

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

# Last session day mostly calm

**By Phil Kabler**  
Staff writer

With a teacher pay raise struggle resolved Tuesday and teachers back in the classroom Wednesday, much of the legislative drama evaporated before Saturday, the last night of the 2018 regular session.

On top of that, lawmakers for the first time in 36 years passed the state budget bill prior to the end of the regular session.

Legislative leaders staged a press conference Saturday afternoon to talk about how they avoided the costs of a traditional extended session for the budget conference committee, at

a cost of roughly \$35,000 a day. They didn't mention the contrast to the past two years, when lengthy budget impasses stretching into mid-June cost the state more than \$1.4 million in legislators' pay and expenses.

Passage of the budget effectively precluded taking up any legislation that would require new or additional funding, further assuring that the final hours of the 2018 session would be languid.

Instead of the controlled chaos and rapid-fire votes of the last nights of the not-too-distant past, there was plenty of time Saturday for recesses

SEE **SESSION, 9A**

# Auditor sued for missing fraud

Ex-employee charged for embezzling \$1.5M

**By Lacie Pierson**  
Staff writer

A nonprofit public interest law group is suing its auditing firm, claiming auditors failed to detect that an employee embezzled more than \$1 million from the group over 12 years.

Mountain State Justice filed the lawsuit against Suttle & Stalnaker PLLC in Kanawha Circuit Court on March 1. The law group is suing over claims of professional negligence, breach of contract and a breach of the West Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

The group is seeking \$1.4 million to recoup the loss from the embezzlement and damages for "annoyance, aggravation and inconvenience," along with interest and attorneys fees.

In the suit, Mountain State Justice said Suttle & Stalnaker conducted annual audits of the group's operations from 2003 to 2014.

During that time, Mountain State's then-office manager Kim Cooper embezzled \$1,462,023.83 from the company.

"This was the type of impropriety that the defendant should have found in its review and audits of MSJ's books and records," Mountain State's attorneys said in the complaint.

Mountain State Justice officials became aware of the embezzlement after learning of the FBI investigation into

SEE **AUDITING FIRM, 9A**

MONONGAHELA FOREST

# Prescribed burns set for spring

Staff reports

Six prescribed fires to help reduce the threat of wildfires and improve the health of plants and wildlife habitats will char about 5,000 acres of the Monongahela National Forest in Pendleton, Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties from mid-March to late May.

U.S. Forest Service fire managers are preparing the burn areas by creating fire lines to contain the flames once they are set. Each prescribed burn will take place when weather conditions are favorable to maximize the benefits to the forest and minimize smoke impact.

Sites where the burns will take place are Big Mountain, west and southwest of Cherry Grove in Pendleton County; Ramshorn, an area in Pocahontas County east of Green Bank; Hopkins, an area north of Blue Bend Recreation Area in Greenbrier County; Lockridge in Pocahontas County, east of Minnehaha Springs; Rucker Gap, east of Neola in Greenbrier County; and Shock Run, southeast of Dunmore in Pocahontas County.

Area radio stations will be alerted to burn activities once they have been scheduled.

# 'I'VE LOST EVERYTHING'



CRAIG HUDSON | Gazette-Mail photos

Brenda Young looks out over Cabin Creek Road from the small plot of land she and her husband purchased in Eskdale last year. They were about to move into the cabin when a mudslide nearly destroyed it Feb. 17.

# After mudslide nearly destroys home, woman struggles to rebuild

**By Caity Coyne**  
Staff writer

FOR 68 years, Brenda Young hasn't asked for much of anything.

A West Virginia native, she spent 40 years in Indiana, where she raised her three now-grown children. Last year, she and her husband — who is terminally ill and was growing sicker at the time — decided to sell their home in Indiana and return to the Mountain State.

"He wanted to die where he was born, and I thought, you know, we'll

move back down here, and I could help him," Young said.

The pair — who are technically separated, but still take care of each other — purchased a small piece of land off Cabin Creek Road in Eskdale. They hired Amish workers to build a wooden cabin on the side of a small cliff. Above the house, trees provided cover from the sun. Fifteen feet below, coal trucks and other cars rattled on the road.

It was small intentionally, and it was cozy.

"We didn't need much," Young said.

Today, though, the cabin sits in two pieces. Before they could even move in, the cabin was knocked off its foundation and partially crushed by a mudslide caused by heavy rain Feb. 17.

"I've lost everything," Young said. "I sold my home for this. I gave it all up, and now I don't know what to do next. I'm devastated, and I'm about ready to give up."

Young and her husband are alone in West Virginia. They're staying in a 25-foot mobile home at Witcher Creek. All of their family lives in

Indiana, and the distance has made it hard. Misty Bell, Young's oldest daughter, took off work for a few days to help her parents, but their options are limited.

"We called dozens, probably about 40 agencies, and a lot didn't even respond. Others said she didn't fit into their criteria," Bell said. "I'm lost, I can't afford to take off work and come down to organize everything myself — I can try, but I need help. I don't think anyone could do this themselves."

SEE **MUDSLIDE, 9A**



**LEFT:** Young looks into her cabin. Insulation for the home was being installed at the time of the disaster. **RIGHT:** A portion of Young's home hangs over Cabin Creek Road, which she said is loosely secured to try to stop it from falling into the telephone lines or the street. But she said she's worried another disaster will mean higher liability for her and her husband.



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**LOTTERIES**

**Powerball numbers drawn**  
**ORLANDO, Fla.** — The winning numbers in Saturday evening's drawing of the "Powerball" game were:  
43-44-54-61-69, Powerball: 22, Power Play: 3  
Estimated jackpot: \$385 million

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West Virginia	\$2.53	\$2.58	\$2.27
Charleston	\$2.51	\$2.53	\$2.26

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This group of young people appears to be cleaning the Civil War Memorial on the West Virginia Capitol grounds in this March 1, 1963 photo. The plaque reads, "In memory of the thirty-two thousand soldiers, sailors and marines contributed by West Virginia to the service of the Union during the Civil War, 1861-1865." A second plaque has Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, the third commemorates the date of statehood and the fourth has the names of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Commission who placed the memorial in 1930.



Each Sunday and Monday, Vintage West Virginia provides a glimpse of the past in the Mountain State.

**ACTIVE SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA**

# Nonprofit starts hiking program in four state parks

By **Rick Steelhammer**  
Staff writer

Active Southern West Virginia, which partners with the New River Gorge National River to provide enhanced outdoor exercise opportunities in the region it serves, is expanding into the state parks system to host monthly guided hikes.

The four-year-old nonprofit dedicated to improving regional public health offers a variety of group activities in the New River Gorge, ranging from tai chi and yoga to the basics of rock climbing and stand-up paddleboarding. The activities are led by trained "community captains" and are offered free to the public.

Starting in April, Active Southern West Virginia will begin offering First Sunday hikes in four New River Gorge area state parks — Bluestone, Pipestem, Babcock and Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park. The hikes, free and open to people of all ages and abilities, will take place on the first Sunday of each month, starting on April 1 at Pipestem.

"The ability to take the success we've seen with our partnership with the National Park Service and expand that into our state parks is extremely exciting," said Levi Moore, one of two community captains who will be leading the First Sunday Hikes. West Virginia State Parks, he said "offer



Gazette-Mail file photo

The grist mill at Babcock State Park

even more opportunities for local community members to get outside and explore West Virginia."

The hikes are being offered on Sundays in addition to the First Sunday hikes," he added. "My hope is that this initiative is just the beginning of an outstanding long-term partnership."

Free Active Southern West Virginia t-shirts, social media recognition, and an invitation to the Active Southern West Virginia Appreciation Awards

Dinner in December can be earned by taking part in at least one First Sunday hike in each of the four participating state parks.

For more information about First Sunday hikes and other Active Southern West Virginia activities, call 304-254-8488 or visit [www.activeswv.org/events](http://www.activeswv.org/events). Reach Rick Steelhammer at [rsteelhammer@wvgazetteemail.com](mailto:rsteelhammer@wvgazetteemail.com), 304-348-5169 or follow @rsteelhammer on Twitter.

# Northeast braces for third nor'easter in 2 weeks

**BOSTON** — The Northeast is bracing for its third nor'easter in less than two weeks, while some people are still feeling the effects of the last storm that dumped more than 2 feet of snow in some areas and left hundreds of thousands of customers without power.

A southern storm is expected to make its way up the coast, causing more snowfall this week, the National Weather Service said on Sunday.

The Boston area is expected to get up to a foot, while southern Maine could see almost 18 inches by Wednesday.

New York could get 4 to 6 inches of snow and Philadelphia could see a few inches by Tuesday's morning commute.

Eight inches could fall in West Virginia and 4 inches is expected in Kentucky.

A winter storm watch is in effect for most of New England, parts of New York and Virginia.

Alexandra Soto, of Bushkill,



AP photo

A passerby pauses near a pile of rocks, sand and debris near beachfront homes Sunday in Marshfield, Massachusetts. The Northeast is bracing for its third nor'easter in fewer than two weeks. The National Weather Service reports that a southern storm is expected to make its way up the coast causing more snowfall.

Pennsylvania, said she was not looking forward to the next storm. Her home lost power during the first nor'easter on

March 2 and the lights did not come back on until Saturday, well after the second storm.

"I'm hoping they have enough crews to deal with whatever happens and that they took some proactive measures so that next time, they don't have to be reactive," Soto said. "Frankly, I'm hoping this next storm just misses us, because I don't think I could take another."

The risk for coastal flooding is expected to be lower than the last nor'easter, which flooded much of Cape Cod and seaside towns.

Massachusetts officials said 2,700 customers remained without power on Sunday. Thousands more across southern New England also remained without electricity as they prepared for the third nor'easter in 12 days.

"It doesn't happen very often, I'll say that. It's not like it hasn't happened before, but it's rare," said Joe Miketta a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

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## READERS' Vent

■ Tell me there's not something wrong with this state. My mom is retired. She gets Social Security and \$800 a month from her small retirement. She owes the state \$400 more in taxes. I told her to pay hers right after Justice pays his.

■ I am a veteran with intense, full-body pain. I was offered opioids as a treatment. I refused. I would rather have a little pain with a non-addictive treatment. It's a shame others don't want to deal with a little discomfort. Most people don't need opioids.

■ The teachers have won ... a greater financial burden on all the taxpayers in WV. I read many outbursts about our elected officials not being effective. If I vote against any of them, it will be solely based on their vote to give more money to teachers. Our kids are the losers in all of this.

■ Once again we get to send little kids to school in the dark. Whoever thought this a good idea? It gets cool later in the day waiting for 9 p.m. sundown. How about doing away with DST?

■ I fully agree and support the pay raise for the teachers and all the state workers. However I still do understand or accept teachers not having to be drug tested. These teachers care for the most important thing in the world: our children.

■ Don Blankenship is apparently running against Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. That is the past. Don't see how that helps him in the future. Oh, right, he has no ideas to help West Virginia, just as he had no ideas to run a coal mine safely.

■ When someone supports armed groups who are attempting to overthrow elected governments, that is supporting terrorism. That's what the U.S. is doing in Syria, along with Israel and Saudi Arabia, among others.

■ Someone asked if their kids' grades would go up since the teachers got a raise. Yes, they would go up if they study as instructed by their teacher.

■ Tell me again how many times a good guy with a gun has stopped a bad guy with a gun. One? Two? None?

■ So policemen and firemen will go to work stoned if pot is legalized for recreational use? Alcohol is legal; do we have a bunch of drunk firemen and police officers out there?

■ Gee what will I do with my big \$10 extra each month from Trump's tax break?

■ Those emergency warning system test on TV are annoying so I hope they are useful and whoever is in charge actually pays attention to how the test are delivered to our TVs. The most recent test, a moment ago, was a failure because it was impossible to understand anything being said.

■ I have worked in the gas and oil industry for over 40 years. I can tell you that the roll back of the severance tax on natural gas is a huge mistake for the state of West Virginia. The wells being drilled today do not need any further incentive to be drilled. What the oil and gas industry does need is to have the joint tenancy bill to pass because that is limiting the oil and gas opportunities in the state.

■ Can you believe the media is trying to hound Trump over a relationship he had before he was president? What happened with Bill Clinton and his relationship with Monica Lewinsky and he was being paid by the taxpayers.

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On Monday, we take our readers' pulse on a question in the news.

### This week's question

**YES OR NO:** Are you satisfied with the results of the 2018 Legislative session?

### Answer the poll on the web at

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See the results for today's question on this page next Monday, or vote and view results instantly online.

### Answer to last week's question

**Yes or no:** Should students have to make up days missed because of the school employees strike?

**Yes** .....331  
**No** .....309

Monday Q&A is not a scientific survey, so the Gazette-Mail does not make any claims about the validity of its results.



POLITIFACT

# No, the flu shot was not designed to spread cancer

By Amy Sherman  
Politifact

Amid a severe flu season, an inaccurate story on Facebook said that the flu shot is laced with cancer-causing ingredients but provided no credible evidence.

“Doctor blows whistle on flu shot: ‘it’s designed to spread cancer,’” said a Feb. 28 headline on Meddailly, an alternative medicine website.

Facebook users flagged the post as being potentially fabricated, as part of the social network’s efforts to combat online hoaxes. We interviewed scientists who disputed the claim that the flu shot is linked to cancer.

The story largely focuses on comments by Dr. John Bergman. We were unsuccessful in reaching Bergman. We messaged him on Facebook and received an automated message back that he no longer answers private messages.

We searched for any credible newspaper articles that quoted a Dr. John Bergman about flu shots and found nothing.

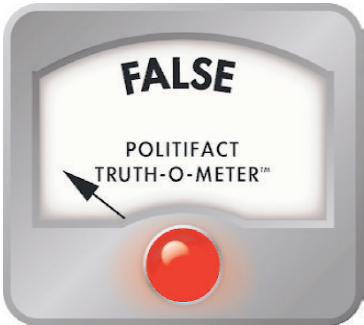
Meddailly wrote that Bergman “has revealed the influenza vaccinations being used to combat the latest H3N2 strain, are virtually ineffective and being forced onto the public through fear tactics to spread cancer.”

Meddailly also links to a video that has circulated for years by Dr. Joseph Mercola, who argues that the flu vaccine is ineffective. Mercola has been criticized by scientists and federal agencies for many years.

The Meddailly article offers no credible evidence that the flu shot causes cancer.

We sent the Meddailly article to three well-respected scientists who agreed the claims about the flu shot having “cancer-causing ingredients” or being “designed to spread cancer” were wrong.

“What does this even mean?” said Aaron Carroll, a pediatrics professor at Indiana University. “Wouldn’t you need evidence that it’s ‘designed to spread cancer’ to make such a claim? I mean, you’d have to think the absolute worst about humanity, including pe-



diatricians, to believe that.”

William Schaffner, an infectious disease specialist at Vanderbilt University, said that about 120 million to 150 million doses of the flu vaccine are given in the United States alone, in addition to millions of doses in other countries.

“Would the World Health Organization be promoting a cancer-promoting product? No,” he said.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said in a Feb. 26 statement that the flu this year has “resulted in a record number of hospitalizations.” The federal government continues to research why the effectiveness is lower this year, however, a preliminary finding suggests the cell-based influenza vaccine might be somewhat more effective than the egg-based vaccine.

