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Herscher student killed in car wreck

Brother also hurt; other driver cited for DUI

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Police said alcohol was a factor in a two-car accident that claimed the life of a Herscher High School student on Sunday night.

Dead is 15-year-old Kameron Allison, who was a passenger in a car driven by his 16-year-old brother.

Kameron Allison was pronounced dead at the scene at 11:14 p.m., Kankakee County Corner Bob Gessner said. An autopsy was performed today.

Allison's brother, who's name has not been released, was airlifted to Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn.

Gessner said both brothers were wearing seat belts.

Both are students at Herscher High School. Superintendent Richard Decman said grief counselors were available at the school today.

According to Illinois State Police, the brothers were westbound on Illinois Route 17 on their way home to the Reddick area when a car driven by a 33-year-old St. Anne woman traveling southbound on 19000W Road ran the stop sign, striking the other vehicle on the passenger side.

She has been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. More charges are pending, according to ISP.

She was taken to a local hospital for treatment. Her name has not yet been released by police.

Rauner running out of time

Clock ticking on budget reforms

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SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Bruce Rauner's vision of a grand two-year budget compromise with Illinois lawmakers is diminishing as the clock ticks down on this year's legislative session.

The Republican has asked for pro-business and union-weakening proposals and other legislative changes as part of a budget compromise. While he remains optimistic he can get a deal done before the spring session ends May 31, Democrats who control the Legislature have been largely dismissive of his ideas.

Any post-session spending plan will require three-fifths support from each chamber, rather than a majority, making it harder to end the budget standoff that's now in its eleventh month.

"My sense is, big things, important things, kind of get done at the very last minute, kind of around 2 a.m. That may be what happens now, I don't know," Rauner said last week.

Here's a look at where some of Rauner's proposals stand:

TERM LIMITS AND REDISTRICTING

Rauner's plan to overhaul the state's political landscape includes two items that would require lawmakers to go against their career interests: Imposing term limits and changing how legislative districts are drawn every decade. Lawmakers from the ruling party currently draw the maps — usually to their advantage.

Republicans introduced proposals for term limits but they have not received serious consideration. The House and Senate each considered Democrat-sponsored bills on redistricting, including one that would give

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Daily Journal photos/Mike Voss

Avis Huff waves to children in the hall at Lafayette School Friday as she toured the school which will be renamed in her honor.

Huff tours school she once led

Lafayette renamed for pioneering principal

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Avis Huff has been retired since 1992, but the former longtime principal of Lafayette School can still communicate clearly with a cafeteria full of students.

Friday, Huff demonstrated the technique she used at the school she led from 1971 to 1992. She held up her index and middle fingers in the familiar "peace sign" in front of a packed cafeteria. Then she drew her fingers across her lips to signal silence. Finally, she pointed to her ear to indicate it was time to listen.

The room fell silent as the students followed her instruction.

Huff, 81, was at the school for a special event. This summer the Kankakee School District will rename the school as the Avis Huff Student Support Services Center. Huff was the first African-American woman to head a Kankakee School.

Lafayette houses 200 kindergarten through third grade students now. Next year it will become home to several special programs designed to help students in need. During Huff's tenure, Lafayette held kindergarten through sixth grade.

The drive to rename the school started with Rebecca Winqest, of Kankakee. Winqest, whose sons were Lafayette students when Huff was there, was the PTO president during part of Huff's tenure.

Huff, who now lives in Plantation,



Avis Huff talks to one of her sons during a luncheon in her honor at Lafayette School on Friday. After the luncheon Huff toured the school which will be renamed in her honor.

Fla., remembers Winqest calling to ask her permission to try to get the name changed.

"I was thinking, this only happens when people are dead, and I'm still living," she said.

"It was really a surprise that they would do this," Huff said. "I was just doing my job."

Winqest said that Huff was an extraordinary principal, who would go above and beyond. She was known for being out of the office and spending time with the students. When the current building was being constructed in 1988, the school was without a playground. Huff would lead the students to a city park for their recess.

As she toured the school with cur-

rent principal Lori Holmes, Huff noted signs of progress. There is a library at the school now. Huff said she also likes the new school uniforms. "Prevents them from trying to outdo each other," she said.

Her succinct advice to parents these days was to spend more time listening to what their children have to say. Understanding goes a long way.

The luncheon Friday night a fundraiser was held at Kankakee High School. Headed by Winqest and retired principal Willa White, a volunteer committee was working to raise funds to help defray the cost of renaming the building. The actual sign will go up this summer.

'Dog Day' proves a howlin' good time

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At least 250 dogs had their day on Sunday at Perry Farm in Bradley. The annual Dog Day Afternoon gave dogs of all sizes a chance to socialize and exercise.

Dogs roamed the park's grounds, often stopping to be petted and have their photo taken. Some showed off their tricks during a competition, while others dressed up in costumes for a fashion show. The off-leash play areas also stayed busy.

"The tails have been wagging all day," said Nicole Jenkins, recreation supervisor of the Bourbonnais Township Park District. "I've seen nothing but happy dogs."

Several dogs got their licks in and made some more four-legged and two-legged friends. Tammy Bury, of Kankakee, brought her 12-year-old cockapoo, Scruffy, for that reason.

"He doesn't see a lot of dogs, so it's nice for him to get out and intermingle," Bury said about



Daily Journal/Amy Smith

Abby, a two-year-old Labrador retriever owned by Jeremy Wright, of Bradley, catches a Frisbee at Dog Day Afternoon at Perry Farm Park Sunday afternoon.

Scruffy. "There are a lot of activities for him. It's a good time, and it seems to get bigger every year."

Apollo, a six-year-old Siberian husky from Bourbonnais, enjoyed his first time at the event. His two-

legged sibling got her face painted to resemble his.

"He likes interacting with other dogs and people," his owner, Kenny Jones, said. "It's a great event. My daughter wanted to

look just like him."

Joanne and Roy Bowling, of Kankakee, always look forward to the annual event. They brought their three pugs — Georgie, Murphy and Lucky — who serve as therapy dogs through Riverside Medical Center.

The three dogs are so popular at assisted living centers that patients remember their names. Georgie, who has been a therapy dog for 10 years, sat in a doggie stroller on Sunday due to arthritis.

"They love coming out here every year," Joanne Bowling said. "They are full-time volunteers just like us. So, they love socializing. You don't hear a lot of fighting out here between all the dogs. They just have fun."

Twenty-six vendors — rescue groups, groomers, walkers and veterinarians — had booths at the event.

"This was strictly put together for dogs to come out and have a good time," Jenkins said. "It's one of a few events in the area that just focus on dogs, so it's a special day. We love having dogs here."



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Perry Bitzel, Crescent City
Donald "Butch" Brais,
 Bourbonnais
Joyce De Valk, Coolidge, Ariz.
Loeva Ennis, Winamac, Ind.
Dale Janssen, Crescent City
Gerald Langlois, Grant Park
Jimmy Marshall Jr., Donovan
Michael "Mikey" Witcek,
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Jackpots
 Illinois Lotto \$8.25 million
 Hoosier Lotto \$6.7 million
 Mega Millions \$174 million
 Powerball \$60 million

Numbers drawn Sunday, May 15:

Illinois
 Pick 3 Midday 7-8-5 9
 Pick 3 Evening 7-1-7 8
 Pick 4 Midday 3-7-9-4 2
 Pick 4 Evening 1-6-1-6 2
 Lucky Day Lotto
 Midday 2-24-27-39-42
 Evening 18-22-26-29-33

Indiana
 Daily 3 Midday 8-8-7
 Daily 3 Evening 3-9-8
 Daily 4 Midday 7-3-8-8
 Daily 4 Evening 4-1-4-1
 Cash 5 1-16-21-26-40
 Quick Draw
 Midday 5-7-9-12-13-21-23-24-35-38
 44-47-49-54-58-59-66-70-79-80
 Evening 1-3-7-8-15-20-21-22-30-35
 37-38-50-53-55-58-62-65-69-70

Numbers drawn Saturday, May 14:

Illinois
 Pick 3 Midday 6-0-3 8
 Pick 3 Evening 8-6-4 2
 Pick 4 Midday 7-9-7-8 7
 Pick 4 Evening 2-4-5-6 0
 Lucky Day Lotto
 Midday 2-7-16-24-25
 Evening 1-5-9-16-40
 Lotto 26-29-33-38-50-52
Indiana
 Daily 3 Midday 8-4-7
 Daily 3 Evening 9-7-7
 Daily 4 Midday 5-9-3-9
 Daily 4 Evening 7-3-9-8
 Cash 5 2-8-15-16-20
 Hoosier Lotto 2-5-12-19-40-44
 Quick Draw
 Midday 1-2-10-12-14-17-25-28-33-41
 52-54-58-64-66-67-70-71-75-79
 Evening 5-6-9-15-19-23-24-27-33-36
 37-48-56-58-59-63-67-69-70-77

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THE BIG PICTURE: NEW RECORD HOLDER



Antonino Di Marco/ANSA

Italian woman, at 115, is oldest person in the world

Emma Morano poses next to a picture depicting her when she was young in Verbania, Italy, Friday. Surrounded by relatives and neighbors, Morano greeted with a smile Friday the news that she, at 115 years of age, is now the oldest person in the world. Not only that, but she is believed to be the last surviving person in the world who was born in the 1800s, coming into the world on Nov. 29, 1899. That's just 4 and a half months after Susannah Mushatt Jones, who died Thursday in New York at the age of 116.

5 reasons to own a convertible

Your parents probably discouraged you from wanting a convertible. It wasn't the BB gun argument: "You'll put your eye out." But it was just as serious: "You'll get killed in a wreck." Still, it's that time of year when you'll be out on the road and see more convertibles with the tops down. So, let's get back to those arguments with Mom and Dad.

Space issues

Yes, the trunk space is reduced ... BUT the headroom is unlimited.

Visibility

Yes, everyone can see you ... BUT there's no blind spot for a convertible driver. You can see traffic in every direction when the top's down.

Don't rock the oldies

OK, you're going to get noticed if you sing along loudly with the radio ... BUT, in a convertible, you can smell the roses and freshly cut grass. At stop signs, people will say "hi" and it's easy to ask for directions.

Break-ins welcome?

Yes, a thief could just cut the top and steal



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Time to hit the open road, with the top down?

something from the car ... BUT he could break a window in your SUV, if the prize was good enough. And, on the plus side, if you leave the top down, you'll never be upset over locking your keys in the car again.

Hairstyle woes

Sure, there are some folks with high-maintenance hair who'll want the top up ... BUT it always seems that passengers in a convertible are having more fun than the rest of us. Even Thelma and Louise were smiling as they were hurtling to their death, in a convertible.

MONDAY, MAY 16

Events in history

- In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.
- In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV.
- In 1939, the federal government began its first food stamp program in Rochester, N.Y.
- In 1960, the first working laser was demonstrated at Hughes Research Laboratories in Malibu, Calif., by physicist Theodore Maiman.
- In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.
- In 1988, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop released a report declaring nicotine was addictive in ways similar to heroin and cocaine.
- In 1991, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the United States Congress as she lauded U.S.-British cooperation in the Persian Gulf War.

Happy birthday!

- Actor **Pierce Brosnan** is 63.
- Actress **Debra Winger** is 61.
- Olympic gold medal gymnast **Olga Korbut** is 61.
- Actress **Mare Winningham** is 57.
- Singer **Janet Jackson** is 50.
- Actor **David Boreanaz** is 47.
- Political correspondent **Tucker Carlson** is 47.
- Actress **Tori Spelling** is 43.
- Actress **Megan Fox** is 30.
- Actor **Jacob Zachar** is 30.
- Actor **Marc John Jefferies** is 26.
- Actor **Miles Heizer** is 22.

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Boat racing back, just scaled down

St. Anne lake hosts remote control models

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If you ever wondered what would happen if you paired a souped-up chain saw engine with a remote-control, one-eighth-scale, hydroplaning race boat, the answer played out Sunday on a little lake on the northeast edge of St. Anne.

This was only the second event staged at this facility, prepared by the Village of St. Anne, specifically for these racers. It was the first event of the season for the International Model Power Boat Association District 4 sanctioning body.

A strong westerly wind created some challenging racing conditions, and temperatures in the 40s didn't help, but there were 48 boats in the pits, and a mix of fans from across Illinois and Wisconsin. The driver/controllers ranged from 5-year-old Keenan Pralle, of Bourbonnais, to 75-year-old Gary Preusse, of Oak Brook Terrace. Ken Stang, of St. Anne, was the



The Daily Journal/Scott Anderson
St. Anne resident Ken Stang prepares his boat for the next race during the International Model Power Boat Association's race at a small St. Anne lake during their competition Sunday afternoon.

unofficial host for the day. At 58, this auto mechanic has 20 years of experience with these temperamental machines. He's the current president of District 4's Marquette Boat Club, and he earns some extra respect for winning a national championship in 2012.

"After awhile, using the controller just becomes natural," he said of his driving style on the one-third, and one-quarter mile

courses they run. He owns four boats, but only brings two to the races. They're capable of speeds between 65 and 70 mph.

About his title four years ago, Stang noted: "Yes, it's big commitment having boats ready and getting to every event, but I have to tell you, once you win one, you want to go back out and do it again every year."

Al Archer, of Appleton, Wis.,

was the head race official for this event. He managed the clock for the starts, just as it was done in the Kankakee River Regatta. The boats — about 48 inches long and 18 inches across — are subject to the same strategies and failures as the larger models. A driver has to time his arrival at the start line precisely. Cross it early and you're a lap behind.

