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Is House of Cards overrated? TUNE IN TONIGHT A4

Friday, February 27, 2015

THE DAILY JOURNAL



Single mom turns to art LIFE C2

FIVE THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND

The Price is Right Live at the Star Plaza Theatre in Merrillville, Ind.

Unless you've never stayed home sick from school or work, you've watched this classic game show and have probably thought: Of course the dining room set is worth more than \$800. And you probably have thought those on air contestants employed some faulty strategy playing Plinko or Cliffhangers. This traveling show gives you a chance to try it yourself. Forget a trip to Burbank.

8 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday

Live music benefit for Jessica Hinojosa and the Momenca Theatre

While ongoing fundraisers, including a Go Fund Me page and donation canisters sitting on business counters across town, have collected more than \$10,000, Jessica Hinojosa, whose body is believed to be inside the icy waters of the Kankakee River, has not yet been found. A special "Friends of Jessica" ticket will be available for \$10 at Border Town Pub in Momenca, a benefit split with one for the renovation of the Momenca Theatre.

6 p.m. Saturday

Bon Appetit the Opera at Governors State University

Opera can be a bit stodgy, we know. But this one is supposed to be funny. And it comes with food and wine. Sarah Ponder Brock plays Julia Childs, the pioneer TV cook and baker who mastered French cuisine before Americans ever had the chutza to try it themselves. Here, Julia futzes with a classic French chocolate cake. What can go wrong? If you've ever watched Childs sample too much cooking brandy on her show in the 1950s, you probably don't need to wonder. Tickets are \$50.

4 p.m. Sunday

Get food thrown at you at Kansai Japanese Steakhouse in Bradley

It's a bit gimmicky, no doubt. But the area's other sushi bar also has tableside Hibachi service that becomes more entertaining with every extra cup of sake. Try their infused varieties or go with the warm house sake. Either way, bring friends, and prepare for some old school Oriental flair. And open wide, there's a Teriyaki scallop flying at your face.

Whenever

Binge watch 'House of Cards'

For the fanatics out there, you're probably half way through the third season of this Netflix original. As it has in the past, and much to the chagrin of office workers across the US, the online streaming site dropped all 13 episodes at 2 a.m. CST earlier this morning. For the rest of us not completely obsessed with this power broker couple, one half of who is now the President of the United States, take your time, power down your cellphones and be gross for at least half a day sometime this weekend. You can always shower on Monday.

Whenever



Steve Patterson, of Oglesby, was acquitted Thursday of endangering two baby eagles. He maintained he was trying to save the birds, but prosecutors argued that humans can often do more harm than good, even if well-intentioned.

'Eagle man' not guilty

Prosecutors say he endangered birds, but jury disagreed

BY STEVE STOUT
Small Newspaper Group

Steve Patterson, the self-proclaimed "eagle man" of Oglesby, was found not guilty Thursday of endangering two eaglets from a downed nest near Illinois Valley Community College in June 2013. It was the second time he beat conviction after his first trial ended in a mistrial.

After three days of testimony, the panel of five men and seven women took two hours to reach a verdict. They acquitted Patterson of two charges of illegally taking birds of prey from the wild and two charges of retaining eagles alive.

Patterson maintained he was only trying to save the birds, something conservation police say can have unintended consequences.

Following the announcement in the courtroom, friends and supporters gathered around an emotional Patterson to

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— DAWN KELLER

congratulate the wildlife photographer.

"I would have paid the fines in the first place, but when I saw my name slandered in (a La Salle) newspaper, I was not going to let them get away with it," said Patterson, voice cracking and tears in his eyes.

"I was vindicated when those eagles — Sam (the male eagle) flew off on Jan. 1 (along the Mississippi River near Rock Island) and that Patty (the female eagle) is doing well and possibly being released next year."

Though public sentiment seemed to be on Patterson's

side, prosecutors maintain that trained conservationists are best equipped to decide when wildlife needs to be 'saved.' They also pointed out that captured wildlife typically has a smaller chance of survival.

Jury member Paige Groleau, 19, of Ottawa, said reaching the not guilty decision "wasn't easy" for the panel.

"It was definitely interesting. At first, we all didn't agree, but, at all times, there was only civil discussion," said Groleau.

She said, for her and several others on the panel, hearing testimony from Patterson himself

was key.

"A big factor was hearing him on the stand," she said. "He was very emotional and his passion was noticed by everyone on the jury. I believe Steve Patterson did the right thing."

Dawn Keller, the founder and director of the wildlife rehabilitation center in Barrington which took the birds from Patterson and treated them for their injuries, issued a statement online following her appearance on the stand Thursday.

"I just want to add how happy we are for today's not guilty verdict," Keller said. "It was shocking to learn that Steve had been arrested after saving the lives of these injured eaglets — particularly when we accept other federally protected birds from an estimated 1,500-1,800 members of the public every year who rescue them just like Steve Patterson did (and were never charged with a crime)."

Walking out of the courthouse, Patterson was asked if he would be at the release wherever and whenever the second eagle is returned back into the wild.

"You know better than to even ask that," he replied, laughing.

Murder trial closes, verdict can come tonight

BY JEFF BONTY
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The final day of testimony in the murder trial of Kamron Taylor was punctuated by a juror's fear that she was followed outside of the courthouse.

The drama played out during the third day of the trial, which is expected to go to closing arguments today.

Judge Kathy Bradshaw-Elliott told both sides that a juror had complained to the head courthouse security that it appears she had been followed down Kennedy Drive.

But this juror said she was able to continue on the jury.

Taylor is accused of shooting Nelson Williams Jr., 21, on the morning of June 24, 2013, during an alleged botched robbery attempt in front of his home in the 300 block of East Hickory Street in Kankakee.

If found guilty, Taylor, 23, who was 21 at the time of the shooting, could spend the rest of his life in prison.

Donald called Kankakee Det. Randy Hartman back to the stand as the only defense witness. He was a witness for the state on Wednesday.

She had the officer listen to a 10-second portion of his interview with Rebecca Hoover, Williams' fiancée, at



Defense attorney Kim Donald talks with her client, Kamron Taylor, on Wednesday during his trial for first-degree murder. Their relationship has been contentious during the week, something that isn't entirely unusual, especially when defendants need public defenders.

the police station.

Hoover, who is a key eyewitness for prosecutors, admitted to Hartman that she could not ID Taylor's face,

but was able to identify what he was wearing. Other witnesses, employees at a nearby school, were also unable to ID Taylor's face.



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Lottery

Jackpots

Illinois Lotto \$5.75 million
Hoosier Lotto \$9.8 million
Mega Millions \$127 million
Powerball \$80 million

Numbers drawn
Thursday, February 26:

Illinois
Pick 3 Midday 4-9-7 9
Pick 3 Evening 3-0-5 2
Pick 4 Midday 7-7-6-9 4
Pick 4 Evening 2-1-6-8 5
Lucky Day Lotto Midday 5-11-16-39-40
Lucky Day Lotto Evening 4-14-17-27-39
Lotto 13-14-26-34-36-41 17

Indiana
Daily 3 Midday 1-6-1
Daily 3 Evening 5-0-0
Daily 4 Midday 5-8-8-4
Daily 4 Evening 2-9-7-2
Cash 5 15-20-21-28-32
Quick Draw
Midday 7-12-15-17-20-24-35-42-45-47
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SAVINGS

For those readers wanting to save a few dollars, there will be more than \$185 worth of coupons in the upcoming Weekend Edition.

BUSINESS

Dive into stocks?

Some financial advisers are questioning the conventional wisdom that the young should load up their investment portfolios with stocks. Read why in this weekend's Spending Well pages by the New York Times.

LIFE

Luscious loaves

It's hard not to notice those round loaves of focaccia, studded with garlic and tomatoes, in the grocery stores. But did you know you they are incredibly easy to make at home? Food columnist Deb Terrill shows how to turn your kitchen into an Italian bakery and turn out luscious loaves for your own family.



SPORTS

State title quests

The Iroquois West and Bishop McNamara girls basketball teams try to keep their quest for state titles alive with semifinal games at the Class 1A and Class 2A State Tournament. See if either or both advanced to the championship game in Weekend Sports.



COMMENTARY: Dave Wischnowsky: Chicago's mayoral runoff uncharted waters for Windy City.
Ron Jackson: A victim no longer, she strives to help others.

THINK

Motherhood pay gap



Academy Award winning actress Patricia Arquette gets it: There's not so much a gender pay gap as there is a motherhood pay gap. And there's new research all the time explaining why it persists.

NEWS

Mystery of the Indian maiden

There was a time, long ago, when Public Square in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was a thriving social circle — a glorious place. In the early 20th century, it housed at its center a beautifully sculpted treasure. She was the guardian angel of Public Square from 1910 until 1934 and her name was Kankakee, the American Indian maiden. Read about her story as well as how Weekend Editor Tim Yonke stumbled on this interesting bit of history in his Editor's Notes column.



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Word of the Day

adunc — [uh-duhngk]; (adjective). Curved inward; hooked.

Number to Know

138 feet: The world's deepest swimming pool, Y-40, is an astonishing 138 feet deep. Located at the Hotel Terme Millepini near Padua, Italy, the pool was built with scuba enthusiasts and free divers in mind. Before Y-40 opened last year, Nemo 33, a 133-foot-deep pool in Brussels, held the record for 10 years.

Film Trivia

The 1995 film "Clueless" starring Alicia Silverstone and Paul Rudd was based off of which classic novel?

Answer

Writer-director Amy Heckerling based "Clueless" off Jane Austen's "Emma," one of her favorite books she read as a teenager.

Daily Quote

"The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat."
— Lily Tomlin

Today is Friday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2015. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, was gutted by fire. Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire to justify suspending civil liberties.

On this date:

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1814, Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 in F major, Op. 93, was first performed in Vienna.

In 1911, inventor Charles F. Kettering demonstrated his electric automobile starter in Detroit by starting a Cadillac's motor with just the press of a switch, instead of hand-cranking.

In 1922, the Supreme Court, in *Leser v. Garnett*, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1939, the Supreme Court, in *National Labor Relations Board v. Fansteel Metallurgical Corp.*, effectively outlawed sit-down strikes. Britain and France recognized the regime of Francisco Franco, of Spain.

In 1943, during World War II, Norwegian commandos launched a raid to sabotage a German-operated heavy water plant in Norway. The U.S. government began circu-

lating one-cent coins made of steel plated with zinc (the steel pennies proved unpopular, since they were easily mistaken for dimes).

In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1968, at the conclusion of a CBS News special report on the Vietnam War, Walter Cronkite delivered a commentary in which he said the conflict appeared "mired in stalemate."

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until May.)

In 1982, Wayne Williams was found guilty of murdering two of the 28 young blacks whose bodies were found in the Atlanta area during a 22-month period. (Williams, who also was blamed for 22 other deaths, has maintained his innocence.)

In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, President George H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced the allies would suspend combat operations at mid-

night, Eastern time.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II made a surprise first public appearance after surgery, appearing at his Rome hospital window. The Iraqi government announced the capture of Sabawi Ibrahim al-Hassan, Saddam Hussein's half brother and former adviser. (Although sentenced to death, al-Hassan died of cancer in 2013.) Academy Awards went to "Million Dollar Baby," director Clint Eastwood, star Hilary Swank and supporting actor Morgan Freeman.

Five years ago: In Chile, an 8.8 magnitude earthquake and tsunami killed 524 people, caused \$30 billion in damage and left more than 200,000 homeless. Steven Holcomb drove USA-1 to the Olympic gold medal in four-man bobsledding in Vancouver, ending a 62-year drought for the Americans in the event.

One year ago: President Barack Obama kicked off his "My Brother's Keeper" initiative from the White House East Room, calling for vigorous efforts to reverse underachievement among young black and Hispanic males. Masked gunmen stormed parliament in Ukraine's strategic Crimean region while the newly formed interim government pledged to prevent a breakup with strong backing from the West.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 85. Consumer

advocate Ralph Nader is 81. Opera singer Mirella Freni is 80. Actress Barbara Babcock is 78. Actor Howard Hesseman is 75. Actress Debra Monk is 66. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 61. Rock musician Adrian Smith (Iron Maiden) is 58. Actor Timothy Spall is 58. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 55. Country singer Johnny Van Zant (Van Zant) is 55. Rock musician Leon Mobley (Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals) is 54. Basketball Hall-of-Famer James Worthy is 54. Actor Adam Baldwin is 53. Actor Grant Show is 53. Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 50. Actor Noah Emmerich is 50. Actor Donal Logue is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 44. Rock musician Jeremy Dean (Nine Days) is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Roderick Clark is 42. Country-rock musician Shonna Tucker (Drive-By Truckers) is 37. Chelsea Clinton is 35. Actor Brandon Beemer is 35. Rock musician Cyrus Bolooki (New Found Glory) is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bobby Valentino is 35. Singer Josh Groban is 34. Rock musician Jared Champion (Cage the Elephant) is 32. Actress Kate Mara is 32.

Thought for Today: "He that respects himself is safe from others. He wears a coat of mail that none can pierce." — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (born this date in 1807, died in 1882).

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COMMENTARY

Top shopping destination Northfield goal

Mall manager:
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Square mall managerLEE PROVOST
HEARD IT ON
THE STREETing Chicago Cubs' base-
ball games.

"My dream job? That was replacing Jack Brickhouse as the Cubs announcer. But Harry Caray jumped in," he said. "I guess it all worked out in the end. He did pretty well as the Cubs broadcaster."

Benton sat down for an interview last week and talked about what he envisions for the mall along Illinois Route 50.

Benton said he doesn't believe people should shop only at Northfield, but it should be their first alternative rather than driving to Cook County and Orland Park malls.

He also said the pro-

posed outlet mall in Country Club Hills — about 35 miles north of Kankakee-Bradley-Bourbonnais metro region — wouldn't negatively affect Northfield merchants. He said an outlet center is different from a mall such as Northfield, and both can flourish.

Similar to the stores around Northfield, he said more stores bring more shoppers so everyone benefits.

Capri Capital Partners, the developers of the proposed 250,000-square-foot Chicagoland Outlets at Country Club Hills, is expected to break ground this year. The first phase of construction is expected to include 105 shops.

Michael Qiu, owner/operator of Kansai Japanese Cuisine, in Northfield for the past year, is encouraged by what he's heard from Benton and seen from mall ownership.

"If they spend some money that would really help. We need a new look at the mall," he said. "You just can't keep the same. Hopefully they can bring in some new tenants and we'll see some changes."

Whatever is done, Qiu said, shoppers have to get here. "The weekdays are slow. Weekends are better. I'm committed to staying here."

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The prices of Illinois houses sold in January rose 10.4 percent across the state, according to just-released information



The Daily Journal/Tiffany Blanchette

Northfield Square mall's new general manager John Benton looks toward the north end of the mall during a walk-through of the shopping center. Benton, whose first day on the job was Jan. 29, is already on first-name basis with many store-leasers and said he took the position because he sees abundant potential and success for the Bourbonnais mall.

from the Illinois Association of Realtors.

While the prices of houses rose, the number of dwellings sold declined by 4.3 percent, from 8,178 in January 2014 to 7,824 in January 2015.

The statewide median prices this January increased by just under \$15,000 while it rose to \$150,000 from \$135,850 in January 2014. Median price means half of the

houses sold for more and half sold for less than those figures.

According to data, 37 out of the state's 102 counties reported sales gains for January 2015 above the previous year.

For Kankakee County, the median price for the 15 houses sold this January was \$95,000. In January 2014, the median price for the 61 units sold was \$103,000, meaning the

median price declined by \$8,000.

House sales in Iroquois County followed the statewide trend as the median price for the 16 properties sold this year was \$85,000. By contrast, the 12 houses sold in January 2014 was \$61,000.

Will County reported the number of properties sold increased 18.3 percent.

In Ford County, the

median sales price for the 14 houses sold this January was \$71,000, down sharply from the median price of \$105,000 for 19 sales in January 2014.

The Daily Journal's Lee Provost writes about business rumors, comings and goings, and other noteworthy interests. Anyone with information to share should contact Provost at 815-937-3364 or lprovost@daily-journal.com.

NATION

Gasoline plunge wiping out profits for ethanol producers

More cutbacks likely

BY MARIO PARKER
Bloomberg News

CHICAGO — Ethanol producers are cutting output after getting squeezed by the biggest drop in gasoline prices since 2008.

Valero Energy Corp. and Green Plains Renewable Energy Inc., representing about 15 percent of U.S. capacity, have reduced operations as margins narrowed. At a typical mill in Illinois that makes ethanol from corn, profit margins have almost totally disappeared, compared with \$1.33 per gallon a year ago, according to AgTrader Talk, a Clive, Iowa-based consulting company.

Gasoline and crude fell more than 50 percent from their peaks in June as the U.S. shale boom helped global oil production outpace demand. While that was good for consumers, saving each American household \$750, it dragged down the cost of ethanol 41 percent because the price is linked to gasoline. At the same time, corn, the main raw material used by biofuel producers, fell just 19 percent.

"Gasoline is down a lot and corn has come back up a bit," Wallace Tyner, an agricultural economist at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, said by phone Feb. 23. "If you're an ethanol producer, that doesn't leave you much."

U.S. ethanol output fell 2.8 percent to an annualized rate of 14.8 billion gallons in the week ended Feb. 13 from a record 15.2 billion in December, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Valero said Jan. 29 that it slowed run-rates by 2.6 percent for the first quarter, citing lower

gasoline and ethanol prices and "relatively stable" corn costs. Green Plains Chief Executive Officer Todd Becker said Feb. 5 that he's cut production rates "a bit as well."

Lakeview Energy, a Chicago-based renewable energy company, lowered operating rates by 15 percent at its Coshocton, Ohio, plant, Chief Operating Officer Eamonn Byrne, said Tuesday by phone.

More cutbacks appear likely. U.S. inventories total 21 million barrels, the highest seasonal level since 2012, according to the EIA, the Energy Department's statistical arm.

Supply will tighten as plants with higher costs slow, according to Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. Chief Executive Officer Juan Luciano, whose company is the biggest U.S. producer.

One bushel of corn yields 2.75 gallons of ethanol in a manufacturing process similar to distilling alcohol. Almost all gasoline sold in the U.S. contains the biofuel, with the additive making up as much as 10 percent of overall consumption, government data show.

Unlike crude oil, which is primarily used to make gasoline and other motor fuels, corn is sold in diverse markets. An ethanol company competes with food processors, livestock producers and export customers for corn, Purdue's Tyner said.

That means corn and oil prices don't always move in the same direction.

Corn is trading at \$3.775 per bushel on the CBOT, 15 percent less than the \$4.43 it took to produce last year's crop, according to data from Iowa State University's Ag Decision Maker. At current ethanol prices, a producer could eke out a profit if corn were \$3.25, Tyner said.

Factoring in costs for overhead,



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Ethanol producers are cutting output after getting squeezed by the biggest drop in gasoline prices since 2008

an Iowa distillery is losing 9 cents on every gallon and an Illinois plant is earning 1 cent, AgTrader Talk estimates.

"Ethanol's got a job to do; one is to stay in line with corn so you don't lose so much money that you have to shut down," Mike Blackford, a consultant at INTL FCStone in Des Moines, Iowa, said in a Jan. 20 telephone interview. "On the other hand, you have to stay competitive with gasoline."

There have been periods this year when it was uneconomical to blend the fuel into gasoline, Tyner said. The fuel's share of the gasoline market is 2.1 percent lower than a year ago, EIA data show.

In those instances, refiners are able to meet government consumption targets with tradable certificates that they get from blending biofuel, called Renewable Identification Numbers, or RINs.

RINs have gained 36 percent in the past year to 71.9 cents per gallon on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

A 2007 energy law requires refiners to use biofuels, such as ethanol. Oil refiners and renewable energy supporters have been locked in a battle over the law's merits and Environmental Protection Agency is finalizing targets for last year and this one.

Current market conditions contrast with an 18-month stretch that started in June 2013. Then, a typical ethanol plant made on average 63 cents per gallon, data from Iowa State's Center for Agricultural and Rural Development in Ames show. The industry produced about 13.9 billion gallons, with potential profit of \$8.8 billion, based on the Iowa State estimates and EIA data.

Green Plains CEO Becker predicts companies will tire of seeing losses mount in the current market.

"People will realize very quickly that they will burn through cash," Becker said. "They would lose less money by shutting down. We had a great run for 18 to 20 months."

How much do
you really know
about taxes?BY JONNELLE MARTE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Tax law isn't something most Americans try to master.

But many taxpayers struggle to understand even the basics, according to a report released Tuesday by NerdWallet. The website asked about 1,000 consumers to take a 10-question quiz on income taxes and deduction. The average score was 50 percent — or basically, an F.

People were generally familiar with questions related to income taxes, tax withholding and household exemptions, but they struggled when it came to questions about tax deductions or credits.

Many people were confused by issues that were not obviously related to taxes, said Alex McAdams, a personal finance analyst for NerdWallet. "For the layperson, understanding every single possible deduction is likely impossible," he said.

Consumers also seemed to be confused by the rules surrounding retirement savings accounts. Many were mistaken when it came to the exact benefits of using tax-favored accounts such as 529 plans and flexible spending accounts.

One possible explanation for the poor performance: Most taxpayers have very simple tax returns, McAdams said. They understand taxes are withdrawn from their paychecks and they need to file a tax return each year, but they don't fully understand all of the credits and deductions available.

Misunderstanding or ignoring these tax breaks could be costly. Families using tax-advantaged savings accounts to pay for health care expenses could save hundreds or thousands of dollars a year on health care. Someone who doesn't understand the withdrawal rules on a retirement account may be surprised when they have to pay taxes and penalties.

Having a little more confidence at tax time might save consumers money, especially if it makes them more comfortable with filing their taxes on their own or with the help of free or inexpensive software.

What do you think? How well do you understand tax rules? Test your knowledge with this excerpt of the quiz by NerdWallet: <http://wapo.com>.

BOURBONNAIS

Bourbonnais man facing child porn charges

A Bourbonnais man was arrested by Bourbonnais police for alleged possession of child pornography on Wednesday.

Mark V. McKune, 35, is charged with eight counts of possessing child pornography. A judge set his bond at \$100,000. He is to have no contact with his daughter.

His 12-year-old daughter is in the

custody of Department of Child and Family Services.

During his bond hearing via video feed from Jerome Combs Detention Center Thursday, a court report indicated authorities confiscated a laptop, a desk top computer and several hard drives. The report indicated hundreds of images are on the

seized items.

Bourbonnais Police Chief Jim Phelps said the ongoing investigation is a joint effort with the Will County State's Attorney's Office and Will County Computer Crimes Task Force.

Will County officials contacted Bourbonnais police when they found the illegal activity,

Phelps said.

The task force searches the Internet for illegal activities such as child pornography.

The investigation started in mid-October and ended in mid-January.

The case will go to a Kankakee County grand jury on March 5.

— The Daily Journal staff report

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Briefs

BY THE DAILY JOURNAL STAFF

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EDUCATION

Congressional contest for high school artists

U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly is sponsoring an annual Congressional Art Competition open to high school students residing or attending a school within the 2nd Congressional District, which extends from Kankakee and eastern Will counties to Chicago. The winner will have the opportunity to attend a ceremony in Washington, next summer and their artwork will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for one year. Students can submit their artwork from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31 at Kelly's district office, located at 600 Holiday Plaza Drive, Suite 505, Matteson.

