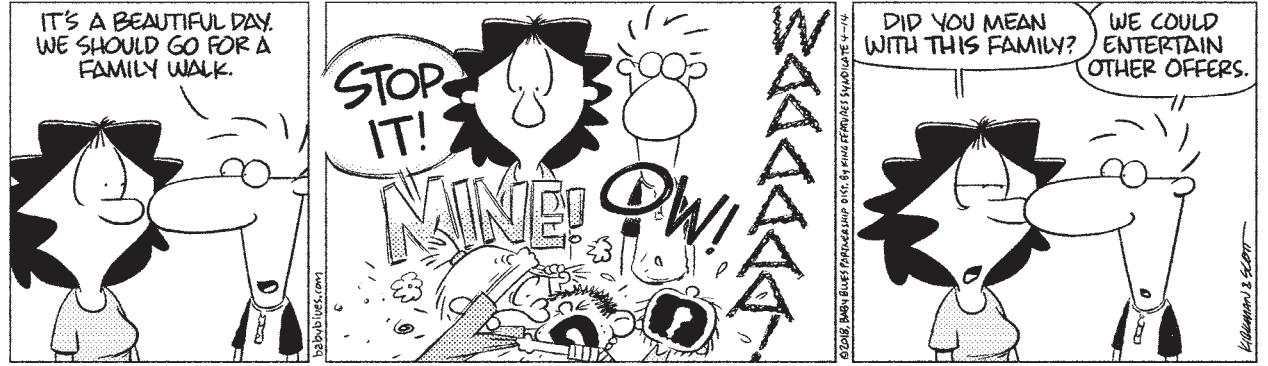
East could have saved the day for the defense by overtaking the 10 of clubs with the jack at trick one. Should South duck, East could cash his ace of spades. Would you have done this?

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

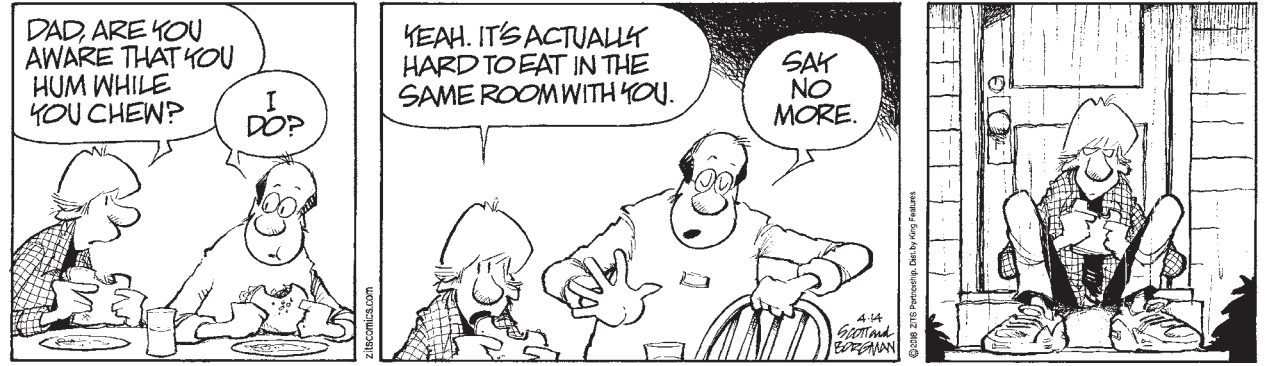
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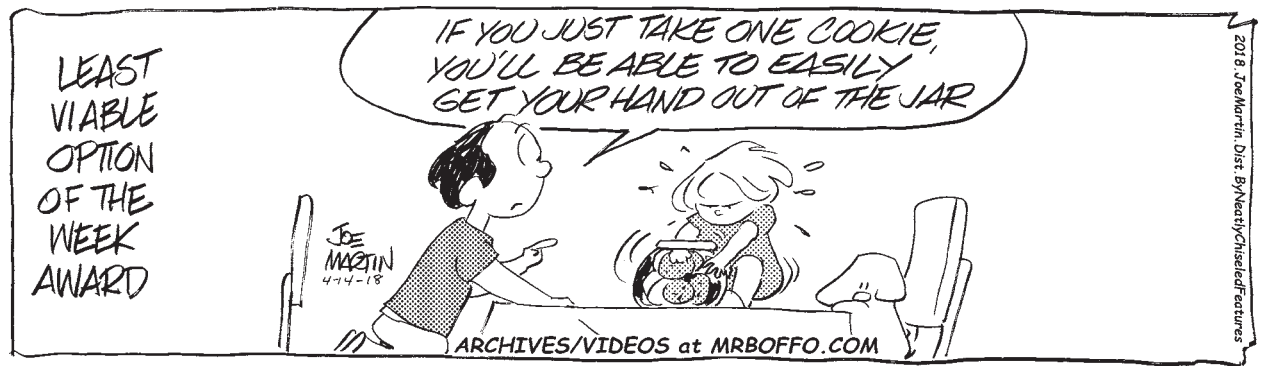
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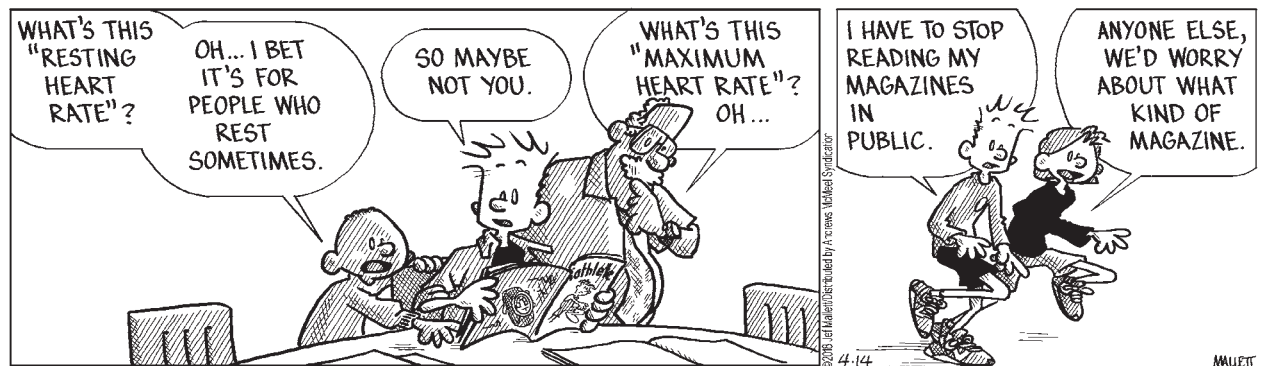
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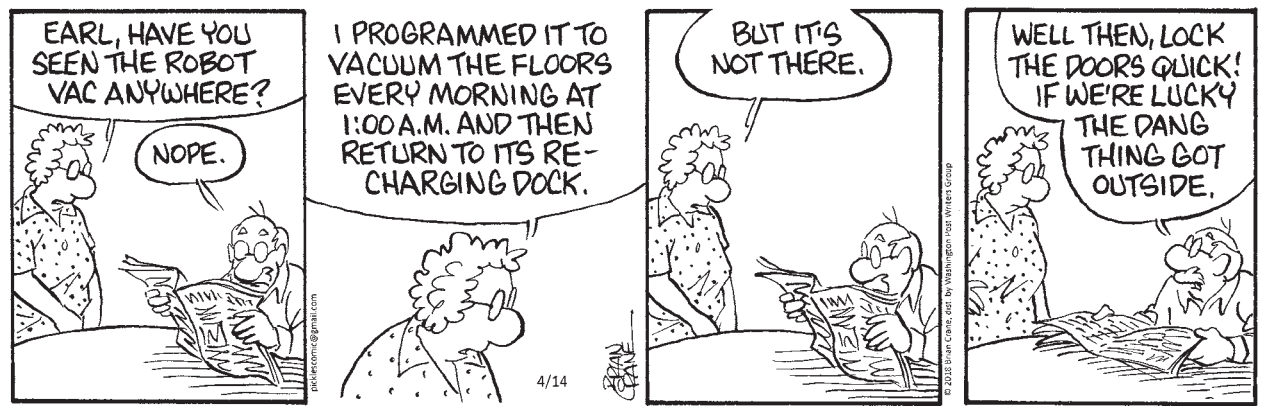
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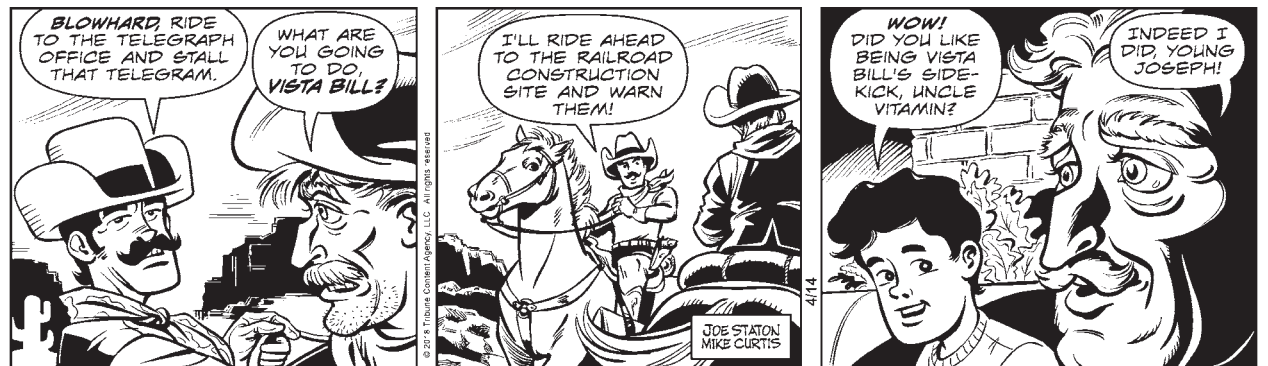
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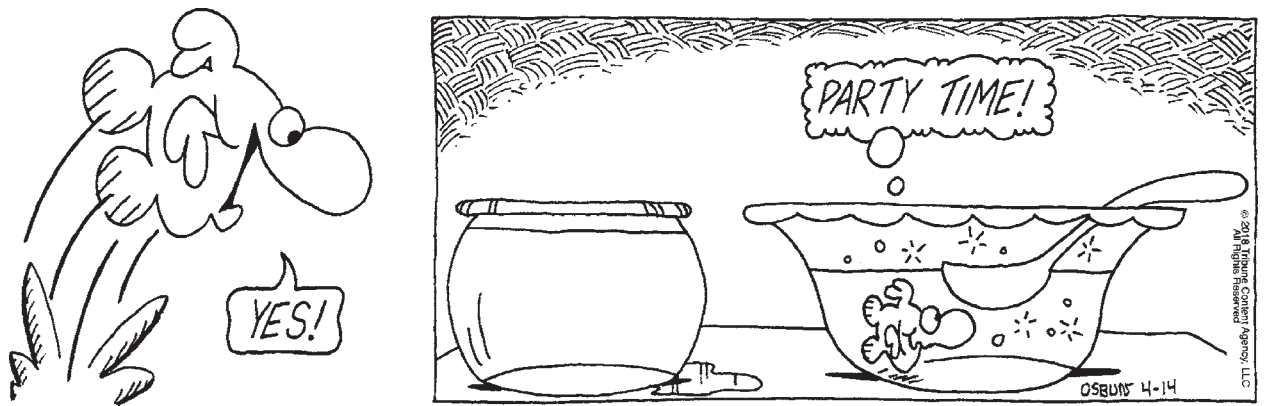
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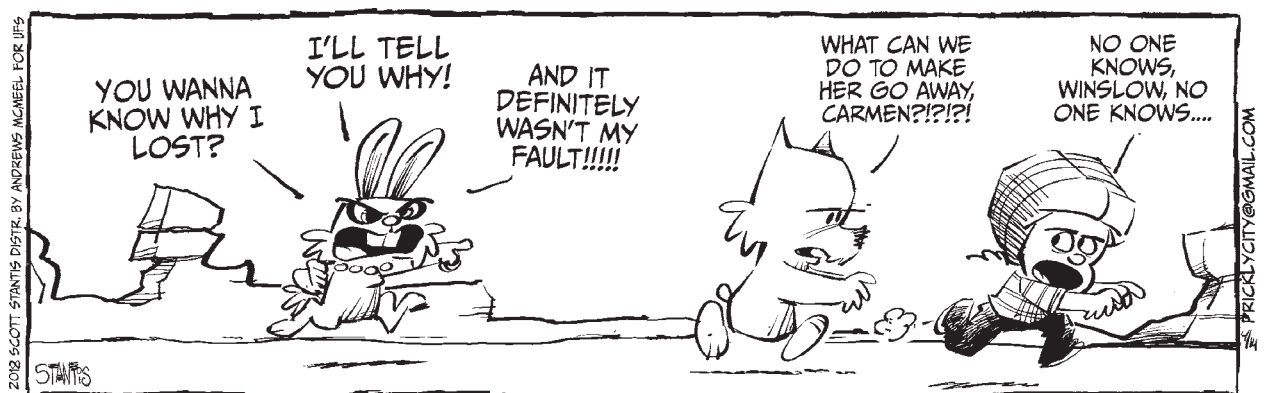
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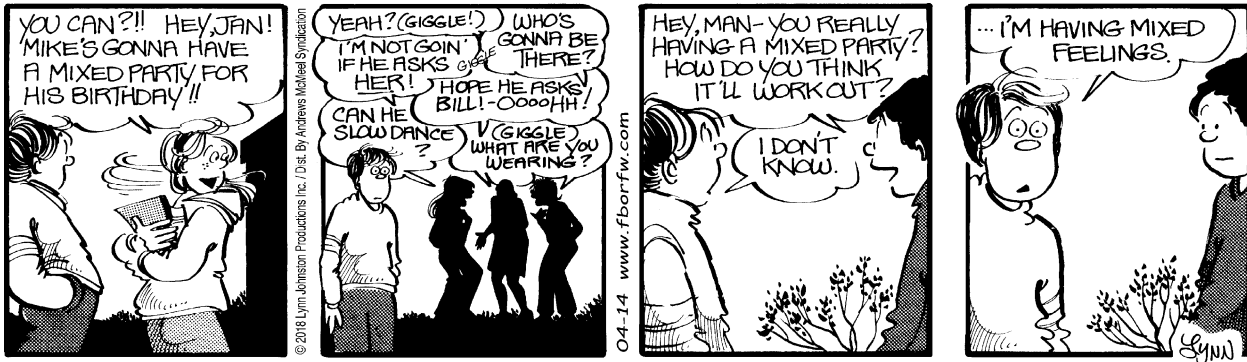
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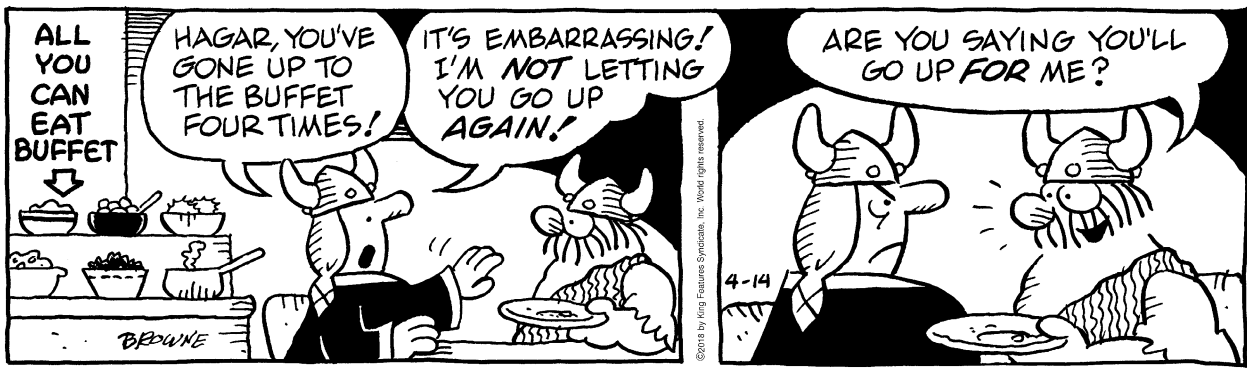
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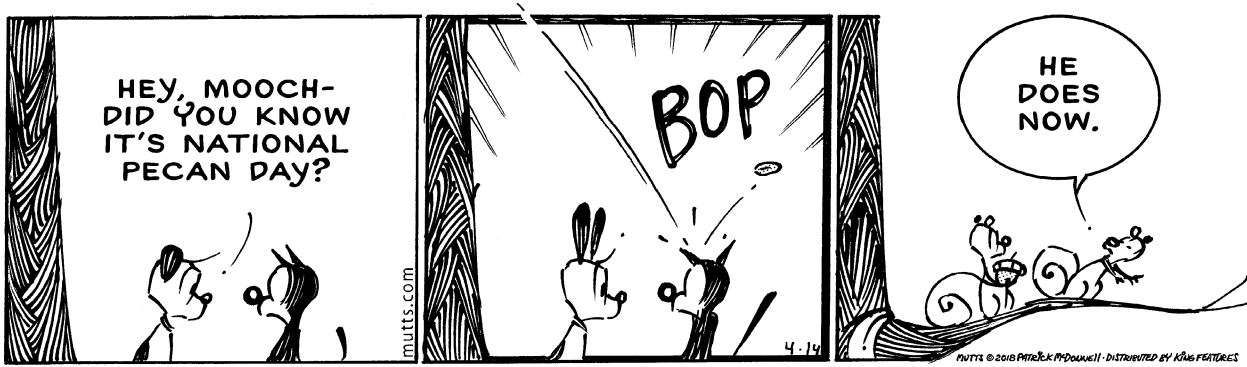
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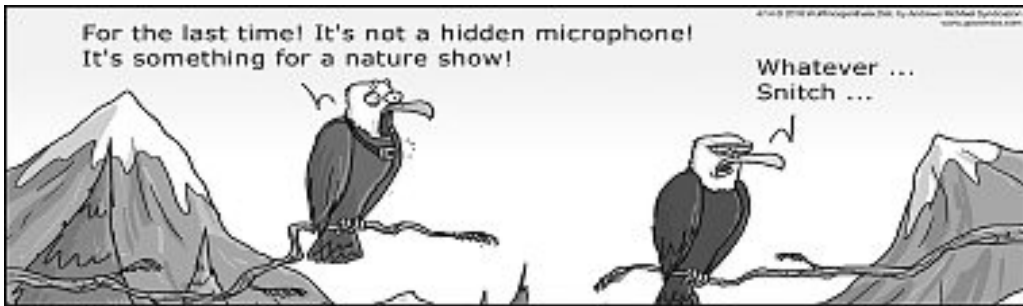
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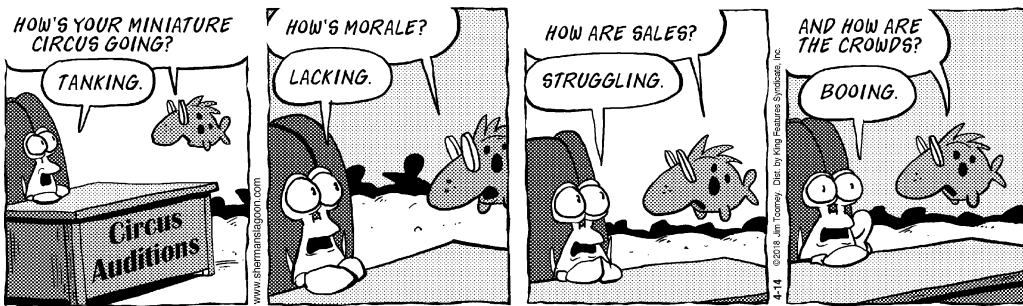
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Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



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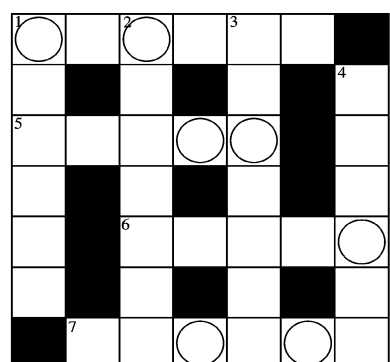
Trivia Bits

Napoleon's Continental Blockade made it nearly impossible to buy coffee in France, so people drank a beverage made from what root instead?

