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KANKAKEE COUNTY

Gun, ammo stolen from squad car

Kankakee County police seek information about ransacked vehicle, missing AR-15

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A marked Kankakee County sheriff's squad car was broken into sometime overnight on Tuesday, and the burglar, or burglars, made off with an AR-15 firearm, ammunition and a bulletproof vest.

Kankakee police were called to the area of South Wall and West

Water streets on Kankakee's west side about 7 a.m. Wednesday. The vehicle's passenger-side window had been broken and the squad car ransacked.

The semi-automatic rifle was concealed inside a gun vault in the back of the vehicle.

Ken McCabe, a chief deputy with the department, said the offi-

Stolen firearms

About 1.4 million firearms were stolen during household burglaries and other property crimes from 2005 through 2010. The vast majority were never recovered.

Source: U.S. Justice Department

cer did not break any departmental policy by leaving the weapon locked inside the car.

More than seven hours after that initial police call, the sheriff's department released a statement

about the burglary.

"It should be noted that the firearm/ammunition were secured in a locked safe [which was compromised], which was located in the locked vehicle," sheriff's police said

in that statement.

"Additionally, a bulletproof vest [olive green in color, which may have a Velcro rocker that displays the word SHERIFF on it] was also taken.

"Information regarding the burglary has been shared with law enforcement agencies statewide, as well as the ATF [Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms] and other federal agencies."

Police are asking anyone with any information to call 815-932-7463.

GONE VIRAL

Museum theft makes us yet another punchline

Stephen Colbert leads talk show with missing Lincoln hand

BY JEFF BONTY

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The theft of an Abraham Lincoln artifact from the Kankakee County Museum has put Kankakee on the national map ... hands down.

The disappearance of a plaster cast of Lincoln's left hand made by renowned sculptor George Grey Barnard last month led off

Stephen Colbert's monologue Tuesday on his CBS late night talk show.

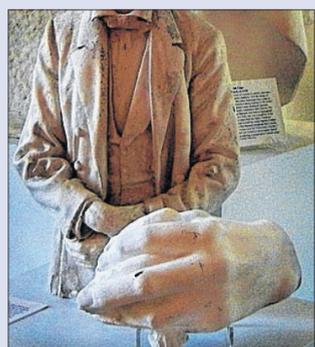
"There is a lot of fear out there these days. And, I believe, it is part of my job to come out here every night and assure all of you that there is a brand new thing to be afraid of because, and this is true, someone has stolen Abraham Lincoln's hands," Colbert said.

"Yes, you heard right. A museum in Kankakee, Ill., has reported that their plaster mold of the Great Emancipator's hands were taken in December."

With his deadpan style, Colbert warned that the thief could use Lincoln's prints to access his iPhone, and whatever incriminating photos are on it.

"And there can only be one explanation. Clearly, there is some mad man assembling a Franken-Lincoln. So, I'm warning and calling

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Submitted photo

The disappearance of a plaster cast of Lincoln's left hand topped Stephen Colbert's monologue Tuesday on his CBS late night talk show. The host joked with viewers warning them to beware a "mad man assembling a Franken-Lincoln."

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STARTING THE YEAR WITH 'I DO'



Daily Journal/Mike Voss

After Judge Michael Kramer married them Wednesday afternoon, Jason Gilreath and Rhonda Swartz embraced in Kramer's courtroom.

Tattoos, Facebook replacing Cupid?

First newlyweds of 2016 celebrate without fanfare

BY DENNIS YOHNKA
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Love lessons from the Kankakee County Courthouse, just outside the courtroom where Judge Michael Kramer was performing the first marriages of 2016, Wednesday afternoon:

- A relationship can begin with a tattoo on a woman's left shoulder and migrate to her heart.
- A "like" on Facebook can grow into a real life "love."
- And, yes, a wedding date of 1-6-16, should be easy to remember.

Inkmaster Jason Gilreath, 36, of Kankakee, met his new wife, the former Rhonda Swartz, 36, of St. Anne, when she came in for an image of Jack and Sally from "The Nightmare Before Christmas," about a year ago. Her skin art continued and the client-artist relationship evolved.

"It wasn't long before she was more than a customer," Jason said. So, in November, they began planning this event. It wasn't meant to be a big deal: By 1:30 p.m. she was back at work, behind the bar at Kelly's Bar Fly, at 1395 S. East Ave.

"This is all we're doing now, but it's going to be bigger when we redo



Daily Journal/Mike Voss

From left, James Coriell and Jennifer Eddelman, and Megan Fries and Tim McCarthy, wait in the lobby of the Kankakee County Courthouse for their turn to be married by Judge Michael Kramer on Wednesday afternoon as Kramer performs the first marriage ceremony of 2016 in his courtroom.

vows May 17, in New Orleans. Then, in June, we're going to honeymoon in the Bahamas," the bride said.

Meanwhile, social media played the key role in two other matrimonial stories.

"We met on Facebook, and we just clicked," said Jennifer Eddelman, 29, originally of Dallas. She was there to tie the knot with James Coriell,

43, of Bourbonnais. "Pretty soon, we were on the phone 10 hours a day. And then, one thing led to another."

"We've only known each other for three months, but I'm not worried," her groom added. "Our friends are all happy for us. Some friends are a little nervous, but we're happy."

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LOTTERY

Jackpots

Illinois Lotto \$19.5 million
 Hoosier Lotto \$12.7 million
 Mega Millions \$165 million
 Powerball \$675 million

Numbers drawn

Wednesday, Jan. 6:

Illinois
 Pick 3 Midday 0-2-8 1
 Pick 3 Evening 2-0-5 7
 Pick 4 Midday 7-9-3-7 2
 Pick 4 Evening 2-3-1-8 2
 Lucky Day Lotto
 Midday 15-25-33-39-40
 Evening 6-13-23-28-44

Indiana

Daily 3 Midday 7-5-1
 Daily 3 Evening 5-0-3
 Daily 4 Midday 0-6-4-8
 Daily 4 Evening 7-3-9-2
 Cash 5 1-9-12-33-36
 Hoosier Lotto 12-23-29-30-42-43

Quick Draw

Midday
 4-8-9-16-21-25-27-30-31-32-38-39-41-43-53-55-60-61-63-76
 Evening
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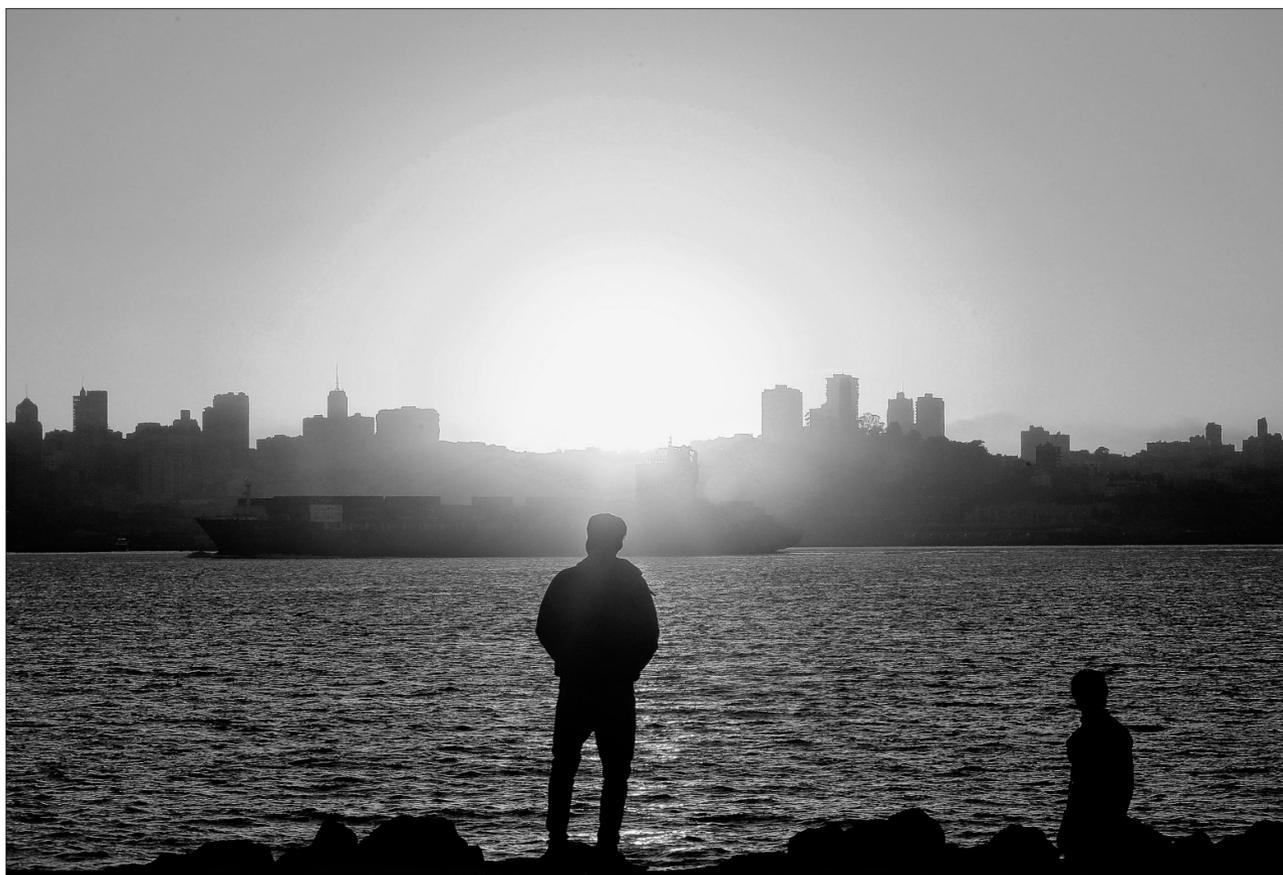
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THE BIG PICTURE: WINTER WEATHER



The Associated Press/Jeff Chiu

The calm before El Niño storms strike?

Two men watch as the sun sets over San Francisco from Yerba Buena Island on Tuesday. El Niño storms lined up in the Pacific, promising to drench parts of the West for more than two weeks and increase fears of mudslides and flash floods in regions stripped bare by wildfires.

5 things to do this weekend



Go antiques

Really, it isn't as lame as it sounds. You can find old beer signs, strange political time capsules, books, music and furniture. The antique malls around town are filled with unfound treasures.

We can't go on together ...

We miss Elvis. "The Way It Is" Elvis. Back in shape and ready to take on the world. Again. "Suspicious Minds" remains the top-rated Elvis song among contemporary fans. For good reason. Head out to the Star Plaza Theater in Merrillville, Ind., Saturday at 8 p.m. for a night of Elvis nostalgia.



Maybe Zep's your thing

Not an Elvis fan? Jimmy Page's birthday is Saturday and Kashmir, a popular Led Zeppelin tribute band, is playing the Arcada Theatre in St. Charles at 9 p.m. Saturday.



NFL Playoffs

It's the best time of the season to check in on the NFL. There are games on Saturday! Plus you can root against New England and the Green Bay Packers.



John Primer & the Real Deal Blues Band

Catch a live blues performance at the legendary B.L.U.E.S. club on Chicago's north side at 9 p.m. Friday.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

Six events in history

- In 1610, astronomer Galileo Galilei began observing three of Jupiter's moons (he spotted a fourth moon about a week later).
- In 1789, America held its first presidential election as voters chose electors who, a month later, selected George Washington to be the nation's first chief executive.
- In 1904, the Marconi International Marine Communication Company of London announced the telegraphed letters "CQD" would serve as a maritime distress call (it was later replaced with "SOS").
- In 1963, the U.S. Post Office raised the cost of a first-class stamp from 4 to 5 cents.
- In 1999, for the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. President Bill Clinton faced charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.
- In 2015, Masked gunmen stormed the Paris offices of Charlie Hebdo, a French newspaper that had caricatured the Prophet Mohammad, methodically killing 12 people, including the editor, before escaping in a car. (Two suspects were killed two days later.)

Happy birthday!

- Talk show host **Katie Couric** is 59.
- Country singer **David Lee Murphy** is 57.
- Sen. **Rand Paul**, R-Ky., is 53.
- Actor **Nicolas Cage** is 52.
- Actor **Jeremy Renner** is 45.
- Country singer-musician **John Rich** is 42.
- Actress **Lauren Cohan** is 34.
- Actor **Liam Aiken** is 26.

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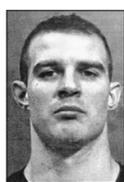
Attorney for coach gives 1st response to allegations

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An attorney for David Murphy, the former Herscher High School teacher and wrestling coach accused of assaulting six students, is asking a Kendall County Judge for reduced bond, giving the public the first on-the-record response to the accusations made last month.

In a brief court motion filed this week, attorney Francis Lipuma says Murphy is a father-to-be and decorated Marine, posing no "risk

of flight and ... no threat to the physical safety of any person."



Murphy

withdrew those restraining orders, telling the judge Murphy's restrictive bond conditions are enough.

Murphy, 29, was in Kankakee County Court on Wednesday during a hearing on the restraining order the students and their parents filed in December.

The attorney for the students, Deanna Webb Carlson, withdrew those restraining orders, telling the judge Murphy's restrictive bond conditions are enough.

That hearing has no bearing on Murphy's criminal case up in Kendall County, where he faces nine felony counts of sexual abuse and battery stemming from a Dec. 11 incident when he allegedly touched three girls sexually and threatened three of their male classmates who tried to intervene.

The incident occurred in a Yorkville hotel during an overnight wrestling trip.

Murphy has yet to be arraigned. Meanwhile, the six students are coming off three-day suspensions. Rich Decman, the superin-

tendent of the Herscher school district would not comment on those suspensions, but Carlson said the parents of the students are expected to appeal the decision next Monday during the next school board meeting.

The students originally were suspended for 10 days, but Decman reduced the suspensions to three days.

According to the motion Murphy's attorney filed on Tuesday, Murphy lives in Mokena with his girlfriend and the couple is expecting a child. He served as a Marine for 11 years, going overseas to Iraq

for eight months in 2008.

The court filing also says Murphy is receiving treatment at a VA clinic in Chicago and a behavioral health clinic in New Lenox, but it does not indicate why.

Murphy was charged on Dec. 31 and turned himself in the following day.

A judge set his bond at \$250,000 and Murphy's parents posted the requisite \$25,000 to get him out. Murphy must wear a GPS tracking device and is barred from any contact with anyone involved in the case.

LOOK WHO HIT THE COURT



Daily Journal/Scott Anderson

Celebrating a shot with the Globetrotters

After making a shot from the free-throw line, 10-year-old Dominick Panozzo, of Bourbonnais, does a thumbs up dance with Harlem Globetrotter Handles Franklin as teammate Scooter Christensen watches from behind. The Globetrotters were on the court at Olivet Nazarene University Tuesday evening, playing to a packed house.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT

Have you seen a bath tub? It's missing

Kankakee police search for item stolen from home

Be on the lookout for a bath tub. Kankakee police investigated the theft of a bath tub from a home in the 1300 block of East Bourbonnais Street on Jan. 2.

According to the report, a man came to do maintenance for a management company on the vacant home and saw the back door had been kicked in. He found the bath tub from the upstairs bathroom had been removed. Nothing else was reported missing.

The man said the last time anyone had been at the home was Dec. 24 and nothing was missing.

— JEFF BONTY

ELWOOD

Trucker cited for driving over graves

At Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Several graves at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery were damaged when a lost semi-truck driver turned around his rig in the facility on Monday.

According to police reports, Faraz Namdari, 43, from Chicago, said he got lost on his way to the nearby intermodal center.

Namdari turned around his truck, almost damaging a row of headstones. Several workers at the cemetery stopped him.

According to the report, Namdari ignored the 5-ton weight limit signs, ignored the "No Trucks" signs that are posted at the cemetery, where there are signs telling wayward drivers they can turn around there at the maintenance shed.

Cemetery officials said they will have to wait for weather conditions to improve in order to assess the extent of the damages.

Namdari was ticketed for disobeying a 5-ton weight limit sign, operating an oversized truck and spilling debris on the roadway in relation to the mud and grass his truck left behind. He has to appear in court on Feb. 19.

Punchline

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on my viewers to be vigilant. If you have any other Lincoln parts ... the Lincoln torso, Lincoln legs, even let's say, the Lincoln log. Just hold on to it tight."

It appears Colbert's writing team read about the dilemma in a New York Times story published on Monday, one that quoted the Daily Journal's editorial pleading with the thief — or thieves — to return the cast.

Or, maybe, they caught the story People magazine posted on its website Tuesday.

Connie Licon, the museum's executive director, said several of Barnard's pieces are on display in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

She said she wants desperately for the person or persons to return the hand, no questions asked.

And, if it takes a story in one of the nation's top newspapers or a bit of a national talk show hosts' monologue, so be it.

No one has contacted Licon with any tips or leads. Nor has anyone offered any money to post for a reward.

She said she feels it was either someone who is a big Lincoln fan, or someone just bored that lifted the hand.

It has been determined the hand was taken some time during the week of Dec. 11. A custodian noticed it missing. The Grey Barnard collection has been showcased since 1991, and Licon said no one has taken anything during that time.

The museum does have some security — but clearly not enough. "One camera would cost us \$10,000," Licon said.

During the month of December, when the museum hosts its Gallery of Trees, Licon said there may have been up to 400 visitors there.

And even though many students came through the museum, Licon said they stay out of that room because it has nude statues.

WATSEKA

Steel price drop crushing to local recyclers

Manufacturing down as well

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The River Valley Recycling location at Watseka shut down Monday — at least until March 31 — because of the sharp drop of recyclable steel, aluminum cans and copper coming into the facility.

"If I knew then what I know now, I should have done it July 1," owner Kyle Bruno said.

Bruno's situation is just one example of what is taking place not only in northeastern Illinois, but the United States and the world.

The worldwide slowdown of manufacturing is the chief reason for the plunging price, said Greg Baise, president of the Illinois Manufacturers Association.

"It's a cycle that we will have to get through. But I don't see the light at the end of the tunnel," he said. "This is nothing surprising

or unique. It's worldwide."

Baise said this slowdown began to grab hold in late 2014 to early 2015. Since then, Illinois-based manufacturing heavyweights Caterpillar, John Deere and Granite City Steel have cut workforces.

"There is a level of nervousness about the worldwide economy. When does it turnaround?" he asked. "I can't even hazard a guess."

The price for scrap steel has plunged by four times and in December stood at \$35 per ton. Aluminum cans have fallen about half and now are at 40 cents per pound. Copper has dropped by about 70 cents per pound.

Kevin Kennell, vice president for Belson Steel Center at Bradley, said there is no question scrap steel is not finding its way to Belson's plant and the falling prices is the reason.

"It's the perfect storm. There is the weak European economy, China's economy is contracting and they use more steel than they produce normally. But now they are exporting it and doing so below production cost," Kennell said.

Falling prices

STEEL: \$165/ton, December 2014; \$35/ton, December 2015

ALUMINUM CANS: 70 cents/pound, December 2014; 40 cents/pound, December 2015

COPPER: \$2.43/pound, December 2014; \$1.75/pound, December 2015

Source: River Valley Recycling

To top it off, U.S. manufacturing is down as well, he noted.

"The U.S. economy was at near capacity two years ago. Now, steel production has been cut back. ... Things are not going great in the manufacture sector. Government employment is the only sector of the economy growing. It's been a prolonged period of low demand."

Concerning River Valley Recycling, Bruno said the company's location at 550 N. Hobbie Ave., Kankakee, remains open for business from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

COPS AND COURTS

Man convicted of murdering former Kankakee attorney

BY JEFF BONTY
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A man accused of killing two people, including the former city attorney of Kankakee, was convicted of murder by a Cook County jury in December.

According to reports, DeJuan Pratt, 27, was found guilty of murder, armed robbery and arson on Dec. 11. He could receive life in prison. He has another court hearing Wednesday, but he will be sentenced at a later date.

Pratt was convicted of stabbing to death Gray

Brown, 64, and Chun Xiao Lee, 48, and setting a fire to cover it up in a West Rogers apartment on Aug. 29, 2012. Firefighters found the victims lying on a bed, wrapped in blankets. Both had been stabbed multiple times. A gas can was found in the kitchen.

Brown was the city attorney for Kankakee during the administration of Russell Johnson (1985-93). He was working in Chicago at the time of his death.

According to reports, Pratt had answered an ad for a roommate and soon moved in.

Shortly after the murders, Pratt traveled to Las Vegas, where he used the victims' credit cards. He was arrested in September 2012.

Wedding bells

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James, a welder, noted they will plan a "more tasteful" renewal of vows later this year. But, first, Jennifer says she focused on finding a job in day care.

Tim McCarthy, 34, of Aroma Park, and Megan Fries, 39, also of Aroma Park, also were on hand to take a Facebook relationship to the next level. They started communicating online about eight months ago, and discovered enough mutual interests to agree to meet each other in person.

The newlyweds were headed back to Aroma Park after the ceremony, but still are hatching plans for a honeymoon at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando.

National news

AMERICAN RAGE

We, the people, are furious

Poll: The angriest people in America are whites, Republicans

BY YANAN WANG
The Washington Post

Often, 2015 felt like the year of outrage. The reasons for this were large and small — from police brutality to all manners of microaggressions, from terrorism to the color of a coffee cup. Americans of every race, economic background and political leaning seemed to share a common gift: the ability to get angry.

These fiery sentiments were measured by NBC, Survey Monkey and Esquire throughout the course of four days in November, in an online poll of 3,257 American adults aptly called the “American Rage Survey.”

Now the results are in, and they reveal a landscape of national anger as layered as the population itself. Americans are angry about a lot of things, apparently, and sometimes even about the same things.

“We, The People are p-,” Esquire editors declared Sunday. “The body politic is burning up. And the anger that courses through our headlines and news feeds — about injustice and inequality, about marginalization and disenfranchisement, about what they are doing to us — shows no signs of abating.”

GROWING ANGER

The survey found that half of all Americans say they are angrier today than they were a year ago. Among the groups polled, white Americans and Republicans are the angriest of all.

For the purposes of quantification, the survey “measured and compared anger primarily according to the frequency with which respondents report hearing or reading something that makes them angry.” It did not, therefore, account for the intensity of each bout of rage.

In a response to the question, “About how often do you hear or read something in the news that



The Associated Press/file

Whether a Democrat or Republican, everyone has something they get fired up about, which resulted in a survey finding that half of all Americans say they are angrier today than they were a year ago. What issues get you going on a soapbox? Poll findings found some top issues most Americans become angry about are school shootings, race relations and social injustice.

How often are you angered by news?

WHITES: 73 percent	REPUBLICANS: 77 percent
HISPANICS: 66 percent	DEMOCRATS: 67 percent
BLACKS: 56 percent	

makes you angry?” 73 percent of whites said they get angry at least once per day, in contrast to 66 percent of Hispanics and 56 percent of blacks.

Seventy-seven percent of Republicans also said they get angry at least once per day, compared to 67 percent of Democrats.

Among household income brackets, “the middle of the middle class” (\$50,000 to \$74,999) reported

feeling anger at greater rates than the “very rich” (\$150,000 and up) and the “very poor” (\$15,000 and less). About 53 percent of women say they are angrier this year than last, compared with about 44 percent of men.

What accounts for these differences, along with the seeming trend of increasing anger in the population? The survey results paint a narrative of American decline, to

which a majority of respondents subscribe, along with the feeling that racial tensions in the country have reached a high.

THE AMERICAN DREAM?

Fifty-two percent of Americans said the American Dream “once held true but does not anymore.” Thirty-nine percent think that race relations have become worse since President Barack Obama was elected.