The original artwork must be two dimensional, framed no larger than 28 inches x 28 inches x 4 inches and can include paintings, drawings, collages, prints, photographs, computer generated art or mixed media. All artwork must be original.

Kelly will host a reception to announce the winner at 11 a.m. April 18 at Prairie State College's Christopher Art Gallery in Chicago Heights.

The high school art competition was established by the U.S. House in 1982 to acknowledge and support the artistic talent of America's young adults.

For more information, call Aimee Ramirez at

708-679-0078. Contest entry rules can be found at robinkelly.house.gov/services/art-competition.

AGRICULTURE

Ag breakfast March 4

Farmland values and rent trends for 2015 will be discussed at the next Ford-Iroquois Extension Ag Breakfast at 7 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the extension office in Onarga.

The speaker will be F. Howard Halderman, president of Halderman Farm Management Service, headquartered in Wabash, Ind.

Reservations for the public breakfast are required by noon March 3 by calling 815-268-4051, or visiting web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=11843.

GRANT PARK

Live pro wrestling event

On Saturday, March 7, at the Amercian Legion, 209 W. Dixie Highway, in Grant Park, a live pro-wrestling event will be held to benefit the following charities: Mommence Food Pantry, Derek Hogg Family Benefit and River Valley Animal Rescue.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for a meet and greet with the wrestlers. Bell time is 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids (3 and younger are free). Get tickets at door or order tickets online at freewebstore.org/NXW-Superstore.

TUNE IN TONIGHT

Am I the only one who finds Frank Underwood overrated?

Overwrought, over-serious and seriously overrated, "House of Cards" returns for a third season on Netflix.



KEVIN MCDONOUGH
TUNE IN TONIGHT

Stars Kevin Spacey and Robin Wright return, grimly determined. Because Netflix has no advertisers and doesn't release viewership figures, we have to accept its word that "Cards" is a "hit." It has been brilliant at parlaying the buzz for the show into hype for the streaming service.

Those seeking a little levity with their "Cards" fixation can check out the "Sesame Street" mash-up of the Netflix series and the Three Little Pigs at this very amusing link: youtube.com/watch?v=92NXMfVtv8o.

After its Wednesday night premiere, "The Amazing Race" (7 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) moves to its regular slot tonight. NBC repeats the second season opener of its hospital drama "The Night Shift" (7 p.m., TV-14), followed by a two-hour "Dateline" (8 p.m.). Not seen tonight, "Grimm" has been renewed by the network. After airing the 13th and final episode of its first season, the jury remains out on the comic book-inspired "Constantine." "Great Performances" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-PG) presents "La Dolce Vita: The Music of Italian Cinema." The New York Philharmonic performs many familiar favorites from composers, including Nino Rota, known for his collaborations with Federico Fellini, and Ennio Morricone, the man behind



The Associated Press

Kevin Spacey and Robin Wright are among the stars in "House of Cards." The third season of the Netflix series premieres today.

the lush, emotional scores of Sergio Leone's spaghetti Westerns.

Featuring some of the most popular and lovely film scores ever composed, this "Great Performances" does not include any clips from the original films. Instead, it accompanies each performance with still images, similar to movie posters or title cards.

The result does not exactly make for stirring television. It's a little like putting Morricone, Rota and other composers on a single Pandora station and listening to them as background music while you peel potatoes or perform other chores. This "Great Performances" successfully proves how integral movie imagery is to the appreciation of these sumptuous scores but perhaps not in the way they intended.

Viewers who can't get enough cute, heartwarming sentimentality should not miss "Unlikely Animal Friends" (9 p.m., Nat Geo Wild, TV-G), returning with more tales of curious critter tandems. First up: a frisky two-legged Chihuahua and a maternal chicken become

best buds. This follows a new season of tough love and pack leadership from "Cesar 911" (8 p.m., Nat Geo Wild, TV-PG).

This being a family newspaper, and life being too short for such unpleasantness, I won't even attempt to describe the premise for the new talk/therapy/reality show "Sex Box" (9 p.m., WE, TV-14).

Suffice it to say both television and Western civilization have found a new way to decline.

If everyone involved did nothing else but bathe for the rest of their lives, they would never wash away the stench of stupidity and sleaze emanating from this enterprise.

"Hot Package" (11:30 p.m., Cartoon Network, TV-MA), the spoof of entertainment "news" magazines, enters its second season on Adult Swim.

Tonight's other highlights

- Terry Crews hosts "World's Funniest Fails" (7 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- A suspect in a diamond robbery escapes on "Hawaii Five-0" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Performing at a reli-

gious rite of passage might be the wrong move on "Glee" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

The newsmagazine "Vice" (9 p.m., HBO, TV-14) looks at innovations in cancer care.

Off to Louisiana on "Banshee" (9 p.m., Cinemax, TV-MA).

Cult choice

The frequently pompous and consistently boring 1973 concert documentary "Led Zeppelin: The Song Remains the Same" (8 p.m., VH1 Classic) must have been some inspiration for the 1984 spoof "This Is Spinal Tap."

Series notes

Mike tracks down a friend in need on "Last Man Standing" (7 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) ... Wade's wandering eye raises eyebrows on "Hart of Dixie" (7 p.m., CW, TV-PG) ... Cristela tutors Isabella on "Cristela" (7:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) ... "20/20" (9 p.m., ABC).

Late night

Jack Hanna and Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings appear on "Late Show With David Letterman" (10:35 p.m., CBS, r) ... Jimmy Fallon welcomes Josh Hutcherson, Abbi Jacobson, Ilana Glazer and Michael Schlow on "The Tonight Show" (10:34 p.m., NBC) ... "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC) is a repeat ... Kathy Griffin, Peter Sarsgaard and the Mavericks visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (11:37 p.m., NBC, r) ... Kunal Nayyar guest-hosts Simon Helberg, Britt Robertson and Owen Benjamin on "The Late Late Show" (11:37 p.m., CBS).

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Obituaries

Harold Hamende — Bradley

Harold L. Hamende, 83, of Bradley, and previously of Florida, passed away Tuesday (Feb. 24, 2015) at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

He was born Oct. 23, 1931, in Watseka, to Victor and Maude (St. Germaine) Hamende. He married Eleanor Rose Uran in Herscher, on Dec. 1, 1951. She preceded him in death on March 5, 2010.

Harold was the owner and operator of H.L. Hamende Sewer Service. He was a member of St. Joseph Church.

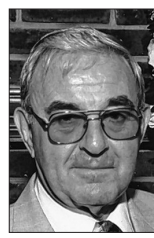
He is survived by one sister, Betty (Paul) Lovell, of Bradley; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife; one sister, June Harling; and five brothers, Melvin, Joseph, Donald, Gerald and Russell Hamende.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum in Bourbonnais.

Please sign his guestbook at clancygernon.com. (Pd.)



Mr. Hamende

Joyce Bachus — Peotone

Joyce E. Bachus, 74, of Peotone, passed away Monday (Feb. 23, 2015) at her home.

She was born Sept. 4, 1940, in Evanston, to Bernard and Ruth Boston Hardesty. She married Terrence Bachus on April 13, 1968.

Mrs. Bachus was a retired high school teacher, having taught at Addison Trail and York High Schools. She was a Realtor for 22 years. She received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University and a master's degree from Colorado State University. She was a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame at EIU.

Surviving are her husband, of Peotone; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brent and Maggie Bachus, of Flossmoor; Ron and Jami Bachus, of Manteno; three brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Signe Hardesty, of Woodland Hills, Calif., David and Johanna Hardesty, of Dallas, Texas, Alan and Sandra Hardesty, of Franklin Park; five granddaughters, Cailee, Josie, Jane, Reese and Riley; and one great-granddaughter, Lucy.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. Monday until the 6 p.m. Celebration of Life service at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno, with the Rev. Brian Hardesty officiating. Burial will be in the Peotone Cemetery, in Peotone.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Please sign her online guestbook at clancygernon.com. (Pd.)



Mrs. Bachus

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

San Jose Mercury News (TNS)

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Ralph Nobles, a nuclear physicist who worked on the Manhattan Project, personally witnessed the first nuclear bomb blast in the New Mexico desert, and later led efforts to save thousands of acres of San Francisco Bay wetlands from development, has died.

"Ralph always had a big smile. He was very handsome, like Clark Gable. But he did give a damn," said Florence LaRiviere, a longtime environmentalist in Palo Alto, Calif., recalling a former national wildlife refuge manager's quip about him.

A resident of the Bay Area community of Redwood City for half a century, Nobles died Friday following complications of pneumonia at Kaiser Permanente Redwood City Medical Center. He was 94.

Born on a farm in Dexter, Mo., in 1920, Nobles was a standout student who would eventually earn a Ph.D. in physics. At the suggestion of a physics teacher, he volunteered to work on the Manhattan Project, and with his brother, William, was chosen. The two moved to Los Alamos, N.M., where Robert Oppenheimer and other leading scientists of the 20th century built the world's first atomic bomb in concert with Enrico Fermi, Edward Teller and other researchers.

In an article for the December 2008 newsletter of the Los Alamos Historical Society, Nobles vividly remembered standing in the desert on July 16, 1945, at the Trinity Test Site, south of Albuquerque, in a bomb shelter to observe the blast 5 miles from ground zero.

"From the standpoint of sheer drama, tension and excitement, nothing else in my life has equaled, or even come close to that night at Trinity," he wrote, "when, for better or for worse, we let the nuclear weapons 'genie' out of its bottle and initiated a chain of events that precipitated an abrupt ending of World War II."

Nobles' job was to operate data recorders with eight other scientists in the shelter. When he saw the equipment working, the 25-year-old walked outside and watched the blast through a light shield.

"It was an awesome sight, the likes of which had never been seen before," he recalled. "There was a brilliant, seething, white-hot ball of rapidly expanding light, now maybe 10 or 20 times the apparent diameter of the sun."

As he watched the mushroom cloud grow, Nobles was knocked to the ground by the shockwave.

"It sounded like the world's loudest clap of thunder — thunder that echoed back and forth

between the surrounding mountain ranges," he wrote. Minutes later, Nobles and his co-workers sped away in trucks, escaping significant radioactive exposure.

Nobles lived in Los Alamos for more than a decade afterward, and in 1954 married Carolyn Fisher, an Ohio native who had been working as a secretary on the project. The pair adopted two daughters and moved to the Bay Area.

From the early 1960s until the 1990s, Nobles worked at the Palo Alto research laboratories of Lockheed Missiles and Space. He served as chairman of the Redwood City Planning Commission and was heavily involved in issues from civil rights to preserving the environment.

An avid sailor, Nobles became concerned about the relentless filling and diking of San Francisco Bay. In 1962, while sailing, he saw construction crews working for developer Jack Foster pouring rock and dirt into bayfront wetlands.

"I just felt sick in my heart," he told the San Jose Mercury News in a 2008 interview. "They went out with their dredges to San Bruno Shoal and piled up millions and millions of tons. They changed the whole hydraulics of the bay."

Lost were vast amounts of habitat for ducks, fish, harbor seals and other wildlife. Born was Foster City, a city of 30,000 people.

In 1981, Mobil Oil won approval from Redwood City to build "South Shores," a mix of 4,700 homes, offices and a hotel on Bair Island, a 3,000-acre wetland area just north of the port of Redwood City. Nobles, his wife and their allies formed "Friends of Redwood City," collected signatures, and put the project on the ballot, where it was defeated by 47 votes.

When a Japanese developer came back in the 1990s with a similar plan, Nobles and other environmentalists fought it, and the nonprofit Peninsula Open Space Trust bought Bair Island in 1997 for \$15 million. Today it is part of a national wildlife refuge.

"I think he'd like to be remembered as a devoted husband and loving father; but also as somebody who participated in life," said Nobles' daughter Elizabeth Nobles Cozart, of Redwood City. "He traveled all over the world. He fought for the environment and for people, and he helped the country win World War II. He touched so many lives."

In addition to Nobles Cozart, other survivors include daughter Sarah Turck of Lodi, Calif.; a brother, William Nobles, of Rio Rancho, N.M.; grandsons Benjamin Turck, Daniel Cozart and Scott Cozart; and great-grandson Sawyer Cozart.

Betty Johnson — Bourbonnais

Betty Ann Johnson, 70, of Bourbonnais, passed away Feb. 19, 2015, at her home.

Visitation will be at 9 a.m. Saturday until the 10 a.m. funeral services at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Kankakee. The Rev. Ernest Rucker will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory, Kankakee. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Lax Mortuary, Kankakee.

She was born March 15, 1944, in Starkville, Miss., to Jimmie Sr. and Louise Dell Evans Johnson.

Betty was a homemaker.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and James Armstrong, of Bourbonnais; one son, Charles Johnson, of Bourbonnais; eight stepchildren, William Crowell, James Crowell, Aaron Crowell Jr., Joseph Crowell, Carolyn Jones, Mary Hinds, Louvenia Childs and Loucora Crowell; a special daughter, Ursula Johnson, of Texas; three sisters, Alma Jarrett, Betty Jean Logan and Mary Agnes Johnson, all of St. Anne; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her life partner, the Rev. Aaron Crowell Sr.; parents; a daughter, Lola Johnson; a stepson, Joshua Crowell; two sisters, Mary Louise Bynum and Bessie Kate Johnson; and one brother, Jimmy Johnson Jr.

Please go to laxmortuary.com to send condolences. (Pd.)



Ms. Johnson

DEATH NOTICES

Robert E. Smith, 78, of Kankakee, passed on Thursday (Feb. 26, 2015) at his home. Funeral arrangements are pending at Jones Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Donald Osenglewski, 80, of Bourbonnais, passed away on Thursday (Feb. 26, 2015) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. Funeral arrangements are pending at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

COMING SERVICES

Saturday, Feb. 28

Percy Turner, 10 a.m. Lax Mortuary in Kankakee.

PAST SERVICES

Funeral services for **Bobbie Jean Batts-Kaericher**, 29, of Ashkum, were held Feb. 26 at the Knapp Funeral Home in Clifton with the Rev. Dan Shipton officiating. She passed away on Feb. 21, 2015. Burial was in Ashkum Cemetery in Ashkum. Pallbearers were: Jacob, Matthew and Brandon Kaericher, Wesley, Colin and Kelly Ingalls.

Tondra King — Watseka

Tondra N. King, 66, of Watseka, passed away Wednesday (Feb. 25, 2015) at her daughter's home in Mahomet.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Monday until the 11 a.m. funeral service at Knapp Funeral Home in Watseka. Burial will be in Body Cemetery at Woodland. Memorials may be made to Carle Hospice.

Please sign her online guestbook at knappfuneralhomes.com.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

Former Notre Dame president dies at 97

The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The Rev. Theodore Hesburgh was always a man of conscience.

He did what he thought was right during his 35 years as president of the University of Notre Dame, even if it meant challenging popes, presidents or legendary football coaches.

Hesburgh died late Thursday night on the university campus in South Bend, Ind. He was 97. His cause of death wasn't immediately known.

"We mourn today a great man and faithful priest who transformed the University of Notre Dame and touched the lives of many," said the Rev. John Jenkins, Notre Dame's current president. "With his leadership, charisma and vision, he turned a relatively small Catholic college known for football into one of the nation's great institutions for higher learning."

Hesburgh also will be remembered as a civil rights leader, a champion of immigration rights and a supporter of Third World development.

His work took him far from the university so often that the joke around campus used to be that the difference between God and Hesburgh was that while God is everywhere, Hesburgh

was everywhere but Notre Dame. He was around campus enough, though, to build it into an academic power. A decade into his tenure, he was featured on the cover of Time magazine for an article that described him as the most influential figure in the reshaping of Catholic education. He was so respected by others in education that he was awarded 150 honorary degrees.

The charming and personable man found as much ease meeting with heads of state as he did with students. His aim was constant: Better people's lives.

"I go back to an old Latin motto, opus justitiae pax: Peace is the work of justice," Hesburgh said in a 2001 interview. "We've known 20 percent of the people in the world have 80 percent of the goodies, which means the other 80 percent have to scrape by on 20 percent."

During a 2000 ceremony at which Hesburgh received the Congressional Gold Medal, the government's highest honor, President Bill Clinton voiced his admiration for Hesburgh, calling him "a servant and a child of God, a genuine American patriot and a citizen of the world."

Hesburgh's goal after coming out of seminary was to be a Navy chaplain during World War II, but he was instead sent to Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., to pursue a doctorate. He then returned to Notre Dame, where he quickly rose to become head of the theology department, then executive vice president before being named president in 1952 at age 35.

His passion for civil rights earned him a spot as a founding member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission in 1957 and found him joining hands with Martin Luther King Jr. at a 1964 civil rights rally in Chicago, singing "We Shall Overcome."

Hesburgh wrote several books, including one, "God, Country, Notre Dame," that became a best-seller. Throughout his writings, he shared his vision of the contemporary Catholic university.

"The Catholic university should be a place," he wrote, "where all the great questions are asked, where an exciting conversation is continually in progress, where the mind constantly grows as the values and powers of intelligence and

wisdom are cherished and exercised in full freedom."

In keeping with that philosophy, Notre Dame underwent profound changes under Hesburgh. Control of the school shifted in 1967 from the Congregation of the Holy Cross priests who founded the school to a lay board. The school ended a 40-year absence in football post-season bowl games and used the proceeds from the 1970 Cotton Bowl to fund minority scholarships. In 1972, Notre Dame admitted its first undergraduate women. Hesburgh called it one of his proudest accomplishments.

"We can't run the country on men alone, never could," Hesburgh said 25 years after the first women enrolled. "Women ought to have the same opportunities to develop their talents as men do."

The university said that a customary Holy Cross funeral Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus at a time to be announced. The university also said a tribute to Hesburgh will be held at the Joyce Center.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to friends, relatives and neighbors for cards, flowers, gifts, food and phone calls. To Riverside ambulance, the doctors and nurses at Riverside Medical Center who took care of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Deloris LaFond, until her sorrowful passing. Deacon Patrick Skelly for the beautiful service and to Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home for their services. To the pallbearers: Roger Jensen, Tom O'Connor, Ryan Anderson, Bob Hoekstra, Bernie LaVoie and Keith Branin. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

We love you all.

Richard LaFond, Rick & Lisa LaFond
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Card of Thanks

The family of **Joan T. Kerouac** express sincere appreciation to all family and friends for the many cards, flowers, memorials & warm expressions of sympathy & prayers upon the death of our beloved beautiful mother and grandmother.

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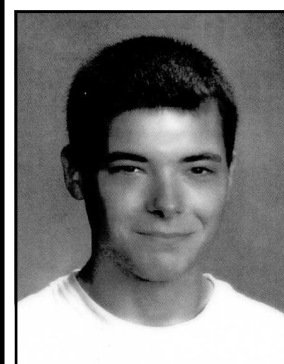
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Editorial

Hard times make half-price tuition hard to accept

Compromise possible, but existing policy should change

In the best of economic times, it would be easier to accept the long-held tradition of allowing children of state university employees to attend these schools at half price.

But these are hardly the best of times, and that's why a proposal by state Rep. Jack Franks, D-Marengo, to eliminate the practice has merits.

Franks admits he does not gain pleasure by sponsoring House Bill 403. In a story produced by Illinois News Network, Franks had this to say: "I don't relish doing it, but the fact is the governor's latest proposal for the budget cuts higher education by over \$300 million, and this perk costs the universities almost \$10 million a year."

The union which represents these employees is understandably against the proposal, arguing the waivers help keep Illinois kids in state schools and help attract and retain quality faculty and staff.

Franks doesn't dispute that contention, but the union argument that half-price tuition for about 2,200 students doesn't really cost the state any money troubles him.

"That's ridiculous," Franks said. "To say there's somehow not any cost savings is tantamount to lunacy."

Franks' stance on this issue makes sense. The universities may not have to spend cash to educate students at half price, but providing full services at half-off is still a state outlay or an expense.

It also should be mentioned that employee perks are common in the world at large. Employees of major car manufacturers can get breaks on the price of the products they assemble. Employees of grocery store chains can get a discount on the products sold there.

But these are private-sector businesses that don't rely on taxpayer dollars to remain afloat. Public universities are dependent on taxpayer dollars to survive. There is a clear difference.

It also should be mentioned that this newspaper editorialized in favor of a Kankakee School District 111 policy change which will allow full-time district employees to enroll their children in the district, free of charge, regardless of where they live.

That would seem to create a double standard since a different stance is being taken on the college tuition issue. But it's best to consider these matters on a case-by-case basis, and Kankakee schools hope to boost academic confidence in the district by allowing employees of the district to enroll their children there.

That goal justifies the cost, which will not be nearly as expensive as the half-price college tuition policy. The argument about retaining good students and faculty at Illinois colleges is not as prevalent.

But there is still room for compromise, and Franks said he will give opponents a chance to present alternatives to the House committee on state government administration, which he chairs.

"If they have some ideas they'd like to present, I say, 'Please do,'" but simply saying 'no' is not good enough," he said.

Agreed. 'No' is not good enough.

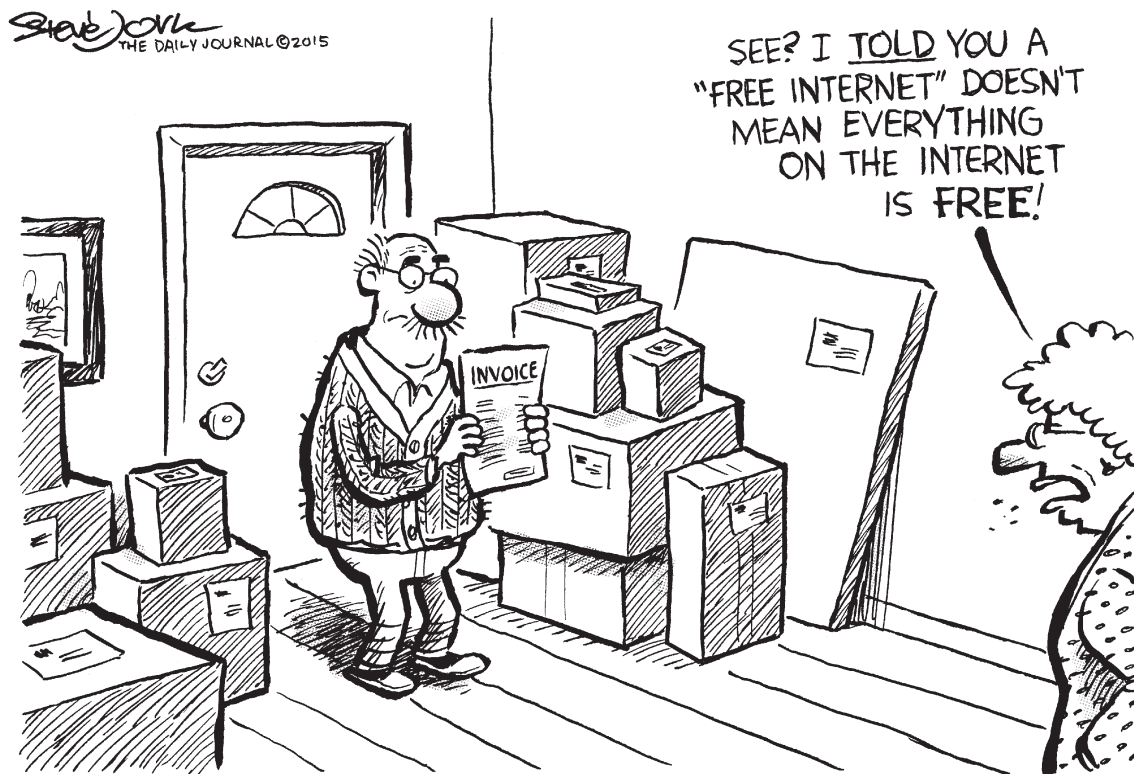


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State Rep. Jack Franks, D-Marengo



COMMENTARY

Tuition increases only support bureaucracy

SPRINGFIELD — Last week, Gov. Bruce Rauner proposed a budget that trimmed funding for state universities.