The overall estimated effectiveness of the 2017–18 seasonal influenza vaccine for preventing medically attended, laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infection was 36 percent, as of mid-February.

The CDC continues to recommend the flu shot because it can prevent some infections with currently circulating flu viruses.

“Even with current vaccine effectiveness estimates, vaccination will still prevent influenza illness, including thousands of hospitalizations and deaths. Persons aged [6 months and older] who have not yet been vaccinated this season should be vaccinated,” the CDC wrote in February.

Meddailly stated that the flu shot is “designed to spread cancer.” Experts say this claim is nothing more than a ridiculous conspiracy theory. We rate this headline Pants on Fire.

By Angela Charleton  
and Naira Davlashyan  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Vladimir Putin and his Russia look more invincible today than at any other time in his 18 years in power.

Since Putin last faced an election in 2012, Russians have invaded Ukraine, annexed Crimea, blanket-bombed Syria, been accused of meddling in the U.S. presidential election and claimed to have a scary new nuclear arsenal.

“No one listened to us. You listen to us now,” he said earlier this month, boasting about those weapons.

Putin will overwhelmingly win re-election as president on March 18, again. So why bother holding a vote at all?

He disdains democracy as messy and dangerous — yet he craves the legitimacy conferred by an election. He needs tangible evidence that Russians need him and his great-power vision more than they worry about the freedoms he has muffled, the endemic corruption he has failed to eradicate, the sanctions he invited by his actions in Crimea and Ukraine.

“Any autocrat wants love,” said analyst Andrei Kolesnikov of the Carnegie Moscow Center, and Putin gets that love “from high support in elections.”

Expected to win as much as 80 percent of the vote, Putin will further cement his authority over Russia, a czar-like figure with a democratic veneer.

During his 14 years as president and four years as prime minister of the world’s largest country, Putin has transformed Russia’s global image, consolidated power over its politics and economy and imprisoned opponents. He has offered asylum to Edward Snowden, quieted extremism in long-restive Chechnya, hosted phenomenally expensive Olympic Games and won the right to stage this year’s World Cup.

Now 65 years old, he’s not planning to leave anytime soon.

For 19-year-old art history student Maria Pogodina, “Putin is all of my conscious life, and so it’s clear I have a lot to say thank you for.”

Yet Pogodina worries about some of his policies as she prepares to vote and hopes to see a gradual transformation.



AP file photo

On Dec. 12, 2017, Russian President Vladimir Putin addresses the troops at the Hemeimeem air base in Syria. Vladimir Putin looks more invincible than ever before in his 18 years in power, after Russians invaded Ukraine, blanket-bombed Syria and hacked the U.S. election campaign.

“I am not talking about revolution, no way,” the teenager said, summing up the stance of many Russians of all ages. “I hope and believe it won’t happen and that we can avoid civil conflict.”

The election will confirm Putin’s argument that to improve life in Russia, the country needs continuity more than it needs drastic change, independent media, political opposition, environmental activism or rights for homosexuals and other minorities.

Russia will remain disproportionately dependent on oil prices, and its 144 million people will stay poorer than they should be — and many will remain convinced that the world is out to get them.

Putin’s most important mission in the next six years will be working out a plan for what happens when his next term expires in 2024: Will he anoint a friendly successor or invent a scheme that allows him to keep holding the reins?

Today’s all-powerful Putin bears little resemblance to the man who took his tentative first steps as president on the eve of the new millennium.

Catapulted to power on Boris Yeltsin’s surprise resignation as president, Putin walked into his new office Dec. 31, 1999, in a suit that seemed too big for his shoulders. His low-level KGB background made him seem shifty, and many Russians regarded him as little more than a puppet of the oligarchs then pulling the Kremlin’s strings.

challenges first and foremost,” said Matthew Rojansky, director of the Kennan Institute in Washington. “He can declare something like a Syria intervention or something in the post-Soviet space.”

And a newly elected Putin is likely to continue the Cold War-like relationship with Trump’s United States.

Russia sees the investigation into alleged meddling in the U.S. election as concocted — but also as a sign that Russia is important again, and that Americans are obsessed with weakening Russia at all costs.

“Does the U.S. treat Russia equally? Does it take Russia seriously? That’s an enormously important benchmark” for Russians, Rojansky said. “They are not benchmarking themselves against China.”

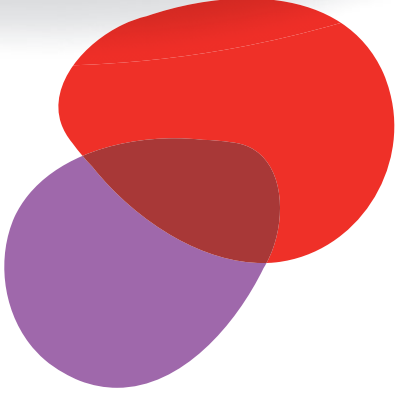
Ever since a leading U.S. diplomat was recorded giving instructions to Ukrainian opposition figures, Russians have been convinced that Washington caused the Ukraine conflict by messing in Russia’s backyard, and that America bears responsibility for the ensuing fighting. It has killed thousands and remains unresolved.

Russia’s annexation of Crimea prompted U.S. and European Union sanctions, sending Putin’s popularity skyrocketing.

Crimea is framed as Russia’s biggest victory in the Putin era, a restoration of might and righting of historical wrongs. To drive the message home, the March 18 election is being held on the fourth anniversary of the takeover.

The last time Putin faced voters, he also was guaranteed victory but was on shakier ground. A movement led by Navalny had brought masses to the streets of Moscow and other cities, as the educated middle class chafed at Putin’s backward-looking vision.

Since then, Navalny has been arrested repeatedly and is barred from running for president for criminal convictions that are seen as politically driven. Other opposition figures also have been sidelined, such as onetime billionaire Mikhail Khodorkovsky, who spent 10 years in prison for tax fraud charges seen as punishment for political ambitions. He now lives abroad.



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EDITORIAL

## Gun policy Room for sense

*The Florida Times-Union of Jacksonville, in a March 7 editorial, offers some sensible advice to Americans considering how to protect the nation from mass killings:*

AMERICANS, especially Republicans, should look to the experience of President Ronald Reagan when it comes to guns.

Reagan's presidency is viewed with saintly admiration by many.

Yet in 1994, he and two other former presidents — Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter — sent a letter to House members urging them to ban military-style weapons.

"While we recognize that assault weapon legislation will not stop all assault weapon crime, statistics prove that we can dry up the supply of these guns, making them less accessible to criminals," the three ex-presidents wrote.

The assault weapon ban barely passed the House and took effect for 10 years until it expired in 2004.

Reagan had opposed gun regulations, even after he was shot in 1991, reported The Washington Post. But later in life he began to change his position.

Clearly, an assault weapons ban still is debated. But there are many other reasonable conditions on gun ownership that are widely supported by the general public and deserve to be enacted.

The first is universal background checks along with an efficient system to enforce them. But even if the system is chunky, a gun should not be legally sold until a thorough background check is concluded.

This is what allowed Dylann Roof, the Charleston, South Carolina, mass shooter, the ability to purchase a gun. The background check on him was not completed in three days, and he was legally allowed to purchase a weapon anyway.

According to a new scientific poll conducted by Quinnipiac University among Florida voters:

- 96 percent support background checks for all gun purchases.

- 92 percent support bans on anyone purchasing a gun who has a restraining order for domestic violence or stalking.

- 89 percent support allowing family members to petition a judge to remove guns from a person at risk of violent behavior.

- 87 percent support a mandatory waiting period.

A total of 75 percent of Florida voters polled said state government must do more to

reduce gun violence. Let's enact these reasonable and popular restrictions and then take a hard look at other proposals.

There still needs to be a great deal of research into gun violence involving which policies will reduce or prevent it.

Of course, due to the Second Amendment, Americans have a right to own a gun for personal protection. So any restrictions need to be carefully crafted.

The Supreme Court in its Heller decision validated the right of Americans to own a gun, but it also specified the kind of conditions that can be imposed, such as prohibiting possession of guns by felons or the mentally ill, or laws prohibiting guns in sensitive places like schools or government buildings.

For more than 20 years, federal law has worked to prevent research into gun violence as a public health matter. A 1996 amendment prevents the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention from using funds to promote gun control.

The amendment wasn't supposed to stop research, but it did have a chilling effect.

Nevertheless, there have been some studies nationally. The RAND Corp. recently spent two years and \$1 million to analyze thousands of studies into gun violence.

It found only 63 studies that found gun policies had an impact on reductions in homicide or suicide.

In some cases, the cause-effect relationships between policies and the impact on saving lives was only "moderate."

The most effective policy involves laws that require guns to be stored unloaded or in locked containers. These policies, meant to reduce deaths of children, have reduced suicides and accidental deaths, RAND concluded.

Also, requiring a permit issued by law enforcement does reduce violent crime.

There is moderate evidence that background checks reduce suicide and violent crime, and there is limited evidence that prohibitions involving mental illness are effective.

Regarding Stand Your Ground laws, there is moderate evidence that they actually increase violent crime.

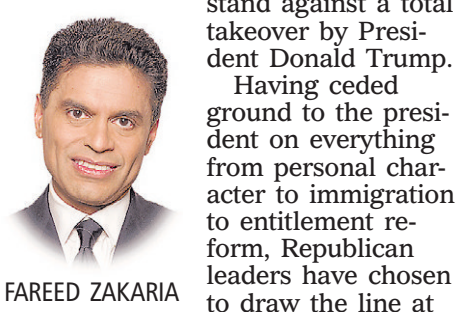
A small change in percentages can save many lives. For instance, a 3 percent reduction in firearm deaths nationally corresponds to 1,000 fewer deaths.

One often-ignored fact is that suicides take more lives every year than homicides and that more restrictive gun policies can help avoid these deaths.



## Trade is the Republican Party's last stand

NEW YORK — The tussle over tariffs is the most significant political battle taking place in America right now — much broader than a dispute over steel and aluminum imports. It is the Republican Party's last stand against a total takeover by President Donald Trump.



FAREED ZAKARIA

Having ceded ground to the president on everything from personal character to immigration to entitlement reform, Republican leaders have chosen to draw the line at free trade. If they get

rolled on this, Trump will have completed the transformation of the party. In recent weeks, Trump seems to have remembered that he is a populist, or at least is playing one on TV.

After campaigning as the tribune of the forgotten working class, he handed over his presidency to the establishment wing of the Republican Party, which proceeded to attack Obamacare, roll back regulations and pass a huge tax cut for companies and wealthy Americans.

But perhaps to shore up his base before the midterm elections, or because he does actually believe some of his own rhetoric, he is now moving hard on tariffs — and also immigration.

As is often the case, Trump is more in line with his party's base than most of its leaders. A recent Quinnipiac University poll finds that voters, like the Republican establishment, overwhelmingly oppose Trump's tariffs.

But most Republican voters support them. In fact, over the last decade, Republican support for free trade has dropped a staggering 20 points (while Democratic support has risen by 15).

This is one of the sharpest reversals on major public policy recorded in recent history.

The new Republican Party is coming into view. It is a party skeptical about free markets. It is important to remember that it is not really possible to be in favor of capitalism and against free trade.

From Adam Smith to Milton Friedman, every great theorist of capitalism has recognized that free trade is at the heart of what makes capitalism work. And they have all pointed out that tariffs are precisely the kind of government intervention — with the state choosing which industries to favor, which companies to reward — that produces inefficiency and corruption.

But Republicans are now comfortable with government intervention, as long as it's for the right people.

It is also now a party that has developed a contempt for experts and expert analysis. In 1980, with liberalism ideologically smug and dominant, Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan remarked that all the new and interesting policy ideas were coming from people like William F. Buckley and Irving Kristol on the right.

Today, the Republican Party is led intellectually by the likes of Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh.

Consider that Trump's tariffs are opposed by a remarkable array of scholars across the political spectrum, from the conservative Heritage Foundation to the libertarian Cato Institute to the center-left Brookings Institution to the left-wing Center for Economic and Policy Research.

The White House barely offers serious arguments, instead providing a bogus justification for the tariffs — national security, even though China and Russia supply only a small portion of these goods to the U.S.

Despite research showing that previous protectionist policies have failed, that the steel industry has lost more jobs due to efficiency and automation than to trade, and that preserving one job in the steel or automobile industries through tariffs costs consumers a whopping \$1.5 million, administration supporters no longer even offer a response. The data is simply dismissed as partisan spin or fake news.

Finally, the GOP is being transformed into a party that is hostile to foreigners and foreign countries. Under Ronald Reagan, the Republicans were the party of a generous immigration policy, strong alliances and faith in the advancement of democracy around the world.

Today, the party's base doesn't like foreigners or foreign countries. Even traditional allies like the Europeans are increasingly viewed with suspicion. It is bizarre to have chosen tariffs that mostly threaten American allies like Canada, the EU, South Korea and Mexico.

Trade does produce disruptions, especially severe ones in recent decades. The most sensible, cost-effective way to deal with them would be to provide subsidies to workers who lose their jobs because of trade, and invest in large-scale retraining efforts.

But that doesn't quite have the bite that attacking foreigners and stoking trade conflict does.

Having transformed the party's views on issues as diverse as immigration, fiscal discipline, foreign policy and law enforcement, if Trump wins the battle over trade with his party, he will have won the war. The Republican Party will be history.

And given his long-demonstrated preferences in this regard, who knows, he will probably want to rename it the Trump Party.

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OP-ED

## Value of W.Va. teachers is unquestionable

By Michael S. Brown

In May of 2002, I faced one of the most difficult decisions in my life. I just earned my master's degree from Marshall University with a desire to teach high school history. My heart wanted to stay in West Virginia, but reality drove me to take a teaching position outside of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

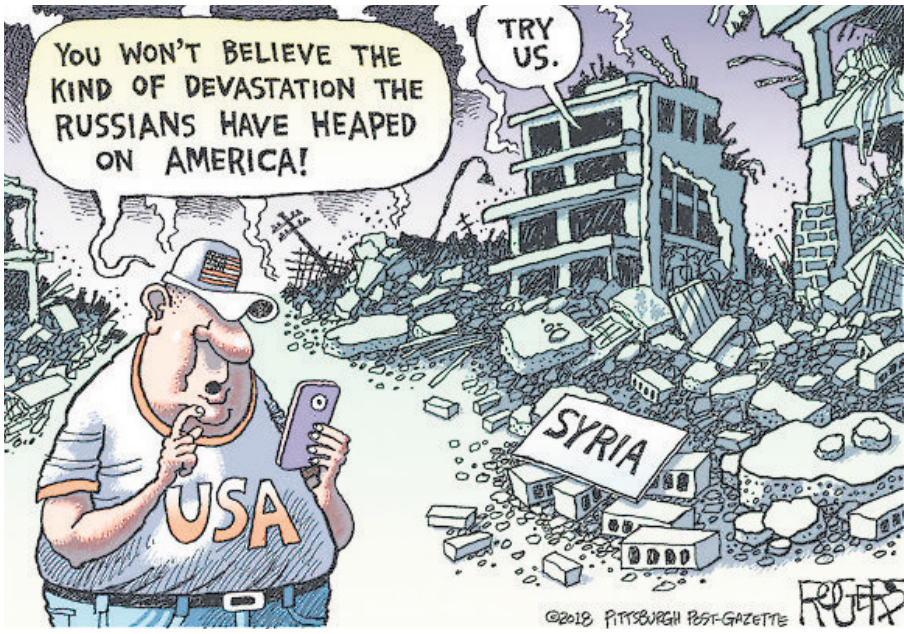
I have met with modest success — more than enough to know that I have the ability to be an asset to any school in the country. And yet my success rings hollow every time I think about the hills and heart of the West Virginia home I never truly wanted to leave. I wanted to teach at home. And now it appears that those stronger than I — or more blessed in their personal situation — now fight tooth and nail for the children of West Virginia against those who wish to erode public education.