- A) Cassava
- B) Celery
- C) Chicory
- D) Jicama

Friday's answer: Cologne, Germany.

Jumble Crossword



4-14-18

DOUBLE BONUS

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

By David L. Hoyt.

- ACROSS**
- CLUE ANSWER
- Train
 - Canadian
 - Older person
 - clock
- DOWN**
- CLUE ANSWER
- Pill
 - history
 - Regal realm
 - acid

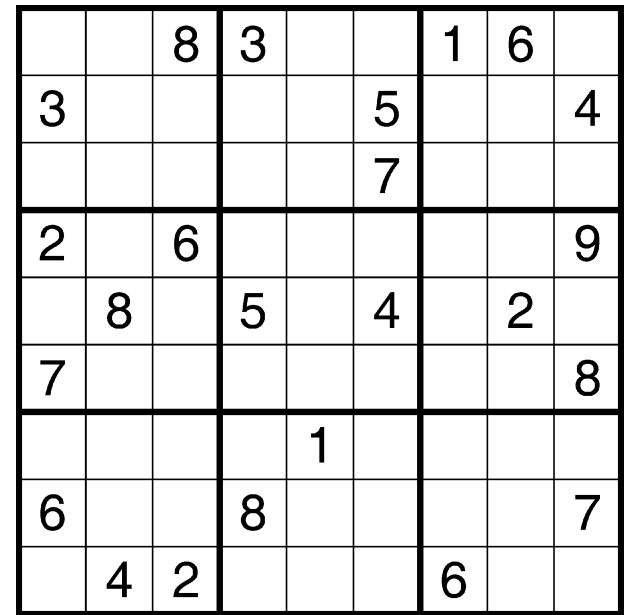
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

I would love to hear from you... You can e-mail me at: DLHoyt@aol.com

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Sudoku 1234

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2	6	3	7	5	9	1	8	4
8	7	9	4	2	1	6	3	5
4	1	5	6	8	3	9	7	2
3	2	6	9	4	7	5	1	8
7	9	8	5	1	6	4	2	3
1	5	4	2	3	8	7	9	6
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9	3	2	1	6	4	8	5	7
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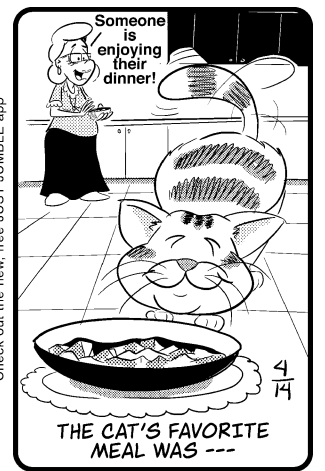
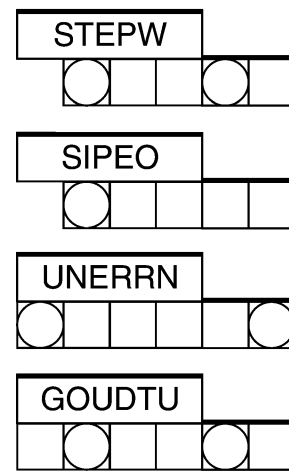
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Friday's solutions

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Jumble

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



Answer here



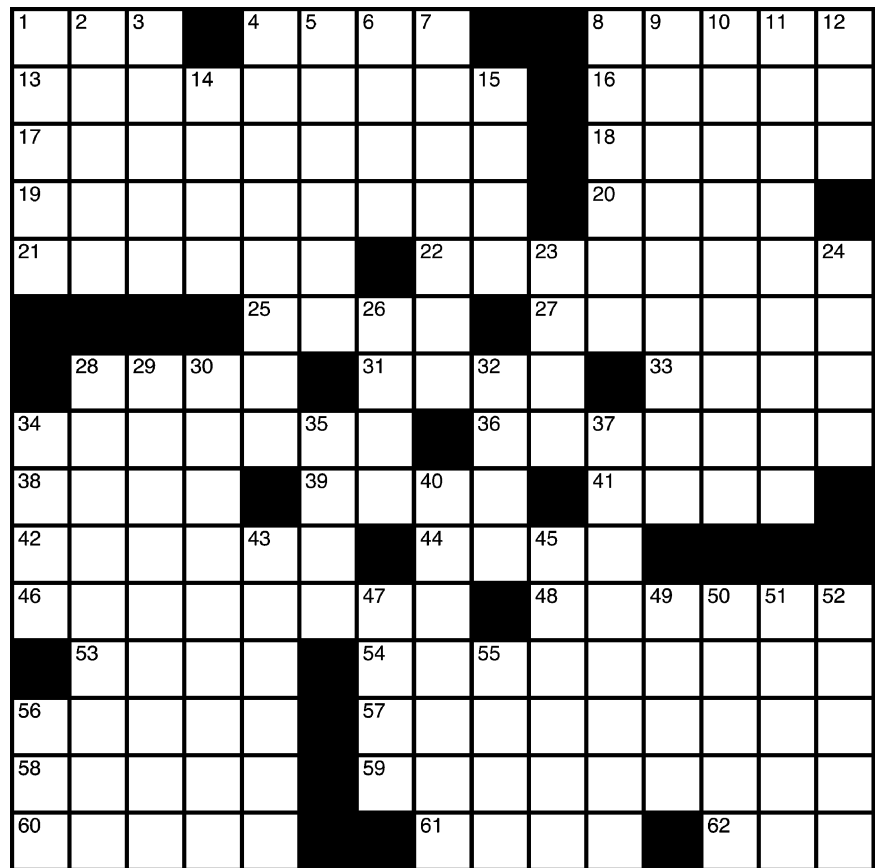
Friday's answers

Jumbles: HOWDY RUMOR OBLONG ADRIFT
Answer: News traveled quickly from parrot to parrot as a result of -- "BIRD" OF MOUTH

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Crossword

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Across

- Many a tax filer's need: Abbr.
- It's a lock
- Half-Blood Prince of fiction
- Showed emotion
- Fifth canonical hour
- Try
- Rarely a problem for happy-go-lucky types
- Clematis supports
- Roger who played the U.K. ambassador on "The West Wing"
- Published in installments
- Impressive dismount
- Pacific resort, popularly
- "Good heavens!"
- Typographic measure

Down

- Guard attachment?
- Endangered chimpanzees
- Potential
- Rickman who played 8-Across
- Letters at the top of a window
- Grenoble green
- Many an Egyptian pharaoh
- Historic Italian family
- Menu type
- Spaced
- Bad salt container?
- Medium access?
- Half a comedy duo
- Waze forerunner
- One might be picky
- "Okay, back to work"
- Reunion attendees
- Offend, in a way
- Terse street sign

- Like a comment that may elicit "Oh, snap!"
- "I'm good, thanks"
- Bow tie alternative
- Eeyore, for one
- Contractor's no.
- Brat's place
- Sub or Santa follower
- Nav. rank
- TV Marine
- With 51-Down, tops
- Focus of some climate change concerns
- Female lover
- Plotted together
- "House" actor
- Avon product?
- Extremely
- Viking accessory
- "Got it" on the radio
- Ellery Queen and Raven awards, e.g.
- Camp craft
- District
- Resort near Snowbird
- Gases (up)
- See 26-Down
- Canvas primer
- Thames gallery
- Eldest March sister

Friday's solution



Down

- Certain NCOs
- English subdivision
- When some things will change?
- How to get to Carnegie Hall, perhaps
- Fifth-century Roman Empire enemy
- Black and Red
- Shoulder-length do

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FIRE

MLS gets its perfect storm

Schweinsteiger to face Galaxy's Ibrahimovic in all-time classic matchup

BY KEVIN BAXTER
Los Angeles Times

Nelson Rodriguez has spent his entire adult life in soccer, so it's not often a question about the game finds him without an answer. Yet the Fire's president and general manager was stumped Friday when asked if he had seen anything like this weekend's matchup between the Fire's Bastian Schweinsteiger and the Ga-

GALAXY AT FIRE

2:30 p.m. Saturday at Toyota Park
■ Zlatan mania builds as soccer icon visits Chicago. **Sec. 1, Page 3**

laxy's Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

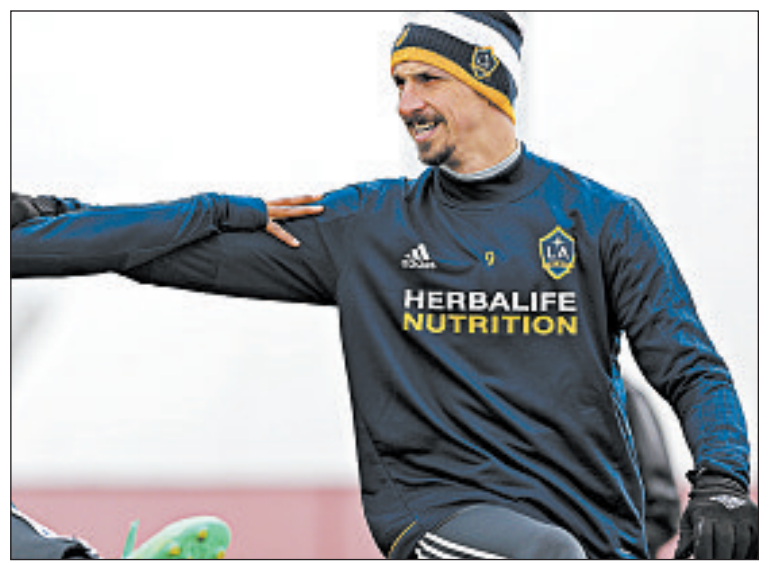
Schweinsteiger, the former German national team star, is the clean-cut, humble boy next door who is a World Cup and Champions League winner. Ibrahimovic, the Swedish yin to Schweinsteiger's yang, is the loud, boastful guy from the other side of the tracks who has won everything but a World Cup or Champions League crown.

Told the faceoff sounds a little like Batman versus the Joker, Rodriguez smiled.

"That's not a bad comparison," he said. "I kind of like it."

So does Major League Soccer because Saturday's game, which will take place at a frigid, rainy and sold-out Toyota Park in Bridgeview, is arguably the most compelling duel in the league's 23-year history.

"It would be special for any league in the world," Rodriguez said. "Two world-class players, two great champions. And in a lot

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Former European star Zlatan Ibrahimovic warms up with the Galaxy on Friday in Bridgeview ahead of their game Saturday against the Fire.

BRAVES 4, CUBS 0

Balking at cold

Darvish unravels after umpire's call; Cubs' bats still chilly

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

Bad luck at Wrigley Field on Friday the 13th?

Yes, if you plucked this game in the office lottery. The first-pitch temperature was 42 degrees with 17 mph winds out of the north, and the listless Cubs managed four hits in their 4-0 loss to the Braves.

The only bit of bad luck on the field, in the Cubs' minds, came when Yu Darvish was called for a balk.

Both he and manager Joe Maddon insisted it was a faulty call, with Darvish saying he has never been flagged for looking back the runner at second during his two-piece delivery.

Valid or not, it had a venomous effect on the veteran right-hander in his first home start as a Cub.

"I got thrown off guard," Darvish said via interpreter Daichi Sekizaki. "It went downhill from there."

That it did. The fifth-inning balk preceded this ugly string: wild pitch, single, double, scorched home run by Preston Tucker, walk, bunt single, walk.

Next thing you knew, a scoreless game had turned into a 4-0 deficit and Darvish was surrendering the ball to Maddon, who blew on his hands while strolling to the mound.

"Everything went south after

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Maddon calls Hurdle's criticism of Baez 'revealing'

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

Joe Maddon was taken aback by Pirates manager Clint Hurdle's criticism of Javier Baez, saying, "I don't understand why he did what he did."

But Maddon was more than prepared to respond Friday.

The Cubs manager spoke specifically about Baez — "He plays with a joy ... Billy Williams said he runs the bases like Willie Mays" — and generally about how odd it was for Hurdle to come down on a 25-year-old player from another team for reacting to an at-bat that yielded an infield popup.

"Whenever you want to be hypercritical of somebody," Maddon said, "just understand you are revealing yourself and your beliefs more than you're evaluating somebody — because you have not spent one second in that person's skin."

"I've had commentary. But to try to disseminate what I think about a guy on another team based on superficial reasons, I'll never go there."

"I don't know the guy enough. I'm not in the clubhouse. I haven't had these conversations. I don't know what kind of teammate he is. ... Just like people making decisions on (Pedro) Strop based on wearing his hat (tilted). I think most of the time when you hear critical commentary, it's self-eval-

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Cubs' Yu Darvish stands on the mound after giving up a three-run homer to the Braves' Preston Tucker.

WHITE SOX AT TWINS

Freeze frame: It's a no-go for Sox

Friday's game called off, while forecast also puts Saturday, Sunday at risk

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Wearing a sleeveless shirt, shorts and a winter hat, Jose Abreu dashed out of the dugout for a few seconds Friday at Target Field to have his photo taken.

A few other White Sox players stood at the dugout's edge and snapped their own pictures as small balls of hail fell around them.

That was as far as the Sox's outing extended as the Twins postponed Friday night's game because of a forecast for rain, snow and cold.

The final two games of the four-game series Saturday and Sunday are also in question because of a snowstorm set to hit Minneapolis on Friday night. Some forecasts predicted up to a foot of snow by Saturday night.

"It's really difficult to get used to this weather," Abreu said Friday through a Sox interpreter. "All the people who are involved in this business are trying to grind these first two weeks because the weather has been really bad. It's something that we have to deal with."

Friday's game is the second postponement for the Sox in 13 games. Their game April 1 in Kansas City also was postponed, and they moved a home night game this week against the Rays to the afternoon to mitigate cold weather.

The Sox did some pregame work Friday, with some players throwing in the outfield until the bout of hail. Manager Rick Renteria said the team planned to arrive at Target Field on Saturday morning before the scheduled afternoon game and will move their work into the batting cages until they receive word on the game status.

A makeup date for Friday's game wasn't announced immediately. The Sox return to Minneapolis for series June 5-7 and Sept.

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INSIDE



CHRIS SZAGOLA/AP

More of the same?

LeBron James is targeting a spot in his eighth consecutive NBA Finals — and his fourth ring. The Warriors are shooting for their third title in four years. Will the teams meet in the Finals for the fourth straight time? Playoffs preview, **Page 3**

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CUBS AND WHITE SOX

Balk call rattles Darvish

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the balk, which was not a balk," Maddon said. "It seemed to create awkwardness."

Darvish is 0-1 with a 6.00 ERA and two fifth-inning knockouts in three starts. Not good.

The team's larger issue is an offense that produced one run over the last two games.

Ian Happ had two of the Cubs' four hits Friday, and he was only in the lineup because fellow outfielder Albert Almora Jr. is suffering from an illness.

"Wrigley can be a tough place to hit for the first couple of months," Happ said. "(But) both teams are dealing with it."

The return of Anthony Rizzo should help. Maddon expects him back Monday when he's eligible to come off the disabled list for a sore back.

Said Happ: "Tony's a great player ... but we are a good offense no matter who's in the lineup."

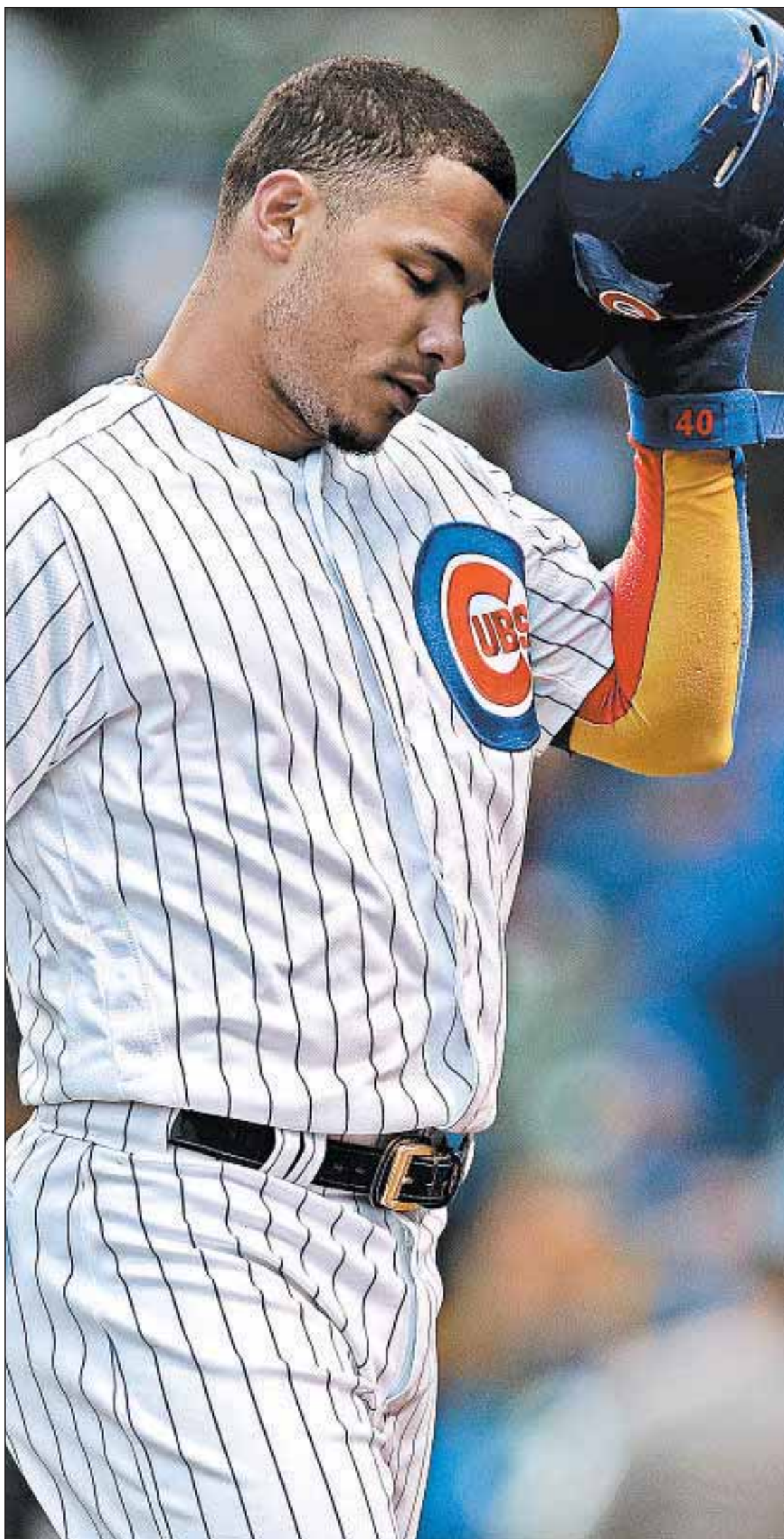
Happ also took a bit of exception to a question about his current 5-for-9 stretch being a small sample size. Happ said his 5-for-32 start was the small sample size, adding: "Just wait until the end of the year."

Kris Bryant, who played first base and handled some tough chances, surely wishes Rizzo would come back ASAP. Darvish misfired on a pickoff attempt. Catcher Willson Contreras whizzed a throw past Bryant on an Anibal Sanchez bunt that resulted in an out for interference. And after shortstop Addison Russell made a sliding stop on a grounder, his throw hit the lip of the grass and skipped past Bryant. It was ruled a single.

Bryant said before the game he actually likes feeling uncomfortable because that can be a path to progress. He even sometimes takes cold showers because "sometimes I need to trick myself. Sometimes I take ground balls in a different position or try something new off the tee or in the cage just to switch things up."

It must be uncomfortable to have Contreras fire a fastball at your face from about 45 feet.

Said Maddon: "We're working with Willson on downshifting the throw a bit ... (develop) a Kenny Stabler touch pass over the middle."



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Cubs hitter Willson Contreras heads back to the dugout after grounding out to end the third inning.