The reaction of university big-wigs?

Jack up tuition and protect the bureaucracy at all costs. And I mean at all costs.

Look no further than the comments Illinois State University President Larry Dietz made to WEEK TV news:

"Budget cuts at that level would have an impact on many areas of University operations and there are many issues on the table for discussion. Some areas that could be affected include tuition — as set by our Board of Trustees — scholarships, faculty and staff compensation, hiring decisions and maintenance projects. Throughout the process, I want to assure you that protecting the jobs of our outstanding faculty and staff is our highest priority. We will do everything we can to prevent measures such as layoffs and forced furlough days."

So he's already thinking about jacking up tuition and cutting scholarships?

And his top priority is to make sure nobody loses their job?

He'd much rather see teenagers pay more to go to college than tell professors, many of them turning six digit salaries, to take a furlough day?

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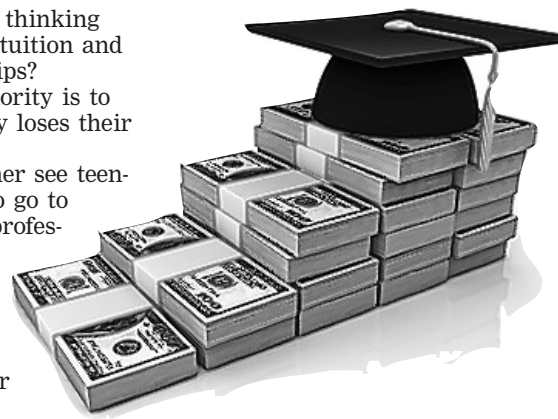
The cost of college is rising out of reach of working families.

Much of that is because university administrators have little incentive to contain costs, even when facing reduced funding from Springfield.

Part of it is the mindset of academia.

Often the best-paid professors are rewarded with less time in the classroom.

Last year, former state senator Steve Rauschenberger shared this with me: "By the time I was Senate Appropriations chairman, the (University of Illinois) administration was admitting that full professors were carrying a class schedule of under 12 hours. And that 12 includes things that are officially counted as classroom time but aren't — like committee work. ... So that increases the cost to the university when you reduce the amount of teaching time by your highest paid employees."



Of course professors have other duties, including research and office hours. But, still, young people are graduating with decades' worth of student loan debt to pay the university's ever escalating tuition.

There are ways to contain costs without burdening our children with more debt or taxpayers with higher bills.

One of the biggest costs to universities is pensions.

In fact, nine of the 10 highest pensions paid within Illinois state government go to retired University of Illinois professors. Topping the list is a professor who worked at the university's Chicago campus. He collects an annual pension of \$452,843.

That pension alone would cover the tuitions of 37 students for one year.

Greater student affordability can be achieved through university fiscal responsibility.

Already 13 percent of Illinois university employees are opting for a 401k-type retirement plans rather than a traditional pensions. This option affords employees greater economic freedom to move from job to job without losing benefits.

More employees need to be encouraged to consider this option.

And the first reaction of university administrators when facing reduced state funding shouldn't be to preserve the bureaucracy.

It must be to provide the best value to students and taxpayers.

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COMMENTARY

A big loan to students least in need

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Special to The Washington Post

Since its inception, the federal student loan program has operated under an implicit contract: Students get loans to go to college at reasonable interest rates, with no previous credit history required, but when they graduate, they have to pay them back. But that agreement is shifting. This month, the Obama administration admitted that loan forgiveness under a program known as income-based repayment would cost \$21.8 billion more than previously anticipated.

It would be one thing if the new costs were to benefit struggling borrowers who drop out of some predatory trade school. But too much of that increase likely would come from changes, won by the Obama administration, that boost benefits for middle- and even upper-income borrowers — with the biggest benefits reserved for those who go to graduate school.

To be clear, it's not as though the administration was looking to create a big handout for wealthy graduate students. The changes to

the program looked innocuous at the time — borrowers would be asked to pay 10 percent of their income for no more than 20 years instead of 15 percent of their income for no more than 25 years. That hardly sounds like a loan-forgiveness giveaway for the well-to-do. Congress never debated the changes, which were tucked into a giant, unrelated bill — the Affordable Care Act — just weeks after the president proposed them.

So why would this program now provide so much more in loan forgiveness and too many more borrowers than anticipated?

By cutting monthly payments by a third, the administration disproportionately increased benefits for borrowers with higher incomes. Under the new plan, low-income borrowers either still owed nothing (because of an exemption) or had their payments cut by no more than \$20 per month. Borrowers earning \$70,000 per year, on the other hand, saw their monthly payments fall by \$174.

And while both groups of borrowers now pay for five fewer years before having their debt forgiven, that change dispro-

tionately helps higher-income borrowers more because low-income borrowers, by definition, would pay little during those last five years.

Still, even 10 percent of income for 20 years sounds like it should be enough money to pay back a student loan. The problem is that almost no one, not even wealthy borrowers with graduate degrees, pays anything close to that rate.

Take a hypothetical law school graduate, Robert, who graduates with \$150,000 in debt (the average for a law school student with loans) and lands a job making \$70,000 per year. Let's say Robert has a wife who earns \$80,000 and one child. His monthly payment would be \$238 under income-based repayment. If that seems too low to be 10 percent of his income, that's because it is.

Robert's payment would be calculated not from his total income but rather his adjusted gross income of \$59,500. After that, he would subtract another \$30,900, which is the cost-of-living exemption for himself, his wife and his child under income-based repayment. Though his wife earns a higher income than he does, none

of that is counted because they file their income taxes separately.

So, Robert's payment actually would be calculated off only a \$28,600 income. He wouldn't make loan payments equal to 10 percent of his total household income of \$150,000; he would pay only 1.9 percent. In fact, he would make interest-only payments for 20 years and then have all of what he borrowed forgiven. (And, just to be clear, our projections assume that Robert receives annual raises of 4 percent and, eventually, a big promotion that brings his salary to \$150,000 in year 10 of his repayment plan.) Under the old income-based repayment parameters, he would have fully repaid the loan.

Wealthy graduate students, not undergraduates, will reap a larger share of the loan-forgiveness benefits under this program because they can borrow a lot more. The government limits how much undergraduates can borrow to as little as \$5,500 a year and cuts them off after \$31,000 in total. Graduate students, on the other hand, can take out federal loans for the entire cost of their education with no annual or lifetime

limit. Loans to grad students are already the fastest-growing category of federal student borrowing, the Education Department reports, and of those who take out more than \$20,500 per year, half are repaying through the income-based program.

With large loan-forgiveness benefits going to graduate students earning decent incomes, the Obama administration has managed to turn the student loan system upside down. Borrowers with graduate and professional degrees should be the last people the government subsidizes — they do have high debt levels, but they also have higher incomes and undergraduate degrees to fall back on. They are also far less likely to be unemployed than just about any other group.

It's curious that an administration so focused on everyone paying their fair share created a program that will provide billions of dollars in windfall benefits to the most elite, highly educated segment of society.

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Suspect wolf gets DNA test ● B2

CONSERVATION



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Chicago poet Robbie Telfer, left, with Trevor Edmonson, of Bourbonnais, and other Friends of Langham Island volunteers on the island on Feb. 15, the day before Telfer launched his Kankakee mallow for state flower campaign on WBEZ Radio. They removed cherry trees surrounding areas of endangered Kankakee mallow to give them more sunlight for the growing season, Edmonson said.

Kankakee mallow power

Poet launches campaign for new state flower

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It isn't every century that someone launches a campaign to oust a designated state flower.

However, Robbie Telfer — Chicago poet, volunteer naturalist and blogger known as "The Jackass Gardener" — has the chutzpah to declare that the lovely and lowly blue violet has overstayed its welcome as an Illinois symbol.

As it clings close to the ground, the egalitarian blue violet has worn its state crown since the General Assembly conferred it in 1908, the year after Illinois school children chose it.

Through the wrinkle that Rhode Island legislators didn't codify their kids' 1897 vote for the violet until 1968, Illinois has the distinction of being the first blue violet state. Wisconsin copied in 1909 followed by New Jersey in 1913.

Telfer questions the wisdom of following the lead of "idiot children," noting that in 1992, his grade school preferred Ross Perot for president in a mock election.

A larger reason for making it the state flower is to use the Kankakee mallow to inspire preservation and restoration of native places, he said in his campaign launch on WBEZ Radio's "The Afternoon Shift" program on Feb. 16.

The federally endangered Kankakee mallow deserves the crown because it is the only wildflower known to have survived "exclusively within Illinois' borders," he said. (It is believed to exist elsewhere only as a result of transplanting from its native Langham Island in Kankakee River State Park.)

"Development, settlement and agriculture has fragmented all of the natural areas of the state," Telfer campaigned on WBEZ. "We are famously known as The Prairie State and shamefully host to less than one one-hundredth of one percent of our original prairie ecosystems.

"Rivers like the Kankakee are some of the few habitat corridors left and the rest of our natural spaces are disjointed and disparate. Each preserve, park and even backyard garden is an isolated Langham Island full of life that requires some thoughtful oversight and



The Daily Journal/Robert Themer

The Kankakee mallow

the work of volunteers to manage. What better way to call to action the human power necessary to maintain these spaces than by championing this flower on the brink, making it an emblem of the land I love that joins our past to our future."

Future of discovery

And, he continues, that future could include the discovery of other species unique to Illinois, but now unknown. And, such discoveries do occur. Telfer cites a December 2014 "National Geographic" article by Dr. Gregory Mueller, which tells of the recent discovery in Lake County's McDonald Woods Forest Preserve of a new species of grass, two new sedges, two spider species and a moss new to Illinois. It notes that: "The Bog Rosemary was also just

reported in Illinois for the first time in nearly 100 years."

"... Maybe the only unique thing about the Kankakee mallow," Telfer notes, "is that we know that it exists in the most threatened way imaginable, and that is why it is worth celebrating as our state flower, so that we can appreciate and protect all species, even the stupid violet." (He does later concede that the violet, too, deserves our protection, adding: "It's pretty, I'll give it that.")

Cloonen accepts challenge

With some laughter and punning, he also issued a challenge to state Rep. Kate Cloonen, in whose legislative district the Kankakee mallow resides: "If you hear this Representative Cloonen: Take a stand; Get a Cloonen; Don't let Big Wildflower intimidate you. This is your chance to make a historic decision that will herald a new era of habitat restoration in Illinois and will give our Kankakee mallow, illiamia remota, the perch of nobility it has spent eons preparing for. Don't be shallow; Vote for mallow."

A Friend of Langham Island, Telfer noted he and six other Friends crossed the river in frosty conditions on Feb. 15 to do more habitat restoration.

Trevor Edmonson, a Friends leader, said he discussed the state flower idea with Cloonen last Saturday and she said would talk with the Secretary of State's office to find out what procedure to follow. "The hope is we can start a campaign and get it up for a vote. It might take awhile though," Edmonson noted.

Cloonen confirmed Tuesday that she will check out the process. She said she also talked with Telfer. "It was a great learning experience," she said. "I told them I'd go to Langham Island — when it gets warm."

Telfer's WBEZ campaign can be heard online at <https://soundcloud.com/afternoonshiftwbez/a-chicago-poets-campaign-to-change-the-state-flower>

Dr. Mueller's December National Geographic article is "The Next New Species Could be in Your Backyard: Why Exploration and Discovery Matter — Everywhere."

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— ROBBIE TELFER

Briefs

BY THE DAILY JOURNAL STAFF

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Cabin fever?



AP Photo/Matt Volz

Want a break from cabin fever? Consider a visit to a national park for a potential refreshing view like this one in Glacier National Park. For ideas of the 20 prettiest national parks in winter, visit wilderness.org/america%E2%80%99s-20-prettiest-national-parks-winter.

KVPD

Ultimate Outdoor Show

The Kankakee Valley Park District's Ultimate Outdoor Show will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at the newly renovated RecCenter at 150 N. Indiana Ave., Kankakee.

Vendors will include Midwest Electric Boats, nature artist Larry Green, Illinois Bow Fishing, Kankakee River State Park, Aqua Illinois, Kankakee Valley Sail and Power Squadron, wood carvers and Cabela's with a casting contest for kids.

Area Boy Scout Troops will have a flea market for all ages.

Former Kankakee River fishing guide Matt Mullady will do a fly fishing demonstration and river fishing discussion.

Acclaimed archer and sling bow expert Chief A J will do sling bow demonstrations.

Admission will be \$5 for ages 6 and older, free for 5 and younger.

Parking will be available on the street, at the Stone Barn on Indiana Ave. and at the parking lot on Schuyler Avenue between Oak and Chestnut streets, across from the Paramount Theatre.

Sponsors include the park district, Miller Lite, Centru Bank, Pepsi, "Bradley-Bourbonais RV Super Center and The Daily Journal.

Turkey Federation banquet

The Kankakee River Valley Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold its 19th annual banquet beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Quality Inn & Suites in Bradley.

Purchasers of regular membership, sponsorship and corporate sponsorship tickets will be eligible to win firearm prizes. A total of at least 13 guns will be given away, including the NWTFF 2015 Gun of the Year, a Beretta 9 mm pistol.

Many limited edition Wild Turkey Federation prints, sculptures and furniture will be raffled off. Silent and live auctions also will be held.

For more information and tickets, call Larry Shedwill at 815-955-3820 or Darrell Devors at 815-932-0550.

FIREARMS

Gun Show next weekend

The Kankakee County Gun Collectors Association will hold another gun show at the Kankakee County Fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8.

Show hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission \$5.

The next show will be at the fairgrounds on April 25-26.

WILL COUNTY

Maple Syrup Magic'

Learn how Native Americans and pioneers in the Midwest made maple syrup during the Forest Preserve District of Will County's "Maple Syrup Magic" program on Saturday, March 7, at Plum Creek Nature Center.

The free program will be held 1-3 p.m. at the center, which is at 27064 S. Dutton Road, off Goodenow Road, east of Illinois Route 1, about six miles north of Beecher.

Registration is required. Call 708-946-2216. For information, visit ReconnectWithNature.org.

Morning bird hike

Goldfinches will be the focus of a morning bird hike from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, at Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve, north of Beecher.

Meet at Plum Creek Nature Center, north of Beecher, to explore the woods in search of winter residents.

The program includes a hike of .75 mile to 1.25 miles on natural surface trails across uneven terrain.

Bring your binoculars and favorite field guide and dress for the weather. The free program is for ages 18 and older. Registration is required; call 708-946-2216. For information, visit ReconnectWithNature.org.

Native Plant Society forms

'Kankakee Torrent' chapter meets Monday

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In addition to regrowth of the rare Kankakee mallow at Kankakee River State Park, the work of the six-month-old Friends of Langham Island organization has given birth to the newest chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society.

The new plant society is the Kankakee Torrent Chapter, named for the massive flood that shaped the Kankakee River watershed when melt-water from the last glacier roared through the region about 12,000 years ago.

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President of the new organization is Janine Catchpole (j9-catchpole@comcast.net.), of Joliet, past president of the state organization and a nine-year volunteer and plant biological technician at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

Edmonson is president-elect (trevoredmonson@gmail.com). Other officers are treasurer Keith Nowakowski, secretary Sally Wiclaw and program coordinator Floyd Catchpole — Janine's husband and land management program coordinator for the Forest Preserve District of Will County.

Floyd will give the program at the inaugural public meeting of the society, to be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the

Kankakee County office of the U of I Extension, at 1650 Commerce Drive, Bourbonnais. The program at 7 p.m. will be "An Introduction to the Kankakee Torrent: A Flood of Epic Proportion."

The organization will meet at the extension office at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month.

On April 6, the program will explore home landscaping use of native plants by Keith Nowakowski, author of "Native Plant Home Landscape: For the Upper Midwest."

Bio-blitz

On May 8-9 the new chapter is planning a "Bio-Blitz at Camp Shaw-Waw-Nas-See" — a survey attempting to re-create a comprehensive list of all life forms found there in a 24-hour period.

On Aug. 1, the group plans a native plant sale at Camp Shaw.

Group members also are encouraged to volunteer at Kankakee

River State Park, Langham Island and Camp Shaw invasive plant workdays.

"The chapter also looks forward to partnering with other area organizations also concerned with saving what is authentically and uniquely special in the watershed of the Kankakee River," Janine Catchpole wrote.

For more information about the Illinois Native Plant Society, visit the website www.il.inps.org.

Friends is continuing work on Langham Island and in Rock Creek canyon on the Camp Shaw-waw-nas-see side, Edmonson noted

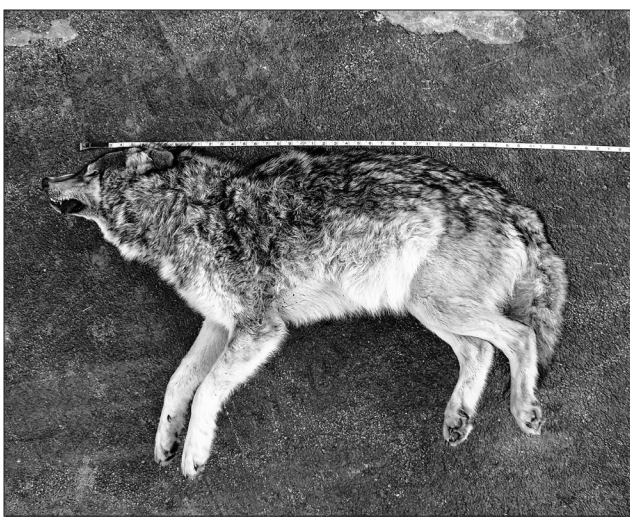
Friends workdays

Friends of Langham Island has scheduled workdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 7 and 15. Volunteers should meet at the Island View Parking Lot, near the Potawatomi Campground in Kankakee River State Park, off Illinois Route 102.

Outdoors

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WILDLIFE



Illinois Conservation Police photo

This 48-inch long, wolf-like canine was found, apparently hit by a vehicle, on Nettle School Road, just northwest of Morris on Feb. 13. Measurements have been taken determine if it matches common wolf dimensions and DNA testing is being done.

'Wolf' sent for DNR test

The body of a wolf-like animal found dead along a road about three miles north of Morris two weeks ago has been sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for DNA testing, Illinois Department of Natural Resources district wildlife biologist Bob Massey reported Friday.

The physical measurements of the body fit the parameters for a wolf, so the DNA testing will now be done, he said. "I don't know how long that will take."

If it is a true purebred wolf, "it would be the first in this area," said Massey, who has been a district wildlife biologist in the area since the early 1990s.

The animal was found Feb. 13 along Nettle Creek Road, north of Interstate 80, by sportsmen heading toward a hunt club, he said.

It was about 48 inches from nose to rear end and weighed "in the 90-pound range," he said. Its fur is "in the slate gray range, with a few touches of yellow around the tail. You'd swear it is a coyote tail," he said.

Visiting gray wolves from the north have been found in Illinois in recent years. Ten wolves were killed in Illinois between 2002 and 2013, according to an Illinois Extension article published last year.

Most of those wolves were killed in far northern Illinois, from Jo Davies County and counties in the northwest part of the state to Lake and Kane counties in the northeast. Another was killed in Pike County, on the Mississippi River midway down the state, and another in Marshall County, on the Illinois River, in 2002, the first wolf confirmed in Illinois in a century and a half.

— Robert Themer

FILM SERIES

DU films to be online

Ducks Unlimited has launched a new online film series for anyone who is passionate about waterfowl and waterfowl hunting. "DU Films" includes six short films that will premiere on the DU website this spring. Viewers can watch the first film, "Carving a Legacy," and find more information about the series at www.ducks.org/dufilms.

"This new film series captures the essence of what it means to be a waterfowler," said DU CEO Dale Hall. "We set out to explore the lives and

stories of duck hunters across the country — to find out why they became hunters, what drives their passion, how they are passing on the traditions and why they are giving back to the resource. I think viewers will really enjoy the thoughtful and artistic approach we have taken with this project. These short films help to convey some critical values that drive us to do what we do: Family, love of our country and our responsibility to take care of the natural gifts from our creator."

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FOREST PRESERVES

Plants of Concern workshop coming in April

Botanic Garden coming to Shannon Bayou

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The Chicago Botanic Garden is reaching out to the Kankakee County area to conduct a "Plants of Concern Training Workshop" here in April.

The location will be the Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District's Shannon Bayou Environmental Education Center in Aroma Park. The workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 26 and will offer the opportunity to learn skills for monitoring rare plants or to refresh your skills for the new season, according to Rachael Goad, manager of the Plants

of Concern program.

"We ask any monitors who have never been to a workshop, and new volunteers, to attend," her announcement states.

The workshops are free, but registration is required and can be done online or by contacting Goad at rgoad@chicagobotanic.org or 847-835-6927.

The workshop will include:

- An introduction to Plants of Concern,
- Training in basic monitoring techniques, including outdoor measuring and mapping plant populations, and using a GPS unit;
- Meeting with property owners who will highlight monitoring opportunities; and
- Meeting with seasoned monitors who will share their experiences.

Participants will be provided with a morning refreshment, but should bring their own lunch.

Plants of Concern has begun to do more in the Kankakee County area, Goad said in a telephone interview. Last year, they did a workshop at the Hopkins Park village center and at Sweetfern Savanna, a rare Pembroke Township habitat owned by Marianne Hahn, president of Friends of the Kankakee.

POC also has done work at Kankakee River State Park and its Langham Island, the only known native home of the endangered Kankakee mallow. It also is involved in Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

The Chicago Botanic Garden is working to preserve rare plants and habitats in eight counties of northeast Illinois, four in northwest Indiana and three in southeast Wisconsin. Plants of Concern has trained more than 800 volunteers since 2001 and is looking for more.

For more information, visit the website www.plantsofconcern.org.

CUMBERLAND RIVER

Island dream in Nashville

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kathleen Williams walks the sandy beach on Hill's Island and envisions children building driftwood forts, combing the riprap stones for crayfish and getting in touch with the wilder side of Davidson County.

The wooded, 20-acre island — within sight of the Old Hickory Bridge in the Cumberland River, east of Madison, Tenn. — can be reached only by boat.

As Williams sees it, that journey is a bonus. Groups of schoolchildren would travel the waterway to get there, learning about the river, its series of dams and the founding of Nashville along the way.

"You get out here and kids, and people, will feel what Davidson County was really like when it was founded," said Williams, executive director of the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation (TennGreen). "You just can't get that in town."

"Kids would have a ball out here," she said.

The foundation, which was waylaid for awhile on several other large-scale conservation efforts, has now rekindled its plans for Hill's Island, which it received as a gift from Adventist Health System in 2006.

A new vision report created in the past two months proposes an outdoor classroom and an open invite for scientists to examine the fertile grounds. Kayakers who already frequent the "sleepy channel" between the island and the Madison mainland could represent just a sliver of the recreational possibilities.

Natural and wild

But there are significant challenges ahead. The island is four miles from the nearest boat ramp. Costs and logistical hurdles remain, and while a



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Kathleen Williams, executive director of Tennessee Parks and Greenway Foundation takes a break by one of the trees on Hill Island, targeted as a possible wild and free "outdoor classroom."