This is not right. The air around the Capitol grounds in Charleston was pierced daily by the

clarion call of the underpaid, overworked and underappreciated teachers of the state for justice. Every day on strike they dutifully reminded West Virginia legislators of the importance of teachers in the process of realizing the social contract that binds the state and the people as one.

Despite gaining traction with the governor and the House of Delegates, teachers could not move a Senate willingly beleaguered by the twin siren calls of pseudo-conservative fiscal austerity and tax cuts that benefit out-of-state businesses with no interest in the future of West Virginia children. Like the Greek mariners of mythology, it leads them to ruin. Any legislative body that intentionally creates its own poverty to grovel to a fickle populist agenda should expect to have it questioned.

As a teacher in Virginia, I know there is little I can do to sway the West Virginia Senate. Nevertheless, I feel compelled to nevertheless, I feel compelled to nothing they do will matter more than



supporting teachers. Just ask anyone at random on the streets of Charleston about a teacher he or she remembers who made a difference in his or her life. Then ask that person to name a politician who did the same. Care to imagine which question will most often elicit an uncomfortable silence?

Teachers make a critical difference. I may not teach your children, but the teachers I had as a West Virginian student influence every moment of instruc-

tion I give each day as a teacher.

When I try to excite my world history students, I draw upon the passion of my history teacher, Brian O'Connell.

When I help my students practice their essay-writing skills, I channel my inner Carol Recco to help them bridge the gap between their innate ability and mastery.

When my sophomore students sit in awe that their history teacher can help them prepare for their state biology

exam, I can thank Billie Smith for expecting so much of her biology students.

When my Advanced Placement seminar students navigate the technical challenges that come as they develop a multimedia presentation, I remember the guidance I received from Ken Bostic as a student in his AV technology course.

And when I have a student who feels overwhelmed by course demands, I remember the support of coach John Lipscomb when he turned to an uncoordinated, awkward ninth-grade football player, too stubborn (or stupid) to quit the team in a game and said, "You're a hell of a kid, get in there!" He didn't give up on me 27 years ago, so I won't give up on my students now.

My West Virginia teachers are the heart and soul of my daily instruction. The teachers who marched on the state Capitol are their legacy and will doubtlessly inspire others as my teachers inspired me.

West Virginia voters, please don't let a selfish, myopic state Senate rob future generations of the love, kindness and guidance that I benefited from decades ago. Geography dictates that the hills of West Virginia are the home of our most precious generation. Their teachers will help give that home a proper heart that politicians cannot hope to match.

Montani semper liberi. Today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

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# Opinion

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## Reasons for daylight saving time unproven

Research inconclusive on energy savings; added danger possible

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It's that time again. One of two times per year when Americans reset their clocks by an hour to accommodate what some research shows is an unproven — and possibly even dangerous — concept called daylight saving time. This past weekend, we lost an hour of sleep because of it. We're guessing you remembered to set all your clocks forward one hour before going to bed so you wouldn't be late for church — or brunch.

How did daylight saving time get started? It's said the famous innovator, statesman and intellectual Benjamin Franklin was the first to suggest some form of daylight saving time. While ambassador to France, Franklin noticed how Parisians slept in the morning after staying up by candlelight at night. Making better use of the sunshine could save the French economy 64 million pounds of candles, Franklin noted in the 18th century.

The formal switch to daylight saving time began in World War I, when Germany adjusted the clocks to save coal for the war effort. Other nations followed during war time. The United States made DST a permanent fixture in 1966. Some 76 countries conduct the practice today.

But while lighting was the biggest use of electricity during World War I, heating and cooling consumes a much bigger percentage than it did then.

And when Americans wake up an hour earlier on cold March mornings, they crank up their heaters. Studies are minimal, but possibly the most definitive study indicates that electricity use in Indiana increased 1 percent with the implementation of daylight saving time — not saving energy as supporters of the program believe.

A one percent increase in energy use doesn't sound like a lot, but across the nation, if the study holds true, that's an increase of 105,000 kilowatt hours per day.

Beyond energy savings or expense, a study presented in 2015 to the American Economic Association found that fatal vehicle crashes increased by about six percent over the six days immediately following the springtime transition, but crashes didn't change after the fall transition.

Because people lose an hour only in spring, and because the accidents weren't concentrated at times when changes in daylight might have been a factor, the study's author attributed the spike in crashes to inadequate sleep. He estimates that the 6 percent increase amounted to more than 300 added deaths over the 10-year period he studied.

And a 2013 index developed by Chmura Economics & Analytics shows the financial toll of an hour's sleep lost in the spring costs the nation's economy \$434 million, based on heart attack incidence, workplace injuries in mining and construction and cyberloafing.

The research on daylight saving time causes us to wonder why he nation still insists on changing the clocks twice a year with little definitive evidence as to its benefits.

But like so many other policies that are based on unproven or incorrect assumptions, unlike your clock, the concept of DST is not likely to change anytime soon.

## Your views

### America lost a great asset in Billy Graham

On Feb. 21, America lost one of her greatest assets — the Rev. Dr. Billy Graham. His voice has echoed the love of Jesus Christ throughout the years by proclaiming a simple message which is found in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son, that whosoever would believe in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life."

Graham lived what he preached, and he proved you don't have to be in government to make a difference in this world.

We who believe that message, have a great responsibility to now lift up our voices and continue to proclaim God's love for all mankind. This is paramount, if our country is to survive the onslaught of evil, which is becoming more and more evident, by the events taking place in our land.

It's not about a political party, or their agendas, it's about truth; and the truth is, our nation has turned away from God. No political agenda and no politician can erase that truth.

We must pray for our leaders to do what's right! America must return to the Judeo-Christian principles, upon which our Constitution was based, and our country was founded. Only by "repenting and turning back to God" (2 Chronicles 7:14) can this mess in which America finds herself be rectified.

Dare to be an example of Graham's message — live the message he preached by showing forth God's love, and be that voice which will help

turn our country back to God, and further Graham's legacy.

Nancy Bradley  
Hurricane

### Limit legislative terms

Greece's government liabilities total almost nine times the nation's Gross Domestic Product. The mighty U.S. doesn't compare, right? Not so fast. Including Social Security and Medicare, U.S. government liabilities total five times America's GDP. The day when investors refuse to lend to the U.S. draws closer. The subsequent decline would hurt the poor most.

We've had enough of political professionals who know about government and not much else. Senators should be limited to a single term and House members to two terms.

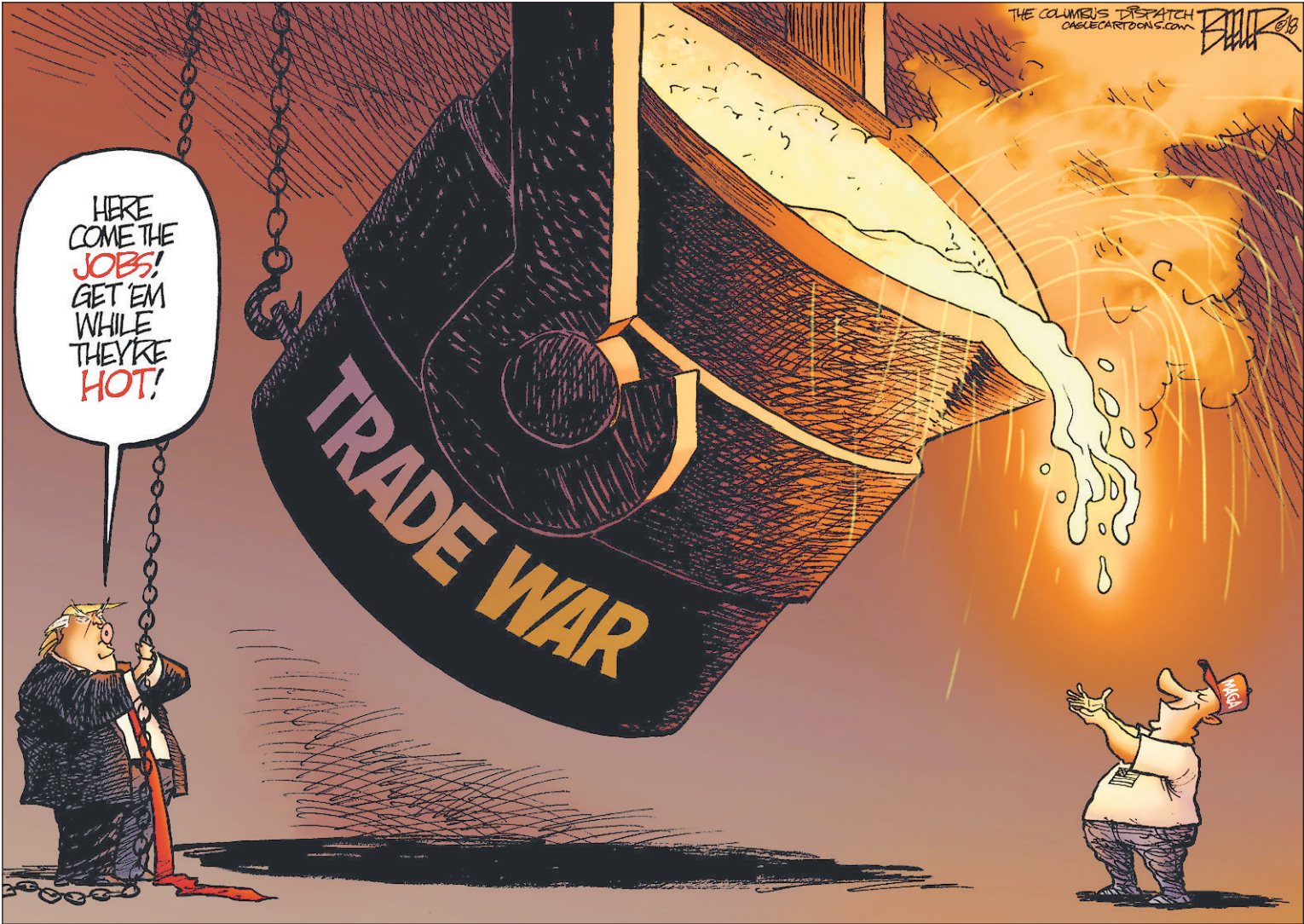
When a constituent says, "If you don't vote for such-and-such government benefit, I will vote to remove you from office," the legislator can respond, "That's okay; I'll be leaving soon anyway."

Limiting legislative terms reduces the pressure to appease interest groups. Legislators can focus on the nation's long-term interests, like big-time cuts in government costs, especially entitlements.

Bill Buckley said he'd rather be governed by the first two-thousand names in the Boston telephone directory than by the two-thousand faculty members of Harvard University.

Buckley was dead-on, although all such selections should be subject to short term limits.

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## Tariffs triumph of pride over policy

Trump's extreme protectionism likely to do economy more harm than good

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WASHINGTON — The controversy over President Donald Trump's proposed tariffs on imports of steel (25 percent) and aluminum (10 percent) is less about economics than ego — Trump's ego.

Frustrated by special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation and the reported chaos in the White House, the president, it seems, had to show who's boss and who's driving events. Hence, his broadside attack against many traditional U.S. allies, including Canada, Japan and Mexico.

The danger is that Trump, in a fit of political and personal pique, will effectively destroy the post-World War II trading system, which has been a boon to the United States and much of the rest of the world. And for what? To keep himself occupied and entertained. It seems a dubious bargain.

Already, the dispute has led to the resignation of Gary Cohn, the White House's chief economic adviser. As with many trade conflicts, the details are confounding. Here are five things you need to know:

- Though the tariffs are

stiff, they're small in the context of the entire U.S. economy or global economy. Chad Bown of the Peterson Institute for International Economics estimates that the covered trade is \$46 billion. That's two-tenths of 1 percent of the \$20 trillion U.S. economy (gross domestic product) and even less of the nearly \$80 trillion world economy.

- The critical question is whether other countries retaliate against Trump's tariffs. They assert they will. News reports suggest that the European Union might impose tariffs on Harley-Davidson motorcycles, Kentucky bourbon and jeans. Trump says he would respond by raising tariffs on European vehicles. The United States and its main trading partners could slide into a tit-for-tat trade war that — by discouraging trade and related investment — would slow the global economy.

- There would be little net U.S. job gain from protecting the steel and aluminum industries — and there might be a loss. Imports would recede, and U.S. steel and aluminum firms might hire more work-

ers. But their gains could be offset, or more, by job declines in industries that use the metals: vehicles, construction, canning.

Higher metal prices might be passed on to consumers, discouraging demand. A study by The Trade Partnership — a business-backed research firm — estimated that the tariffs would add 33,000 steel and aluminum jobs, while costing 179,000 jobs in other industries.

Although China is the main cause of a glut in global steel-making capacity, it is hardly touched by Trump's import sanctions. According to Bown's calculations, China represents only 6 percent of U.S. steel and aluminum imports.

By contrast, Canada represents 26 percent and the European Union 16 percent. China's share is so low because many of its imports have already been hit with penalties to remedy illegal "dumping" (selling at unrealistically low prices) or government subsidies.

- The root cause of chronic U.S. trade deficits is the dollar's role as the major international currency, used by many companies and individuals — not just Americans — to conduct trade, make cross-border investments and hold money for safekeeping. The extra demand for dollars keeps the exchange rate up, making U.S. exports more expensive and imports cheaper. Though trade deficits result, they reflect U.S. strength more than weakness.

The case for Trump's tariffs looks shaky. It's true that the high dollar makes life harder for U.S. manufacturers. It's also true that China overinvested in steel-making (since 2000, global capacity has roughly doubled). The solution, if there be one, is to negotiate temporary worldwide production cuts, including China.

None of this justifies Trump's extreme protectionism, which might do us more harm than good. Don't expect Trump to respect these ambiguities. For him, it's mostly a matter of pride, not policy.

## Learn how to access public records

Sunshine Week highlights access to public records in democracy

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Happy Sunshine Week! This week (March 11-17) newspapers nationwide grade the performance of government agencies on access to public records.

"Public records" generally are defined as records — regardless of their physical form — made or received in connection with official government business. "Regardless of physical form" means that public records come in various forms, not just paper records. They can also be electronic, such as email or can be photos, video or audio.

Examples of public records used by reporters are arrest reports, mug shots, lawsuits and property records. Add a quote or two and presto! Story!