The boats are also likely to flip. And they lose power. And when that happens, they sit dead in the water until after the race, when a crew comes out to retrieve them.

This was just a five-hour event, but some of these run nine to 10 hours and some are staged over two days and attract more than 300 competitors.

According to Archer, getting started in the game can be as little as \$500. "But the full-blown deal with a trailer and everything, well, the sky's the limit. Some boats will cost as much as \$2,500."

That doesn't bode well for the investment Dan Pralle, of Bourbonnais, might be making. He has a couple boats of his own, and he prepares two more for his sons Keenan and Kyler, 12, the overall winner in his group.

"We get to about six events a year, but we're always over here practicing. So, we're enjoying this together," Dan said.

Rauner: Time is running out for budget reforms

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an independent commission the job of drawing the maps. The measures passed one chamber and failed in the other.

Both issues require voters' approval to change the Illinois Constitution, but the deadline for those to be included on the November ballot has passed.

ORGANIZED LABOR

Another Rauner demand addresses unions, the heart of Democrats' support in Illinois, making the issue a nonstarter for many lawmakers.

"Some things, whether people like to believe it or not, they're just not going to pass in Illinois," said Rep. Patrick Verschoore, a Democrat from Rock Island.

Rauner has scaled back some ideas that would limit unions' power, including dropping a call for legislation establishing local "empowerment zones," which would allow municipalities to decide whether joining a union should be voluntary instead of a condition of employment.

But he still wants local governments to be able to exclude topics when negotiating labor agreements, such as health benefits and wages that exceed limits set by municipalities. Democrats have shown no interest in taking up the issue.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

To make Illinois friendlier to business, Rauner wants to tighten workers' compensation laws, which would reduce employers' costs. Currently, an employee can file a successful claim even if an injury occurred outside of the workplace but was tangentially tied to work.

If Rauner is to agree to a tax increase, which many believe is necessary to close the state's \$5 billion-and-growing deficit, he has said Democrats need to pass legislation aimed at growing the economy.

Some Democrats have expressed interest in changing workers' compensation rules, but there has been little movement on the issue.

PROPERTY TAX FREEZE

During speeches, Rauner frequently laments that Illinois has among the highest property taxes in the country. He's calling for a property tax freeze and allowing voters to decide locally whether to raise their property taxes.

But Rauner has said freezing property taxes alone won't accomplish his goal, repeating his call for collective bargaining reforms.

House Democrats passed legislation last month that would freeze property taxes everywhere but home-rule local governments, including Chicago. Rauner said the bill, which doesn't include collective bargaining reforms, is not good enough.

KCC GRADUATION



Daily Journal/Tiffany Blanchette

More than 450 KCC students turn tassels

Graduates stand before turning their tassels on Saturday during the Kankakee Community College commencement ceremony at George H. Ryan Gymnasium. More than 450 KCC students were presented their degrees during the ceremony.

KANKAKEE DRUG COURT

Drug treatment program to expand

Second chance program to get a second officer

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Kankakee County Drug Court, a program that trades drug treatment for dropped charges, soon will be available to even more inmates.

The court held its semi-annual graduation Friday at the Kankakee County Courthouse as six offenders had their charges dropped after successfully completing rehabilitation classes and testing clean.

Lisa Kurtz, the Drug Court coordinator in Kankakee County, said the program will be adding a second officer from the probation department shortly. This transfer of an officer will allow the Drug Court to handle more cases and increase the supervision of those persons in the program now.

Currently, Drug Court has 42 persons in the program. That could "potentially double," Kurtz said.

Mike Kick, the judge who handles the Drug Court call, said the added officer will not cost the Kankakee County budget any additional dollars. Funding comes through the state. "It's one of the few things not actually hurting," Kick said, the result of an effort by the Illinois Supreme Court.

Drug Court is available to nonviolent drug offenders. Persons who enter the court have to go through treatment. They get encouragement, and counseling, through Kurtz and Kick, with the aim of getting their life back together. That often means heading back to school, getting a

job or mending fences with a family.

Persons in the program undergo random testing. If caught using, they get a shock stay for days back in the Kankakee County jail.

The program cuts recidivism, while rebuilding lives and saving the state the cost of long prison sentences. Still, though, Kurtz said, not every inmate who has used wants or has the will to kick drugs.

One of Friday's graduates was Rachel Weigt.

Weigt's descent started with a DUI on a Christmas Eve. Then, when her license was suspended, she was picked up at another traffic stop later. This time there were drugs in the car. Weigt had been using painkillers, but then moved to heroin, because, she said, "it was cheaper."

Weigt said the arrest "saved her life." "There is no doubt in my mind that this program saved my life," she told the court. "I don't feel helpless any more."

Weigt, in graduating, thanked the judge, who came down from the bench to give her a hug.

"Usually a court is about punishment," she said, "but the people administering this program seem to care."

Graduates tell their stories in front of a courtroom. Their charges are formally dropped. Friends and family are in attendance, as well as inmates still in the program.

Friday's graduates included a young man who had first used drugs at age 10 and a woman whose drug habit cost her a job of 30 years and a home that went into foreclosure.

The guest speaker at the event was Nicole Schrecl, of Mokenca. Now a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, she battled drugs and alcohol for 10 years before sobering up.

RHUBARB FEST



Daily Journal/Amy Smith

Annual festival celebrates rhubarb

Grace Ruckman, 5, of Bonfield, participates in the dime toss at the annual Rhubarb Festival held at Gov. Small Memorial Park in Kankakee on Sunday.

National news

ILLINOIS: POLITICS

State Rep. Franks to seek county job over re-election

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Outspoken Democratic state Rep. Jack Franks said Sunday that he will run for McHenry County board chairman instead of seeking re-election for the Illinois House where he's served since 1999, a decision fueled by the state's unprecedented budget impasse.

Franks, of Marengo, has often clashed with his own party, especially on budget and tax issues. He said leaving the post was difficult, but that the budget gridlock has eroded the ability of the Legislature to do bipartisan work. Illinois is still without a spending plan for the fiscal year that began in July because of the stand-off between Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democrats who run the Legislature.

"Springfield is dysfunctional and broken. I've never seen it so bad," Franks said. "We're probably not going to see a budget until January or maybe never. ... It's tearing me apart."

On Sunday, McHenry County Democratic officials chose Franks to fill

the board chairman ballot vacancy. He'll have to collect 270 signatures in the Republican-leaning region to get his name on the November ballot against Republican Mike Walkup, a Crystal Lake board member.

Franks said he believes he can do more good for taxpayers serving in the northeastern Illinois county, which he says relies too much on raising taxes. A longtime critic of the board, he said he's also focused on eliminating waste. Earlier this year, he sparked a state investigation into board members' pension eligibility.

His decision leaves an open House seat in Republican territory. Democratic leaders have until late August to find a ballot replacement to run against Republican attorney Steven Reick of Harvard. He unsuccessfully challenged Franks in 2014.

Franks said area voters have previously looked past party labels.

"Politically, the easy thing would have just been to run again for state representative," he said. "I never do the easy thing."

"We're probably not going to see a budget until January or maybe never. ... **It's tearing me apart.**"

REP. JACK FRANKS, D-MARENGO

ILLINOIS: EDUCATION

Mentors help autistic student with social graces

Compassion, understanding go a long way

BY MARY COOLEY
The Associated Press

BELLEVILLE — At first look, it's hard to tell who in the peer mentoring program has autism and who is in regular education at Belleville's Westhaven Elementary school.

But then a balloon pops, and a kindergartner with autism shrieks — as would many regular education kindergartners — and a sixth-grader claps his hands over his ears and keeps them there.

"Did you hear that POP?" he excitedly asked a few minutes later. "Did you hear POP?"

James Moton, 11, was soon calm on April 20, alternately appearing either bored or highly engaged when talking about outer space or the show "How it's Made" with his peer mentor, William Hein.

James and William are part of the Belleville District 118 program that pairs students in regular education with students on the autism spectrum. April is Autism Awareness month. The students with autism are gently coached in social skills, and the mentors like William get to exercise their empathy as well as educate others about the disorder.

The program has gradually grown, says Autism Consulting Teacher Chris Gibson, and now includes all but three of the district's 11 schools.

Autism is a neurological disorder, says Gibson, and the wide spectrum of needs that falls under the term make it difficult for schools to provide for every student. But she says peer mentoring makes a huge impact for the district's 100-plus students with the disorder. She says mentors don't need to be the smartest students in



Tim Vizer/Belleville News-Democrat via AP/File

James Moton, left, a sixth-grade student at Westhaven Elementary School in Belleville listens to his mentor William Hein, also a sixth-grader, as Hein gives examples of inappropriate and appropriate behavior and reactions in certain social occasions in this April 22 photo. Moto and Hein are part of the Belleville District 118 program that pairs students in regular education with students on the autism spectrum.

the class, but they do need to have the maturity and social skills to help others.

Students who are interested in becoming peer mentors begin by hanging out with the students who have autism a day or two a week at lunch. From there, those who form a special bond — like William and James — are paired for the next year, after the mentor undergoes training over the summer.

"He's always been smart and inquisitive," says James' dad, Marco Moton. "He opens up more (now)."

Gibson said that like many young children with autism, James had trouble when he was in kindergarten with controlling outbursts. Now, he's learned some coping techniques that William helps him with. Gibson says one perk of the program is that when a teacher sees that a child is starting to have difficulties, the teacher can call upon the trusted peer mentor to help out.

The district will expand the program next year to all but

education, learning disabilities and behavior disorders."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 1 in 200 children born in the year 2000 would be on the autism spectrum. The latest numbers show that to be 1 in 45, with boys having the disorder at a higher rate than girls.

Gibson is seeing more children diagnosed with autism than she had previously.

"But when I walk into an (Early Learning Center) now versus 20 years ago, you see much more autism. Today, about half of ELC to two-thirds will have autism," she said. "There's a reason I have three kindergartners and one sixth-grader," at the Westhaven school's peer mentor program.

The ELC programs are for children who have been identified in screening as likely to benefit in some way from earlier intervention.

For Moton, the years-long intervention with James will continue.

"Right now, my main focus is on working on being more discerning about people he approaches and talks to because he can tend to be a little bit too friendly," he said. "We're working on that."

Moton said James had been shy and reserved, but is now excelling at school and growing in his social skills.

James is intelligent — Gibson estimates his IQ to be well above average — and as a sixth-grader is doing 12th-grade calculus for fun.

"I'm on the first problem, and he's finished with the fifth," said William of the times he works on their sixth-grade math with James.

"If you can get early intervention, speech and language — and there's a great deal of support — you can lead a very typical, normal life," Gibson said. "(Once, children) were sentenced to a life of special education. That's not the case anymore."

She and Moton expect James to lead a normal life.

"He 100-percent should be a functional adult, making an income and that starts with us," she said.

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Sylvie Bergeron, of San Diego, and her sister Line Bergeron, of Quebec, walk over tuna crabs that washed up onto the beach at Shaw's Cove in Laguna Beach, Calif., on Friday. Pelagic red crabs are usually found off Baja California but currents that are part of the El Nino weather pattern are sweeping them north.

Thousands of tiny crabs washing up in California

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Thousands of tiny red crabs are carpeting beaches in Orange County and creating an amazing spectacle for swimmers and surfers.

Lifeguards estimate that hundreds of thousands of the tiny crustaceans washed up Friday on beaches in Newport Beach.

Others were spotted in

Laguna Beach.

The Orange County Register reports that pelagic red crabs are usually found off Baja California, but currents that are part of the El Nino weather pattern are sweeping them north.

The 1- to 3-inch-long crabs have washed up for several years along the Orange County coastline.

Before that, they hadn't been seen in the area for decades.

ILLINOIS

Class of 12 students prepares to graduate

Illinois seniors together since preschool

BY MOLLY PARKER
The Associated Press

THOMPSONVILLE — Like any other, the Thompsonville High School graduating class includes its cliques: the athletes, the studious ones, the artists, the comedians, the popular kids and so on.

Though, in this case, the list really isn't that long.

These "cliques," as described by the students, also are a bit smaller in size — comprising just a few students, or even just one, each.

That's just part of the oddities experienced by a class of only 12 students.

Most of these graduates, through thick and thin, and a whole lot of picking on each other, have been together since pre-K, which they began around the time the Twin Towers fell.

Inside their modest brick school in rural Franklin County, located about 10 miles from both West Frankfort and Benton, they have come of age together in rural America. They are scheduled to graduate on Wednesday,

and then walk their separate paths.

Three students, or 25 percent of the class, have committed to or are considering the military. "It was kind of more of a way to pay for college," said Dakota Borchelt about his decision to join the National Guard. "I also want to do my part for our country."

He leaves behind Thompsonville, population 543 at the 2010 Census, for basic training in July.

Eight percent of the class — or 1 student — is leaving town to attend a four-year college. Savannah Sweet said she's been accepted into the pre-med program at Murray State University in Kentucky.

The majority of the class is heading to nearby Rend Lake College to pursue career interests that include nursing, teaching and art; one plans to take online criminal justice courses at Liberty University, based in Virginia, and another is heading to John A. Logan College to earn a welding certificate and commercial driver's license.

These seniors make up a small fraction of the thousands of high school seniors who will graduate this May from public schools across Illinois both large and small. The high school graduating class of 2016 was born in or around 1998 — the year of the Clinton/Lewinsky scandal.

Their high school experience is uniquely small town and one shared by current and former students of rural Southern Illinois schools, though this class is on the smaller size even by comparison.

"They're a very, very close-knit group and being so small makes them even more close to one another," said Principal John Robinson. "It's just one of those rare occasions. Even being a small school, it's unusual for us."