December workshop in Nashville generated enthusiasm, it didn't capture just one preference for the island's future.

Environmentalists, city and parks officials, scientists and fans of water recreation haggled for most of the morning meeting over how to protect the island while putting it to an educational use.

"We want it natural and we want it wild," Williams said.

She also wants to allow visitors, although they would require permission, but with the foundation "always ready to say yes," she said.

From the boat ramp downstream of the Old Hickory Dam, it's less than five miles to Hill's Island.

To get there in 15 minutes on a recent voyage, whipping winds over the open water gave the 43-degree air a chilly bite for Williams, two biologists with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and two journalists.

Houses line the riverbank in some stretches. And just after crossing underneath the Old Hickory Bridge, as the northern tip of the island appears, a towering red-brick Madison apartment building looms over trees on the mainland.

But putter a little closer, alongside the island, and those developments disappear.

A great blue heron circled and landed within a curl of land and protruding stones.

"You feel like you're in the middle of the wilderness, but you're only one mile from Galatin Road," Williams said.

Almost primordial

On a muddy bank, it was less than a minute before TWRA Chief of Biodiversity Bill Reeves pointed to raccoon paw prints. A few more steps and he found a brown, 8-inch bone with bright flashes of white where a varmint gnawed it.

"It's almost primordial," Reeves said. "It feels like you're walking back in time."

Visitors have photographed owls and a bald eagle around the island, and deer-evidenced by scat-must have crossed to the island via the 30-foot channel that divides it from the mainland.

"There's tons of driftwood and debris, but that makes for great fort building," Williams said.

Reeves pointed to sycamore, cottonwood, white oak and hackberry trees.

There's also litter, evidence of years of campfires, fishing and partying and invasive privet.

In February, the privet is as green as anything else.

"It would be more dense if the river didn't clear it out periodically," Reeves said. "You could have teams working on privet for the next 20 years."

The privet got a head start. But the island hasn't always been a passive curiosity.

By 1880, a map pinpointed Hill's Island by name, and an even deeper history has come into shape thanks in part to the pursuit of Davidson County's official historian, Carol Bucy.

She said frequent land trading in the county's early history created a paper trail.

"They came here to buy low and sell high," Bucy said.

The foundation's report about the island recounts occupation by Native Americans and then ownership by the prominent Donelson family by the 1780s.

Another story described an African-born slave known as "Guinea George" cultivating the island with his wife and children, and potentially other slaves living there under the possession of Henry R.W. Hill, the island's namesake.

In the 1950s, the flow of the river began to change with the creation of U.S. Army Corps of Engineer dams. The corps also has permission to flood it—just one of the considerations that surfaced at the Dec. 11 island symposium.

About 40 enthusiasts learned of the island's potential that December day in a conference room at The Bridge Building, overlooking the Cumberland River in downtown Nashville.

Some pushed for an archaeological dig. Others asked about camping and treehouses. And several mulled the best way to get to the island.

10 miles of paddling

Kayakers have been able to get permission from nearby landowners to get into the water a short distance from Hill's Island. But official access from Peeler Park or the Old Hickory docks would demand 10 miles of paddling, round trip.

"That's a long day, even for experienced paddlers," said Michael King, of Paddle Ventures Unlimited.

Williams, with the foundation, recently traveled The Everglades in Florida on a \$300,000 educational boat, prompting her to explore similar, cheaper options to get groups to the island.

In the meantime, the foundation continues to look for a long-term property manager—such as Metro Parks—and increased awareness to draw in key players to boost the plan.

Still, some balked at the ideas that could impact the island's wild nature—albeit a nature that sees frequent changes, including because of flooding.

For someone like Reeves, the TWRA biologist, the evolution of the place adds another layer to its drawing power.

"Because it gets inundated," he said, "it'll always change."

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Agapita Montes-Rivera, second from left, the mother of Antonio Zambrano-Montes, is comforted following the funeral for her son on Wednesday.

Lawyer: Second autopsy shows officers shot man from behind

SPOKANE, Wash. — An independent autopsy of an unarmed Mexican man killed by police in Washington state shows he was shot as many as seven times — including twice from behind — contradicting earlier statements from authorities, an attorney for the man's family said on Thursday.

The second autopsy was commissioned by lawyer Charles Herrmann, who is representing Antonio Zambrano-Montes' estranged wife and two daughters.

Its findings came a day after a spokesman for a special unit investigating the Feb. 10 shooting said five or six bullets struck Zambrano-Montes, but none from behind.

"Our report differs sharply with statements made by local law enforcement authorities," Herrmann said in a statement.

Zambrano-Montes, a 35-year-old Mexican immigrant, was shot after throwing rocks at officers. His death has prompted calls for a federal investigation, along with a series of demonstrations in Pasco, an agricultural center with 68,000 residents about 130 miles southwest of Spokane. — Associated Press

'Jihadi John' identified as London-raised college grad

LONDON — The world knows him as "Jihadi John," the masked, knife-wielding militant in videos showing Western hostages being beheaded by the Islamic State group. On Thursday, he was identified as a London-raised university graduate known to British intelligence for more than five years.

The British-accented militant from the chilling videos is Mohammed Emwazi, a man in his mid-20s who was born in Kuwait and raised in a modest, mixed-income area of west London.

No one answered the door at the brick row house where Emwazi's family is said to have lived. Neighbors in the area of public housing projects either declined comment or said they didn't know the family.

British anti-terror officials wouldn't confirm the man's identity, citing a "live counterterrorism investigation." But a well-placed Western official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak publicly, confirmed he is Emwazi.

One man who knew Emwazi portrayed him as compassionate, a description completely at odds with the cruelty attributed to him. — Associated Press

Vandalism in Arizona shows the Internet's vulnerability

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Computers, cellphones and landlines in Arizona were knocked out of service for hours, ATMs stopped working, 911 systems were disrupted and businesses were unable to process credit card transactions — all because vandals sliced through a fiber-optic Internet cable buried in the rocky desert.

The Internet outage did more than underscore just how dependent modern society has become on high technology. It raised questions about the vulnerability of the nation's Internet infrastructure.

Alex Juarez, a spokesman for Internet service provider CenturyLink, said the problem first was reported about noon Wednesday, with customer complaints pouring in from an area extending from the northern edges of Phoenix to cities such as Flagstaff, Prescott, Page and Sedona. Service began coming back within a few hours and was reported fully restored by about 3 a.m. Thursday.

CenturyLink blamed vandalism, and police are investigating. — Associated Press

Ukraine, rebels start pulling back heavy weapons in the east

KIEV, Ukraine — Warring parties in Ukraine took a major stride toward quelling unrest in the country's east on Thursday with the declared start of a supervised withdrawal of heavy weapons from the front line.

Ukrainian and separatist officials noted a sharp decline in violence, although the chances of a long-lasting settlement remain clouded by lingering suspicions.

While announcing the pullback, Ukraine's Defense Ministry warned it would revise arms withdrawal plans in the event of any attacks.

"Ukrainian troops are in a state of total readiness to defend the country," it said in a statement.

The pullback was supposed to have started more than a week ago under a peace deal agreed upon earlier this month by the leaders of Russia and Ukraine to end the fighting in eastern Ukraine that has killed about 5,800 people since April.

Rebels in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions insist they have spent the last few days drawing back their heavy weapons — a claim not yet verified by independent observers. Donetsk separatist leader Alexander Zakharchenko mirrored Ukrainian willingness to immediately resort to combat if provoked. — Associated Press

Our World

Is your insurance at risk?

Millions of Americans could lose health subsidies if Supreme Court rules no

CHICAGO (AP) — Millions of Americans have a big personal stake in next Wednesday's Supreme Court challenge to the nation's health care law: Can they legally continue to get subsidies to help pay for their insurance? If the court says no, people across more than 30 states

could lose federal subsidies for their premiums.

The legal arguments the justices will hear are complex.

Opponents who brought the lawsuit argue the law's literal wording only allows the government to pay subsidies in states that have set up their

own insurance markets, or exchanges.

Most states have not. Supporters of the law say such a narrow reading misses its basic intent: to increase Americans' access to health insurance nationwide.

Whatever they know or don't know about the law's

fine print, millions will feel the effects of the ruling.

Here's a look at three people who now are receiving subsidies in states where the federal government is running things. Would your situation relate to how they would deal with losing the financial help?

'Wouldn't be able to afford it'

Young and healthy, 23-year-old suburban Chicago resident Ariana Jimenez

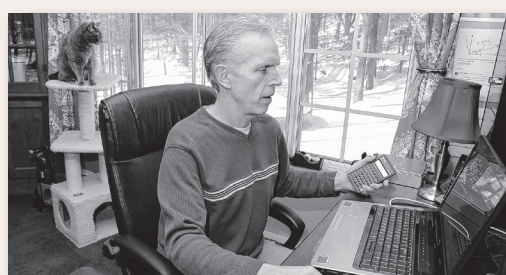


Chicago resident Ariana Jimenez said without the help from her health care subsidy, she would have to cancel her policy.

is the kind of person the health insurance system needs in order to keep costs down for everyone. When she pays her \$52 monthly premium and the government kicks in \$128, those payments help pay the bills for older, sicker people.

She didn't know about the Supreme Court case that could jeopardize her subsidy. Without the help, she said, she would have to cancel her policy: "I wouldn't be able to afford it."

Starting her second year of coverage under the health care law, she hasn't used her insurance much. Her biggest medical episode, having an infected cyst on her back removed, cost her \$130 out of pocket in copays for doctor visits. "That was reasonable compared to what it would have been if I had not had insurance," she said.



Photos: Associated Press

Rockney Shephard, owner of a vegan egg substitute company, says without the health care subsidy he receives, he doesn't think he would be in business.

'Hope for the best'

Rockney Shephard built a company around health-conscious eating. He invented a cholesterol-free egg substitute called The Vegg. Sales have grown since he started his business in 2011, and netted \$30,000 last year.

Health law subsidies bring his monthly premium down to \$180, which means the 61-year-old former graphic artist can afford to keep his business going and fund his health insurance, too.

Without the subsidy, his monthly premium would be \$550. "If I had to pay \$550 again, I would do it as long as I could, until it affected my business," said the Stroudsburg, Pa., resident. "Then I would stop and not have insurance and hope for the best, until business got better and I could afford it again."

'Go without'

Kimberly Davis, of Jackson, Miss., said she'd be forced to drop health insurance if she lost the \$201 monthly subsidy that brings her

out-of-pocket monthly cost down to \$78. Without coverage, she fears she wouldn't be able to afford medications to prevent flare-ups and to slow the progression of her multiple sclerosis. One drug costs about \$5,000 per month.

"I would have to go without," Davis said. "I'm kind of scared to think about it."

The 31-year-old mother and social worker takes four medications that give her some control over MS, an autoimmune disease that causes pain, fatigue and difficulty walking.



Kimberly Davis said she takes medications to slow the progression of her multiple sclerosis. She said she would be forced to drop her health insurance if she lost her subsidy.

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Associated Press

More than 160 killed in Afghanistan avalanches

An Afghan villager cleans off snow after the rooftop of his home was damaged from an avalanche, in the Khanj district of Panjshir province, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Thursday. The number of people killed in a massive avalanche in a mountain-bound valley in northeastern Afghanistan rose on Thursday to more than 160 as lack of equipment and the sheer depth of snow that buried entire homes and families hampered rescue efforts.

Cyber threats expanding, new US intelligence assessment says

The U.S. elevated its appraisal of the cyber threat from Russia, the U.S. intelligence chief said Thursday, as he delivered the annual assessment by intelligence agencies of the top dangers facing the country.

"While I can't go into detail here, the Russian cyber threat is more severe than we had previously assessed," James Clapper, the director of national intelligence, told the Senate Armed Services Committee, as he presented the annual worldwide threats assessment.

As they have in recent years, U.S. intelligence agencies once again listed cyber attacks as the top danger to U.S. national security, ahead of terrorism. Saboteurs, spies and thieves are expanding their computer attacks against a vulnerable American Internet infrastructure, chipping away at U.S. wealth and security over time, Clapper said.

Israeli opposition leader to PM: Cancel Congress speech

Israel's opposition leader on Thursday called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to cancel his upcoming speech to the U.S. Congress, saying it will cause "strategic damage" to ties with Washington.

Isaac Herzog, head of the opposition Labor Party, has led a chorus of voices in Israel urging Netanyahu to renege and not deliver the speech, which was engineered with congressional Republicans without the knowledge of the White House. The move has driven a wedge between Israel and its ally, the United States.

Obama sends Rice, Power to AIPAC meeting

National security adviser Susan Rice and Samantha Power, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, will represent the Obama administration at a pro-Israel lobby group's annual

conference where Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also is speaking.

Both Rice and Power will deliver remarks to the group, AIPAC spokesman Marshall Wittmann said in an email Thursday. The organization expects more than half of the Senate and two thirds of the House of Representatives to be in attendance during the course of the three-day conference in Washington, he said.

Lynch gets panel's nod for attorney general; full Senate vote next

A divided Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday moved federal prosecutor Loretta Lynch a key step closer to the attorney general's office, in a vote that could foreshadow a narrow confirmation to come.

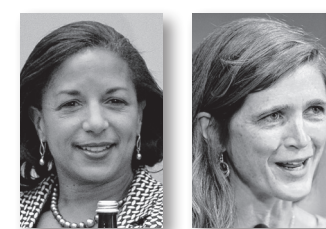
Aided by Sen. Lindsey Graham, of South Carolina, and two other conservative Republicans, the GOP-controlled panel approved Lynch's nomination by a 12-8 vote. The committee's approval sets the stage for final Senate action sometime in March.

Researchers find new reason to drink coffee: It may reduce risk of MS

Drink up, coffee lovers: Neurologists say a healthy appetite for coffee may reduce your risk of developing multiple sclerosis.

We're not talking a cup or two of joe in the morning. Even a triple espresso might not be enough to register a difference.

In a new study, researchers found that Americans who downed at least four cups of coffee per day were one-third less likely to develop multiple sclerosis than their counterparts who drank no coffee at all.



Susan Rice

Samantha Power

ILLINOIS

US court declines to decide benefits issue

A federal appeals court declined to tackle the issue of whether Illinois' constitution bars the reduction of health care benefits for retired public-sector employees in Chicago.

A unanimous six-page decision by a three-judge panel of 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, posted late Wednesday, said the dispute still is winding its way through state channels and that it won't intervene.

"We are reluctant to resolve a novel issue of state constitutional law," the opinion, written by Judge Frank Easterbrook, said. "The federal judiciary has an institutional interest in allowing states to resolve novel issues of state law."

The case before the panel stemmed from a lawsuit from retired city police and others who argued the state constitution and U.S. contract law should have prohibited the city from forcing retirees to pay more for their health care in a cost-saving measure.

Illinois plan would aid Exelon nuclear plants

Power-producing giant Exelon Corp. rounded out a phalanx of Illinois lawmakers and business leaders who said Thursday that three nuclear power plants could close unless consumers chip in to reward them for producing environmentally friendly electricity.

Legislation introduced in the House and Senate would create a financial reward for generators that produce "clean" energy, which doesn't create harmful greenhouse gases. It would cost ratepayers about \$2 per month on their energy bills.

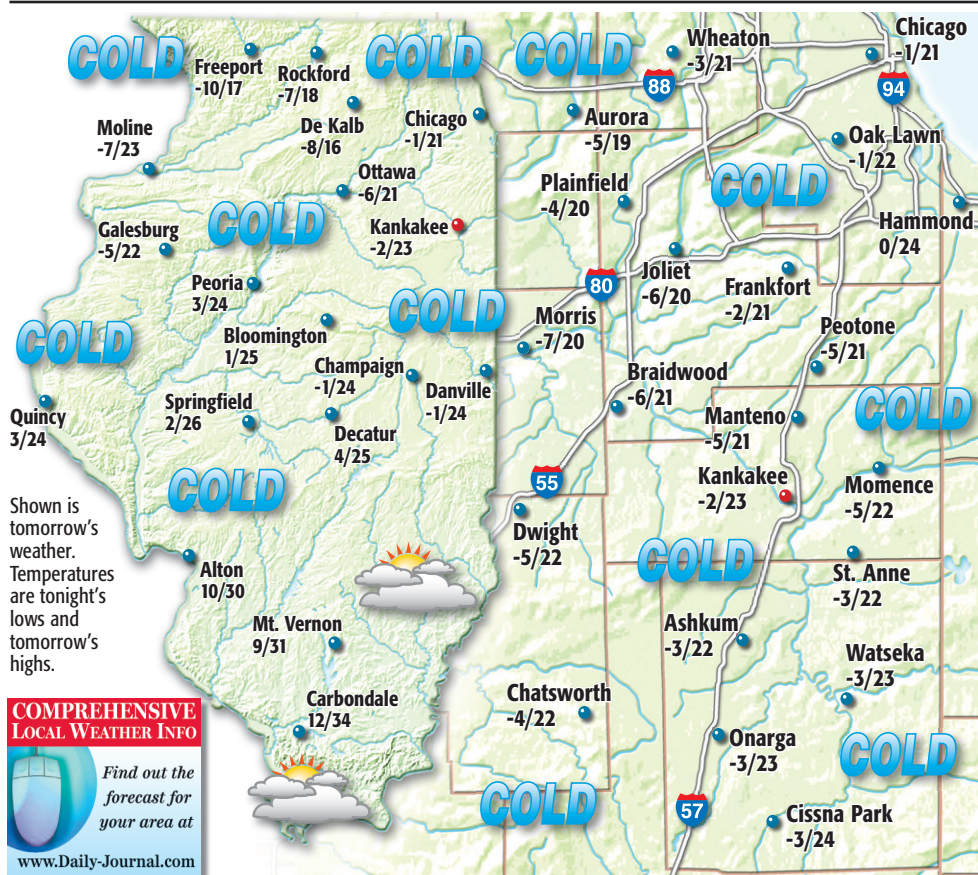
It comes a week after another clean-energy proposal was proposed in the General Assembly that supporters say is more comprehensive and works to reduce consumption, something they say the latest version lacks.

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Precipitation
 Yesterday trace
 Total month to date 0.58"
 Normal month to date 1.69"
 Year to date 2.44"
 Normal year to date 3.68"

Heating Degree Days
 Yesterday 56
 Month to date 1253
 Season to date 5051
 Normal season to date 4542

FARM REPORT
 Clear and very cold tonight. Winds light and variable. Average relative humidity 75%. Mostly sunny tomorrow. Winds southeast 6-12 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 60%. A little snow tomorrow night.

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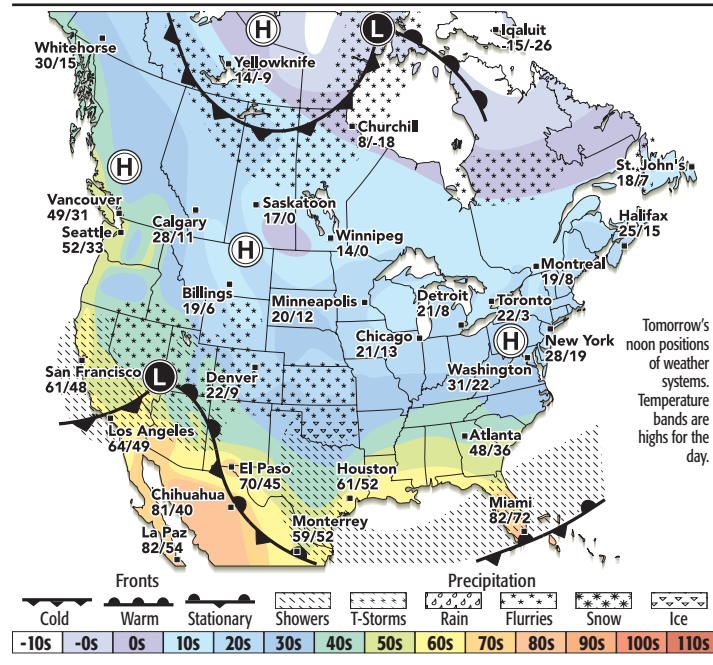
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Atlanta	48/36/pc	48/42/sh	Los Angeles	64/49/sh	63/47/sh	Portland, Ore.	53/30/s	56/38/r
Boston	26/13/s	32/28/pc	Memphis	45/37/c	56/44/r	St. Louis	34/28/c	40/23/sn
Cincinnati	29/22/pc	40/26/sn	Miami	82/72/sh	81/71/sh	Salt Lake City	47/30/r	46/31/c
Dallas	38/33/sn	53/44/sh	Milwaukee	18/12/s	29/13/sn	San Diego	65/56/sh	62/51/sh
Denver	22/9/sn	23/11/sn	New Orleans	60/54/pc	69/59/sh	San Francisco	61/48/sh	64/48/pc
Indianapolis	26/20/s	36/19/sn	New York	28/19/s	34/32/pc	Seattle	52/33/s	53/38/s
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Baghdad	76/49/s	75/49/s	Hong Kong	75/64/pc	75/64/c	Singapore	90/76/t	88/76/t
Amsterdam	45/40/pc	48/37/r	London	52/44/r	50/36/sh	Sydney	84/70/pc	89/67/r
Athens	61/48/sh	60/47/r	Madrid	59/42/pc	64/46/pc	Tokyo	51/46/pc	53/44/r
Bangkok	97/79/pc	97/79/t	Mexico City	76/45/pc	77/46/pc	Toronto	22/3/s	25/21/sn
Beijing	39/24/sn	52/27/s	Moscow	38/33/r	38/29/c	Vancouver	49/31/s	47/35/pc
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King Middle School

Students in Ms. Crossley's sixth-grade class at King Middle Grade Center presented a Living Wax Museum. The assignment included students having to select, research and portray a historical African American figure. Pictured are, left, Sixth-graders Marquesha Boyd, portraying first lady Michelle Obama and Christian Bryant portraying President Barack Obama.

Submitted photo



Dedication award

Celebrating sisterhood



Submitted photo

Mike Norman, of St. Anne, was honored with the Dedication Award at the annual Pheasants Forever State Convention in Peoria. The award is earned by a individual who has demonstrated their dedication and served an active role in their local chapter for multiple years.



Submitted photo

A fun-filled reunion of sharing memories and celebrating Mardi Gras was celebrated between sisters. Pictured at top, from left, Cheryl Kemp, of Clifton, and Connie Eaker, of Bourbonnais. Bottom left: Jody Hotard, of New Orleans, and Dixie Schweizer, of Bradley.

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ARTS & CULTURE



Megan Lutz sketches on the floor of her studio.

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She's happiest when she's painting

Single mom, bartender finds solace in art

BY MARY HALL
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Megan Lutz sits on the floor of her basement studio, surrounded by deep purple walls, the scent of candles, a half-empty glass of bourbon, the melodies of Fiona Apple and rough sketches of Norse gods.

In one corner, a single lamp shines on an easel. A desk with no chair is pushed against one wall, and a faded artist's tarp protects cream carpeting from the acrylic paints and brushes stacked on a book shelf.



The Daily Journal/Mike Voss

'Freedom' by Megan Lutz, an acrylic painting on birch board.

Born with the creative gene

Lutz was born with both the creative gene and supportive parents. "It was my ninth birthday," Lutz recalled. "I got from my parents a set of Derwent pencils, a sketchbook and a book on how to draw cats. ... That is literally the only birthday present I remember from my childhood."