More interesting than these numbers are the demographic differences within them. While blacks are more likely than whites and Hispanics to think the American Dream still holds true, they are also more likely — by 15 percentage points — to think that the recent killings of African American men

by police are part of a larger pattern in the police’s treatment of African Americans.

RACE RELATIONS

A Gallup poll from the past summer showed a similar waning confidence in American institutions, and New York Times-CBS News polling has found public perception of race relations has degraded since Obama’s inauguration. In the latter survey, 33 percent of blacks considered American race relations “generally good,” nine percentage points below whites.

Meanwhile, the NBC News-Survey Monkey-Esquire poll found that although far more whites than blacks said race relations have become worse since Obama was elected, they also are more likely to see police killings as isolated incidents.

With regard to political divisions, Republicans are angriest about congressional dysfunction and consumer fraud, and Democrats are the most mad about police officers shooting unarmed black men.

There still is much that angry Americans are agree on.

SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

The outrage surrounding school shootings was near-unanimous, with more than 90 percent of respondents among all ethnicities, genders and political parties concurring that they are a source of anger.

CONSUMER FRAUD

Moreover, at least 80 percent of Republicans and Democrats were angry about massive consumer fraud, and the hypothetical protest sign “Taxed Enough Already” ranked in the top three picks of both political groups.

LGBT RIGHTS

The social-justice issue that garnered the most agreement was LGBT rights, as 45 percent of respondents said LGBT individuals have a right to be angry about how they’re treated, and 61 percent oppose Kentucky clerk Kim Davis’s decision to refuse marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

TRANSPORTATION

Are taxi drivers in Chicago getting nicer?

BY EMILY BADGER
The Washington Post

Taxi drivers are hamstrung in their ability to compete with Uber. They don’t control the major lever of competition, the ability to lower their fares. They aren’t allowed to surge price either, which can boost the supply of cars when and where passengers need them. In many markets, they can’t let riders pay by smartphone, or order a car that way.

But taxi drivers do control many aspects of the quality of a ride. And in one fascinating consequence of the rise of Uber, it looks — in passenger complaint data — as if taxi drivers under new competition may be trying harder to give you a pleasant ride.

The Technology Policy Institute’s Scott Wallsten, in research presented

this week at the annual meeting of the American Economic Association, finds evidence in New York that the number of complaints per taxi trip there has declined as Uber has expanded in the city. In Chicago, complaints about air conditioning, “broken” credit card machines and rude drivers have fallen as well with the recent rise of alternatives to taxicabs.

As Uber grew more popular in New York (a trend Wallsten corroborates with Google Trends data), complaints fell, even controlling for factors, such as the weather, that might affect taxi service.

Chicago doesn’t publish data on the total number of taxi trips, which makes a similar analysis impossible. But the city does collect much more detailed consumer complaint data. And Wallsten’s analysis there suggests

Uber’s growth is associated in Chicago with a decline in specific types of complaints, including about heating and air conditioning, drivers talking on cellphones and broken credit card machines (which are often “broken” when drivers would rather you pay in cash).

Complaints about reckless driving spiked after the city rolled out a “How’s my driving?” consumer awareness campaign in early 2012. But Wallsten’s analysis also suggests rudeness and AC problems falling off.

There are two possible explanations for these patterns (and they’re not mutually exclusive): The passengers who complain have stopped taking cabs now that there are other options. Or cab drivers have begun to curb behavior that causes complaints, now that there’s competition.

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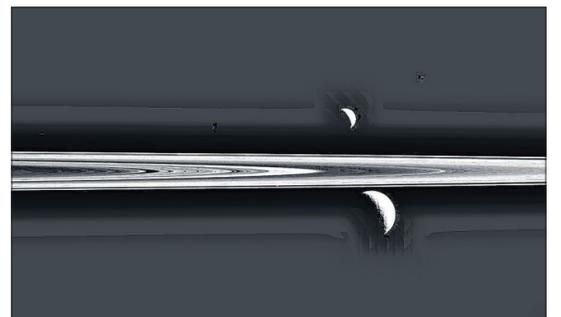


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What looks like a pair of Saturnian satellites actually is a trio upon close inspection.

Why this photo of 3 moons looks like a photo of 2

BY RACHEL FELTMAN
The Washington Post

Saturn’s moon Atlas is a tiny place. It’s just 19 miles across at its widest point. But the little moon carries the weight of the world on its shoulders — or the weight of a very impressive ring system, anyway. Atlas was named for its position between Saturn’s A and F rings, which makes it appear to sit nestled within them in photos.

If you can make the little guy out, anyway. In the Cassini orbiter image, Atlas takes up just two pixels.

Atlas appears to the left,

a little speck butting up against Saturn’s outermost ring in the lower half of the picture. Enceladus, a 313-mile wide moon now famous for containing a global, potentially habitable subsurface ocean, sits above the rings. Rhea, comparatively gigantic at 949 miles across, makes an appearance as well.

As tiny as it is, Atlas is pretty interesting. It has a big equatorial ridge, which basically is a feature that looks like a giant seam in the middle of the moon. Picture the raised edge of a walnut shell, or even that distinctive ridge in the middle of a bath bomb where its two halves come together. The ridges themselves might not seem that special, but they’ve been found only on Saturn’s moons — nowhere else. And of Saturn’s 62 confirmed moons, only Atlas, Pan and Iapetus are known to have this strange feature.

It would make sense for Atlas and Pan to have built up these ridges from dust particles they accumulated, because they live within Saturn’s rings where particles of ice, dust and rock are plentiful. But Iapetus, the third-largest moon in the Saturnian system, sits far outside the rings. Unless it was somehow expelled into a wider orbit of its host planet, Iapetus’s mysterious ridge must have formed by a different mechanism than Atlas’s and Pan’s.

Or, perhaps, the three ridges share a common origin that scientists have yet to decipher.

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Obituaries

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Clifford King KANKAKEE

Clifford King, 56, of Kankakee, passed away Dec. 29, 2015, at Manor Care, Kankakee.

He was born June 16, 1959, in Chicago, the son of Beatrice Webb King and James King Sr. He was the seventh of 10 children.

Clifford graduated from St. Anne High School in 1977. He worked at Gould Battery before enlisting in the U.S. military. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ early in his life when he was baptized.

Surviving are five children, Freida King, of Atlanta, Ga., Taries King, of Three Rivers, Mich., Jameco King, of Duluth, Minn., Clifford King, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Kyla King, of Milwaukee, Wis.; siblings, Terry King, Christopher King, Janet King and Twana King-Bryant (Royce Bryant), all



of Kankakee, Paul King, of Hopkins Park, and his companion, Gloria Gray.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and his siblings, Gloria Jean Franklin, James King Jr. and Barbara King.

He also has a host of other family and friends who will miss him. Clifford loved to spend time with his family and friends. He loved to have a good time and was the life of the party. Clifford always had

a joke or a good story to tell. He would laugh at his own jokes even if others didn't.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Caldwell Chapel, Kankakee. Cremation rites were accorded by Kankakee County Cremation Society.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family. (Pd)

Patty Hahs SPRINGFIELD

Patty Hahs, 60, of Springfield, and formerly of the Bradley-Bourbonnais area, passed away Jan. 3, 2016, at her home in Springfield.

She was born Jan. 11, 1955, in Kankakee, the daughter of Forest LaVern and Doris M. (Blair) Hahs.

Patty was employed by the state of Illinois in the Secretary of State's office.

Surviving are her sister, Jeannie Banyas, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; three brothers, Tom (Marsha) Hahs, of Bourbonnais, Mike (Tina) Hahs, of Bourbonnais, and Lee (Cathy) Hahs, of South Carolina; her aunt, Pat Gierke; nieces, Rebecca Ward, Desiree Hove and Emma Hahs; nephews,

Seth, Benjamin, Jeff, Lucas, Justin, Andrew and Lee Jr. Hahs.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one brother, Jimmy Hahs; one uncle, Bob Gierke; and her grandparents, Lesta and Olen Hahs and Linnie and Ray Blair.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Friday until the 1 p.m. funeral service at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee Chapel. The Rev. Derek Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family. Please sign her online guestbook at schrefflerfuneralhomes.com. (Pd)

Marlene Mitchell MOMENCE

Marlene K. Mitchell, 78, of Momence, passed away Tuesday (Jan. 5, 2016) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

She was born Dec. 4, 1937, in Saint Edward, Neb., the daughter of Robert P. and Gladys Kearney Simpson. Marlene married Norman Mitchell on May 4, 1957. He survives.

In addition to her husband, surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff Mitchell, of Momence, and Joe and Sandy Mitchell, of Momence; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lori and Anthony Thompson, of Momence, and Lisa and Tim Navratil, of Momence; one brother and sister-in-law, Robert P. and Geraldine Simpson III, of Bradley; one sister-in-law, Pat Simpson, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; eight grandchildren, Jason Mitchell, Kaitlyn (Lawrence) Coleman, AJ (Ashley) Ashlee, and Austin Thompson, Shane (Karyn), Aaron and Joshua Navratil; and seven great-grandchildren, Faith Hickory, Carter Coleman, Bailey Munro, Jaxon



Mitchell, Liam Hickory, Leah Coleman and Carter Thompson.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and one brother; David (Kenny) Simpson.

Marlene was a very active member of the First Baptist Church in Momence. She enjoyed spending time with her family. She loved to cook, read and play Scrabble. Marlene arranged flowers for the Momence Gladiolus Festival and won many ribbons over the years. She enjoyed luncheons with her classmates from the Momence High School Class of 1955.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Momence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Momence. Dr. Rick McKinney will officiate. Interment will be in Union Corner's Cemetery in Grant Park.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Momence.

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

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Levester Harris KANKAKEE

Visitation for Levester Harris will be from 9 a.m. Saturday until the 10 a.m. funeral services at the Zion Gate Baptist Church, Kankakee. The Rev. Ronald L. Bartlett will officiate. Interment will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory, Kankakee.

Levester, sometimes known as Pig, Squirrel or Chicken Hawk, 70, of Kankakee, passed away Dec. 28, 2015, at Salem Village Nursing and Rehabilitation in Joliet. He was born June 17, 1945, in Crawford, Miss., the son of Will and Mariah Macon Harris.

He had been employed by Howard Johnson Hotel, Gould Battery and retired from Kankakee School District 111 as a maintenance employee. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching and listening to sports and cooking.

Mr. Harris is survived by his companion, Theresa Davis, of Kankakee; his daughters, Antoinette Well-Zion and Arianna Harris, both of Kankakee; sisters, Mary Sanders and Arnice Harris Willis, both of Kankakee; brothers, John Harris, of Birmingham, Ala., and Walter C. and Mattie Harris, of Crawford, Miss.; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and siblings, Ella Mae Morre, Ollie Mae Harriston, Willie B. Harris, L.A. Harris, Melinda Wilkins, Sarah Stevenson, Maggie B. Williams, Mariah Faulkner, Rufus Harris and Ira Prowell.

Please light a candle at jonesfuneralservices.com. (Pd)



DEATH NOTICES

Dorothy J. Abert, 88, of Kankakee, passed away Wednesday (Jan. 6, 2016) at Miller Healthcare, Kankakee. Funeral arrangements are pending at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

COMING SERVICES

FRIDAY, JAN. 8

Germaine Hagan, 11 a.m. at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Bourbonnais.

PAST SERVICES

Funeral services for **Esper Mae "Ma Bell" Bell**, 87, of Kankakee, were held Dec. 28 at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee Chapel, with the Rev. Scott Graham officiating. She passed away Dec. 23, 2015. Burial was in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Pallbearers were Jeffery Sr., Jeffery Jr., Tim, John and Kevin Bell, Gary Graham, Dave O'Connor and Kirk Ogryzek.

Funeral services for **William R. Gresham**, 93, of Bourbonnais, were held Jan. 5 at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais Chapel, with the Rev. Peggy Johnson officiating. He passed away Dec. 31, 2015. Burial was in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Pallbearers were Craig Mussman, Douglas Graves, Jeff Gresham, Ron Green, John Balk and Stephen Drassler.

Memorial services for **Ta'Niyah Hale**, 7, of Kankakee, were held Jan. 2 at Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Kankakee. Bishop Randall Gordon officiated and the Rev. Howard Wills Sr. delivered the eulogy. Ta'Niyah passed away Dec. 26, 2015. Cremation rites were accorded.

Funeral services for **Junior D. Kelly "J.D."**, 87, of St. Anne, were held Dec. 31 at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee Chapel, with the Rev. Scott Henley officiating. He passed away Dec. 26, 2015. Burial was in Mound Grove Cemetery, Kankakee. Pallbearers were David Wielgus Jr., Rob Grasser, Anthony Hahn, Travis, Brian and Russ Rasmussen.

Funeral services for **Nancy Kern**, 69, of Kankakee, were held Jan. 5 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee. She passed away Dec. 31, 2015. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Chebanse. Pallbearers were Parker and Lee Smith, Grant Maloney, Steve Kern and Ryan Zettle.

Funeral services for **Mona Ray**, 91, of Kankakee, were held Jan. 5 at Shiloh Full Gospel Church, Kankakee. The Rev. Alan Roundtree officiated. She passed away Dec. 31, 2015. Burial was in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory, Kankakee. Pallbearers were DeeAngelo T. Dean, Terrece J. Roundtree, Dellmon Johnson, Travion Brown, Nicholas Stewart and Christopher Brown.

Funeral services for **Phyllis June Thomas**, 76, of Zephyrhills, Fla., and formerly of Kankakee, were held Jan. 5 at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee Chapel, with the Rev. Dennis Cornelius and Dr. Ed Heck officiating. She passed away Dec. 27, 2015. Burial was in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Pallbearers were Samantha, Leanna, Barry, Steven, Beau, Morgan and Jordan Thomas.

ILLINOIS



The (DeKalb) Daily Chronicle

Ethan Menges smiles while sitting in his sister Britteny Menges' Rockford living room as he recounts how he proposed to his fiance, Jordon Mathieu. Menges had all four of his limbs amputated in September following a life threatening battle with a virus that spread to his bloodstream and put him in a coma after collapsing on Jan. 22.

Former athlete adjusts after amputations

BY BRITTANY KEEPERMAN
The (DeKalb) Daily Chronicle

DEKALB — Ethan Menges went home for the first time in more than a year last month, after spending months in and out of surgeries and rehabilitation after the amputation of all four of his limbs.

Now, the 2010 Genoa-Kings-ton High School alumnus has returned to the area — he is staying with his sister, Britteny Menges, in Rockford — and said he is working to stay positive as he struggles with independence and daily tasks such as showering, brushing his teeth and cooking.

Simple tasks such as opening a piece of mail can take up to 15 minutes, he said. It can be a particular mental challenge, since the man was an athlete in his high school days. He ran track, played baseball and was the co-captain of the varsity basketball and football teams.

"Little things take a substantial amount of time," he

said. "Frustration can build quickly over those small things."

It started last year when Menges developed a viral infection that quickly spread. He was in a coma for a week and no one knew if he would survive. After lying in the hospital for a week, he developed bed sores and his arms and legs had to be amputated because no blood was flowing to them.

Now he uses prosthetic limbs and has many goals.

"I want to be able to stand at my wedding," Menges said. "And I want to be mobile enough on my legs that I can have some quality dances with my future wife."

Menges proposed to his now-fiancee Jordon Mathieu while he was still in the hospital, hiding the engagement ring under a dinner tray.

"When I took the lid off to help him eat dinner, there was the ring," Mathieu said.

Mathieu said that while she knows there are challenges ahead, she is optimistic about the future.

"I'm not looking for something to worry about," she said. "I know it will be hard sometimes, and there will be difficulties. But I think every marriage has its difficulties. This is just one of the things we will have to deal with."

One of the things Menges misses from the time before he got sick was how active he was, but after he dances at his wedding, he has more goals in mind.

"Hopefully in the summer, I will be able to jog and walk a 5K," he said. "I really loved running."

Ron Menges, Ethan's father, returned home him-

self, to Arizona. It is bitter-sweet, he said.

"In a way, it's like a little chick leaving the nest again," he said. "I'm so happy to see him getting along, but it was hard in that perspective to realize my part in the situation was done. I did what I needed to do. ... It's going to be his determination and his goals that are going to get him where he wants to go now."

Ron Menges said he is proud that his children have been there for each other through the struggle.

"I raised them to be self-reliant, but to also lean on each other," he said. "I won't always be here, but they will always be there for each other. All my kids are successors. I know (Ethan) is going to knock this out of the park."

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YOUR HEALTH



No need to raise your blood pressure stressing about drug's effectiveness

New class of meds work just as well, safe as old, analysis shows

BY ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA
The Washington Post

Doctors have long debated the effectiveness of a relatively new class of blood pressure medicines known as angiotensin receptor blockers, or ARBs. Since they came on the market in 2000, they have been widely used by patients — but usually only as a second-line therapy when older drugs had failed to work or when their side effects had become intolerable.

Now, a large new analysis involving 250,000 patients shows these medications may be as effective and safe as their older cousins, the angiotensin converting enzyme, or ACE inhibitors.

Sripal Bangalore, an associate professor of cardiology at NYU Langone Medical Center who is lead author of the new study, said the previous studies comparing the two may have been misinterpreted because of what he called a “generation gap” in participants and changes in their health care and lifestyle choices.

The idea ACE inhibitors are more effective than ARBs was based on comparing studies on ACE inhibitors going as far back as the 1980s and into the 1990s with newer studies on ARBs in the 2000s.

These studies appeared to show a larger difference between ACE inhibitors and placebos versus ARBs and placebos. Most significantly, research showed a significant effect in reducing the risk of death with ACE inhibitors but not with ARBs. That led many doctors and standards groups to conclude that ACE inhibitors were more effective than ARBs.

But some doctors and researchers were puzzled by the fact that in head-to-head comparisons between the two classes of drugs, they appeared to be equally safe and effective. If there really was such a big difference between the medications, why didn't it show up in these types of studies?

That inconsistency created a confusing split in the medical community. Most guidelines set by the major medical groups suggest starting a patient with an ACE inhibitor first, but the Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation and Treatment of High Blood Pressure considers ACE inhibitors and ARBs to be equal.

Bangalore noticed that one assumption made in comparing the placebo trials — that the patients in the group

were about the same — was incorrect. During that time period, there was a remarkable shift in cardiovascular health care in America — with a greater emphasis on not smoking, more statin use for cholesterol, better management of diabetes, lower targets for blood pressure.

“The patients in the '80s and '90s were a higher-risk group than those in the 2000s,” Bangalore explained. “If your risk is higher it's easier to show a benefit. If your risk is lower it's harder to show a benefit.”

The new analysis, published in Mayo Clinic Proceedings on Monday, involves a second look at 106 randomized trials with 254,301 patients that took place after 2000 and shows that during this time period patient outcomes on the two medications were remarkably similar. The one difference they found was that ARBs tend to be better tolerated by patients, meaning they have fewer side effects or result in fewer adverse events. ACE inhibitors are poorly tolerated by many patients because they can produce a bothersome dry cough, and some end up stopping medication as a result.

The other piece of good news regarding the medications is that ACE inhibitors, as well as many ARBs, now are generic — meaning the cost difference is minimal.

You could save a life by asking the uncomfortable questions

Trying to make mental health first aid as familiar as CPR

BY LENNY BERNSTEIN
The Washington Post

IF SOMEONE SUDDENLY COLLAPSED and appeared to be having a heart attack, you wouldn't just walk on by, right? You'd at least call 911. You'd likely stay with the person while the ambulance was coming. And if you were trained, you might even start CPR. Chances are, human decency would motivate you to do something. So, why is it that when we see obvious signs of mental or emotional crisis in a friend, colleague or a casual acquaintance, our first reaction is to withdraw?

We typically consider behavioral health issues too personal for our intervention, out of bounds for anyone but a family member or a very close friend.

That pretty much defines the challenge facing the National Council for Behavioral Health, which trains people in its Mental Health First Aid course. The goal of the eight-hour session is to help people recognize when someone is suffering from a mental health or substance abuse disorder and to encourage intervention.

“The truth of the matter is that you are more likely to encounter someone who is experiencing a behavioral health condition or crisis” than someone facing a physical emergency, said Laura Roth, the council's project manager for the first aid course. Every year, the organization notes, one in four

Americans will suffer from a mental illness or addiction.

Half a million people across the country already have taken the training, including First Lady Michelle Obama.

“The biggest message ... is that an individual has the capacity to help,” said America Paredes, an instructor in the course. Are you going to avert a mass shooting? Unlikely. Could you stop or postpone a suicide attempt? Definitely.

But how? By making a connection with someone who may have no one else to talk to. By suggesting he or she seek professional help, right now. By offering some ideas about how that could be done, maybe even helping to place the call. In other words, by responding — the same way you'd grab an automatic defibrillator and try to use it on someone who had col-

Best approach

The best approach boils down to a five-letter acronym, ALGEE. You may never have to use this information, but here it is:

- A:** Assess for risk of suicide or harm
- L:** Listen non-judgmentally
- G:** Give reassurance and information
- E:** Encourage appropriate professional help
- E:** Encourage self-help and other support strategies

lapsed, even if you weren't entirely sure how.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 41,149 suicides in 2013, making suicide the 10th-leading cause of death in the United States.

As uncomfortable or difficult as some questions can be, they can save a life. Imagine asking someone you don't know all that well: “Are you thinking of killing yourself?” The course helps people overcome their reluctance, even fear, of getting involved. It makes clear you can't plant the idea of suicide in someone's head, which is why many people hold off. It teaches you how, and when, to try to help. “If you don't know the right question to ask, you're not going to ask it because you're afraid of saying something stupid,” Paredes said.

AUTO INSURANCE

The big data of bad driving

How insurers plan to track your every turn

BY BRIAN FUNG
The Washington Post

For years, insurance companies have used estimates of your annual mileage to determine your car insurance rates. But with recent changes in technology, insurers now have an unprecedented ability to judge your actual driving habits. Armed with detailed data on how often you slam on the brakes and what times of day you're on the road, insurance companies are increasingly relying on precise, technological means of assessing risk — and using that information to set your monthly premiums.

Liberty Mutual, the country's second-largest property-and-casualty insurer, took the latest step in that direction Monday when it announced a partnership with Subaru. Beginning later this year, Subaru drivers who have paid for the automaker's Starlink infotainment system will be able to download an app to their cars that notifies them when they are accelerating too aggressively or braking too hard.

The app is part of Liberty Mutual's RightTrack program, which gives driv-



Submitted photo

When implemented well, analysts say, usage-based insurance can encourage drivers to behave more safely, lowering the risk of a crash and saving money all around. However, these kinds of programs can be used to increase your insurance rates, as well as lower them.

ers a 5 percent discount on their rates for enrolling and additional discounts up to 30 percent for heeding the app's guidance on driving safely.

Liberty Mutual, which began offering RightTrack in 2012, isn't the only insurer to embrace usage-based insurance — a tactic that draws on a person's real-world driving behavior to gauge his accident risk. Progressive, Allstate and State Farm operate similar programs, too.

When implemented well, analysts say, usage-based insurance can encourage drivers to behave more safely, lowering the risk of a crash and saving money all around.

But as more Americans begin buying high-tech, connected cars that can talk to

the Internet, other analysts say the rise of usage-based insurance raises uncomfortable questions for consumers and insurance companies alike.

“Don't assume this is always going to be a way to lower your rates,” said Karl Brauer, an analyst at Kelley Blue Book. “It could be used against you to raise your rates long before you ever have an accident.”

Although many insurance companies say that agreeing to be tracked only can result in a discount, not a rate hike, those terms always could change in the future, Brauer and other analysts say. And people who drive safely one year but more riskily the next could effectively see their rates rise when an insurer decides to grant a smaller discount than before.