The term FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) is an acronym commonly used when

describing the activity of accessing records from government agencies. But each state has a name for its own public records law.

Some newspapers this week will report that they submitted identical requests for records to various agencies and compared the responses and compliance with public records laws. Some papers this week will expose an agency that stonewalls access to public records.

Public records are a big deal to newspapers. They form the backbone for many stories and access to records can affect the paycheck of a reporter. Perusing newspaper articles will often reveal information from a public record.

Since "NEWS" could be defined as "something that someone somewhere wants to withhold," reporters are constantly turning over rocks at the county courthouse, police station and any government agency that might contain the public record which can be utilized in a story.

Allegations of "fake news" can easily be countered with public records.

But reporters certainly don't have the market cornered on

public records. They are public records. You paid for them with your tax dollars, and they are yours. Does your daughter's new boyfriend have a criminal record? How much did your new neighbor pay for that house? Has your doctor ever been disciplined? All can be found in public records.

Tips on becoming a cracker-jack public records researcher:

- If you are uncertain whether a government record is public or not — don't waste your time wondering about it. Just ask for it. It is the responsibility of the agency to tell you if the record is public or not.
- Don't ask questions. Government types are not required to answer your questions. They are required to provide public records. So frame your question as a public record request. Don't ask: "How much is our mayor making this year?" Better: "Please provide a copy of the record that shows how much the mayor makes per year."
- The more exact the request, the better. Add as much detail as possible so the records custodian can find your record easily.
- Be persistent and patient.

Some governments are painfully slow.

- Some records custodians will have your records to you before you finish drinking that cup of coffee. To those records custodians please wish them a happy Sunshine Week! And, if you give them flowers you will get your records even faster. (Yes, that is a proven technique.)

Good luck in your search.

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# Teen’s friends blamed for drinking

**Dear Abby:** My 15-year-old daughter, “Jenny,” went to a sleepover with her two best friends from school last Friday, “Penny” and “Ginger.” Penny’s parents went out and left the girls alone. They drank some beer. Jenny and Ginger were sober, but Penny also drank some hard liquor and got very drunk. I found out about it the following

Monday after Penny texted my daughter and Ginger to tell them how upset and disappointed her parents were and that they were demanding letters of apology from all three girls.

I thought it was over the top, but realized Jenny was in the wrong. That same day Jenny wrote them an email

with a heartfelt apology for disrespecting everyone by drinking in their house, for drinking their beer without permission and for allowing their daughter to get drunk (not being a true friend and trying harder to stop her). Now, the fifth day after the email was confirmed received, my daughter is disappointed that it was never acknowledged. Penny’s parents have been known to be dramatic in past dealings with other students and parents. Will you advise me on what I should do? I feel I should let it go and let Jenny figure out how she should choose her friends. She has ditched a friend who wasn’t a good influence on her without us forcing her to. — **Jenny’s Mom in Canada**

**Dear Mom:** There is plenty of blame to go around. Penny’s parents shouldn’t have left three teenagers alone with liquor available. While I can’t blame them for being upset after coming

home and finding their daughter smashed and the other two “tiddly,” they were wrong to expect Jenny and Ginger to have prevented their daughter from misbehaving. I do not agree that asking for a written apology was over the top. And under the circumstances, I don’t think your daughter’s letter needed acknowledgment. Let it go, with a firm lecture to your daughter about underage drinking and the consequences that will follow if you find out it happens again.

**Dear Abby:** A couple of years ago, I ran into “John,” an old friend who was going through a divorce. We began a wonderful relationship, although he was having a hard time emotionally. I was John’s confidante and best friend. About six months after the divorce was final, his ex-wife found out he was with me. She decided she wanted him back, and he

reconciled with her. John and I still talk, and since then they have broken up three or four additional times. I want him back, but only if she’s completely out of the picture. She’s a master manipulator and uses their adult kids and grandchildren to control him. How can I get it through John’s head that if he stands his ground, she will go away and find someone else? — **Staying With It in Ohio**

**Dear Staying:** If you think John’s wife (ex?) will ever be completely out of the picture, you are mistaken. She will always be there in some capacity because of the children and grandchildren. If you can’t accept that fact, you should end the relationship before you waste any more time.

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# Protecting Earth’s endangered species

**Dear Earthtalk:** Now President Donald Trump is going to allow the importing of elephant “trophies” after all! Where do things stand overall now in the fight to protect endangered species, especially as wildlife now also face threats from climate change? — *Mark Harrison, Sumter, South Carolina*

In what some see as another capitulation to the National Rifle Association, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service undid an earlier ban on importing elephant parts from Africa, now allowing hunters to get permits on “a case-by-case basis.” News like this makes the whole wildlife situation seem grim — and it is. But many scientists and activists are working hard to try to secure protections for threatened species and wildlife habitat in the face of many assaults by the pro-development Trump administration and Republican-controlled Congress.

Back in mid-2016, candidate Trump’s talk of reneging on the Paris climate accord didn’t bode well for wildlife facing increasing threats due to global warming. After all, many of the 340 species added to the nation’s endangered species list during President Barack Obama’s watch got there due to climate-related threats.

Last Fall the White House denied petitions to add some 25 threatened wildlife species — including the Pacific walrus, Florida Keys mole skink, and eastern boreal toad — to the nation’s endangered species list. Officials from USFWS cited “uncertainty” over the future effects of climate change as a rationale.

“You couldn’t ask for a clearer sign that the Trump administration puts corporate profits ahead of protecting endangered species,” says Noah Greenwald of the nonprofit Center for Biological Diversity. “Denying protection for these 25 species despite the imminent threat of climate change and ongoing habitat destruction is typical of the Trump admin-

istration’s head-in-the-sand approach.” The appointment of Ryan Zinke to head the Department of Interior was further proof that Trump values resource extraction on public lands over conservation of wildlife. And the story only gets worse. This past January, USFWS initiated proceedings to take the Canadian lynx off the threatened list altogether and downgrade a number of other species from endangered to threatened.

CBD has led the charge in filing several concurrent lawsuits against these moves by the Trump administration. Most recently, the group filed suit in federal court to overturn the White House decision to deny threatened protection for the Pacific walrus. “We’re confident the court will see this . . . as a politically driven decision that completely ignores the agency’s legal obligations to protect imperiled wildlife,” says CBD attorney Emily Jeffers.

Meanwhile, the legislative branch isn’t helping wildlife or its advocates much either. Congress’ 2018 budget bill is chock full of “riders” aimed to cut endangered species protections for wolves in Wyoming and the Midwest, the greater sage grouse of the Southwest and other iconic American wildlife species, not to mention cuts to funding to bolster states’ endangered species protection programs.

Wildlife lovers everywhere can keep their fingers crossed that upcoming midterm elections will at least be a step in the right direction — as long as Democrats can gain seats in the House and Senate — when it comes to saving the wildlife that helped make America great in the first place. **CONTACT:** CBD, [biologicaldiversity.org](http://biologicaldiversity.org); USFWS, [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov). EarthTalk® is a weekly syndicated column produced by Doug Moss and Roddy Scheer for the non-profit EarthTalk. To find out more, submit a question, or make a donation, visit us at [EarthTalk.org](http://EarthTalk.org).



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An MRI scanner is a vaulable tool for doctors, but many patients are wary of the tight conditions required.

# Claustrophobia can turn MRI into a scary experience for many patients

By Eric Pianin  
The Washington Post

The thought of an MRI scanner, a coffinlike, hard-plastic tube with a ceiling just inches above the patient’s eyes, has long filled Patrice Mitchell with dread.

The 64-year-old freelance editor and former journalist from Rochester, New York, has never been afraid of small spaces such as elevators. But she gets intensely claustrophobic when pulling anything — a sweater, for example — over her face and it gets caught. “If it gets stuck momentarily,” she says, “I immediately start to feel quite panicky and feel like I may have trouble breathing.”

Short of invasive surgery to probe for suspected cancerous tumors, brain aneurysms, heart problems, abdominal infections and spinal problems, nothing is more effective at unmasking an ailment than cramming a patient into a doughnut-shaped tunnel armed with formidable magnetic imaging capability.

But Mitchell — like many other Americans — has had to come up with coping mechanisms to endure scanning to address years of medical problems and sports-related injuries.

First, there were cervical spine and herniated disc symptoms that landed Mitchell in an MRI scanner in 1992. A decade later, she had scans for worsening headaches and to rule out metastatic breast cancer. Then she had to deal with a shoulder injury in 2013 from too much swimming. And in October, she was back in an MRI scanner for the 11th time — checking for leaks in a breast implant that had been inserted after cancer surgery.

Doctors and radiology specialists use plenty of tricks to try to ease patients’ fears, and

“I think people who have that intense claustrophobic reaction feel like they are being buried alive. It’s hard to predict who is going to have a bad experience. It’s embarrassing for patients, and it often jams up the schedule for other MRIs.”

SIAN L. SPURNEY  
Washington internist

Mitchell has tried many of them. For her first two scans, her doctor prescribed anti-anxiety medication to calm her nerves. The drugs helped a lot, but Mitchell said she didn’t want to become dependent on them to get through an MRI.

Once, a scheduler urged Mitchell to bring along a CD of her favorite music, and the staff arranged to pipe the music into the MRI tube to help her relax. Finally, Mitchell realized that if she simply kept her eyes closed throughout the session, she would be okay or even nod off.

“It helps overall when you have a nice, kind tech who fosters a soothing atmosphere,” she said. “Obviously, some are more caring than others, asking you whether you want a blanket or earplugs and keeping up a gentle patter of conversation as they are getting you ready.”

The magnetic resonance imaging machine is a superconducting magnet coiled in wire that bounces pulsing radio waves off patients and creates three-dimensional pictures of their anatomy on a computer. MRIs are especially good at creating images of thin slices of the brain, heart, lung, spine and soft tissue; these images can be studied from different angles by radiologists.

Experts say MRIs provide a far more revealing image than an X-ray or CT scan, which use small levels of radiation. MRI scanners rely solely on magnetic imaging and do not emit radiation.

And while there are many “open” MRI scanners on the market that are far less confining and enable patients to look out through openings on the sides of the machines, experts say they aren’t nearly as accurate as the “closed” equipment that so unsettled Mitchell.

Some industry advocates of “open” MRIs say that patients with claustrophobia are far better off using one of their products and getting through the scan, even if the machines produce lesser-quality images. Yet generally speaking, closed MRIs are four or five times as powerful as open MRIs, when measured by their magnetic field strength.

“Traditional MRIs — the ones that most people think of being a tube — have always offered the best image quality because they are stronger — they have a stronger magnetic field,” said Dennis Agostino, the technical imaging coordinator for Johns Hopkins Health System in Baltimore. “The magnetic field within the scanner is more homogenous. It’s smoother, which generally gives a clearer picture.”

About 36 million MRI procedures were performed in the United States in 2017, down 8 percent from the previous year, according to a study by IMV, a market research firm.

As many as 5 percent of Americans may suffer from claustrophobia in some form, according to HealthResearchFunding.org, and up to 13 percent of patients who received an MRI reported having a panic attack.

Patients experiencing pain or discomfort may have trouble remaining still on a hard gurney for as long as an hour or more, according to physicians and radiologists. And some are rattled by the incessant banging sound created by the pulsating magnetic coils.

Sian L. Spurney, a Washington internist, said that over the years several of her patients have panicked after being eased into an MRI tunnel and tried to crawl out. “I think people who have that intense claustrophobic reaction feel like they are being buried alive,” she said.

“It’s hard to predict who is going to have a bad experience,” Spurney said. “It’s embarrassing for patients, and it often jams up the schedule for other MRIs.”

Simply worrying about the MRI in advance of the procedure can be enough to set a patient’s nerves on edge. And fear of what serious medical problems the imaging might reveal significantly adds to the anxiety.

“There’s a percentage of the population that flat-out will not be able to get an MRI, just because the claustrophobia is so intense,” said Mike Skok, a senior executive at Provident Medical Equipment, an Ohio company that specializes in new and refurbished MRI equipment. “So those folks just can’t get scanned.”

# ‘Whistling teapot’ sounds could mean a steep mechanic bill

**DEAR CAR TALK:** I have a 2002 Jeep Wrangler Sport. It’s in great condition, but it’s making a noise I cannot live with. After a few miles on the road, it starts to make a “teapot” whistling noise. When I press on the gas, it goes away, but as I release the gas, it starts again. Any idea what it is? — *Becki*



CAR TALK  
RAY MAGLIOZZI

Unfortunately, yes. Well, if you’re really lucky, it could be something as simple as a vacuum leak. But in that case, Becki, you should be able to duplicate the noise by pulling over and revving the engine with the car in park. If you hear the noise only when the car is in motion, then I’m afraid it sounds ominously like differential whine. My brother had an old Chevy Suburban, and for months he kept pulling over on the highway, thinking there was a cop behind him blaring his siren. Turned out it was the differential.

The differential is a simple box of six gears that — through some sort of magic we mortals don’t understand — allows the wheels to turn at different speeds. Why do they need to turn at different speeds? So the car can turn. If you take a Matchbox car, paint the wheels black and then drive it in a very tight circle on your kitchen table, you’ll see from the tracks that the outside wheels trav-

el farther than the inside wheels. And since all the wheels arrive at the same time, the outside wheels must be turning faster. The differential is what allows the rear wheels, in your case, to get power while turning at different speeds.

By the way, sorry about your kitchen table. Anyway, Becki, what you’re describing are the classic symptoms of a failing differential: a howling/whining noise that changes depending on whether you’re accelerating or coasting.

Unfortunately, you have two differentials on this car (because it’s four-wheel-drive). The most likely scenario is that the damage has already been done, and one of the differentials has gears that are worn out.

But before you jump to that conclusion, there’s one thing you can try: Have a mechanic check the differential fluid. If by some chance one of the differentials is low, and it hasn’t been low for too long, you can try filling it back up.

If the noise goes away after that, trade in the car immediately, while it’s quiet. Good luck.

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What is the most cost-effective way to buy a car? Tom and Ray hash it all out in their pamphlet “Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?” Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Car Talk/Next Car, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Got a question about cars? Write to Ray in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at [www.cartalk.com](http://www.cartalk.com).



# Meet Jaycee...

Jaycee was diagnosed at the age of 6 months with Stage 3 Neuroblastoma in April, 2014.

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CHILDREN  
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**40,000**  
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FOR CANCER  
EACH YEAR

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**20 YEARS**  
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HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY  
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WHO SURVIVE  
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HOSPITAL STAY FOR  
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Barbara “Barbie” King

Barbara King, 57, of Spencer, died March 9, 2018. Service will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2018. John H. Taylor Funeral Home, Spencer.1:00 - 2:00 p.m..



German ex-Catholic head Cardinal Karl Lehmann dies at 81

BERLIN — Cardinal Karl Lehmann, the former head of Germany’s Catholic Bishops Conference, has died. He was 81.

The Catholic group said in a statement that Lehmann died Sunday at his home in Mainz.

Lehmann had a stroke last September and in recent days, as his death seemed imminent, Catholics across the country had prayed for him.