Lutz spent hours of her childhood at the Art Institute in Chicago, where she could be found staring at Renoir paintings. "I can't even tell you why I love Renoir," Lutz said. "Maybe it's the light or the colors he uses. It's just always spoken to me."

Lutz carried that love with her to Lewis University, but painting became just a hobby. She graduated in 2009 with a graphic design degree, and — in the midst of landing a production and web design job, getting married and having her daughter — painting was quickly dropped.

Fast forward four years, Lutz found that while a good job, web design made her miserable. "It was just slowly killing me," Lutz said. "The going in and sitting at a desk, and not getting to be creative in the way I wanted to be creative."

She sought out a professor from art school for advice. "He said, 'When is the last time you painted?' And so I pulled out the old brushes and I pulled out the paints, and it was very cathartic."

Today, Lutz lives in her childhood home with her parents in rural Wilmington, her 11-year-old daughter, Juliette, and three dogs. She freelances web design part time, spends a couple days a week bartending for Nick's Tavern in Lemont and is constantly looking for artistic inspiration, even if that's a Tori Amos song on the radio. "Sometimes I'll be listening to a song, and that will inspire a painting," Lutz said. "Sometimes I'll be doodling in my sketchbook about something



The Daily Journal/Mike Voss

'The Dancer' by Megan Lutz, acrylic on water color paper.



DETAILS: Megan Lutz will be the featured artist at the Lemont Center for the Arts, 1243 State St., Unit 101 (located in Lemont Village Square). Her work will be on display noon-4 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, and noon-4 p.m. Sundays throughout the month of March.

happening in my life, or based on a story a friend has told me. I'll get this concrete idea and pick out some music that goes with the mood that I want to be painting."

But it is Juliette who is her real inspiration. "My daughter inspires me to take life more seriously, because she is a huge responsibility, and in the same breath she inspires me to let things go and be patient," Lutz said.

"She's nothing like me, which cracks me up. ... She likes Legos and building and science. She has taught me to be a kid again and she's given me a better sense of humor. I think my daughter inspires my whole life."

And even in the midst of the commotion of mom-meets-artist, Lutz considers herself lucky. "My art is a product of my surroundings. I like the commotion. It's insanity."

Do you know of an interesting artist living and working in the area? They could be featured in our new Artists & Residents series. Email rachaerl@daily-journal.com with more information.

COMMENTARY

Comfort food and fish fries

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night. ..." I believe that motto belongs to the post office but for the past month, it has become mine, too. Nothing can keep me from researching good places to eat. And since I'm married to a postal worker that creed works for both of us.

Dave and I ventured out on one of the coldest days of the year. We wanted good food — hot food to warm us up.

If you haven't been to **Gravina 801 Italian Cuisine** in a while, I encourage you to go. They have wonderful lunch specials for \$6.99 and with the all-you-can-eat soup and salad included.

I love the zuppa toscana; it's fantastic. Beautiful Italian sausage, potatoes, garlic and chard in a creamy soup base along with their bread is a meal in itself. Or try their minestrone which is just as good.

Some of the lunch items are lasagna, eggplant Parmesan, spaghetti with meatballs, ravioli with meat or cheese and baked mostaccioli. For a more traditional lunch they have pulled pork sandwich, pork tenderloin, hamburger sliders or an eggplant Parmesan sandwich, all served with french fries.

The portions are large enough for two meals.

Guests can also order from the menu. Gravina signature entrees include chicken Sicilian, a sauteed chicken breast lightly breaded with Parmesan and bread crumbs, topped with creamy roasted red bell pepper sauce served with linguine. Or try the chicken champagne, chicken breast with creamy made-to-order champagne sauce over linguine.

They have a beautiful pasta selection and since I'm a spaghetti purist — meaning I like it light — I love the angel hair pasta tossed in garlic and olive oil. I do like their meatballs, too. Very tasty.

Although it's been a while since I've been there, I have to say the food is still incredible.

Gravina 801 is at 801 W. Broadway St., Bradley. Call 815-939-4960. Hours are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Closed Sunday. Follow them on Facebook.



Another way to keep warm comes from reader Terry Fleischman who says he loves the hot chocolate from **Biggy's Coffee**, Bourbonnais. He said they have four different hot chocolates — Cocoa Carmella (delicious chocolate and caramel), dark hot chocolate, mellow hot chocolate (chocolate and marshmallows) and mint hot chocolate.

Thanks Terry for calling me. We're all looking for ways to keep warm during this cold weather. I think the hot chocolate is the perfect drink for this arctic blast we're experiencing.

Biggy Coffee is at 409 S. Main St., Bourbonnais, across from Olivet Nazarene University.

*** This week's featured fish fries:

Big Fish Grille in Wilmington has their all-you-can-eat fish fry every Friday during Lent through April 3. For \$14 per person, guests can dine on premium beer-battered whitefish served with tartar sauce, roasted red skin potatoes, coleslaw and hush puppies.

Hours are 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday; closed Mondays. Check out their website, bigfishgrille.net, for more specials and their menu.

Big Fish Grille is located at 27425 S. Will Road, Wilmington. Call 815-476-9331.

St. Anne Catholic Church, St. Anne, will have their annual fish fries from 5-7 p.m. today, March 13 and March 27 at the St. Anne parish hall. On the menu will be fried or baked pollock, baked potato, green beans, homemade Cole slaw, bread and dessert. Adults are \$9; children 12 and younger are \$4.

Not a fish lover? How about a quarter cheese pizza, chips, coleslaw and dessert for \$4?

If you don't want to get out of the car, they have a drive-up lane near the parish hall. Place your order, pay and they will bring it to your car.

St. Anne Catholic Church is at 230 N. Sixth Ave., St. Anne.

Manteno American Legion Post 755 is serving some delicious fish entrees on Friday. Manager T.J. Holmes said they will have fantail shrimp dinner for \$10; baked lemon pepper cod, teriyaki salmon served with baked potato or French fries for \$9; crab cake sliders with french fries for \$6 or their special Friday night fish fry with perch or white fish served with French fries for \$8.

Dinner is served 4-8 p.m. or until the supply is gone.

Manteno American Legion Post 755 is at 117 N. Walnut, Manteno. Call 815-468-8324.

Thanks Brandon Mazzuca for the recommendation.

Thanks everyone for sending me suggestions for fish fries. I'll have plenty more next week.

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Single-mom, animal lover, part-time bartender, part-time designer, full-time artist — Megan Lutz says she's happiest when painting in her studio.

About a year ago, Lutz quit her job as a graphic designer, and set up her studio. She spends her days with a sketchbook or paint brush in hand, developing her personal style of impressionism meets feminine beauty.

The texture she creates is what makes it stand out, said Denny Simmons, executive director for Paper Street Gallery in Mokenca. The gallery's blog recently featured Lutz.

"If you look deep enough into the art itself, you'll see there's a lot of differences in the pieces that make them stand alone," Simmons said.

Differences like the wooden boards she sometimes uses instead of canvas and the wire she has been known to incorporate into her acrylic paintings.

"A lot of people should pay close attention to her," Simmons said. "It takes a special artist to create something out of a single image. She's kind of mastered a way of telling her story through an image right when you first look at it."

MOVIES

'Focus' — NEW

The Associated Press says 3 out of 4 stars.

(Meadowview) If the mark of a good con artist is that he or she makes you think you know exactly what's going on — when of course you haven't a clue — that's also the mark of a good con-artist movie, isn't it? To make you feel like you totally get what's about to happen — “Oh yeah, I've seen this in tons of movies,” you think — and then, boom. That's not what happens at all. See, you lost your focus for a second. “It's about distraction,” explains Nicky, the con artist played by Will Smith in “Focus,” the consistently entertaining new film by Glenn Ficarra and John Requa (“Crazy, Stupid, Love.”). And that's what the filmmakers do to us, too — they distract us more than once by making us think we're watching a predictable, even silly story. We're lured into feeling smarter than the movie — until we're not. Damn! How did we miss that? Rated R. 1:44

'The Lazarus Effect' — NEW

Tribune News Service says 2½ out of 4 stars.

(Paramount) “The Lazarus Effect” is what happens when hip, smart actors commit themselves to a horror movie, body and soul. Mark Duplass (“Safety Not Guaranteed”), a mainstay of indie cinema's microbudget “mumblecore” movement, and recent convert Olivia Wilde (“Drinking Buddies”) ably play a scientist couple whose work has led to a serum that brings the dead back to life. And with director David “Jiro Dreams of Sushi” Gelb in charge, you can be sure this isn't some brain-munching zombie apocalypse. “Lazarus” is a lean and unfussy horror tale built on sharply-drawn characters and spare, uncluttered dialogue. What the scientists and their team (Donald Glover, Evan Peters, and as their new intern-videographer, Sarah Bolger) are trying to do is “give doctors time,” create a bigger window for coma patients and those whose hearts have stopped to be resuscitated before brain damage sets in. Rated PG-13. 1:22

'Birdman' — NEW

Tribune News Service says 4 out of 4 stars.

(Movies 10) Michael Keaton is a faded Hollywood star trying to reclaim his career by mounting a Broadway drama in Alejandro G. Inarritu's fierce, funny, breathless dive inside the head of a man in deep trouble. An exhilarating, out-of-the-blue masterwork that ranks as not just one of the best films of the year, but of the decade, the century. With Edward Norton, Emma Stone and Naomi Watts. Rated R. 1:59

'Still Alice' — NEW

Tribune News Service says 4 out of 4 stars.

(Paramount) Shot through with piercing detail, and devoid of cheap sentimentality, the sad, beautifully realized story of a linguistics professor, a mother, a wife, diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's. One of the defining performances of Julianne Moore's career, rightly nominated for an Academy Award. With Alec Baldwin, Kat Bosworth and Kristen Stewart. Rated PG-13. 1:53



Here are reviews of movies appearing Friday night in Kankakee County. Movie times are available at www.Daily-Journal.com.

'Hot Tub Machine 2'

Tribune News Services says 1½ out of 4 stars.

(Paramount) John Cusack has been reduced to Z-grade action comedies, shot in Australia and co-starring Thomas Jane, at this stage of his career. And he still turned down the payday that “Hot Tub Time Machine 2” promised, which tells you all you need to know about this half-baked sequel. It's just as well, as Cusack was basically the aging straight man in the first version of this stoner time travel comedy. Craig Robinson walked off with the picture, about three friends and a young guy who turns out to be the son of one of them, guys who travel back to a pivotal 1986 ski weekend from their past in what appears to be a hot tub electrical accident. The sequel is dominated by Rob Corddry, a fearless funnyman best taken in tiny doses. The doses aren't tiny enough and the laughs are few and far between this time in the tub. Lou (Corddry) and Nick (Robinson) have used the time travel hindsight to “invent” Google (Lougle) and steal every pop song between 1986 and the present, hits by Lisa Loeb to Nirvana. They got rich and famous.

Jacob (Clark Duke), who found out Lou was his dad, just got bitter. He was the smart one, after all, the one who could keep track of the time travel “science.” He just failed to cash in.

But their trip was no accident, “Time Machine 2” tells us. Actually, Chevy Chase, playing the dopey repair man, does. As running gags go, this one runs straight into the ground. Rated R. (1:33)

'The DUFF'

Tribune News Services says 2½ out of 4 stars.

(Meadowview) Mae Whitman sasses, sashays and sparkles in “The DUFF,” a snappy, sweet-spirited teen comedy about a smart girl who tries to fight high school labeling with wit and words. And the occasional punch. It's a paint-by-numbers romantic comedy. But Whitman, best known for TV's “State of Grace” and “Parenthood,” clicks with her co-stars and handles the screenplay's zingers and the droll voice-over narration her character spouts in this feature from director Ari “West Bank Story” Sandel. Sandel keeps everybody talking so fast they talk over everybody else, and as we know, in comedy, quicker is always funnier. Bianca (Whitman) is the plain Jane honor student and school newspaper columnist whose shrewd observations about the hierarchy at Mallow High School don't include self-observation. She's pals with two of the hottest girls in school (Bianca A. Santos, Skyler Samuels), but only her amusingly tactless hunk-jock neighbor, Wesley (Robbie Amell), will tell her the truth. She dresses dumpy and asexually, carries more weight than some and therefore, she's the “DUFF — Designated Ugly and Fat Friend” to her two hot friends. She is “invisible” to her peers, merely the approachable “gateway” to the sexy and the gorgeous. Rated PG-13. (1:41)



Mark Duplass and Olivia Wilde star in Relativity Media's “The Lazarus Effect.”



In this image released by 20th Century Fox, Taron Egerton, left, and Michael Caine appear in a scene from “Kingsman: The Secret Service.”

'McFarland, USA'

The Daily Journal Movie reviewer Pam Powell says 3 out of 4 stars.

(Movies 10) Under the direction of a new coach, a predominantly Latino high school in an economically challenged California farm town forges a championship cross-country team. With Kevin Costner, Maria Bello and Morgan Saylor. Written by Christopher Cleveland, Bettina Gilois and Grant Thompson. Directed by Niki Caro. Rated PG. (2:08)

'Fifty Shades of Grey'

The Daily Journal Movie reviewer Pam Powell says 2½ out of 4 stars.

(Movies 10) “Fifty Shades of Grey” is one of the most highly anticipated Valentine's Day films in history. This film, based on the book of the same name by E.L. James, according to Entertainment Weekly, has “...already sold more advance tickets on Fandango than any other R-rated film in history.” With more than 100 million copies of the book sold, the literary fan base is expecting a lot. As is always the question, can the movie version live up to the book (and our imaginations) James had input into who would adapt her first of the trilogy of what has been coined “mommy porn.” Using a female director, Sam Taylor-Johnson, and a female writer, Kelly Marcel, this team of women attempts to tell the steamy story of Anastasia Steele and her dominant and powerful boyfriend, Christian Grey. Rated R. (2:05)

'Kingsman: The Secret Service'

Pamela Powell, movie reviewer for The Daily Journal, says 3 out of 4 stars.

(Movies 10) In his earlier “Kick-Ass,” British writer-director Matthew Vaughn famously cast an 11-year-old Chloe Grace Moretz as a young killing machine in the stylishly brutal superhero film. In his latest, “Kingsman: The Secret Service,” Vaughn has again married innocence and mayhem, this time updating the tame, traditional spy movie with his particular brand of contemporary moviemaking, which is to say, crassness. “Kingsman: The Secret Service” is a blithe James Bond rip-off that gleefully celebrates, parodies and self-consciously modernizes the mossy spy thriller. And with Colin Firth in tow, as well as the winning newcomer Taron Egerton, “Kingsman” occasionally manages to do all three of these things simultaneously with a genuine zest for the genre trappings: the gadgets, the megalomaniacal villains, the sardonic wit. But if ever there was a semi-entertaining movie that sabotages itself with tastelessness and misogyny, this is it. Where might “Kingsman” lose you? You may get twinges of doubt when debris from a missile explosion (set specifically in “the Middle East”) bounces off the ground to form the opening credits. The concern may grow as bodies accumulate with the scantest notice or reflection or when the African American villain (Samuel L. Jackson) serves McDonalds at an opulent dinner. And you will, possibly, lose any remaining faith by the time Firth's agent slaughters a congregation full of frenzied churchgoers to the tune of Lynyrd Skynyrd's “Free Bird.” Rated R. (2:09)

'The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water'

The Associated Press says 3 out of 4 stars.

(Movies 10) Would that all of our brains resembled that of SpongeBob SquarePants — and we're talking about his actual brain, like, the cerebral matter located somewhere inside that porous yellow body. When, in the thoroughly enjoyable (though somewhat exhausting) “The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water,” the tiny, scheming Plankton takes a surreptitious trip into one of those sponge-holes, he finds a brain coated with cotton candy, rainbows and all manner of sweets, like a scene from “The Nutcracker.” It's enough to make a cynical little organism sick, but it makes us love sweet SpongeBob even more. As does director Paul Tibbitt's new movie, which is zany and clever and fun (and in 3D), as long as you can take 93 minutes of it. That may depend on your age. As I exited the theater, I heard a father telling his young son wearily, “That's about all the SpongeBob I can take.” The son, it seemed, could have taken a few hours more. The movie — the second feature-length outing for the durable Nickelodeon TV character, and the first since 2004 — begins somewhere above the undersea hamlet of Bikini Bottom, where SpongeBob lives. Rated PG. (1:33)

'Jupiter Ascending'

The Associated Press says 2 out of 4 stars.

(Paramount) A house cleaner has her life turned upside down when she is saved from bounty hunters by a genetically engineered ex-military warrior and learns she is intergalactic royalty. With Channing Tatum, Mila Kunis, Sean Bean and Eddie Redmayne. Written and directed by Lana Wachowski and Andy Wachowski. In 3-D and Imax. Rated: PG-13. (2:07)

'Black or White'

Tribune News Service says 3 out of 4 stars.

(Meadowview) A widower raising his biracial granddaughter becomes embroiled in a bitter custody battle when the girl's paternal grandmother turns up seeking custody. With Kevin Costner, Octavia Spencer and Gillian Jacobs. Written and directed by Mike Binder. Rated PG-13. (2:01)

'American Sniper'

The Associated Press says 3 out of 4 stars.

(Movies 10) U.S. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle (Bradley Cooper) takes his sole mission — protect his comrades — to



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heart and becomes one of the most lethal snipers in American history. His pinpoint accuracy not only saves countless lives but also makes him a prime target of insurgents. Despite grave danger and his struggle to be a good husband and father to his family back in the States, Kyle serves four tours of duty in Iraq. However, when he finally returns home, he finds that he cannot leave the war behind. Rated R. (2:13)

'The Wedding Ringer'

No star rating available.

(Movies 10) Socially awkward Doug Harris (Josh Gad) is two weeks from marrying the gal (Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting) of his dreams, but he has a problem: He doesn't have a groomsman for the occasion. Desperate and running out of time, Doug calls upon Jimmy Callahan (Kevin Hart), owner and operator of Best Man Inc., a company that provides attendants for grooms in need of them. As Doug tries to pull off the con, a bromance unexpectedly blossoms between Jimmy and himself. Rated R. (1:41)

'Paddington'

The Associated Press says 3½ out of 4 stars.

(Movies 10) After a fatal earthquake destroys his home in the rainforests of Peru, a young bear (Ben Whishaw) makes his way to London in search of a new home. The bear, dubbed “Paddington,” finds shelter with the family of Henry (Hugh Bonneville) and Mary Brown (Sally Hawkins). Although Paddington's amazement at urban living soon endears him to the Browns, someone else has her eye on him: taxidermist Millicent Clyde (Nicole Kidman) has designs on Paddington's rare Peruvian hide. Rated PG. (1:35)

'Project Almanac'

The Associated Press says 1½ out of 4 stars.

(Paramount) What have we done to deserve another found-footage movie? The tired hand-held technique that seemed so fresh in 1999 with “The Blair Witch Project” long ago wore out its welcome. The only thing noteworthy about its use in “Project Almanac,” which follows a group of high school misfits who invent a time-travel apparatus, is that this particular found-footage film isn't really a horror film, but a sci-fi thriller. Used as a means to gain an entry into the lives of these kids, it makes what could have been a fresh send-up of genre conventions seem as cheap and forgettable as all the rest. In the film, David (Jonny Weston), a handsome social outcast and brilliant science mind, finds out that he's been accepted into MIT but with a scholarship that just isn't enough. While digging around in old projects done by his late father (an inventor of sorts) to try to find anything of value, he and his little sister stumble across an old video recorder of David's 7th birthday party, where they notice a shadowy figure in the mirror in one of the shots: a 17-year-old David. While trying to figure out the mystery of how this could be possible, David and his friends uncover blueprints for a time travel machine and immediately get to work building it, testing it, and, eventually, using it. In a somewhat amusing wink to the audience, the characters keep restating that they have to film everything. Rated PG-13. (1:46)

'The Imitation Game'

Pamela Powell, movie reviewer for The Daily Journal, says 4 out of 4 stars.

(Paramount) During the winter of 1952, British authorities entered the home of mathematician, cryptanalyst and war hero Alan Turing to investigate a reported burglary. They instead ended up arresting Turing himself on charges of “gross indecency,” an accusation that would lead to his devastating conviction for the criminal offense of homosexuality — little did officials know, they actually were incriminating the pioneer of modern-day computing. Famously leading a motley group of scholars, linguists, chess champions and intelligence officers, he was credited with cracking the so-called unbreakable codes of Germany's World War II Enigma machine. An intense and haunting portrayal of a brilliant, complicated man, this film follows a genius who under nail-biting pressure helped to shorten the war and, in turn, save thousands of lives. Rated PG-13. (1:54)

'Selma'

The Associated Press says 3½ out of 4 stars.

(Movies 10) Although the Civil Rights Act of 1964 legally desegregated the South, discrimination still was rampant in certain areas, making it very difficult for blacks to register to vote. In 1965, an Alabama city became the battleground in the fight for suffrage. Despite violent opposition, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (David Oyelowo) and his followers pressed forward on an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, and their efforts culminated in President Lyndon Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Rated PG-13 (2:08)

MOVIES

'MCFARLAND, USA'

Pamela Powell, movie reviewer for The Daily Journal, says 3 out of 4 stars.

"McFarland, USA," starring Kevin Costner and Maria Bello, is a wholesome, classic Disney movie telling the tale of an underdog team and coach who make it to the top with hard work and determination.

Although fittingly Disney, this is actually based on the true story of real life coach Jim White back in the 1980s. He is on his final chance at a coaching job after losing job after job due to his temper and differing opinions. The final straw broke when he flung a shoe toward one of his players, which resulted in his termination. The only school that would even consider hiring him is a small California town called McFarland. It's a poor farming town, primarily Hispanic, whose jobs are "pickers." With White (Costner) and his family in tow, the Whites attempt to make the cultural change until something better can come along.

White attempts, unsuccessfully, to be an assistant coach to the seasoned and uncaring current head football coach at McFarland. White is quickly ousted from that position, but thankfully for his family's sake, is still employed as the physical education and life sciences teacher. White begins to see the actual athletic abilities of these young men during one of his PE classes — running. As he recruits these speedy sprinters for a newly developed cross-country team, he begins to see the kids as people,



Kevin Costner stars in 'McFarland, USA,' based on a true story.

not just a way to move on. He develops relationships with them, helps them, and inadvertently helps himself to grow as a person as well as a father and husband.

Although we know how this film is going to progress and end, it is a heartwarming tale about minority kids whose families don't have much of an education, let alone the ability to guide their youngsters in the educational direction. What they do have is heart, family loyalty, and love which appears to be something White is lacking. Getting up at 4:30 a.m. to pick in the fields before school, attend school, and then go back to the fields is the harsh reality for these kids. Their children will probably become pickers, and so on. With the right guidance, in this case from White, they

have an opportunity to make different choices, ultimately changing their destiny.

Costner's role develops nicely from disinterested teacher/coach/father to one who has empathy and understanding for those around him. Is it a reach for him or challenging in any way? No, but he portrays this real life coach adequately. Some scenes are rather flat and cardboard, not really reaching the possible emotional highs and lows. It's just very even-keeled all the way through the movie. Bello is the supportive wife and mother who seems rather selfless. Regardless of the sometimes flat emotional acting, the story still maintains its ability to pull on your heartstrings.

But let's remember that since this is a Disney film, the setbacks

they experience are really just a mild disturbance because together they can get through anything. At each and every juncture in the story, whether it's a loss at a track meet, a negative interaction with another team, or a forgotten birthday cake, you know that things will come together in a positive way at the end, all presented in a nicely wrapped little package.