Then there's the matter of consumer privacy. How long insurance companies can hold onto your data, and whom they can share it with, depends on each firm's policies as well as state or local regulations. Insurers also would have to obey court orders for user data.

Consumers who don't want to be tracked don't have to sign up. But when such programs become more common, opting out could serve as a “red flag” to insurance companies, according to Renee Stephens, vice president of U.S. auto quality for J.D. Power and Associates.

Insurers find behavioral monitoring attractive because it provides them with a clearer picture of the entire risk pool. By understanding better how each driver behaves, companies can design insurance plans that match a person's risk and coverage more accurately.

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EDITORIAL



Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel

Recall should be Illinois voters' right

Option might hold lawmakers to higher standard

Should the voters of Illinois have the right to recall their elected officials? You bet.

In the fairest, broadest sense, the recall possibility should apply to every elected office in the state. Illinois allows the recall of the governor. Local jurisdictions can include the right to recall in their own ordinances, but there is no recollection of this happening to any local official in recent years.

Right now, a bill is pending in the state Legislature that would give the voters in Chicago the right to recall their mayor.

This is all being spurred by the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald. A Chicago police officer has been indicted for first degree murder in the case. He has pleaded not guilty. Video from the scene seems to contradict his plea. Yet, a nation that relies on the rule of law ought to trust its court system. These are tempestuous times, where television coverage has more sway than actual judges or juries. Let us trust the system to work before condemning it. Make it guilty as charged, not guilty in the court of public opinion.

Thus, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who already has fired Chicago's police chief, faces criticism for his slow handling of a case, which has yet to come to trial.

No matter how you feel about this particular case, the voters, all voters, should have the right to recall.

There is no logical reason why that right should not extend to all towns, not just Chicago. Illinois is, regrettably, good at drawing up laws that apply to some but not to all. Voters in metropolitan communities have the right to register to vote on Election Day. Voters in rural areas do not have that same right. Chicago's school district system and school system has separate rules from all other school districts. Why? Why shouldn't the same law apply to all?

The path to recall should not be easy. Signatures should be required. The time for a special election should be sufficiently far enough out that the issues have time to all come out and be discussed. It ought to be a considered judgment, not a snap one. Let tempers calm.

If Chicago has the right, so should the rest of us. Illinois has a history of some who should have been recalled, when we knew they were failures and we were just waiting out their term. Just the possibility of a recall might begin to hold Illinois lawmakers to a higher standard.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In a state where corruption abounds, laws must be very numerous."

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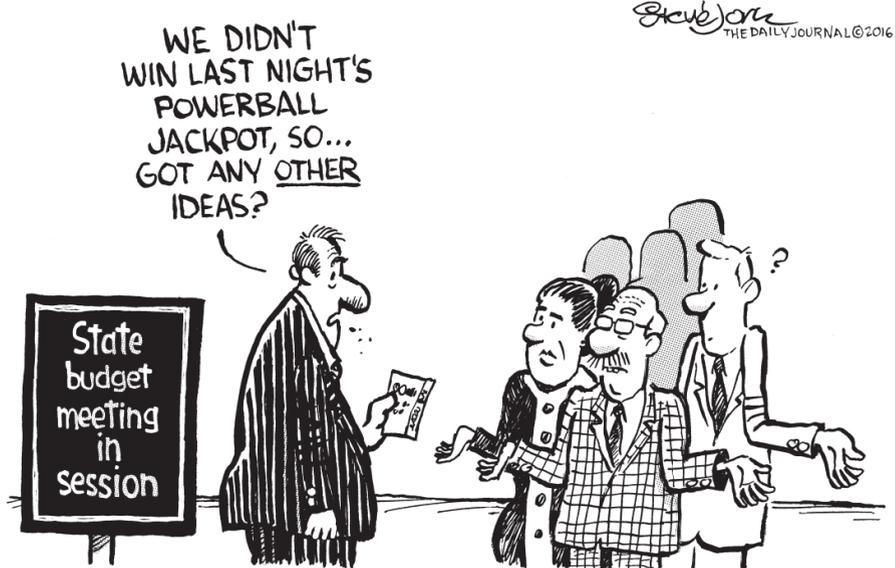
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YORK'S VIEW



COMMENTARY

Appreciating the art of coaching

Mentors have unique insight on youth sports

There is no shortage of stories these days about coaches who have abused their positions of trust. So, I'm not going to dwell on that part of sports mentorship today.

Instead, I'm inspired by some of the excellent examples of coaching I've seen lately. From the young people who coach my granddaughter on the balance beam to the guys on the end of the bench at the Kankakee Holiday Tournament, I've definitely seen an array of athletic teachers at work there. I saw them console kids after difficult losses. And I saw after victories, putting winning in perspective. I saw a lot of good sportsmanship.

Sure, I've also seen some bad sports, but I won't put all of the blame on the coaches. Young players learn some of their habits from the National Basketball Association stars. That's the group of malcontents who forced the league to make it a foul to try to trick referees by flopping on the floor when they're hoping for a charging call. Clearly, some folks want to play the game and others want to play "the game."

But, I'm getting too specific here. This column is meant to be a pat on the back for all types of coaches. Yes, theater and speech contest coaches, 4-H leaders, Scoutmasters and all types of mentors, from the YMCA to the park district and school coaches. I am thinking of soccer, gymnastics, Little League, basketball, football and every other sport.

Here, at the Daily Journal, I had the pleasure of running into



Submitted photo

Members of the Kankakee High School junior varsity boys soccer team, coached by the Rev. Dave Robinson.

a different kind of coach. The Rev. Dave Robinson is a pastor and a soccer coach at Kankakee High School. I met him when he began providing a drive-up prayer option at his church.

Motorists could just drive up and share a prayerful moment while he sat in a little shelter in his parking lot.

More recently, I found out he coached the junior varsity soccer team at KHS. He wanted to tell me about the great season his team had. He said the players came together as a team, and he wanted to run a little congratulatory photo of the players, something to show his appreciation for the fall season and, maybe, to motivate them for next year. That's the photo that's running with this column today.

Away from the soccer field, this Kankakee pastor continues to volunteer in the community in which he lives. For example, he recently opened the doors at Genesis Community Ministries to host a free holiday toy program.

With that background in mind, I concluded I could use this one column to tell a little of his story and remind parents the vast

majority of coaches out there have their hearts in the right place. I'm sure it hurts them deeply to read about the coaches who take advantage of their position and tarnish the profession's reputation.

There always will be some pressure to win, and coaches have to balance that focus with the goal of giving each team member a valuable learning experience. It's not a simple matter. In fact, coaching can take on an incredible level of seriousness. Yes, it's just a game, sure, but the will to win takes on a life of its own. It must be a constant battle to keep games and real life in perspective.

If I could just ask two things of you ... maybe this year, when you see an old coach, a teacher, a piano instructor or a choir leader, you might want to take a second and thank them for sharing their gifts with you. And, if someone asks you to help out with a T-ball team at the Y, a Sunday school class at church or some other mentoring opportunity, say, "Yes." It's a noble venture.

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When you see an old coach, a teacher, a piano instructor or a choir leader, you might want to take a second and **thank them for sharing their gifts with you.**

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Speak up, the Constitution is under attack

President Barack Obama fancies himself a "Constitutional" scholar: He even brought that up when, in his press announcement concerning new rules (laws) regarding gun purchases, he was entirely within his right to make these declarations without the assent of Congress. (This proves that studying something doesn't make you an expert, or I agree with it.)

What is the "spirit" of the Constitution in regard to the Second Amendment, which states, "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"?

First, let's make clear the first 10 amendments were added to make clear what the president (executive), the Congress and the courts could not do without the express will of the people being expressed through Constitutional amendment (not emotional speech-making). Nor could the states rightfully place undue burdens on the people in violation of the Constitution once they had ratified it. (I know, when has that mattered to lawmakers at the state and local levels?)

The Supreme Court found a "spirit" (penumbra) of the Constitution when they declared abortion was legal and that human fetuses in the womb were subject to the whims of others when it came to their right to "life."

Is the president and many lawmakers and judges now trying to find now "another" spirit to the

Second Amendment? The language is clear, and the way in which the states bound themselves to it is unambiguous. That is unless you are one of those with the gift of seeing an aura, a "penumbra" around a piece of parchment written so clearly 228 years ago.

The Constitution hasn't changed, the clear language and the meaning ascribed to it hasn't changed. What may have changed is the diabolical nature of our leaders to steal freedom, especially the right of self defense from "We, the people." What may have changed is the degree of ignorance among the people as to what their rights really are.

We have allowed about 65 million babies to be destroyed in the womb legally. Are we going to allow countless millions to be deprived of freedoms, such as the right to bear arms, because of those who have no respect for laws others than those they formulate in their minds and then impose on others? Time to speak up, America; the finest legal document for the governance of man by men is under severe attack by the "intellectuals" who occupy the executive, congressional and judicial branches. Our Constitution was fiercely debated by brilliant men and signed onto by our brave forbearers who struggled and died to buy our independence and rights.

Phone to leave the White House a message at 202-456-1414. The House and Senate number to contact your representatives is 202-225-3121. It is time to speak up or hold your peace.

Ron Hansen
Bourbonnais

How do you choose the best mutual funds?

Dear Mr. Berko: I'm a 46-year-old engineer, and my wife is a 55-year-old parole officer. We have good jobs and earn an adequate living. We inherited \$160,000 from an uncle and want to invest in a portfolio of mutual funds for our retirement. We visited three stockbrokers and have a list of 27 funds. One broker recommended investing \$10,000 each in 16 funds. How do we choose the best mutual funds for us? — BD, Punta Gorda, Fla.



MALCOLM BERKO
TAKING STOCK

Dear BD: There are more than 7,000 mutual funds and more than 400,000 stockbrokers eager to help you. Because you're an engineer, the following metrics are up your avenue. Meanwhile, several brokerages have smartphone apps to compute the following performance criteria, which are important in fund selection.

Alpha is a measure of a fund's performance on a risk-adjusted basis. It takes

the volatility of a fund and compares it with the performance of a benchmark index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500, the S&P/

BGCantor U.S. Treasury Bond Index, the Dow Jones Global Total Stock Market Index and the various MSCI indexes. The excess return of the fund over the index is called its alpha. Alpha represents the value that a portfolio manager's skills bring to the fund.

An alpha value of 1 means the fund has outperformed its benchmark by 1 percent. An alpha of negative 1 indicates an underperformance of 1 percent.

Beta is a measure of the volatility of a fund in comparison with the broad market. A beta of 1 suggests that a fund will move in lockstep with the stock market. A beta of 1.2 indicates that the fund is 20 percent

more volatile than the market. A beta of less than 1 indicates that the fund will be less volatile than the market.

R-squared is a measure representing the percentage of a fund's portfolio that can be explained by a movement in a benchmark index. For a fixed-income security, the benchmark might be the S&P/BGCantor U.S. Treasury Bond Index, and with equity funds, the benchmark might be the S&P 500. R-squared values range between zero and 100. A fund with an R-squared value between 85 and 100 has a performance record that's closely correlated to the index. A fund with a rating of 70 or lower would not perform like the index and should be avoided.

The total risk of a fund (market risk, security-specific risk and portfolio risk) is measured by standard deviation. This tells an investor how much the return of the fund deviates from the expected returns based on historical perfor-

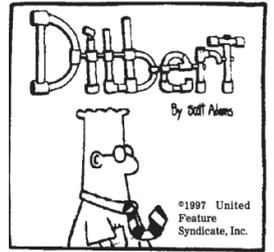
mance. The standard deviation determines this risk by measuring the degree to which the fund fluctuates in relation to the average return of the fund over a specific time period. So standard deviation measures the consistency of the fund's returns. A fund with a high SD has a more volatile and riskier net asset value than a fund with a low SD. Please note that for the SD to be effective, investors must use it to compare peer group mutual funds. For example, a large-cap fund must be compared with a large-cap fund with the same investment objectives.

The Sharpe ratio measures the return the fund generates relative to the risks it takes. The Sharpe ratio is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate of return (U.S. Treasury bonds) from the return of an investment and dividing the result by the investment's standard deviation. This ratio tells us whether an investment's returns are because of smart invest-

ment decisions or they are the result of excessive risks. The higher the Sharpe ratio the better the fund's return relative to the amount of risk taken. A negative SR indicates that the risk-free asset will perform better than the fund being analyzed.

Some fund families have websites that calculate these indicators, and this information is available on various financial websites and is usually incorporated in research reports. Purchase only no-load funds, and stay with one fund family, such as Fidelity, T. Rowe Price or Vanguard. Each family offers good diversification, so you only need five or six funds. Your investing in 16 funds would mean a fantastic payday for that broker.

Please address your financial questions to Malcolm Berko, P.O. Box 8303, Largo, FL 33775, or email him at mjberko@yahoo.com.



BYOB club member in good standing — getting better every day

For years, I'd had a love-hate relationship with baking bread. It's a domestic skill I never could master, and that bothered me.

When I tried, four out of five loaves flopped. Then, in an act of mercy from the yeast gods, I'd turn out a specimen fit for judging at the Iowa State Fair. Eventually, the outrageous price of store-bought bread led me to a method and book with the same title: "The NEW Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day."

Sure. Like anyone in her right mind would believe that. Five minutes a day? If this book were touting some prepackaged

mix or pricey piece of equipment, I wouldn't be interested.

But in no time at all, the verdict was in. It's true. Authors Jeff Hertzberg and Zoe Francois have taken the home-baking world by storm, having created a method that takes out all of the variables of baking yeast breads: the time, the hassle, the waiting and the worrying. And the book includes gluten-free recipes!

I stand before you a changed woman, and a consistent home baker of artisan bread. It's the rustic, beautiful kind of bread you see in a European bakery. It's the kind of bread that is made once a

day, consumed by the family and then replaced the following day. Every day.

I am as busy as I ever was, and even I have five minutes a day to bake bread. While I had to put my daily baking efforts on the shelf, so to speak, during the many long months of our out-of-state transition and move, gluten-free recipes: I'm back! I'm quite possibly the most enthusiastic member of the BYOB movement (bake your own bread). I'm toying with the idea of making 2016 the year that we don't buy bread at all — and still have bread every day of the year.

Here's my routine: On Saturday, I take about 10 minutes to make up the master recipe. The ingredients are simple: water, flour, yeast and salt. That's

it. I measure the ingredients and mix to combine them. Then, I dump the dough into my "dough-rising box" (a 40-cup plastic container with a lid), leave it on the counter for two hours and then move it to the refrigerator. It makes enough dough for eight one-pound loaves. The dough will last for two weeks in the fridge.

When I want to bake a loaf, I open the box, grab a wad of dough, dust it with a little flour, shape it and set it on a wooden pizza peel. There it sits for 40 minutes to an hour as the oven preheats and I do other things. I pop it into the oven on a baking stone and 30 minutes later, we have fresh, European bakery-style bread. Did I say no kneading?

Since I became a BYOB-er, I've

used the master dough to make breadsticks, soft pretzels, pizza and dinner rolls.

Here's the best part: A decent loaf of bread at my store is now closing in on \$4 per loaf. A loaf of my homemade artisan bread costs forty cents, one-tenth the cost and 10 times better.

There's something more that comes with baking bread. It's soul-soothing. I love knowing that I have yeast in the freezer and flour in the pantry. It makes me feel self-reliant. I like that.

Mary invites questions, comments and tips at mary@everydaycheapskate.com, or c/o Everyday Cheapskate, 12340 Seal Beach Blvd., Suite B-416, Seal Beach, CA 90740.

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3 most common mistakes when you live paycheck to paycheck

BY CAMERON HUDDLESTON
Tribune News Service

Millions of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. But while around one-third of Americans, or 38 million households, are living hand-to-mouth, they aren't technically poor; according to the Brookings Institute, a nonprofit that conducts independent research.

In fact, nearly one-third of households earning \$75,000 or more annually live paycheck to paycheck at least sometimes, according to a survey by SunTrust.

What this data suggests is that while you might climb the proverbial corporate ladder and make more money, poor financial habits can follow you, continuously sabotaging your finances over the years.

If you're living paycheck to paycheck, here are three common money mistakes you might be making.

1 YOU OVERSPEND

One in five Americans spend more than they earn, according to a Federal Reserve Board report. And 44 percent of those surveyed by SunTrust agree that spending on lifestyle purchases, such as dining out and entertainment, is part of the reason they live paycheck to paycheck and save less than they should each month.

A few years ago, Michelle Schroeder-Gardner was living paycheck to paycheck because she was spending about \$1,000 per month on restaurant meals and about \$500 per month on clothing.

"At the time, I didn't realize what kind of problem I had," said Schroeder-Gardner, who now blogs about personal finance at MakingSenseofCents.com. "I was young and not very smart about money, plus it seemed like everyone else around me was doing something similar."

She broke her cycle when she realized she had a spending problem and made a conscious decision to rein in her spending.

2 YOU DON'T HAVE A FINANCIAL PLAN

Only 20 percent of adults have developed a written financial plan, according to Northwestern Mutual's 2015 Planning and Progress Study.

Brian Brandow was among those without a plan for his money. As a result, he was living paycheck to paycheck.



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Do you spend more than you earn? Spending on lifestyle purchases, such as dining out and entertainment, is one reason many people live paycheck to paycheck.

"We finally had a rock bottom moment and had accumulated \$109,000 worth of debt," Brandow said. So he and his family built a budget and created a plan to pay off their debt. They are now debt-free, and he blogs about being responsible with money at DebtDiscipline.com.

If you don't have a plan for your money, one use of it is as good as any other: Without a plan, you invite reckless spending in your life and create new hurdles for getting ahead financially. Learn how to create a spending plan so you can align your expenses with your goals.

3 YOU DON'T HAVE THE NECESSARY EMERGENCY FUND

More than 60 percent of Americans have less than \$1,000 in savings, according to a recent GOBankingRates survey.

This survey suggests that the majority of people likely don't have enough set aside to cover unexpected expenses or emergencies — which could deal a major financial blow to anyone living paycheck to paycheck.

You should create an emergency fund to help you avoid living paycheck to paycheck when unexpected expenses arise, said Bethy Hardeman, chief consumer advocate at Credit Karma.

You can find extra money in your budget to set aside by looking for expenses you can cut, such as subscription services or a gym membership you're not using, she said.

Also, look for fees you can eliminate, such as bank account charges you can avoid by switching to a financial institution with no-fee checking.

You also can come up with extra cash in your budget by negotiating lower rates with your service providers, said Nicole Lapin, a financial expert and author.

"Do a yearly housekeeping call to all of your major bill generators — your cable, phone and Internet companies — and see if there might be a better deal available," she said.

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The Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery in Kankakee is holding its Juried Photography Invitational, beginning Jan. 28. Entries for the contest will be accepted through Sunday.

Art gallery hosting photo contest

Juried competition to begin Jan. 28

THE DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery in Kankakee recently announced the 2016 Juried Photography Invitational will run from Jan. 28-Feb. 25 at the gallery at 901 N. Entrance Ave. in Kankakee inside the Presence Heritage Village.

The gallery is accepting entries for the

competition through Sunday, and entry forms and instructions are available at presencehealth.org/gretchencharltonart-gallery, or call Alyssa Saathoff, director of Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery, at 815-939-4506 or email alyssa.saathoff@presencehealth.org.

Entries will be accepted from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday and Sunday at the gallery.

"We've been getting quite a few entries," Saathoff said.

The Juried Photography Invitational will be judged by Jake Moreland, a Chicago-based photographer and artist. Several artists from the Kankakee community will be presenting their artwork, and there will be many pieces available for purchase.

The opening reception will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 28, with juror comments and awards at 7 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. Wine, beverages and appetizers will be served.

The Charlton Art Gallery's competitions offer an opportunity for local and regional artists to compete for monetary awards and prizes.

WEEKEND CALENDAR

Music

Trivia, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Village Pub, 235 W. Broadway St., Bradley.

DJ Ferg, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Thursday, Out on a Limb, 139 S. Schuyler Ave., Kankakee.

Rev. Raven and The Chain Smokin' Altar Boys, 8 p.m. Thursday, House of Blues, Chicago. For more information, visit houseofblues.com.

Silver Wings Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Moose Lodge, 730 N. Kinzie Ave. (Illinois Route 50), Bradley.

ATM, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Looney Bin, 201 S. Schuyler Ave., Bradley.

DJ, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, BreakAway Bar, 864 W. Broadway St., Bradley. No cover charge.

The Dave King Trio, 7-10 p.m. Friday, Flight 102 Wine Bar, 565 Main St. NW, Bourbonnais. For more information, call 815-556-9463.

Mike Milligan and Steam Shovel, 9 p.m. Friday, House of Blues, Chicago. For more information, visit houseofblues.com.

Backlash, 6-8:30 p.m. Friday-Wednesday, Crazy Joe's Diner, 907 S. Washington Ave., Kankakee.

Gone Country, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Saturday, Bradley American Legion, 835 W. Broadway St., Bradley. No cover.

Karaoke with Lee, 9 p.m. Saturday, Out On a Limb, 139 S. Schuyler Ave., Kankakee.

Live piano music by Patrick Noland, 5 p.m. Saturday and Wednesday, Gravina 801 at 801 W. Broadway St., Bradley. For more information, visit Gravina801.com or 815-937-1801.

Jerry Vernon & The Dune Country Band, 6 p.m. Saturday, Crazy Joe's Diner, 907 S. Washington Ave., Kankakee.

DJ, Saturday, Village Pub, 235 W. Broadway St., Bradley.

Poisoned Crue, Poison-Motley Crue tribute band, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Saturday, Looney Bin, 201 S. Schuyler Ave., Bradley.

Jeffery Austin from The Voice, 7 p.m. Saturday, Arcada Theatre, St. Charles. Tickets start at \$15. For more information, visit oshows.com.

Jimmy Page Birthday Bash with Kashmir, Led Zeppelin tribute band, 9 p.m. Saturday, Arcada Theatre, St. Charles. Tickets start at \$14. For more information, visit oshows.com.

The Elvis Tribute Artist Spectacular, 8 p.m. Saturday, Star Plaza Theatre, Merrillville, Ind. Tickets: \$19-\$49.50. For more information,



Photo by Susan Walker

Rev. Raven and The Chain Smokin' Altar Boys are playing tonight at the House of Blues in Chicago.

visit starplazatheatre.com.

Open mic night, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Sunday, The River House, 597 S. Washington Ave., Kankakee.

Karaoke with The Cool Cat Denny Case, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Monday, Looney Bin, 201 S. Schuyler Ave., Bradley.

Karaoke with DJ Paul, Monday, Village Pub, 235 W. Broadway St., Bradley.

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Dave Coulier

"The Lion King," times vary through Jan. 17, Cadillac Palace Theatre, Chicago. For more information, visit BroadwayinChicago.com.

"Gotta Dance," times vary through Jan. 17, Bank of America Theatre, Chicago. For more information, visit BroadwayinChicago.com.

Family

Ice skating, Ice Valley Centre Ice Arena, 1601 River Road, Kankakee. Public skating: 12-5:30 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, 1:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, 2:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, visit icevalleycentre.com or call 815-939-1946.

Comedy

Comedy Warfare Finals, 7 p.m. Thursday, Looney Bin, 201 S. Schuyler Ave., Bradley. The finalists are Luke Schneider, Brandon Andreasen, Josh Schumacher, Sam Barone, Jon Maddy, Nick Hyde, Russ Shurbert, Jessica Renae and Jon Griffin.

The 15th Annual Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival: SketchFest, times vary through Jan. 17, Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont, Chicago. For tickets and more information, visit Stage773.com or call 773-327-5252.