While they may be close, do they like each other? Not really, the students say. At least not enough to hang out together as a group outside of school. "It depends on what part of the group you're in," explained Jesse Darnell.

Still, their love for one another runs deep, despite the fact that there are no class sweethearts and have not been since early grade school when many of the handful of girls in the class took turns dating Lucas Lingle when they were much younger.

Lucas is the senior class president — he won by a unanimous show-of-hands vote against classmate James Emberton — and he's also the homecoming king.

"I have the school in my hand," Lucas said. "It's a mixture of money and intimidation."

These seniors tend to relate more as a big family than as classmates. Which makes sense, since close to half of them are technically cousins of varying degrees. When asked how many of the 12 were related, several hands shot up.

Student Lexi Wolf clarified, with emphasis, she is not among those related. "I'm one of them, but I'm not part of them," she said of her classmates.

"That's her way of saying she hates us," Jesse responded.

Laughter echoed off the

walls of their small classroom.

"Nobody really takes anything seriously," said Danielle Steiner. But their sarcastic remarks are no match for their heart. The class, as a group, decided to split what's left in their senior fund — about \$500 — between a yet-to-be announced scholarship and a school need that they plan to reveal as a surprise.

Danielle noted that, despite their differences, the classmates that attended the recent senior trip to St. Louis bonded on a deeper level. "There are different cliques and stuff," she said, but "I think that day we merged together and became one."

The seniors said that throughout their high school career, they put their emphasis on being remembered rather than winning school competitions. They did that in various ways, such as when the 6-foot-3-inch-tall James surprised everyone by wearing a "My Little Pony" onesie during homecoming festivities, and when the janitor let them into the school one recent evening to decorate the high school with balloons and confetti as a "senior prank."

"I'm going to miss this group," said Gaye Blades, who teaches business classes.

"Especially me," said senior Max Baney, not missing a beat.

Several of the students said they couldn't wait to get away from Thompsonville. "It's hard to find culture in a town of 600," James said. The ones who say they can't wait to leave, those are often the ones who end up staying and having families and sending another generation through the school, said history teacher Beth Webb.

Danielle, on the other hand, said she's already made up her mind about sticking around.

"I think it's cozy," she said.

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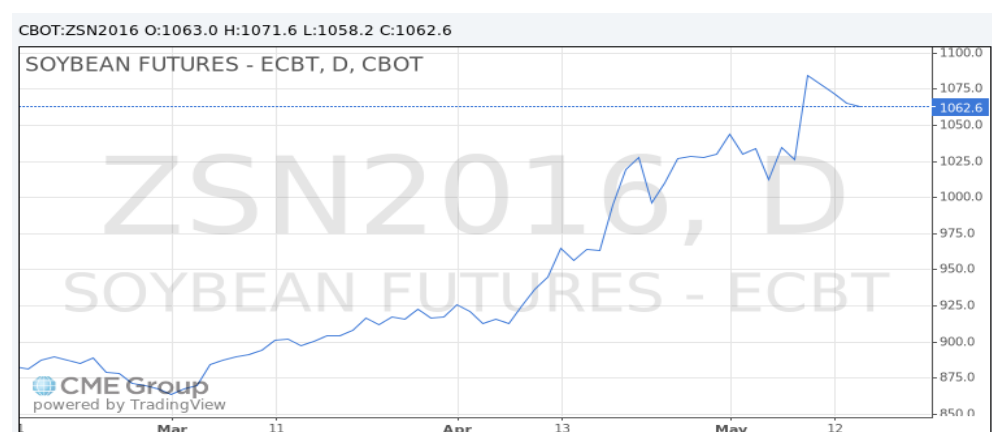
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AG GRAPHS: PAST FIVE MONTHS



DILBERT BY SCOTT ADAMS



Crude oil catches fire as suppliers face production threats

Oil prices exploded to a six-month high this week as global production outages threatened to crimp supply. Wildfires in Canada cut off



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production in some of Alberta's major oil fields, while fighting factions in Nigeria have led to production cutbacks. Those

two nations supply about 7 percent of the global oil market.

With oil near \$50 per barrel, some producers and traders are using the futures

markets to lock in these relatively high prices, with an expectation that prices could decline again in the future.

These oil market "bears" are emboldened by recent data showing that Iran has increased its production faster than expected after the nuclear accord with the U.S. last year opened the door to loosened embargoes against the Iranians.

As of midday Friday, crude

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5 lessons learned from Madoff scandal

In my fifth-grade mind, my teacher, Mr. James M. Migaki, was the smartest man ever to have lived. Every day was special in Mr. Migaki's class. He taught us the importance of learning from history so we never repeat its mistakes. That lesson became very real when he said every moment counts as history, whether it was five years ago, last year, last month or last week.



MARY HUNT EVERYDAY CHEAPSKATE

Mr. Migaki said something is only a mistake if you can't fix it. Sometimes, he would let us retake our tests to learn from history and fix our mistakes.

Speaking of learning lessons from past events, what can we learn from that Bernie Madoff character? He's the guy who pulled off a \$50 billion Ponzi scheme by ripping people off for decades, claiming to be investing their fortunes, paying them inexplicable returns on their money and all the while stealing from them blind. There are several important lessons we all need to learn from this bit of history. These are my top five:

Number 1: Know what you own. No matter what type of assets or investments you have, make it your business to know exactly where

your money is. If your fund manager or broker cannot give you an explanation you can understand, that is not necessarily a reflection on you; it could be that person is more unsure than you are. Keep asking questions, keep researching and keep digging, and don't stop until you are able to describe each of your assets and investments in 25 words or less.

Number 2: Know who's managing the store. Madoff's clients were too trusting when they handed their money over to this mysterious stranger. I can imagine that the mystery surrounding the old gent gave some of them some kind of weird confidence. That was dumb.

Number 3: Don't fall for unbelievable deals. Remember the old adage: If it's too good to be true, you can bet that it is. Get rid of your lottery mentality. There are no get-rich-quick deals out there. If you think you see one, figure out what it really is, then run.

Number 4: Trust, but verify. I don't know what kind of annual accounting documents and records Madoff's clients received, but now we know that whatever they may have received was all fake. A moderate effort on his clients' behalf to verify

Perhaps the best thing we can learn is this: **Dumb questions are a lot better than dumb mistakes.**

their tax returns would have probably shown the truth.

Number 5: Don't assume someone else will protect you. There's no doubt the Madoff crowd assumed they had some kind of protection against being stung by a scoundrel. After all, most securities professionals and others carry insurance to cover clients in the event of an embezzlement scandal. Apparently, the unsuspecting investors in the Madoff scheme never thought to ask about insurance. Whether you think you're protected or not, speak up. Ask questions, even if you think you might appear dumb.

Perhaps the best thing we can learn from the Madoff caper is this: **Dumb questions are a lot better than dumb mistakes.**

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EDITORIAL

Riverside offers solace to sick kids

Hospital stays closer to home a definite benefit

Few things are more gut-wrenching for parents than to see their child hospitalized for an extended period of time with a serious illness. Those circumstances are even more challenging when the hospital is a considerable distance from home.

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COMMENTARY

Let us praise GDP

WASHINGTON — It's time to cut the GDP some slack. Overhauling the GDP — as some critics would — threatens to politicize one of our most useful economic indicators. It could be twisted to advance or retard political agendas. This is a bad idea.

First, some background. GDP stands for "gross domestic product," and it's our standard measure of economic growth. When we hear that the economy grew 2.4 percent in 2015, it really means that GDP grew 2.4 percent. GDP has become a punching bag for pundits, economists, environmentalists and others who claim that it is incomplete and misleading. The respected Economist magazine recently joined the slugfest. It editorialized: "This one number [GDP] has become shorthand for material well-being, even though it is a deeply flawed gauge of prosperity and getting worse all the time."

The trouble with this indictment is that GDP was never intended to be — and shouldn't be — a measure of general prosperity, which depends on many conditions (a few: job stability, income distribution, health). Prosperity can't be compressed into a single number. The GDP's mission is more modest, though still difficult: to measure the economy's

production.

By this standard, GDP is a wonder of the age. Just think: one number that describes something as byzantine as the \$18 trillion U.S. economy. The GDP subdivides into useful segments: consumer spending, business investment, housing construction, government spending and foreign trade.

We take all this for granted, but it wasn't always so.

In the 1920s, the GDP didn't exist. To divine the economy, businessmen, investors and government officials relied on many indicators, including railroad box-car loadings, pig iron output, bank deposits and crop yields. Some entrepreneurs — Roger Babson was the most famous — combined individual indicators into a single index that supposedly predicted the economy. The index "was a hodge-podge of numbers," says historian Walter Friedman, author of "Fortune Tellers: The Story of America's First Economic Forecasters."

The impetus for something better came from the Great Depression and, especially, World War II. To produce more war goods, how much did civilian industry need to be cut? Being able to measure the economy made deciding easier. In 1947, the government began publishing regular GDP estimates.

It remains a complex process. To estimate GDP, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, or BEA, collects data from more than 300 sources, says Associate Director Brent Moulton. The Census Bureau compiles restaurant sales based on regular surveys; the airlines' trade association supplies travel data; auto sales come from private data providers.

The GDP now poses three major problems.

First is the shift from a manufacturing to a service economy. "It's relatively straightforward to measure economic output when you can count the number of cars or refrigerators ... being shipped from factories," writes Diane Coyle in her book, "GDP: A Brief but Affectionate History." "But how do you measure the output of nurses, accountants, garden designers ...?"

The answer: not easily. Particularly difficult are health care (18 percent of GDP) and education (7 percent of GDP). Together, they constitute a quarter of the economy, but we don't have good measures of whether (or how much) their spending makes people healthier or better educated. The government essentially equates their output with their inflation-adjusted spending. It can't judge whether the spending is effective.

The second problem is that GDP measures only market output. If you do your own housework, the effort doesn't count in the GDP; but if you hire someone, the costs add to the GDP. This is acceptable on both theoretical grounds (the GDP aims to measure the market economy) and practical considerations (what home activities wouldn't be counted?).

Still, it's confusing, particularly because the boundary between "the market" and everything else is increasingly blurred in a digital world. Some critics argue that GDP is wildly understated, because it omits "free" Internet services such as Google and Facebook that are used everywhere. Google and other Internet services aren't free, counters the BEA. They're paid for indirectly by advertising.

The final problem is the most dangerous: the possibility that GDP will be hijacked by those who think it should be modified or replaced to promote other goals — more equality, environmentalism — besides economic growth.

Granted, GDP is not a good measure of economic well-being. It does not subtract many of prosperity's costs: pollution, crime, congestion, industrial dislocation, inequality — to name a few. Arguably, it also undercounts the benefits of major upheavals. But trying to squeeze these and other factors into one statistic is undesirable. The more we try to measure with one number, the less that number will tell us about anything.

By all means, let's improve GDP data. But debates over national priorities should be in the open, not hidden in statistical engineering. Let the GDP be the GDP.

How your U.S. lawmakers voted

Y — Voted yes
N — Voted no
O — Did not vote

Rep. Robin Kelly, D-2
Rep. Bill Foster, D-11
Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-16
Rep. Darin LaHood, R-18
Sen. Richard Durbin, D
Sen. Mark Kirk, R



By Thomas Voting Reports, Inc.

For the week ending May 13

Y	Y	Y	Y		
					Painkiller, Heroin Crisis: The House authorized, 413-5, a \$515 million budget through fiscal 2021 for grants to help communities address a national epidemic in which addiction to prescribed painkillers often leads to heroin dependency and overdose deaths. A yes vote was to pass HR 5046.
					Drug Theft at Hospitals: The House refused, 190-225, to allow funding in HR 5046 (above) of efforts to stem staff theft of prescription painkillers at hospitals and clinics. A yes vote backed the amendment over arguments it would duplicate Drug Enforcement Administration programs.
					2017 Energy Budget: The Senate approved, 90-8, a \$37.5 billion energy and water budget for fiscal 2017. A yes vote was to pass HR 2028, which appropriates \$12.9 billion for securing the U.S. nuclear arsenal, \$11.2 billion for energy programs and \$6 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers.
					Iran Nuclear Deal: The Senate failed, 57-42, to reach 60 votes needed to mount an assault on the international deal last year for dismantling Iran's nuclear-arms program. A yes vote was to deny funding in HR 2028 (above) for American purchases of "heavy water" from Iran's nuclear inventory.
					Fish, Wildlife, Water Projects: The Senate defeated, 39-60, an amendment to HR 2028 (above) that would expand U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service influence over Army Corps of Engineers water projects. A yes vote was to add steps for protecting fish and wildlife habitats and populations.

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■ In week of May 16, the Senate will debate the 2017 transportation and housing budget. The House schedule was to be announced.