The pace of the film becomes a bit sluggish as the boys go from track meet to track meet and we watch as the family starts to become integrated and welcomed into the community. There is most definitely a dull portion of this film due to poor editing and slow responses in delivering lines. There are also a few unforgivable, over-the-top reactions, making it clear that the kids are getting a lot of guidance from the director. But once again, the story still pulls you along so that you want to witness that happy ending.

"McFarland, USA" is a film the entire family can enjoy. It's clean and wholesome with a positive message for everyone. With a predictable story line and adequate acting, it accomplishes what it set out to do: Tell a nice story for all to enjoy. But the best part of the film comes at the end. In real life, each of these boys have now grown up and we find out what has happened to them. Not everyone has a happy ending, but they all find their own way in life thanks to the love and caring of the White family.

Bourbonnais resident Pamela Powell writes more about current films at www.reelhonoreviews.com.



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What: 'McFarland, USA'
Where: Movies 10, Bourbonnais
When: Friday: 12:10, 3:35, 7:15, 10:15 p.m.
Rated: PG
Run time: 2:08

COMMENTARY

Sleepwalker's restless habit has turned into a nightmare

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged to "Tony," whom I have known since first grade. We live with his mother under the same roof, but

in separate rooms. Tony is perfect in every way except one: He's a restless sleeper.

Sometimes, he wakes up shouting. He has fallen down the stairs and woken up in different rooms. He talks in his sleep as well. I thought I could live with it, but a month ago, things changed.

I came home late, and he was sleeping downstairs. I think he thought I was an intruder. He woke up and ran at me. He started trying to hit me and was shouting. I was screaming and crying, "Honey!" over and over to wake him up. He says he would never hurt me, but when he ran at me, it was clear he didn't recognize me.

For a week after that, I slept with a barricade against my door. Now, I'm terrified of him when he's asleep. I know it's only a matter of time before we move out on our own and will be sleeping in the same room. How can I get over this fear or help him to sleep more soundly? — COWERING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR COWERING: You can help your fiancé by getting him to a sleep disorder specialist because that's his problem. Frankly, I am surprised he hasn't seen one before now. His doctor can refer him, or he can go online to find one near you. Please don't wait until something like this happens again, or he hurts himself falling down stairs while sleepwalking.

DEAR ABBY: We are a group of 10 friends, all retirees from the same large organization. We meet

for lunch every few weeks and enjoy talking amongst ourselves about people we knew and situations that took place in our old jobs.

A supervisor many of us had work issues with is about to retire. We are concerned it's only a matter of time until she approaches us and wants to join our lunch group. We have thought about saying it's "loose-knit" and "we have no formal time or place," but that's not exactly true, and we're sure she wouldn't be deterred by that.

I wish I had the nerve to tell her the group is for us rank-and-file employees — no supervisors allowed. Because we might run into her from time to time once she is retired, we want to be gracious but assertive about our refusal to have her join us. Advice? — GROUP MEMBER IN THE SOUTH

DEAR GROUP MEMBER: If the woman approaches you (keep in mind your worries might not materialize, and you might not be asked), remember she's no longer your supervisor and can no longer affect your life in any way. If she asks if she can join you, you should tell her no. And if she asks why, explain it to her exactly as you explained it to me. It's the truth. (As we sow, so shall we reap.)

DEAR ABBY: Does a male in his own home, walking around bare-chested, have to put a shirt on when someone is going to enter the home from the outside? — DAVE IN FLORIDA

DEAR DAVE: If there is any question that the person entering your home might be offended, out of consideration, you should cover up. A close friend or family member might not mind, but it's better to err on the side of caution.

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PETS

Do you own one of the top dog breeds?

Labs extend record as top dog, but bulldogs make waves

BY JENNIFER PELTZ
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — America's fondness for Labrador retrievers still is setting records, but bulldogs are breaking new ground.

Labs reigned as the nation's top dog last year for the 24th year after breaking poodles' decades-old record in 2013, according to American Kennel Club rankings set to be released Thursday. But bulldogs have hit a new high — No. 4 — and their bat-eared cousins, French bulldogs, sauntered into the top 10 for the first time in nearly a century.

German shepherds, golden retrievers and beagles are holding their own in the top five, with Yorkshire terriers, poodles, boxers and Rottweilers filling out the top 10. Dachshunds slipped from 10th to 11th.

Bulldogs' rise is no surprise to fans who extol their unmistakable, push-faced expressions and generally calm demeanors.

"They just have such character," says Bulldog Club of America communications chairwoman Annette Noble. The breed is known for being gentle but resolute — given direction, a bulldog may well want "to think about it first and decide whether it's worth it," as Noble puts it.

The smaller, less jowly French bulldog — sometimes dubbed "a clown in the cloak of a philosopher" — has surged from 49th to 9th in a decade.

Frenchies were No. 6 in the decade of the 1910s, but their prevalence later waned. Then appearances in movies, TV shows and advertising raised their profile in recent years.

Labrador retrievers hit the top 10 in the 1970s and haven't left since.

Originally bred to fetch game, Labs have proven able and willing to play virtually any canine role: search-and-rescue and police work, agility and other dog sports, guide and therapy dog work, and sen-

sitive family companion. Breeder Micki Beerman recalls one of her Labs winning over a hesitant child by gradually moving closer, until the child began to pet the dog.

"They're just very intuitive," said Beerman, of Brooklyn. "They kind of know when you need them."

The AKC doesn't release raw numbers, only rankings. They reflect puppies and other newly registered dogs.

Dog breeding draws criticism from animal-rights activists who feel it ends up fueling puppy mills, siphons attention from mixed-breed dogs that need homes and sometimes propagates unhealthy traits.

The AKC says that its breed standards and recommended health testing help responsible people breed healthy dogs and that knowing breed characteristics helps owners choose a pet that's right for them.



The Associated Press

Bulldogs are still one of the most popular dog breeds in America.

The top 10 for 2014:

1. Labrador retriever
2. German shepherd
3. Golden retriever
4. Bulldog
5. Beagle
6. Yorkshire terrier
7. Poodle
8. Boxer
9. French bulldog
10. Rottweiler

How the lineup changed:

The French bulldog entered the top 10 for the first time since the decade of the 1910s (the breed was ranked 11th in 2013). The dachshund dropped out; it was number 10 in 2013.

Breeds on the move:

The Havanese jumped from 52nd in 2004 to 25th last year, while the border collie rose from 60th to 39th. Meanwhile, the wirehaired pointing griffon rose from 112th to 74th, and the Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever — which gained AKC recognition only in 2003 — moved from 118th to 96th.

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THEATER



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Nicolette Robinson and the cast perform in a scene of the musical "Brooklynite" in New York. "Brooklynite," which opens Wednesday off-Broadway at the Vineyard Theatre, has a 13-member cast, songs by the much-buzzed about composer Peter Lerman and choreography by Steven Hoggett.

Bam! Musical 'Brooklynite' a giddy, clever show

Heroine has vocal skill, beauty and acting grace

BY MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK — The last time superheroes were singing on a New York stage, things didn't go too well. Don't let that stop you from going to "Brooklynite."

The irresistible new musical written by Michael Mayer and Peter Lerman has everything "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" lacked — giddiness, cleverness, heart and sly humor.

The show, which opened Wednesday at the Vineyard Theatre, goofs on both classic Saturday-morning TV superheroes and today's hip, artisanal Brooklyn. It's got manic energy, over-the-top costumes and an infectious silliness.

Mayer and Lerman — using characters created by Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman — have concocted a suitably insane story that has an asteroid, super villains and not one but two love stories. They've also revealed the identity of a real budding theatrical superhero in Nicolette Robinson, making her professional New York stage debut.

Robinson plays Astrolass, who was hit by rays of Brooklynite from an asteroid strike some years ago that turned her into a superwoman. Five others also had various degrees of the rays: Andrew Call plays a short order cook who christens himself El Fuego after harnessing the power of flame. Call is pure cockiness in a cape.

There's also Kid Comet (an animated Gerard Canonico) who was a bike messenger and now is the fastest man alive. Grace McLean plays Blue Nixie, a marine biologist who the asteroid has turned into a daffy water-controlling hero. One superhero — Captain Clear — is invisible and we never get to see him.

There's also Tony Award-nominee Nick Cordero, whose slacker character was so far away from the blast that all he has is the power to sense good parking spots. He's dim and disgruntled, and vows to create a rival superhero bunch.

The plot ramps up when Astrolass decides she wants to retire, and a young eager store clerk names Trey (adorably nebbish Matt Doyle) tries to turn himself into a superhero so he can date Astrolass.

While the musical strips some gears trying to establish the premise, it soon starts soaring, propelled by songs such as Astrolass' lament "Key to the City," the duet "Little White Lie," the vaudeville "Strength in Numbers" — with choreographer Steven Hoggett earning his pay for having three visible superheroes dancing with an invisible one — and the sexy "Let's Be a Crime-Fighting Team."

Lerman's bright score shows a range of musical styles and the script is chock full of puns and jokes about Brooklyn — composting and vegan farm-to-table restaurants — as well as sight gags like the mayor of Brooklyn pulling along a podium on wheels. And Ann Harada lends the show her manic, quirky energy.

But it's hard not to cheer the debut of Robinson, who has enough vocal skill, crime-kicking beauty and acting grace to make your knees weak. Forget Brooklynite. Now we know how Superman feels around Kryptonite.

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Zion Lutheran School celebrated "Life Sunday" with the students participating in an initiative to help others. They chose a "Diaper War" to benefit Harbor House, a shelter for women and children. Students collected 3,626 diapers, with Susanna Hopman's first grade winning the competition, collecting 736 diapers. Can you find the five changes between the two photos?

Answers: 1. The last "0" on 100 Days is missing. 2. The boy in the gray shirt in front of the 100 Days is missing his necklace. 3. "Luvs" is missing from the bottom left package. 4. The baby on the diaper box is missing from the box next to the altered "Luvs" package. 5. Writing on the bag of diapers is missing from the boy in the bottom row, far right.



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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL: CLASS 1A DWIGHT REGIONAL

Trojans survive scare from GSW

Dwight advances to regional title game

BY STEVE SOUCIE
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DWIGHT — When Gardner-South Wilmington upset Dwight in a regular season matchup, it did so because of a very proficient night from behind the 3-point arc.

When the teams met again on Thursday night in the semifinal round of the Class 1A Dwight Regional, the 3-point line was once again a factor.

But this time Dwight found the answer, steered its resolve and fended off Gardner-South Wilmington for a 62-55 victory.

The win lifts second-seeded Dwight (25-4) into tonight's regional title game, where it will face top-seeded St. Anne (23-4) at 7 p.m. Gardner-SW finished its season with a 19-10 record.

The Trojans appeared ready to run away with the contest after a strong first half that left them with a 39-24 lead. Dwight was dominant on the glass and the Panthers, for all their success from the 3-point line in the first meeting, hadn't hit any long range bombs in the first half.

That quickly changed in the third quarter as the bomb squad showed up in a big way.

Gardner-SW would hit seven 3-pointers in the third quarter and erase all of Dwight's lead in the process. After Scott Horrie completed Gardner-SW's only third-quarter scoring that didn't come via a 3-point shot by hitting a free throw to complete a traditional 3-point play, Gardner-SW had come all the way back to take its first lead of the game at 48-47.

"They were just raining, my gosh," Dwight coach Eric Long said of Gardner-SW's shooting barrage. "And where they were hitting them from....give them credit."

Dwight responded just before the close of the third quarter as Caleb Boma got to the free-throw line and buried a pair of free throws to reclaim the Trojan lead as the third quarter horn sounded.

And the tide turned again to start the fourth quarter. Gardner's blazing hot shooting touch deserted them as the Panthers made just one of their first 11 shots in the fourth quarter, while Dwight continued its successful and consistent parade to the foul line. Dwight would



Dwight's Caleb Boma scored a game-high 22 points Thursday against Gardner-South Wilmington to help lift the Trojans into the Class 1A Dwight Regional championship game. Dwight will play top-seeded St. Anne for the title tonight at 7 p.m.

score nearly half its points from the foul line in the game connecting on 28 of its 38 free-throw attempts, led by Boma who made all 14 of his free throws.

"I just got done telling the kids I'm proud of their mental toughness, because you go from being up 16 and lose the lead within eight minutes," Long said. "But then you immediately take the lead and never give it back to them. To me that's a very difficult thing to do."

Dwight cobbled together an 8-2 scoring run to start the fourth quarter to reclaim control of the contest and Gardner wouldn't get any closer than four points the rest of the way.

"We had all the momentum in the world in that third quarter and we could just not sustain it," Gardner-South Wilming-

ton coach Chris Gibson said. "They were deeper than us though and that may be one of our issues, we may have ran out of a little bit of gas."

Kyle Robison led the Panthers with 16 points.

The Trojans now lock horns with St. Anne. Both teams are currently ranked in the Top 10 of the Associated Press Class 1A poll with Dwight holding the No. 5 spot and St. Anne residing at No. 9. Long is confident his team can complete the quick turnaround for the showdown.

"There's no doubt. We're a deep team, we've got guys that we can call on and we've got guys ready to step in," Long said. "And if it stays true to the way we've been whoever the stars were for us tonight they are going to be different tomorrow."

Briefs

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

KCC opens postseason with blowout

Kankakee Community College picked up a Region IV Tournament quarterfinal win Thursday over Wilbur Wright College in blowout fashion with a 101-27 victory.

The Cavaliers spread the scoring around in a game that was never in doubt as all of the players the team dressed pitched in on the scoreboard, five of which finished with double-digit points.

Taylor Roach did the most damage for the Cavs, scoring 22 points. Mya Collum added 18 points, Caitlyn Welch and Emily Poremba scored 16 points apiece and Carrie Randle chipped in 11 points.

With the win, KCC advances to the Region IV semifinals at 2 p.m. today in Elgin against Morton Community College.

— The Daily Journal staff report

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

McNamara's Sanders receives unanimous All-State selection

The Class 1A and Class 2A All-State selections, as voted by a statewide panel of sports writers and broadcasters, were announced Thursday and contain some familiar names for fans of area teams.

On the 2A ballots, Bishop McNamara's Kha-daizha Sanders was a unanimous selection, receiving 20 first team votes to sit atop the list of the state's best.

In Class 1A, Cissna Park forward Addison Stoller received enough votes to compile 44 of the possible 100 points and claim a spot on the all-state second team.

Iroquois West's Taylor Cultra was also included by the voting panel as an honorable mention in Class 1A.

— The Daily Journal staff report

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Ex-Louisville guard pleads not guilty to rape, sodomy

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville coach Rick Pitino had reached his limit with Chris Jones, even before he knew the senior guard was facing felony rape and sodomy charges.

Demonstrating a zero tolerance for any more misbehavior after reinstating Jones from a one-game suspension, Pitino abruptly dismissed him from the team.

Pitino says all he knew for certain at the time was that Jones had broken a curfew but had no details about more serious accusations looming.

Then Thursday, Jones pleaded not guilty to charges of first-degree rape and sodomy. He has a hearing set for March 9.

"I knew there was a problem by the look on [assistant coach] Kenny [Johnson's] face," Pitino said, reflecting on when he was informed Sunday there was yet another issue with Jones. "We didn't know whether there were rape charges, what they were going to be, we didn't know any of that."

— The Associated Press

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING: CLASS 1A TEAM DUAL STATE FINAL

Coal City, Herscher on collision course?

Conference rivals prepare for state meet

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If everything breaks right for Coal City and Herscher, there is a chance the two schools could meet for a state championship at Saturday's IHSA Class 1A Team Dual State Final.

The Coalers and Tigers are two of the final eight teams remaining in the state and sit on opposite sides of the bracket.

Coal City has a trio of state champions in Cody Minnick (120 pounds), Joey Rivera (106) and Corey Jurzak (132) who figure to make a monster impact on each dual. The Coalers defeated Peotone 40-23 at the Plano Class 1A Team Sectional on Tuesday to advance to the quarterfinal, where they will take on Vandalia at 11 a.m.

Coal City defeated Vandalia earlier in the season. Despite the dual victory early in the season, Coalers coach Mark Masters is not looking past his quarterfinal opponent.

"We got on a roll. I didn't think we matched up well with them [Vandalia]," Masters said. "But, it just kind of snowballed."

If the Coalers get by Vandalia, they will almost surely face Dakota in the semifinal. Dakota had six state champions at the Individual State Tournament in Champaign. The list includes Illinois-commit Carver James, who cruised to a state championship against a tough opponent in Bishop McNamara 170-pounder Kyle Betourne.

Masters put it as simple as possible.

"Dakota is on another level right now," Masters said.

After Saturday's state finals, Masters joked about what it would take to beat Dakota.

"A bat," he quipped.

It's not quite baseball season so the Coalers won't have the luxury

a bat brings. They'll need to find a way to play matchups and hope their state qualifiers perform like state qualifiers.

Despite the reputation Dakota has earned, 220-pounder Jake Frost believes in himself and the team.

"We'll have a tough dual against Dakota, but I think we have the guys to do it," Frost said. "I think we can win a couple duals and place."

Herscher will square off against Mercer County at 9 am in its quarterfinal. The Tigers are coming off of a 46-24 victory over Prairie Central at the Prairie Central Class 1A Team Sectional on Tuesday.

The Tigers are led by junior Anthony Rink at 113 pounds. Rink did not place at the state tournament this season after placing fifth last season. Rink is 39-4 on the year.

Mitch Geister placed fifth in the state at 195 pounds and is looking forward to the opportunity to win a state championship as a team.



Coal City needs strong performances across the board Saturday at the Class 1A Team Dual State Final. The Coalers will look for another big day from Corey Jurzak at 132 pounds.

"That would be even better [than placing at state]," Geister said. "That's why I'm here, because of the team."

If the Tigers get past Mercer

County, they will take on the winner of Shelbyville and Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley in the semifinal.

If the stars align, it could be an all Interstate Eight final.



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Basketball

High school boys

Dwight 62, Gardner-South Wilmington 55
Dwight (21-18-10-13-62): Irvin 4 1-2 10, Kennedy 2 3-5 8, Jensen 0 1-2 1, Travers 4 6-10 14, Fox 2 2-2 6, Pulver 0 0-0 0, Connolly 0 0-1 0, Boma 3 14-14 22, Feldman 0 1-2 1, Gaston 0 0-0 0. Totals 15 28-38 62.

Gardner-South Wilmington (17-7-24-7-55): Robison 4 8-12 16, Elens 3 1-2 10, Davidson 0 0-0 0, Horrie 4 4-4 14, B. Marks 2 0-0 5, B. Marks 2 0-0 6, Eutsey 1 0-1 2, Kavanaugh 1 0-0 2. Totals 17 13-19 55. 3-point goals: Dwight 4 (Boma 2, Irvin 1, Kennedy 1), Gardner-South Wilmington 8 (Elens 3, Horrie 2, B. Marks 2, B. Marks 1).

Illinois High School Boys Basketball Top 10 Poll

Here are the boys prep basketball polls with rank, team, first-place votes, record and total points.

School	Class	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Simeon (8)	24-3	107	2	
2. Stevenson (3)	22-3	102	1	
3. Rockford Auburn	25-1	76	4	
4. St. Rita	23-3	65	5	
5. Lake Forest	24-2	64	3	
6. Normal Community	26-1	63	6	
7. Geneva	25-2	36	7	
8. East St. Louis	17-6	31	8	
9. Providence	19-9	23	NR	
10. Riverside-Brookfield	23-2	14	9	

Others receiving votes: Thornwood 9, Rock Island 8, Kenwood 4, Maine South 2, Harvey Thornton 1.

School	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Bogan (10)	22-6	129	2
2. Morgan Park (3)	17-6	124	1
3. Rockford Luth. (1)	22-1	112	3
4. Westchester St. Joe	22-6	95	4
5. Althoff Catholic	23-3	85	5
6. Lincoln	24-4	49	7
7. Washington	24-3	38	10
8. Centralia	21-5	32	6
9. Carbondale	21-5	25	9
(tie) Dixon	25-1	25	NR

Others receiving votes: Champaign Centennial 18, Chatham Glenwood 9, Rich South 8, Peoria Manual 8, Hillcrest 6, Mahomet-Seymour 6, Lincoln Way West 1.

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1. Hales Franciscan (8)	22-5	144	1
2. Rockridge (6)	24-1	142	2
3. Teutopolis (1)	23-4	130	3
4. Nashville (1)	25-3	95	4
5. Chicago Uplift	20-5	90	5
6. Bloomington CC	21-5	78	6
7. Decatur St. Teresa	21-2	46	8
8. Breese Central	23-6	33	9
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2. Peoria Christian (3)	25-2	140	2
3. Springfield Lutheran	27-1	109	3
4. Colfax Ridgeview	26-1	103	4
5. Dwight	23-4	75	5
6. East Dubuque	27-3	57	7
7. Okawville	20-9	52	10
8. Woodlawn	24-3	45	6
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G2: (1) Rich South vs. Winner G1, 6 p.m.
G3: (2) Rich Central vs. (3) Peotone, 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, March 21
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Friday, March 13
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Bradley-Bourbonnais Regional
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G1: (4) Bloomington vs. (5) Danville, 7 p.m.

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G4: Winner G1 vs. Winner G2, 2 p.m. (championship)

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G1: Bloomington Central Catholic vs. Bishop McNamara, 6:30 p.m.
G2: Breese Central vs. IC Catholic, 8:15 p.m.

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College men
KCC 101, Wilbur Wright 27
Wilbur Wright (15-12-27).