Dave Coulier, 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, Chicago Improv, 5 Woodfield Road, Schaumburg. Tickets are \$60 for New Year's Eve show, \$22 for all others. For more information, call 847-240-2001 or visit improv.com.

Rachel Feinstein, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, UP Comedy Club, 230 W. North Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$20. For more information, visit upcomedyclub.com.

Ben Kronberg, Sean White and Rebecca O'Neal, 8 p.m. Monday, North Bar, 1637 W. North Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. For more information, visit liveatnorthbar.com.

Theater

"Potted Potter: The Unauthorized Harry Experience," times vary, Broadway Playhouse at Water Tower Place, Chicago. For more information, visit BroadwayinChicago.com.

"Domesticated," times vary through Feb. 7, Steppenwolf Theatre, Chicago. For more information, visit steppenwolf.org.

"Beautiful — The Carole King Musical," times vary through Feb. 21, Oriental Theatre, Chicago. For more information, visit BroadwayinChicago.com.

The Dish

Christie Brinkley's 'Timeless Beauty' details style, diet, more

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all? In the world of 61-year-olds, it's likely that iconic supermodel Christie Brinkley qualifies. And she's sharing just how in a new book, "Timeless Beauty" (Grand Central Life & Style; \$30).

Brinkley says she decided to write the book after gracing the cover of People magazine in a bathing suit at the age of 60, which, she notes, was not her original plan. "I recall saying at 35, this is my last bathing suit cover," says Brinkley, who has appeared on more than 500 magazine covers. But the People stylists brought a swimsuit, so Brinkley decided to give it a shot. "I kind of tiptoed out wearing it."

The cover was a smash, bringing on all kinds of questions: "What do you eat? What kind of exercise do you do? What's your secret?" Brinkley says she started looking at how she managed "challenges in an industry in which I was told I would be chewed up and spit out by the time I was 30. And I decided to write it down." Those challenges include making a Broadway stage debut in 2011 as Roxie Hart in "Chicago," running her own vegan skin care and hair extension lines; not to mention being a devoted

mother to her children, Alexa, 29, Jack, 20 and Sailor, 17.

Brinkley, a vegan who eats organic and cheats only rarely (a sliver of mozzarella in Italy), shares tips on everything from fashion and skin care (she admits to using fillers, and a bad bout with Botox) to fitness and even recipes — zucchini noodles and tomato sauce, anyone? She doles out advice without a hint of bossiness, instead motivating almost as if she were a caring BFF. "I would feel horrible if my book made women feel pressured. My message is you don't have to be perfect to be perfect."

Yeah, yeah, but Christie, do you ever look bad? "Millions of times," she says, laughing. In the '80s, while married to Billy Joel, "I did the Boy George thing, complete with fingerless gloves and multiple braids." Then there was the champion belt buckle she won in a cutting horse competition the size of a dinner plate. "I worked that belt into every outfit, even evening wear. Ugh."

But bottom line, to steal a phrase, is we'll have what's she's having. Here are some Brinkley secrets for keeping Father Time at bay.

Skin: Brinkley is adamant about using sunscreen, and swears by smil-

ing (a natural face-lift, she says) but claims certain items such as walnuts, carrots and oysters (the only raw fish she eats) are super foods for radiant skin.

Makeup: Good brushes are key, Brinkley says, but before you apply, "exfoliate, it makes a huge difference."

Clothes: "I don't believe in 'age-appropriate' dressing. I call it 'body-appropriate.' There's no rule book; bodies come in all sizes and shapes whether you're 20 or 65. I believe in accentuating the positive."

Diet: No more "deny-iting" is her mantra. Instead of obsessing over what you can't have, think about "gifting" yourself with what you can have by making informed choices. "You will be rewarded with more energy, a clear, glowing complexion, shinier hair," and, she writes, "a trimmer figure."

And speaking of slim figures, Brinkley's not keen on weighing herself, but instead has a pair of "honest" jeans. "They're the pair that fits me perfectly when I'm at my ideal weight. So if I'm ever worried that I may have put on a few pounds, I slip into those ... They never lie to me."

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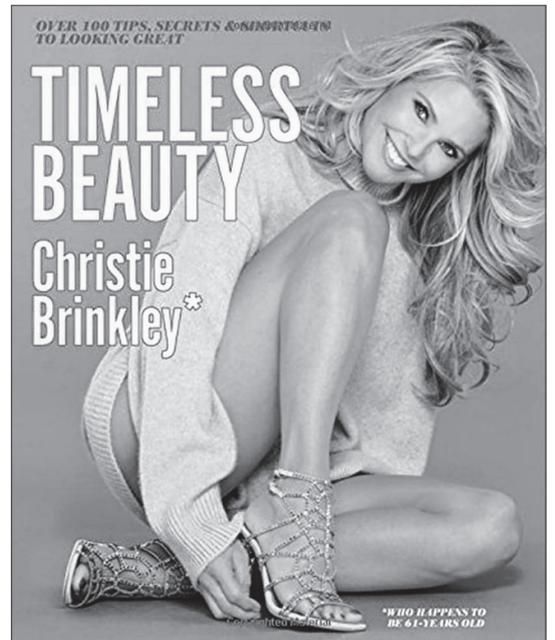


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"Timeless Beauty" by Christie Brinkley.

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CHRISTIE BRINKLEY

New series for Jane Lynch and Jennifer Lopez

Jane Lynch makes the most of her turn in "Angel From Hell" (8:30 p.m., CBS, TV-14). That's pretty much all you need to know about this new sitcom. Its thin premise involves pretty workaholic dermatologist Allison (Maggie Lawson, "Psych"), who encounters Amy (Lynch), a mysterious stranger who claims to be her celestial guardian. Amy knows things of a private, intimate and even scatological nature about Allison and shows up at the oddest times just to give her a push in the right direction. If she's from heaven, then why does she act (and, presumably, smell) like an alcoholic street person?

The notion of a mere mortal who's a bit of a stiff with a supernatural secret friend is hardly new or original. It helps that Lynch plays her role as magical derelict to the hilt. She projects the off-kilter, say-anything anarchy of a young Bill Murray channeled by the sassy-old-broad spirit of the late Elaine Stritch. One almost expects CBS to create a blooper reel of the many times Lynch cracks up Lawson and other cast members, including Kevin Pollak.

An improvisational legend, Lynch has made a career of stealing movies from better-known talents ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Best in Show," "Walk Hard," "Talladega Nights"). But in all of those movies, she burst out of relatively small parts. Is her role at the center of "Angel" just too much of a good thing? Probably not.

• A game supporting cast



Photo courtesy of CBS

Glee alum Jane Lynch is playing the worst (or best) guardian angel ever on the new CBS comedy "Angel From Hell."



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TUNE IN
TONIGHT

and well-crafted plotting cannot distinguish "Shades of Blue" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14) from a glut of police procedurals. It doesn't help that its notable star, Jennifer Lopez, is its weakest element.

As "Blue" begins, detective Harlee Santos (Lopez) is already talking to her vanity, asking herself why and when it all went wrong. We meet her as a feisty cop who belongs to a tight-knit Brooklyn unit. They take care of their own, and they share when they shake out local criminals for protection. After an incident goes south, they concoct stories to get past the internal affairs investigation.

Ray Liotta ("Goodfellas") plays the gang's leader; Lt. Matt Wozniak, a man who takes a paternal interest in Santos and her daughter. Drea de Matteo ("The

Sopranos") also stars. Their presence cannot redeem the script from clunky, unnatural dialogue (e.g., "Just where do I go to get back my soul?"). It's not enough that Santos' daughter is bright. She has to be a brilliant, Juilliard-bound cellist. But the central problem here is that Lopez, famous for being a glamorous pop star, is woefully miscast as a mere civil servant.

• The search for the least-interesting network show might be over: "My Diet Is Better Than Yours" (8 p.m., ABC) debuts tonight.

• One would think the gruesome reality TV exploitation of Bobbi Kristina Brown and her subsequent death would inspire some reflection about exposing the children of flamboyant pop stars. But thinking is not what "Growing Up Hip Hop" (9 p.m., WE, TV-14) is all about.

• Hideous stage mothers and helicopter parents of a more cerebral sort (rather than, say, "Dance Moms") play a pivotal part in "Child Genius: Battle of the Brightest" (7 p.m., Lifetime, TV-PG).

• The cable hit "Lip Sync Battle" (9 p.m., Spike, TV-PG) returns for a second season with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan-Tatum.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• Auditions continue on "American Idol" (7 p.m., Fox, TV-PG).

• Sharks follow up on "Beyond the Tank" (7 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

• Aram and Red go all out for Elizabeth's safety on "The Blacklist" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

• Watson's work might have inspired a shadowy

author on "Elementary" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

• Jack McBrayer joins the cast of the absurd David Cross comedy "Todd Margaret" (9 p.m., IFC, TV-MA), entering its third season.

SERIES NOTES

A subtle sales call on "The Big Bang Theory" (7 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) ... Human extinction is on the table on "Heroes Reborn" (7 p.m., NBC, TV-14) ... Stefan and Damon continue their search on Questions of compatibility on "Life in Pieces" (7:30 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) ... Christy aims to please on "Mom" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14)

LATE NIGHT

Dalia Mogahed is booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (10 p.m., Comedy Central) ... Ricky Gervais, Marsai Martin and Rory Scovel appear on "Conan" (10 p.m., TBS) ... Damian Lewis, America Ferrera and the Floyd-Little Double Dutch Team are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS) ... Jimmy Fallon welcomes Mark Ruffalo and Kendrick Lamar on "The Tonight Show" (10:34 p.m., NBC) ... Cate Blanchett, Kevin Durant and Vance Joy appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC) ... Tim Roth, La La Anthony, Jillian Bell and Charlotte Newhouse visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (11:37 p.m., NBC) ... Gael Garcia Bernal and Meghan Trainor appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (11:37 p.m., CBS).

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Paying income tax on Social Security benefits

Dear Savvy Senior, Will I have to pay federal income taxes on my Social Security benefits when I retire? — Approaching Retirement

Dear Approaching,

Whether or not you'll be required to pay federal income tax on your Social Security benefits will depend on your income and filing status. About 35 percent of Social Security recipients have total incomes high enough to trigger federal income tax on their benefits.

To figure out if your benefits will be taxable, you'll need to add up all of your "provisional income," which includes wages, taxable and non-taxable interest, dividends, and other taxable income, plus half your annual Social Security benefits, minus certain deductions used in figuring your adjusted gross income.

HOW TO CALCULATE

To help you with the calculations, get a copy of IRS Publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits," which provides detailed instructions and worksheets. You can download it at irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf or call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy.

After you do the calculations, the IRS says that if you're single and your total income from all of the listed sources is:

• Less than \$25,000, your Social Security will not be subject to federal income tax.

• Between \$25,000 and \$34,000, up to 50 percent of your Social Security benefits will be taxed at your regular income-tax rate.

• More than \$34,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits will be taxed.

If you're married and filing jointly and the total from all sources is:

• Less than \$32,000, your Social Security won't be taxed.

• Between \$32,000 and \$44,000, up to 50 percent of your Social Security benefits will be taxed.

• More than \$44,000, up to 85 percent of your ben-

efits will be taxed.

If you're married and file a separate return, you probably will pay taxes on your benefits.

To limit potential taxes on your benefits, you'll need to be cautious when taking distributions from retirement accounts or other sources. In addition to triggering ordinary income tax, a distribution that significantly raises your gross income can bump the proportion of your Social Security benefits subject to taxes.

HOW TO FILE

If you find that part of your Social Security benefits will be taxable, you'll need to file using Form 1040 or Form 1040A. You cannot use Form 1040EZ. You also need to know that if you do owe taxes, you'll need to make quarterly estimated tax payments to the IRS or you can choose to have it automatically withheld from your benefits.

To have it withheld, you'll need to complete IRS Form W-4V, Voluntary Withholding Request (irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf), and file it with your local Social Security office. You can choose to have 7 percent, 10 percent, 15 percent or 25 percent of your total benefit payment withheld. If you subsequently decide you don't want the taxes withheld, you can file another W-4V to stop the withholding.

STATE TAXATION

In addition to the federal government, 13 states — Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia — tax Social Security benefits to some extent too. If you live in one of these states, check with your state tax agency for details.

For questions on taxable Social Security benefits call the IRS help line at 800-829-1040, or visit an IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center (see www.irs.gov/localcontacts) where you can get face-to-face help.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Twin Cities religious organizations are pairing worship with alcohol

BY NATALIE DAHER

Star Tribune (Minneapolis) (TNS)

MINNEAPOLIS — If a man was proclaiming religious ideas from a soapbox on Hennepin Avenue, what would you — or Jesus — do?

Perhaps you could try pondering the issue over a brew.

A small group imbibed and pontificated on this scenario recently in a northeast Minneapolis living room. Booze, scripture and YouTube helped anoint the latest Bible and Brew hosted by Nicholas and Kristin Tangen, both 30 and members of Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in the Northeast neighborhood.

“We really try and look at the intersection of faith and life,” Nicholas Tangen said of the group he founded last summer. “I think that fits well with sitting around a table with some beer.”

The gathering is one of many monthly events across the Twin Cities area combining faith-based activities and alcohol.

Some are local, such as Humble Walk Lutheran Church’s Beer and Hymns, which is in its fifth year at Shamrocks in St. Paul, Minn. Others are chapters in national series, such as Theology on Tap, hosted by parish cooperatives West Metro Young Adults in Minneapolis and Cathedral Young Adults in St. Paul.

Some are aimed at specific audiences, such as a women’s Wine and Dessert night at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Minneapolis. Others focus on craft beers, including St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, which hosts What Would Jesus Brew?

“We’re not trying to lure you as a bait and switch into our organization,” said the Rev. Jodi Houge of Humble Walk Lutheran Church in St. Paul. “If you show up, you’re already in. There’s no secret agenda.”

The groups all uncork ideas in spaces outside God’s house, and drinking is neither encouraged nor required.

As the number of U.S. Christians wanes, according to studies by Pew Research Center, the groups offer alternative ways to strengthen religious worship, reaching out to people who are looking for something beyond the traditional.

“It’s much more likely for twenty-somethings to get together at a local pub for food, fellowship and faith, rather than a church basement,” said Peter Engelmeyer, 27, of West Metro Young Adults. “It’s a lot more of a relaxed atmosphere.”

The weekly events, held most recently at Champps in Minnetonka, allow Catholics to connect with one another and explore their faith, including a “grill the priest” opportunity, organizers say.

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Members of the Bible and Brew group from Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church imbibed and pontificated on mortality, work-life balance, discrimination and more.

pulpit, it’s a very one-sided conversation,” said the group’s adviser, the Rev. Joseph Johnson of Holy Family Catholic Church in St. Louis Park. Instead, “there’s a give-and-take in conversation, so that you can hopefully flesh out what questions people have.”

WIDE-OPEN SPACES

A night at the Tangens’ roundtable deep-dives into economics, politics and social issues.

To prompt the 7:30 p.m. discussion, Nicholas Tangen toggled a PlayStation 2 remote to play a video of a street performer in New York City. In the video, performer Matthew Silver plays John the Baptist. Shirtless and bearded, he bellows at the crowd, “Live in the moment! Don’t get old! Don’t judge people!” Nicholas then read the gospel (Luke 3:7-18).

The group of 10 debated: Does mortality pack the same punch these days as during New Testament times?

“There’s a sense of non-urgency around death now,” Kristin Tangen said about an hour into the group’s three-hour chat.

That same attitude might apply to being proactive about goals or recognizing the threat of global warming, she said. We all nestle comfortably into modernity’s promises, she added.

Her husband added, “Live today like it’s your last’ sounds so trite,” but does it have credence? He wondered: Should we dismiss such simple adages?

“Where does YOLO [you only live once] fit into all of this?” posed Josh Meuwissen, 25, another congregation member.

The conversation, complemented by snacks, stewed more questions: What makes a prophet?

Suddenly enlivened, Tanner Hall interjected: “People who use strategic communication — they make their point in a way that made people want to write it down.” Someone felt motivated

to transcribe biblical preachings, the group noted, right?

“Was John the Baptist this autonomous person who had full agency in making things this way?” Hall wondered.

It was almost 9 p.m. by then, and his glass was half-empty. Or maybe half-full.

COME ONE, COME ALL

The Tangens started hosting Bible and Brew because its ingredients existed: a rich beer culture in northeast Minneapolis and a desire to connect over subjects often left unspoken. They also pointed out that their faith’s founder, Martin Luther, was known to dwell in pubs.

Bubbly people, the Tangens — who are hoping to expand with a pedal pub during the spring — direct the conversation into fluid, judgment-free zones.

Alyssa Meuwissen, 25, started attending the meetings because she missed the intellectual conversations at her alma mater, the College of St. Benedict. For Adithya Connerton, a first-timer, the gathering was another pillar in her ongoing struggle with Christianity. Connerton, 29, belongs to a Presbyterian church and is married to an atheist, who has taught her kindness and patience, she said.

The group discussed misunderstanding parents, work-life balance, questions of systematic discrimination and effects of social media. And they talked about the stranger shouting on Hennepin Avenue.

Is this orator a soothsayer? Is he beckoning for attention? Or, perhaps, mentally ill? And would you ignore him or stop and listen to the diatribe, maybe even dropping a coin in his bottom-up hat that was serving as a collection plate?

There were no easy answers. “That’s the question we should leave with here tonight,” Hall suggested.

Wife says time has run out for soccer enthusiast

DEAR ABBY: My husband, an avid soccer player, injured himself twice last year, which left him unable to work for months at a time. He refuses to hang up his cleats because he says it’s his “one true passion.” I think he’s being selfish because his soccer injuries have caused a financial, emotional and physical strain on our family.

I can’t be the only wife/mom who doesn’t want the additional risk. Any advice on how to get through to him? — **SPORTS WIFE IN CLEVELAND**

DEAR SPORTS WIFE: I don’t know how old your husband is, but two serious injuries in one year may be a hint from Father Time that his reflexes aren’t as acute as they once were, and he should channel his passion in another direction. (Coaching, perhaps?)

Assuming you have insurance, contact your agent and ask if there is additional coverage your husband can take out in case he is seriously injured again. Of course, it won’t guarantee that he won’t hurt himself, but it might give you some peace of mind in case he does.

DEAR ABBY: I’m 23 and live with my parents — a situation I am working to change, to be sure. When I come home from work, I occasionally like to have a glass of wine or a beer. Obviously, because I’m an adult, this should not be a problem, but every time I touch alcohol my mom freaks out.

There is a history of alcoholism in my family, so I somewhat understand where she’s coming from. But I feel she needs to realize that I can have a glass

or two of wine and it doesn’t mean I’m getting drunk or an alcoholic. I am my own person, in control of my body, and I know my limits.

My family’s view of alcohol seems to have been skewed because of our history. Abby, one glass of wine a night does not an alcoholic make, right? — **UNWINDING IN NEW ENGLAND**

DEAR UNWINDING: Ordinarily, I would say no. But a tendency toward addiction can run in families, and for someone with a predisposition to alcoholism, a glass (or two) of wine every night could escalate and lead to problems.

Because you live in your mother’s house, try to be more sensitive to her feelings and respect them. She has experienced firsthand what it’s like to live with someone who has an alcohol problem, and it isn’t pretty. That’s why she is so sensitive about it.

DEAR ABBY: My neighbor often comes over to share some of her home cooking. Unfortunately, it tastes horrible. She invariably asks me the next day how I liked it, and I really don’t enjoy lying. How can I tell her I don’t like her cooking and I don’t want her to bring me any more? — **TENDER TUMMY IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR TENDER TUMMY: Use a variation on your signature and say that although you appreciate her generosity, for some time her cooking hasn’t agreed with you — you have a “tender tummy” — so please refrain from bringing over any more food.

Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Soup supper

Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McArdle Road, Coal City, will have a “Hallelujah” soup supper from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday. Homemade cheesy potato and stuffed green pepper soups will be served. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 children age 6-12, \$2 for children age 3-5, free children 3 and younger. All proceeds will go to the church’s building fund. Tickets will be sold at the door. Each meal includes choice of soup, sandwich, crackers, beverage, ice cream and dessert. Carry-outs are available.

Pancake and Mexican breakfast

Aquinas Catholic Academy eighth grade and Knights of Columbus St. Teresa Council No. 14012 will serve a pancake and Mexican breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday at the Lisieux Pastoral Center, 371 N. St. Joseph Ave., Kankakee. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 per family. It will feature eggs, beans, rice, chorizo, chilaquiles, pancakes, sausage and beverages.

Food pantry

Wesley’s Table Food Pantry at Wesley United Methodist Church, 500 N. Cleveland St., Bradley, will be open from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays for Bradley and Bourbonnais residents. For more information, call the church at 815-933-7932.

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CHURCH SCROLL

Asbury United Methodist Church, Kankakee

196 S. Harrison Ave. Rev. Scott Henley, pastor. 815-933-4408, www.kasbury.org.
SUN: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. praise and worship. 9:15 a.m. school. 10:45 a.m. children’s church.
WED: 5 p.m. Bread of Life fellowship meal. 6 p.m. small group studies/youth group/G.E.O. Kidz.

Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church, Bonfield

348 E. Smith St. Pastor Mel Nielson. 815-802-9805.
SUN: 9:15 a.m. school and Bible study (resumes Sept. 20). 10:30 a.m. worship.

Bonfield First United Methodist Church, Bonfield

173 N. Church St. Pastor Mel Nielson. 815-802-9805.
SUN: 9:15 a.m. worship. 10:30 a.m. school and Bible study.

Bradley Evangelical United Methodist, Bradley

600 W. Broadway St. Miranda Dinges, pastor. 815-401-5398.
SUN: 9:30 a.m. school. 10:45 a.m. worship.

Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Bourbonnais

310 Main St. NW. The Rev. Robert Bushey, Jr., pastor. 815-939-4433, cccbournonais.com.
SUN: 10 a.m. coffee/fellowship time. 10:30 a.m. worship.
WED: 6:30 p.m. packing food for Blessing in a Backpack.

Christian Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Hopkins Park

3939 S. Main St. Rev. Clarence L. Dailey Jr., pastor. 815-214-4904.
SUN: 9:30 a.m. school. 11 a.m. worship.

First Presbyterian Church, Kankakee

371 E. Court St. Rev. Jonathan Krogh, pastor. 815-693-3289, www.firstpreskankakee.org.
SUN: 11 a.m. worship (school available for children during). Sermons posted online weekly.

First Presbyterian Church of St. Anne

334 S. St. Louis Ave. Rev. Mike Seed. 815-427-8430.
SUN: 9 a.m. adult Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. morning worship. 10:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday school. Nursery is available.
SAT: 8 a.m. men’s breakfast (2nd).
THURS: 7 p.m. Prayer Encounter (2nd and 4th).

Grace Baptist Church, Kankakee

2499 Waldron Road. Dwight Ascher, pastor. 815-939-4579, gracebaptist-church.com.
SUN: 9:30 a.m. worship. 11 a.m. school for all ages. 6 p.m. evening worship and youth group.
WED: 6 p.m. Awana club (children 3 years to 8th grade).
THURS: 6 p.m. prayer meeting and bible study

Grace Community United Methodist Church, Bourbonnais

735 Main St. NW. Pastor Mary Brady. 815-932-4011, www.bourbonnaisgrace.org.
SAT: 5 p.m. worship. • **SUN:** 8:45 a.m. worship (nursery provided). 10 a.m. school. 11 a.m. Celebration worship (nursery provided).

Grand Prairie United Methodist Church, Bonfield

Illinois Route 17 West. Pastor Mel Nielson. 815-802-9805.
SUN: 8 a.m. worship. 9:15 a.m. school and Bible study.