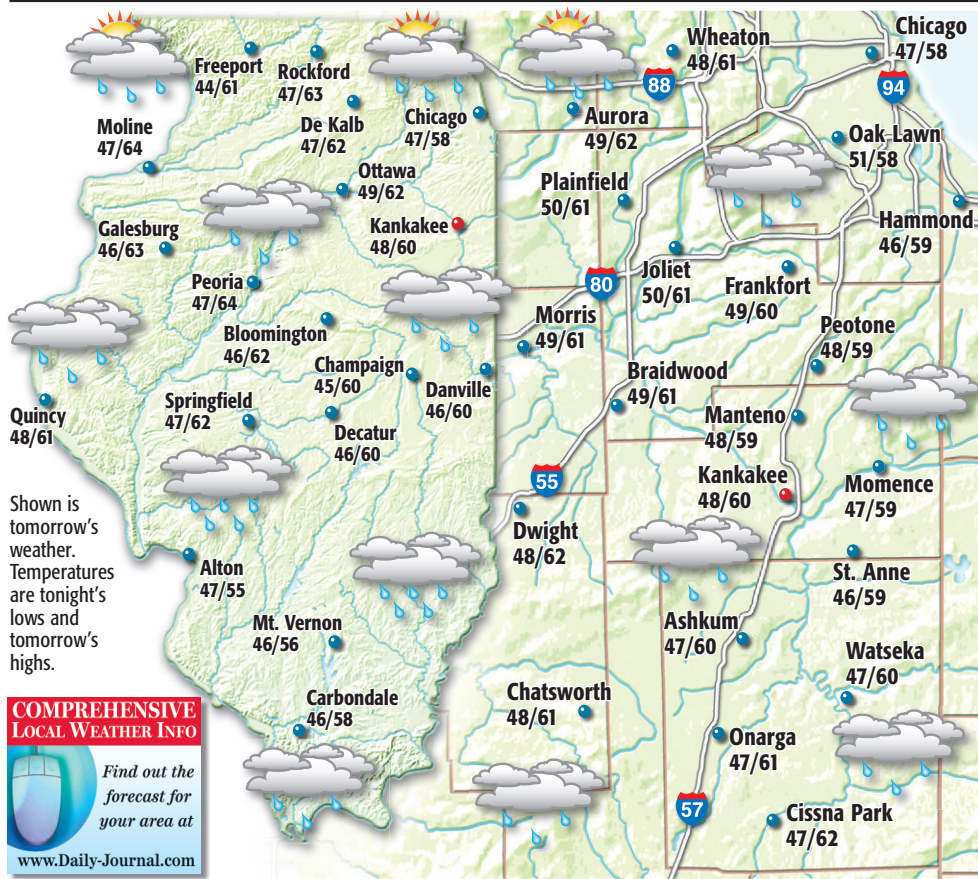
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5-DAY FORECAST FOR KANKAKEE

TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOW 48	60 40	64 41	67 48	69 53
Mostly cloudy with a shower late	Mostly cloudy, a shower, cool	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Times of clouds and sun

ILLINOIS FORECAST

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

Temperature

High	59
Low	34
Normal High	72
Normal Low	50

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Total month to date	1.69"
Normal month to date	2.20"
Year to date	7.06"
Normal year to date	12.16"

Cooling Degree Days

Yesterday	0
Month to date	1
Year to date	2
Normal year to date	21

FARM REPORT

Mostly cloudy and cool tonight. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph. Average relative humidity 75%. A passing shower tomorrow. Winds north-northeast 6-12 mph. Expect less than 2 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation.

Growing Degree Days

Yesterday	0
Season to date	257
Normal season to date	162

SUN AND MOON

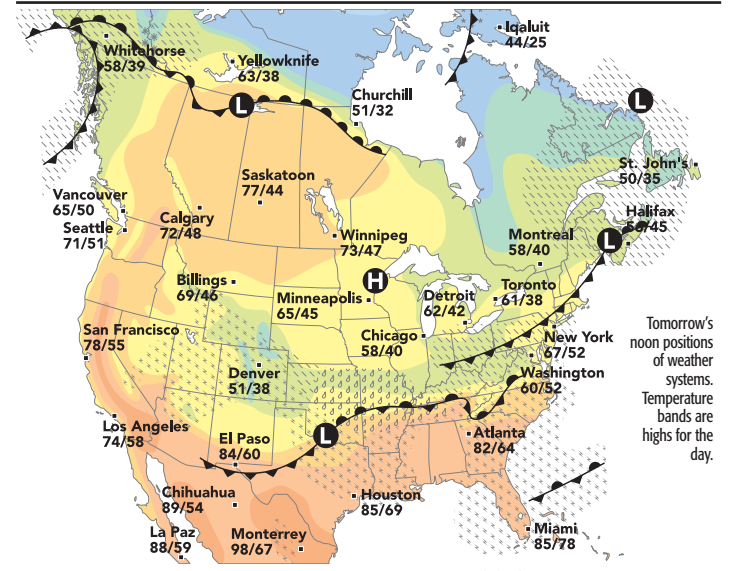
Tuesday

Sunrise	5:31 a.m.
Sunset	8:05 p.m.
Moonrise	4:14 p.m.
Moonset	3:34 a.m.

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May 21 May 29 Jun 4 Jun 12

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NATIONAL FORECAST



Fronts: Cold, Warm, Stationary, Showers, T-Storms, Rain, Flurries, Snow, Ice

Precipitation: 0.05", 0.10", 0.15", 0.20", 0.25", 0.30", 0.35", 0.40", 0.45", 0.50", 0.55", 0.60", 0.65", 0.70", 0.75", 0.80", 0.85", 0.90", 0.95", 1.00", 1.05", 1.10", 1.15", 1.20", 1.25", 1.30", 1.35", 1.40", 1.45", 1.50", 1.55", 1.60", 1.65", 1.70", 1.75", 1.80", 1.85", 1.90", 1.95", 2.00", 2.05", 2.10", 2.15", 2.20", 2.25", 2.30", 2.35", 2.40", 2.45", 2.50", 2.55", 2.60", 2.65", 2.70", 2.75", 2.80", 2.85", 2.90", 2.95", 3.00", 3.05", 3.10", 3.15", 3.20", 3.25", 3.30", 3.35", 3.40", 3.45", 3.50", 3.55", 3.60", 3.65", 3.70", 3.75", 3.80", 3.85", 3.90", 3.95", 4.00", 4.05", 4.10", 4.15", 4.20", 4.25", 4.30", 4.35", 4.40", 4.45", 4.50", 4.55", 4.60", 4.65", 4.70", 4.75", 4.80", 4.85", 4.90", 4.95", 5.00", 5.05", 5.10", 5.15", 5.20", 5.25", 5.30", 5.35", 5.40", 5.45", 5.50", 5.55", 5.60", 5.65", 5.70", 5.75", 5.80", 5.85", 5.90", 5.95", 6.00", 6.05", 6.10", 6.15", 6.20", 6.25", 6.30", 6.35", 6.40", 6.45", 6.50", 6.55", 6.60", 6.65", 6.70", 6.75", 6.80", 6.85", 6.90", 6.95", 7.00", 7.05", 7.10", 7.15", 7.20", 7.25", 7.30", 7.35", 7.40", 7.45", 7.50", 7.55", 7.60", 7.65", 7.70", 7.75", 7.80", 7.85", 7.90", 7.95", 8.00", 8.05", 8.10", 8.15", 8.20", 8.25", 8.30", 8.35", 8.40", 8.45", 8.50", 8.55", 8.60", 8.65", 8.70", 8.75", 8.80", 8.85", 8.90", 8.95", 9.00", 9.05", 9.10", 9.15", 9.20", 9.25", 9.30", 9.35", 9.40", 9.45", 9.50", 9.55", 9.60", 9.65", 9.70", 9.75", 9.80", 9.85", 9.90", 9.95", 10.00", 10.05", 10.10", 10.15", 10.20", 10.25", 10.30", 10.35", 10.40", 10.45", 10.50", 10.55", 10.60", 10.65", 10.70", 10.75", 10.80", 10.85", 10.90", 10.95", 11.00", 11.05", 11.10", 11.15", 11.20", 11.25", 11.30", 11.35", 11.40", 11.45", 11.50", 11.55", 11.60", 11.65", 11.70", 11.75", 11.80", 11.85", 11.90", 11.95", 12.00", 12.05", 12.10", 12.15", 12.20", 12.25", 12.30", 12.35", 12.40", 12.45", 12.50", 12.55", 12.60", 12.65", 12.70", 12.75", 12.80", 12.85", 12.90", 12.95", 13.00", 13.05", 13.10", 13.15", 13.20", 13.25", 13.30", 13.35", 13.40", 13.45", 13.50", 13.55", 13.60", 13.65", 13.70", 13.75", 13.80", 13.85", 13.90", 13.95", 14.00", 14.05", 14.10", 14.15", 14.20", 14.25", 14.30", 14.35", 14.40", 14.45", 14.50", 14.55", 14.60", 14.65", 14.70", 14.75", 14.80", 14.85", 14.90", 14.95, 15.00

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Atlanta	82/64/t	82/65/t	Los Angeles	74/58/pc	75/59/pc	Portland, Ore.	77/52/pc	70/50/pc
Boston	68/51/pc	62/50/pc	Memphis	79/59/t	73/57/sh	St. Louis	59/48/r	68/49/pc
Cincinnati	54/45/r	65/46/pc	Miami	85/78/t	87/77/t	Salt Lake City	66/51/pc	73/53/c
Dallas	81/60/t	75/61/pc	Milwaukee	53/41/pc	57/42/s	San Diego	70/62/pc	72/63/pc
Denver	51/38/sh	60/41/pc	New Orleans	82/73/t	83/72/t	San Francisco	78/55/pc	72/54/pc
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Kansas City	59/44/sh	64/47/c	Philadelphia	62/52/sh	66/50/pc	Wash., D.C.	60/52/r	64/50/sh

WORLD CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	89/78/t	89/77/t	Geneva	61/42/pc	68/50/pc	Paris	65/49/pc	63/49/t
Baghdad	111/80/pc	107/74/pc	Hong Kong	82/77/c	84/78/sh	Singapore	90/81/pc	90/80/t
Amsterdam	61/48/pc	65/50/t	London	66/50/c	60/48/r	Sydney	81/54/s	73/54/s
Athens	78/61/s	74/57/t	Madrid	75/51/t	77/52/t	Tokyo	70/61/r	74/60/pc
Bangkok	94/82/t	95/82/t	Mexico City	78/53/t	79/52/t	Toronto	61/38/c	61/40/pc
Beijing	90/58/pc	85/55/pc	Moscow	63/52/c	63/46/sh	Vancouver	65/50/c	64/46/c
Buenos Aires	55/37/pc	55/39/s	Oslo	66/42/pc	61/50/r	Vienna	58/42/pc	66/46/pc

Local faces

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40 years of service



Submitted photo

On May 4, Phil Czernik, of Kankakee, celebrated 40 years at Azzarelli Construction Company and Kankakee Valley Construction Company. He has been employed as a dispatcher and transportation director and currently works as KVCC's safety director.

Timber Pines Pickleball



Submitted photo

Marie Knowlton, of Richmond, N.H., and Margaret Johnson-Stevenson, of Bonfield, placed second in the Timber Pines Pickleball Tournament in Spring Hill, Fla. Margaret also plays pickleball at the Kankakee YMCA.

Committee members



Submitted photo

Avis Huff committee members for the Fine Arts Festival at Kankakee High School. All proceeds to benefit the drive to rename Lafayette Primary School as the Avis Huff Student Support Services Center. Committee members, back row from left, are: Steve Hunter, Billie Burrell, the Rev. Lori Holmes, Richard Powell, Joe Vallar and Phil Angelo. Front row, from left: Charleszetta Williams, Virginia Shrove, Willa White, Rebecca Winquest, Evelyn Porter and Shalone Graves.

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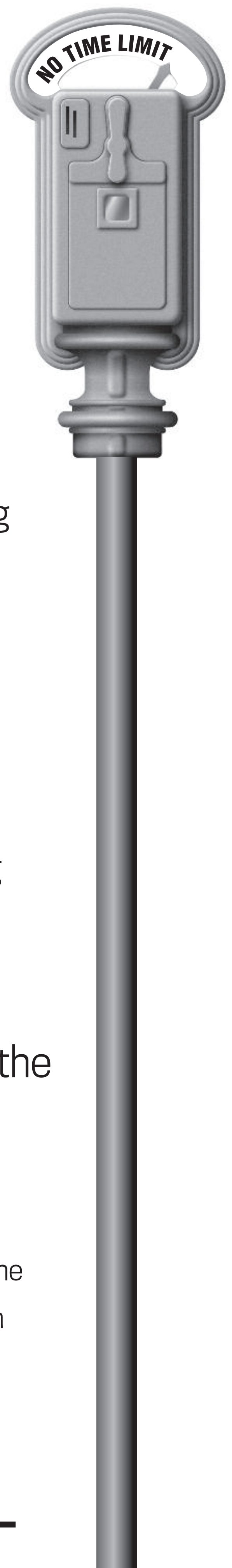
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Comics

MARMADUKE BY BRAD ANDERSON



"Got room for one more?"

OFF THE MARK BY MARK PARISI



A LITTLE ADDED INCENTIVE...

BABY BLUES BY KIRKMAN AND SCOTT



YOU'RE ON THE REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE FOR MY SCHOOL'S FUNDRAISER.

"A NIGHT AT THE CIRCUS." I GOT THE CALL THIS AFTERNOON.

ANOTHER FUNDRAISER??

YEAH, AND YOU'RE ON THE SETUP COMMITTEE.

DO NOT WHINE AT LEAST IT'S NOT THE DUNK TANK AGAIN.

B.C. BY JOHN L. HART



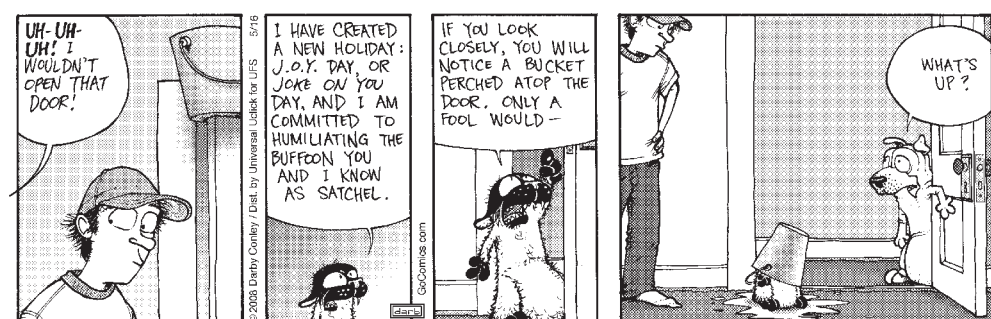
I TOLD YOU THE DEEP PART OF THE WOODS WAS ROUGH.