“The church of Germany is bowing humbly in front of a personality who influenced the Catholic church worldwide,” the current head of the Bishops

Conference, Cardinal Reinhard Marx, said in a statement.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she’s very sad about Lehmann’s death and called him one of the most prominent faces of the Catholic Church in Germany.

“I’m deeply grateful for our good conversations and meeting over the years,” Merkel said.

She called him “an exceptionally gifted mediator, between the German Catholics and Rome, in the spirit of the economical movement between the Christian churches, but also between

Christians and believers of other religions.”

Lehmann was born on May 16, 1936 in the southwestern German town of Sigmaringen.

He was a professor of theology and appointed as Bishop of Mainz in 1983.

As president of the German Bishop’s Conference, he led the country’s more than 23 million Catholics for 20 years.

His funeral Mass is set for March 21 at the Mainz Cathedral.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



AP file photo  
German Bishop Cardinal Karl Lehmann in 2009.

Walker warns GOP change is coming

By Thomas Beaumont and Scott Bauer  
The Associated Press

JANESVILLE, Wis. — Not long ago, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker was the voice of a conservative revolution in the heartland, a Republican at the vanguard and a possible future president. Today, he’s the voice of concern, warning his party — at home and nationally — that change is coming again.

In private meetings, public forums and his own policy moves, Walker has made clear he sees worrisome signs for the GOP and the hard-line conservatism that’s marked his eight years in office. Wisconsin, which helped hand the White House to Republicans, is looking for something different, Walker has said, and Democrats are motivated.

A recent local election should be a “wake-up call” to the changes afoot in the rural and exurban pockets that 17 months ago voted enthusiastically for President Donald Trump, he recently told a group of GOP donors and activists.



AP file photo  
Gov. Scott Walker, R-Wis., left, walks offstage after introducing Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump during a campaign rally at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire in Eau Claire, Wis. Once the voice of a Midwestern conservative revolution, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is now a Republican voice of concern. Walker is pointing to a big Democratic win this year in a Wisconsin Senate special election in a district that Trump won easily in 2016. He says it’s a sign that voters are unhappy and Democrats are motivated.

Walker knows something about misjudging the resilience of a political moment.

Riding the tea-party wave and anti-union fervor, Walker got national attention for his push to strip public employee unions of bargaining power, in a state that first encoded such rights 50 years earlier.

Tens of thousands of teachers, prison guards and other public employees demonstrated in the Capitol, and Walker beat back a recall effort, receiving 200,000 more votes than he did in his election win less than two years earlier. Walker tried to use the platform to launch a presidential bid, but his campaign quickly fizzled. By early November 2016, he was at Trump’s side at a campaign stop in northwest Wisconsin.

Walker sounded different at the Republican Jewish Coalition meeting in Las Vegas last month. Behind closed doors, he pointed to a special election upset in Wisconsin this year in the typically Republican, small-town lake lands of northwest Wisconsin, members attending later described. Trump had carried the state Senate district by 17 percentage points.

Walker attributed the stunning reversal in a district of middle- and lower-income white voters in the St. Croix River valley northeast of Minneapolis to Democratic anger with Trump, and wider frustration with the largely stalled agenda in the GOP-controlled

Congress.

While a crowded field of Democrats is seeking to oust Walker, it’s not yet clear whether he faces a difficult re-election path. But his concerns echo far beyond Wisconsin, said Michael Epstein of Maryland, who was on Walker’s presidential finance team and heard Walker’s presentation in Las Vegas.

“We’re all looking to the midterms with concern,” Epstein said.

Months before the January special election in Wisconsin, Walker began preparing for a different political mood in 2018.

Walker, who fought implementation of Obama’s 2010 health care law, is now proposing shoring up the private health insurance market. He also wants to ban policy denials for people with pre-existing conditions, a popular provision of Obama’s signature law.

Other Democrat-friendly policies he’s promoting include protecting Wisconsin’s popular SeniorCare discount prescription drug program, bolstering funding for schools and sending families \$100 for each child younger than 18. The money would arrive in late summer, just before the fall election.

In the wake of last month’s high school shooting in Florida that left 17 dead, Walker came out against arming teachers, something he previously was open to.

Former 2-term governor of Massachusetts, Patrick, weighs White House bid

By Steve Leblanc  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Former two-term Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick says a 2020 run for the White House is on his “radar screen” — the firmest indication yet that the political confidant of Barack Obama and nation’s second elected black governor is seriously weighing a White House bid.

Patrick has already begun casting himself as a more centrist Democrat compared to the party’s liberal luminaries, including fellow Bay State resident Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

And while the self-described “pro-growth Democrat” says he’s far from a final decision, his musings are already casting light on his strengths and possible vulnerabilities.

After relinquishing the governor’s office in 2015, Patrick kept a low profile, accepting a post at Boston-based Bain Capital, the firm founded by former Massachusetts Republican Gov. Mitt Romney.

In recent months, Patrick has been stepping back into the political landscape.

He campaigned for U.S. Sen. Doug Jones during Alabama’s contentious special election last year, offered to help Democrats running in 2018 and made a brief appearance at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee policy conference in Washington, D.C.

“It’s on my radar screen, but it’s a huge decision,” Patrick said during a Feb. 28 interview with KCUR in Kansas City, Missouri about a possible run. “It’s a huge consideration, I think, particularly when I think, you know, I’m still a kid from the south side of Chicago.”

Patrick is no fan of President Donald Trump, but his criticism has been less pointed than other Democrats.

“I am old-fashioned in the sense that I think nobody should cheer for failure. We need our presidents to succeed,” Patrick said, quickly adding, “I would like him to be replaced by a Democrat.”

Patrick said he’s particularly concerned about the tone Trump has set, including his “belittling of opposing points of view and the individuals who hold them.”

But Patrick also said Democrats are partially to blame for Trump’s election.

“The outcome of the 2016



AP file photo  
Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick arrives at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston for the 2017 Profile in Courage award ceremony.

election was less about Donald Trump winning than Democrats and our nominee letting him do so,” he said.

Patrick’s record as governor is mixed.

His successes include helping oversee the 2006 health care law signed by Romney that would serve as a blueprint for Obama’s 2010 health law.

Another success is a 2008 initiative pushed by Patrick that committed Massachusetts to spending \$1 billion over 10 years to jump-start the state’s life sciences sector.

There were also rough patches, including turmoil at the state Department of Children and Families following the deaths of three children.

Patrick was also forced to publicly apologize for a disastrous effort to transition to the federal health care law during which the state’s website performed so poorly it created a backlog of more than 50,000 paper applications.

Patrick’s successful campaign for governor in 2006 was all the more remarkable since it was his first run for office after serving as the top civil rights official at the U.S. Justice Department under President Bill Clinton and as an executive at Texaco and Coca-Cola.

Patrick’s success came in part from his skill at connecting with voters and energizing crowds — a skill on display during the 2012 Democratic National Convention when he challenged members of his party to “grow a backbone and stand up for what we believe.”

Paul Watanabe, professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, said it’s reasonable for Patrick to consider a run.

“He was able to leave office on his own terms, rather than be defeated,” Watanabe said.

Trump administration’s words, deeds on Africa are colliding

By Josh Lederman  
The Associated Press

NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK, Kenya — On the outskirts of a sprawling reserve of Kenyan grasslands where endangered animals roam wild, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson lavished praise on an American-funded forensics lab that tracks down elephant-poachers for prosecution, and urged aggressive action in Africa on conservation.

Yet earlier this month, the Trump administration quietly lifted the U.S. ban on importing African elephant trophies, to the dismay of environmental groups who said it sends precisely the wrong message.

U.S. words and deeds are colliding as Tillerson travels across Africa. On trade policy, HIV/AIDS and humanitarian aid, the United States at times seems at odds with itself, muddying efforts to show it wants the continent to flourish and is here to help.

In the case of the elephants, conservationists appeared to have a powerful ally in Presi-

dent Donald Trump, who intervened personally last year to stop the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from lifting the Obama-era ban on tusks imported from Zambia and Zimbabwe. Trump took to Twitter to call the practice a “horror show.”

At the forensics lab at Nairobi National Park, the only such lab in east and central Africa, Tillerson agreed Sunday when famed conservationist Richard Leakey warned that the “huge interest” in wildlife products such as elephant and rhinoceros parts was fueling the international trafficking trade.

“That’s really the key, is to shut it all down,” Tillerson said.

But three months after Trump’s move to keep the ban in place, his administration reversed course again, saying elephant trophies could be imported on a “case-by-case basis.” The U.S. agency said it chose that course of action to comply with a court ruling that said the Obama administration failed to follow proper procedure in enacting the original ban.



AP photo  
Kenya’s Cabinet Secretary for Tourism Najib Balala greets U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson as he arrives to tour the Kenya Wildlife Service in Nairobi, Kenya, Sunday.

In Kenya, where the elephant population has plummeted to roughly one-fifth of what it was in the 1970s, the new Trump policy fell flat.

“The whole world is against it,” said Paula Kahumbu, an elephant expert and CEO of Wildlife Direct, a leading Ken-

yan environmental group. She said past U.S. support for banning the ivory trade has pushed China and other nations to act as well. “To then say, ‘Oh, but we have a special case for some of our people, they should be allowed to have ivory,’ it totally undermines the U.S. leadership role.”

American leadership has been repeatedly questioned since Trump took office in January 2017 as Washington pulls back from past commitments to NATO, to the United Nations and to aid programs that form the core of U.S. “soft power” diplomacy.

Tillerson’s trip to Kenya was designed in part to highlight the success of PEPFAR, the 15-year-old HIV/AIDS program that has saved millions of lives and helped see the continent through an epidemic that once threatened to wipe out a whole generation. More than 13 million people with HIV in Africa are on lifesaving antiretroviral drugs thanks to PEPFAR, the U.S. has said.

“It’s a very proud moment for us and a very proud moment for the American people,” Ambassador Deborah Birx, the U.S. global AIDS coordinator, said this past week.

So HIV/AIDS advocates are scratching their heads at why Trump has repeatedly proposed cutting hundreds of

millions of dollars from PEPFAR. The nonprofit ONE Campaign warned that the cut would lead to hundreds of thousands more people dying of AIDS each year.

The Trump administration has said despite those reductions, it believes there’s enough money left “to maintain all current patient levels” — meaning to not cut off anyone’s lifesaving medications. But public health groups say they can’t understand why U.S. would pull back from the President George W. Bush-era program at the very moment when Tillerson says the world “can actually now see a future free of HIV/AIDS.”

Visiting the African Union headquarters in Ethiopia earlier in his trip, Tillerson urged officials not to go ahead with a plan to impose a 0.2 percent tariff on imports. The goal is to help the AU become financially self-sufficient, but the U.S. is concerned the plan runs afoul of the World Trade Organization, thus keeping U.S. companies out of the African market.



Four-day forecast



Today  
**MOSTLY SUNNY**  
HIGH 45 LOW 28



Tuesday  
**MOSTLY CLOUDY**  
HIGH 38 LOW 27



Wednesday  
**MOSTLY CLOUDY**  
HIGH 35 LOW 24



Thursday  
**PARTLY CLOUDY**  
HIGH 55 LOW 35



**Brandon Stover's outlook**  
After starting chilly today with wet snow, partly sunny, High 45. Mostly cloudy to night with snow at times. Low 28. Mostly cloudy Tuesday with snow. High 38. Mostly cloudy Wednesday with snow. High 35. Partly cloudy Thursday. High 55.



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Brenda Young climbs the driveway to her home, which sits at an angle on a hillside by Cabin Creek Road since a mudslide knocked it off its foundation and nearly destroyed it last month.

MUDSLIDE

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At the time of the storm that caused the landslide, Gov. Jim Justice declared a state of emergency in all 55 counties for flooding, which gave Young and Bell some hope that they could receive help. However, in a voicemail sent to Bell from Jason Williams, Justice's director of constituent affairs, procuring any of this aid is a complicated and lengthy process, not to mention unlikely. "It sounds like it wasn't a big enough deal to them," Bell said. "I think they see it as being just one person, but this was my mom's entire life. It was everything to her."

Bell said her mother wanted to return to West Virginia for years. The only reason Young decided to leave in the first place, Bell said, was for work. "There was more opportunity back then for a woman in Indiana than for a woman here," Young said.

For decades, Bell watched her mother work two jobs with little to no time off to help support her family and herself. A few years ago, Young's husband started getting sicker, suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and several other illnesses, and she had to work harder.

She did this until an injury and two shoulder surgeries forced her into disability. Today,

she has hardly any use of her right shoulder, and doctors said another surgery will be needed in the next few months if she wants to gain some back.

Things would be a little different, Young said, if she could work and have another source of money coming in that wasn't disability checks — which have to cover expenses for both her and her husband.

"If we have to, we'll level out the property and figure something out — but I don't know if we could borrow that. I'm burned out, and it would cost at least \$15,000. And who is going to do the work? We can't," Young said. "I've never had to ask my kids for anything. I always tried to help my kids. I've never had to ask them for help."

Bell set up a GoFundMe account to help cover expenses for her parents. She said her family isn't looking for someone to build them a new home or cover every expense, but any help that can be passed on — either through money, resources or advice — is appreciated.

Bell contacted the builders hired for the original project, as well as several other local companies to see if anyone would be willing to help them clear the trees and rubble that toppled over from the mudslide, but none responded. Right now, half of the cabin — where Young's bedroom would have been — is dangling over the hillside, dangerously close to



Young ties a cable to keep the door closed on her home. She said she is worried about people coming in to take materials from the home, and she feels helpless with the lack of response from agencies to help her in the situation.

telephone wires and the road. Bell is concerned that, if anything else happens, this could be more of a liability for her parents.

"We need someone to come out and at least take care of that immediately — it's a serious safety issue," Bell said.

Young hoped to move into their new home by Saturday. The insulation was being installed when the mudslide hit, and she had appointments with utility agencies to come hook everything up. Now, she is frustrated and distraught.

The trailer was supposed to be a short-term solution, something to sleep in while they finished the cabin, but now it's the only home they have. Everything they own is split between that trailer, a storage unit and the wood cabin sitting nearly destroyed on the edge of the hill.

"I wanted this — to come back to West Virginia. The people are friendly, it's a slower pace and it's where I was born," Young said. "They say it's 'almost heaven, West Virginia,' but, so far, I can't see that. I thought that when I was younger, but it's not coming to me now."

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Day care worker gets 21 years for drugging children to go tanning

By Cleve R. Wootson Jr.  
The Washington Post

January Neatherlin told parents they couldn't pick up their children from Little Giggles day care center between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. That three-hour period, she said, was nap time.

It was also CrossFit time and tan time for Neatherlin, the owner of the illegal day care operation, according to court records obtained by the Oregonian. In one instance, police investigators say, it was when she dropped her own kids off at work.

To avoid the risk that the seven infants and toddlers in her care would wake up, trudge around and possibly hurt themselves while she ran errands, Neatherlin drugged them with melatonin.

Neatherlin, 32, was sentenced to more than 21 years in prison last week after she pleaded guilty to 11 counts of first-degree criminal mistreatment and one count of third degree assault in connection with Little Giggles, according to the Oregonian.

the girl had blisters in her mouth and on her shoulders when she was picked up, the Bulletin reported. Neatherlin had overheated a bottle of milk in the microwave, scalding the child. When pressed, Neatherlin said the injuries were spider bites.