Life Center, Kankakee

656 N. Harrison Ave. Pastor Grace Gordon-Smith. 779-240-1440.
SUN: 9 a.m. Christian education. 10 a.m. celebration service. 4 p.m. evening fellowship service (3rd).
TUES: 7 p.m. prayer.

Limestone Community Church of the Nazarene, Kankakee

863 N. 5000W. Rev. Brandon Hird, pastor. Mike Pierson, youth pastor. 815-592-2768.
SUN: 9:30 a.m. school. 10:45 a.m. worship.
WED: 6 p.m. Bible study. 6:30 p.m. Light House.
THURS: 6:30 p.m. ladies Bible study.

Onarga United Methodist Church, Onarga

109 E. Seminary Ave. Pastor Elizabeth Reis. 815-268-4320.
SUN: 9 a.m. worship and school.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bradley

975 W. Brookmont Blvd. Pastor Patty Heath. 815-932-1848, oursaviorlutheran.info.
SUN: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion. 9:15 a.m. education hour.

Peoples Church, Bourbonnais

6644 N. 1000W Road (Career Center Road). Pastor Greg Eilders. 815-468-1900. www.peopleschurchtoday.org.
SUN: 8 a.m. Peoples Perk coffee shop opens. 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship (nursery provided). 11 a.m. PC Kids (grades preK-5). Home Bible study groups meet throughout the month.

St. John United Church of Christ, Kankakee

1045 W. River Street. Rev. Barbara Lohrbach, pastor. 815-932-3336, www.stjohnucc-kan-il.org. Open and affirming congregation.
SUN: 9:15 a.m. Bible study. 10 a.m. coffee time and J.A.M. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship. Communion (1st).

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Kankakee

348 E. Merchant St. Rev. Karl Koeppen. Rev. Michael Hanel. 815-932-0312, www.stpaulslutheran.net.
SAT: 5 p.m. traditional worship at Kankakee church.
SUN: 8:30 a.m. traditional worship. 9:50 a.m. adult/children school. 11:05 a.m. contemporary worship. All Sunday events held at 1780 Career Center Road, Bourbonnais.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Kankakee

936 S. Third Ave. Miranda Dinges, pastor. 815-932-8151.
SUN: 8:30 a.m. school. 9:30 a.m. worship.

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900 W. Jeffery St. Pastor Todd W. Peeler. 815-939-7291.
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WED: 7 p.m. Bible studies for all ages.
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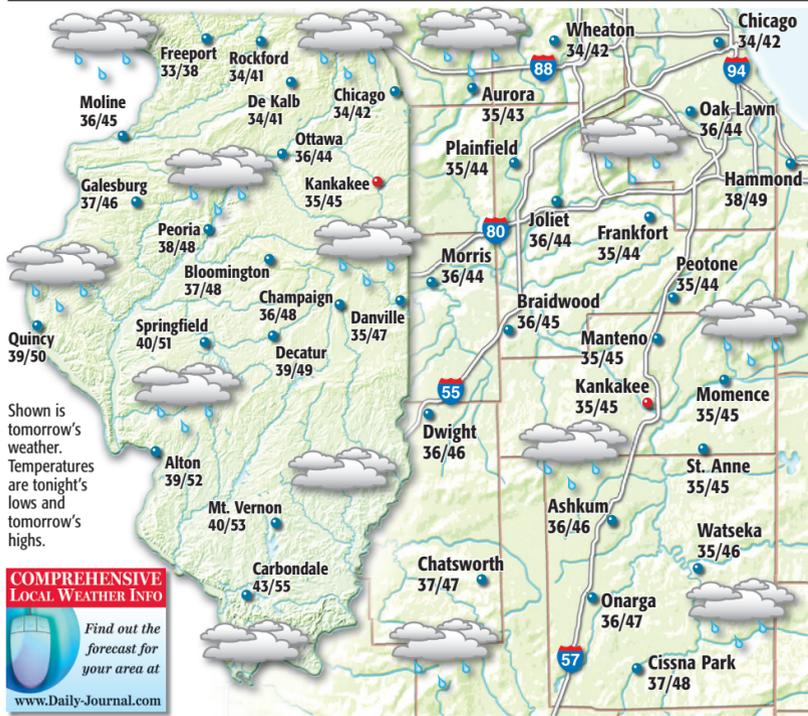
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5-DAY FORECAST FOR KANKAKEE

TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOW 35 Fog with rain and drizzle	45 Foggy with a little rain	45 Rain	21 A.M. flurries; windy, much colder	COLD 20 Partly sunny and frigid

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Statistics for Kankakee for 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Temperature
 High 41
 Low 21
 Normal High 32
 Normal Low 17

Precipitation
 Yesterday 0.00"
 Total month to date 0.01"
 Normal month to date 0.45"
 Year to date 0.01"
 Normal year to date 0.45"

Heating Degree Days
 Yesterday 34
 Month to date 224
 Season to date 1990
 Normal season to date 2559

FARM REPORT

Fog tonight with occasional rain and drizzle. Winds southeast 6-12 mph. Chance of precipitation 60% with average relative humidity 90%. A little rain tomorrow. Winds south 6-12 mph. Expect less than 2 hours of sunshine.

Growing Degree Days

Yesterday 0
 Season to date 3397
 Normal season to date 2992

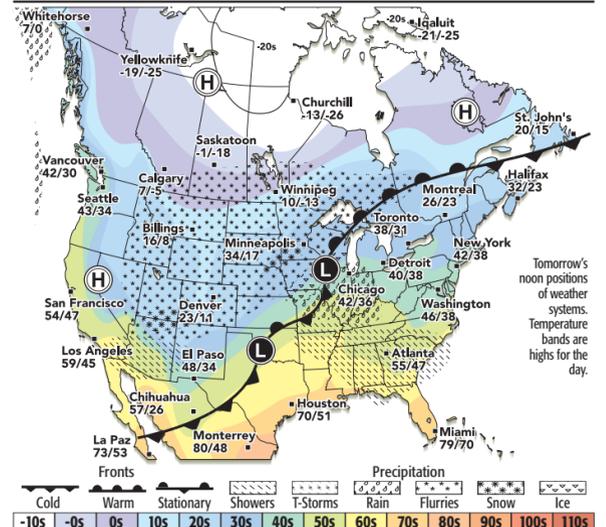
SUN AND MOON

Friday
 Sunrise 7:17 a.m.
 Sunset 4:39 p.m.
 Moonrise 5:42 a.m.
 Moonset 3:47 p.m.



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NATIONAL FORECAST



U.S. CITIES

City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	55/47/pc	59/46/r	Los Angeles	59/45/pc	55/44/r	Portland, Ore.	44/34/pc	42/35/c
Boston	41/35/pc	45/40/c	Memphis	63/53/pc	58/31/r	St. Louis	56/40/c	44/18/sn
Cincinnati	51/44/r	51/35/s	Miami	79/70/pc	81/72/sh	Salt Lake City	33/27/sf	34/24/c
Dallas	68/40/pc	50/30/pc	Milwaukee	40/34/r	38/21/sn	San Diego	61/50/pc	61/54/r
Denver	23/11/sn	24/10/pc	New Orleans	71/57/pc	70/45/pc	San Francisco	54/47/pc	56/43/r
Indianapolis	48/44/c	50/26/r	New York	42/38/pc	49/43/sh	Seattle	43/34/pc	44/37/pc
Kansas City	43/29/c	30/10/sn	Philadelphia	45/37/pc	50/46/sh	Wash., D.C.	46/38/r	52/45/sh

WORLD CITIES

City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	87/72/pc	87/73/pc	Geneva	45/40/r	50/39/r	Paris	48/39/r	50/42/sh
Baghdad	67/48/r	65/42/c	Hong Kong	68/62/s	69/64/c	Singapore	88/76/t	88/77/t
Amsterdam	45/39/c	45/42/c	London	49/40/pc	51/41/r	Sydney	75/65/s	81/66/pc
Athens	61/48/s	63/51/pc	Madrid	56/45/sh	53/48/sh	Tokyo	51/40/pc	54/36/pc
Bangkok	91/77/pc	92/77/pc	Mexico City	71/40/s	72/43/s	Toronto	38/31/r	43/38/c
Beijing	33/12/s	38/16/s	Moscow	9/3/c	10/6/sn	Vancouver	42/30/pc	42/32/pc
Buenos Aires	81/62/pc	86/67/s	Oslo	28/25/sn	32/30/sn	Vienna	41/29/pc	38/33/sn

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Cheerful spirit



Submitted photo

Employees of Mantano Dialysis, Gina Kravitz, of Bourbonnais, and Sarah Spence, of Kankakee, wore ugly Christmas shirts to cheer up their patients. Many patients said they made what usually is an ordinary treatment day turn out to be more cheerful for them during the week before Christmas.

Santa visit



Submitted photo

Linda Woodall, of Kankakee, visits with Santa Claus at Northfield Square mall.

Class of 1962



Submitted photo

Kankakee High School classmates from 1962, who meet monthly for lunch, celebrated Christmas at the Kankakee Country Club. Pictured, in the back row, from left, are Linda Hodges, Bourbonnais; Diane Arseneau, Beaverville; and Nene Anglin, Kankakee. In the front row are April Carlson, Bourbonnais; Nancy Cyr, Bradley; Mary Yarno, Bourbonnais; Janet Watt, Bourbonnais; and Joan Boudreau, St. Anne.

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A copy of the application and related materials are available for public inspection at Kankakee Community College, 100 College Drive, Kankakee, Illinois 60901.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KANKAKEE COUNTY - KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Donna K. Cole, et. al. DEFENDANTS

15CH 00069

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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TRACT 1: LOT 14, BLOCK 1, EAST SHOREACRES SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST FRACTIONAL QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SAID SUBDIVISION BEING A PART OF LOTS 2, 5 (EAST OF AROMA PARK) AND THAT PORTION OF LOT 6, LYING EAST OF THE AROMA PARK ROAD, AS SURVEYED BY JEDIAH WOOLLEY, OCTOBER 24, 1849, RECORDED IN BOOK 4, PAGE 180 KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 12-17-15-207-006 Improved with Single Family Home

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COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 103 Julie Drive Kankakee, IL 60901

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF KANKAKEE, STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff(s),

vs. LINDA J. KEMPEN A/K/A LINDA KEMPEN, Defendant(s).

Case No. 15 CH 128

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mentioned, situated in the County of Kankakee, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

LOT 30, CRITES SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 280 WEST COUNTRY COURT, BOURBONNAIS, IL 60914 P.I.N. 17-09-20-109-004

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a single family residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1.

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #06185808 Timothy R. Yuelil - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Richard Drezek - ARDC #6301323 Nathan J. Buikema - ARDC #6302969 Brian D. Nevel - ARDC #6309771 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevel-law.com SL # 15-00836

KANKAKEE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given by publication that the following action is pending in the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court of Kankakee County

Title: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. Plaintiff,

vs. DANIEL DONOHUE; HOMESTAR BANK AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, as Mortgagee; SCHOENBECK FARMS, IV, LP; MUNICIPAL TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, AS TRUSTEE OF A TRUST AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 18, 1997 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 1150; NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants.

Case No. 15 ED 1

TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED

Complaint for Condemnation of Permanent and Temporary Easements For a Water Distribution System

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Regarding property described as:

PIN NO. 02-03-04-100-012

Legal Description of Property:

TRACT 1. COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, 25779 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 280.00 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 77 79 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 85.00 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 180 00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE NORTH 195.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

TRACT 2. A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 4, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, SAID POINT TO BE KNOWN AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 195 00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, SAID POINT TO BE KNOWN AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.35 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

Permanent Easement:

A STRIP A LAND 30 FEET IN WIDTH LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 4 WHICH LIES WITHIN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT:

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LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 77 79 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 85.00 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 180 00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE NORTH 195.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

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Temporary Easement:

A STRIP A LAND 20 FEET IN WIDTH LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO THE EAST LINE OF PERMANENT EASEMENT REQUIRED WHICH LIES WITHIN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT:

TRACT 1. COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, 257.79 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 280.00 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 77 79 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 85.00 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, 180 00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE NORTH 195.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

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ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 195 00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, SAID POINT TO BE KNOWN AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PIN NO. 02-03-04-100-010

Legal Description of Property:

THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (EXCEPTING APPROXIMATELY THREE ACRES IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF) OF SECTION 4 IN TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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Temporary Easement:

A STRIP A LAND 20 FEET IN WIDTH LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO THE EAST LINE OF PERMANENT EASEMENT REQUIRED WHICH LIES WITHIN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT: THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (EXCEPTING APPROXIMATELY THREE ACRES IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF) OF SECTION 4 IN TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SUMNER TOWNSHIP, KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN NO. 02-03-09-100-002

Legal Description of Property:

A PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 9 A DIS-

Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

4	9	1	5					
6	1	3	9				8	
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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

A XYDLBBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

1-7 CRYPTOQUOTE

R X M N D T Y N R U X M J U D

O R G R X H F O R J A : V F I

F N N A X N R U X . P A F M N U X R M Q A B .

N A O O F P U T N R N . — W F D I

U O R G A D

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE HEART OF ANOTHER IS A DARK FOREST, ALWAYS, NO MATTER HOW CLOSE IT HAS BEEN TO ONE'S OWN. — WILLA CATHER

YOUR HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

FRIDAY, JAN. 8, 2016

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Emphasize work and those in charge. You might feel a bit like a kid, as you'll need to answer to others. Say yes, because there's really no alternative. Pull back some. Be willing to assess these situations and make a decision accordingly. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Reach out to someone who can help you sort through a situation. Not only is this person's viewpoint very different, but his or her way of handling a problem is as well. If you are comfortable with this new perspective, try to work with it. Tonight: Try a new spot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Deal with someone directly, and you will get better results. The ball might not be in your court, but there is no reason to think that you can't deal with what is happening. You'll come through at the last minute because you can discipline your mind. Tonight: Do the unusual.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You understand feeling out of control, as you experience frequent mood changes. You will discover how important it is to change directions and move past a self-imposed restriction. Someone else demands control, so let him or her have it. Tonight: Go along for the ride.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You could be in the middle of a controversy and wish you weren't. Go about your business, and refuse to get involved in an overassertive conversation. Passions run high, even at home. Maintain a sense of humor, smile and allow others to let off steam. Tonight: Call it early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Communication remains off when dealing with a child or family member. Try as you may, this person can't seem to understand your message. Resist judging him or her. Give up being so critical, and try to walk in this person's shoes. Tonight: Let off some steam.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Tension is high, and you might misread someone's gesture. You can't be sure enough of yourself right now. Try not to take any statement or misunderstanding personally. Get to the bottom of a problem through a non-defensive approach. Tonight: Play it easy, but curb spending.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You will pound on someone's door in attempt to get his or her attention. When you want contact, you won't rest until you have it. Your ability to come to terms with a problem needs to emerge. Consider pulling back some. Tonight: Hang out with a friend or loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Balance your checkbook before you walk out the door. You need that security more than you realize. Someone might make an offer, which, for some reason, could anger you. Rather than respond quickly, pull back and think. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner and a movie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You might feel unusually energized, as the New Moon is in your sign. You radiate a certain amount of magic, which attracts others. Avoid a quarrel by using your magnetism. Do not underestimate your people skills. Tonight: Wherever you are is where others want to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might feel burdened, tired or simply not in the mood to hear a lot of comments and demands coming from others. If you can take the day off from the constant grind, you will be able to recharge your batteries. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Keep in mind your expectations and where you are heading. You can do only so much, but today you have a better chance of achieving more of what you desire. Keep that fact in mind, even if you get into a squabble with someone at a distance. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

1 Squander 1 Existed

6 Weigh-in need 2 Pharaoh's symbol

11 Pasty 3 Has a gunfight

12 Jacket part 4 Shore flier

13 Soccer or softball 5 Competitor

14 Urge forward 6 Like a snail's trail

15 Cloverleaf part 7 Scout's base

17 Nogoodnik 8 Phone download

19 One or more 9 Sheltered side

20 Hit show letters 10 Wing

23 Nod 16 Dove's stance

25 Mail unit 17 Hoarse

26 Blowing a fuse 18 "... who lived in —"

28 Rain heavily

29 Twist spinoff

30 To date

31 Frodo's friend

32 Kayo count

33 Tatters

35 Dutch capital, with "The"

38 Canine, e.g.

41 Outcast

42 Blue hue

43 Rendezvoused

Storage/Garage/Warehouse

R & D Storage Rental, 1497 Grinnell Rd. Kankakee. Units avail. immediately call 815-922-3594 for details

Townhouse/Condo

Bourbonnais, 738 River Place. 2 bdrm, 2 bath. No pets. Full basement, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances. Month to month lease. \$1,900/mo. 815.929.9381

BOURBONNAIS AFFORDABLE NOW! MOVE IN SPECIAL! 2 & 3 bdrms town-homes w/1 car attached garage. 815-530-0186

BOURBONNAIS TOWNHOUSE 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath, stove, refrigerator, 1 yr. lease, references. Washer/dryer furnished. No smoking, no pets. \$725/mo. Call 815-592-3173

Real Estate Public Notices

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PIN 12-17-15-207-006 Improved with Single Family Home

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vs.

LINDA J. KEMPEN A/K/A LINDA KEMPEN, Defendant(s).

Case No. 15 CH 128

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Kankakee County, Illinois, will on February 3, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 AM, at the Kankakee County Courthouse, 450 East Court Street, Kankakee, Illinois 60901, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Kankakee, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

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WHAT? YES, MOM. THE KIDS GOT YOUR GIFTS.

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YOU'RE STILL GETTING EVEN WITH ME FOR MY JUNIOR HIGH YEARS, AREN'T YOU?

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BREVITY BY GUY AND RODD



HE'S GETTING AWAY! SHOULD WE TRANSFORM AND FLY IN PURSUIT?

MEH, I WOULDN'T GO TO BAT FOR HIM.

GET FUZZY BY DARBY CONLEY



I SEE YOUR SWEDISH BOAT IS FINISHED! I WAS GOIN' OUT TO SCORE SOME 'NIP, BUT I HAVE TWO MINUTES TO WRECK YOUR TOY. FIGHT LIKE A SWEDE, SIR!

I'M NOT GONNA FIGHT YOU, IF YOU'RE GONNA DO IT, JUST GET IT OVER WITH.

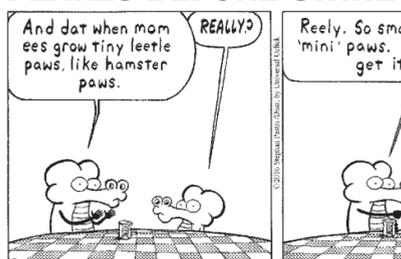
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I SAID FIGHT LIKE A SWEDER, NOT A SWISSER. COME ON! FIGHT!

NO! I'M OBJECTING CONSCIENTIOUSLY. AW, FOR CRYIN' OUT... ARE YOU GETTING MORE ANNOYING OR AM I GETTING LESS TOLERANT? YOU'RE... WAIT, THAT'S A TRICK...

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE BY STEPHAN PASTIS

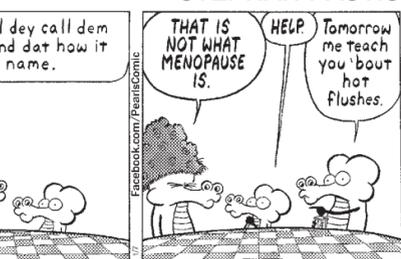


And dat when mom ees grow tiny leetle paws, like hamster paws.

REALLY?

Reely. So small dey call dem 'mini' paws. And dat how it get its name.

BY STEPHAN PASTIS



THAT IS NOT WHAT MENOPAUSE IS. HELP Tomorrow me teach you 'bout hot flushes.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE BY LYNN JOHNSTON



HOW HAS LAWRENCE ACCEPTED YOUR MARRIAGE, CONNIE?

NOT AS WELL AS I'D HOPED. HE LIKES GREG. HE JUST DOESN'T WANT TO SHARE ME.

BY LYNN JOHNSTON



GREG WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LAWRENCE - BUT LAWRENCE DOESN'T WANT TO BE ADOPTED.

HE SAYS THAT, IN PROTEST, HE'S KEEPING HIS MAIDEN NAME!

HI AND LOIS BY DIK BROWNE



HOO HOO HOO

DO YOU THINK THAT OWL IS TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING?

YEAH... WHO IS OUT IN FREEZING COLD WEATHER LIKE THIS?

PICKLES BY BRIAN CRANE



YOU'RE WEARING SHORT PANTS IN JANUARY?

YEAH, IT'S A PRETTY NICE DAY, SO I THOUGHT I'D GIVE MY LEGS SOME FRESH AIR.

BY BRIAN CRANE



ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT? NOPE.

PERSONALLY, I DON'T WEAR SHORT PANTS AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS.

Comics

PEANUTS BY CHARLES SCHULZ



WELL, HOW IS YOUR YEAR COMING?

IT'S NOT MY YEAR ANY MORE... I TOOK IT BACK...

THE MONTHS AND WEEKS WERE PRETTY GOOD, BUT IT HAD A LOT OF BAD DAYS IN IT...

THEY WERE VERY NICE ABOUT TAKING IT BACK... THEY SAID THIS HAPPENS ALL THE TIME

THE BORN LOSER BY ART SANSON



WE NOW PAUSE FOR A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS.

BUY!

WELL, THAT MAY BE A LITTLE CRUDE, BUT IT CERTAINLY IS STRAIGHTFORWARD!

MARY WORTH BY SAUNDERS AND GIELLA



I HAVE FAITH THAT I'LL GET BACK ON MY FEET.

I HAVE FAITH YOU WILL, TOO.

GOOD LUCK!

TAKE CARE, MISTER!

THANK YOU.

ZITS BY SCOTT AND BORGMAN



GREAT.

MY MOM IS MAD AT ME.

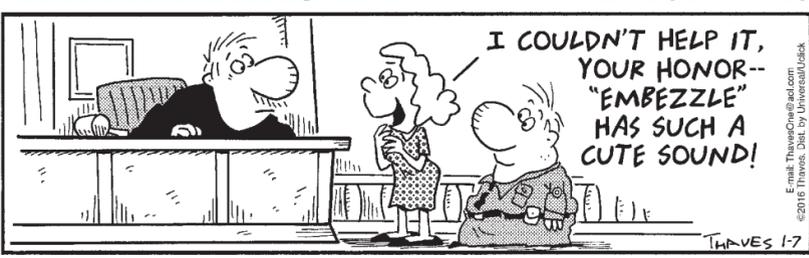
DID SHE UNFOLLOW YOU AGAIN?

WORSE.

THIS TIME SHE UN-MOMMED ME.

OUCH.

FRANK AND ERNEST BY BOB THAVES



I COULDN'T HELP IT, YOUR HONOR-- "EMBEZZLE" HAS SUCH A CUTE SOUND!

GARFIELD BY JIM DAVIS



THE WORLD IS A HORRIBLE PLACE!

DINNER

WELL, IT WAS!

SALLY FORTH BY HOWARD AND MACINTOSH



YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE YOU NEED SOME COFFEE, SAL.

I WISH COFFEE WOULD DO THE TRICK...

I'M STARTING TO GET MY SEASONAL DEPRESSION AGAIN. GRAY SKIES AND SHORT DAYS MAKE ME LOSE INTEREST AND FOCUS IN EVERYTHING, INCLUDING WORK.

UM, SO ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE BEST TIME FOR YOU TO BEGIN EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS?

DON'T WORRY. I TEND TO WRITE "WHATEVER" MORE THAN "WHY DO YOU EVEN BOTHER SHOWING UP HERE?"

BLONDIE BY YOUNG AND LEBRUN



HOW'S THAT SHARP NEW CAR OF YOURS RUNNING?