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The AP Top 25
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 22, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

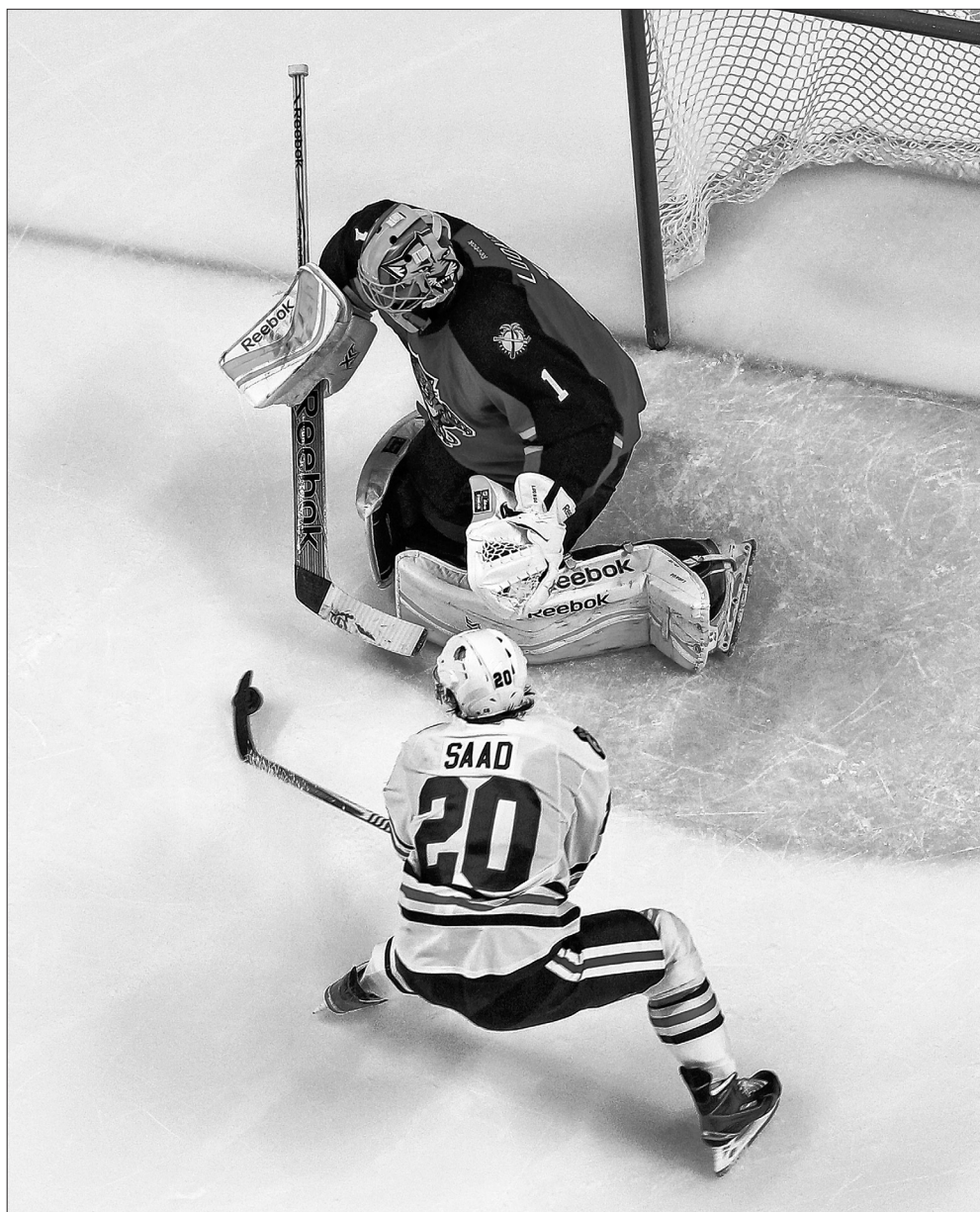
Record	Pts	Prv	
1. Kentucky (65)	27-0	1,625	1
2. Virginia	25-1	1,526	2
3. Gonzaga	28-1	1,471	3
4. Duke	24-3	1,448	4
5. Wisconsin	25-2	1,390	5
6. Villanova	25-2	1,306	6
7. Arizona	24-3	1,228	7
8. Kansas	22-5	1,111	8
9. Notre Dame	24-4	1,109	10
10. N. Iowa	26-2	1,032	11
11. Wichita St.	25-3	930	13
12. Iowa St.	20-6	887	14
13. Utah	21-5	876	9
14. Maryland	22-5	695	16
15. North Carolina	19-8	655	15
16. Oklahoma	19-8	622	17
17. Louisville	21-6	613	12
18. Arkansas	22-5	564	18
19. Baylor	20-7	473	20
20. West Virginia	21-6	453	23
21. SMU	22-5	357	21
22. VCU	21-6	182	25
23. Butler	19-8	165	19
24. San Diego St.	22-6	117	—
25. Providence	19-8	72	—

Others receiving votes: Georgetown 58, Michigan St. 56, Murray St. 42, Oklahoma State 25, Ohio St. 12, Valparaiso 10, Texas A&M 8, Rhode Island 3, Stephen F. Austin 2, Oregon 1, Texas 1.

College women
The AP Top 25
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 22, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Record	Pts	Prv	
1. UConn (34)	26-1	850	1
2. South Carolina	25-1	807	2
3. Baylor	26-1	786	3
4. Notre Dame	25-2	750	4
5. Maryland	24-2	699	5
6. Tennessee	23-3	692	6
7. Oregon St.	25-2	635	7
8. Louisville	23-3	618	8
9. Florida St.	25-3	574	9
10. Arizona St.	24-4	515	12
11. Mississippi St.	25-4	483	14
12. Texas A&M	22-6	464	15
13. Kentucky	19-7	414	11
14. Princeton	25-0	401	16
15. North Carolina	22-6	400	17
16. Duke	19-8	361	10
17. Iowa	21-6	263	13
18. Chattanooga			

● NHL: BLACKHAWKS 3, FLORIDA 0



The Associated Press/Joel Auerbach

Florida goaltender Roberto Luongo makes a tough stop against Blackhawks forward Brandon Saad during the third period Thursday.

Blackhawks win as Crawford silences Florida

Teravainen scores as Kane's replacement

BY PAUL GEREFFI
The Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Corey Crawford earned his second shutout of the season in the Chicago Blackhawks' 3-0 win over the Florida Panthers on Thursday night.

Brandon Saad and Teuvo Teravainen scored goals before Jonathan Toews added an empty-netter with 46.8 seconds left.

The Blackhawks won their second consecutive game after previously losing three straight and beat the Panthers for the seventh straight time. The last time the Blackhawks lost to the Panthers was March 8, 2011.

It was the first game for Chicago since losing leading scorer Patrick Kane, placed on long-term injured reserve Wednesday with a broken left collarbone suffered in Tuesday's 3-2 shootout win over the Panthers.

Crawford stopped 20 shots by a sluggish Florida offense, which took only four shots in the first period and didn't take its fifth shot on goal until 10:47 of the second.

It didn't take long for Teravainen, recalled Wednesday from AHL Rockford to replace Kane, to make his presence felt. The Blackhawks took a 1-0 lead on Teravainen's goal. He got the puck in the right circle and wristed it past a defender and Roberto Luongo's glove 3:08 in.

Duncan Keith made a nifty pass from the slot to Saad in the right circle. He shot past Luongo on the glove side early in the second period.

Saad is tied with Toews

for the team scoring lead with 19 goals, and tied his career high, set last season.

Luongo made 26 saves for the Panthers, losers of four in a row and seven of their past nine. The Panthers have scored just four goals in the four straight losses.

The Panthers hope to change their offensive woes with the acquisition of 22-year veteran forward Jaromir Jagr, the league's oldest player.

The Panthers acquired Jagr, who turned 43 earlier this month, from the New Jersey Devils earlier Thursday for two draft picks: a second-rounder this year, and either Florida's or Minnesota's third-round selection in 2016. Jagr had 11 goals and 18 assists in 57 games this season for New Jersey.

Jagr is expected to arrive in South Florida today, and to play when Florida hosts Buffalo on Saturday afternoon.

● NBA: BULLS

Bulls await Rose's return

Timetable expected soon after surgery

BY ANDREW SELIGMAN
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose will have surgery today to repair a medial meniscus tear in his right knee, and a timetable for the Chicago Bulls star's return will be determined after the operation.

The 2011 NBA MVP played in only 10 games last season before having surgery for a similar injury in November 2013, cutting short his long-awaited comeback from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

In the November 2013 surgery, Rose had the cartilage reattached. The Bulls said Thursday that team physician Dr. Brian Cole will perform a meniscectomy, which involves removing the damaged cartilage.

Dr. Alexis Colvin, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital, said the recovery is generally about six weeks but could take longer for someone with a previous tear. She hasn't examined Rose.

General manager Gar Forman is scheduled to address the media today.

The announcement late Tuesday night that Rose needed yet another knee



The Associated Press/Charles Rex Arbogast, File

The Bulls hope to have a timetable for Derrick Rose's return after the former MVP undergoes surgery today to repair a torn meniscus in his right knee.

operation was an all-too-familiar gut punch for the franchise and a fan base. If he doesn't return this season, it would be the third season-ending knee injury and the latest cruel twist in what had been a feel-good story for the Chicago product.

He went from Rookie of the Year to All-Star to MVP in his first three seasons, becoming the youngest player to win that award in 2011 while leading Chicago to 62 wins and the Eastern Conference finals.

But things have unraveled ever since he tore the ACL in his left knee in the 2012

playoff opener.

He sat out the following season and had his comeback cut short last year. The Bulls understood there was a chance he would tear the meniscus again, and that's what happened.

Rose, averaging 18.4 points and 5.0 assists, has been inconsistent. But he played in 19 straight games and 30 of 31, easing concerns about his knee, before the announcement Tuesday.

Still stung by the news, the Bulls lost to Charlotte on Wednesday after winning six of seven. They are tied with Cleveland for the Central division lead.

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● MLB: L.A. ANGELS



The Associated Press/Steve Nesius, File
Los Angeles Angels outfielder Josh Hamilton has struggled with drug addiction in the past and faces possible discipline after meeting with MLB officials Wednesday.

No word on possible discipline for Hamilton

Angels star has history of drug addiction

The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Los Angeles Angels outfielder Josh Hamilton was on the minds of his teammates Thursday, a day after he was in New York to meet with Major League Baseball officials about an unspecified disciplinary issue.

The 33-year-old Hamilton has a history of drug addiction and alcohol abuse, leading to suspensions that cost him more than three years while in the minors. The Angels have confirmed Hamilton's meeting with MLB, but have declined to give any more information.

"I don't know any of the details, so I can't talk about that. But we miss him and

we hope everything works out," MVP outfielder Mike Trout said.

"I know that he's going through a lot," Trout said. Hamilton, the 2010 AL MVP, hasn't reported to spring training in Arizona after undergoing surgery on his right shoulder earlier this month.

"He's not here in camp with us," general manager Jerry Dipoto said. "He is at home rehabbing from the surgery and we're going to leave it at that."

Hamilton already was expected to be out until after the regular season begins because of the surgery.

"We'll wait for Major League Baseball and see what the next step is. I don't think it will serve us any purpose to look too far down the road," manager Mike Scioscia said.

"We can deal with a lot of hypotheticals and a lot of rumors that are out

there, but it's not going to serve any purpose," Scioscia said.

Hamilton is entering the third season of a five-year, \$125 million contract. He is still owed \$83 million: \$23 million this year and \$30 million in each of the next two seasons.

Hamilton has been a disappointment for the Angels, batting just .255 with 31 homers and 123 RBIs in two seasons.

Pitcher C.J. Wilson called Hamilton one of his best friends in baseball.

"I support him as a person," Wilson said. "When you have something going on, given what Josh has been through, you're looking out for him as a person first and his family."

In February 2012 while with Texas, Hamilton acknowledged he'd had a relapse with alcohol. It was his second known alcohol relapse in three years, both occurring in the offseason.

● NASCAR

Drivers settle in for long haul

Ragan to drive in Busch's absence

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. — After the glitz of Daytona, it's time for the NASCAR grind.

The Sprint Cup drivers returned to the track Thursday at Atlanta Motor Speedway, getting an extra day to test out the new rules package that will be in effect for the first time.

"This really feels like the start of the season," said Kyle Larson, who ranked second behind Chip Ganassi Racing teammate Jamie McMurray during the first practice session on a cool, windy day at the 1.54-mile trioval.

The Daytona 500 is in a class of its own, the biggest event of the year coming right at the start of the schedule. The race Sunday will be more in line with the bulk of the grueling schedule, which will lead to a champion finally being crowned in November.

Also, since the races at Daytona and Talladega are run with a special restrictor-plate package that was largely unchanged from 2014, this will be the first event with the new rules. The horsepower has been reduced significantly, going from 840 to 725, and the rear spoiler was shortened from 8 to 6 inches. Most intriguingly, drivers now have the option of controlling the track bar from inside the car, allowing them to adjust

the rear balance during the race, altering the way their machine handles.

"It's nice to put a little bit more in the drivers' hands," Larson said.

Carl Edwards wasn't quite as thrilled with his new toy. The switch was installed on the steering wheel, so he worries about making an adjustment inadvertently. Or, even worse, having it get stuck during a change, going to one extreme or the other.

"This is an opportunity to screw ourselves up more than it helps us," said Edwards, getting ready for his second race with the new No. 19 team at Joe Gibbs Racing. "I will probably not mess with mine too much."

McMurray posted the fastest speed during the opening practice, turning a lap of 191.549 mph. Larson was next at 190.195, followed by defending Cup champion Kevin Harvick at 189.850. Speeds dropped off in the second session, led by Jeff Gordon's lap of 188.424.

Edwards was further back but there's no track he enjoys more than Atlanta, the site of his first career victory. He couldn't help but notice a photo in the media center of him beating Jimmie Johnson by just a few feet in that 2005 race.

"The picture is kind of hidden behind the coffee machine and the doughnuts," he quipped, "but that was a turning point in my life."

Echoing Larson's comments, Edwards said this feels like another season opener. Restrictor-plate racing is basically pushing

the pedal to the floor for 500 miles and hoping you avoid the inevitable wrecks that occur when the field is bunched together for long periods of time.

The drivers will have more of a say in who pulls into Victory Lane in Atlanta.

"It's a fast track with a lot of character," Edwards said. "I could race here every week and be happy."

To make it safer, track officials announced plans to extend the SAFER foam barrier by 130 feet at the exit of pit road near Turn 1, in addition to installing a tire barrier along the inside wall of Turn 4.

The move follows a hard crash at Daytona that left Kyle Busch with a broken right leg and left foot. During the Xfinity Series race, he slammed into a concrete wall that was unprotected by a SAFER barrier, forcing him to miss the biggest event of the year and putting him out of action indefinitely.

Matt Crafton, a regular in the Truck series, took over the No. 18 car in the Daytona 500. David Ragan has been tapped to fill in for Busch at Atlanta and the next several weeks.

Ragan was given permission by his regular team, Front Row Motorsports, to take over Busch's seat at Joe Gibbs Racing. Joe Nemecek was hired to replace Ragan in the No. 34 machine at Atlanta, which has 48 entries. Five drivers will be sent home after qualifying, putting the pressure on low-budget teams to make the 43-car field or possibly run out of money to carry on to future events.

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● BUFFALO



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Former Bears quarterback Josh McCown could have a new home soon. The 35-year-old went 1-10 as a starter with Tampa Bay last year but is close to signing with Buffalo.

Bills negotiating to sign McCown

Former Bears QB spent last season in Tampa Bay

BY JOHN WAWROW
The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The Buffalo Bills are negotiating to sign veteran free agent Josh McCown to address their long-standing needs at quarterback.

A person familiar with discussions told The Associated Press on Thursday that contract talks are taking place between the two sides. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the Bills do not comment on contract discussions.

The negotiations began after the 35-year-old spent the previous two days visiting the Cleveland Browns. Two weeks ago, McCown spent two days meeting with Bills officials and touring Buffalo. He has also visited Chicago and the New York Jets.

McCown is a 12-year NFL veteran who went 1-10

in his only season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers before being released by the team earlier this month. Overall, he has a 17-32 career record split among six teams.

The Bills have several needs at quarterback under newly hired coach Rex Ryan.

EJ Manuel, who lost the starting job four weeks into last season, is the only experienced quarterback on the team's roster after journeyman Kyle Orton announced his intention to retire following the season. Ryan hasn't given up on Manuel, though McCown would be given a shot to compete for the starting job.

McCown, who spent the 2011-13 seasons with the Chicago Bears, is familiar with Aaron Kromer, Buffalo's new offensive line coach. Kromer was the Bears offensive coordinator in 2013, when McCown went 3-2 filling in for injured starter Jay Cutler.

The Bills haven't ruled out adding at least two quarterbacks to their roster this offseason.

● MINNESOTA

Judge opens door for Peterson's reinstatement

NFL files for appeal

The Associated Press

In NFL limbo for the last five-plus months, Adrian Peterson's future with the Minnesota Vikings is still in question.

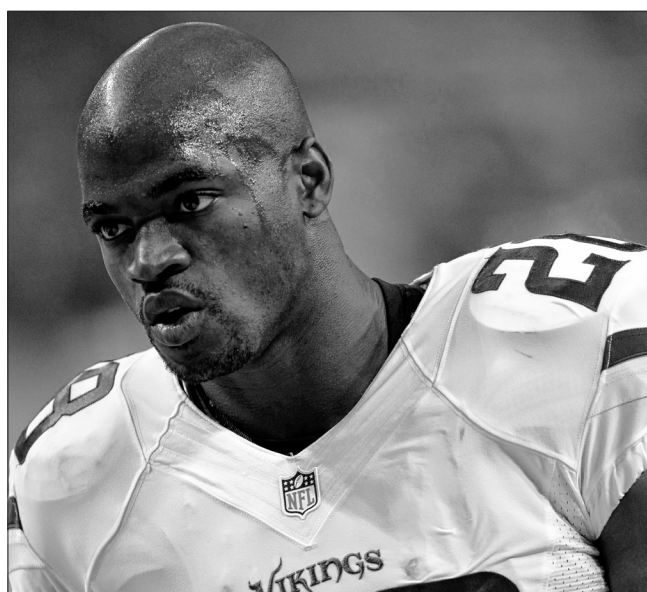
The path toward resolution of his status has been cleared, though the clash between league and the union over the personal conduct policy persists.

Commissioner Roger Goodell and the NFL were handed a second high-profile legal defeat Thursday, when U.S. District Judge David Doty overruled league arbitrator Harold Henderson's December denial of the six-time Pro Bowl running back's appeal.

Doty ruled that Henderson "failed to meet his duty" in considering Peterson's punishment, for the child abuse charge that brought national backlash for the league on the heels of the bungled handling of the assault case involving former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice.

Doty said the league cannot retroactively apply the standards of its new, tougher personal conduct policy to an action by Peterson that occurred before the policy was in place. The league suspended Peterson through at least April 15 under the new standard, which arose from the furor over the handling of the assault involving Rice. But Doty said in his 16-page ruling that Henderson "simply disregarded the law of the shop and in doing so failed to meet his duty" under the collective bargaining agreement.

NFL Players Association



Associated Press/file

Adrian Peterson moved a step closer to winning his reinstatement Thursday, but the Minnesota running back will have to wait a bit longer after the NFL filed for appeal.

executive director DeMaurice Smith said in a statement Doty's decision was a "victory for the rule of law, due process and fairness."

The NFL promptly filed its protest to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. The league also returned Peterson to the exempt list he spent two months on last season pending completion of the process. The NFL also said further arbitration proceedings in front of Henderson could be held before an appeal is heard by the 8th Circuit.

"Judge Doty's order did not contain any determinations concerning the fairness of the appeals process under the CBA, including the commissioner's longstanding authority to appoint a designee to act as hearing officer," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said. "Even so, we believe strongly that Judge Doty's order is incorrect and fundamentally at odds with well-established legal precedent governing

the district court's role in reviewing arbitration decisions."

The Vikings chimed in a little later with moral support of Peterson, whom they have heaped praise on in recent weeks in an obvious attempt to either welcome him back or enhance his trade value.

"Adrian Peterson is an important member of the Minnesota Vikings, and our focus remains on welcoming him back when he is able to rejoin our organization," the Vikings said. "Today's ruling leaves Adrian's status under the control of the NFL, the NFLPA and the legal system, and we will have no further comment at this time."

Peterson's return to the exempt list was just as critical of a development in this saga as was Doty's ruling. Being on the exempt list means the Vikings can now have direct contact with Peterson, which they couldn't while the suspen-

sion was in effect. Also, when the market opens March 10, they'd be allowed to trade him if they wanted. They could release him or try to restructure his contract at any time.

Peterson's existing deal is through 2017, carrying a \$15.4 million salary cap hit for 2015. If the Vikings cut him, they'd owe him no more money and take only a \$2.4 million hit to their salary cap. Peterson has no contractual leverage, but he has expressed uneasiness about returning to the only team he's ever played for. He told ESPN in a recent interview that he felt betrayed by some members of the organization during the process in which Goodell placed him on the exempt list, essentially paid leave, while the child-abuse case played out in court in Texas.

In the Rice case, Goodell changed a two-game ban to an indefinite suspension. But the arbitrator in Rice's appeal, former U.S. District Judge Barbara Jones, ruled that decision was "arbitrary" and an "abuse of discretion." Rice was seen on surveillance video knocking out the woman who's now his wife with a punch in an elevator.

The NFL argued the ruling by Jones was irrelevant to the Peterson case, but Doty disagreed.

"The court finds no valid basis to distinguish this case from the Rice matter," he said.

Doty's courtroom has long been a ground zero of sorts for NFL labor matters, and his ruling pattern has favored the union more often than not.

Still, his latest rebuke of the NFL came as a surprise because it defied a collectively bargained arbitration process.

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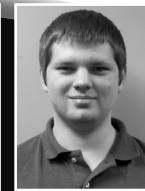
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COMMENTARY

How eBay can get its groove back

It's hard to believe that eBay, one of the early Internet pioneers that celebrated its 20th anniversary as a public company last year, is viewed by many today as a stodgy, late-stage company. But so it seems.



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Earlier this year, eBay, under pressure from shareholder activist Carl Icahn (we used to call these people "corporate raiders"), announced it would spin off its profitable PayPal division into a separate company, and sell off its eBay Enterprise division which provides technology solutions to e-commerce companies.

That will leave its legacy "eBay Marketplace" business — the place where everyday people buy and sell stuff.

It is tough to predict what eBay Marketplace's strategy will be once it's back on its own again. For the past several years, its strategy — if it can be called that — has been to copy Amazon.com Inc.'s business model as much as possible but without making the huge capital investments Amazon.com has, such as establishing highly automated brick and mortar warehouse and distribution centers throughout the country. It hasn't worked. Each year Amazon.com grows, and eBay Marketplace stagnates.

It will be interesting to see what incoming CEO Devin Wenig will do

with eBay Marketplace when the dust settles. It has been suggested, among other options, that he sell the company to Chinese copycat Taobao.com, which currently does not offer an English-language version of its site or affiliated websites in America and Europe, where eBay remains strong.

Could eBay Marketplace continue to thrive and grow as an independent company, and get its groove back? I think it can. Here are some things for Wenig to think about before the escape pod leaves the mother ship.

Stop chasing Amazon. Amazon.com has done some things right, but at a huge cost. Building all those brick and mortar warehouse and distribution centers (to say nothing of those freaking drones and other sci-fi initiatives) is costing them a bloody fortune, and its shareholders haven't gotten a penny in dividends in more than 10 years. That simply can't last forever — not for a public company. Sooner or later, the backlash will come.

Also, Wal-Mart, with its thousands of brick and mortar distribution centers (aka stores) already in place, is taking giant steps to compete head-on with Amazon.com through its own website. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

Get back to your roots as the world's flea market. The one line of merchandise where eBay consistently outperforms Amazon.com (and Wal-Mart) is used, secondhand, antique, collectible and other one-of-a-kind items that are best sold through auctions and competitive bidding. Over

the years, Amazon.com has tried to do auctions but has always failed.

By all means, eBay should continue to offer fixed-price ("Buy It Now!") merchandise, but auctions have always been eBay's core strength (remember it originally was called AuctionWeb). Yes, it's a smaller market, but eBay can own it with minimal effort, and zero competition from Amazon.com or Wal-Mart.

Become the world's leading online auctioneer. One of eBay's most valuable yet underdeveloped assets is its live auctions website, where buyers can sign up to participate in live auctions hosted by small to mid-sized auction houses around the world. A decade ago, eBay ruled this market. eBay needs to get back into this game big time, and give current market leader Heritage Auctions a run for its money.

Empower — no, worship — your sellers. Until 2008, eBay was two things — a Fortune 500 corporation based in San Jose, Calif., and a worldwide community of sellers and buyers engaged in peer-to-peer e-commerce. Since then, eBay has effectively destroyed that community by raising its fees through the roof, imposing onerous rules which small and casual sellers couldn't meet, giving preference on its search engine to large-volume sellers, and eliminating its outreach programs for sellers (including its annual eBay Live! trade show and eBay University seller training courses), among other things.

Now, to be fair, eBay had the best of intentions. There were an awful lot

of bad, even downright crazy, sellers on eBay back in the day, which hurt its reputation as a safe and reliable marketplace. But trying to impose MBA-type discipline on millions of casual, part-time and inexperienced sellers (aka herding cats) backfired.