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THE BOX SCORE						
	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.	
ATLANTA						
Inciarte cf	4	0	0	0	.179	
Albies 2b	5	1	2	0	.288	
F.Freeman 1b	5	0	1	1	.311	
Markakis rf	4	1	2	0	.288	
Suzuki c	5	1	1	0	.259	
Tucker lf	4	1	2	3	.308	
Bourjos lf	1	0	0	0	.133	
Swanson ss	4	0	1	0	.340	
Flaherty 3b	5	0	3	0	.366	
Sanchez p	2	0	0	0	.000	
b-Adams ph	0	0	0	0	.300	
S.Freeman p	0	0	0	0	—	
Minter p	0	0	0	0	—	
Vizcaino p	0	0	0	0	—	
TOTALS	39	4	12	3		
CUBS						
Happ cf	4	0	2	0	.244	
La Stella 3b	4	0	1	0	.263	
Morrow p	0	0	0	0	—	
Bryant 1b-3b	3	0	1	0	.333	
Contreras c	4	0	0	0	.298	
Schwarber lf	4	0	0	0	.244	
Russell ss	3	0	0	0	.205	
Baez 2b	3	0	0	0	.190	
Heyward rf	2	0	0	0	.214	
Darvish p	1	0	0	0	.000	
Duensing p	0	0	0	0	—	
a-Navarro ph	1	0	0	0	.333	
Strop p	0	0	0	0	—	
Montgomery p	0	0	0	0	—	
Edwards p	0	0	0	0	—	
c-Zobrist ph-1b	1	0	0	0	.275	
TOTALS	30	0	4	0		

Atlanta	000	040	000-4	12	0
CUBS	000	000	000-0	4	2

a-struck out for Duensing in the 5th. b-walked for Sanchez in the 7th. c-struck out for Edwards in the 8th. E: La Stella (1), Darvish (1). **LOB:** Atlanta 13; Cubs 5. **HR:** Tucker (3), off Darvish. **RBI:** Tucker 3 (12). **CS:** Flaherty (1). **SO:** Inciarte (1), Freeman (2), Markakis (1), Suzuki (1), Swanson (1), Flaherty (1), Happ (1), La Stella (2), Schwarber (2), Baez (2), Navarro (1), Zobrist (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 8 (Inciarte 3, Albies 2, Suzuki 2, Sanchez); Cubs 3 (La Stella, Contreras 2). **RISP:** Atlanta 2 for 13; Cubs 0 for 3. **Runners moved up:** La Stella. **GIDP:** Contreras. **DP:** Atlanta 1 (Albies, Swanson, F.Freeman).

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sanchez, W 1-0	6	3	0	0	1	6	1.29
S.Freeman	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Minter	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Vizcaino	1	0	0	0	0	2.70	
CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Darvish, L 0-1	4 2/3	9	4	4	4	4	6.00
Duensing	5 1/3	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Strop	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Montgomery	1	1	0	0	1	0	5.68
Edwards	1	1	0	0	1	1	1.29
Morrow	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00

Inherited runners scored: Duensing 3-0. **HBP:** Sanchez (Bryant). **WP:** Darvish. **Umpires:** H. Bruce Dreckman; 1B, Chad Fairchild; 2B, Mike Estabrook; 3B, Alfonso Marquez. **Time:** 3:09. **A:** 29,775 (41,649).

HOW THEY SCORED
BRVES FIFTH: Albies doubled. Albies to third on Darvish's balk. F. Freeman struck out. Albies scored on Darvish's wild pitch. Markakis singled. Suzuki doubled. Markakis to third. Tucker homered, scoring Markakis and Suzuki. **Four runs, Braves 4-0.**

Maddon 'proud' of Baez

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uation. ... It reveals you more than it reveals the person you are talking about."

To review: Baez flipped his bat in frustration Wednesday against the Pirates, popping up toward the end of a two-homer night and Cubs victory. He also dogged it to first on the obvious out.

Unprompted, Hurdle responded Thursday: "You watch their kid flip that bat last night? Where's the respect for the game? The guy hits four homers in two days, so that means you can take your bat and throw it 15, 20 feet in the air when you pop up like you should have hit your fifth home run?"

Had Hurdle done his homework, he would have known Baez essentially apologized after the

game, admitting it was a bad look because kids were watching. Strop, the veteran reliever, pulled Baez aside, and the young infielder listened.

Maddon applauded the Cubs' self-policing, saying it reflected a strong culture.

But Hurdle's comments prompted Baez to say after Thursday's game: "I bust my ass every day to play hard. I don't think anyone plays this game harder than me."

"If I have to apologize, I have to apologize to my teammates and my manager, not to the other team. We're playing a game, we're winning 13-something (Wednesday) and I think it got to him. ... People who talk about me, they can save it."

Maddon said of Baez: "I thought Javy did a great job in his

response. I'm very proud of him ... How old is Javy — 24, 25? Just put yourself in that position. When I was coming out of Lafayette playing some ball and getting released, I was an absolute idiot. And I'm not saying Javy is. I'm saying give young people an opportunity to make some mistakes. The mistakes of youth are preferable to the wisdom of old age any day of the week."

Maddon said he and Hurdle, by the way, "have a great relationship."

The Cubs and Pirates will meet 16 more times this season.

"I believe Javy is motivated anyway," Maddon said. "But I will be curious and eager to watch him perform in Pittsburgh."

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BULLS

BULLS NOTES

Bulls not bound to Kings anymore

By K.C. JOHNSON
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The Bulls won their tiebreaker with the Kings and now also own the 22nd pick from the Pelicans after the NBA conducted random drawings Friday to break ties for draft order.

The Bulls and Kings each own an 18.25 percent chance to move into the top three and a 5.3 percent chance to win the No. 1 overall pick at the May 15 draft lottery in Chicago. If neither team — nor any slotted in the eighth through 14th lottery slots — moves up, the Bulls will pick sixth.

The lowest they could draft is ninth. There's a 77 percent chance the Bulls draft sixth or seventh. The Pelicans' pick, acquired in the Nikola Mirotic trade, could have been as high as No. 20 if that tiebreaker had broken at its most advantageous.

No matter what, it's an important draft come June 21.

"We're confident we will find two players we like," executive vice president John Paxson said at Thursday's season-ending news conference. "There's talent; (getting it is) on myself and my staff. We've done a lot of work, but you get into deeper things with players once the predraft camp starts (in May) and the interviewing process (begins)."

Paxson said the Bulls need to "look at the wing position" but later added that talent trumps all. Like many franchises, the Bulls historically have relied on the best-player-available drafting philosophy. The most glaring example came in 2015, when the Bulls focused mostly on point guards in a draft deep at that position and then selected Bobby Portis at No. 22 because they were surprised and pleased the forward dropped.

"Not that positions are going by the wayside, but the lines are blurred," Paxson said. "You no longer really have center-power forward; you need versatility. Our game has changed that much. We can use guys (who) have length, size and a shooting component."

Nice touch: David Nwaba supplied a pizza lunch this week for multiple behind-the-scenes staffers, everyone from strength and conditioning coaches to members of the ticketing and community-service departments.

Nwaba, a restricted free agent, quietly had a strong season. The Bulls have said they'd like to re-sign the athletic guard.

High standards: Zach LaVine said he'd grade his season a "C" because he's "never satisfied with whatever" he does. LaVine said he planned to take a short break before beginning offseason workouts that will focus on basketball, not rehabilitating from left ACL surgery.

He also addressed the possibility of the Bulls making the 2019 playoffs.

"There's no reason we shouldn't because we're talented enough," LaVine said. "This summer is big for all of us. Individually, I get the full offseason to look at things I did well ... and improve on conditioning. I need that 100 percent consistency of legs, jump shot, handles (and) finding spots on the floor."

"I'll sit down with (general manager Gar Forman and Paxson) and (coach Fred Hoiberg) and figure out the exact spots I want to be in so there's no confusion."

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TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE

Guard Zach LaVine gives himself a grade of "C" when evaluating his first season with the Bulls.

Snowfall puts Sox's weekend series in jeopardy

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28-30, their final three games of the regular season.

In the short term, more than one postponement in a row could put a serious kink in Sox pitchers' routines. Right-hander Reynaldo Lopez was scheduled to take the mound Friday, but Renteria said he wasn't certain who would throw Saturday if a game is played — Lopez or Saturday's scheduled starter, Miguel Gonzalez.

Twins right-hander Lance Lynn was slated to pitch Saturday.

"We are a routine-based species in the game of baseball,"

Renteria said. "We are trying to do everything we can not to disrupt it too much. (Pitching coach Don Cooper and bullpen coach Curt Hasler) are continuing to grind out a schedule and work routines so (the pitchers) feel as comfortable as possible for their next starts and the day we are using them."

Many teams have had to play through lousy weather over the first two weeks of the season, but the Sox have put up some lousy results while battling it.

Their 4-0 loss to the Twins on a chilly but dry Thursday night was their sixth loss in seven games.

They ranked among the top

five home run-hitting teams in baseball with 17 entering Friday, but they also are hitting .162 with runners in scoring position.

On a rebuilding team with many of his players still developing, Renteria said he is evaluating his players on their approaches more than their results, especially given the weather they have played through this season.

"Physically you can be limited," Renteria said. "The cold certainly constricts you, but we have to keep everything as fundamentally sound as possible. That has to do more with approach. This is an experience some of these guys are having for the first time, especially guys from the

Caribbean."

Abreu, who is from Cuba, said he still isn't used to playing in the cold five seasons into his major-league career. But he's having a decent start, hitting .250 with two doubles, three homers, six RBIs, nine strikeouts and an on-base percentage of .333.

"The key for me is I'm mentally stronger right now," Abreu said of a better April. "It doesn't matter how the weather is or the situation outside, if you have your mind in the right place, you're going to be able to overcome all of the obstacles that are outside."

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NBA

New blood could rise

For 1st time in years, Cavs, Warriors aren't prohibitive favorites

BY BRIAN MAHONEY | Associated Press

Maybe this is the year. Maybe the Warriors, opening the post-season without Stephen Curry or any momentum, won't be the best of the West, where there's a Rockets team that can run and gun as well as they do.

Maybe the Cavaliers, starting from the middle of the pack in the East, just have too big a hill to climb, even with LeBron James carrying them.

Or perhaps none of that matters, and the NBA is headed toward Round 4 of its reigning rivalry.

The postseason begins Saturday, and it's far from a guarantee it ends with a record fourth straight NBA Finals matchup between the Warriors and Cavaliers. Neither was the best team in its conference during the regular season — the Cavaliers were only No. 4 in the East — and it's not hard to envision a Houston to Toronto trip replacing what has become an annual Oakland, Calif., to Cleveland itinerary.

Then again, the Warriors could be as dangerous as ever once Curry returns from a knee injury that could have him back for the second round. James has played in the last seven NBA Finals, so nobody knows how to get to the finish line better, no matter where he starts.

And the other top contenders have to overcome their history of disappointments. The Rockets' Mike D'Antoni and James Harden have never won, and Chris Paul hasn't even gotten out of the second round. The Raptors had their best regular season



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

LeBron James' road to his eighth straight NBA Finals could be his most difficult as the Cavaliers enter the postseason with the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference.

ever, but they were last seen in the postseason getting swept by James and the Cavaliers last year in the second round.

A look at some things to watch in the first round:

Golden again? Curry's injury is the only one that remains, but the Warriors at one point down the stretch were also without Kevin Durant, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson too. Even the champions couldn't overcome that, dropping six of

their final 10, but they start against a Spurs team whose injury problems are every bit as bad, assuming Kawhi Leonard doesn't return after missing almost the entire season.

Streiking Sixers: The Sixers are the hottest team heading into the postseason, winning their final 16 games to finish at 52-30. But they are led by postseason newcomers in Joel Embiid and rookie Ben Simmons — and Embiid is still recovering

from a broken orbital bone and concussion as the postseason begins — and will have to overcome their inexperience and a rugged Heat team.

Thunder strike? It was an up-and-down regular season for the Thunder, who acquired Paul George and Carmelo Anthony to play with Russell Westbrook but finished well back of the Rockets and Warriors. But the Thunder might be one of those teams better built for the postseason, and they got an easier road when they won three straight to grab home-court advantage against a Jazz team that would have had it before a season-ending loss at Portland.

Banged-up Celtics: There's no more Kyrie Irving and there was only Gordon Hayward for a few minutes all season, so the Celtics are being overlooked despite their No. 2 seed in the East. But there's plenty of young — Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown — and veteran — Al Horford and Marcus Morris — talent on a 55-game winner that features one of the league's best coaches in Brad Stevens.

Who wins? As good as the Raptors are, it seems futile picking against James and the firepower around him to get to the Finals.

But the Cavaliers don't defend well enough and can be picked apart by top offenses, so go with the West champion to win the title, particularly if it's the Warriors or Rockets.

Take it from another champion. "I like Houston and Golden State, pending their health, as being my top two favorites," five-time winner Kobe Bryant said during a conference call to promote his new basketball analysis show "Detail" that will run on ESPN during the postseason.

NBA playoffs preview

Western Conference



Key stats: The Rockets were 42-3 when James Harden, Chris Paul and Clint Capela played. The Timberwolves ended the NBA's longest playoff drought at 14 years by beating the Nuggets in overtime Wednesday.

Outlook: The Timberwolves' breakthrough is quelled by this matchup, pitting their middling defense and second-worst opponent field-goal percentage (47.5) against the Rockets' juggernaut offense. Jimmy Butler is back, and that is essential because the Timberwolves were 10-13 without the two-way star. It has been a franchise-record offensive season, but the Timberwolves don't have the 3-point shooting to hang with the Rockets, especially with Eric Gordon getting hot after the All-Star break. Losing Luc Mbah a Moute to a shoulder dislocation for at least the first round is a defensive blow, but the Rockets starting lineup has fared well with stopper P.J. Tucker.

Pick: Rockets in five.



Key stats: The Blazers won 21 of their final 24 home games. The Pelicans averaged 121.2 points in their final five games, winning them by an average of 18.

Outlook: The Pelicans changed into the NBA's fastest-paced team after losing DeMarcus Cousins in January. Anthony Davis, now at center, and Jrue Holiday, now at shooting guard, got help from forward Nikola Mirotic, who is even better since shaving his beard (21.9 ppg in seven games). The Pelicans go from a No. 5 defensive rating with Holiday on the court to No. 30 without him. The Blazers surged to the third seed with a 13-game winning streak but had a 5-7 finish. The Damian Lillard-C.J. McCollum backcourt averaged 48 points. Jusuf Nurkic, injured at this time last year, helped improve the defense and has four double-doubles in his last five games.

Pick: Blazers in seven.

Eastern Conference



Key stats: The Raptors rank fourth in the NBA in bench points per game (47.7) after finishing 26th the previous two seasons. Wizards forward Otto Porter has a better plus-minus (plus-5.2 per 100 possessions) than John Wall or Bradley Beal.

Outlook: Among playoff teams, only the Warriors backcourt has started together as long as the Raptors' Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan and the Wizards' Wall and Beal. This is proving ground for Lowry and DeRozan after fading in past postseasons, including a nine-game losing streak in series openers. The Raptors maintain leads without them better because their revamped offense increased 3-pointers and decreased isolation play. The Raptors boast a top-five offense and defense with the East's most blocked shots. The Wizards lost 14 of their final 21 but went 2-2 with Wall, who shook off two months of rust to average 28.5 points and 13 assists in the final two games.

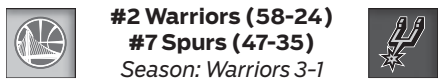
Pick: Raptors in five.



Key stats: The 76ers' 16-game winning streak is the longest in NBA history entering the playoffs. The Heat played nine overtime games and won six one-point games.

Outlook: Joel Embiid (orbital fracture) might not be available early in the series to continue his feud with Heat center Hassan Whiteside, but the 76ers won their last eight games without him. Embiid is essential to a deep run as a reliable post-up scorer and the anchor of a defense that held opponents to an NBA-low 43.4 percent shooting. The 76ers starting five outscored opponents by 21.4 points per 100 minutes. The Heat counter with the balance of an NBA-high nine double-digit scorers, grit and the tactical nuances of coach Erik Spoelstra, who goes against Brett Brown in his head coaching playoff debut.

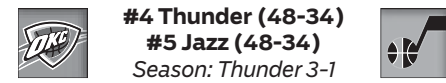
Pick: 76ers in seven.



Key stats: The Warriors average 14.4 fewer points per 100 possessions without Stephen Curry. The Spurs are the first playoff team with only one player averaging 12 or more points since George Mikan's 1953-54 Lakers.

Outlook: It's a rematch of last year's conference finals, which shifted once Kawhi Leonard was hurt in Game 1. Leonard remains out, leaving LaMarcus Aldridge to lead the Spurs after he shot only 41 percent in last year's series. The Warriors likely will be without Curry (knee) for the series and went 17-14 without him this season. They stumbled to a 7-10 finish with G League call-up Quinn Cook starting in place of Curry but remain positioned to vie for a third title in four years. The Spurs rank fourth in defensive rating, but Leonard was the best matchup against Kevin Durant. The Spurs have an 11-game home winning streak and eight-game road losing streak.

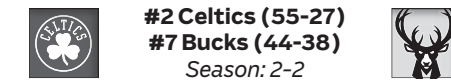
Pick: Warriors in six.



Key stats: The Thunder had the NBA's best record (6-3) against the league's top three teams — the Rockets, Warriors and Raptors. The Jazz led the NBA in average scoring margin (plus-9.3) after the All-Star break.

Outlook: The matchup has the intrigue of the Thunder's star-studded potential against the Jazz's young phenoms. The Thunder teamed Russell Westbrook, Paul George and Carmelo Anthony for this, and it needs to work for them to keep George. The team buy-in is there. Westbrook went from NBA scoring leader to NBA assist leader. The Thunder hustle like crazy to lead the league in deflections, 50/50 balls, offensive rebounds and turnovers created. The Jazz counter with a defense that ranked first in the 56 games Rudy Gobert played. Donovan Mitchell is the first rookie to lead a playoff team in scoring (20.5 ppg) since Anthony in 2003-04.

Pick: Jazz in six.



Key stats: The Celtics led the NBA in defensive rating, giving up 101.5 points per 100 possessions. The Bucks ranked last in rebounds per game (39.8) but second in forcing turnovers (15.6).

Outlook: Each team adjusted on the fly, but the Celtics handled more adversity, losing Gordon Hayward early and Kyrie Irving late. The Celtics lean on defense but also rank second in 3-point shooting with rookie Jayson Tatum and Al Horford finishing in the NBA's top 10. Their offense relies on youth, and Tatum, Terry Rozier and Jaylen Brown closed the season strong. This is Giannis Antetokounmpo's third try at advancing the Bucks in the postseason for the first time since 2001. The Bucks fired coach Jason Kidd, traded for Eric Bledsoe and welcomed back Jabari Parker, and they clicked for the NBA's third-best offensive rating over the last month.

Pick: Celtics in six.



Key stats: The Cavaliers went 39-0 when leading after three quarters. Since Jan. 6, the Pacers have led the NBA in opponent turnovers and ranked fourth in scoring defense.

Outlook: It's a rematch from last year, when the Cavaliers won in a sweep decided by a total of 16 points. The casts are much different with LeBron James carrying a retooled roster. The playoffs are new to Cavaliers such as Larry Nance Jr. and Jordan Clarkson, but veterans Kevin Love, Jeff Green and J.R. Smith have played well lately. Only the Suns ranked behind the Cavaliers in defensive rating. The Cavaliers' first step toward a fourth straight Finals trip involves handling Victor Oladipo, who averaged career highs in points (23.1), rebounds (5.2), assists (4.3) and steals (NBA-high 2.4). Darren Collison led the NBA in 3-point accuracy (46.8 percent) and assist-to-turnover ratio (4.28 to 1).

Pick: Cavaliers in five.

NBA NOTES

Wizards' Meeks hit with 25-game drug suspension

Guard's discipline will begin immediately during playoffs

Tribune news services

The NBA suspended Wizards guard **Jodie Meeks** 25 games without pay for using a banned substance.

The league announced the suspension Friday, a day before Game 1 of the Wizards' first-round playoff series against the East's top-seeded Raptors. The NBA said Meeks tested positive for Ipamorelin, a growth hormone that's prohibited under the

league's drug program.