MY ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE?

YEAH, WHAT A GREAT SET OF WHEELS! I TRADED IT IN.

GOOD THING! YOU'RE BETTER OFF WITHOUT THAT 'OL' GAS GUZZLER.

SNUFFY SMITH BY FRED LASSWEL



YOU AN' ME ARE QUITE A TEAM, PARSON !!

IS THAT SO, SNUFFY ?

YOU BET !! I GOT ALL TH' QUESTIONS, AN' YOU GOT ALL TH' ANSWERS !!

BEETLE BAILEY BY MORT WALKER



OTTO! COME BACK!

BEETLE, GO GET OTTO BEFORE HE GETS LOST AGAIN IN THOSE WOODS!

THANKS, OTTO, HERE'S THE DOG BISCUIT I PROMISED YOU

WOOF!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE BY DIK BROWNE



WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

DON'T YOU REMEMBER? THE BARN BURNED DOWN YESTERDAY!

THAT'S NOT SMOKE I SMELL

OUR WORLD

WORLD

Iraq offers to mediate between Iran, Saudis

Iraq on Wednesday offered to mediate between Saudi Arabia and Iran after tensions soared following the kingdom's execution of a Shiite cleric and attacks on two Saudi diplomatic posts in the Islamic Republic.

The standoff has seen Saudi Arabia sever diplomatic ties with its longtime regional rival and could hinder efforts to resolve the conflicts in Syria and Yemen, where Riyadh and Tehran back opposite sides, as well as affect the implementation of the Iran nuclear deal.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari proposed mediation during a news conference in Tehran, but also referred to the execution of Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr as a "crime." Saudi Arabia and its allies say al-Nimr was found guilty of terrorism charges, and that condemnations of the execution amount to meddling in Riyadh's internal affairs.

Speaking alongside Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, al-Jaafari said Iraq's place in the heart of the Middle East allows it to play a role in trying to "alleviate tensions."

Mexico's violence lessens male life expectancy

A new study suggests that Mexico's drug violence was so bad at its peak that it apparently caused the nation's male life expectancy to drop by several months.

Experts say the violence from 2005-2010 partly reversed decades of steady gains, noting that homicide rates increased from 9.5 homicides per 100,000 people in 2005 to more than 22 in 2010. That has since declined to about 16 per 100,000 in 2014.

The study published Tuesday in the American journal Health Affairs says "the increase in homicides is at the heart" of the phenomenon, though deaths due to diabetes may have also played a role.

Ghana takes 2 Yemenis from Guantanamo

Two men who were captured by the U.S. in Afghanistan and held at the base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for nearly 14 years without charge have been released and sent to this West African nation for resettlement, officials said Wednesday.

The two Yemenis are the first in a wave of 17 expected to be released this month as President Barack Obama's administration seeks to whittle down the population of low-level prisoners as part of a broader effort, opposed by many in Congress, to close the detention center and move remaining detainees to the U.S. There are now 105 held at the Navy base, including nearly 50 who have been cleared for release.

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N. Korea's H-bomb claim met with condemnation and doubt

BY FOSTER KLUG
AND EDITH M. LEDERER
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's declaration that it had tested a hydrogen bomb for the first time was greeted with widespread condemnation — but also skepticism — as world powers vowed Wednesday to punish the impoverished and defiant nation with new international sanctions.

The isolated country's fourth nuclear test since 2006 was a "reckless challenge to international norms of behavior and the authority of the U.N. Security Council," said British Ambassador Matthew Rycroft.

The council met in an emergency session and called the test "a clear violation" of its resolutions. It agreed to start work immediately on a resolution for new sanctions.

The international community must respond with "steadily increasing pressure" and rigorous enforcement of existing measures, said U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power.

Four rounds of U.N. sanctions have aimed at reining in the North's nuclear and missile development, but Pyongyang has ignored them and moved ahead with programs to modernize its ballistic missiles and nuclear weapons.

The last sanctions resolution in 2013 was co-sponsored by the U.S. and China, and both countries will be key to an agreement on a new one. Whether any new sanctions can slow North Korea's nuclear program, however, remains to be seen.

There was a burst of jubilation and pride in North Korea's capital of Pyongyang, where a TV anchor said Wednesday's test of a "miniaturized" hydrogen bomb had been a "perfect success" that elevated the country's "nuclear might to the next level."

A successful test would mark a major and unanticipated advance for the North's still-limited nuclear



Kim Ju-sung/Yonhap via AP

South Korean Foreign Ministry officials attend an emergency meeting in Seoul, South Korea, on Wednesday as a TV news program shows North Korea's announcement it had conducted a hydrogen bomb test. The headline of the TV says "(North Korea) has become hydrogen bomb holding country."

arsenal and push its scientists and engineers closer to their goal of building a warhead small enough to place on a missile that can reach the U.S. mainland.

But an early analysis by the U.S. government was "not consistent with the claims that the regime has made of a successful hydrogen bomb test," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

He added that nothing has happened in the last 24 hours to change Washington's assessment of Pyongyang's technical or military capabilities. The U.S. is still doing the work needed to learn more about the North's test, he added.

"We're trying to run down their assertion," U.S. Vice President Joe Biden told a local TV station in Vir-

ginia. "We are determining whether the claim is accurate."

Hours earlier, South Korea's spy agency said it thought the estimated explosive yield from the blast was much smaller than what even a failed hydrogen bomb detonation would produce.

South Korean lawmaker Lee Cheol Woo said he was told in a briefing by the National Intelligence Service that Pyongyang may not have conducted a hydrogen bomb test given the relatively small size of the seismic wave reported.

An estimated explosive yield of 6.0 kilotons and a quake with a magnitude of 4.8 (the U.S. reported 5.1) were detected, Lee said he was told. That's smaller than the estimated yield of 7.9 kilotons and

4.9-magnitude quake reported after a 2013 nuclear test, he said, and only a fraction of the hundreds of kilotons that a successful H-bomb test would usually yield. Even a failed H-bomb detonation typically yields tens of kilotons, the NIS told Lee, who sits on the parliament's intelligence committee.

A miniaturized H-bomb can trigger a weak quake, but only the U.S. and Russia have such weapons, Lee cited the NIS as saying.

"I'm pretty skeptical," said Melissa Hanham, senior researcher at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury Institute for International Studies in Monterey, Calif. "The seismic data indicates it would be very small for a hydrogen test."

China holds key to pressuring North Korea

BY MATTHEW PENNINGTON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Diplomatic engagement has failed to stop North Korea's nuclear weapons program. Sanctions have been tightened with little result. And military force could be catastrophic. So what can the world do to bring Kim Jong Un's renegade government into line? The answer may rest with China.

While Beijing's influence over North Korea appears to have diminished since Kim came to power in

2012, it remains its key trading partner. Experts say China could do more to restrict North Korea's use of Chinese banks and limit supplies of food and fuel that provide an economic lifeline to Pyongyang.

Wednesday's purported hydrogen bomb test will intensify pressure on China to tighten the screws on Kim. It has been leery of taking such steps because of fears that a collapse of North Korea's socialist government could cause an influx of refugees and lead to a pro-American, unified Korean nation on China's doorstep.

China immediately made plain its displeasure with Pyongyang, saying it "firmly opposed" the test. "North Korea should stop taking any actions which would worsen the situation on the Korean Peninsula," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters in Beijing.

China's U.S. ambassador met at the White House on Wednesday with President Barack Obama's national security adviser, Susan Rice, and China joined the U.S. in supporting a U.N. Security Council statement that strongly con-

demned the test and pledged to pursue new sanctions.

But North Korea has proved adept at circumventing existing restrictions and at using its indigenous capabilities to develop its weapons. Because of its international isolation, the North is less susceptible to financial sanctions than a major economy like Iran.

Incentives haven't worked either: Three U.S. administrations, going back to President Bill Clinton, have coaxed the North to disarm in exchange for aid, but each effort has eventually failed.

ILLINOIS

Man photographing schools killed by police

Police in the Chicago suburb of Zion fatally shot a man authorities say was wearing a tactical-style vest, carrying a BB gun and taking photographs of schools.

Lake County Sheriff's Detective Christopher Covelli said the 38-year-old man was killed Wednesday morning after he led officers on a foot chase and a struggle ensued.

Officers responded early Wednesday to a report that a suspicious person was taking photographs of two local schools. Investigators found the suspect, who appeared to be wearing body armor, and the pursuit and shooting followed.

Covelli said the body armor was found to be a homemade tactical-style vest with metal inserts.

The man's name hasn't been released. Zion police said they obtained a warrant to search his home.

At least seven schools were locked down during the incident.

School safety group offers recommendations

Illinois educators should explore sharing private student information with local officials when facing potential emergencies and train students to speak up about suspicious activities, a group studying school safety has recommended.

A preliminary report the School Security and Standards Task Force sent to legislators last week comes in response to the 2012 Sandy Hook massacre in Connecticut. A final version must be delivered to the State Board of Education by July 1.

Among the suggestions is a proposal to create a school district "threat team," which could



Gilbert R. Boucher II/Daily Herald via AP

Investigators work on a scene after a police-involved shooting in Zion on Wednesday. Lake County Major Crime Task Force Detective Christopher Covelli said officers dispatched to north suburban Zion for a suspicious person Wednesday morning began chasing the man on foot and a struggle ensued in which the man was shot. He was pronounced dead at a Waukegan hospital.

take advantage of emergency exceptions to federal and state student-privacy laws prohibiting sharing personal information with police. A State Board of Education spokesman could not immediately elaborate on the proposal.

Pace of medical pot approvals increases

The pace of Illinois patients getting state approval to use medical marijuana has increased.

The Illinois Department of Public Health announced Wednesday that it has approved 4,000 patients to use medical marijuana in the state's pilot program. That's 400 more than a month ago, a big jump compared to previous months.

Regulated marijuana sales began in Illinois on Nov. 9 and qualifying patients have purchased nearly \$1.7 million worth of cannabis

since then. The health department says 26 children are included in the figures released Wednesday.

'Ag Invest' program will loan more to farmers

Officials say a state-sponsored low-interest loan program for farmers has been updated for agriculture's growing needs.

Democratic Treasurer Michael Frerichs said Tuesday the Ag Invest Program will increase its loan amounts to \$400,000 per farmer and \$800,000 per farm operations at interest rates that are below the market rate. The changes took effect Jan. 1.

The allowable interest rate will increase from 3.5 percent to 3.75 percent and the line of credit will be on calendar year instead of fiscal year.

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NATION

Oregon tribe: Armed group 'desecrating' land

The leader of an American Indian tribe that regards an Oregon nature preserve as sacred issued a rebuke Wednesday to the armed men who are occupying the property, saying they are not welcome at the snowy bird sanctuary and must leave.

The Burns Paiute tribe was the latest group to speak out against the men, who have taken several buildings at the preserve to protest policies governing the use of federal land in the West.

"The protesters have no right to this land. It belongs to the native people who live here," tribal leader Charlotte Rodrigue said.

She spoke at a news conference at the tribe's cultural center, about a half-hour drive from Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, which is being occupied by some 20 men led by Ammon Bundy, whose father Cliven was at the center of a standoff in Nevada with federal officials in 2014 over use of public lands.

Judge rules monkey can't own selfies

A federal judge in San Francisco has ruled that a macaque monkey who took now-famous selfie photographs cannot be declared the copyright owner of the photos.

U.S. District Judge William Orrick said in a tentative opinion Wednesday that while Congress and the president can extend the protection of law to animals as well as humans, there is no indication that they did so in the Copyright Act.

The lawsuit filed last year by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals sought a court order

allowing PETA to administer all proceeds from the photos for the benefit of the monkey, which it identified as 6-year-old Naruto.

The photos were taken during a 2011 trip to Sulawesi, Indonesia, by British nature photographer David Slater, who asked the court to dismiss the case. He says the British copyright obtained for the photos by his company, Wildlife Personalities Ltd., should be honored worldwide.

Trooper in Sandra Bland case indicted, fired

A Texas state trooper who arrested Sandra Bland after a contentious traffic stop last summer was fired Wednesday after being charged with perjury for allegedly lying about his confrontation with the black woman who died three days later in jail.

Trooper Brian Encinia claimed in an affidavit that Bland was "combative and uncooperative" after he pulled her over and ordered her out of her car. The grand jury identified that affidavit in charging Encinia with perjury, special prosecutor Shawn McDonald said Wednesday night.

Hours after the indictment, the Texas Department of Public Safety said it would "begin termination proceedings" against Encinia, who has been on paid desk duty since Bland was found dead in her cell.

Bland's arrest and death — which authorities ruled a suicide — provoked national outrage and drew the attention of the Black Lives Matter movement. Protesters linked Bland to other black suspects who were killed in confrontations with police or died in police custody, including Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Freddie Gray in Baltimore.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Have a friend give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read the story aloud!

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Peace on the Playground

Bullying makes playgrounds, schools and even neighborhoods feel unsafe for some children. This week, in honor of Martin Luther King's message of peace, *Kid Scoop* looks at ways children can help themselves and others be safe on the playground.

Find the Bully

You can't tell a bully by his or her looks. You can tell who is a bully by the way he or she acts. Here are some of the things a bully might do:

- Hit, kick or push to hurt people.
- Call others bad names, tease or scare people.
- Say mean things about someone.
- Grab someone else's stuff.
- Leave a kid out of a game on purpose.
- Threaten another kid.



Eric Kevin Stacy Miguel Abby

Bully Clues:

The bully is not wearing a hat. The bully isn't wearing a striped shirt. The bully is not wearing glasses. Which kid is the bully?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

What else have you seen bullies do?

Standards Link: Health: Make decisions about feelings and safety issues that support mental and emotional health.

A World of Bullies

Bullying is a problem in schools all around the world. Kid Scoop found information from anti-bullying programs in Scotland, Australia and Canada as well as the United States.

Standards Link: Health: Identify support systems.

Hey, shorty! Shouldn't you be back in preschool?



Action Plan

Bullying hurts. It hurts a lot. Bullying can make kids feel sick. It can make them not want to go to school. And no one likes to watch other kids getting picked on. No one likes a bully.

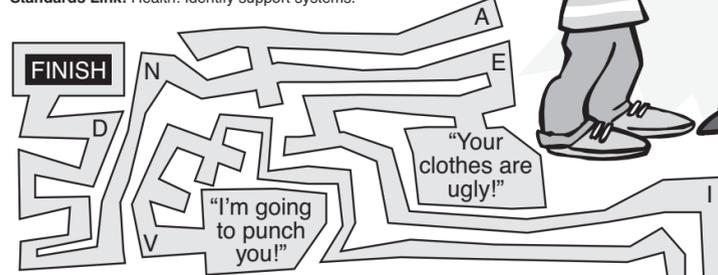
Stan is the shortest boy in the fourth grade. Greg, the tallest boy, picks on him every day. Abby and Eric are tired of watching this. What could Stan do or say? What could Eric do or say? What could Abby do or say? What does everyone want Greg to do?

Extra! Extra!

Anti-Bully Armor

When you feel good about yourself, you're less likely to be hurt by what others say. Take a little time to build up your anti-bully armor. What is anti-bully armor? Feeling good about yourself! Look through the newspaper for words and pictures that show something that is good about you. Glue these onto a sheet of paper titled: **What's good about ME!** Post it where you can see it everyday.

Standards Link: Health: Develop and use effective coping strategies.



Get Through the Bully Maze

Many, many children are bullied everyday. These children can feel lost in a maze made up of bad feelings – sad, stressed, embarrassed, nervous, depressed, helpless. These feelings can make it hard to do well in school and to make friends. Experts say that there is something that can help a child who has been bullied. To find out what that is, complete the maze. The letters along the correct path of the maze spell the answer!



START

Who Can Help You?

Make a list of people you can talk to if you are being bullied. Cut the list out and keep it with you.

Standards Link: Health: Identify ways to seek assistance if concerned, threatened or abused.

How to Deal with Bullies

- ▶ **Pretend not to hear.** Instead listen to your own ~~thoughts~~ and tell yourself, "That's their problem, not ~~mine~~" and "I'm OK just the way I am."
- ▶ **Find a safe ~~place~~ to talk to.** Make a list of people you could talk to about being bullied or about ~~what~~ you have seen others being bullied.
- ▶ **Be a buddy.** Kids who are alone are more likely to be bullied. Make a plan to walk with a ~~friend~~ wherever you think you might meet a bully.
- ▶ **Don't bully back.** Getting angry and ~~bullying~~ back sometimes is just what the bully wants. It's dangerous too, because someone could get hurt.

A bully scribbled over some of the words in our list of tips! Find the missing word or words in each tip.

- fighting
- friend
- mine
- person
- times
- thoughts

Standards Link: Health: Develop protective factors that help foster resiliency.

Double Double Word Search

- PLAYGROUND
- PEACE
- BULLIES
- HURTS
- NERVOUS
- THREATEN
- HELP
- BUILD
- FRIEND
- TEASE
- ARMOR
- GAME
- FEELINGS
- PATH
- MEAN

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **IGNORE** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

R	E	I	N	O	G
G			E		N
E					G
I	G	N	O	R	E
N	O				I
O	E				R

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **TEASE**

The verb **tease** means to make fun of or annoy.

Dad told Jeremy not to **tease** his little sister.

Try to use the word **tease** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Bullies in the News

Look through the newspaper for an article that portrays a person or a group of people who are hurting other people. Could this also be called bullying? Identify who in the article you think is the bully and who is being bullied.

Standards Link: Health: Recognize and respond appropriately to situations involving destructive behaviors.



Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

ANSWER: Because her class was so bright!

Write On!

Kids Help Kids

Have you ever had a disagreement with another person? How did you handle the problem? Tell kids some helpful things to do to solve disagreement issues.



WHAT IS NIE?

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Chatter Box



“Cooking is like snow skiing: If you don’t fall at least 10 times, then you’re not skiing hard enough.”
— Food Network’s Guy Fieri

KID NEWS

Laugh Lines

What would happen if you swallowed a frog?
You might croak



What fish do pelicans eat?
Anything that fits the bill

KIDSDAY ACTOR Q & A



Actress and singer Victoria Justice with Kidsday (Newsday) reporters Ally Downs (left) and Luisa McDermott at Planet Hollywood in New York.

Victoria Justice

Talks about ‘Victorious,’ ‘Eye Candy’ and other successes

Q: Why do you think your shows are so successful?

A: I feel really lucky to have done some successful things. I think “Victorious” was really successful because I think people love music. So to be able to incorporate that into the show was really fun and what girl, and probably a lot of boys, secretly doesn’t really want to be on stage singing and dancing and doing their thing? It’s so much fun. It’s a great place for creative expression. I’ve also worked with a lot of amazing people, like a lot of talented people — the cast of “Victorious,” the cast of “Eye Candy,” which is a show I did for MTV. I guess they’ve been successful because they’ve been about interesting topics that I think are really relatable but intriguing at the same time.

Q: How do you feel about being in public? Do you like it all the time?

A: Most of the time I’m always happy to take pictures with people and say hi. And I like being able to make people’s day, like make someone smile. I think that’s a really cool thing that I’m able to do. But at the same time there are definitely days when I don’t feel like putting makeup on or doing my hair or whatever. And you don’t really want to get recognized or have your picture taken and you just kind of want to walk around with your friends and family and just be normal, I guess. It depends on the day.

Q: You have a great sense of style. Where do you get inspiration from?

A: So many different things I guess. I don’t know. I feel like having your own sense of style is another one of the coolest things for me; it’s like such a fun way to express myself. Every day when I wake up in the morning, I can dress however I want and take risks and wear something a little weird maybe. I don’t know just whatever makes me happy and I think I’ve been inspired by so many different people. Bianca Jagger who was married to Mick Jagger for a little bit. She’s like a ‘70s icon. She has

a really cool sense of style. I like people who don’t necessarily follow trends, but can make trends their own and kind of do things that are different.

Q: What was your favorite episode from any one of your TV shows?

A: On “Zoey 101,” I remember one in particular where I was dressed up as a boy. That was really fun to be able to act like a boy and do like a lower voice and have a wig on and it was very unattractive. From “Victorious,” there are so many good episodes. Like being Louise Nordoff where I had the disguise on and the nose. That was really fun. I love the episode where we were all trapped in the RV together and it’s really hot and we’re fighting over water. Also the episode where we go to Uba and we all get to perform the (Jackson 5) song “I Want You Back.” That was really fun to have all the cast like dancing together in prison uniforms. That was a cool episode. “Eye Candy,” that’s the most recent show that I’ve done. I played a girl who was a computer hacker who was being stalked by a serial killer. It was very different to anything I’ve ever done. There was lots of action on that show.

Q: Is there any music group or person you would like to work with?

A: So many people. I would love to work with someone like Meghan Trainor right now. I think she’s so good. I love her lyrics and her music and I love Cool Play and this band called Phoenix and I would love to work with Pharrell. I don’t know, so many people.

Q: How old were you when you started acting?

A: I was 8 years old when I started acting. I did my first commercial when I was 8. It was for Ovaltine. It’s like a chocolate milk powder that you put in milk and that was my first job and then the rest is history, I guess.

Q: What show that you made do you miss most?

A: I think I miss them all for different reasons. I miss “Eye Candy.”

GAME REVIEW



Craving another journey to a galaxy far, far away?

The new “Force Awakens Play Set” for Disney Infinity 3.0 finishes the series of “Star Wars” sets offered this year, and in some ways stands apart as very distinct from them. The base set told an original story set against the familiar backdrop of the prequel trilogy’s “Clone Wars,”

This review is based on a PlayStation 4 copy of the game, “Force Awakens Play Set,” and figures provided by the publisher. Disney Infinity 3.0 is available in retail stores, and the “Force Awakens Play Set” is available for \$34.99. The game is rated E-10.

while the “Rise Against the Empire” set played fast and loose with the story of “A New Hope.” This set is similarly abridged, but rather than toying with familiar cultural mythology, the broad strokes here feel like the developer tip-toeing around spoilers.

The base set includes Rey and Finn, and has to take some narrative shortcuts to get them together and justify the swappable character conceit. What follows is a broad overview of “The Force Awakens” that leaves out some important details — and those who have seen the film can probably guess just what those are — in favor of a light, kid-friendly retelling. Kylo Ren may go through the biggest change, since he actually seems more menacing presented as a more generic evil threat than the more subtle idea presented in the movie.

In many ways the “Force Awakens” set shows just how set a pattern Disney Infinity can follow. This is extremely similar to other sets, right down to marooning you on a desert planet and having you gather resources to get off-world. The gatekeeping is less frustrating here, since the progression is considerably faster and the currency (scrap) can be found lying around in heaps. Still, it’s light combat scenarios punctuated by light platforming, and the occasional fetch-quest to boot. Nothing here dramatically mixes up the formula, but it’s a fine formula to start with.

I should also mention that the open world portion on Jakku was slightly buggy on PlayStation 4, with textures popping and flashing before my eyes from time to time. It never impacted gameplay, but it was distracting.

If one thing sets Disney Infinity apart from the other toys-to-life games, it’s the quality of the figures themselves. “The Force Awakens” set looks as great as ever, albeit less iconic than characters we know like Darth Vader or even ones that were designed to look unique like Sabine Wren from “Star Wars Rebels.” John Boyega’s Finn and Daisy Ridley’s Rey both look great, but also slightly more mundane than some of their counterparts. The Kylo Ren figure, sold separately of course, is easily the best of the lot, with his menacing mask, hilted lightsaber, and flaps of the soft plastic to represent his tattered robes.