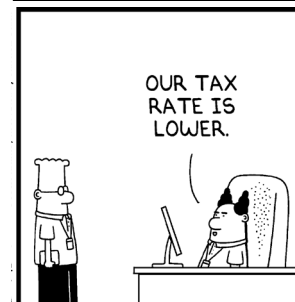
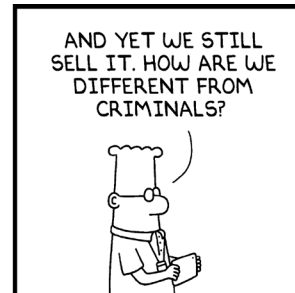
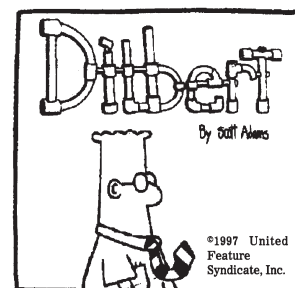
Amazon.com has so far successfully courted these people with its popular fulfillment by Amazon.com program. But, unlike eBay, Amazon.com competes with its third party sellers and offers them little or no support. There has never been, and never will be, a community of Amazon.com sellers. If eBay offers the right incentives and rebuilds its community initiatives, it can lure many of them back.

eBay's true business has always been the empowerment of Mom and Pop retailers, and it has to cultivate them again if it plans to survive. eBay Marketplace has announced plans to lay off thousands of its employees worldwide, many of them in seller support and community functions. That would be a colossal mistake, and needs to be reconsidered. Unlike Amazon.com, eBay Marketplace relies on third party sellers for 100 percent of its revenue. It needs these people.

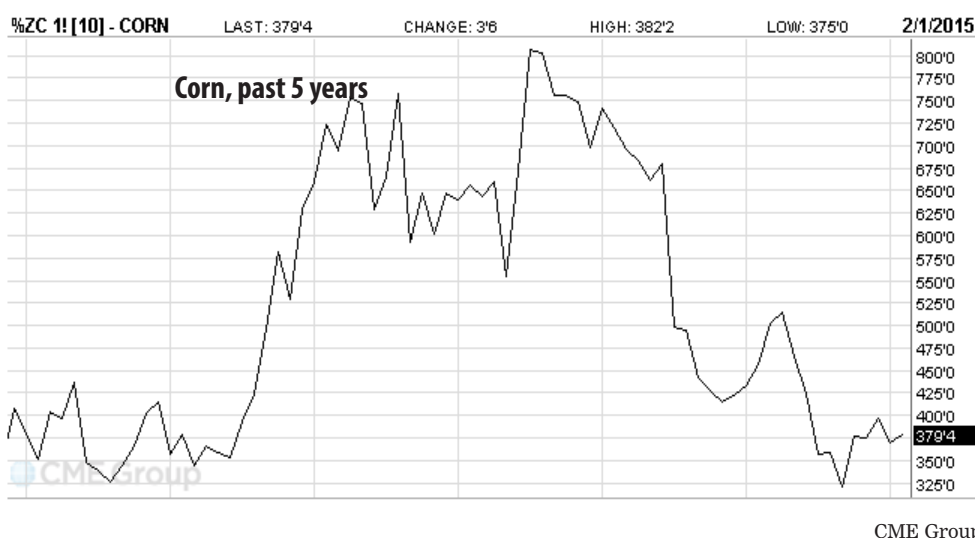
Small retail and wholesale businesses cannot survive any more as brick and mortar entities. They have no choice but to sell exclusively online. If Amazon.com blows them off (as sooner or later I predict they will), where will they go?

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PROPERTY LINES

Make an impression with a welcoming entrance

Front door remodeling will make the most impact in 2015

BY CARLEY LINTZ
CTW Features

A front door is one of the first impressions potential buyers will get of your home. So, it's unsurprising the front door of your home is perhaps the most impactful home-improvement project you can do to add value to your home.

For the second year in a row, the steel entry door is the home-improvement project expected to return the most money, according to the "2015 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report," the annual collaboration between Remodeling Magazine and the National Association of Realtors.

The steel entry door is the report's least expensive project (average cost: \$1,230), as well as the only project to recoup more than 100 percent of its cost nationally.

"The front door is a big change for little cost," says Cannon Christian, president of Renovation Realty in San Diego, Calif. "It lightens up the feel of the house. Anything that is older or brings the presence of fading away, that's not how you want your house to be perceived

before you even get inside."

Small, exterior-focused projects make up the bulk of the top projects in the report, which helps homeowners cut through the clutter of countless home-improvement projects available by showing how to make the greatest impact on home value for their time and money. Overall, the top projects could be separated into five categories: exterior siding, garage-door replacements, window replacements, deck addition and kitchen remodel.

Coming in second was a project new to the list: manufactured stone veneer siding (\$7,150 average cost; 92.2 percent cost returned). Other exterior improvements on the list include vinyl replacement windows (\$10,316 average cost; 77.5 percent recouped) and a midrange-budget vinyl siding upgrade (\$12,013 average cost; 80.7 percent).

These projects are high value because of the importance of perception and protection in homeownership according to Bob Hoebeke, president and CEO of Hoebeke Builders in Dallas.

"I think everybody wants to be well thought of, and that's the perception part of it," Hoebeke says. "And everybody wants to feel good about the fact that they have protected the house where they're going to live and



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Annual "cost vs. value report" guides homeowners to the most profitable projects.

raise their families."

He specifically points out how a midrange garage door upgrade (\$1,595 average cost; 88.4 percent recouped) or an upscale insulated steel garage door (\$2,944 average cost; 82.5 percent recouped) accomplishes both goals.

"These are all items that would be high on anyone's list in terms of protecting the house, but it's not lost on me that most garage doors are on the front of houses," says Hoebeke. "So people not only want a garage door

that will protect them, but they want it to look nice, as well."

Although the report can offer a valuable look into what home improvements offer the best bang for your buck, both Hoebeke and Christian both caution against taking the numbers verbatim.

"It does come down to where you're located, what the neighborhood's like and the price point — those are the first things you want to look at before doing any kind of value add to your

house," says Christian.

He also recommends researching homes locally that are being renovated by professional house flippers to get a look at renovation trends and cost effectiveness.

"Flippers are in every community and every neighborhood in America," Christian says. "Ask your real estate agent to show you five or 10 houses that are being flipped and those will give what remodeling needs to be done, what surfaces and what products need to be used."

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Schreffler/Winterroth Team



Leanne Provost



Lynn Randazzo

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CTW Features

Realtors weigh in on the effectiveness of home staging in the first ever "Profile of Home Staging" report.

Set the stage for success

BY CARLEY LINTZ
CTW Features

Want to nab a buyer? Don't underestimate the impact of staging the home.

About half (49 percent) of Realtors who work with homebuyers said they believe staging usually has an effect of the buyer's view of the home, according to the National Association of Realtors' 2015 Profile of Home Staging. About half (47 percent) said staging sometimes has an effect on a buyer's view, and just 4 percent believe it makes no impact on buyers' perceptions.

"While many factors play into what a home is worth and what buyers are will-

Rooms to stage

The top five rooms to stage according to NAR's survey are:

- Living room
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom
- Dining room
- Bathroom

ing to pay for it, staging is an excellent tool that can be used to give a home a little extra push for sellers." 2015 NAR President Chris Polychron said in a statement. "Staging isn't used by every Realtor in every situation, but the impact it may have, and the value it can bring, is

clear to both home buyers and sellers."

The 2015 Profile of Home Staging, the first of its kind for the NAR, found staging can positively influence buyers in a number of ways.

Eighty-one percent of Realtors who work with buyers said it helps buyers visualize themselves in the home, and 46 percent believe staging makes prospective buyers more willing to view a home they saw online.

The most significant feature, though, is staging's impact on value. For a median cost of \$675, most Realtors (37 percent of Realtors representing sellers, 32 percent representing buyers) said buyers offer 1 to 5 percent more for staged homes.

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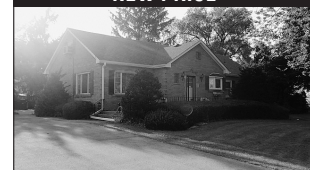
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Lovely spacious 3 BR, 2 bath home on large lot. Full basement could be easily be finished for double the living space. All appliances included in large kitchen w/ample cabinets & counter space. Master suite w/private bath, large deck in back.

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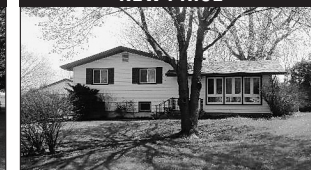
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Associated Designs House Plan Sedalia 10-231

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Stately and regal, the Sedalia's soaring arched entry gives this home the appearance of being larger than it really is. But with over 2500 square feet of floor space, no one could say it is small.

A wealth of multipaned windows sparkle across all sides of the brick veneer exterior. Brick detailing crowns the gently arched openings, underscores the windows and accents the built-in planters.

Entering, you step into an elegant vaulted entry. The great room, through an arched opening straight ahead, is also vaulted. A fireplace nestles into an angled wall while across the room, slender windows flank the French doors that open into a large screened porch.

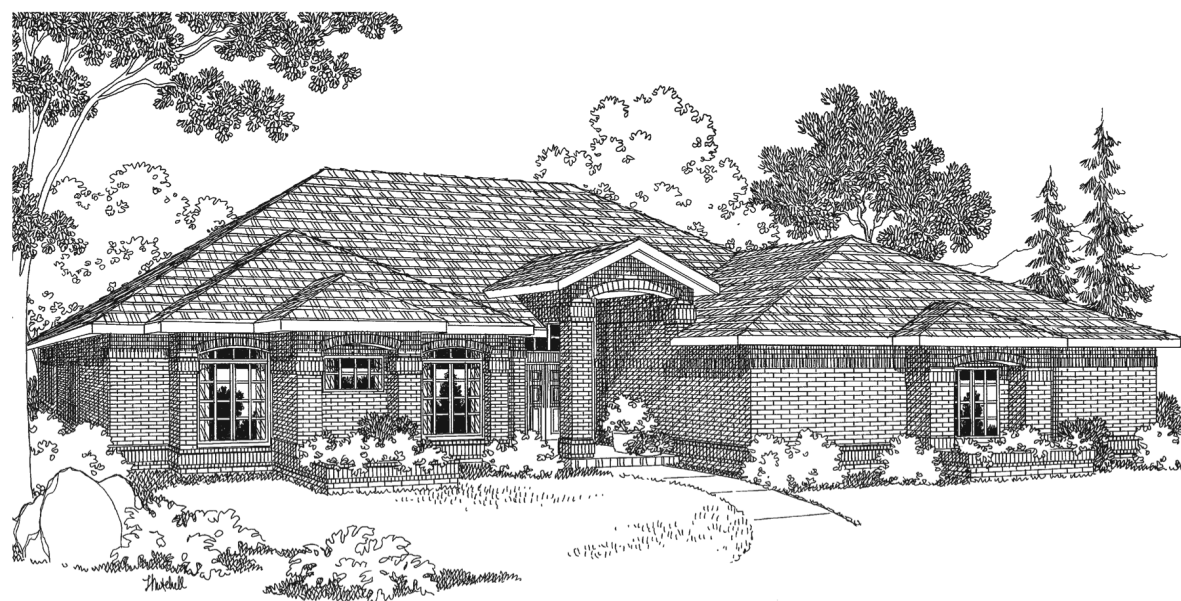
All that divides the great room from the kitchen is a long eating bar. Standing at the work island's built-in cooktop, you can converse with folks at the eating counter or in the great room. Kitchen counters wrap around the inside of a wide window bay that provides plenty of natural illumination. Built-in standard and microwave ovens are next to a step-in pantry.

Moods brighten and potted plants flourish in the vaulted, skylit sun room that expands the kitchen. The exterior walls are almost entirely glass. Double doors swing open, providing access to an almost octagonal dining room with a stately trayed ceiling.

Another vaulted ceiling adds volume to the sleeping area of the Sedalia's owners' suite. Other amenities here include a separate sitting area and a double walk-in closet. The luxurious owners' bathroom has dual lavs, a soaking tub, and glass-block enclosed toilet and shower.

The front bedroom is ideal for use as a study or home office.

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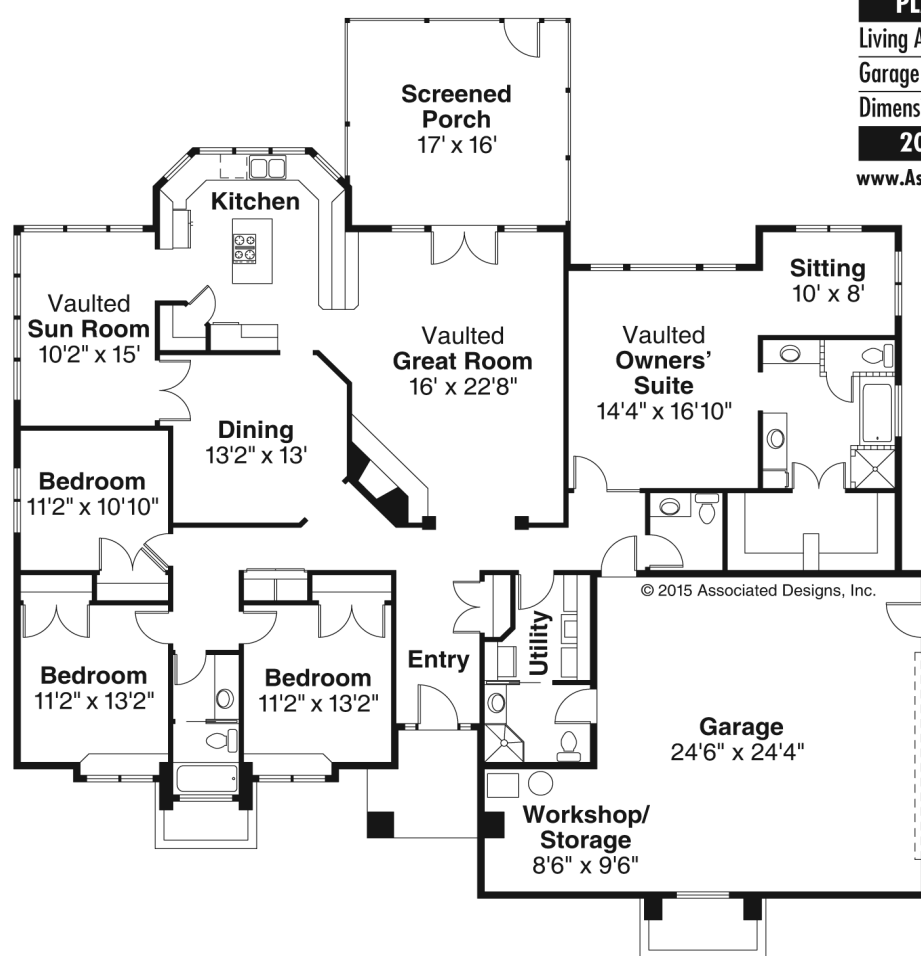


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 21ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT KANKAKEE COUNTY KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC Plaintiff,
-v-
WILMA I. ROWCLIFF Defendant
14 CH 129

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 14, 2015, the Sheriff of Kankakee County will at 10:00 AM on March 25, 2015, at the Kankakee County Courthouse, 1st Floor, Lobby of the Kankakee County Courthouse, 450 East Court Street, front door entrance, KANKAKEE, IL, 60901, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF KANKAKEE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS...THE NORTH 50 FEET IN WIDTH OF LOT 1 AND A STRIP OF LAND 5 FEET IN WIDTH ADJOINING SAID 50 FEET ON THE WEST, IN BLOCK 22 IN THE RIVERVIEW SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF KANKAKEE, IN KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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Property Index No. 16-17-05-416-001

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$97,348.61.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: ERIC FELDMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 123 W. MADISON ST., SUITE 1650, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 344-3529.

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IN THE TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In Re: The Marriage of ALEXANDER STEEL, Petitioner and SAMANTHA STEEL, Respondent.
Case No. 15-D-37

PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

Now comes the Petitioner, ALEXANDER STEEL, in support of his Petition states:

- This Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter and the parties.
- He is 46 years old, employed part-time at the Center of Hope Food Pantry, and resides at 13206 E. Central St., Pembroke Township, IL 60958, and has resided in the State of Illinois for more than ninety (90) days preceding the filing of this Petition and is presently domiciled in the State of Illinois.
- Respondent, SAMANTHA STEEL, whereabouts are unknown.
- The parties were married on April 12, 1991 at Kankakee, Illinois and the marriage is registered in Kankakee County, Illinois.
- No children were born to the parties; none were adopted and the Petitioner believes Respondent is not currently pregnant.
- Irreconcilable differences have caused the irremediable breakdown of the marriage, that efforts at reconciliation have failed and that further attempts at any reconciliation would be impractical and not in the best interest of the family; the parties have lived separate and apart for over two years.
- The parties have been separated since 1991 and each party is in possession of their respective marital and non-marital property.
- That neither party requests maintenance and that each party is barred from maintenance.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully prays as follows:

- That the parties be awarded a Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between the parties.
- That the Petitioner should be awarded all marital and non-marital property standing in his own name.
- That each party be barred from maintenance from each other.
- That the Petitioner may have such other relief as may be just.


Alexander Steel, Petitioner

Pursuant to 770 ILCS 90/1, notice is given that a sale will be held at the specified time and date at Wes Koehl, Inc., 25800 S. Sunset Dr., Monee, IL to satisfy a lien on the following vehicle(s) under the laws of the State of Illinois against such vehicle for labor, services, skill or material expended upon or storage, which continues to accrue, furnished for such vehicle(s) at the request of the following designated persons, unless such vehicle(s) are redeemed within thirty days of this notice.

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12-00024261, to wit a 2003 Suzuki GSXR motorcycle, color Blue, IN#J51GT75A632101868, in accordance with the Law Enforcement Disposition of Property Act, 765 ILCS 1030/et seq. Said vehicle was abandoned on or about November 1, 2012, within the Village of Bradley, County of Kankakee, State of Illinois, and has been held in the custody of the Village of Bradley Police Department since that date. No owner has been able to be identified. More than six months have elapsed, and no person has come forward to provide reasonable and satisfactory proof of ownership or right to possession. Therefore, if no person comes forward and is able to provide reasonable and satisfactory proof of ownership or right to possession on or before 30 days from the date of this publication, said vehicle will be disposed of by the Village of Bradley for the public benefit. Any and all persons with an interest in this vehicle should contact Officer John Boudreau or Chief Steve Coy, of the Village of Bradley Police Department, at 147 S. Michigan, Bradley, Illinois, 60915, 815-932-4040 on or before 30 days from the date of this publication.

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Secret to the Apple car's success is the battery

BY BY KATIE BENNER
BLOOMBERG NEWS
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about the best way to integrate Apple software in a car.
But if Apple's goal is to make an electric car that disrupts the auto industry like the iPhone disrupted smartphones, then the tech that matters the most is the battery. And car battery tech has thwarted many other companies. Building a better battery is a tough chemistry conundrum, not the sort of electronics problem that tech companies are used to solving.

Just ask the guys at A123 Systems, the startup that got funding from the Department of Energy's loan-guarantee program before it went bankrupt trying to make batteries for electric cars. Apple was sued for poaching employees from A123 and Tesla to be part of its car team.

A123 ran into problems trying to make batteries that were effective and affordable, as the MIT Technology Review pointed out when the company went bankrupt. The batteries were so expensive that they made electric cars cost too much to compete with conventional gas-fueled cars (a dynamic that's exacerbated by low gas prices). Even though the cost to produce a battery has fallen, battery technology hasn't improved much in terms of longevity or design.

"The problem is that despite all the innovation, high-performance batteries remain expensive relative to the potential savings from electric cars," says Alan Kornhauser, an engineering professor at the University of Virginia.

Tesla, the company most closely associated with electric cars, didn't really remake the battery. Former executives say that its big innovation was to create a better battery pack that can use existing batteries to power vehicles for longer. But the cars are pricey. A Tesla Model S starts at about

\$61,000. Kelley Blue Book data shows that the average price for a new vehicle sold in U.S. market hit a record \$34,367 at the end of last year.

Tesla is now building a battery-making factory to wring cost savings out of the manufacturing process, rather than focusing solely on a better, cheaper battery.

The secret to an electric car that will take off with consumers is to make an affordable, long-lasting battery. The products currently on the market just don't cut it, as evidenced by the small sales numbers for electric vehicles and by the fact that Tesla's own battery sales have always been low.

That brings me back to Apple. If it can't solve the battery conundrum, it will likely make a luxury automobile that has a niche, rich audience. (Tesla hopes to sell 55,000 cars worldwide in 2015. By contrast General Motors sold more than 274,000 vehicles in the United States in December alone.) That's not necessarily a bad thing. At the right price point, a car could help Apple maintain its status as a high-margin, super-profitable manufacturer.

But how many high-margin, niche items can Apple make without producing another global hit? I doubt the Apple Watch will be a killer product. It will likely appeal to a smaller, very lucrative luxury market. Some reports predict that the most expensive models will account for most of the revenue generated by the watch.

It would be a thrill if Apple makes a great car. But if it can't make a significantly more affordable or longer-lasting battery, an automobile won't answer the question of how Apple can get even bigger than it is today.



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YOUR HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
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SATURDAY, FEB. 28, 2015

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You could break past an obvious restriction that might result in an outright rebellion. Think through a decision with care, and know what is going on behind the scenes. Try to avoid being so reactive. Consider both sides of the argument. Tonight: Entertain from home.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by an unexpected insight that compromises your integrity. A new opportunity is likely to take you down an unusual path. Consider both sides of an argument and work with the information at hand to find a solution. Tonight: Hang out.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You could be pushing yourself very hard in order to achieve certain results. Remember that you are human, and you might need to take some hours away from a tense situation to recharge your batteries. Incoming news is likely to shock you. Tonight: Make it your treat.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ How you see a situation could change dramatically. Remain calm when dealing with a loved one who is quite rebellious. You might not be sure which is the best way through this period. A partner will make a suggestion worth following. Tonight: Just be yourself.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ News comes in from afar that might surprise you. You might need to distance yourself and work through a key matter that is affecting your personal life. Keep your opinions to yourself for now, and keep your own counsel. You have a lot to discuss. Tonight: Keep it mellow.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. How you handle a personal matter might change because of your awareness of what could happen if you update your approach. A partner is likely to do the unexpected. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Be where people are.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You might not be able to get the privacy you desire, but you will make the impression you want. Outside factors play a strong role in what happens today. Your sense of humor will turn a situation around, but not in the way you think. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your sense of humor will emerge when you reach out to someone at a distance. This person might pretend to be unavailable, but it will be apparent that he or she is playing a game. Have a long-overdue conversation. Tonight: Weigh an offer before you say "yes."
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Use caution with spending, and don't just assume that you know the costs of a treat or special event. Otherwise, you could be quite surprised. Double-check important details. A child or loved one could be most distracting. Tonight: Avoid a disagreement with a controlling person.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Weigh the pros and cons of a situation. You might not be ready to move forward on a personal matter. Listen to someone else's thoughts, as this person could have an unusual but effective solution. You might be more controlling than you realize. Tonight: Be direct.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might consider vanishing when you discover how difficult a situation really is. You could feel as if someone is enjoying disrupting your plans. Be careful when dealing with this person. Consider avoiding others completely, and go to a movie. Tonight: Continue the theme.
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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