BREVITY BY GUY AND RODD



YO, PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU STEP TODAY OR YOU COULD BREAK YOUR HIP IN A MAJOR WAY!

GET FUZZY BY DARBY CONLEY



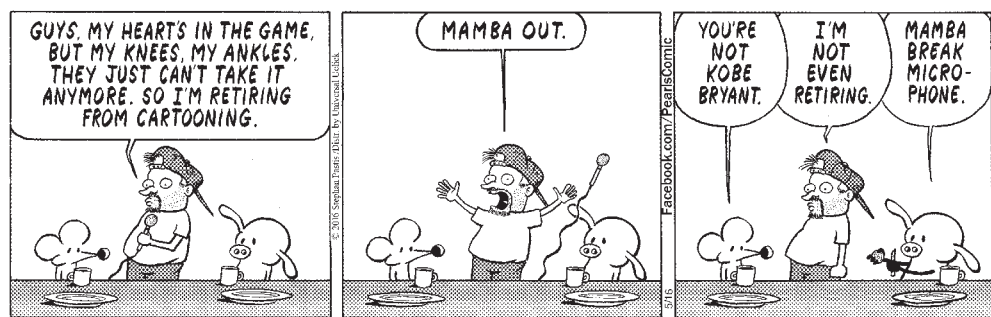
UH-UH! I WOULDN'T OPEN THAT DOOR!

I HAVE CREATED A NEW HOLIDAY: J.O.Y. DAY, OR JOKE ON YOU DAY, AND I AM COMMITTED TO HUMILIATING THE BUFFEON YOU AND I KNOW AS SATCHEL.

IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, YOU WILL NOTICE A BUCKET PERCHED ATOP THE DOOR. ONLY A FOOL WOULD -

WHAT'S UP?

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE BY STEPHAN PASTIS

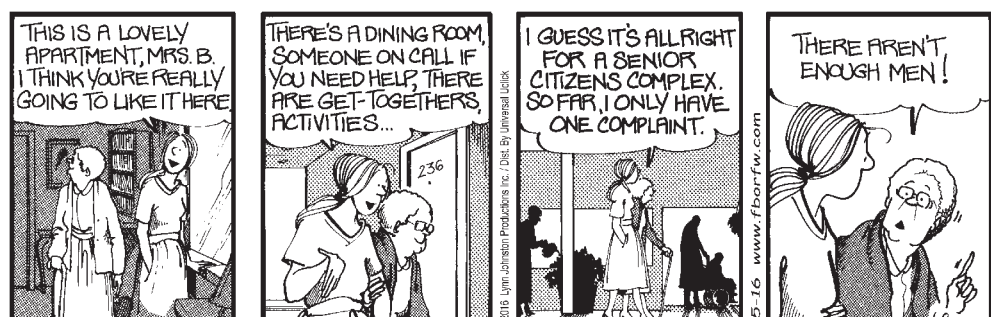


GUYS, MY HEART'S IN THE GAME, BUT MY KNEES, MY ANKLES, THEY JUST CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE. SO I'M RETIRING FROM CARTOONING.

MAMBA OUT.

YOU'RE NOT KOBE BRYANT. I'M NOT EVEN RETIRING. MAMBA BREAK MICROPHONE.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE BY LYNN JOHNSTON



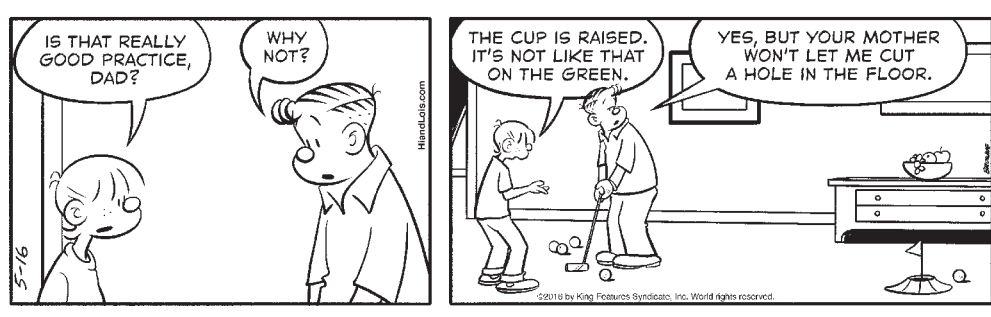
THIS IS A LOVELY APARTMENT, MRS. B. I THINK YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO LIKE IT HERE

THERE'S A DINING ROOM, SOMEONE ON CALL IF YOU NEED HELP, THERE ARE GET-TOGETHERS, ACTIVITIES...

I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR A SENIOR CITIZENS COMPLEX. SO FAR, I ONLY HAVE ONE COMPLAINT.

THERE AREN'T ENOUGH MEN!

HI AND LOIS BY DIK BROWNE



IS THAT REALLY GOOD PRACTICE, DAD?

WHY NOT?

THE CUP IS RAISED. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT ON THE GREEN.

YES, BUT YOUR MOTHER WON'T LET ME CUT A HOLE IN THE FLOOR.

PICKLES BY BRIAN CRANE



I SAW A BUG CRAWLING ON THE SIDEWALK AND I WAS GOING TO SQUISH IT.

BUT THEN I THOUGHT, WHY SHOULD I KILL IT? HE'S NOT HURTING ANYONE.

SO I DIDN'T SQUISH IT. I DECIDED TO LET HIM LIVE.

THAT WAS NICE OF YOU.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE BY DIK BROWNE

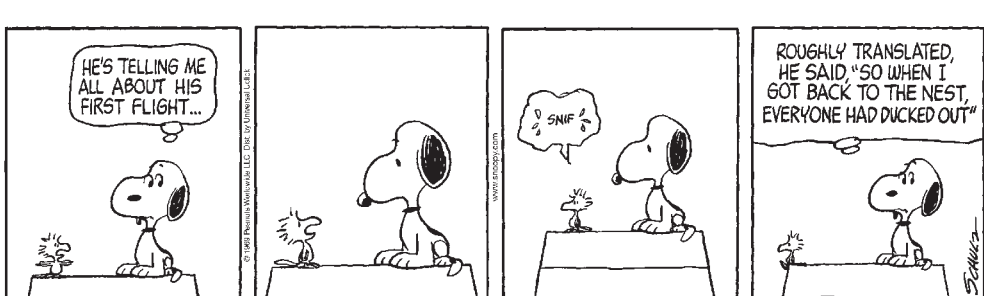


ARE YOU ALONE?

IF ONLY

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PEANUTS BY CHARLES SCHULZ

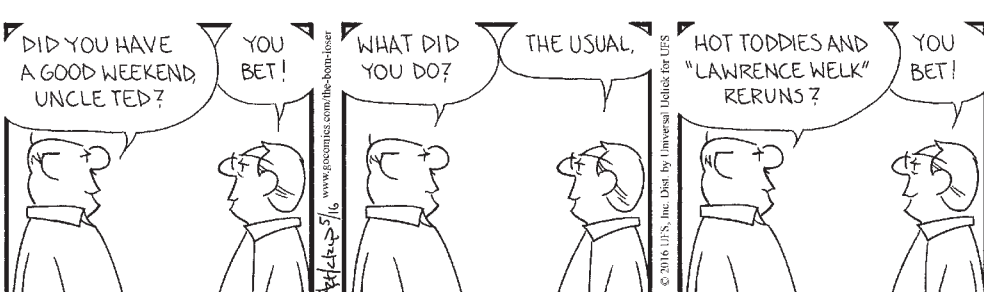


HE'S TELLING ME ALL ABOUT HIS FIRST FLIGHT...

SNIF

ROUGHLY TRANSLATED, HE SAID, "SO WHEN I GOT BACK TO THE NEST, EVERYONE HAD DUCKED OUT"

THE BORN LOSER BY ART SANSOM



DID YOU HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND UNCLE TED?

YOU BET!

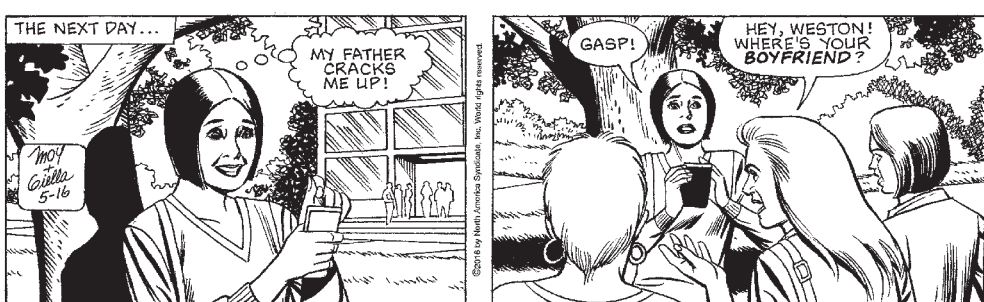
WHAT DID YOU DO?

THE USUAL.

HOT TODDIES AND "LAWRENCE WELK" RERUNS?

YOU BET!

MARY WORTH BY SAUNDERS AND GIELLA



THE NEXT DAY...

MY FATHER CRACKS ME UP!

GASP!

HEY, WESTON! WHERE'S YOUR BOYFRIEND?

ZITS BY SCOTT AND BORGMAN



WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU TWO?

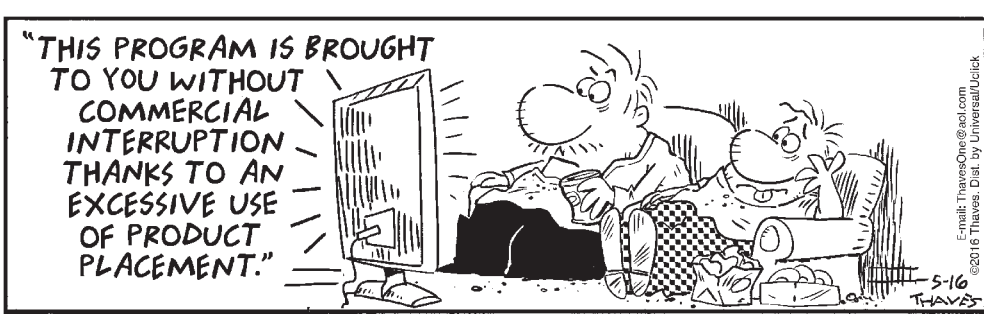
WE'RE FINE.

PIERCE AND I INVENTED A COOL NEW SPORT.

DODGEBOWL!

I'LL GET SOME ICE.

FRANK AND ERNEST BY BOB THAVES



"THIS PROGRAM IS BROUGHT TO YOU WITHOUT COMMERCIAL INTERRUPTION THANKS TO AN EXCESSIVE USE OF PRODUCT PLACEMENT."

GARFIELD BY JIM DAVIS



MY COFFEE IS COLD

DUH, JON. IT'S ICED COFFEE

AND THERE'S SOMETHING IN IT

ICE

SALLY FORTH BY HOWARD AND MACINTOSH



SO WE SIGNED THE PAPERWORK, SENT THE CHECK, AND HIL WILL BE GONE AT CAMP ALL SUMMER...

I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WITHOUT HER.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO: SEND HUBBY TO HIS OWN SUMMER CAMP AND HIT THE TOWN EVERY NIGHT WITH ME!

OH, RIGHT. HEY, IS HIL'S CAMP STILL ACCEPTING APPLICANTS??

BLONDIE BY YOUNG AND LEBRUN



BE CAREFUL! DO NOT SPILL COFFEE ON THIS CONTRACT!

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'D SPILL COFFEE ON IT?

BOY, YOU SPILL COFFEE ON A FEW CONTRACTS ONCE IN A WHILE AND SUDDENLY YOU'RE BRANDED FOR LIFE!

SNUFFY SMITH BY FRED LASSWEL



I NAMED MY BOAT AFTER YOU, HONEYPOT !!

I DUNNO WHETHER I'BE FLATTERED OR INSULTED...!!

BEETLE BAILEY BY MORT WALKER



WHY IS KILLER'S BED SO NEAT AND YOURS IS SO MESSY?

GREEN, NOT WALKER

HE DOESN'T USE IT

OOPS!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE BY DIK BROWNE



OUR WORLD

NATION

Foiled robbery attempt nothing to 'bag' about

Authorities say a man tried to rob a car wash in Northern California with an empty potato chip bag and an alleged handgun.

Rohnert Park's Department of Public Safety says in a statement that the man entered KaCeess World of Water car wash Friday night and dropped an empty potato chip bag on the counter.

He told the cashier to fill it with money, warning that he had a gun.

The man gestured that the weapon was in the empty bag, but the cashier saw it held only a piece of cardboard and called a co-worker for help.

Police say when the other employee approached, the suspect fled on foot.



Danny Zaragoza/Laredo Morning Times
A damaged OGA Charters bus is hauled away after a fatal rollover on Saturday south of the Dimmit-Webb County line on U.S. 83 North in Texas.

NTSB to probe crash that left 8 dead, 44 hurt

Federal authorities will on Sunday begin to investigate a charter bus crash in far South Texas that killed eight people and injured 44 more in a single-vehicle rollover, officials said.