— Steve Watts, Shacknews.com

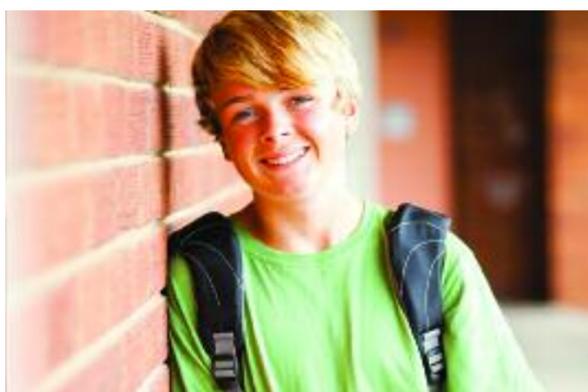
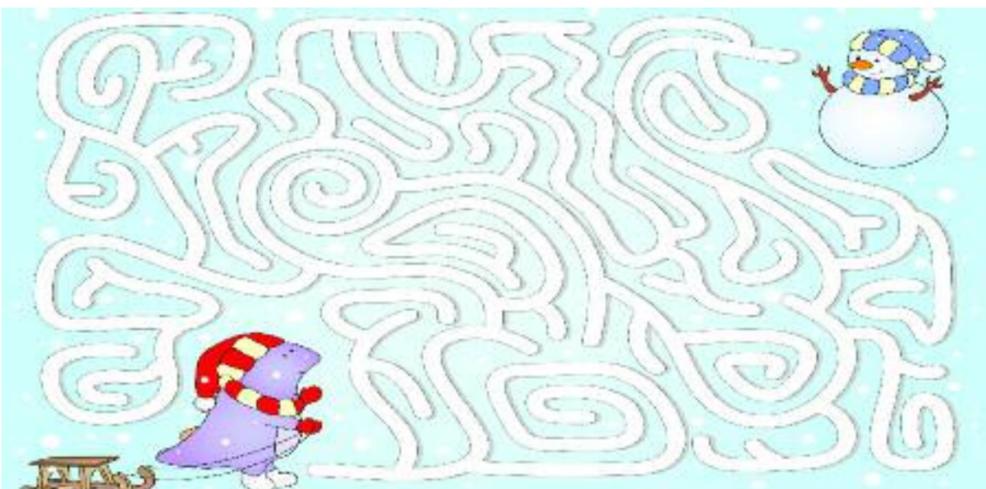
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Panarin strikes again

Rookie gets 2 goals for second straight night as 'Hawks beat Pens



The Associated Press/Charles Rex Arbogast

Chicago Blackhawks left wing Artemi Panarin (72) celebrates his second goal of the game with teammates Erik Gustafsson (52) and Artem Anisimov during the third period on Wednesday in Chicago.

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Once Artemi Panarin stopped thinking about scoring, he started scoring again.

The Russian rookie had two goals for the second straight night, and the Chicago Blackhawks beat Pittsburgh 3-1 on Wednesday for their second win against the Penguins in two days.

"If (I) don't score some goals in many games, then (I) start to think too much," Panarin said through a translator. "This is what kind of not help (me). But tonight was good."

Panarin broke a 1-1 tie when he jumped on a loose puck after a faceoff and whipped it over the glove of goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury at 8:56 of the third. Teuvo Teravainen added an empty-net goal as Chicago earned its season-high fifth straight win in the opener of a four-game homestand.

Panarin also had two goals in Chicago's 3-2 victory at Pittsburgh on Tuesday night, including the winner in overtime. Panarin, who leads all NHL rookies with 15 goals and 38 points, had just two goals in his previous 13 games before the scoring binge against the Penguins.

"I think with him, when he thinks shot, he's got a great shot," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said.

Scott Darling, filling in for starter Corey Crawford, made 17 saves as the Blackhawks swept the season series against the Penguins for the second straight year.

Evgeni Malkin scored for Pittsburgh, and Fleury finished with 34 stops. The Penguins had won two in a row and four of six before the two losses against the Blackhawks.

"I think just dictating the play has been more of our identity here lately and tonight when we don't do that you see the difference," captain Sidney Crosby said. "We are really a team that can skate and play on our toes, and when we're doing that we're play-

ing fast and we're tough to contain.

"You get a game like tonight where you sit back, you play tentative and we're a much different team that way," he said.

With Fleury looking strong and Chicago keeping most of the action away from Darling, the teams exchanged screened goals in the first two periods.

Artem Anisimov was camped out in front when Panarin wristed a shot by Fleury for a 1-0 lead at 15:58 of the first. Panarin's goal capped an extended stretch in Pittsburgh's zone for Chicago's second line.

Malkin tied it with his 19th goal at 7:33 of the second. With Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews in the box for high sticking and Patric Hornqvist making life difficult for Darling in front, Malkin's big drive from the point went off the inside of the crossbar and down into the net.

Chicago had a chance to go in front again with 5½ minutes left in the second, but Fleury denied Patrick Kane in front, and then made a terrific blocker save on a wide-open Trevor van Riemsdyk.

"Kane's line was tough for us to handle tonight," Penguins coach Mike Sullivan said. "Obviously Marc made some great saves to keep us in the game. We just didn't have enough of a sustained attack and I thought we were on our heels too much."

NOTES: Quenneville said he had no update on forward Richard Panik, who was acquired in a trade with Toronto on Sunday night. Panik was in the minors at the time of the deal but is expected to join the Blackhawks once he resolves a visa issue. "It's not in our hands," Quenneville said. ... Penguins rookie LW Sergei Plotnikov played in his 32nd NHL game, but remains in search of his first goal. "As far as scoring goals, when I look at the type of player that he is, I think he needs to go to the net more," Sullivan said. ... Blackhawks D Michal Rozsival returned to the lineup. D Rob Scuderi was scratched.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Griffey Jr. hits 99.3 percent of Hall vote

Piazza in, too

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ken Griffey Jr. was considered Mr. Clean during 22 years in the major leagues, untainted by accusations of drug use as he climbed the home-run list during the height of the Steroids Era.

He nearly made a clean sweep in Hall of Fame voting.

Griffey received 437 of 440 votes in his first appearance on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot, a record 99.3 percent.

"It's real simple," he explained after Wednesday's announcement. "I've always said that I've got to look my kids in the eyes, and you want to play fair."

Mike Piazza, the top offensive catcher in baseball history, was elected, too, and will be inducted along with Griffey in Cooperstown on July 24. Among the many muscled sluggers whose accomplishments were questioned during a time when chemists preyed on clubhouses, Piazza was made to wait until his fourth appearance on the ballot. After falling 28 votes shy last year, he was selected on 365 (83 percent).

He wouldn't say whether he was upset about being sullied by suspicions.

"That's the freedom we have," Piazza maintained.



The Associated Press/John Froschauer/File

Ken Griffey Jr. got 437 of 440 votes in his first appearance on the Baseball Writers' Association of America Hall of Fame ballot.

"You can say these things, and that's the country we live in."

Griffey topped the previous high percentage of 98.84, set when Tom Seaver appeared on 425 of 430 ballots in 1992. The identities of the three writers who did not vote for Griffey were not immediately known.

"I can't be upset," he said. "It's just an honor to be elected, and to have the highest percentage is definitely a shock."

A player needs to appear on 75 percent of ballots to gain election. Jeff Bagwell missed by 15 votes and Tim Lincecum by 23. Trevor Hoffman, second on the career

saves list and appearing on the ballot for the first time, was 34 short.

Mark McGwire, who admitted using steroids, received 12 percent in his 10th and final ballot appearance.

Half of baseball's top 10 home run hitters are not in the Hall: Barry Bonds (762), Alex Rodriguez (654), Jim Thome (612), Sammy Sosa (609) and McGwire (583). Rodriguez, who served a yearlong drug suspension in 2014, remains active. Thome's first appearance on the ballot will be in 2018.

Griffey believes drug-testing, which began in baseball



The Associated Press/Kathy Willens/File

Mike Piazza, the top offensive catcher in baseball history, was made to wait until his fourth appearance on the ballot. Piazza fell 28 votes shy last year, and he got 365 (83 percent) this time.

in 2003, should eliminate the possibility of stigma for the current generation of players.

"There won't be any questions, and you'll know from here on out," he said.

Some players who admitted using steroids claimed they chose the needle because of pressure to compete. Griffey said he never was tempted.

"I also had a dad that said you're never going to be the biggest, you're never going to be the strongest and you're never going to be the fastest," he said. "There's always

going to be someone in each of those categories, but the one thing they can't do is outwork you."

"I never really worried about what somebody else was doing, because it was out of my control," he added. "I was already popular. It wasn't that I needed to jump out and surprise people."

Griffey is likely to become the first player in the Hall with a Mariners cap.

Piazza said he was directed not to speak about the hat on his plaque, which ultimately is decided by the Hall.

Hall of Fame Voting

440 votes cast, 330 needed for election
 Ken Griffey Jr. 437 (99.3%), Mike Piazza 365 (83.0%), Jeff Bagwell 315 (71.6%), Tim Lincecum 307 (69.8%), Trevor Hoffman 296 (67.3%), Curt Schilling 230 (52.3%), Roger Clemens 199 (45.2%), Barry Bonds 195 (44.3%), Edgar Martinez 191 (43.4%), Mike Musina 189 (43.0%), x-Alan Trammell 180 (40.9%), Lee Smith 150 (34.1%), Fred McGriff 92 (20.9%), Jeff Kent 73 (16.6%), Larry Walker 68 (15.5%), x-Mark McGwire 54 (12.3%), Gary Sheffield 51 (11.6%), Billy Wagner 46 (10.5%), Sammy Sosa 31 (7.0%).

By receiving fewer than 22 votes (less than 5 percent), Jim Edmonds 11 (2.5%), Nomar Garciaparra 8 (1.8%), Mike Sweeney 3 (0.7%), David Eckstein 2 (0.5%), Jason Kendall 2 (0.5%), Garret Anderson 1 (0.2%) and Brad Ausmus, Luis Castillo, Troy Glaus, Mark Grudzielanek, Mike Hampton, Mike Lowell, Randy Winn 0 are no longer eligible for election by the BBWAA.

x-first year on BBWAA ballot

Pick the Pros

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LAST WEEK	12-4	13-3	8-8	8-8	10-6	7-9	9-7
SEASON TOTALS	156-85	155-86	153-88	149-92	144-97	141-100	139-102

Scoreboard

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Football

College
Monday, Jan. 11
College Football Championship Game
Glendale, Ariz.
 Clemson vs. Alabama, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Basketball

College men
AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 3, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Pts	Pv	
1.	Kansas (44)	12.1	1,598	2
2.	Oklahoma (21)	12.0	1,574	3
3.	Maryland	13.1	1,459	4
4.	Virginia	12.1	1,409	5
5.	Michigan St.	14.1	1,400	1
6.	North Carolina	13.2	1,275	7
7.	Arizona	13.1	1,126	8
8.	Providence	14.1	1,108	12
9.	Kentucky	11.2	1,039	10
10.	Xavier	13.1	1,001	6
11.	Villanova	12.2	979	16
12.	Miami	12.1	921	13
13.	Iowa St.	11.2	844	11
14.	Duke	12.2	830	15
15.	SMU	13.0	731	17
16.	Louisville	12.2	568	18
17.	West Virginia	12.1	558	19
18.	Butler	11.3	516	9
19.	Iowa	11.3	456	14
20.	Purdue	13.2	450	14
21.	Texas A&M	11.2	420	20
22.	South Carolina	13.0	286	24
23.	UConn	10.3	107	—
24.	Pittsburgh	12.1	103	—
25.	Dayton	11.2	100	—

Others receiving votes: Gonzaga 61, California 54, Texas Tech 40, George Washington 38, Saint Mary's (Cal) 23, Baylor 22, Colorado 4, Oregon St. 4, Seton Hall 4, Saint Joseph's 3, Utah 3, Wichita St. 3, Cincinnati 2, Indiana 2, Michigan 2, Akron 1, Oregon 1.

High school boys

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.

Rank	Team	WL	Pt
1.	Curie (12)	10-1	120
2.	Simeon	8-2	106
3.	Kenwood	9-1	82
4.	Harvey Thornton	9-1	74
5.	Evanson Township	10-2	61
6.	Rock Island	10-2	42
7.	Edwardsville	9-3	41
8.	Glenbard West	12-0	31
9.	Marian Catholic	10-3	25
10.	Joliet West	9-3	17

Others receiving votes: Riverside-Brookfield 16, Niles North Dame 14, Thornwood 6, Whitney Young 6, Quincy 4, Zion Benton 4, Maine South 3, **Bradley-Bourbonnais 2**, Deerfield 2, Champaign Centennial 1, Lake Zurich 1.

Rank	Team	WL	Pt
1.	Belleville Althoff (12)	11-1	164
2.	Morgan Park (5)	10-1	145
3.	Peoria Manual	10-1	135
4.	Fenwick	11-1	94
5.	Springfield Lanphier	11-1	88
6.	Bogan	10-3	64
7.	Westchester St. Joseph	11-2	59
8.	Galesburg	13-1	51
9.	Washington	12-1	34
10.	(Ite)Centralia	12-2	34
11.	LaSalle-Peru	9-0	18

Others receiving votes: Normal University 17, Farragut 10, Decatur MacArthur 7, Metamora 5, Lincoln Way West 4, North Lawndale 2, Champaign Central 2, Rockford Boylan 1, Chicago Vocational 1.

Rank	Team	WL	Pt
1.	Teutopolis (6)	12-1	139
2.	Winnebago (5)	9-1	134
3.	Breese Central (1)	11-2	125
4.	Warrensburg-Latham (2)	12-0	115
5.	Seton Academy (1)	11-4	78
6.	Lawrenceville (1)	12-1	63
7.	Orr (1)	7-2	53
8.	Rockridge	10-4	47
9.	Pleasant Plains	9-2	29
10.	Quincy Notre Dame	9-3	28

Others receiving votes: Hales Franciscan 27, Sterling Newman 16, Paxton-Buckley-Loda 14, Monmouth-Roseville 12, St. Joseph-Ogden 11, Nashville 10, **Reed-Custer 9**, Pana 6, Chicago Christian 5, Athens 3, Petersburg PORTA 3, Williamsville 3, Marshall 2, Byron 1, Pittsfield 1, Kewanee 1.

Rank	Team	WL	Pt
1.	Okawville (10)	13-1	165
2.	Brimfield (7)	12-0	152
3.	Colfax Ridgeview (1)	11-2	103
4.	Flanagan	12-1	86
5.	Metro-East Lutheran	13-3	78
6.	Woodlawn	11-1	71
7.	Quest Academy	12-1	63
8.	Altamont	11-1	60
9.	Liberty	14-1	44
10.	Leo	13-3	41

Others receiving votes: Waterloo Gibault 41, St. Francis de Sales 16, Newark 16, East Dubuque 15, Polo 14, Kewanee (Wethersfield) 8, Woodland 5, Payson Seymour 4, Lewistown 3, Raymond Lincolnwood 2, Madison 1, Patoka 1, Christopher 1.

High school girls

Illinois High School Girls Basketball
Top 10 Poll

Rank	Team	WL	PCT
1.	Reed-Custer	12-2	0.857
2.	Peotone	12-3	0.800
3.	Bradley-Bourbonnais	10-3	0.769
4.	Watseka	10-4	0.714
5.	Gardner-SW	8-5	0.615
6.	Trinity	8-6	0.571
7.	Herscher	7-6	0.539
8.	Dwight	8-5	0.500
9.	Bishop McNamara	6-6	0.500
10.	Beecher	6-6	0.500
11.	Wilmingon	6-8	0.428
12.	Iroquois West	5-7	0.417
13.	Momence	5-8	0.385
14.	St. Anne	5-8	0.385
15.	Cissna Park	5-9	0.357
16.	Milford	4-9	0.308
17.	Kankakee	3-7	0.300
18.	Grace Christian	4-10	0.285
19.	Manteno	4-10	0.285
20.	Coal City	3-9	0.250
21.	Grant Park	3-10	0.230
22.	Central	3-11	0.214
23.	Donovan	3-14	0.176
24.	Tri-Point	2-13	0.133

Rank	Team	GP	PTS	AVG
1.	Schoonover, R-C	14	299	21.4
2.	Lattimer, Don	15	304	20.3
3.	Davenport, Wat	14	269	19.2
4.	Bradford, BB	13	249	19.2
5.	Hoekstra, BM	12	230	19.2
6.	Sullivan, SA	11	211	19.2
7.	Headrick, R-C	14	265	18.9
8.	Travers, Dwi	15	264	17.6
9.	Waterman, GC	8	136	17.0
10.	Fox, Dwi	14	236	16.9
11.	Horrie, GSW	11	182	16.5
12.	Hollywood, BB	12	191	15.9
13.	Guastalli, Trin	13	198	15.2
14.	Gasik, Peo	15	215	14.3
15.	Small, IW	7	100	14.3
16.	Tilley, GC	8	113	14.1
17.	Maupin, Peo	15	209	13.9
18.	Simonelli, R-C	12	160	13.3
19.	Kissack, CP	8	102	12.8
20.	Stolzenbach, Bee	12	152	12.6
21.	Datweiler, Her	9	110	12.2
22.	Horton, Mom	13	157	12.1
23.	Kuhn, GP	13	155	11.9
24.	Nixon, IW	12	142	11.8
25.	Oates, Trin	12	140	11.7
26.	Hamilton, T-P	12	138	11.5
27.	Luecke, Mil	10	111	11.1
28.	J. Ranger, Bee	12	131	10.9
29.	Shaw, R-C	14	151	10.8
30.	Hertz, Her	13	141	10.8
31.	DeYoung, SA	13	140	10.8
32.	Emerson, BB	13	139	10.7
33.	Thompson, Mil	12	127	10.6
34.	Johnson, CC	12	125	10.4
35.	Bell, BM	9	93	10.3
36.	Smock, Wil	14	138	9.9
37.	Welch, R-C	14	136	9.7
38.	Saddler, Bee	12	116	9.7
39.	King, BM	9	87	9.7
40.	Schroeder, Wat	14	135	9.6

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

Rank	Team	WL	Pts
1.	Montini (9)	16-0	90
2.	Fremd	14-1	80
3.	New Trier	16-3	68
4.	Whitney Young	10-4	56
5.	Benet	14-1	55
6.	Edwardsville	12-1	47
7.	Rock Island	13-2	30
8.	River Forest Trinity	11-4	24
9.	Hersey	12-3	11
10.	Stevenson	12-3	8

Others receiving votes: Proviso East 6, Evanston Township 4, Danville 3, Batavia 3, Quincy Notre Dame 3, Huntley 2, Belleville West 2, Homewood-Flossmoor 2, Proviso West 1.

Rank	Team	WL	Pts
1.	Morgan Park (7)	13-1	100
2.	Galesburg (1)	18-0	85
3.	Morton (1)	13-1	82
4.	Rockford Lutheran	13-0	69
5.	Chicago Marshall (2)	16-1	55
6.	St. Thomas More	11-2	47
7.	Antioch	16-0	45
8.	Charleston	17-0	34
9.	Burlington Central	11-1	33
10.	North Lawndale (1)	10-7	27

Others receiving votes: Rochester 18, Rich East 13, Highland 11, Canton 11, Bogan 9, Washington 7, Salem 5, Springfield 5, Benton 2, Johnsburg 1, Joliet Catholic 1.

Rank	Team	WL	Pts
1.	Breese Central (9)	13-2	129
2.	Hillsboro (1)	16-1	105
3.	Teutopolis (1)	15-4	88
4.	Flora (1)	15-2	67
5.	Eureka	12-2	66
6.	Piasa Southwestern (1)	15-3	64
7.	Havana	15-2	44
8.	Athens	12-6	43
9.	Sherrard	14-4	37
10.	Knoxville	17-4	31

Others receiving votes: Byron 24, Tuscola 23, Lawrenceville 21, Marshall 11, Bloomington Central Catholic 8, Breese 6, Mt. Carmel 3, Nashville 2, **Watska 2**, Paxton-Buckley-Loda 1, Peoria Christian 1.

Rank	Team	WL	Pts
1.	Moweaqua CAM (10)	14-0	109
2.	Anwanan (1)	12-3	99
3.	Danville Schlarman (1)	9-1	98
4.	Cissna Park	16-0	96
5.	Carthou (1)	13-2	87
6.	Lebanon (1)	14-0	66
7.	Brimfield (1)	18-3	62
8.	Critin (Salt Fork)	15-1	30
9.	Mount Olive	15-3	27
10.	Harvest Christian	11-4	22

Others receiving votes: Liberty 19, Ashton-Franklin Central 15, Galena 10, Hardin County 8, North Greene 4, Erie 3, Neoga 3, Indian Creek 1.

NFL

Playoff Game
Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday's games

Kansas City (11.5) at Houston (9-7), 3:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (10-6) at Cincinnati (12-4), 7:15 p.m.

Sunday's games
 Seattle (10-6) at Minnesota (11-6), Noon
 Green Bay (10-6) at Washington (9-7), 3 p.m.

Divisional Playoffs
 Pittsburgh, Kansas City or Houston at Denver (12-4), TBA
 Cincinnati, Houston or Kansas City at New England (12-4), TBA
 Seattle, Green Bay or Washington at Carolina (15-1), TBA
 Minnesota, Washington or Green Bay at Arizona (13-3), TBA

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 24

NFC, TBA
 AFC, TBA

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 31
At Honolulu

Team Rice vs. Team Invul, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 7
At Santa Clara, Calif.

TBD, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Florida	40	24	12	4	52	111	86
Montreal	42	23	16	3	49	121	104
Detroit	40	20	13	7	47	101	106
Boston	38	20	14	4	44	118	105
Ottawa	40	19	15	6	44	114	120
Tampa Bay	40	19	17	4	42	101	98
Toronto	37	15	15	7	37	99	103
Buffalo	40	15	21	4	34	92	110

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	39	29	7	3	61	124	85
N.Y. Islanders	40	22	13	5	49	113	99
N.Y. Rangers	40	22	14	4	48	113	97
New Jersey	41	20	16	5	45	94	95
Pittsburgh	40	19	16	5	43	94	99
Philadelphia	38	16	15	7	39	83	105
Carolina	40	16	17	7	39	92	111
Columbus	41	15	23	3	33	105	131

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Dallas	42	28	10	4	60	146	113
Chicago	42	25	13	4	54	117	100
St. Louis	42	23	14	5	51	103	103
Minnesota	39	21	11	7	49	105	92
Nashville	40	19	14	7	45	104	106
Colorado	40	19	18	3	41	113	111

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Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	39	25	12	2		

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Hoekstra takes his place in the family business

2 local players join 1,000-point club

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A pair of local athletes joined the 1,000-point club for their careers in the month of December in Donovan's Eric Lattimer and Bishop McNamara's Daniel Hoekstra.

Lattimer is having an outstanding season for the Wildcats, currently averaging a double-double for the Wildcats.

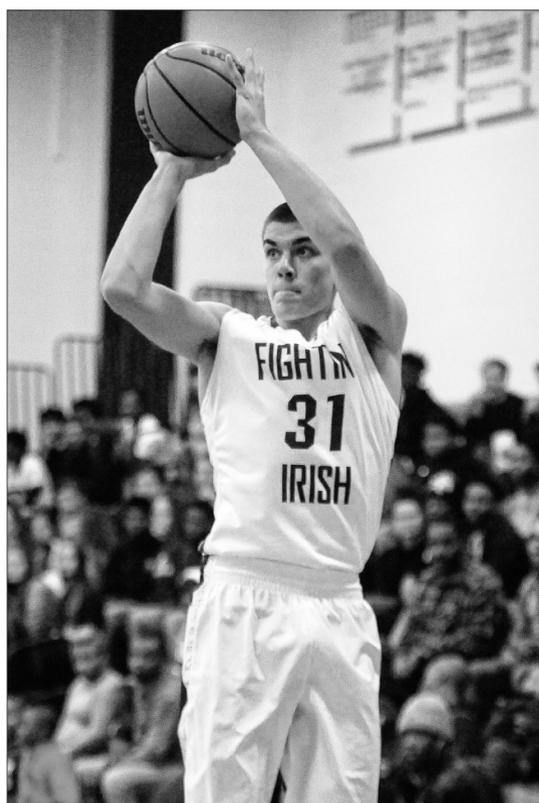
Hoekstra, on the other hand, reached the 1,000-point plateau in the hopes of just keeping up with the rest of the family. Just a handful of players have reached the 1,000-point club in Bishop McNamara school history, but Hoekstra shares that rare honor with two other members of his immediate family.