Meeks' suspension makes Washington's signing of guard **Ty Lawson** just before the playoffs make more sense. Lawson replaces Meeks on the Wizards' bench behind starting guards **John Wall** and **Bradley Beal**.

In his first season with the Wizards and ninth in the NBA, the 30-year-old Meeks averaged 6.3 points off the bench and was shooting just under 40 percent.

Hornets fire coach: In another move aimed at getting the Hornets on track, majority owner **Michael Jordan** fired

coach **Steve Clifford** after the team went 36-46 and failed to reach the playoffs for the third time in the last four seasons.

Clifford had a year left on his contract. The move to dismiss him came after his face-to-face meeting with new general manager **Mitch Kupchak**.

The Hornets were 196-214 in five seasons under Clifford. They reached the playoffs twice but failed to make it out of the first round in 2014 and 2016.

Layups: Thunder television play-by-play man **Brian Davis** was suspended for Game 1 of the playoff series against the Jazz on

Sunday for a comment he made about star **Russell Westbrook** during the regular-season finale against the Grizzlies. Davis said Westbrook was "out of his cotton-pickin' mind," after an assist. Cotton picking was the primary responsibility for black slaves in the South. ... The Thunder might be without starting shooting guard **Corey Brewer** for their series opener against the Jazz with a sprained right knee. ... The Hawks granted coach **Mike Budenholzer** permission to speak to the Suns about their vacant coaching position, Suns general manager **Ryan McDonough** confirmed to azcentral.com.

BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2018 TEAM	2017 VS. OPP.
TEAM PITCHER	W-L ERA REC	W-L IP ERA
Atl Newcomb (L)	1-1 4.35 1-1	0-2 10.1 6.10
Cubs Quintana (L)	1-1 4.50 1-1	0-0 0.0 0.00
Col Gray (R)	1-2 5.63 1-2	0-1 7.0 3.86
Was Scherzer (R)	2-1 0.90 2-1	0-0 0.0 0.00
STL Mikolas (R)	1-0 6.00 1-1	0-0 0.0 0.00
Cin Finnegan (L)	12:10p 0-0 0.00 0-0	0-1 3.0 9.00
Pit Taillon (R)	2-0 1.26 2-0	1-0 5.0 1.80
Mia Richards (R)	6:10p 0-1 8.64 1-1	0-0 0.0 0.00
Mil Anderson (R)	0-1 3.38 2-1	1-0 7.0 0.00
NY Harvey (R)	6:10p 0-0 3.60 2-0	0-1 5.0 9.00
SD Holland (L)	0-2 4.09 0-2	0-0 0.0 0.00
SF Richard (L)	7:40p 1-1 5.29 1-2	0-2 17.0 5.29
Ari Walker (R)	0-0 3.27 2-0	0-1 17.2 5.09
LA Hill (L)	8:10p 1-0 2.70 1-1	0-3 23.2 4.94

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2018 TEAM	2017 VS. OPP.
TEAM PITCHER	W-L ERA REC	W-L IP ERA
Min TBD	0-0 0.00 0-0	0-0 0.0 0.00
Sox Lynn (R)	1:10p 0-1 5.00 0-2	0-0 0.0 0.00
Bal Cobb (R)	0-0 0.00 0-0	3-1 29.1 3.38
Bos Velazquez (R)	12:05p 1-0 3.12 1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00
NY Cessa (R)	0-0 0.00 0-0	0-0 0.0 0.00
Det Liriano (L)	12:10p 1-1 2.13 1-1	1-0 6.0 3.00
Tex Minor (L)	1-1 2.53 1-1	1-0 3.2 2.45
Hou Morton (R)	3:05p 2-0 0.00 2-0	1-1 11.2 3.09
Tor Garcia (L)	1-0 3.18 2-0	0-2 12.1 4.38
Cle Kluber (R)	3:10p 1-1 1.57 1-2	1-0 7.2 1.17
LA Richards (R)	1-0 4.20 2-1	0-0 0.0 0.00
KC Junis (R)	6:15p 2-0 0.00 2-0	0-1 5.1 8.44
Oak Graveman (R)	0-2 9.45 1-2	0-0 11.1 4.76
Sea Gonzales (L)	8:10p 1-1 7.27 1-1	0-0 4.0 0.00

INTERLEAGUE	2018 TEAM	2017 VS. OPP.
TEAM PITCHER	W-L ERA REC	W-L IP ERA
Phi Arrieta (R)	0-0 4.50 0-1	0-0 0.0 0.00
Pt Archer (R)	5:10p 1-0 5.94 2-1	0-0 0.0 0.00

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

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS	2018 TEAM	2017 VS. OPP.
Atlanta 4, Cubs 0	Atlanta 4, Cubs 0	0-0 0.00 0-0
White Sox at Minnesota, ppp.	White Sox at Minnesota, ppp.	0-0 0.00 0-0
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 1	St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 1	0-0 0.00 0-0
Colorado 2, Washington 1	Colorado 2, Washington 1	0-0 0.00 0-0
Baltimore 3, Baltimore 3	Baltimore 3, Baltimore 3	0-0 0.00 0-0
Toronto 8, Cleveland 4	Toronto 8, Cleveland 4	0-0 0.00 0-0
N.Y. Yankees 8, Detroit 6	N.Y. Yankees 8, Detroit 6	0-0 0.00 0-0
Miami 7, Pittsburgh 2	Miami 7, Pittsburgh 2	0-0 0.00 0-0
N.Y. Mets 6, Milwaukee 5	N.Y. Mets 6, Milwaukee 5	0-0 0.00 0-0
Philadelphia 2, Tampa Bay 1	Philadelphia 2, Tampa Bay 1	0-0 0.00 0-0
Houston 3, Texas 2	Houston 3, Texas 2	0-0 0.00 0-0
L.A. Angels 5, Kansas City 4	L.A. Angels 5, Kansas City 4	0-0 0.00 0-0
San Diego 5, San Francisco 1	San Diego 5, San Francisco 1	0-0 0.00 0-0
Seattle 7, Oakland 4	Seattle 7, Oakland 4	0-0 0.00 0-0
Arizona 8, LA Dodgers 7	Arizona 8, LA Dodgers 7	0-0 0.00 0-0

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

NL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Grandal LAD	9	32	5	12	.375
Posey SF	12	40	5	15	.375
Hoskins PH	11	33	3	12	.364
Galindo STL	13	44	16	34	.364
LaMahieu COL	14	57	8	20	.351
Kendrick Was	11	43	3	15	.349
Swanson Atl	11	46	3	16	.348
Moran Pit	10	35	5	12	.343
Dickerson Pit	10	41	14	14	.341

AL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Cano SEA	11	33	12	14	.424
Mauer MIN	10	34	6	14	.412
Betts BOS	13	45	15	18	.360
Chapman OAK	11	40	15	19	.358
Hernandez BOS	11	40	15	15	.357
Altuve HOU	14	54	8	19	.352
Segura SEA	11	46	10	16	.348
Judge NYA	14	53	13	18	.340
Simmons LA	15	62	13	21	.339

HOME RUNS	TEAM	PL	HR
Harper, WAS	6	Bryant, CHI	17
Polanco, PIT	5	Dietrich, MIA	16
Thames, MIL	16	Swanson, ATL	16
Blacks, COL	4	DOUBLES	7
Baez, CHI	4	Hosmer, SD	7
Pollock, ARI	4	TRIPLES	7
LaMahieu, COL	4	Bertz, BOS	2
Molina, STL	4	KMarte, ARI	2
RUNS	13	Stolen Bases	2
Harper, WAS	13	Marte, PIT	2
Albies, ATL	12	Stolen Bases	2
Harrison, PIT	12	Turner, WAS	5
Pham, STL	12	Hamilton, CIN	4
Freeman, ATL	11	Inciarte, ATL	4
Blanco, PIT	11	Pollock, ARI	2
RBI	15	Taylor, WAS	4
Polanco, PIT	15	STRIKEOUTS	29
Martinez, STL	14	Corbin, ARI	29
Ozuna, PH	12	Pollock, ARI	27
Harper, WAS	12	Ray, BOS	23
HITS	29	Syndergaard, NY 22	29
LaMahieu, COL	20	Strassburg, WAS	21
Pedraza, SD	18	Gonzalez, WAS	20
Hosmer, SD	17	through Thursday	

Rockies 2, Nationals 1

COLORADO	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
LaMahieu 2b	4	1	0	0	.328
Parra lf	4	2	0	0	.261
Arnesen 3b	3	0	0	0	.288
Gonzalez rf	3	1	2	2	.255
Iannetta c	4	0	0	0	.300
DeMond cf	4	0	0	0	.196
Freese 1b	3	0	1	0	.200
McMahon lf	3	0	0	0	.050
Freeland p	2	0	0	0	.200
Oberg p	0	0	0	0	—
Shaw p	0	0	0	0	—
Valka ph	1	0	0	0	.069
Dunn p	0	0	0	0	—
Ottavino p	0	0	0	0	—
Davis p	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	31	2	5	2	—

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Turner ss	3	0	1	0	.208
Rendon 3b	1	0	1	0	.386
Sierra lf	1	0	0	0	.200
Harper rf	3	0	0	0	.267
Zimmerman lf	3	0	0	0	.116
Kendrick lf-2b	4	0	0	0	.319
Taylor cf	4	0	0	0	.150
Difo 2b-3b	3	0	0	0	.260
Senerino c	3	0	0	0	.308
Wickersham p	1	0	0	0	.100
Roark p	2	1	1	0	.125
Kintzler p	0	0	0	0	—
Adams ph	1	0	0	0	.217
Strasburg p	3	0	0	0	—
Gott p	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	30	1	4	1	—

Colorado	000	101	000	2	5	0
Washington	000	010	001	0	4	1

E: Turner (2); 2B: Turner (1); HR: Gonzalez (3); off Roark; RBIs: Gonzalez 2 (9), Harper (13), SB: Gonzalez (2), CS: Parra (1); SF: Gonzalez, Harper.

Astros 3, Rangers 2

TEXAS	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Choo dh	4	0	0	0	.246
Proffar ss	4	0	1	0	.179
Mazara rf	4	0	1	0	.283
Beltre 3b	4	0	0	0	.283
Gallo lf	3	0	1	0	.197
Guzman 1b	3	0	1	0	.333
Rua pr	0	0	0	0	.150
Ohtani dh	2	1	1	1	.446
Chirinos c	2	1	1	0	.200
Robinson cf	4	0	1	0	.200
Knr-Falecia 2b	4	0	1	0	.180
TOTALS	33	2	6	2	—

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Springer rf	4	2	2	2	.196
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	.226
Altuve 2b	3	0	1	0	.352
Correa ss	4	0	1	0	.225
Gurriel 1b	4	0	1	0	.250
Gattis dh	3	0	0	0	.220
Fisher pr-dh	0	1	0	0	.154
Gonzalez lf	3	0	2	0	.209
McCann c	3	0	2	0	.345
Stassi ph-c	1	0	0	0	.350
Marisnick cf	4	0	0	0	.167
TOTALS	33	3	8	2	—

Texas	000	000	200	2	6	2
Houston	100	010	01x	3	8	0

E: Profar (1), Robinson (2); LOB: Texas 7; Houston 9; HR: Gallo (4), off Cole; Chirinos (3), off Cole; Springer (2), off Hamels; Springer (3), off Hamels; RBIs: Gallo (1), Chirinos (3), Springer (2), Hamels (3); SB: Bregman (1), McCann (2), Profar (2); Mazara (2), Gallo (3), Guzman (1), Chirinos (1), Robinson (4), Kiner-Falecia (2), Guzman (1), Correa (2), Gattis (2), Gattis (2), McCann (2), Marisnick (2). Runners left in scoring position: Texas 4 (McCann, Kiner-Falecia 3); Houston 6 (Correa 2, Beltre, Cann, Marisnick 3).

TEXAS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Hamels 6 6 2 2 2 7 4.50
 Jensen, L 0-2 1 0 0 0 1 2.25
 Diekmann 1/2 0 0 0 0 1 6.75
Houston IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Cole 7 3 2 2 0 1 14.29
 Harris 3 2 0 0 0 0 1.42
 Smith, W 1-1 1 0 0 0 0 3.623
 Dvinsky, I-1 1 0 0 0 0 1.29

Inherited runners-scored: Diekmann 1-0, Smith 2-0. HBP: Cole (Chirinos), Dvinsky (Chirinos), WPC: Cole, Marisnick. Umpires: H, Phil Cuzzi; IB, Tom Hallion; 2B, Adam Hamari; 3B, Dan Bellino. Time: 2:50. A: 32,129 (41,168).

Red Sox 7, Orioles 3

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Mancini lf	4	2	2	0	.273
Machado ss	4	0	1	2	.316
Arnesen 3b	3	0	0	0	.230
Vielma 2b	0	0	0	0	—
Jones cf	3	0	1	1	.233
Martin c	2	0	1	0	.176
Chapman dh	2	0	0	0	.250
Davis 1b	4	0	0	0	.111
Beckham 3b	4	0	0	0	.196
Gentry rf	4	1	1	0	.250
Josely ph	3	0	0	0	.237
Sisco ph	1	0	1	0	.333
TOTALS	34	3	9	3	—

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Betts rf	4	1	1	1	.360
Benintendi lf	4	0	0	0	.209
Moreland 1b	4	2	1	0	.217
Marino 2b	5	2	3	0	.403
Devers 3b	5	2	3	0	.271
Nunez 2b	4	1	2	3	.271
Bradley Jr. cf	3	0	0	0	.200
Davis lf	4	0	1	0	.246
Chapman dh	3	1	2	0	.500
TOTALS	34	7	11	5	—

LOB: Baltimore 7, Boston 11. De: Machado (4), Betts (7), Martinez (3), Devers (5), Lin (1), HR: Zim (1), off Machado. RBIs: Machado 2 (8), Jones (6), Betts (2), Martinez (1), Nunez (3), B. SF: Jones, Martinez. Runners left in scoring position: Baltimore 2 (Schoop, Davis); Boston 4 (Benintendi 2, Martinez, Bradley Jr.), RISP: Baltimore 1 for 3; Boston 3 for 10. Runners moved up: Benintendi 2, DP, 3; Baltimore 1 (Schoop, Machado, Davis).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Tillman, L 0-3	2	7	6	6	2	0	91.91
Wright Jr.	2 1/2	1	1	3	3	6	4.48

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	ATL 1:20 NBCSCH AM-670	ATL 1:20 WGN-9 AM-670	STL 6:05 WGN-9 AM-670	STL 7:05 NBCSCH AM-670	STL 1:20 ABC-7 AM-670		@COL 7:40 WGN-9 AM-670
	@MIN 1:10 WGN-9 AM-720	@MIN 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720	@OAK 9:05 NBCSCH AM-720	@OAK 9:05 WGN-9 AM-720	@OAK 2:35 NBCSCH AM-720		HOU 7:10 NBCSCH AM-1000
	LAG 2:30 AM-1200						

SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB	Time	Game	Network
Noon	Orioles at Red Sox		MLBN
1:10 p.m.	White Sox at Twins	WGN-9, WGN-AM 720	
1:20 p.m.	Braves at Cubs	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670	
3 p.m.	Rangers at Astros	FS1, WMVP-AM 1000	
6 p.m.	Angels at Royals		FS1
9 p.m.	Diamondbacks at Dodgers		MLBN
COLLEGE BASEBALL			
8 p.m.	Texas at Oklahoma		ESPN
NBA PLAYOFFS			
2 p.m.	Spurs at Warriors		ABC-7
4:30 p.m.	Wizards at Raptors		ESPN
7 p.m.	Heat at 76ers	ESPN, WMVP-AM 1000	
9:30 p.m.	Pelicans at Trail Blazers		ESPN
COLLEGE BOWLING			
5:30 p.m.	NCAA championship		ESPN
COLLEGE FOOTBALL			
12:45 p.m.	Ohio State spring game		BTN
1:30 p.m.	Clemson spring game		BTN
ARENA FOOTBALL			
6 p.m.	Philadelphia at Albany		CBSSN

GOLF

7 a.m.	Open de Espana	Golf Channel
Noon	PGA RBC Heritage	Golf (more, 2 p.m., CBS-2)
2 p.m.	Champions Mitsubishi Classic	Golf Channel
6 p.m.	LPGA Lotte Championship	Golf Channel

NHL PLAYOFFS

2 p.m.	G2, Avalanche at Predators	NBC-5
2 p.m.	G2, Devils at Lightning	CNBC
7 p.m.	G2, Maple Leafs at Bruins	NBC-5
9 p.m.	G2, Sharks at Ducks	NBCSN

MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

10 a.m.	Michigan at Ohio State	BTN
11 a.m.	Navy at Army	CBSSN
1 p.m.	Johns Hopkins at Penn State	ESPNU
1:30 p.m.	Cornell at Lehigh	CBSSN
3 p.m.	North Carolina at Syracuse	ESPN

MARTIAL ARTS

5 p.m.	UFC Fight Night prelims	FOX-32
7 p.m.	Dustin Poirier vs. Justin Gaethje	FOX-32

MOTORSPORTS

8:30 a.m.	NASCAR Xfinity qualifying	FS1
Noon	NASCAR Xfinity Fitzgerald 300	FS1
3 p.m.	IMSA Bubba Burger Grand Prix	FOX-32
5:30 p.m.	IndyCar qualifying	NBCSN
1 a.m.	Formula One Chinese Grand Prix	ESPN2

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	WESTERN CONFERENCE
TAMPA BAY 1, NEW JERSEY 0 April 12: TAMPA BAY 5-2 Saturday: at Tampa Bay, 2 Sunday: at New Jersey, 6:30 Wednesday: at New Jersey, 6:30 x-April 21: at Tampa Bay, TBA x-April 23: at New Jersey, TBA x-April 25: at New Jersey, TBA	NASHVILLE 1, COLORADO 0 April 12: NASHVILLE 5-2 Saturday: at Nashville, 2 Sunday: at Colorado, 9 Wednesday: at Colorado, 9 x-April 20: at Nashville, TBA x-April 22: at Colorado, TBA x-April 24: at Nashville, TBA WINNIPEG 2, MINNESOTA 0 April 11: WINNIPEG 3-2 Friday: WINNIPEG 4-1 Saturday: at Minnesota, 6 Sunday: at Minnesota, 7 x-April 21: at Nashville, TBA x-April 23: at Winnipeg, TBA x-April 25: at Minnesota, TBA
BOSTON 1, TORONTO 0 April 12: BOSTON 5-1 Saturday: at Boston, 7 Sunday: at Toronto, 6 x-April 21: at Toronto, TBA x-April 23: at Boston, TBA x-April 25: at Boston, TBA	VEGAS 1, LOS ANGELES 0 April 11: VEGAS 1-0 Friday: at Vegas, late Saturday: at Los Angeles, 9:30 Sunday: at Los Angeles, 9:30 x-April 19: at Vegas, 9 x-April 21: at Los Angeles, TBA x-April 23: at Vegas, TBA
COLUMBUS 1, WASHINGTON 0 April 12: Columbus 4-3 (OT) Sunday: at Washington, 6:30 Tuesday: at Columbus, 6:30 April 19: at Columbus, 6:30 x-April 21: at Washington, TBA x-April 23: at Columbus, TBA x-April 25: at Washington, TBA	SAN JOSE 1, ANAHEIM 0 April 12: SAN JOSE 3-0 Saturday: at Anaheim, 9:30 Sunday: at San Jose, 9:30 Wednesday: at San Jose, 9:30 x-April 20: at Anaheim, TBA x-April 22: at San Jose, TBA x-April 24: at Anaheim, TBA (best-of-7, x-if necessary)
PITTSBURGH 1, PHILADELPHIA 1 April 11: PITTSBURGH 7-0 Friday: Philadelphia 5-1 Saturday: at Philadelphia, 2 Sunday: at Philadelphia, 6 x-April 20: at Pittsburgh, TBA x-April 22: at Philadelphia, TBA x-April 24: at Pittsburgh, TBA	SAN JOSE 1, ANAHEIM 0 April 12: SAN JOSE 3-0 Saturday: at Anaheim, 9:30 Sunday: at San Jose, 9:30 Wednesday: at San Jose, 9:30 x-April 20: at Anaheim, TBA x-April 22: at San Jose, TBA x-April 24: at Anaheim, TBA (best-of-7, x-if necessary)