Seven people died at the scene Saturday morning on U.S. Highway 83, about 46 miles north of Laredo, and another died at a hospital, Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Conrad Hein said.

Hein said the driver was among the survivors. Hein did not release the identity of the driver or any passengers.

Equestrian dies after falling at NJ event

Organizers say a 33-year-old rider died after she fell from her horse during an equestrian competition at the Horse Park of New Jersey in Allentown.

NJ.com reports that Philippa Humphreys fell at a fence while competing in the Jersey Fresh International Three-Day Event on Saturday. She was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

Humphreys' horse, Rich N Famous, was not hurt.

Event chairman Dan Wunderlich said in a statement that everyone involved with the competition is "deeply saddened by today's tragic news."

Humphreys, a British citizen, had been living in Rockford, Mich.

The Jersey Fresh International is a qualifying selection event for the U.S. Olympic Eventing Team. It also helps determine participants for the United States and Canadian World Equestrian Games and Pan Am Games Teams.

Stamps from when Hawaii was kingdom go to auction

A collection of historic postage stamps issued when Hawaii was a kingdom is expected to fetch at least \$2 million at auction.

Renowned stamp collector William H. Gross is offering 77 items on May 29 during the World Stamp Show at New York's Javits Center.

The collection has "some of the most iconic rarities in Hawaiian philately," said Charles Shreve, director of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries.

It contains 10 examples of very rare Hawaiian Missionary stamps issued in 1851 — some unused, some cancelled and on original envelopes, some containing letters.

A 13-cent unused Missionary in near mint condition is expected to bring \$50,000 to \$75,000.

"There are only seven unused examples known and this is by far the finest quality example in existence" of that denomination, said Shreve.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama to graduates: Walls won't solve ills

POTUS decries anti-intellectualism, rejection of science in politics

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — President Barack Obama on Sunday urged college graduates to shun those who want to confront a rapidly changing world by building walls around the United States or by embracing ignorance, as he delivered a sharp and barely concealed critique of Donald Trump.

Obama used his commencement speech at Rutgers University to illustrate a world view antithetical to the ideas espoused by the presumptive Republican presidential nominee. Looking out at a sea of red and black gowns, Obama told the about 12,000 graduating students that the pace of change on the planet is accelerating, not subsiding, and that recent history had proved that the toughest challenges cannot be solved in isolation.

"A wall won't stop that," Obama said, bringing to mind Trump's call for building a border wall between the U.S. and Mexico. "The point is, to help ourselves, we've got to help others — not pull up the drawbridge and try to keep the world out."

The president never mentioned Trump by name, but his intended target seemed clear. Repeatedly, Obama referred to disparaging comments about Muslims and immigrants, and opposition to free trade deals. But he appeared most incensed by what he described as a



The Associated Press

President Barack Obama waves after speaking during Rutgers University's 250th anniversary commencement ceremony on Sunday in Piscataway, N.J.

"It's not cool to not know what you're talking about. That's not keeping it real or telling it like it is."

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

rejection of facts, science and intellectualism that he said was pervading politics.

"In politics and in life, ignorance is not a virtue," Obama said. "It's not cool to not know what you're talking about. That's not keeping

it real or telling it like it is. That's not challenging political correctness. That's just not knowing what you're talking about," the president said.

"And yet, we've become confused about this," he continued, warning

that the rejection of facts and science would lead the U.S. on a path of decline.

Obama's rebuke came as Trump is close to clinching the GOP nomination, raising the prospect that November's election could portend a reversal of Obama's policies and approach to governing. In recent days, Trump has started focusing on the general election while working to unite a fractured Republican Party around his candidacy. Democrats are readying for a fight against a reality TV host they never anticipated would make it this far.

Obama has mostly steered clear as Democrats Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders compete for the nomination. But he has used speeches such the Rutgers address to lay out themes that Democrats may ultimately use as they work to deny Trump the White House.

In his speech, Obama told graduates that when they hear people wax nostalgic about the "good old days" in America, they should "take it with a grain of salt."

"Guess what? It ain't so," the president said, rattling off a list of measures by which life is better in the U.S. than in decades past.

Some 50,000 students and their families packed High Point Solution Stadium for the ceremony, the first at Rutgers to involve a sitting president. The public university's leaders lobbied the president for years to come to campus for the school's 250th anniversary.

WORLD



The Associated Press

Chain saw contest produces sculptures like you 'wood knot' believe

Jorda Anderson, of Alaska, works on a wooden figure during the chain saw carving World Championships in Dorfchemnitz, eastern Germany, on Sunday. Participants from nine countries created their wooden sculptures.

China: US report hypes up its military threat

China's defense ministry criticized a U.S. report assessing its island-building efforts in the South China Sea, saying it "hyped up" China's so-called military threat.

The U.S. Defense Department's annual report on China's military activities had "wilfully distorted China's national defense policy," said ministry spokesman Yang Yujun, adding that the U.S. was too suspicious.

China expressed its "strong dissatisfaction and firm opposition" to the Pentagon report, Yang said.

The report to the U.S. Congress on Friday said that China was focused on developing and weaponizing the islands it has built in the disputed waters of the South China Sea so it will have greater control over the maritime region without resorting to armed conflict.

IS attack and bombings leave 29 dead across Iraq

The Islamic State group launched a coordinated assault Sunday on a natural gas plant north of Baghdad that killed at least 14 people, while a string of other bomb attacks in or close to the capital killed 15 others, Iraqi officials said.

The dawn attack on the gas

plant began with a suicide car bombing at the facility's main gate in the town of Taji, about 12 miles north of Baghdad. Several suicide bombers and militants then broke into the plant and clashed with security forces. The dead included six civilians and eight security forces; 27 troops were wounded.

The IS-affiliated Aamaq news agency credited a group of "caliphate soldiers" for the attack.

Kerry in Saudi Arabia for talks on Syria

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry met Sunday with Saudi Arabia's King Salman for talks on the conflicts in Syria, Libya and Yemen ahead of larger meetings on those crises in Europe this week.

Kerry also was scheduled to meet Saudi Arabia's crown prince, deputy crown prince and foreign minister. His visit comes at a critical time in efforts to rein in fighting and encourage political dialogue in all three countries that have been wracked by



Kerry

violence for years.

Kerry is trying to shore up the shaky truce in Syria, which has been fraught with violations on both sides. While the U.S. and its

partners accuse the government of the vast majority of breaches, they have also acknowledged violations by the opposition.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Netanyahu: Iran is 'preparing another Holocaust'

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that Iran is "preparing another Holocaust," amid uproar over a Holocaust-themed cartoon exhibition that opened over the weekend in Tehran.

Netanyahu charged that many of the cartoons deny the Holocaust. Iran "denies and belittles the Holocaust, and it is also preparing another Holocaust," he told his Cabinet in Jerusalem, without going into further detail. "I think that every country in the world must stand up and fully condemn this."

The exhibit's organizer earlier denied the event sought to deny the massacre of millions of Jews by Nazi Germany during World War II.

"We do not want to deny or prove anything," Massoud Shojaei Tabatabaie said Saturday.

— DPA (TNS)

ILLINOIS

Suspect in cop shooting is killed

An Illinois man suspected of shooting a police officer after a traffic stop was shot and killed in an incident that also left an FBI agent wounded, Illinois State Police said Sunday.

Authorities said at a news conference that Dracy "Clint" Pendleton, of Bellflower, was killed in an early morning shootout inside an abandoned house in southern Illinois near the Shawnee National Forest. The name and condition of the wounded federal agent, who is expected to survive, was not immediately disclosed.

Pendleton was charged with attempted murder in the May 7 shooting of a Mahomet police officer. The incident also sparked a fatal collision when a trooper pursuing Pendleton struck and killed a 26-year-old who was driving her van in Decatur.

Teenage girl fatally stabbed in Chicago

Chicago police say a 16-year-old girl has been fatally stabbed on the city's South Side.

The teenager was stabbed in the upper chest after a fight broke out Saturday evening. She was pronounced dead at Stroger Hospital.

Authorities identified the girl as Dekayla Danberry.

No charges were pending Sunday morning.

2 found dead on Chicago expressway

Authorities say two people were found fatally shot inside an SUV on a Chicago area highway.

Illinois State Police released a statement Sunday saying the shooting occurred about 4 a.m. in the northbound lanes of Interstate 90 on the northwest side.

Police say a silver Chevrolet Tahoe stopped in a lane and a male driver and a female passenger were found inside. They were found unresponsive and with gunshot wounds to the head.

Walgreens to open 56 neighborhood clinics

The Walgreens drugstore chain is opening more than 50 neighborhood health clinics across the Chicago region.

The 56 locations of the Advocate Health Care clinics cover eight counties: Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will.

Patients at the walk-in clinics will be able to receive physicals, vaccinations and travel immunizations, as well as treatment for common injuries and illnesses.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPORTS



MLB: **NEW YORK YANKEES 7, WHITE SOX 5**

Chicago downed again

Sox still top AL Central

BY BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Still leading the AL Central by a comfortable margin, Adam Eaton and the Chicago White Sox headed home, eager for a break.

The White Sox broke down in too many places and lost for the 13th time in their last 15 games at Yankee Stadium, 7-5 on Sunday.

An untimely error by second baseman Brett Lawrie, a poor start by Miguel Gonzalez and a shaky bullpen left Chicago 2-4 on its swing through Texas and New York.

Eaton was a bright spot, hitting a home run and also squeezing home a run.

"Not a great road trip for us, but we'll put it behind us," the outfielder said. "It's been a tough road, playing some good teams and lost some close ballgames."

"But we know we have a good team here. Going forward, that's what we're focused on, the off day and enjoying families, getting home and getting some rest and then getting going on Tuesday."

The White Sox have dropped four of five overall. The Yankees overcame a hiccup by reliever Dellin Betances to finish 7-3 against the White Sox, Kansas City and Boston, a much-needed boost for the last-place team.

A day after striking out all four batters he faced, Betances (1-2) wasn't so dominant. He took over in the seventh with a 5-4 lead, but Jose Abreu and Todd Frazier greeted him with singles and Melky Cabrera hit a tying double.

With runners on second and third and no outs, Betances recovered to retire the next three batters.

"When you're playing a team



New York Yankees designated hitter Carlos Beltran, right, runs the bases after hitting a two-run, home run off Chicago White Sox relief pitcher Zach Duke. The White Sox lost 7-5 for their fourth loss in five games.

The Associated Press/Kathy Willens

that's trying to scratch and claw, too, it's a good game, back and forth, we just couldn't hold it," Chicago manager Robin Ventura said. "We'd get a lead, they kept fighting back. And even for us late, seventh inning, you end up tying it back up, we just couldn't pin it down."

Andrew Miller pitched a perfect eighth and Aroldis Chapman closed for his third save.

Matt Albers (1-2) set down the first two batters in the New York seventh. Didi Gregorius then walked and pinch-hitter Chase Headley lined a tiebreaking double.

Carlos Beltran hit his 400th career homer, a two-run drive in

the sixth that put the Yankees ahead 5-4.

Beltran connected from the right side, immediately after lefty Zach Duke took over for lefty reliever Dan Jennings.

The White Sox had gone a team-record 12 straight games without an error, the Elias Sports Bureau said, before a wide throw by Lawrie on a slow roller by Jacoby Ellsbury set up Beltran's home run.

"That's something that you see it happen on days, it gets unfortunate that you end up losing a game, a close one," Ventura said.

Brian McCann homered in the Yankees eighth. Starters Masahiro Tanaka and

Gonzalez both were slow and ineffective. They combined to allow seven runs on 13 hits and eight walks while throwing 193 pitches in 9 2/3 innings.

Gonzalez made his third start for the White Sox. He's taken over the fifth spot in the rotation since John Danks was released.

"Control wasn't there today. Ball was moving a lot," Gonzalez said.

UP NEXT

Off today, Chicago opens a 10-game homestand when LHP Carlos Rodon 1-4, 4.99 ERA) faces reigning AL Cy Young Award winner Dallas Keuchel (2-5, 5.58) and the Astros.

COMMENTARY

Art of predictions often a messy endeavor

It's hard to believe, but the 2015-16 school year is nearing its close.

Bishop McNamara football captured Rich Zinanni's fourth state championship. Coal City was the runner up at the Dual Team State Tournament, and Cisna Park volleyball fell one match short of a state championship.

All of the fall and winter success begs the question: Who's next?

I think I have the answer, but I've taken flack for previous predictions in both print and on social media.

So, here goes nothing.



ALLAN SCARABELLO

HERSCHER SECTIONAL (GIRLS SOCCER)

Last Friday, Manteno captured a 2-1 overtime win over rival Peotone, and Herscher edged Joliet Catholic Academy 2-1 to punch tickets to the Herscher Sectional.

Illiana Christian and Chicago (University) will join the Panthers and Tigers and battle for a trip to the Morton Super-Sectional. Manteno will play Illiana Christian, and Herscher takes on Chicago (University).

Both the Panthers and Tigers figure to make the semifinal rounds an undercard to Friday's championship match.

MANTENO-HERSCHER RIVALRY

So far, last year and this year are mirror images of one another.

Herscher won last year's regular season matchup before falling 1-0 in last year's sectional championship.

During this year's regular season matchup, I predicted on Twitter the Tigers would fall to the Panthers. Herscher's Devyn Devore and Jillian Milton shoved that tweet down my throat, each scoring twice in a 4-1 win.

But, the reality is a program such as Manteno's has been successful winning two state championships during seven years. Its season is defined by its postseason run and not by its regular season record.