There were other causes of concern: diaper rash, allegations of scratching, evidence of poor nutrition.

When authorities moved in to arrest Neatherlin at her home 150 miles southeast of Portland, one of the children was covered in fresh vomit — and some of the children still had melatonin in their systems.

Melatonin is relatively safe, but it is not harmless. The Food and Drug Administration regulates dietary supplements such as melatonin, according to the National Institutes of Health, but rules are less strict than for prescription or over-the-counter drugs.

According to NIH, there have been "no reports of significant side effects of melatonin in children." And some companies even offer "sleep support" gummies with melatonin for children.

Her scheme began to unravel last March when police were contacted by a former roommate and an ex-boyfriend.

Among other lies, Neatherlin told parents that she was a registered nurse, even though she wasn't, investigators in Bend, Oregon, testified.

It's unclear if she told them about her criminal record, which went back to 2007, when she was charged with "multiple instances of theft and identity theft," according to media reports. Some of her convictions came under the aliases January Livey and January Brooks.

Court documents said she had an "ongoing, systematic scheme of doing what she wanted and getting what she wanted, without any concern for the danger she was placing others in."

She operated Little Giggles for five years.

The court heard anecdote after anecdote of close calls and actual harm befalling the children Neatherlin was paid to take care of, according to the Bend Bulletin. Some had disrupted sleep cycles from the melatonin, others fared much worse.

In January 2014, an 11-month-old was rushed to the hospital from Little Giggles with bleeding and swelling in her head, injuries court documents said were consistent with being shaken or struck repeatedly.

Parents of another child said

Still, the Mayo Clinic recommends that people take the hormone only after consulting with a doctor. The hormone can negatively interact with drugs that mitigate seizures, diabetes medications and "anticonvulsants in neurologically disabled children."

None of the children in Neatherlin's care appeared to be permanently damaged from the supplements.

In a tearful statement just before she was sentenced, Neatherlin denied that she had ever struck a child.

"I loved all my day care kids as my own, and I believe they loved me and enjoyed hanging out with me during the week," she said.

But she also admitted that she had done wrong. "I failed you all. I let you all down."

Parents agreed.

"In my opinion, your honor," Kevin Hord, one of the fathers of the children in the day care told the judge, "100 years would not be enough."

Hord and other parents lobbied for the maximum allowable sentence — 35 years. But a judge gave Neatherlin 21 years, four months and harsh words.

"There is something broken and something missing in you," Deschutes County Circuit Judge Wells Ashby told Neatherlin, according to the Bend Bulletin.

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and for floor speeches, particularly in the House of Delegates, in the form of farewell speeches.

That included those not seeking re-election, including House Speaker Tim Armstead, R-Kanawha, who poignantly looked back on his nearly 20 years in the Legislature and his fascination with the legislative process that was sparked during an internship in the Governor's Office under then-Gov. Cecil Underwood.

Others, like Delegate Bill Hamilton, R-Upshur, are bid adieu to the House to run for other offices — a Senate seat, in Hamilton's case.

The highest drama of the night came, not in a runner's mad dash to get a bill from one house to the other in time for a passage vote before midnight, but in a bill that seemingly disappeared on its way from the Senate to the House.

After a passage vote in the Senate at 6:35 p.m., legislation needed to implement the state's medical marijuana program next year, following recommendations of the state Medical

Cannabis Advisory Board, never arrived in the House (House Bill 4345).

As the session reached its final hour, proponents of the bill, fearing Armstead was trying to derail a measure he never personally supported, attempted a procedural move to take up the bill.

In an exchange with Armstead, the speaker first said the bill had not arrived in the House, and upon further questioning, said it was in the House Clerk's Office. House spokesman Jared Hunt later said the bill had flaws that could not be corrected in the final five hours of the session. Wherever the bill was, it never made it to the House floor for a passage vote.

At least two other bills managed to spark some controversy on the last night.

Legislation to eliminate the Department of Education and the Arts passed the Legislature, after failing in past sessions (HB 4406).

Proponents contend the bill is part of an effort to consolidate government bureaucracies and cut costs, while opponents said dispersing administration of such diverse agencies as Culture and History, Public Broadcasting, Rehabilitation



CRAIG HUDSON | Gazette-Mail

Senators speak with each other during a break on the final day of the legislative session in Charleston Saturday.

Services, and Library Commission, among others, to other departments with unrelated missions isn't sensible.

"It's premature. It's unnecessary. It's not helpful," said Delegate Larry Rowe, D-Kanawha.

Some, including Gov. Jim Justice, want assurances the bill isn't targeting Education and the Arts Secretary Gayle

Manchin, wife of Democrat U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin.

"I hope to goodness this is not a targeted move at Gayle Manchin," Justice commented. Likewise, legislation to elim-

inate exemptions to federal work requirements to obtain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, commonly known as food stamps, generated some consternation before passing the Legislature at 11:21 p.m. (HB 4001).

In the Senate, Sen. Ron Stollings, D-Boone, said a nine-county pilot project had failed to put SNAP recipients back to work and had resulted in 5,200 people losing benefits. Additionally, he said a statewide program would cost small "mom-and-pop" grocery stores millions in lost revenue.

"We're getting ready to put more people in the food pantries with passage of this bill," he said.

However, reflecting the majority vote, Sen. Randy Smith, R-Tucker, commented, "All we're doing with this is requiring able-bodied adults that should be working anyway to volunteer or try to get a job."

Meanwhile, for those keeping track, the 2019 regular session of the Legislature begins in 303 days.

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AUDITING FIRM

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Cooper in March 2016.

In the suit, Mountain State Justice's attorneys said Suttle & Stal-

naker's auditors did not undertake any meaningful effort to confirm that attorney fees paid to the group were fairly reported and reasonably accounted for.

Cooper admitted to opening a secret bank account at WesBanco in her employer's name and cashing checks

written to Mountain State Justice. She said she used the money to pay personal expenses for herself and for some of her relatives.

Cooper pleaded guilty to wire fraud and tax evasion charges in U.S. District Court for Southern West Virginia in January 2017. U.S. District Judge

John Copenhaver Jr. sentenced her to 54 months, or four years, in federal prison. She also was ordered to pay \$1.5 million in restitution.

Cooper is incarcerated at the federal prison camp in Alderson, according to Federal Bureau of Prisons records. James G. Bordas Jr. and Jason E.

Causey, with Bordas and Bordas, are representing Mountain State Justice.

The case has been assigned to Kanawha Circuit Judge Tod Kaufman.

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# The front lines of California’s war with Trump

By Maria Sacchetti  
The Washington Post

SAN FRANCISCO — In the nerve center of the Trump resistance, some volunteers staff 24-hour hotlines in case immigration agents strike in the middle of the night. Others flood neighborhoods to film arrests and interview witnesses. Local governments are teaming with donors to hire lawyers for those facing expulsion hearings.

California and the Trump administration are engaged in an all-out war over immigration enforcement, the president’s signature issue on the campaign trail and in the White House. It is a deeply personal battle in the nation’s most populous and economically powerful state, where 27 percent of the 39 million residents are foreign-born.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions last week filed a lawsuit accusing California and its new slate of laws protecting immigrants of violating the Constitution and endangering federal agents. In blistering remarks in the state capital, the nation’s top law enforcement official compared the actions of state and local officials to “secession” and a “radical open-borders agenda.”

But California is not backing down.

In San Francisco, Mayor Mark Farrell called Sessions a “moron” and has proposed expanding the budget for public defenders. Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg told public radio he would “proudly resist.” Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, who outraged the White House by warning her city about an impending immigration roundup last month, says she has no regrets.

“Local governments and state government have stepped up in a way to protect immigrants like never before in my lifetime,” said Eric Cohen, the 57-year-old executive director of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, a national non-profit headquartered in the Mission district of San Francisco.

The stakes are high for the Trump administration because if California defies the White House on sanctuary cities, then others can, too, jeopardizing Trump’s main campaign promise to deport many of the nation’s 11 million illegal immigrants. The administration has urged states to follow the lead of Texas, a state that passed a law requiring officials to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement even as California enacted policies that do the opposite.

California’s defiance marks a seismic shift in a state that has morphed from the nation’s biggest critic of undocumented immigrants a generation ago into their fiercest protector.

In 1994, nearly 59 percent of voters passed Proposition 187, a ballot initiative that sought to deny public benefits to those here illegally and expel undocumented children from public schools. Outrage over the measure, which was blocked in court, helped turn



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Vianney Sanchez, 24, and her 12-year-old brother stand in front of the house they once shared with their parents, who were forced to leave the country last August.

a Republican stronghold into a mecca for Democrats.

Since then, California has granted undocumented immigrants privileges they can’t get in most other states: driver’s licenses, in-state college tuition and even some financial aid. After Trump took office and reversed Obama-era policies that shielded millions of undocumented immigrants from deportation, the resistance shifted into overdrive.

California filed lawsuits that have temporarily blocked the president’s plans to strip federal funding from so-called sanctuary cities and rescind work permits from undocumented immigrants who have lived in the United States since childhood.

In January, this vast state officially became a sanctuary jurisdiction, restricting state and local governments from cooperating with immigration agents and warning employers that they could be fined if they voluntarily hand over workers’ private information to ICE.

Officials say they are not stopping immigration agents from arresting criminals and are making allowances so agents can take serious offenders into custody at state prisons. But ICE says California’s efforts puts its workforce in danger, forcing agents to pursue criminals on the streets, often without local police backup.

After Schaaf tipped off her constituents to the roundup, agents arrested only 200 of more than 1,000 targets, a rate that Matthew Albence, executive associate director of ICE, called “historically low.” Administration officials, including Sessions, blamed Schaaf for letting the other 800 targets go free.

Albence said assaults on immigration agents in the streets and detention centers have risen from 15 three years



The Rev. Deborah Lee prays outside the Phillip Burton Federal Building before attending a hearing related to the deportation of an undocumented immigrant from Cambodia.

ago to 69 last year. In the first two months of fiscal 2018, the agency logged 24 assaults.

“Frankly the environment’s gotten difficult across the board,” he said. “California is obviously front and center with their sanctuary laws, making the whole state a sanctuary. But the job, by and large, has gotten more and more difficult and more and more dangerous for our officers.”

Schaaf said she has “tremendous respect for law enforcement.” The city worked with ICE in the past, she said, but severed ties with the agency amid concerns that its agents were ripping apart families whose only offense was coming to America in search of a better life. Officials also say they fear that ICE’s unfettered enforcement policies will make cities less safe by deterring undocumented immigrants who are not criminals from reporting crime.

In particular, Schaaf said, she was disturbed by the case of Maria Mendoza Sanchez, a bilingual oncology nurse, homeowner and mother of four who was forced to leave the United States in August

with her husband, Eusebio.

“These are two law-abiding, hardworking Oaklanders that have lived in my city for 23 years,” Schaaf said. “But under this administration they were deported. They were ripped away from their four children.”

At a day laborer stand near a Home Depot in Oakland, immigrants waiting for construction jobs or grabbing lunch at a taco truck Friday praised the mayor for sticking up for immigrants. “We’re here to work,” said a 36-year-old woman from Mexico frying meat at the taco truck, who declined to give her name for fear of being deported. “We’re not trying to hurt anyone.”

But the rising tension and vitriol have prompted some to ask whether Oakland and other cities are taking the resistance too far. The Los Angeles Times, which has defended undocumented immigrants in its opinion pages, said the Oakland mayor crossed a line when she tipped off the city about the round-ups last month.

“Her heart may have been in the right place,” the news-

paper wrote in an editorial. “But some of those targeted by ICE agents could very well have been people with violent criminal pasts who can make no legitimate argument for avoiding deportation.”

California sheriffs have said they feel caught in the middle and hope the federal lawsuit against the state will help settle the role they should play in enforcing immigration policy.

On Thursday night, nearly 20 volunteers eager to expand the resistance filed into a conference room next to a bank in a nondescript office building in wealthy Marin County. They included a retired Presbyterian minister, a Vietnam veteran, and others who said they were upset by news reports they’d seen of immigrants without serious criminal records being deported.

“I feel like I never really paid attention to politics until this past year,” said Jennifer Baldwin, a 46-year-old bookkeeper from the city of Novato. “It’s become a very painful world.”

Olivia Beltran, a former undocumented immigrant from Mexico who is now a U.S. citizen, and Patty Hoyt, a Novato resident, helped train volunteers willing to take emergency phone calls and investigate whether immigration raids were happening. Other volunteers would venture out, even in the middle of the night, to document arrests and help those taken into custody find lawyers.

Hoyt said they would not interfere with law enforcement officers.

“You will be a witness,” she told the volunteers. “Be brave. But be realistic.”

Jesus Alvarez, a 69-year-old Navy veteran who served in Vietnam, signed up immediately. “It’s time for the community to rise up,” he said. “It’s time we defend ourselves.”



The Washington Post

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., a potential 2020 Democratic presidential contender, has faced public questions over her citing of family stories to claim Cherokee and Delaware Indian heritage since her first bid for office in 2012.

## Warren rejects DNA test

By Tory Newmyer  
The Washington Post

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., is rejecting a Massachusetts newspaper’s suggestion that she take a DNA test to prove her Native American heritage.

“I know who I am and never used it for anything,” Warren said Sunday in an interview on NBC’s “Meet the Press.” “Never got any benefit from it anywhere.”

The senator, a potential 2020 Democratic presidential contender, has faced public questions over her citing of family stories to claim Cherokee and Delaware Indian heritage since her first bid for office in 2012. President Donald Trump has turned it into a racially tinged attack line, frequently referring to her as “Pocahontas” since May 2016, including at a Saturday night rally in western Pennsylvania. Last week, the Berkshire Eagle, a newspaper published in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, called the issue an “Achilles’ heel” for Warren and urged her to “take the spit test” to put it to rest.

On Sunday, Warren stood by family lore as justification for her claim. Her parents, she said, fell in love as teenagers in Oklahoma and eloped because her mother’s Native American heritage made her father’s family “bitterly opposed” to the union.

“That’s the story that my brothers and I all learned from our mom and our dad, from our grandparents, from all of our aunts and uncles,” she said. “It’s a part of me, and nobody’s going to take that part of me away.”

Warren also did not explicitly rule out a 2020 bid and said she is focused on re-election to her Senate seat this year and on supporting party-building efforts across the country. “I’m not running for president,” she said, while sidestepping four attempts by moderator Chuck Todd to pin her down on whether she will pledge to serve out another six-year Senate term.

Warren sought to move past questions about her background last month in an address to the National Congress of American Indians. In that speech, she said she understood “why some people think there’s hay to be made” over the issue, because she wasn’t enrolled in a tribe. “I understand that tribal membership is determined by tribes — and only by tribes,” Warren said, adding that she never used her heritage to advance her career.

A directory of law professors listed Warren as a minority from 1986 to 1995, just before she joined Harvard Law School. When the claim emerged as a flash point in her 2012 Senate race, Charles Fried, a Harvard Law School professor who recruited her, said her ethnic status had nothing to do with how she got the job.