GOLF

RBC HERITAGE	LPGA LOTTE CHAMPIONSHIP
2d of 4 rds; at Harbour Town Golf Links; Hilton Head, S.C.; 7,959 yds; Par 71	2d of 4 rds; at Ko Olina GC; Kapolei, Hawaii; 6,419 yds; Par 72
132 (-10) B. DeChambeau 68-64 Si Woo Kim 68-65 Ian Poulter 69-64 134 (-8) Thesoun Hadley 66-68 Brandt Snedeker 70-64 Rory Sabbatini 64-70 Luke List 70-64 135 (-7) C.T. Pan 69-66 Billy Horschel 70-65 Charles Howell III 66-69 136 (-6) Scott Piercy 71-65 Xander Schauffele 68-68 Andrew Landry 69-68 Brian Stuard 69-68 Kevin Kisner 69-68 Webb Simpson 69-68 137 (-5) Tom Hoge 70-67 Andrew Landry 69-68 Brian Stuard 69-68 Kevin Kisner 69-68 Webb Simpson 69-68 138 (-4) Ryan Moore 69-69 Ted Potter 72-66 Emiliano Grillo 70-66 Ryan Palmer 73-65 Graeme McDowell 69-68 Dustin Johnson 69-69 Peter Malnati 68-70 139 (-3) Bill Haas 71-68 Matt Every 73-66 Lucas Glover 74-65 Michael Thompson 67-72 Patrick Cantlay 67-72 K.J. Choi 69-70 Fabian Gomez 68-71 Austin Cook 71-68 Beau Hossler 70-69 140 (-2) Dylan Frittelli 72-68 Matt Fitzpatrick 69-71 Kevin Streelman 70-70	67-73 Byeong Hun An 73-67 Zach Johnson 70-70 Stewart Cink 67-73 Jonas Blixt 70-70 Wesley Bryan 69-71 Chris Kirk 70-70 Nick Watney 68-72 William McGirt 71-70 Charley Hoffman 72-69 J.J. Henry 72-69 141 (-1) MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CLASSIC 1st of 4 rds; at TPC Sugarloaf; Duluth, Ga.; 7,179 yds; Par 72 65 (-7) Jay Haas 32-33 Steve Flesch 33-33 Bernhard Langer 36-31 Jeri Parel 35-33 Gene Sauers 33-35 69 (-3) Wes Short 34-35 Tommy Armour III 38-32 Tom Byrum 34-35 Tim Petrovic 34-35 Kevin Sutherland 32-37 Jose Maria Olazababal 34-37 Sandy Lyle 36-33 70 (-2) Jeff Sluman 37-33 Billy Mayfair 38-32 Rod Spittle 37-37 Mark O'Meara 36-34 Joe Durant 33-37 Jesper Parnevik 37-33 142 (-1) Nacho Elvira 68-66 Brett Rumford 68-66 Callum Shinkwin 67-67 143 (-3) Robert Rock 70-65 Henric Sturehed 67-68 Jon Rahm 67-68 Marc Warren 66-69 144 (-3) Jeff Winter 69-67 Pablo Larrazabal 71-65 Rod Spittle 69-67 Esteban Toledo 35-36 Doug Garwood 34-37 Carlos Franco 36-35

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL	BASKETBALL
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL MLB: Suspended San Diego RHP Luis Perdomo five games and fined him an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing a pitch at Colorado Arsenado and then fighting during an April 11 game. Suspended Colorado 3B Nolan Arenado five games and fined him an undisclosed amount for charging the mound and then fighting. Suspended Colorado OF Gerardo Parra four games and fined him an undisclosed amount for fighting during the incident. Suspended San Diego C A.J. Ellis and INF Freddy Galvis, and Colorado RHP German M. AMERICAN LEAGUE Baltimore: Recalled LHP Donnie Hart from Norfolk (IL). Houston: Activated If Yul Gurriel from the 10-day DL. Kansas City: Signed Of Tarkil El-Abour to a minor league contract.	NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION NBA: Suspended Washington G Jodie Meeks 25 games for violating the terms of the NBA/NBPA Anti-Doping Program by testing positive for ipamorelin and Growth Hormone Releasing Peptide-2. Charlotte: Fired coach Steve Clifford. Oklahoma City: Suspended television play-by-play man Brian Davis for Game 1 of the playoff series against Utah for a comment he made about star Russell Westbrook during Oklahoma City's regular-season finale against Memphis. HOCKEY NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE Blackhawks: Agreed to terms with D Dennis Gilbert on a three-year contract through the 2021-22 season and assigned him to Rockford (AHL).

MLS' perfect storm: Batman vs. the Joker

Fire, from Page 1

of ways they are foils for one another."

MLS has seen accomplished European stars meet before, of course. David Beckham faced Thierry Henry; Robbie Keane and Steven Gerrard teamed up against Frank Lampard. However, in many of those games the players simply shared the field and, like opposing quarterbacks, never butted heads.

But with Fire coach Veljko Paunovic increasingly using Schweinsteiger as a midfield sweeper, he and Ibrahimovic, a striker, could wind up doing hand-to-hand combat often.

"That's no issue," Ibrahimovic said. "He does his job, I do mine. He wants to win, I want to win.

"And at the end of the game, everything is back to normal. But during the game, nothing is normal."

The fact both are on the wrong side of 30 in a league that has grown younger in recent years hasn't been an issue either. Schweinsteiger, 33, has played all 90 minutes in three of the Fire's four games, while Ibrahimovic, 36, leads the Galaxy in both goals and shots on target.

The last time they were on the field together they were wearing the same jersey and playing for Manchester United, the final European stop for both. That was 14 months ago, in a Europa League match. Less than a month later, Schweinsteiger jumped to MLS, and Ibrahimovic followed last month.

Both already have proved popular. Schweinsteiger's No. 31 shirt was the second-best-selling jersey in the league last season, while the Galaxy sold more than 1,000 Ibrahimovic shirts in the first week after his signing.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Flyers bounce back; Jets go up 2-0 on Wild

Associated Press

Sean Couturier had a goal and two assists, Brian Elliott stopped 34 shots and the Flyers cooled off the Penguins 5-1 on Friday night in Pittsburgh to even the Eastern Conference first-round series at a game each.

Shane Gostisbehere, Travis Konecny, Andrew McDonald and Nolan Patrick also scored for the Flyers, who bounced back from an embarrassing 7-0 loss in the opener to beat the Penguins for the first time this season.

"Tell that to MLS," Ibrahimovic said. "Make sure they get the message."

A message Schweinsteiger says goes beyond just merchandising.

"I was very happy that Zlatan signed in MLS," he said, leaning over a cortado at a trendy Rush Street restaurant Friday afternoon. "It would be great if soccer also succeeded in America. Maybe one day it's the best league. There is a lot of potential."

As there is among the former teammates, who still hold one another in high regard.

"He's a fantastic player," Ibrahimovic said of the German.

Schweinsteiger returned the compliment: "When you talk with him you see that his soccer IQ is very high. He understands not only how to be a striker, he understands also what the goalkeeper has to do or the fullbacks or the center backs.

"There are some players who have this IQ, but there are not many who have three options in their mind when they play. He sees things which actually happen 10 seconds later."

More commonly, though, they have been opponents, meeting six times in Champions League play, once in the 2006 World Cup and once in World Cup qualifying. Each has won three games, with the other two ending in draws.

Saturday's game could be the tie-breaker.

"Every great sports league needs heroes and villains and storylines," Rodriguez said. "Zlatan and Bastian, those guys have come here to win, to compete. And to add their experiences, add their perspectives, add their personalities to the growth of the league.

Game 3 is Sunday in Philadelphia. Patric Hornqvist scored the Penguins' lone goal with just more than five minutes left.

Jets 4, Wild 1: Paul Stastny, Andrew Copp and Patrick Laine scored in the third period and the Jets beat the Wild in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to take a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference first-round series.

Defenseman Tyler Myers added a goal and an assist for the Jets. Rookie Jack Roslovic, playing in place of injured



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"His soccer IQ is very high. ... He sees things which actually happen 10 seconds later."

— Bastian Schweinsteiger on Zlatan Ibrahimovic, above

"They are much more pioneers than we are pirates."

Or maybe more like Batman and the Joker.

"I kind of like that example," Schweinsteiger said. "The Joker is always coming back, right?"

"But at the end of the day, it's not one against one. What's the name of the guy from Batman, the detective? Gordon?" he continued, mentioning the superhero's ally. "That's how it is with us. He has his teammates, I have my teammates. It can't be one against one."

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NBA PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	WESTERN CONFERENCE
TORONTO VS. WASHINGTON Saturday: at Toronto, 4:30 Tuesday: at Toronto, 6 Friday: at Washington, 7 x-April 25: at Toronto, TBA x-April 27: at Washington, TBA x-April 29: at Toronto, TBA	HOUSTON VS. MINNESOTA Sunday: at Houston, 8:30 Wednesday: at Houston, 8:30 Saturday: at Minnesota, 6:30 Monday: at Minnesota, 7 x-April 25: at Houston, TBA x-April 27: at Minnesota, TBA x-April 29: at Houston, TBA
BOSTON VS. MILWAUKEE Sunday: at Boston, noon Tuesday: at Boston, 7 Friday: at Milwaukee, 8:30 Sunday: at Milwaukee, 1 x-April 26: at Miami, TBA x-April 28: at Milwaukee, TBA x-April 29: at Boston, TBA	GOLDEN STATE VS. SAN ANTONIO Saturday: at Golden State, 9:30 Monday: at Golden State, 9:30 Thursday: at San Antonio, 8:30 x-April 22: at San Antonio, TBA x-April 24: at Golden State, TBA x-April 26: at San Antonio, TBA x-April 28: at Golden State, TBA
PHILADELPHIA VS. MIAMI Saturday: at Philadelphia, 7 Monday: at Philadelphia, 7 Thursday: at Miami, 6 Saturday: at Miami, 1:30 x-April 24: at Philadelphia, TBA x-April 26: at Miami, TBA x-April 28: at Philadelphia, TBA	PORTLAND VS. NEW ORLEANS Saturday: at Portland, 9:30 Tuesday: at Portland, 9:30 Thursday: at New Orleans, 8 Saturday: at New Orleans, 4 x-April 24: at Portland, TBA x-April 26: at New Orleans, TBA x-April 28: at Portland, TBA
CLEVELAND VS. INDIANA Sunday: at Cleveland, 2:30 Wednesday: at Cleveland, 6 Friday: at Indiana, 7:30 x-April 25: at Cleveland, TBA x-April 27: at Indiana, TBA x-April 29: at Cleveland, TBA	OKLAHOMA CITY VS. UTAH Sunday: at Oklahoma City, 5:30 Wednesday: Oklahoma City, 7 Saturday: at Utah, 9:30 Monday: at Utah, 9:30 x-April 25: Oklahoma City, TBA x-April 27: at Utah, TBA x-April 29: Oklahoma City, TBA (best-of-7, x-if necessary)

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER	EASTERN	W	L	T	P	TPTS	GF	GA
N.Y. City FC	5	0	1	16	14	4		
Atlanta FC	4	1	0	12	13	6		
New England	3	1	1	10	10	5		
Columbus	3	2	1	10	9	6		
Orlando City	3	2	1	10	11	10		
New York	2	2	0	6	10	5		
Montreal	2	2	0	6	5	9		
Philadelphia	2	2	2	5	6	6		
FIRE	1	2	1	4	7	8		
Toronto FC	1	2	0	3	3	4		
D.C. United	0	3	2	2	5	10		
WESTERN	W	L	T	P	TPTS	GF	GA	
Sporting KC	4	1	1	13	12	9		
Vancouver	3	1	1	10	8	11		
Los Angeles FC	3	2	0	9	11	10		
LA Galaxy	2	2	1	7	7	8		
Real Salt Lake	2	3	1	7	6	14		
Minnesota	2	3	0	6	6	9		
FC Dallas	1	0	3	10	5	3		
Colorado	1	1	2	5	7	5		
Houston	1	2	1	4	7	6		
San Jose	1	2	1	4	7	8		
Portland	0	3	2	2	6	12		
Seattle	0	3	0	0	5	5		

NOTE: 3 points for win, 1 point for tie.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Orlando City 2, Philadelphia 0
Los Angeles FC 2, Vancouver 0
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
LA Galaxy at Fire, 2:30
Montreal at New York, noon
Toronto FC at Colorado, 2
FC Dallas at New England, 6:30
Houston at San Jose, 9:30
Minnesota United at Portland, 9:30

NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CLUB	W	L	T	P	TPTS	GF	GA
North Carolina	7	0	0	2	1	7	0
Seattle	2	0	0	2	1	7	0
Portland	1	1	0	3	2	1	1
Washington	1	1	0	3	2	1	1
Houston	0	0	2	2	1	1	1
Utah	0	1	1	3	4	1	1
RED STARS	0	1	1	3	4	1	1
Orlando	0	1	1	3	3	1	1
Sky Blue FC	0	2	0	0	0	0	5

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Red Stars at Utah, 2:30
North Carolina at Washington, 6

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUBS	W	T	L	GF	GA	P
Man City	27	3	2	90	24	84
Man United	22	5	6	25	71	1

NFL

NFL NOTES

Bears add Fowler to wide receiver corps

BY BRAD BIGGS
Chicago Tribune

Two days after the Bears lost **Cameron Meredith** to the Saints, they added a veteran wide receiver to their roster Friday.

Bennie Fowler will sign a one-year contract with the Bears. Fowler, 26, spent the last three seasons with the Broncos.

The 6-foot-1, 212-pounder played in 16 games last season and caught a career-high 29 passes for 350 yards with three touchdowns. He's known for catching the final pass of **Peyton Manning's** career on a two-point conversion in Super Bowl 50, in which the Broncos defeated the Panthers.

Fowler doesn't possess the offensive upside of Meredith but does have experience on special teams, an area in which he will be counted on to contribute provided he makes the roster. He was fifth on the Broncos' roster with 227 special teams snaps last season. Special teams assistant **Brock Olivo** knows Fowler well as he worked in Denver last season.

The Bears chose not to match the two-year, \$9.6 million offer sheet Meredith signed with the Saints. The deal included \$5.4 million guaranteed.

Cowboys release Bryant: Dez Bryant never lived up to the big contract he signed with the Cowboys. If the franchise leader in touchdown catches is going to find his 2014 All-Pro form again, it will be with another team. The Cowboys released Bryant, deciding salary-cap relief and declining production from one of their biggest stars outweighed the risk of him becoming a Pro Bowl player again somewhere else.

Extra points: The Seahawks signed **K Sebastian Janikowski** to a one-year contract. He spent 17 seasons with the Raiders but missed last season with a back injury. Janikowski, 40, a first-round draft pick in 2000, has made 80.4 percent of his kicks. ... The NFL suspended former Bears QB **Mark Sanchez** for the first four games of next season for violating the league's policy against performance-enhancing substances. Sanchez, a free agent, attributed the result to "unknowing supplement contamination." ... The Jets waived former Bears RB **Jeremy Langford**. ... The Browns signed WR **Jarvis Landry** to a five-year, \$75 million contract extension.

Tribune news services contributed.

NFL DRAFT PREVIEW TIGHT ENDS



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Tight end Mark Andrews produced solid stats in Oklahoma's up-tempo offense in 2017.

Bears have the position filled

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

As the NFL draft nears, we're taking a 10-day, position-by-position look at what's out there and what the Bears need. Here's our assessment at tight end.

Bears status

The Bears guaranteed Trey Burton \$18 million on a four-year, \$32 million deal last month, rolling the dice on the versatile tight end's long-term potential. Both general manager Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy have already expressed excitement for the dimension Burton can add as a pass catcher. Now comes a quest to learn more about Nagy's vision for Adam Shaheen and how last year's second-round pick will be best used in the new offense. Shaheen's Year 2 development is a big deal. To accelerate a return to relevance, the Bears need their high draft picks to emerge as significant contributors.

Level of draft need

Low: A year ago, the need here was undeniably high. But now with Burton, Shaheen, Dion Sims, Daniel Brown and Ben Braunecker in the mix, the Bears have as much depth and competition at tight end as they've had in years. There is no pressing urge to address the position in the draft, but with a best-player-available philosophy Pace will keep his eyes open.

Top prospect

Hayden Hurst, South Carolina
6-4, 250 pounds
Worth a look: Once a pitcher in the Pirates' minor-league system, Hurst's baseball career derailed when he developed the yips and literally lost his fastball. But he found new life in a new sport at South Carolina and seems likely to be a first-round pick. Hurst prides himself on being a sure-handed target and plays with intensity and enthusiasm. His combination of size and speed is impressive.
Stay away: Hurst will turn 25 in August, which makes him a graybeard among rookies. He'll also need to develop his route-running skills at the NFL level.

Intriguing options

Mark Andrews, Oklahoma
6-5, 256 pounds
Worth a look: Andrews took advantage of his opportunities in the Sooners' up-tempo spread offense, totaling 958 receiving yards and eight TDs in 2017. He's crafty as a route runner, productive after the catch and a real red-zone threat.
Stay away: Andrews needs to become more aggressive and willing as a blocker. He'll also need to prove he can produce against more athletic defenders in the NFL.

Troy Fumagalli, Wisconsin
6-5, 247 pounds
Worth a look: Born with only four fingers on his left hand, Fumagalli became an All-Big Ten tight end with 135 catches, 1,627 yards and seven touchdowns during his time in Madison. A product of Waubesa Valley High School, his passion is a plus and he prides himself on being reliable as both a pass catcher and blocker.
Stay away: Overall, Fumagalli is a little thin and has ordinary athleticism. He won't always pass the eye test with his fluidity.

Durham Smythe, Notre Dame
6-5, 257 pounds
Worth a look: As an intriguing Day 3 possibility? Perhaps. Smythe is a rugged inline tight end who could boost the Bears' running game as a blocker. He shows solid technique and admirable physicality. He's also a hard worker known for being steady every day.
Stay away: Smythe will never offer much as a pass catcher as he's not fast enough to create separation at the NFL level. He had only 28 catches for 281 yards during his career with the Fighting Irish.

Sleeper

Tyler Conklin, Central Michigan
6-4, 240 pounds
Worth a look: He spent his first year of college in the basketball program at Northwood (Mich.) University. Conklin has body control and is reliable as a run blocker.
Stay away: He had surgery last August to repair a broken bone in his left foot and missed five games. It's not known how much the injury limited him.

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Death Notices

Beck, Len

Len Beck, 79, of Chicago passed away March 1, 2018 at home. She is survived by son Jimmy Goldsborough of Nevada, daughter Judy Saint-Erne of Arizona, grandchildren, and sister Irma Andrews of Chicago.

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Donahue, Robert L. "Bob"

Robert L. "Bob" Donahue, age 93 beloved husband of the late Alice (nee Shell). Loving father of: Carol (Art) Wisz, Rick (Kathy) Donahue, Barb Home (Steve) Moak, and Lynda (Chris) Coleman. Dear brother of: Rita Murphy and Dorothy (Ray) Seranko. Resting at the **James A. O'Connor Funeral Home** 11603 East Main St. Huntley, IL 60142 from 4 to 8 pm Monday April 16, 2018 and from 9:00 am Tuesday April 17, 2018.

At Sacred Heart Catholic Church 323 N. Taylor St. Marengo, IL 60152 until the time of mass at 10:00 am.

Dear grandfather of 8 and great-grandfather of 11. Interment with military honors at Memory Gardens Cemetery Arlington Heights, IL. Memorials to The American Heart Association or Sacred Heart Catholic Church. 847-683-2711

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Hart, Jim

Jim Hart 74 of Tinley Park, formerly of Chicago's West Lawn neighborhood passed away peacefully Wednesday afternoon April 11th at home with his family at his side. Beloved husband of Josephine nee Russo for over 50 years. Dearest father of Jim (Joanna) and Christie Jo (Carlos) Perez. Loving Papa of Jack, Madison, James, Dominic, and Amelia Jo. Dear brother of Arlene (The Late Tom) Russell. Faithful companion of Brusier. Jim was a proud Veteran of The United States Air Force and Employee of the CTA, Teamster locals 710 & 726. He was a long time member/supporter and past officer of the South Suburban A.B.A.T.E., and a Teacher/Instructor for Motorcycle Safety. Orrico Kourelis Funeral Services Inc. handling arrangements. Visitation Sunday from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Maher Funeral Home, 17101 S. 71st Avenue Tinley Park Illinois 60477. Funeral 10:00 AM Monday morning at the Funeral home to St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Catholic Church 17500 S. 84th Ave, Tinley Park for 11:30 Mass. Entombment Good Shepherd Cemetery. 877/974-9201 or 815/462-0711 or www.orriconfuneral.com/obituaries.