WILL MANTENO MAKE HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

Manteno is battle tested with the area's best player.

Jordyn Shipp will go down as one of the most prolific goal scorers in area history. The junior was a starter on Manteno's 2014 state championship team and has scored more than 30 goals in back to back seasons.

Manteno defender Stephanie Sotiropoulos is outstanding for this level. Sotiropoulos neutralizes most offensive attacks at the 1A level with her athleticism and soccer acumen.

HOW HERSCHER COULD PREVENT IT

Manteno's duo is unmatched, but soccer is played with 11 at a time, and these baby Tigers are roaring.

Herscher coach Chris Longtin has the luxury of pumping quality players in and out of the game. Freshman Milton is a multifaceted player capable of marking a team's best player or blasting a bunch of goals. Midseason addition Mattie Brown possesses breakout speed and a knack for scoring.

Herscher possesses a distinct advantage at the goalkeeper position, as sophomore Abbie Kukuck has emerged into one of the area's best.

While the freshmen don't know the feeling of losing in the sectional final last year, senior captains Devore, Stephanie Allison, Olivia Chavers and Chelsea Schwarzkopf all vividly remember the agony from Manteno's celebration.

THE PREDICTION

History says young teams don't bode well in the postseason and, at first, I wasn't sure what I thought about a Herscher-Manteno rematch.

My first inkling was the Tigers were a year away from bursting to the top of area girls soccer.

Then, I watched a young team blossom right before my eyes, grinding out a win over a talented Joliet Catholic team last round.

Shipp probably will get hers like great players do, but the Tigers are too deep, too talented and too motivated.

Herscher is ready for the big time. It will be the first of multiple sectional championships for this crew.

I've learned my lesson picking against the Tigers.

Prediction: Herscher 2, Manteno 1

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MLB: **PITTSBURGH 2, CUBS 1**

Lester takes no-hit bid into 7th in loss

BY SARAH TROTTO
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jon Lester thought he threw a lot of good pitches against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

But one, in particular, stuck out.

After taking a no-hitter into the seventh inning, the Chicago Cubs left-hander left a fastball over the middle of the plate to Jung Ho Kang, who doubled to give the Pirates the lead in Pittsburgh's 2-1 victory Sunday.

"I tried to go in and didn't locate," Lester said. "That's a tough one, but you've got to look at the other 100-and-whatever pitches I threw today that were pretty good. I feel like I found my curveball a little bit today, and that will definitely help me as we keep going."

Starling Marte singled with one out in the seventh to end Lester's no-hit bid, then scored on Kang's double to put Gerrit Cole and the Pirates ahead to stay.

"We felt we were due for a while against these guys," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said.

Kang added an eighth-inning home run to help the Pirates beat the major league-leading Cubs for the first time in six tries this



The Associated Press/Nam Y. Huh

Chicago Cubs starter Jon Lester throws against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Lester had a no-hitter into the seventh inning when he left a fastball over the middle of the plate to Jung Ho Kang, who doubled to give the Pirates the lead.

season.

Cole (4-3) allowed three hits in eight shutout innings. Mark Melancon gave up a run in a shaky ninth, but held on for his 11th save in 12 chances.

Lester (4-2), who threw a no-hitter with Boston in 2008, had permitted only two walks and retired 16 straight batters before Marte's opposite-field liner to

right on a changeup.

Marte stole second and scored on Kang's drive to the gap in right-center, chasing Lester after 109 pitches. He struck out nine.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon indicated he would have kept Lester in the game if he continued throwing a no-hitter despite a high pitch count. Lester would have an extra day to recover

before his next start because the Cubs are off on Monday.

"It was a little dicey, but if he has it going on, go for it," Maddon said.

Melancon walked Dexter Fowler and allowed Jason Heyward's broken-bat single to put runners at the corners with nobody out in the ninth. But the closer retired three of the next four hitters, including Anthony Rizzo's sacrifice fly.

"We fought to the very last drop again, so there's nothing to complain about," Maddon said. "Just a really well-played baseball game, and we got beat."

The Cubs took all three games in Pittsburgh early this month, then the first two in this series. Pittsburgh had been outscored 37-11 by Chicago while falling nine games back in the NL Central.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Cubs OF Matt Szczur (hamstring) is eligible to come off the disabled list Wednesday.

UP NEXT

Cubs RHP Kyle Hendricks (2-2, 3.03) starts Tuesday against RHP Chase Anderson (1-5, 6.11) and Milwaukee to begin a nine-game trip.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

KCC claims sectional title, moves on to region tourney

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Kankakee Community College baseball team had to work a bit harder than it would have hoped on Sunday, but the end result was still the same, a Sectional title for the Cavaliers.

After a pair of relatively easy wins on Saturday, KCC put itself in the driver's seat for Sunday's play. Black Hawk needed to beat the Cavaliers twice consecutively to take the Sectional away from KCC.

Black Hawk got the first win it needed with a 6-4 victory but was overwhelmed by

a relentless Cavalier offense in the second game, as KCC won 15-2.

The Sectional title moves KCC (38-19) on to the Region Tournament that will be hosted by McHenry Community College beginning on Friday. KCC will be joined in the field by the host school, Madison and Elgin.

In the title game win, KCC bashed 19 hits and scored at least two runs in every inning between the third and seventh innings to seize complete control of the game.

Dan Brokop collected three hits to lead an extremely balanced KCC attack. Chase Gadau, Thomas Wolken, Jake Stewart, Alex Mandeville and Brandon Gallinger all con-

tributed two hits.

This was more than enough support for Tristan Walters, who picked up his ninth win of the season in easy fashion. He struck out four in seven innings of work.

In the first game on Sunday, KCC stranded 15 base runners and out hit Black Hawk 13-9 but couldn't get a key hit.

"We had all kinds of chances, that's for sure," KCC coach Todd Post said.

Brokop had four hits in the loss, and Gadau was 3 for 4.

Devin Peters took the loss.

On Saturday, KCC beat Black Hawk 12-5 and Moraine Valley 7-6.

HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALLBoliermakers
turn up offense

Herscher stacks up runs

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Slow starts aren't always a recipe for doom. After taking a few innings to get started, the Bradley-Bourbonnais baseball team put things together in the fourth inning, plating six runs to set in motion an 8-0 victory over Crete-Monee.

Ryan Jemar threw seven shutout innings and allowed four hits and one walk while striking out four.

Brenden Powers went 4 for 4, and Colin Weilbacher and Colin BeDell drove in two runs each.

The Boilers are 20-6 this season.

HERSCHER 16, PAXTON-BUCKLEY-LODA 9

Tyler Fisher racked up four RBI in Herscher's high-scoring win over PBL.

The Tigers led from wire-to-wire, and their nine-run seventh inning crippled an attempted late-game rally from the Panthers.

Luke Hertz was awarded the win after 3 2/3 innings of work.

GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON 12,
ALDEN-HEBRON 5

The Panthers picked up a nice win in the first of their two games on the day behind a nice performance from Scott Horrie.

Horrie allowed five runs on eight hits in six innings to pick up the win for GSW and went 2 for 4 with an RBI and three runs scored.

Austin Kavanaugh and Braden Marks added two RBI each.

OTTAWA MARQUETTE 17,
GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON 1

Game 2 Starter Connor Hays was knocked around for 13 runs in two innings in a one-sided loss.

Nathan Wozniak drove in the Panthers' lone run.

GSW is 9-13 overall this season.

WATSEKA 9, GRANT PARK 1

The Warriors picked up the pace in the middle innings and picked up the nonconference victory.

Kyle Giroux provided a grand slam and five RBI to power the Watseka (12-17-1) offense, and Drew LaVoie also added a three-hit game.

LaVoie also struck out 10.

ARTHUR OKAW CHRISTIAN 13,
GRACE CHRISTIAN 3

The Crusaders surrendered an eight-run fourth inning and watched any chance of victory slip away.

Youngbin Shin had four strikeouts on the hill.

VICTORY CHRISTIAN 8, TRINITY 4

Trinity's typically potent offense could only muster four hits in this loss.

Dominic Guastalli took the loss.

TRINITY 14, HAMMOND CHRISTIAN 5

The Eagles rebounded nicely to pick up a win in the second game of the day.

Dominic Guastalli, Christian Hack, Gabe Leth and Josh Fraser all had two hits each for Trinity.

HIGH SCHOOL
SOFTBALLPeotone forges split
vs. St. Joe-Ogden

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Peotone split a Saturday doubleheader with St. Joe-Ogden, winning Game 1 in a 3-0 shutout before dropping Game 2 13-7.

Allie Johnson was dominant in the Blue Devils' Game 1 win, tossing a one-hitter and striking out 14 batters.

Shelby Marchionda had two hits and an RBI.

It was a much different story for game 2 starter Kelsey Berndt. She allowed 12 runs on 14 hits in six innings of work to take the loss.

The silver lining for Peotone in the loss was Lily Ruckman's four-RBI day.

BEECHER 3, MORRIS 0

Salem Garza held Morris scoreless, allowing just three hits and one walk to earn the win.

Sydney Zupan doubled in a pair of runs to lead the offense for the Bobcats, and Alexis Abbate also had an RBI.

VICTORY CHRISTIAN 18, GRACE CHRISTIAN 2

The Crusaders could muster just four hits in the loss.

FAMILIES OF FAITH 29, GRACE CHRISTIAN 28

This was a bizarre contest that saw Families of Faith score 13 runs in the bottom of the seventh to earn the victory.

The game featured three double-digit, run-scoring innings, including a 13-run inning by Grace Christian, but that still wasn't enough.

Allie McGuirt had five hits to lead the Grace offense, while Mere Sanford, Carolyn Simmons, Faith Martinec had four RBI each.

ICC TOURNAMENT

Trinity lost a heartbreaker in the championship game as it dropped a 12-11 decision to Victory Christian.

The Eagles (15-9) didn't lack for offense, connecting for 12 hits led by three hits by Bailey Bernicky and Mad Kuipers. Bernicky's effort included two home runs.

Kuipers also took the loss in the circle with just five of the 12 runs being earned.

Earlier in the day, Trinity routed Families of Faith 22-6.

NBA PLAYOFFS

‘We want Cleveland!’

Raptors take
Game 7
from HeatBY IAN HARRISON
The Associated Press

TORONTO — Toronto fans chanted ‘We Want Cleveland!’ in the final seconds. They got it.

Kyle Lowry scored 35 points, DeMar DeRozan had 28 and the Raptors beat the Miami Heat 116-89 in Game 7 on Sunday to advance to the conference finals for the first time in franchise history.

Bismack Biyombo added 17 points and 16 rebounds for the Raptors. They'll open the Eastern Conference finals in Cleveland against LeBron James and the Cavaliers on Tuesday night.

“It's great to hear the home crowd,” DeRozan said. “This organization deserves it, this country deserves it, to see them get to the next step, somewhere they haven't been. But we're not done yet.”

After struggling for much of the playoffs, Lowry and DeRozan were in top form for Game 7. Lowry made 11 of 20 shots, including five of seven from 3-point range, and DeRozan connected on 12 of 29 attempts. Lowry had nine assists and seven rebounds, DeRozan had eight rebounds.

“We never doubted Kyle and DeMar,” Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. “They're our All Stars and they both played like it tonight. They both stepped up and carried us.”

DeMarre Carroll scored 14 points, and Patrick Patterson had 11 to help the Raptors become the 15th team in NBA history to win two Game 7s in one postseason. Toronto beat Indiana in the first round.

Now the Raptors get ready for the Cavaliers, who swept Detroit in the first round and have been resting since May 8, when they



Frank Gunn/The Canadian Press via AP

Toronto Raptors' DeMar DeRozan, right, and Kyle Lowry celebrate during the second half. Lowry scored 35 points, and DeRozan scored 28 in the Game 7 win against the Miami Heat. The Raptors advanced to the conference finals for the first time in franchise history.

capped a second-round sweep of Atlanta.

“I think this group is hungry,” Casey said about his team. “Never say never.”

Casey declined to say whether center Jonas Valanciunas, who sprained his right ankle in Game 3 against the Heat, would be available against Cleveland.

“He's still limping around but he's doing therapy 24-7 so we'll see,” Casey said.

Scouting booklets for the Cleveland series were sitting on the chair of each Raptors player inside their locker room less than an hour after the game.

“We know we've got a tough task ahead,” Lowry said. “It's always a challenge going against those guys.”

Dwyane Wade and Goran Dragic each scored 16 points for the Heat. Miami was denied the opportunity to renew acquaintances with former teammate James in the conference finals.

“We fought tooth and nail to try to get to that goal of getting to the Eastern Conference Finals,” Wade said. “We came up obviously one game short of that. For myself and a lot of guys on this team, there's not always mother season, another season, so you want to take advantage of the opportunities.”

Miami hadn't lost a Game 7 since the first round at Atlanta in 2009. They won their past four Game 7s, all at home. Miami was seeking to join the Los Angeles Lakers and Boston Celtics as the only teams to win five straight Game 7s.