“That’s totally stupid, ignorant, uninformed and simply wrong,” he told the Associated Press at the time. “I presented her case to the faculty. I did not mention her Native American connection because I did not know about it.”

On Sunday, Warren cited a promise she made to the Native American leaders last month to refocus the issue on challenges facing their communities. “More than half of all native women have been the victims of sexual violence,” she said.

# Trump to visit California on Tuesday to see wall prototypes

By Jill Colvin  
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The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Donald Trump is coming — at last — to the state he loves to hate, setting foot in California for his first time as president.

This is turf he lost to Democrat Hillary Clinton by more than 4 million votes in 2016. He has mocked its judges for blocking his agenda, sued over its lax enforcement of immigration laws and threatened to pull out federal agents.

But there’s something he’s dying to see here: the prototypes for his long-promised wall on the U.S.-Mexico border. And there’s something he’s eager to do here: raise cash from the Beverly Hills crowd.

Trump’s arrival Tuesday will come just days after his Justice Department sued to block a trio of state laws designed to protect people living in the U.S. illegally. Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown likened it to “an act of war” with Trump’s administration.

Last week, Oakland’s mayor warned residents of an impending immigration raid — a move that Trump called disgraceful

and said put law enforcement officers at risk.

The state has also joined lawsuits aimed at stopping construction of Trump’s stalled border wall. And its judges have repeatedly ruled against policies Trump has tried to enact.

In recent months, Trump and other administration officials have threatened both to flood the state with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents and to pull ICE out of the state completely.

“I mean, frankly, if I wanted to pull our people from California, you would have a crying mess like you’ve never seen in California,” Trump said last month, predicting “crime like nobody has ever seen crime in this country.”

Meanwhile, Trump’s acting ICE director has repeatedly threatened to increase its enforcement footprint in the state in retaliation for its limited cooperation with federal immigration authorities — and he appears to be making good on his promise.

“California better hold on tight. They’re about to see a lot more special agents, a lot more deportation officers,” Thomas

Homan said on Fox earlier this year before his agency conducted a series of raids.

White House officials said the trip has been in the works for months and the timing so close to recent flare-ups was coincidental.

When asked if Trump planned to play nice on the trip, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said, “Look, I think if anybody is stepping out of bounds here, it would be someone who is refusing to follow federal law, which is certainly not the president. And we’re going for what we hope to be an incredibly positive trip.”

Trump’s overnight visit will include a stop in San Diego to inspect eight sample designs for the wall he’s been raring to build. He will also be speaking with members of the military and traveling to Los Angeles for a splashy Beverly Hills fundraiser, where attendees will pay up to \$250,000 per person.

Trump’s appearances in the left-leaning state during the 2016 campaign were marked by sometimes-violent clashes between his supporters and opposition groups. In some cases, protesters blocked traffic

and threw rocks and beer bottles. Protests are expected during this trip.

Trump’s more than yearlong absence from the nation’s most populous state — home to 1 in 8 Americans and, by itself, the world’s sixth-largest economy — has been conspicuous but not surprising. Trump country, it’s not.

As a candidate, Trump suggested he could win California, a state that hasn’t supported a Republican for the White House in three decades.

Since his election, Sacramento has emerged as a vanguard in the so-called Trump resistance. Democratic state Attorney General Xavier Becerra has filed over a dozen lawsuits to block administration proposals.

California was the home of Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, but Republican influence here has been fading for years as a surge in immigrants transformed the state and its voting patterns. The number of Hispanics, blacks and Asians combined has outnumbered whites since 1998. Meanwhile, the state’s new voters, largely Latinos and Asians, lean Democratic, and Democrats hold every statewide office and con-

trol both chambers of the Legislature by hefty margins.

Polls have found Trump deeply unpopular in the state, with most residents opposed to policies he’s championed, such as expanding offshore drilling.

Jessica Hayes, chairwoman of the San Diego County Democratic Party, said Trump’s anti-immigration rhetoric plays especially poorly in a state with close trade and tourism connections with Mexico.

“These are our neighbors. These are our friends,” she said.

Trump has repeatedly floated the idea of flying in to pick the winning design for the border wall, telling rallygoers last year in Alabama: “I’m going to go out and look at them personally and pick the right one.”

The Department of Homeland Security has said there’s nothing to stop Trump from turning the wall design contest into a Miss Universe-style pageant.

But the department also says it doesn’t anticipate that a single prototype will be selected. Instead, the samples are expected “to inform future border wall design standards,” said spokesman Tyler Houlton.



## NCAA TOURNAMENT — SELECTION SUNDAY

## SEE YA IN SAN DIEGO

No. 5 seed WVU, No. 13 Marshall head to same opening round site



Photo courtesy Marshall University

The Marshall basketball team hosted a crowd of around 2,000 people at the Cam Henderson Center Sunday as the Herd watched to learn where it would be heading for its first round NCAA Tournament matchup.

## Jubilant No. 13 seed Herd draws Wichita State

By Doug Smock

Staff writer

HUNTINGTON — Players and coaches for NCAA-bound Marshall were floating on adrenaline Sunday evening, as they learned whom they would play later this week.

The 2,000 or so fans on hand at Cam Henderson Center let out a wild cheer when the Thundering Herd (24-10) was revealed to be playing Wichita State on Friday at Viejas Arena in San Diego. The Herd was given a 13 seed, with the Shockers at No. 4. The two sides will square off at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, with the game being aired on TNT.

That pairing was announced right after No. 5 West Virginia was announced in that San Diego “pod,” bringing the crowd into a heightened state of anticipation. That was followed by a loud “awwwwww!” when the Mountaineers drew Murray State instead.

Then the Herd’s matchup was announced, bringing a loud cheer that drowned out the sound from the speakers attached to two big screens on the basketball floor. It had been 31 long years since those fans had such an event for which to celebrate.

Those fans had more sleep than players and coaches. A lot more.

“I haven’t gone to sleep yet,” said leading scorer Jon Elmore. “I’m all jacked up on some soda right now, and I don’t even drink soda, so I need a nap after this.”

Elmore scored 27 points Saturday night in the Conference USA championship game, a 67-66 win over Western Kentucky — the exact reverse of the score of the 2014 football game, in which the Hilltoppers ruined the Herd’s perfect season. Passed over for the regular season Player of the Year award, he “settled” for being the tourna-

ment MVP.

Coach Dan D’Antoni was in almost the same boat, sleep-wise. He also may have a hunger pang or two, as his meal itinerary since leaving Frisco, Texas, was light.

“One hour and two bologna sandwiches — and they weren’t ‘West Virginia steaks.’ I didn’t have time to fry them,” he said.

There have been hundreds who have played for the green and white since 1987, some getting close to making the Big Dance and others not so close. From last season’s team, which fell in the championship game, Ryan Taylor was giddy, so much he called in and said hello to, oh, a few hundred fans via speaker.

Assistant coach Mark Cline is in his eighth season, having been retained from the previous coaching era. It was about a decade since he has coached in the NCAAs at Oklahoma, but he has suffered through

three 20-loss seasons in Huntington. Low on sleep himself, he took it all in stride.

“Well it has been [a long time coming], but we won 20 games four times,” he said. “I think Middle Tennessee deserved to get in ahead of some other teams that got selected. All I can do is root for those guys to get three [C-USA teams] in the NIT.”

D’Antoni is the eighth MU coach since Rick Huckabay took that 1987 Herd to the tournament, in which it lost in the first round to Texas Christian. D’Antoni was the second coach hired by athletic director, and his 2014 hiring drew a Bronx cheer from many outside observers.

One ESPN writer’s tweet from four years ago was resurrected over the weekend, and Herd fans piled on him with extra vigor. But Hamrick never wavered in his decision, even when the new coach suffered a 11-27 start.

D’Antoni is now 72-62.

“There were some people who were very critical of that decision,” Hamrick said. “Any time you make a tough decision you get criticized, but I knew at the time — you never know 100 percent, but I knew he was a guy who loved Marshall, a guy who would work hard with Marshall. [I] had a lot of faith in his brother, Mike, who was the one that said, ‘Hey, I think you need to take Danny.’”

“We did. Any time you make a coaching hire you get criticized, but just wait and see happens three or four or five years later and, obviously, it’s worked out pretty dog-gone good.”

There will be Marshall and state ties aplenty in San Diego. That starts with Wichita State, coached by 11th-year coach Gregg Marshall, a former MU assistant.

SEE HERD, 5B

## WVU lands but fifth seed, will face OVC’s Murray State

By Mitch Vingle

Staff writer

As expected, West Virginia University’s men’s basketball team was selected to play in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

What was unexpected was the hit the 24-10 Mountaineers apparently took for losing to Big 12 champion Kansas in the recent league championship in Kansas City, Mo.

WVU made the conference finals by adding victories over Baylor and NCAA No. 3 seed Texas Tech (the second this season over the Red Raiders), but fell 81-70 to KU and was given a No. 5 seed on Sunday. The Mountaineers will play at the Viejas Arena at Aztec Bowl.

“Fine with it,” said Mountaineer coach Bob Huggins. “We [at Cincinnati] played in San Diego in 2001 and I thought it was a great place to play. Great venue.”

Huggins was asked if he was bothered his team wasn’t given a No. 4 seed.

“I don’t know what goes into it, to be honest with you,” said the coach. “I was on the committee that was supposed to [fine tune the process]. And I’m still not sure what goes on. But whatever it is, you still have to go play.”

The tournament committee did place West Virginia in the East Region, but the Mountaineers will begin play in San Diego, Calif., on Friday against 26-5 and No. 12 seed Murray State, which won the Ohio Valley Conference championship. The game is set for approximately 3:45 p.m. It will be the second matchup of the day there.

If West Virginia wins on Friday, it will meet the winner of No. 4 seed Wichita State and No. 13 seed and in-state rival Marshall.

WVU will be making its 29th overall trip to the “Big Dance” and ninth in the past 11 seasons under Huggins. The Mountaineers have made the event 11 times in the past 14 years.

Last year, the Mountaineers were eliminated in the Sweet 16 in San Jose, Calif., by tournament runner-up Gonzaga, 61-58. It was West Virginia’s seventh Sweet 16 appearance since 1998 and 10th overall.

In Murray State, WVU will face a team that defeated Belmont, 68-51, in the OVC tournament title game to earn the school’s 16th NCAA tournament appearance. The Racers haven’t made the tournament since 2012 though.

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AP photo

Bob Huggins and the 5-seeded Mountaineers will be heading to San Diego for a first-round contest against No. 12 Murray State.



DEREK REDD

## Mountain State college hoops gets a double-dip of national spotlight

**T**HAT CHEEKY, cheeky NCAA Tournament Selection Committee.

You could almost feel those folks winking and chuckling when the East Region bracket was revealed. First came the unveiling of the 5-12 matchup, West Virginia and Murray State. Then came the presentation of the 4-13 matchup.

The Marshall Thundering Herd hadn’t been shown in the brackets yet, but everyone knew it was coming. It was a lock, with Dan D’Antoni’s crew winning the Conference USA tournament crown Saturday night.

First came the revelation of the 4-seed, Wichita State. Then, that 13-seed turned over. And there the Herd was. Of course it was.

And if WVU does what it’s supposed to do and Marshall scores the upset, then a Mountain State matchup on ice since 2015 is revived in San Diego, California.

Honestly, it’s a bit of a bummer. Sure, the prospect of a Mountaineer-Herd clash when the stakes are highest is tantalizing. Yet what that does is assures that one West Virginia Division I college basketball team’s Big Dance card gets torn up in the second round.

So either Jevon Carter and Daxter Miles’ Mountaineer careers end in the tournament’s first weekend, or the wild ride of the Thundering Herd, with former George Washington and South Charleston star Jon Elmore at the controls, is an abbreviated one.

And it’s a shame that both team’s tournament journeys are forced to begin so far from their home land. Fans of both teams should have the opportunity to enjoy the experience without trekking across the country.

Yet none of that should overshadow one important and wonderful fact — both of West Virginia’s Division I squads are in the tournament field.

That hasn’t happened in more than three decades. The last Mountain State double-dip came in 1987, Marshall’s last trip to the NCAA tournament as the Southern Conference champion. Between then and now were 31 years of close calls and rough seasons for the Herd. The Mountaineers had gone dancing plenty in that span, but the boys from Huntington had never been able to join them.

That changed Sunday, even if the two teams must travel from the Mountain State to the Golden State.

This week, folks around the country will get another dose of WVU — the dry wit of head coach Bob Huggins, the toughness and grit of the Mountaineers’ longtime back-court tag team of Carter and Miles, the nuclear-powered buzz saw that is “Press Virginia.”

They’ll also get the high-profile coming-out party of the Thundering Herd. They’ll get D’Antoni’s humor, energy and unique style, as he guides his alma mater in the one job he’s always wanted. They’ll see Elmore, who put together an all-time performance to push the Herd past Western Kentucky for the C-USA tournament crown. They’ll see the whirlwind that is Marshall’s offense, Mike D’Antoni’s NBA formula transplanted into the college game.