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Hershoff, Joan Marie 'Joni'

79, died peacefully with her two sons, Josh & Andrew, and Daughter in law, Jane, by her bed side in Naples, FL. Joni was born in Boston, MA to Joseph & Katherine Logan and was the youngest of three children. Joni loved a party and all holidays, especially Halloween. Her Christmas Eve parties with her husband, Stephen, were legendary. Joni was preceded in death by her parents, brother (Joseph "Bud"), sister (Mary "Dolly"), and husband (Stephen). Joni will be remembered for her quick wit, brutal honesty, phenomenal storytelling, zest for life, and travel. Joni is survived by her two sons, Josh (Jane), and Andrew, her three grandsons, Logan, Sam, & Max and her cousin, Arlene "Cookie" Hutchinson who was closer than a sister and "partner in fun". In lieu of flowers, please donate to Avow Hospice, Naples, FL

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Nardella, Michael A.

Michael A. Nardella age 92 of Des Plaines, IL passed away April 10, 2018. Beloved husband of Rose (nee Legamaro) for 70 years. Loving father of Frances (Tom) Strossner and Patricia Greene. Proud grandfather of Michael (Jorgie), Rachel, Adam, David (Kristy), Gregory (Kelly), Amy (Henry) Visioso, Kali, Megan, Lindsay, Mari Lee, and Natalie. Great grandfather of Anthony. Fond brother of 6. Michael was a WWII Army Veteran and an American Legion member in Des Plaines. Visitation Sunday, April 15 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at **G.L. Hills Funeral Home** 745 Graceland Ave, Des Plaines, IL. Prayers Monday 9:15 a.m. at Funeral Home followed by Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church - Rosemont, IL. Entombment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to American Lung Association www.lung.org. For information 847.699.9003 or gllhillsfuneralhome.com.

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Paluga, Rita

Rita Paluga, 87, of Lake Forest passed away on April 11, 2018 after a brief illness. Rita is reunited with her longtime and loving husband of over 60 years, the late Edward Paluga (2016), and her dearly beloved son, the late David Paluga (1999). Rita is survived by her loving sons Mark (Martha) Paluga and Jonathan Paluga, grandson Matthew Paluga, her sister Marilyn Iverson, cousin Judy Schmuera and brothers in law, Robert and Martin Paluga. The family would like to express heartfelt gratitude to all of her friends and staff at Lake Forest Place. Family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018 in the Nagel Room of Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. A funeral mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. Interment private at Lake Forest Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Church of St. Mary. Info - **Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest**, 847-234-9649 or www.RTFunerals.com.



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Sneed, Addie Mozela

June 28, 1933 - April 10, 2018



Addie Mozela Sneed, daughter of Sherman and Inez Ross, was born on June 28, 1933. She passed away April 10, 2018 at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Addie was born and raised in Gary, Indiana and was a graduate of Roosevelt High School. She later married William W. Sneed and they moved to Colorado Springs in 2007.

She leaves behind three loving grandchildren; Tracy (Patrick & Carolyn), Chris (Joseph) and Danielle (Sam, Sammie, Nevaeh, and a daughter in law, Geneva Sneed. She was a member of The Israel Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. A memorial service will be held at 10:00AM, Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Evergreen Funeral Home, 1830 E. Fountain Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910.

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Stender, Judith M.

Judith M. Stender, 81, of Lake Summerset, IL died Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at home surrounded by her loving family. Born February 8, 1937 in Long Island, NY, the daughter of Theodore and Florence (Rissman) Gatto, she married John A. Stender in Chicago, IL on July 26, 1957. Survived by her beloved husband John "Jack" Stender; son Paul (Irma) Stender; daughters Joanne (Timothy) Powell, Carol (Greg) Camerino and Kathryn (Al) Cuda; grandchildren Joseph, Bridget, Arthur, John, Dulsea, Emma, Angela, Noah, Michael, Nicholas, Holly, Dominic, Grace and Jillian; brothers Steve (Jean) Gatto and John (Ruth) Gatto and nieces and nephews, preceded in death by her parents and grandson Cody.

Visitation - **McCorkle Funeral Home**, 101 W Main Street, Durand, IL 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., Sunday, April 15, 2018 - Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m., Funeral Monday, April 16, 2018, 10:00am, Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 602 W Main Street, Durand, IL, and burial at St. Mary Cemetery, Durand, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to cancer research.

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Weissman, Herbert B. 'O.D.'

Herbert Weissman, age 92, beloved husband of Gloria Gray Weissman and the late Elaine, nee Goodman; loving father of Nancy Weissman-White (Craig White), Linda Bradley (Roderick); cherished Papa of Rachael White, Joel Bradley (Natalie), Erika White (Alex Grab), and Sarah Dundas (Mike). Fond step father to Larry Gray (Ruth), Steven Gray (Debbie), Karen Gray-Keeler (Thomas Keeler), Jeffrey Gray (Kendra Gallagher), and Wendy Raven (Marc) and will be missed by all of their children and grandchildren.

Herbert practiced as an optometrist for over 50 years in Gary and Merrillville until retiring at the age of 80. He served in the Army Air Corp in World War II, and was proud to participate in Honor Flight Chicago. Herbert was active and served on various boards and held numerous officer positions for Temple Israel in Gary, and Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana. He will be missed by many, especially his fellow golfers and ROMEIO group. Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 15, 2018, at 10AM at **Burns-Kish Funeral Home**, 8415 Calumet Avenue, Munster, Indiana 46321, visitation will take place 1 hour prior to service. In lieu of flowers, donations in his loving memory can be made to: Honor Flight-Chicago, Federation of Northwest Indiana, and Temple Israel-Gary

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Marciela Garcia

1940-2017



Marciela was the best tamale maker, giver of hugs, worst in an emergency, best at unconditional love. She worked as a stenographer for 15 years, and was a loving abuelita not just to her eleven grandchildren, but to many of the children she worked with as a volunteer at the Chicago Public Library. Family was really important to Marciela. She was the eldest of 8 brothers and sisters, and due to her mother's passing at a young age, assumed a motherly role for her younger siblings. An animal-lover, Marciela leaves behind her two cats, Fiona and Ray, and her dog, Sammy.

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Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County

File No. D18153844 on the Date: **March 21, 2018**
Under the Assumed Name of: **MELISSA D SANCHEZ INSURANCE AGENCY**

with the business located at:
4743 N CLARK ST UNIT 115
CHICAGO, IL, 60640

The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **MELISSA DOLORES SANCHEZ**
2918 N MCVICKER AVE
CHICAGO, IL, 60634

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Filing of Evidence Pursuant to Order of the Illinois Commerce Commission

To: Patrons of The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company;

The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company hereby gives notice to the public that it has filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission, pursuant to the Commission's order in Docket 18-0188, dated January 25, 2018, evidence relating to the reconciliation of revenues arising and costs recoverable under Rider 11 of its Schedule of Rates (Ill.C.C. No. 28) for Gas Service in Chicago, Illinois.

A copy of the filed evidence may be inspected by any interested party at any business office of this Company.

All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from this Company or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

THE PEOPLES GAS LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY

By Theodore Eidukas
Vice President - Regulatory Affairs

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGE BUSINESSES
Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc., 1205 Garland Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084, (847)526-5457 is seeking disadvantaged businesses for the Central Lake County JAWA - West Group Water System Expansion, Bid Package No. 5 for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: Trucking, Material suppliers, Landscaping, Concrete, Asphalt, Traffic control, Pavement Markings, & Electrical. All disadvantaged businesses should contact, IN WRITING, (certified letter, return receipt requested), Kyle Berger to discuss the subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to bid opening 5/18/2018. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Bank of America, N.A.; Edonis M. Priest; City of Chicago; City of Chicago Dept. of Water; Occupant, 946 N. Homan Ave., Chicago, IL; Occupant, 950 N. Homan Ave., Chicago, IL; Scott Priest; Occupant, 948 N. Homan Ave., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001559. FILED: 2/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/7/2016. Certificate No. 155-0008475. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2008 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 948 N. Homan Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-02-418-027-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/18/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/18/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/27/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/18/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: April 4, 2018. Pub: 4/13, 14, 16/2018 5556938

TO: Joel B. Rosero; City of Chicago; Susan Rosero; City of Chicago Dept. of Water; Occupant, 1053 N. Keeler Ave., Chicago, IL; Occupant, 1059 N. Keeler Ave., Chicago, IL; Occupant, 1055 N. Keeler Ave., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001560. FILED: 2/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/7/2016. Certificate No. 155-0008522. Sold for general taxes of (year) . 2007 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1055 N. Keeler Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-03-412-002-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/18/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/18/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/27/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/18/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: April 4, 2018. Pub: 4/13, 14, 16/2018 5556943

TO: Enaid Management Co.; Chicago Title Land Trust Company u/t/n 23412 Trust Dated: 12/02/1969; Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services; Chicago Title Land Trust Company as Successor Trustee to Chicago Title Land Trust Company u/t/n 23412 Trust Dated: 12/02/1969; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Sheila Strong; Illinois Attorney General; Daryl Strong; Erica Ventress; Charles Strong; Occupant, 555 N. Monticello Ave., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001561. FILED: 2/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/7/2016. Certificate No. 155-0009063. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2008 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 555 N. Monticello Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-11-125-002-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/18/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/18/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/27/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/18/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: April 4, 2018. Pub: 4/13, 14, 16/2018 5556951

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TO: Payson MFG Co.; City of Chicago Dept. of Water; City of Chicago; Chicago Title Land Trust Company as successor Trustee to North Star Truck Company, as Trustee u/t/n 00-2042 Trust Dated: 11/22/2000; Maude Franklin; Nikkia Walker; Nikkia McCoy; Occupant, 2935 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL; Occupant, 2933 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001562. FILED: 2/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/7/2016. Certificate No. 155-0009290. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2005 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 2933 W. Adams St., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-116-046-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/18/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/18/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/27/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/18/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: April 4, 2018. Pub: 4/13, 14, 16/2018 5556959

TO: Midland Funding, LLC; City of Chicago; Eileen Jackson; Occupant, 2731 W. Gladys Ave., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001564. FILED: 2/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/7/2016. Certificate No. 155-0009318. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2009 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 2731 W. Gladys Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-223-009-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/18/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/18/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/27/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/18/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: April 4, 2018. Pub: 4/13, 14, 16/2018 5556972

TO: Haitham Hinawi; James Williams; Melvin Watson; Occupant, 3459 S. Harrison St., Chicago, IL; Occupant, 3457 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL; Charles Smith; Second Chance Childhood; Shear Bliss Hair Salon; 3400 Food & Liquor, Inc; Occupant, 609 S. Saint Louis Ave., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001565. FILED: 2/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/7/2016. Certificate No. 155-0009471. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2009 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 609 S. Saint Louis Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-401-002-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/18/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/18/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/27/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/18/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: April 4, 2018. Pub: 4/13, 14, 16/2018 5556978

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TO: The Plumbing Council of Chicagoland; William Banks; John Maher Plumbing, Inc.; n/k/a Maher Plumbing, Inc.; City of Chicago; Marquette Bank; James T. Sullivan, trustee of Plumbers' Pension Fund Local 130, U.A.; Rötzel & Andrews, LPA; The Trust Fund for Apprentice and Journeyman Education and Training Local 130, U.A.; Chicago Journeymen Plumbers' Local Union 130, U.A.; Plumbers' Welfare Fund, Local 130, U.A.; The Plumbing Council of Chicagoland; Group Legal Services Plan Fund; Trustee of Plumbers' Pension Fund, Local 130, U.A.; Occupant, 4822 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL; Occupant, 4814-16 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001566. FILED: 2/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/7/2016. Certificate No. 155-0009603 & 155-0009604. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 1996-2013; 1996-2013; 155-0009604; 2009-2013 thru . Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 4814-16 W. Harrison St., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-16-221-068-0000 & 16-16-221-069-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/18/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/18/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/27/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/18/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: April 4, 2018. Pub: 4/13, 14, 16/2018 5556984

TO: BPT Southside Properties, LLC; City of Chicago; Greg Swan; Occupant, 6036 S. Aberdeen St., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001555. FILED: 2/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/6/2016. Certificate No. 155-0004735. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2009 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 6036 S. Aberdeen St., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-17-409-035-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/18/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/18/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/27/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/18/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: April 4, 2018. Pub: 4/13, 14, 16/2018 5556995

TO: Patrick Giordini; BPT South Side Properties, LLC; Ortensia Giordani; Occupant, 6040 S. Aberdeen St., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001556. FILED: 2/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/6/2016. Certificate No. 155-0004735. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2009 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 6040 S. Aberdeen St., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-17-409-034-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/18/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/18/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/27/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/18/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: April 4, 2018. Pub: 4/13, 14, 16/2018 5556992

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TO: LVNV Funding, LLC; AENB, LLC; City of Chicago; Ashoor E. Baba; Occupant, 6044 S. Aberdeen St., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001557. FILED: 2/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/6/2016. Certificate No. 155-0004736. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2008 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 6044 S. Aberdeen St., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001567. FILED: 2/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/6/2016. Certificate No. 155-0009744. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2003 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 11923 S. Halsted St., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-28-100-017-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/18/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/18/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/27/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/18/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purch

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SATURDAY, APRIL 14 NORMAL HIGH: 58° NORMAL LOW: 38° RECORD HIGH: 85° (2003) RECORD LOW: 23° (1943)

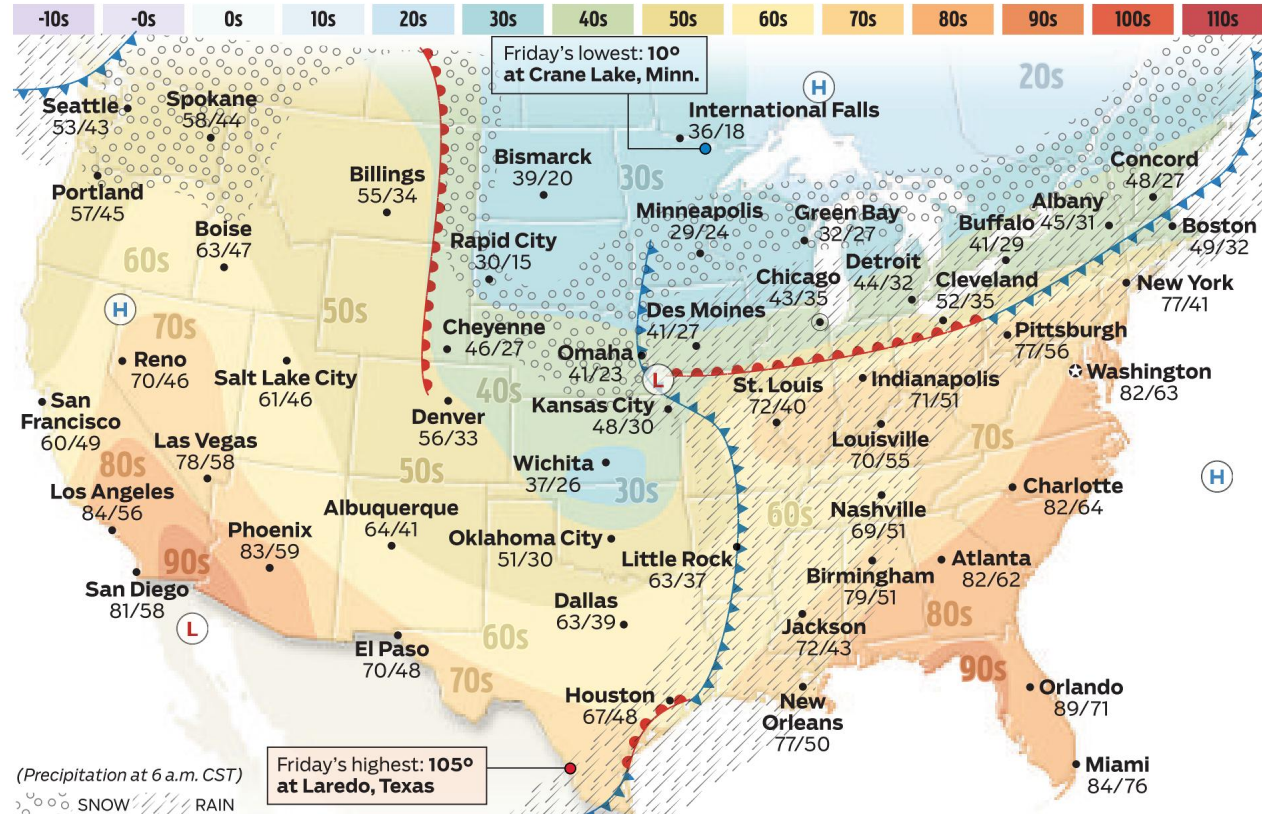
Weather reverts to February/March regimen

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 43 **LOW** 35

- Wind. Lakeshore flood Advisories in effect.
- E-W warm front sets up south of I-80. Intensifying low pressure system out of the central plains.
- Cloudy, damp, raw. Periods of showers — embedded t-storms south of I-80. High temps 40-45 much of the area with readings reaching into the 60s far southern portions.
- E-NE winds at 25-35 mph to 50 mph drive 10- to 16-foot waves on Lake Michigan. Potential flooding along the Illinois/Lake Michigan shoreline. Showers and t-storms with strong winds continue overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



For a couple of days it almost felt like spring had arrived, but it looks like we have fallen back into the late February/early March regimen experienced during the first 10 days of this month. Thursday's 70s did occur in many locations south of Interstate 80 on Friday, but by the end of the day the east/west-oriented frontal boundary separating the warm air from the 40-degree chill to the north was sinking farther south. Saturday looks to be a cold raw day as low pressure deepens over the central Plains. We should experience chilling rains, heavy at times, while Wind and Lakeshore Flooding Advisories will be in effect. East-to-northeast winds will ramp up almost area-wide, gusting to as much as 50 mph and building 10- to 16-foot waves over the southern portion of Lake Michigan, causing flooding along the Illinois shoreline.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

HIGH 41 **LOW** 29

Cloudy, blustery and cold with periods of light rain. High temperatures in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Rain changing over to wet snow at night. NE winds shift to the NW at 20-30 mph.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

HIGH 40 **LOW** 28

Mostly cloudy, rather windy and cold with a few snow flurries possible. High temps in the upper 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. Northwest winds at 15-25 mph.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

HIGH 53 **LOW** 39

Mostly sunny and warmer. Highs well into the 50s away from the Lake. Southeast winds keep readings in the 40s along the lakefront. Increasing and lowering clouds overnight.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

HIGH 51 **LOW** 38

Cloudy with showers likely. Highs in the lower 50s. Southerly winds at 15-20 mph shift to the northwest during the afternoon. Partly cloudy at night.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

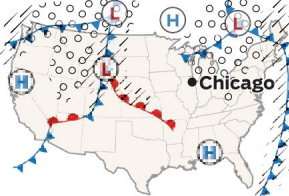
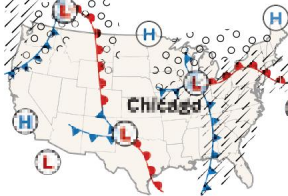
HIGH 53 **LOW** 36

Periods of sunshine mixed with clouds. Temperatures peak well below the normal 60-degree high for this date. Clearing skies overnight. Northerly winds.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

HIGH 52 **LOW** 39

Sunny start. Increase in high and mid-level clouds during the afternoon. High temps in the 50s well inland but an easterly lake breeze keeps readings in the 40s along the lakefront. Thickening clouds overnight.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Chicago gets snow in April, but what about May?
— Paul Witterberg, Chicago

Dear Paul,
Snowfall in May is not that unusual in Chicago, having occurred in nearly 23 percent (30 out of 133) of the Mays here since 1885. In most instances the snow has not been measurable, falling either as flurries or as rain mixed with snow. Only eight Mays have produced measurable snow, most recently 0.5 inches on May 6, 1989. May's greatest snowfall was 2.2 inches on May 1-2, 1940; the city's latest measurable snow was 0.2 inches on May 11, 1966. The last time it snowed here in May was a trace on May 2, 2005.