NEW TERRITORY FOR
TORONTO

The Raptors lost Game 7 of the conference semifinals to Philadelphia in 2001 when Vince

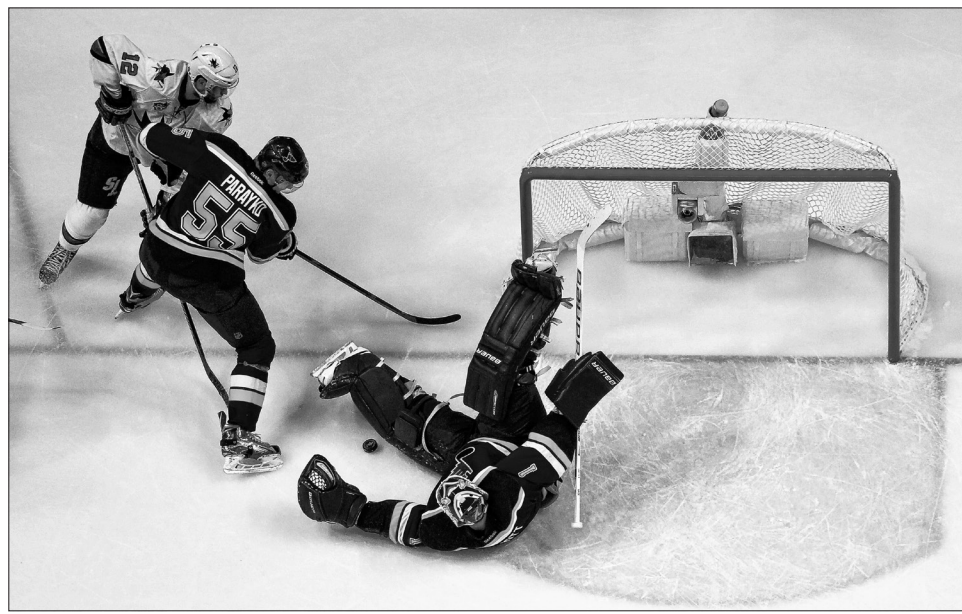
Carter's buzzer beater rimmed out. Charlotte, the Los Angeles Clippers, and New Orleans are the only three NBA teams to never reach a conference final. Toronto got there in its 21st season.

TIP INS

Heat: Miami's only lead of the game came at 37-36 on a hook shot by Johnson at 5:41 of the second. ... Josh McRoberts got a flagrant foul for whacking Biyombo at 7:55 of the fourth.

Raptors: Toronto hasn't lost back-to-back games since March 23-25. ... The Raptors broke the 100-point barrier for the first time in nine games, snapping a season-worst streak. ... Toronto out rebounded Miami 50-30. The Raptors had 20 offensive rebounds while the Heat had seven.

NHL PLAYOFFS



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St. Louis Blues goalie Brian Elliott makes the save, as San Jose Sharks center Patrick Marleau and Blues defenseman Colton Parayko (55) battle for the puck during the third period. Elliott was the star of the Blues' 2-1 Game 1 win.

Elliott leads the way
as Blues take Game 1BY R.B. FALLSTROM
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ST. LOUIS — Once again, Brian Elliott was the star of the show. His latest performance gave his St. Louis Blues teammates plenty of comfort knowing he had their back.

“When your goalie is your best player, it gives you a great chance of winning, and that was the case,” captain David Backes said after the Blues opened their first Western Conference final in 15 years with a tense 2-1 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Sunday night.

“It was that way for the first two rounds,” Backes added, “and nothing's changed in Game 1 of the third round.”

Backes opened the scoring and Jori Lehtera had the go-ahead goal in the second period on a spinning shot that Martin Jones could not handle.

“I just got the puck and closed my eyes and shot it, that's about it,” Lehtera said. “Just keep it simple.”

Said Jones: “Not much to it, just found a hole. I'll make that save next time.”

Tomas Hertl scored on a first-period deflection for the Sharks, who outshot St. Louis 32-23 but couldn't quite solve Elliott.

Among those he frustrated was captain Joe Pavelski, who had seven shots and had the best chance in the third period on a one-timer near the midway mark. Pavelski and Elliott were roommates at Wisconsin.

“I'm going to blame that one on the stick,”

Pavelski said. “No, I have to find a way to put that in regardless of what goes on. I thought it was going in.”

Blues coach Ken Hitchcock thought his team was fortunate to survive the last 2:29 after the Sharks pulled Jones.

“I thought we did a great job. We kept it in the zone,” Hitchcock said sarcastically. “Are you kidding me? We couldn't get it out.”

The Sharks were the best road team in the NHL in the regular season at 28-10-3, but have dropped four in a row on the road in these playoffs, including all three in the second round against Nashville. They had seven goals in three road losses to the Predators and were 0 for 3 on the power play, which had been a major plus. San Jose had been converting on 33 percent of its power plays in the postseason.

The Blues made good on their first chance with home-ice advantage in the playoffs, although they're just 4-4 at the Scottrade Center heading into Game 2 on Tuesday.

Elliott was at his best — and got some luck — in the second period when the Blues were outshot 16-5, but got the lone goal when Lehtera scored unassisted. The goalie benefited from a quick whistle with 1:14 left when he unsuccessfully tried to smother the puck on a long dump-in by Melker Karlsson, and it slowly slid between his pads and off his stick into the net, just after play had been ruled dead.

“The puck was spinning a lot and it probably just spun out,” Elliott said. “I haven't really seen it yet, so I don't know.”

GOLF

Day wins again

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The best field in golf was no match for Jason Day at The Players Championship.

Day caused only a little drama Sunday in what otherwise felt more like another coronation for the 28-year-old Australian. He led by at least two shots the entire round, played bogey-free again on the back nine at the TPC Sawgrass and closed with a 1-under 71 to win golf's richest tournament.

Along the way, he put a stamp on his No. 1 ranking. Day won for the seventh time in the last 10 months, titles that include a major, a World Golf Championship and a pair of FedEx Cup playoff events. He became the first wire-to-wire winner in 16 years at Sawgrass.

Day won \$1.89 million from the \$10.5 million purse. He won by four shots over Kevin Chappell, who closed with a 69 to pick up a \$1,134,000 consolation check.

MAURITIUS OPEN

BEAU CHAMPS, Mauritius — South Korea's Wang Jeung-hun won the Mauritius Open for his second straight European Tour title, closing with an even-par 72 for a one-stroke victory.

The 20-year-old Wang won last week in Morocco. He finished at 6-under 282 on the Ernie Els-designed Four Seasons. Wang is the first player to win European Tour titles in consecutive weeks since Rory McIlroy in 2014 at WGC-Bridgestone Invitational and PGA Championship.

Bangladeshi Siddikur Rahman was second after a 74.

REX HOSPITAL OPEN

RALEIGH, N.C. — Trey Mullinax won the Rex Hospital Open for his first Web.com Tour title, shooting a 3-under 68 for a two-stroke victory.

The 23-year-old former Alabama player finished at 14-under 270 at TPC Wakefield Plantation. He earned \$117,000 to jump from 33rd to fourth on the money list with \$154,486. The top 25 at the end of the regular season will earn PGA Tour cards for next season.

SYMETRA CLASSIC

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Erica Popson won the Symetra Classic for her first Symetra Tour title, rallying for a two-stroke victory at Raintree Country Club.

The 25-year-old former Tennessee player birdied the par-4 17th and parred the par-3 18th for a 2-under 70 and an 8-under 208 total. She earned \$22,500 to jump from 45th to fourth on the money list with \$27,946. The final top 10 will earn LPGA Tour cards for next season.

Second-round leader Kendall Dye tied for second with Jenni Jenq and Australia's Emma de Groot.

COMMENTARY

Floyd's worth will stay up for debate

Dating back a few weeks to the draft and now after the Bears wrapped up their rookie mini-camp on Sunday, the hot button or buzz around the ballclub continues to be all about Leonard Floyd.

There is no debate about the young man's unique athletic traits, and there is one school of thought that he looks like an excellent choice because of those special traits.

There is another school of thought that Floyd just wasn't productive enough at Georgia, in light of the special traits he possesses, to justify being selected so high.

Some would like to debate this, but the fact is his numbers just don't say ninth overall pick.

Although it is all fun, offseason chatter, I find myself firmly planted on the fence, and my impression after spending the weekend at Halas Hall is there might be members of the Bears brain trust sitting next to me.

Having never stood by a scale with Floyd on it, I can only tell you numerous reliable sources assure me the young man played between 225 and 230 pounds while he was at Georgia, and it has been taken as a given Floyd will have to get "bigger" to be productive, let alone excel, for the Bears.

Defensive coordinator Vic Fangio might not agree, telling the media after Saturday's practice, "The weight thing's not a big thing with me. He's going to weigh somewhere between 230 and 235," Fangio said. "That's just what he's going to weigh. We knew that before we drafted him. So, it's not an issue. We knew that, and that's a fact, and that's what he is."

That doesn't mean Fangio doesn't like Floyd, but is this a solid endorsement?

"He's very athletic. He's long. He can run. He's got good instincts," Fangio said. "They used him all over the place, so I think he has good football instincts, which we'll see if that translates here."

"So, there were a lot of things to like from his athletic ability, movement, he's got some pass rush talent, he can play in coverage, he's got talent for that."

Coach John Fox does think getting bigger matters for Floyd, but he's not worried

about it, saying, "I think all these guys gain weight, I think we all do with age," Fox said. "So, that will just happen, and we're more concerned with getting him ready mentally and technically in our systems more so than the other stuff will take care of itself."

On Sunday, we got to visit with the young man himself for the first time since his whirlwind draft weekend. He is an extremely pleasant kid, is respectful to the max, calling almost everyone sir, and he seems really anxious to please.

I asked him about the weight issue, and he said, "I'll play at whatever weight my coaches see me playing at. I'm with Jenn (Jennifer Gibson, Bears Sport Science Coordinator & Sport Dietitian) every day. We've got a game plan laid out, so we're working on it."

Obviously, the Bears plan is to do everything they can to get him bigger.

When I asked him if he felt he could succeed without adding weight Floyd said, "Yes, sir, yes, sir. I believe in myself, and the coaches believe in me, too."

Believing in yourself and having the tools to succeed are two different things.

Again, I'm stuck on the fence here, and I'm not going anywhere until I've seen him in pads and on the field against NFL competition through October and November.

Put on the tape of him in college and you can see him regularly stifled when bigger, stronger guys got their hands on him. Imagine what could happen at the next level?

Of course, on that same tape, you'll see him at times already past those bigger, stronger guys before they were out of their stances. Imagine what could happen at the next level?

History does not favor drafting athletes over football players, but the move has produced the occasional special player. Is Floyd that guy?

My best guess is the Leonard Floyd debate is one we'll still be having when next year's draft rolls around.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



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RVC names scholarship winner

Recently, the River Valley Conference met at the Elks Club honoring one male and one female from each school to represent the scholar athletes from their schools. A scholarship was awarded to the top scholar/athlete from the group. This year's honorees were Grant Park's Holly Anderson and Illinois Lutheran's Trevor Hentchel. Pictured here are all of the nominees for the award.

Front row: Beecher's Savannah Stluka, Donovan's Rebecca Martell, Gardner-South Wilmington's Maranda Residori, Anderson, Illinois Lutheran's Kassie Kernagis, St. Anne's Megan Moranz and Tri-Point's Anna Kerrins. Back row: Beecher's Tanner Saddler, Donovan's David Miller, Gardner-South Wilmington's Scott Horrie, Grant Park's Jacob Dumas, Henschel, St. Anne's Jacob Emerson and Tri-Point's Jordan Hamilton.

NASCAR

Matt Kenseth holds off youngsters to win at Dover

BY DAVID SCOTT
The Charlotte Observer

DOVER, Del. — As Matt Kenseth's bright-yellow Toyota roared over the finish line during Sunday's AAA 400 at Dover International Speedway, he might have seen racing's future in his rear-view mirror.

Kenseth is part of racing's old guard these days, a 44-year old veteran who now has 37 career victories and remembers fondly the Cup championship he won in 2003.

"I wasn't very confident that I was going to be able to hold them off, to be honest with you," Kenseth said.

Maybe — if there's a next time, Kenseth won't be able to hold the young guys off. But Sunday, he had just enough to keep them at bay. And the respect Kenseth has earned from (most of) the NASCAR garage probably helped him.

"I didn't want to do anything dirty," Larson said. "I respect Matt Kenseth a lot. He's definitely, in my eyes, the cleanest racer out there. He always races me with respect. I try to do the same with him."

"I'm still early in my career, so I don't want to make anybody mad or make any rivals. There's drama in the sport and it takes drivers years to get over it."

The two youngsters pressed Kenseth during a drama-filled afternoon that included one massive wreck and several smaller duels for the lead.

In the end, Kenseth won for the first time this season. It was the sixth victory in seven races for Joe Gibbs Racing, as well as the organization's 135th victory, tied for third on NASCAR's all-time list with Roush Fenway Racing and behind only Richard Petty Motorsports and Hendrick Motorsports.

But it also ended a string of misfortune for Kenseth that probably began during last season's Chase. Kenseth was in position to win at Kansas in October when he was bumped out of the way by Joey Logano, who went on to win.

A few weeks later, Kenseth — who was by then out of Chase contention — wrecked Logano at Martinsville. NASCAR suspended Kenseth two

weeks for that.

Although he was in contention to win the season-opening Daytona 500 (he was leading on the last lap but finished 14th after an ill-fated decision to attempt a block on winner Denny Hamlin backfired), this season had been mostly hardship on Kenseth.

That might be changing now that he's won and is virtually guaranteed a spot in the postseason Chase.

"I always feel like these are huge races," Kenseth said. "I feel like the way we've been running, eventually the law of averages are going to work out, you're going to get your wins, your finishes. It's going to happen sooner or later."

"I'd say as good as we have run, that is probably the longest streak I can remember being on without having any real good finishes."

Kenseth had worked his way to second place when a late-race restart changed the complexion of the race. With 45 laps left, an 18-car wreck scrambled the field. Kenseth avoided the melee and went to the lead after the race had been red-flagged for 11-minutes, 22-seconds.

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