Daniel's brother, Michael, leads the Hoekstra clan in scoring and now plays for Augustana College. The brothers' father, David, also eclipsed the 1,000-point barrier when he played for Bishop McNamara.

POSTSEASON MAYHEM

It was basically foolish to try to predict how the new sectional complexes might stack up for the IHSA post-season because they weren't exactly the form many were expecting.

First a review on the sectional complex procedure. Teams now are grouped in larger postseason groups that are basically the equivalent of the old regional forms. Two host schools are declared. And the top four



The Daily Journal/Tiffany Blanchette

Bishop McNamara's senior Daniel Hoekstra became the third member of his family to join the 1,000-point club at Bishop McNamara recently.

teams in each group are seeded. One team from the top two seeds goes to one regional and the other goes to the other regional. That process is repeated for the third and fourth seeds.

The remaining teams are placed in the regional geographically closest to them and the brackets are formed.

In Class 1A, most of the local squads are placed in

the Ottawa Marquette Sub-Sectional. Gardner-South Wilmington serves as one of the hosts while Serena is the other host.

The Panthers seem poised to be one of the top four seeds as they appear to be one of just three teams with records above the .500 mark at this point, along with Newark and St. Francis de Sales.

Other locals involved in

this group are Donovan, Grant Park, St. Anne and Tri-Point.

The remainder of local Class 1A teams find themselves in the Ridgeview Sectional complex. Cissna Park and Milford could end up among teams at Arcola or Fisher.

In Class 2A, teams were sprinkled throughout three different sectional complexes.

Reed-Custer will host one of the regional events and seems in place to have a high seed. Other locals in the mix of teams with a winner heading to the Central Sectional are Bishop McNamara, Central, Dwight and Wilmington.

On the other side of that Sectional, Beecher and Mokenca will have to do battle in a complex that looks much deeper on paper. Illiana Christian, winners of the Kankakee Holiday Tournament Small School Tournament, is one of the hosts and seems the likely location for both Beecher and Mokenca.

Kankakee will host a Class 3A Regional where Peotone looks like an overwhelmingly likely team to be a top seed. Other locals that could end up along with host Kankakee or Plano include Coal City, Herscher and Manteno.

Bradley-Bourbonnais might see a significant change in its path in the new format, or it might remain much the same. The Boilermakers probably should get a seed, but that seed could put them with teams they normal see at Normal Community or a different caste of teams at Ottawa.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Beecher's Johnson scoring at rapid rate

Joins Graffeo in 1,000-point club

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Beecher's Taylor Johnson reached the 1,000-point plateau in less than three seasons.

Johnson scored 27 points at Riverside-Brookfield against the hosts to achieve the feat. She's the second area player this season to eclipse 1,000 points. Peotone's Cora Graffeo reached the mark on Dec. 7, against Watseka.

"Taylor reaching 1,000 points as a junior is an amazing achievement that was reached by her hard work and competitiveness to do what's necessary to help her team win," Beecher coach

Adam Keen said. "She's more than a scorer to us with the outstanding work she puts in every day."

The Bobcats (14-6) struggled at the tournament, going 1-4 without Sam Pilbeam, who sat out with a leg injury. Pilbeam returned to limited action last night in Beecher's 46-40 victory over Reed-Custer. The junior will be limited until she reaches full strength in a few weeks.

BOILERMAKERS CRUISING

The Boilermakers overcame a 14-point halftime deficit to edge SouthWest Suburban Conference rival Lincoln-Way West and swept its own holiday tournament going 4-0.

The win is the 10th in a row for Bradley-Bourbonnais.

Balanced scoring has been key for the Boilermakers (12-2).

Juniors Kennedy Weigt (18.8) and Vinisha Sherrod (12.2) along with senior Jasmine Elliott (14.5) all average over 10 points per game, and sophomore Mikayla Brandon (7.8) is more than capable of scoring double digits each night.

The Boilermakers will be tested over the next week with three consecutive road games against Lincoln-Way North (1/7), Andrew (1/12) and Lincoln-Way Central (1/14).

PERFECT CISSNA PARK

Much like their volleyball season, the Cissna Park girls have been dominant.

The Timberwolves have won their first 15 games behind Addison Stoller, who is looking to help the team make one final postseason run before she departs to Valparaiso in the fall.

Stoller is averaging 15.3 points per game and is second in the area with 140 rebounds. The senior led Cissna Park to a win over Iroquois West, a quality Class 2A team.

Stoller's 49 steals and 11 blocks have helped the Timberwolves defense, giving up an area best 26.7 points per game.

PEOTONE IMPROVING

The Blue Devils struggled in a loss to Herscher but have found a rhythm since.

Peotone has lost only once to Bradley-Bourbonnais since its Dec. 10 loss to the Tigers.

Graffeo has been the team's offensive catalyst, averaging just less than 17 points per game. Dani Benninghoff has stretched defenses, hitting 34 3-pointers on the year.

SPORTS BRIEFS

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Kankakee edges out Eisenhower

The Kankakee boys swimming team utilized a great all-around team effort to pick up an 86-81 win over visiting Eisenhower on Wednesday.

"We had a lot of first places, but it was the thirds and fourths that we picked up that got us the win," Kankakee coach Jo Grogan said. "It was a total team effort that allowed us to get a win over a team that was a lot larger than ours."

Tanner Regez and Alex Palacios led the way for the Kays as each won two individual events and were a part of the winning 200-yard medley squad. Regez and Palacios teamed with Quentin Gentry and Drew Zugenbuehler in that relay, clocking in at 1:59.17.

Regez claimed wins in the 200 freestyle (2:00.49) and 100 free (53.77), and Palacios claimed victories in the 200 individual medley (2:22.42) and 500 free (5:49.49).

Gentry also picked up an individual win with a 1:05.14 showing in the 100 butterfly, and he also teamed with Regez, Zugenbuehler and Sentual Strong to win the 200 free relay (1:45.15), and Zugenbuehler also picked up an individual win, taking the 100 back in 1:13.2.

— DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Royals sign OF Alex Gordon to \$72 million, 4-year contract

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — With a cold wind blowing outside and the warmth of spring training still more than a month away, Alex Gordon walked into the home clubhouse of Kauffman Stadium on Wednesday and grinned.

He was home. And he will be for a while.

The All-Star outfielder signed a \$72 million, four-year deal to remain with the Kansas City Royals, the long-downtrodden team that drafted him more than a decade ago, and that he helped climb to the pinnacle of the sport with a World Series triumph this past season.

"When I walked into the locker room, it put a smile on my face," Gordon said, "because at the end of the season, I didn't know if I was going to be able to do that again."

Gordon will make \$12 million this season, \$16 million next and \$20 million each of the following two years. The deal includes a \$23 million option for 2020 with a \$4 million buyout. If he is traded, the option would be voided and the \$4 million would become an assignment bonus.

The deal is the richest in franchise history, trumping \$55 million agreements given to longtime first baseman Mike Sweeney and starting pitcher Gil Meche.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kelly Johnson returning for 3rd stint with Braves

The Braves are bringing back veteran Kelly Johnson, who agreed to terms Wednesday on a one-year, \$2 million contract, a person familiar with the situation said. The deal was pending a physical.

Johnson, who'll be 34 in February, hit .265 with 14 home runs in 335 plate appearances last season with the Braves and Mets, including 13 homers in 300 PAs against right-handers.

The left-handed hitter can play all four infield positions and the corner outfield positions, and could get plenty of playing time at third base with the Braves, perhaps in a platoon with Adonis Garcia. Johnson's contract also includes up to \$1.25 million in additional incentives he could earn in 2016.

Johnson hit .275 with nine homers, a .321 on-base percentage and 34 RBIs in 62 games (197 PAs) with the Braves in 2015 before being traded along with third baseman Juan Uribe to the Mets in late July for two pitching prospects. The Braves wanted him back for his left-handed bat and versatility, along with the leadership he demonstrated last season.

— THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION (TNS)

Brewers sign veteran first baseman Carter

Milwaukee Brewers general manager David Stearns liked the way first baseman Chris Carter handled himself during the rebuilding process in Houston, where Stearns worked the last three seasons.

"He's a player who has gone through the type of process we're going through now," said Stearns, who was hired to oversee the Brewers' massive rebuild. "He understands how quickly it can turn. That's one of the things he and I talked about. We need his influence with that."

Carter, 29, helped the Astros break through to the playoffs in 2015 but was not retained after making \$4.175 million during an overall subpar year. Stearns figured Carter was the man to fill the Brewers' void at first base and signed him Wednesday to a one-year deal for \$2.5 million with an additional \$500,000 available in incentives.

— MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL (TNS)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

'Bama's deep line pivotal to title game run

The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Run up the middle against Alabama and you're likely to be greeted by powerful, big men such as A'Shawn Robinson and Jarran Reed. Drop back to pass, and there's a fair chance explosive pass rushers such as Jonathan Allen and Tim Williams will be in hot pursuit.

The most impressive part of the second-ranked Crimson Tide's formidable defense has been a front line that is both deep and diverse, even by 'Bama standards.

The line controlled Michigan State in a 38-0 semifinal thrashing, smothering quarterback Connor Cook and clamping down on the run. Doing the same against Clemson and dual-threat quarterback Deshaun Watson in the national

championship game Monday night in Glendale, Ariz., will be easily the biggest test of all for that group.

However, Watson & Co. haven't faced a bigger challenge either.

"They're by far clearly the best that we've seen," Tigers coach Dabo Swinney said. "I mean, they're as good as it gets in the country, No. 1 in about everything defensively, but the biggest thing is they just have great depth in their defensive line. I mean, they roll them guys in there, play a lot of guys, a bunch of subs, and they all play at a really, really high level. That's why they're a great team."

Sure, the Tide offense has quarterback Jake Coker, Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry and wide receiver Calvin Ridley. Defensive backs Eddie Jackson and Cyrus Jones also have had

terrific seasons.

No part of the team has been more pivotal to the Tide's success than a front seven that starts with Robinson and Reed, backed by linebackers Reggie Ragland, Reuben Foster and Williams. Robinson, Reed and Ragland are projected as first-round NFL draft picks.

"We've never had one this deep," Alabama defensive coordinator Kirby Smart said of the front line. "This group is pretty deep. They can roll in and out and not drop off a lot. They take pride in that."

Alabama leads the nation in run and scoring defense and sacks, and is second in total defense.

No Nick Saban defense has averaged this many sacks (3.57 a game) since his 1999 Michigan State team anchored by Julian Peterson (3.73 per game).

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CHICAGO BEARS

The case for hanging on to Forte

We could be saying goodbye to soon

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The day after the Bears season ended, Matt Forte stood in front of a locker that no longer belonged to him. It technically does. It still has his nameplate overhead since he has plenty more at home, and the naked pads and scattered cleats will remain until the equipment boy gathers them up in a cart. Otherwise, Forte's spot has been cleared out in our hearts and minds.

Well, except for this: A tattered spandex cutoff shirt hangs in the middle of the stall, stitched in Chicago blue and orange and made to look like a jersey. The No. 22 is on the back, and above it are the words "Work Horse."

"All my hard work, blood, sweat and tears is in this shirt, too, so I wanted to leave it," he said.

He said he hopes he can come back for it, but we'll see.

This was one day after the farewell on the field, which again was never official, never labeled that way, but come on. More than 50,000 people snuggled into frigid Soldier Field on Sunday for a meaningless battle between two 6-9 teams, and you know why. You saw it in everything you'll remember from the game, from the "Thanks for the smiles, Forte!" banner near the North end zone to his post-game handshakes with fans to the way his tap-dancing touchdown from 23 yards out set the entire stadium on fire.

"Everybody's acting like it's a going-away party, like a funeral or something," Forte said Monday. "No decisions have been made. I can be back."

He's right: Everyone is saying goodbye. We've all become guilty of it during the past week. But why?

Why are we burying Matt Forte?

Is it because he's 30 years old, the same age as Adrian Peterson, the NFL's leading rusher?

It is because he will surely



Chicago Bears running back Matt Forte runs the ball against the Detroit Lions on Sunday in Chicago. The Lions won the game 24-20.

decline, even though he hasn't at all yet, coming off his eighth season of 800 yards rushing and 300 receiving like only four other players in the history of the game, still in such chiseled shape that a team full of injured bodies walks away puzzled over how he does it?

Is it because the Bears' past two fourth-round picks, Jeremy Langford and Ka'Deem Carey, inspire that much confidence for a run-first offense with their combined 3.6 yards per carry?

Or is it because John Fox and Ryan Pace's vision for the future is to allocate the money they have to playmakers who fit the culture of hard-working, selfless, gritty men who will fight for their teammates every day — guys like Forte?

That's the most stunning part of this Forte Funeral we've built up in our minds: Everything the Bears have professed they want to build under the new regime still can be found in No. 22, the guy whose locker they're about to clean out.

Fox and Pace are smart men who understand that contracts are as much about projection as they are production, and projections for running backs after age 30 typically aren't great in such a brutal game. They know they don't owe Forte anything more just because he's a fan favorite.

But they're overthinking this one if they're in a dilemma this late in the game. On Monday, they admitted they have a bad football team in need of good-character playmakers. With a

fraction of the enormous cap space they'll have this spring — think three years and \$12 million with \$7.5 million guaranteed, which Frank Gore earned from the Colts last year and which Forte has said he's open to — they could secure so many personas in one body: a runner, a receiver, a pass protector, a player who can stay on the field, a team captain, a strong voice at the players' leadership table and a Brian Piccolo Award winner.

If they pass, moving forward will be on them. The first step will be taking down Forte's "Work Horse" shirt and emptying out the stall he left behind. The second will be replacing all that he filled it with.

Those traits don't just grow on lockers anymore.

PLAYOFFS

Every team has a big flaw and a calling card

The Associated Press

DENVER — Each of the NFL teams still standing has reason to believe confetti, a nice parade and some really big rings are headed their way. Each also knows the locker room clean-out could come this month.

The AFC gets wild-card weekend started Saturday. Here's a look at the biggest strengths and weakness of each AFC team:

1. BRONCOS:

- **Why they'll hoist the Lombardi:** Dominant defense. The Broncos finished No. 1 in total defense for the first time in franchise history. They led the league in sacks and were tops against the pass, and finished 33 yards shy of being best against the run, too.

- **Why they won't:** Their O-line can't protect the passer, whether it's Peyton Manning or Brock Osweiler. Tyler Polunbus replaced reeling right tackle Michael Schofield when Manning supplanted Osweiler on Sunday and cracked that he thought the crowd was cheering for him. It should have been. He kept Manning upright and keeps the job.

- "As long as this football team is winning games, shoot, I don't care who's playing quarterback." — Brock Osweiler.

2. PATRIOTS:

- **Why they'll hoist the Lombardi:** Tom Brady and Bill Belichick. The four-time Super Bowl-winning coach and quarterback know what it takes to win it all. With a healthy Rob Gronkowski, nothing else matters. Plus, they're still mad about that thing with the air in the footballs during last year's playoffs.

- **Why they won't:** Well, something else matters. The offensive line has been shuffled through injuries, leaving Brady vulnerable. The receivers and running backs on the field come from deep among their backups.

- "It isn't really important how one year relates to another year or some other game or some other season from way back when. What difference does it make?" — Bill Belichick on whether the team's injury problems have made this path to the playoffs more difficult than in the past.

3. BENGALS:

- **Why they'll host the Lombardi:** Defense wins championships, and the Bengals have one of their best ever. It yielded the fewest points in franchise history and led the AFC in fewest points allowed. Vontaze Burfitt is all the way back from knee surgery, Carlos Dunlap had 13 1-2 sacks and Geno Atkins added 11.

- **Why they won't:** Quarterback, whoever it is. Andy Dalton broke his right thumb on Dec. 13, and it looks like AJ McCarron will get the nod. Although the Alabama alumnus has had some big-game experience on Saturdays, the NFL is another animal. He was 2-1 as the starter but showed lack of experience at times.

- "We've been there before. It's time to right the ship. You know — exorcism." — Coach Marvin Lewis.

4. TEXANS:

- **Why they'll hoist the Lombardi:** J.J. Watt. With his NFL-best 17 1-2 sacks, he joined Reggie White as the only players with 15-sack seasons in three of their first five years. Unit came on strong down the stretch, allowing just 12.7 points over the final nine games. Whitney Mercilus had a career-high 12 sacks, and Jadeveon Clowney is healthy and disruptive again.

- **Why they won't:** Lack of an elite QB. Houston has played musical chairs with the quarterbacks all season, starting — and winning — with four players. Brian Hoyer is back in the starting role, but the 30-year-old has been a backup for most of his seven-year career. They haven't really replaced Arian Foster since he got hurt, and they lost left tackle Duane Brown to a season-ending thigh injury Sunday.

- "This is do or die, so guys' attention is a little higher than it would normally be." — wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins.

5. CHIEFS:

- **Why they'll hoist the Lombardi:** Because they've already established themselves as miracle workers. After a 1-5 start, they won a franchise-record 10 consecutive games to reach the playoffs. They did it with a ferocious pass rush — All-Pro linebacker Justin Houston should be back from a knee injury — and a balanced, versatile offense that rarely makes mistakes.

- **Why they won't:** Their luck has to run out. They won a series of close games during their remarkable winning streak, taking advantage of a soft late schedule. But there are no soft opponents in the playoffs.

- "I couldn't honestly care less about what anybody says outside of this locker room. We know that when we line up against anybody, we're confident that we're going to get the job done." — tight end Travis Kelce.

6. STEELERS:

- **Why they'll hoist the Lombardi for a seventh time:** They have Antonio Brown and Ben Roethlisberger, and you don't. Brown caught 136 passes for 1,834 yards and 10 touchdowns, numbers that could have been even better if Roethlisberger hadn't missed a month with a sprained left knee. Forget that no receiver has ever won the honor, Denver coach Gary Kubiak said he'd vote for Brown as MVP.

- **Why they won't:** An all-or-nothing defense. The Steelers posted their most sacks (47) and interceptions (17) since 2010, when they won the AFC title. The problem? When they aren't getting to the quarterback, they're not doing much. Pittsburgh finished 30th against the pass.

- "I feel that we are getting stronger. We just need to have that chain-linked fence effect." — linebacker Lawrence Timmons.

GREEN BAY

Packers have deeper playoff experience edge over Redskins

GENARO C. ARMAS

AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Two straight losses to finish the regular season sapped the Green Bay Packers of momentum going into the playoffs.

They do have at least one advantage in their wild-card matchup this weekend against Washington.

Been there, done that.

Green Bay is making a franchise-record seventh straight postseason. The New England Patriots are the only other team that has been to the playoffs seven straight years.

"I think that you can harness the feelings and the things that worked in the wins and also think back on the feeling when you lost and your season's over and you try to use that as motivation," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said Wednesday.

"It can really give you the inspiration to work a little bit harder during the week and try to execute a little bit better," he added.

The longest-tenured Packer, Rodgers has started 11 postseason games and played in the postseason each year since 2009.

The Redskins will be making their fifth playoff appearance since 1993 and first in three seasons, when they lost a wild-card game to Seattle. Washington quarterback Kirk Cousins played in that 24-14 loss on Jan. 6, 2013, entering in relief of injured starter Robert Griffin III.

It is his only postseason appearance.

Said Cousins: "Playing at home can certainly help our ability to play at a high level, but as far as does it offset things? I don't know. But I do know (the Packers are) a very experienced, talented team."

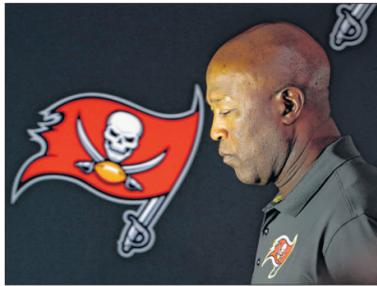
Looked at another way, Green Bay has 212 games of playoff experience on its roster compared with 76 for Washington, according to STATS.

And that's counting the veterans who came over as free agents, such as defensive linemen Terrance Knighton and Ricky Jean Francois, and safety Dashon Goldson, who together have 19 games of postseason experience.

"We've got some veteran guys on this team that have really done a great job as far as leadership's concerned of showing the young guys how to work and prepare and make sure they do the right thing," Redskins coach Jay Gruden said.

But those experiences still pale in comparison to Green Bay, where seasons are judged more by how far the team got in the playoffs rather than just making it.

TAMPA BAY



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Tampa Bay Buccaneers head coach Lovie Smith walks off the stage after his end-of-the-season news conference on Monday.

Bucs fire Lovie after 2 seasons

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TAMPA, Fla. — Jameis Winston had a strong rookie season, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers tripled their victory total from the previous year. Still, it wasn't enough to save coach Lovie Smith's job.

Smith was fired Wednesday night after going 6-10 this season, 8-24 overall in two years running a team that has missed the playoffs eight consecutive years.

The late-night announcement came as a surprise because Smith's job was not considered to be in danger after the Bucs improved from two wins and landing the No. 1 overall draft pick in his first season to rebounding from a slow start to briefly contend for a wild-card berth with a rookie quarterback starting every game.

"This decision was difficult on a variety of levels," Buccaneers Co-Chairman Joel Glazer said in a statement. "I am disappointed that we were not more successful these past few seasons, but we are committed to doing what is necessary to give our fans the winning team they deserve."

General manager Jason Licht will oversee the search for a new coach.

Smith led the Chicago Bears to the NFC title in 2006, when they lost to Indianapolis in the Super Bowl. He was 84-66 in nine seasons with Chicago.

The Bucs showed some improvement this season with Winston joining Andrew Luck and Cam Newton as the only players since the 1970 NFL/AFL merger to throw for 4,000 yards as rookies. But they lost five of their last six games, including the final four to finish last in the NFC South for the fifth straight season.

"I don't think any of us would say that we've met our expectations. We had high hopes when I took over the franchise. You just can't build a program overnight," Smith said earlier this week.

NEW ORLEANS

Payton says he'll be Saints coach

The Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — Saints coach Sean Payton smiled often and answered questions for a full hour while Saints owner Tom Benson and general manager Mickey Loomis looked on from a few feet away.

More introspective, laid back and talkative than usual, Payton appeared eager to begin a second decade in New Orleans.

Seeking to end speculation he could be on the move after consecutive 7-9 seasons, Payton said on Wednesday he doesn't envision himself "ever coaching for any other clubs."

"I know it appeared there was a looming decision, but I think this is really me saying again ... here I am, and nothing's changing, and I plan on finishing my career here," Payton said. "I'll be here as long as they'll have me."

Payton does not have an extension — at least, not yet. He said his contract, which runs for two more seasons and pays him about \$8 million annually, remains unchanged for now.

"I'm sure at the right time, all those things



The Associated Press/Max Becherer

New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton speaks during a news conference at the NFL football training facility in Metairie, La., on Wednesday.

will take care of themselves," Payton said.

Payton did not deny he and Loomis have had disagreements.

"We each like to win an argument, but I think it's important in the discussions, when we're going through things, that we both have the ability to look at what's best," Payton said.