Snowfall beyond May has only happened once in Chicago: in 1910 when a trace was observed on June 2. Autumn's earliest snowflakes have been logged twice, traces on Sept. 25 in 1928 and again in 1942.

Write to: ASK TOM
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Spring storm brings windy rain here—snow to the north

FRIDAY HIGH TEMPERATURES

34° range north to south across area

CHICAGO FORECAST HIGH TEMPERATURES

Temperature departures from normal

Day	High	Low
SAT	43°	-15°
SUN	41°	-18°
MON	40°	-19°
TUE	51°	-9°

WAVE FORECAST AT CHICAGO

Wave heights in feet

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

18,500 feet winds

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

18,500 feet winds

SATURDAY AFTERNOON WINDS—SUSTAINED SPEEDS (in miles per hour)

30, 40, 45

SNOW TOTALS AS OF 6 PM FRIDAY

Rapid City, S.D.	10.0"
Nemo, S.D.	10.0"
Potter, Neb.	10.0"
Faith, S.D.	8.0"
Ralph, S.D.	7.0"
Sidney, Neb.	6.0"
Medora, N.D.	6.0"
Hirschville, N.D.	6.0"

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MIDWEST CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh	70	41	cl	47	34
Carbondale	sh	69	41	sh	49	29
Champaign	ts	70	40	sh	48	28
Decatur	ts	70	40	sh	48	28
Moline	ts	42	35	rs	38	25
Peoria	ts	57	39	sh	42	27
Quincy	ts	64	38	sh	40	27
Rockford	rn	38	32	rs	35	25
Springfield	ts	70	40	sh	43	29
Sterling	ts	39	33	rs	37	24
Indiana	ts	72	50	sh	52	33
Bloomington	ts	70	47	sh	52	35
Evansville	ts	70	47	sh	52	35
Fort Wayne	ts	57	36	rs	50	32
Indianapolis	ts	71	51	rs	54	32
Lafayette	ts	67	46	rs	51	30
South Bend	ts	54	35	rs	47	28
Wisconsin	rs	32	27	sn	30	27
Green Bay	rs	32	27	sn	30	27
Kenosha	rs	38	31	rs	35	25
Madison	fr	35	28	sn	30	23
La Crosse	fr	35	28	sn	30	23
Lafayette	fr	35	28	sn	30	23
Milwaukee	fr	35	28	sn	30	23
Wausau	ss	27	20	sn	25	23
Michigan	rn	44	32	rs	48	35
Detroit	fr	39	30	rs	38	31
Grand Rapids	fr	39	30	rs	38	31
Marquette	fr	28	22	sn	26	24
St. Ste. Marie	cl	31	21	sn	29	28
Traverse City	sn	34	27	rs	33	23
Iowa	rs	37	25	ss	30	20
Ames	rs	40	29	ss	33	22
Des Moines	rn	41	27	ss	32	23
Dubuque	rn	39	30	sn	33	23

OTHER U.S. CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	pc	78	42	pc	64	37
Albany	sh	45	31	fr	36	33
Albuquerque	su	64	41	su	73	48
Amarillo	pc	57	30	su	69	42
Anchorage	pc	47	29	su	48	28
Asheville	cl	74	59	ts	65	41
Aspen	pc	44	26	pc	55	36
Atlanta	cl	82	62	sh	65	42
Atlantic City	pc	67	48	rn	50	46
Austin	pc	71	46	su	76	50
Baltimore	pc	63	47	pc	68	43
Birmingham	pc	55	34	pc	62	36
Birmingham	ts	79	51	sh	61	40
Bismarck	pc	39	20	su	43	22
Boise	sh	63	47	pc	68	43
Boston	sh	49	32	fr	33	32
Brownsville	ts	79	56	su	82	58
Buffalo	fr	41	29	fr	46	40
Burlington	rs	36	26	rs	35	32
Charlotte	pc	82	64	ts	78	52
Charlottesville	pc	76	65	ts	75	54
Charlottesville	cl	82	63	ts	71	44
Chattanooga	ts	79	59	rn	62	42
Cheyanne	pc	46	27	pc	56	32
Cincinnati	rn	70	58	rn	61	36
Cleveland	rn	52	35	ts	59	40
Colorado Spgs	pc	52	29	pc	58	36
Columbia MO	pc	57	35	rs	39	28
Columbia SC	pc	85	65	ts	84	51
Columbus	rn	68	54	rs	64	38
Columbus	ts	48	27	sn	32	30
Crps Christi	pc	77	56	su	79	63
Dallas	pc	63	39	pc	67	45
Daytona Bch.	pc	81	69	ts	85	56
Denver	pc	56	33	pc	65	40
Des Moines	rn	41	27	ss	32	23
Duluth	pc	28	26	sn	24	24
El Paso	su	70	48	su	81	55
Fairbanks	su	34	10	su	38	14
Fargo	sh	37	25	cl	39	23
Flagstaff	pc	61	25	pc	66	35
Fort Myers	su	90	73	ts	88	65
Fort Smith	pc	53	34	pc	53	33
Fresno	su	56	36	sh	51	39
Grand Junc.	su	57	37	pc	68	49
Great Falls	pc	55	34	cl	61	36
Harrisburg	pc	82	55	sh	57	42
Hartford	cl	61	35	sh	38	35
Helena	pc	55	34	sh	56	37
Honolulu	pc	81	73	ts	81	70
Houston	pc	67	48	su	70	50
Int'l Falls	pc	36	18	ss	32	18
Jackson	ts	72	43	pc	59	39
Jacksonville	pc	84	70	ts	81	53
Jameau	pc	51	31	pc	53	31
Kansas City	sh	48	30	pc	37	28
Las Vegas	su	78	58	pc	85	63
Lexington	ts	69	59	rn	62	37
Lincoln	rs	39	23	pc	33	20
Little Rock	pc	63	37	pc	53	35
Los Angeles	su	84	56	pc	77	54
Louisville	ts	70	55	sh	57	38
Macon	pc	86	64	ts	68	43
Memphis	pc	68	41	cl	51	36
Miami	pc	84	76	ts	84	69
Minneapolis	su	29	24	ss	30	22
Mobile	ts	75	54	pc	66	45
Montgomery	ts	83	53	sh	62	42
Los Angeles	ts	69	51	sh	55	37
New Orleans	ts	70	50	su	81	53
New York	pc	77	41	rn	45	39
Norfolk	pc	82	63	ts	80	62
Ola, City	pc	51	30	pc	60	35
Omaha	ts	41	23	pc	32	21
Orlando	pc	89	71	pc	89	71
Palm Beach	pc	85	75	ts	85	64
Palm Springs	su	88	63	ts	85	63
Philadelphia	pc	81	48	rn	51	43
Phoenix	su	83	59	pc	91	64
Pittsburgh	rn	77	56	ts	67	44
Portland, ME	sh	45	25	ss	34	33
Portland, OR	sh	57	45	sh	51	41
Providence	cl	55	34	sh	37	34
Raleigh	pc	81	62	ts	80	55
Rapid City	pc	30	15	pc	36	22
Reno	pc	70	46	pc	64	37
Richmond	pc	83	62	ts	78	60
Rochester	fr	40	30	rn	40	39
Sacramento	su	77	48	pc	66	44
Salem, Ore.	sh	58	45	rn	50	38
Salt Lake City	su	61	46	pc	73	57
San Antonio	su	77	51	su	81	52
San Diego	su	81	58	pc	73	57
San Francisco	su	60	49	sh	55	46
San Juan	sh	82	74	pc	83	74
Santa Fe	su	55	33	pc	65	41
Savannah	pc	80	67	ts	78	50
Seattle	rn	53	43	sh	53	42
Shreveport	pc	64	40	su	60	41
Sioux Falls	sn	27	19	pc	30	15
Spokane	sh	58	44	sh	56	40
St. Louis	pc	72	40	sh	43	31
Tucson	su	79	50	su	81	51
Syracuse	rn	42	30	fr	40	33
Tallahassee	pc	84	66	ts	69	46
Tampa	su	88	71	ts	82	63
Topeka	ts	44	27	pc	40	24
Tucson	su	79	50	su	81	51
Tulsa	cl	49	31	su	55	33
Washington	pc	82	63	ts	65	52
Wichita	pc	37	26	pc	50	27
Wiles Barre	pc	76	39	sh	43	32
Yuma	su	86	57	pc	92	64

WORLD CITIES

SATURDAY	FC	HI	LO	SATURDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	su	84	71	Kingston	sh	85	78
Algiers	rn	59	54	Lima	sh	71	65
Amsterdam	pc	62	50	London	sh	63	54
Ankara	pc	75	43	Madrid	sh	65	41
Athens	su	80	57	Manila	pc	94	78
Auckland	sh	71	63	Mexico City	pc	80	51
Baghdad	su	85	63	Montreal	sh	79	56
Bangkok	pc	96					

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GOLF NOTES

McIlroy career slam must wait

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — **Rory McIlroy's** fourth bid for the career Grand Slam was his best chance.

He played in the final group with **Patrick Reed** and pulled to within one shot early before his putter failed him. McIlroy tied for fifth but would seem to have time on his side.

"Come back again next year and try," McIlroy said. "I've played in two final groups in the last seven years (and) I've had five top 10s. I play this golf course well. I just haven't played it well enough at the right time."

McIlroy has five straight top 10s, though he has yet to finish closer than six shots to the winner. From a historical perspective, it might not get any easier as he goes along.

While five players have completed the career Grand Slam, only three knew what they were winning. The modern version of the Grand Slam didn't really start until **Arnold Palmer** raised the notion of winning all four professional majors in 1960.

No one asked **Gene Sarazen** about it when he won the Masters in 1935. Augusta National didn't even award a green jacket until 1952. **Ben Hogan** won the fourth leg at Carnoustie in 1953.

That leaves **Gary Player** (completed in 1965), **Jack Nicklaus** (1966) and **Tiger Woods** (2000). What they have in common is that each was in his 20s when he completed the Grand Slam.

McIlroy will be 29 at next year's Masters.

Player went 24 majors from his first win — the 1959 British Open — until he completed the slam at the 1965 U.S. Open. Nicklaus went 18 majors between his first at the 1962 U.S. Open and completing it at the 1966 British Open. Woods took only 15 majors between his first and fourth different major — 1997 Masters to the 2000 British Open.

McIlroy finished his 27th major last week since winning the 2011 U.S. Open. It will be 31 majors, presuming good health, when he returns to the Masters.

Jordan Spieth has more time on his side. Spieth is 24. The PGA Championship, which he lacks for the career slam, will be his 16th major start since winning his first at the 2015 Masters.

As for **Phil Mickelson**? Remember, he didn't win his first major until he was 33.

"If it's this year or not, they will do it," Mickelson said of McIlroy and Spieth. "They won their majors very early in their careers. I didn't start until I was 33, and they're not even close to that, so they will get it done. But I need to get it done soon."

Poulter's perks: Depending on the player, a spot in the Masters is often the first perk mentioned upon winning a full PGA Tour event.

That was the case for **Ian Poulter**, especially under his circumstances.

He initially had been told a week earlier, before the quarterfinals of Match Play, that he already had done enough to get into the Masters through the world rankings. Then he was told he had to win one more match, which he lost.

So the Masters was a popular topic when Poulter won the Houston Open. But there was so much more to winning.

"Ryder Cup points, FedEx Cup points, world-ranking points," Poulter said, listing them in no particular order.

No one wants to miss the Masters, but the victory in Houston moved Poulter to No. 29 in the world — he is No. 31 this week — and makes it likely he will remain high enough to get into the U.S. Open and British Open.

Poulter is high on the table for the Ryder Cup but still outside the eight automatic qualifiers. He is No. 25 in

FedEx Cup.

And he gets to retool his schedule.

"It's hard to go play when you're just on the other side of the top 50," Poulter said. "That's the golden ticket in golf. I have been enjoying my golf, but this opens (up) everything up for me."

He'll be at Firestone for another World Golf Championship. And Poulter can spend most of his summer in England when his children are on summer break, flying back for one week in June to play the U.S. Open.

So the Masters was a nice perk. Poulter closed with a 69 and tied for 44th. The ranking points might prove to be far more valuable.

Masters return: **Tony Finau** has a Masters debut to remember. He made a hole-in-one at the par-3 tournament, injured ligaments in his left ankle while jogging backward to celebrate it and ran off six straight birdies in the final round for a 66 to tie for 10th.

Finau said when he hurt his ankle he wasn't about to miss his first Masters. He was eligible because he shot 64 in the final round of the BMW Championship to make it to the Tour Championship.

That's no longer an issue. The top 12 at the Masters automatically return the next year and Finau knew that.

"Yep, 100 percent," he said. "Finishing 20th this week, you'd like to think I'd be back, but nothing is guaranteed. That's something I've learned in life and in this game."

"I look forward to being back here. It's a golf course I know I can play, and I've proved that to myself this week."

PGA Tour slogan: After two decades, the PGA Tour is retiring its popular slogan, "These Guys Are Good."

In its place is a new advertising campaign intended to attract a wider audience. The slogan is "Live Under Par," playing off golf's scoring system to par. **Joe Arcuri**, the tour's chief marketing officer, said it tries to go beyond players' performances to show how they connect with fans and other players.

"The new campaign captures not just a way to play but a way to be," Arcuri said.

It's part of a "fan-first" mentality at the tour, which began with relaxing its mobile phone policy and social media guidelines at tournaments.

In recent years, the PGA Tour has gone from banning photos during competition days to fielding complaints that the cell service at tournaments needs boosting because so many fans are trying to use social media.

The new campaign begins this week.

Divots: Five players in the Masters were at the Houston Open the week before and in the RBC Heritage the week after: **Jason Dufner**, **Dylan Frittelli**, **Martin Kaymer**, **Matt Kuchar** and Poulter. ... **Davis Love III** has played in all eight PGA Tour events where his son, **Dru**, has received a sponsor's exemption. That includes the RBC Heritage, where they are the first three-generation family to play. **Davis Love Jr.** played Hilton Head in 1969 and 1970. ... Spieth has played the Masters five times. He has won, twice been runner-up, finished third and tied for 11th. That gives him an average of \$890,640 in earnings per appearance. Nicklaus earned \$892,359 in his career at the Masters.

Final word: "I put a little too much pressure on myself in the majors now because I know that I don't have a ton of time to win them." — Mickelson, who turns 48 next month. The Masters was his 97th major as a pro.



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Patrick Reed dons the green jacket after winning the Masters last week by staving off a couple of strong challengers.

COMMENTARY

Winner at a loss

Reed's Masters victory doesn't turn him into crowd favorite

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Patrick Reed won't have to wait until next April to defend his title in the Masters.

Even as he slipped into a green jacket, he was perceived more as a villain than a victor.

The loudest cheer from the first tee at Augusta National was for Rory McIlroy, who played with Reed in the final round. The loudest cheer on the 18th green was for Rickie Fowler, who finished his round ahead of Reed.

The mood all afternoon screamed out, "Anyone but Patrick."

Reed had the last shot, a 3-foot par putt for a one-shot victory and his first major championship.

All he did was play a brand of golf that champions from any era would embrace.

Reed seized control Saturday with two eagles on the back nine, the second a 3-wood from just less than 270 yards into the wet, heavy air that barely cleared the water in front of the 15th green. From there, he chipped in from 80 feet.

And on Sunday, he heard the cheers ahead of him for Jordan Spieth and answered with a 25-foot birdie putt on No. 12 and an 8-foot birdie putt on

No. 14. That's how majors are won and respect is earned.

The applause, however, sounded more like acceptance than celebration. Instead of looking ahead to how much more this Masters champion might achieve, the inclination was to look into the past of a flawed character in a green jacket.

Reed wasn't anyone's favorite Sunday outside of his immediate family, and that includes parents with whom he has had no contact for more than five years. They live a few miles from Augusta National.

That's not unusual at the Masters.

Danny Willett wasn't the patrons' choice in 2016 when he took advantage of Spieth's misfortunes at the 12th hole. Charles Coody played the best golf in 1971 when the Masters could have had Jack Nicklaus or 23-year-old Johnny Miller.

Even without a checkered past at two colleges — Georgia and Augusta State — or the brash claim after his third PGA Tour victory that he considered himself among the top five players in golf, the role of villain fit Reed as snugly as that green jacket.

There was McIlroy — honest, refreshing, tal-

ented — who already had paid his dues at Augusta National with that final-round 80 in 2011 and now lacked only this major to complete the career Grand Slam. It wasn't Reed's fault that McIlroy couldn't buy a putt.

Then it was Spieth, who says and does all the right things off the course, making a Sunday charge that even Nicklaus could appreciate. He was one swing away from the lowest final round and perhaps the greatest comeback in Masters history. Spieth's tee shot was too far left and hit a tree limb.

And finally it was Fowler's turn. If he isn't the best player never to have won a major, he is the most popular player without a major by a wide margin. Fowler hit all the right shots, especially on the 18th hole for a birdie that gave the gallery hope and left Reed no room for a mistake.

Reed loves such a moment.

"It's just a way of God basically saying, 'Let's see if you have it,'" Reed said.

He had it all, except the affection that appears to be harder to find than the wide fairways of Augusta National. Reed didn't care when someone asked Saturday night why fans don't embrace him.

"Why don't you ask them?" he said. "I'm out here to do my job."

"If I'm doing it the right way, that's all that

really matters."

Reed is part of the youth movement, primarily because of his age (27). The consummate team player can be a bit of a loner. He does his work quietly on the range, rarely without his wife along for observations, and doesn't have regular partners for practice.

Reed won't be found on any social media channels during spring break in the Bahamas. He wears boots, not flip-flops.

And yes, he has flaws. He inevitably has let people down, even if he was never a hero to legions of fans.

There were plenty of American fans cheering for Reed at Hazeltine in 2016 when he matched McIlroy shot for shot and at one point wagged his finger at McIlroy. That finger was pressed against the lips when Reed had the audacity to shush a Scottish crowd during his Ryder Cup debut in Gleneagles.

Top five in the world? Perhaps at annoying people.

"He's a member of the Masters Club now," Spieth said. "He'll have a green jacket forever. His name is etched in history, and I'm sure he's going to go into Paris and try and win a Ryder Cup on European soil."

They love Reed in red, white and blue.

Perhaps one of these days, they'll come to embrace him in green.

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All eyes are on NASCAR's bad boy

'Rowdy' Busch successful on track, never boring



GEORGE DIAZ
On auto racing

Great stories always involve a battle between the forces of nature: good versus evil, heroes and villains.

Kyle Busch isn't called "Rowdy" because he parties till dawn. He rocks and rolls to a different universe, often contentious and unfiltered. If that makes him evil, so be it. But the bottom line is he is good for a sport in which participants have become a bit homogenized over the years.

So consider it a good thing that Busch won at Texas on Sunday, his 44th NASCAR Cup victory overall.

It sets up a nice narrative for the playoffs this fall when he tangles with longtime rival Kevin Harvick, another prickly pear, among others.

Bring it, boys. It had been a bittersweet season for Busch after finishing second in three of the previous four races with veteran crew chief Adam Stevens. The tempestuous kind, Busch had an excellent filter of perspective from owner Joe Gibbs.

"Those are long weeks," Gibbs said in Texas. "He's upset afterward. During the week, we have our competition meeting. ... Kyle's got a lot of confidence in Adam and our team, but it is frustrating when you feel like — second sometimes, you know, it's so hard."

"Then when you have



Kyle Busch celebrates with his son Brexton after winning the O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway. **RICHARD RODRIGUEZ/GETTY-AFP**

several of those, you just kind of feel like it builds up."

It can, and it did. The frustration spilled over to Twitter a few weeks ago after Busch was criticized for apparently blowing off the Fox Sports crew after finishing third. In reality, the Fox team missed its window of opportunity to interview Busch, and it wasn't incumbent on him to stick around and wait.

It turned into a contentious sparring session in cyberspace.

"Enjoy @KyleBusch engaging the haters along

with his fans on twitter. Regardless of your opinion on him, he is great for @NASCAR," tweeted Dale Earnhardt Jr. "Never boring. Makes my new job easier."

It makes everyone's job easier in NASCAR — except the drivers trying to keep up. Busch already has one Cup title from 2015 and definitely is in the mix for another.

He goes to Bristol this week as the points leader — and with a rowdy round of momentum.

"As much as I love to win and hate to lose, it obvi-

ously feels a heck of a lot better when you can be ... talking about a win rather than a second or third, something like that, like we have been the past six weeks," Busch said Sunday. No worries anymore. See you in the playoffs, and bring your contentious party hat.

Football fever: We will start with the standard disclaimer: Stick to driving, kids!

That said, it was pretty cool for a number of Ford team NASCAR drivers to play flag football at the

Dallas Cowboys' indoor practice facility.

The pickup crew included Clint Bowyer, Ryan Blaney, Brad Keselowski, Trevor Bayne, Aric Almirola, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Paul Menard, Joey Logano, Matt DiBenedetto, Michael McDowell, David Ragan and Kurt Busch.

"Ford and the Cowboys made that happen," Blaney said. "Played flag football. I never played flag football as a kid ..."

"It's good that there were 11 players on each side — it's a big field. That's a lot of ground to cover. We were

huffing and puffing. It was a good time. Nobody got hurt. Clint didn't throw up." Consider that a win, kids.

Going backward: It was another thumbs-down week for seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson, still looking for his competitive mojo this season.

Johnson was involved in a multicar crash on Lap 176 at Texas and finished 35th. He dropped to 21st in the standings.

"Yeah, by the time I saw what went on (Denny Hamlin) was backward and smoking the tires coming up the track," Johnson said. "I knew where his arc was taking him and I knew that I was in trouble in the outside lane and going to get into him some."

"And then the crash just continued from there. ... We will get back to our winning ways soon."

Truth, or wishful thinking?

Suarez gets dinged: Keep an eye on Daniel Suarez this weekend as he deals with a thumb injury that could affect his performance.

Suarez was involved in a multicar wreck last weekend and posted a video after the race showing his left hand wrapped in a splint. He was scheduled to have it looked at more closely by a doctor this week.

Monster deal: Monster Energy will remain the title sponsor of the Cup Series through next year, an extension announced Tuesday. After that, according to Associated Press, NASCAR intends to re-evaluate how it sells its sponsorship. The Monster contract is estimated to be worth \$20 million annually.

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Racing world is upside down

IndyCar surging while NASCAR can't find itself

BY JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Motorsports in America can be bold and beautiful and so very baffling.

IndyCar and NASCAR, the top two series in the United States, seem as if they are headed in opposite directions at the start of the 2018 season. IndyCar has had two competitive races, boasts a new car that contributed to a nail-biting finish last weekend in Phoenix and boasts renewed energy and excitement surrounding the beleaguered little series.

NASCAR, the behemoth league in this country, has seven races under its belt. But after Sunday's race at Texas, some might wonder if the series is falling off its rails. NASCAR officials made an officiating error that benefited Kevin Harvick, a series official was seen on television fist-bumping a Harvick crew member after the no-call, and then Harvick spared no words in his harsh criticism of the "pathetic" NASCAR-issued air guns he claimed are "embarrassing for the sport."

The action didn't stop after Kyle Busch's victory over Harvick either.

NASCAR President Brent Dewar, who has dramatically amped up fan engagement this year, went on a bizarre, three-hour-plus Twitter binge in which he was both defensive and later apologetic for his tone. He invited one critical fan to visit race control because it's "easy to criticize from you(r) lazy boy." When fan JJ Brannan wrote that Dewar was "doing more harm to the brand



Kevin Harvick, left, and Kyle Busch head into the front stretch as the gallery watches during the NASCAR Cup Series race last weekend in Fort Worth. **LARRY PAPKE/AP**

then you are good with your Twitter presence," Dewar quickly clapped back.

"Happy to stop. Will save me a couple of hours I can spend with my family," the president replied.

Why can't the two top racing series in the U.S. ever be on an upswing at the same time?

That very question was asked to Roger Penske, the titan of motorsports, at last month's IndyCar season opener. The billionaire with full-time teams in NASCAR, IndyCar, IMSA sports cars and Australia's super cars series didn't have an immediate answer. IndyCar has been quietly moving with a slight and slow resurgence, but NASCAR seems to be putting out one fire after another.

One issue Penske circled

back to repeatedly that day was cost containment, and he admitted he can run one NASCAR Cup Series car competitively for the same amount he spends on his entire three-car IndyCar operation. He brought up the equipment used to change tires during NASCAR races several times and seemed in favor of the rule this year that has NASCAR-issued pit guns to stop bottomless team spending on developing faster, efficient air guns.

"I hate to tell you how many times we had problems with our \$150,000 investment in pit guns compared to what we're doing now," Penske said.

All NASCAR team owners were allowed input on the rule, and it's not a minor change. It has developed

into a major storyline of this young season. Teams complained the guns haven't consistently worked, and Harvick said issues with the equipment have dogged him through the first two months of the season. Harvick still has three victories and a runner-up finish through seven races.

"The pit guns have been absolutely horrible all year, and our guys do a great job on pit road, and the pathetic part about it is the fact you get handed something that doesn't work correctly, and those guys are just doing everything that they can to try to make it right," he said. "It's embarrassing for the sport."

Scott Miller, NASCAR senior vice president of competition, told SiriusXM NASCAR Radio on Monday

that officials are studying the problems.

"We have to look at everything before we can flat out say we had a gun problem," Miller said. "The program has had a few more hitches in it than, obviously, we wished it would. Everything in motorsports is a development process, and this is no different. It's unfortunate that it's caused some people some problems, but development is what it is."

So here we are, everything moving along quite swimmingly in IndyCar, the series that always seemed to stumble over its own messes, as NASCAR is now the one that can't seem to get out of its own way.

In fairness, the series operate on much different scales. IndyCar has a

smaller field, shorter season, fewer resources and a tiny television audience. NASCAR is the big daddy and runs nearly 11 months, has 38 events in just the flagship Cup Series and is trying desperately to rein in spending while still putting forth a competitive product that will stop its slide in the TV ratings.

IndyCar, from a numbers standpoint, is a world away from NASCAR. But after its first two races of the season, the series is probably content with its small corner of the market and the product it is currently producing.

NASCAR? Well, when air guns and the league president's tweets are the topic du jour after a race, the series has to take a serious step back and return to basics: good racing.

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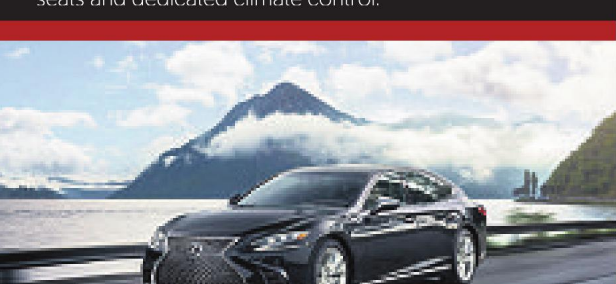


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FIRST DRIVE

'19 VW Jetta

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It's an SUV world now, even for traditionally car-centric Volkswagen. Its best-sellers so far this year are the new Tiguan (Cars.com's 2017 Compact SUV Challenge winner) and Atlas mid-size SUV (Cars.com's Best of 2018). But compact cars still are a big part of the U.S. vehicle market and the much-improved 2019 Volkswagen Jetta sedan shows VW is serious about a bagging a bigger share.

At a Volkswagen media preview, I drove the 2019 Jetta in town, on freeways and on rural highways around Durham, N.C., and found it now stacks up much better against rival compact leaders such as the Honda Civic and Toyota Corolla. (Per company policy, Cars.com pays for its airfare and lodging at such automaker-hosted events.) The previous generation held its own for driving manners, but the 2019 now also gets up to speed with features, tech and comfort, as well as — key for this group — value.

We're talking about the Volkswagen Jetta in the context of mainstream compact cars designed and priced for broad appeal (from singles to family buyers to Uber drivers). Volkswagen is hoping for sales in six figures per year, and that means compromises. If you want more grins, Volkswagen will happily sell you a sportier Golf GTI hatchback, a darling of enthusiasts, just as Honda will sell you a sweet manual-shift-only Civic Si, but these are niche products in the U.S.

The 2019 Jetta goes on sale later this spring and will offer S, SE, SEL and SEL Premium trim levels, as well as a sportier-looking and mid-priced R-Line version that replaces 2018's SE Sport.

New Look, Still a Grownup

The 2019 is more stylish, but remains more grownup looking than, for example, the sportier, more exuberant and younger vibe of the latest Civic. The look is sharply creased and more muscular, particularly in front, with an imposing VW grille and sculpted hood and bumper. The side view is dominated by a sharp character line from the front fender to the taillight (which unfortunately starts with a fake little fender vent, an unnecessary and overused flourish).

The roofline, while quite not as "coupelike" as VW describes it, is sleeker and slopes nicely into the trunk lid without (as some have done) making the lid inconveniently small for loading the nearly mid-size car trunk. LED headlights, daytime running lights and taillights are standard on all, including the cheapest base model, and the S comes with standard 16-inch alloy wheels. The 2019 is slightly bigger in all dimensions, but where it's most noticeable is in the 1.3-inch stretched wheelbase that pushes the wheels more to the corners.

Jetta's look is spiced up just a bit for the R-Line model that has its own 17-inch alloy wheels, a gloss-black grille and side-mirror caps, foglights and a slightly more aggressive rear bumper with dual chrome exhaust tips. Inside, it has a sport steering wheel and R-Line black-and-gray seats, both with gray contrast stitching.

Interior Designed for Drivers

The best part of the new interior is the dashboard design (with a bit of Golf DNA) that wraps around the driver's field of vision. The center touchscreen is moved higher and angled toward the driver (no more fumbling down by the gearshift). All the controls are logically at hand, and the buttons and dials have a high-quality feel and action.

The seats, leatherette for most models, are a new design that is firmly supportive and comfortable for a long day of driving. The interior materials and trim of the current generation that have been criticized as downscale from the time it rolled out still are not posh, but do have more soft-touch surfaces and upscale-looking trim. Even the base S is much improved. And the comfort over a long drive is enhanced by a cabin quiet enough for easy conversation at highway speeds.

The new interior also adds needed practicality, including deep door pockets, a larger center storage bin and a big soft-surface phone bin at the front of the console. A little, but thoughtful detail that others should copy, is a light-gray interior

for the console bin that makes it much easier to find things in the bottom. Storage space is helped by having an electronic parking brake, but thankfully there is no complicated electronic shifter.

The sleeker roofline still leaves adequate headroom for a 6-foot-plus adult. Cost-cutting shows in cheaper materials back there, however. That's not uncommon in compact sedans that must pinch pennies to hit price targets, but some, notably the Honda Civic, do a better job of disguising the rear cost-cutting. Overall, the backseat is an adequate place to be, but it won't get a lot of five-star feedback.

The list of upscale extras available that can make the Jetta more fun has expanded to include 10-color ambient lighting that wraps around the front, ventilated as well as heated front seats, heated rear seats and steering wheel, and a panoramic moonroof.

Bigger Screen, Better Tech, Sound

The 2018 Jetta's now-outdated technology has gotten a major overhaul for 2019, with a base 6.5-inch touchscreen that is larger than the 2018's biggest screen (6.3 inches) and an 8-inch upgrade for higher trims. Jetta also offers VW's latest-generation media system, which is fast, sharp and has graphics that are as good or better than any mainstream system out there. The screen technology also allows gesture control to pinch and zoom and bring up menus. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone integration is standard on all models.

Also standard on all 2019 Jettas is useful (but also just fun) personalization technology that can store up to four drivers' settings that you can select when you get in, two of which can be attached to the key fobs. Depending on the trim level and optional equipment, those setting bundles (to which you can attach your own pet names) can include driver's seat memory, driver assistance tech preferences, climate, Digital Cockpit configuration, ambient lighting color, radio presets and navigation view.

On the higher trims VW has Jetta's first BeatsAudio premium sound, a 400-watt system tuned to the car with nine speakers, including a subwoofer in the trunk. It sounded very good, though to my taste it seemed a bit bass-heavy compared to the Fender-branded premium audio in other VWs such as the 2018 Tiguan.

Oddly stingy in the otherwise more tech-savvy new Jetta is limited availability of USB ports and other power. There is just a single USB port plus a 12-volt outlet until you get to the SEL trim level, which adds just one more USB in the console bin, and that also is the only port available for the rear seat.

How It Drives

The seventh-generation 2019 Jetta improves on a predecessor that already ranked with more fun-to-drive compact sedans. Much of that improvement is due to better bones, with the Jetta now on VW's excellent MQB platform that underpins newer models from the agile Golf hatchback to the big Atlas SUV. Jetta's no GTI, thanks in part to a less expensive torsion-beam rear suspension, but it's a rival in handling for the respectable chassis of the Civic (and both can dance around a 2018 Toyota Corolla). Cornering was flat and confident, while the ride was just firm enough, but not harsh. And the steering was satisfyingly positive and not overboosted.

All 2019 Jetta models use a revised 147-horsepower, turbocharged 1.4-liter four-cylinder with a punchiness that belies its size; the 2018's turbocharged 1.8-liter and 2.0-liter options have been dropped. A six-speed manual is standard on the base S, but the carryover 1.4-liter now benefits in most models from the well-spaced ratios of a new eight-speed automatic that replaced the 2018's six-speed. The new transmission shifts positively with no missteps and willingly downshifts without excessive nudging from the accelerator pedal. And it offers a satisfyingly crisp manual mode as well.

The new Jetta's EPA fuel economy ratings are 30/40/34 mpg city/highway/combined, 2 mpg better across the board from the 28/38/32 mpg ratings for the best-rated version of the 2018 Jetta with an automatic transmission. The increased mpgs are more competitive with rivals.



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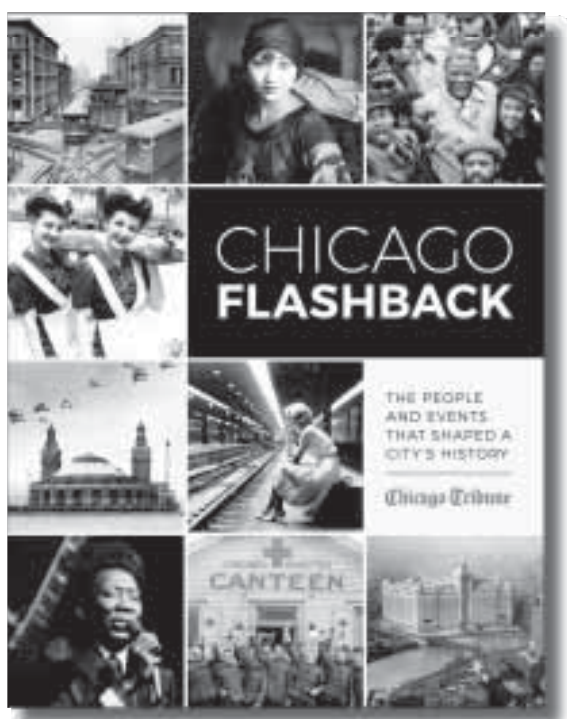
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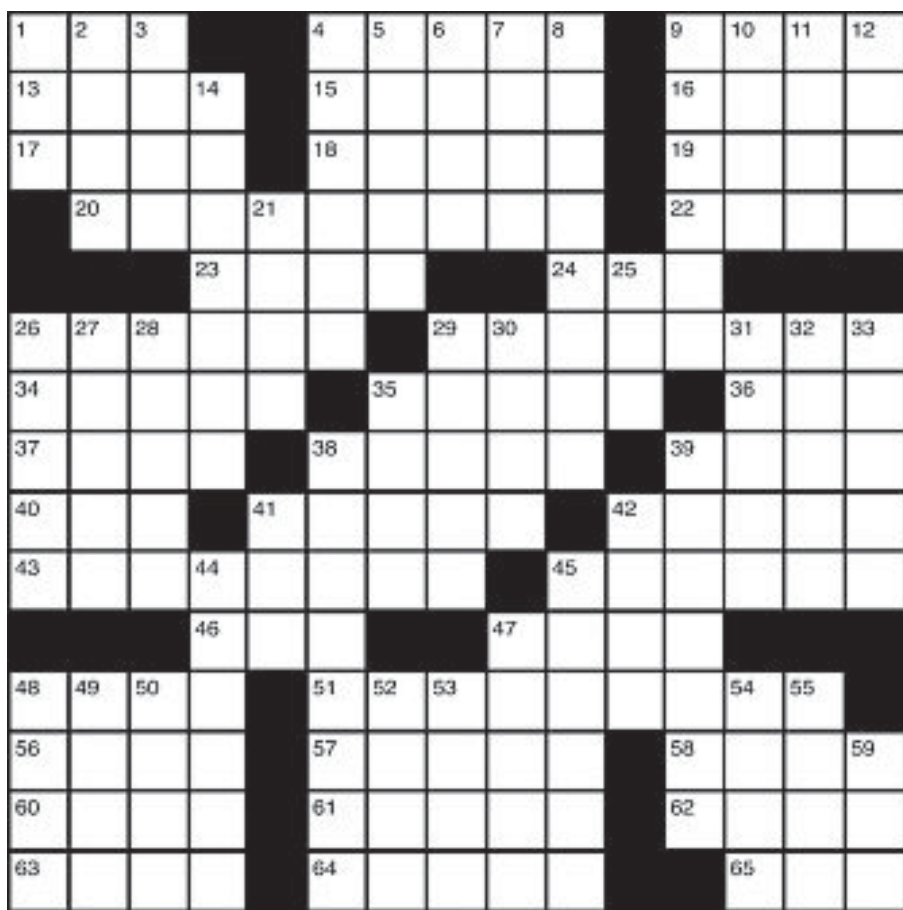
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- 1 ___ bandage; wraparound strip
- 4 Carrying a gun
- 9 Alien vehicles, for short
- 13 Sassy child
- 15 Seeing eye ___; agreeing
- 16 Adhesive
- 17 Apple's center
- 18 Melodies
- 19 Vienna's nation: abbr.
- 20 Cliché
- 22 Brooklyn team
- 23 Nat King ___
- 24 Singer Stewart
- 26 Biblical book
- 29 Like a sad situation
- 34 Entomb
- 35 Clothing tag
- 36 Massage
- 37 One whose pants are on fire?
- 38 Felt miserable
- 39 Strong urges
- 40 Journal
- 41 Building addition
- 42 Lay ___ to; attack militarily
- 43 More devious
- 45 Not exposed
- 46 Hoover, for one

- 47 Shiny on top
- 48 Fly alone
- 51 Divide up and mete out
- 56 Baker's need
- 57 Bulb flower
- 58 Haughtily self-satisfied
- 60 Mr. Arnaz
- 61 Jagged
- 62 Long walk
- 63 Martial ___; tai chi, judo, etc.
- 64 Dissuade; talk out of
- 65 Peg for Els

DOWN

- 1 Opening trio
- 2 Farm harvest
- 3 Actor Holliman
- 4 Hun leader
- 5 Line of travel
- 6 Café's list
- 7 Black-___ peas
- 8 Abandoned
- 9 African nation
- 10 Chimney pipe
- 11 Remove from power
- 12 ___ up; arranges
- 14 Instructor
- 21 Sightseeing trip
- 25 Wesson product
- 26 Mrs. Biden and her namesakes

Solutions



- 27 Leek's cousin
- 28 Theater section
- 29 Not as vivid in color
- 30 Wild goat
- 31 Raise AKC dogs
- 32 Forward dive
- 33 Actor Buddy ___
- 35 "What's My ___?" of old TV
- 38 Lively
- 39 Language that gives us "Oy vey!"
- 41 Letters before an alias
- 42 Gritty sediment
- 44 Handsome guy
- 45 "___ Valley PTA"
- 47 Idaho's capital
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