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<b>NCAA Tournament Glance</b> <b>FIRST FOUR</b> <b>AT UD Arena</b> <b>Dayton, Ohio</b> <b>Tuesday, March 13</b> LIU Brooklyn (18-16) vs. Radford (22-12), 6:40 p.m. St. Bonaventure (25-7) vs. UCLA (21-11), 9:10 p.m.  <b>Wednesday, March 14</b> N.C. Central (19-15) vs. Texas Southern (15-19), 6:40 p.m. Arizona State (20-11) vs. Syracuse (20-13), 9:10 p.m.  <b>EAST REGIONAL</b> <b>First Round</b> <b>Thursday, March 15</b> <b>AT PPG Paints Arena</b> <b>Pittsburgh</b> Villanova (30-4) vs. LIU Brooklyn-Radford winner Virginia Tech (21-11) vs. Alabama (19-15) <b>At American Airlines Center</b> <b>Dallas</b> Texas Tech (24-9) vs. Stephen F. 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State winner vs. Auburn-College of Charleston—Clemson-New Mexico State winner Duke-Iona—Rhode Island-Oklahoma winner vs. Michigan State-Bucknell—TCU-Arizona State-Syracuse winner  <b>Regional Championship</b> <b>Sunday, March 25</b> Semifinal winners <b>WEST REGIONAL</b> <b>First Round</b> <b>Thursday, March 15</b> <b>AT INTRUST Bank Arena</b> <b>Wichita, Kan.</b> Michigan (28-7) vs. Montana (26-7)	Houston (26-7) vs. San Diego State (22-10) <b>At Taco Bell Arena</b> <b>Boise, Idaho</b> Gonzaga (30-4) vs. UNC Greensboro (27-7) Ohio State (24-8) vs. South Dakota State (28-6)  <b>Friday, March 16</b> <b>At Spectrum Center</b> <b>Charlotte, N.C.</b> North Carolina (25-10) vs. Lipscomb (23-9) Texas A&M (20-12) vs. Providence (21-13) <b>At Bridgestone Arena</b> <b>Nashville, Tenn.</b> Xavier (28-5) vs. N.C. Central-Texas Southern winner Missouri (20-12) vs. Florida State (20-11)  <b>Second Round</b> <b>Saturday, March 17</b> <b>AT INTRUST Bank Arena</b> <b>Wichita, Kan.</b> Michigan-Montana winner vs. Houston-San Diego State winner  <b>At Taco Bell Arena</b> <b>Boise, Idaho</b> Gonzaga-UNC Greensboro winner vs. Ohio State-South Dakota State winner  <b>Sunday, March 18</b> <b>At Spectrum Center</b> <b>Charlotte, N.C.</b> North Carolina-Lipscomb winner vs. Texas A&M-Providence winner  <b>At Bridgestone Arena</b> <b>Nashville, Tenn.</b> Xavier—N.C. Central-Texas Southern winner vs. Missouri-Florida State winner  <b>AT STAPLES Center</b> <b>Los Angeles</b> <b>Regional Semifinals</b> <b>Thursday, March 22</b> Xavier-N.C. Central-Texas Southern—Missouri-Florida State winner vs. Gonzaga-UNC Greensboro—Ohio State-South Dakota State winner North Carolina-Lipscomb—Texas A&M-Providence winner vs. Michigan-Montana—Houston-San Diego State winner  <b>Regional Championship</b> <b>Saturday, March 24</b> Semifinal winners  <b>FINAL FOUR</b> <b>At The Alamodome</b> <b>San Antonio</b> <b>National Semifinals</b> <b>Saturday, March 31</b> South champion vs. West champion East champion vs. Midwest champion  <b>National Championship</b> <b>Monday, April 2</b> Semifinal winners  <b>NCAA Automatic Bids</b> Arizona, Pacific-12 Conference Bucknell, Patriot League Buffalo, Mid-American Conference Cal State Fullerton, Big West Conference Cincinnati, American Athletic Conference College of Charleston, Colonial Athletic Association Davidson, Atlantic 10 Conference Georgia State, Sun Belt Conference Gonzaga, West Coast Conference Iona, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Kansas, Big 12 Conference Kentucky, Southeastern Conference LIU Brooklyn, Northeast Conference Lipscomb, Atlantic Sun Conference Loyola of Chicago, Missouri Valley Conference Marshall, Conference USA Michigan, Big Ten Conference Montana, Big Sky Conference Murray State, Ohio Valley Conference N.C. Central, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference New Mexico State, Western Athletic Conference Pennsylvania, Ivy League Radford, Big South Conference San Diego State, Mountain West Conference South Dakota State, Summit League Stephen F. Austin, Southland Conference Texas Southern, Southwestern Athletic Conference UMBG, America East Conference UNC-Greensboro, Southern Conference Villanova, Big East Conference Virginia, Atlantic Coast Conference Wright State, Horizon League  <b>Big 12 Tournament</b> <b>FIRST ROUND</b> <b>Wednesday</b> No. 8 Oklahoma State 71, No. 9 Oklahoma 60 No. 7 Texas 68, No. 10 Iowa State 64 <b>QUARTERFINALS</b> <b>Thursday</b> No. 4 Kansas State 66, No. 5 TCU 64, OT No. 1 Kansas 82, No. 8 Oklahoma State 68 No. 2 Texas Tech 73, No. 7 Texas 69 No. 3 West Virginia 78, No. 6 Baylor 65 <b>SEMIFINALS</b> <b>Friday</b> No. 1 Kansas 83, No. 4 Kansas State 67 No. 3 West Virginia 66, No. 2 Texas Tech 63 <b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b> <b>Saturday, March 10</b> No. 1 Kansas 81, No. 3 West Virginia 70  <b>Conference USA Tournament</b> <b>At Ford Center at The Star</b> <b>Frisco, Texas</b> <b>FIRST ROUND</b> <b>Wednesday</b> No. 9 Southern Mississippi 69, No. 8 Florida International 68 No. 5 Texas-San Antonio 71, No. 12 Texas-El Paso 58 No. 10 Louisiana Tech 68, No. 7 North Texas 62 No. 6 Alabama-Birmingham 83, No. 11 Florida Atlantic 72 <b>QUARTERFINALS</b> <b>Thursday</b> No. 9 Southern Miss 71, No. 1 Middle Tennessee 68, OT No. 4 Marshall 95, No. 5 UTSA 81 No. 2 Old Dominion 62, No. 10 Louisiana Tech 58 No. 3 Western Kentucky 98, No. 6 UAB 70  <b>SEMIFINALS</b> <b>Friday</b> No. 4 Marshall 85, No. 9 Southern Miss 75 No. 3 Western Kentucky 57, No. 2 Old Dominion 49  <b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b> <b>Saturday</b> No. 4 Marshall 67, No. 3 Western Kentucky 66  <b>Sunday's national scores</b> <b>EAST</b> Davidson 58, Rhode Island 57 Penn 68, Harvard 65  <b>SOUTH</b> Georgia St. 74, Texas-Arlington 61 Kentucky 77, Tennessee 72  <b>MIDWEST</b> Cincinnati 56, Houston 55  <b>FAR WEST</b> Cal St.-Fullerton 71, UC Irvine 55  <b>Saturday's national scores</b> <b>EAST</b> Buffalo 76, Toledo 66 Davidson 82, St. Bonaventure 70 Harvard 74, Cornell 55 Penn 80, Yale 57 Rhode Island 90, Saint Joseph's 87 UMBG 65, Vermont 62 Villanova 76, Providence 66, OT  <b>SOUTH</b> Georgia St. 73, Georgia Southern 67 Kentucky 86, Alabama 63 Marshall 67, W. Kentucky 66 NC Central 71, Hampton 63 Stephen F. Austin 59, St. Louisiana 55 Tennessee 84, Arkansas 66 Texas-Arlington 71, Louisiana-Lafayette 68 Virginia 71, North Carolina 68  <b>MIDWEST</b> Cincinnati 70, Memphis 60 Houston 77, Wichita St. 74 Kansas 81, West Virginia 70  <b>SOUTHWEST</b> Texas Southern 84, Ark.-Pine Bluff 69  <b>FAR WEST</b> Arizona 75, Southern Cal 61 Montana 82, E. Washington 65 New Mexico St. 72, Grand Canyon 58 San Diego St. 82, New Mexico 75 UC Irvine 61, UC Santa Barbara 58

FIGHT SCHEDULE	
<b>March 17</b> At Madison Square Garden Theater, New York (ESPN), Jose Ramirez vs. Amir Imam, 12, for the vacant WBC World super lightweight title; Oleksandr Gvozdyk vs. Mehdi Amar, 12, for vacant WBC interim light heavyweight title; Felix Verdejo vs. Antonio Lozada Jr., 10, light-weights; Christopher Diaz vs. Miguel Beltran Jr., 10, super featherweights At Villa Dolores, Cordoba, Argentina, Javier Aristeu vs. Alberto Meliano, 10, bantamweights <b>March 18</b> At Kobe, Japan, Ryu-ya Yamanaka vs. Moises Calleros, 12, for Yamanaka's WBO strawweight title. <b>At Marseille, France</b> Ryad Merhi vs. Arsen Goulanmiran, 12, for the vacant WBA World cruiserweight title. Cedric Wades (SHO), Anthony Joshua vs. Joseph Parker, 12, IBF-WBA-WBO heavyweight titles; Alexander Povetkin vs. David Price, 12, heavyweight. <b>April 7</b> At TBA (SHO), Jarrett Hurd vs. Erislandy Lara, 12, IBF-WBA World middleweight titles. At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Angel Acosta vs. Ruyji Hara, 12, for Acosta's WBO junior flyweight title.	

PREP BASKETBALL	
<b>BOYS</b> <b>State tournament schedule</b> <b>Class AAA</b> <b>Wednesday, March 14</b> 11:15 a.m. — No. 2 Parkersburg South (21-3) vs. No. 7 Musselman (19-6) 7:15 p.m. — No. 1 University (24-1) vs. No. 8 Morgantown (17-8) <b>Thursday, March 15</b> 11:15 a.m. — No. 4 Martinsburg (20-5) vs. No. 5 Woodrow Wilson (18-6) 7:15 p.m. — No. 3 George Washington (20-3) vs. No. 6 Huntington (17-6) <b>Friday, March 16</b> 5:30 p.m. — University/Morgantown vs. Martinsburg/Woodrow Wilson 9 p.m. — South/Musselman vs. GW/Huntington <b>Saturday, March 17</b> 7:15 p.m. — State championship game  <b>Class AA</b> <b>Wednesday, March 14</b> 9:30 a.m. — No. 3 Westside (20-5) vs. No. 6 Winfield (18-7) 1 p.m. — No. 2 Chapmanville (24-1) vs. No. 7 Bridgeport (17-7) 5:30 p.m. — No. 1 Fairmont Senior (23-0) vs. No. 8 Braxton County (21-4) 9:00 p.m. — No. 4 Philip Barbour (21-3) vs. No. 5 Bluefield (19-4) <b>Friday, March 16</b> 9:30 a.m. — No. 3/6 winner vs. No. 2/7 winner 1:00 p.m. — No. 1/8 winner vs. No. 4/5 winner <b>Saturday, March 17</b> 12 p.m. — State championship game  <b>Class A</b> <b>Thursday, March 15</b> 9:30 a.m. — No. 3 Tug Valley (18-7) vs. No. 6 Greater Beckley Christian (16-7) 1 p.m. — No. 2 Ravenswood (24-1) vs. No. 7 Webster County (18-6) 5:30 p.m. — No. 1 Wheeling Central (22-2) vs. No. 8 Tyler Consolidated (17-8) 9 p.m. — No. 4 Notre Dame (18-6) vs. No. 5 Trinity (18-7), 9 p.m. <b>Friday, March 16</b> 11:15 a.m. — Tug Valley/Greater Beckley Christian winner vs. Ravenswood/Webster County winner 7:15 p.m. — Wheeling Central/Tyler Consolidated winner vs. Notre Dame/Trinity winner <b>Saturday, March 17</b> 2:30 p.m. — State championship game	<b>GIRLS</b> <b>WVSSAC State Basketball Tournament</b> <b>Charleston Civic Center</b> <b>Class AAA</b> <b>Wednesday's games</b> <b>Quarterfinals</b> No. 2 Parkersburg South 55, No. 7 Woodrow Wilson 50 No. 1 Buckhannon-Upshur 76, No. 8 Spring Mills 31 <b>Thursday's games</b> No. 4 Wheeling Park 59, No. 5 George Washington 49 No. 3 Parkersburg 68, No. 6 Martinsburg 49 <b>Friday's games</b> <b>Semifinals</b> No. 1 Buckhannon-Upshur 42, No. 4 Wheeling Park 39 No. 3 Parkersburg 63, No. 2 Parkersburg South 61 <b>Saturday's game</b> No. 3 Parkersburg 49, No. 1 Buckhannon-Upshur 47  <b>Class AA</b> <b>Wednesday's games</b> <b>Quarterfinals</b> No. 3 Wayne 52, No. 6 Logan 44 No. 2 Wyoming East 65, No. 7 Lincoln 39 No. 1 North Marion 56, No. 8 Bluefield 54 No. 5 Frankfort 53, No. 4 Bridgeport 52 <b>Friday's games</b> <b>Semifinals</b> No. 2 Wyoming East 69, No. 3 Wayne 50 No. 1 North Marion 63, No. 5 Frankfort 54 <b>Saturday's game</b> <b>Final</b> No. 1 North Marion 72, No. 2 Wyoming East 62  <b>Class A</b> <b>Thursday's games</b> <b>Quarterfinals</b> No. 3 Tucker County 66, No. 6 Magnolia 35 No. 2 Wheeling Central 78, No. 7 Trinity 47 No. 1 St. Joseph Central 67, No. 8 Charleston Catholic 18 No. 5 Summers County 69, No. 4 Parkersburg Catholic 67 <b>Friday's games</b> <b>Semifinals</b> No. 2 Wheeling Central 63, No. 3 Tucker County 46 No. 1 St. Joseph Central 86, No. 5 Summers County 46 <b>Final</b> <b>Saturday's game</b> No. 2 Wheeling Central 67, No. 1 St. Joseph Central 62

NBA									
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
x-Toronto	49	17	.742	—					
x-Boston	46	21	.687	3½					
Philadelphia	36	29	.554	12½					
New York	24	43	.358	25½					
Brooklyn	21	46	.313	28½					
Southeast Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Washington	38	29	.567	—					
Miami	36	31	.537	2					
Charlotte	29	38	.433	9					
Orlando	20	47	.299	18					
Atlanta	20	47	.299	18					
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Cleveland	38	27	.585	—					
Indiana	39	28	.582	—					
Milwaukee	35	31	.530	3½					
Detroit	30	36	.455	8½					
Chicago	23	43	.348	15½					
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Southwest Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Houston	52	14	.788	—					
New Orleans	38	28	.576	14					
San Antonio	37	29	.561	15					
Dallas	21	46	.313	31½					
Memphis	18	48	.273	34					
Northwest Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Portland	40	26	.606	—					
Minnesota	39	29	.574	2					
Oklahoma City	39	29	.574	2					
Denver	37	30	.552	3½					
Utah	37	30	.552	3½					
Pacific Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Golden State	51	16	.761	—					
L.A. Clippers	36	29	.554	14					

## BASEBALL

### American League

**BOSTON RED SOX** — Optionsed LHPs Jalen Beeks and Williams; Jereb and RHPs Ty Buttrey and Chandler Shepherd; to Pawtucket (AHL). Re-assigned C Austin Rei, INFs Michael Chavis and Esteby Quiróz, OFs Jeremy Barfield and Steve Selek and RHPs Kyle Martin and Fernando Rodríguez Jr. to minor league camp.

**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Optionsed RHP Jaime Barria to Salt Lake (PCL).

**MINNESOTA TWINS** — Released RHP Anibal Sanchez.

**OAKLAND ATHLETICS** — Optionsed LHP Jairo Labourt and RHP Lolo Trevino to Nashville (PCL). Reassigned LHPs Jeremy Bleich and Jarret Martin, RHPs Nolan Blackwood and Bobby Wahl, C Santiago Chavez and INF Nick Norwood to their minor league camp.

**SEATTLE MARINERS** — Released RHP Tony Zony. Optionsed RHPs Nick Rumbelow and Andrew Knapp to Tacoma (PCL).

**TAMPA BAY RAYS** — Optionsed RHP Brent Honeywell to Durham (IL).

**TEXAS RANGERS** — Agreed to terms with 2B Luis Mendez on a minor league contract.

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS** — Optionsed 1B Rowdy Tellez to Buffalo (AHL).

### National League

**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS** — Optionsed LHP Jared Miller and RHP Jake Barrett to Reno (PCL). CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Adbert Alzolay, Eddie Butler, Oscar De La Cruz, Carl Edwards Jr., Luke Farrell, Cory Mazzaro, Dillon Maples, Alec Mills, Jen-Ho Tseng and Duane Underwood Jr.; LHPs Mike Montgomery, Randy Rosario and Rob Zastryzny; C Victor Caratini and Willson Contreras; INFs Javier Baez and David Bote; and OFs Albert Almora Jr., Kyle Schwarber and Mark Zagunis on one-year contracts.

**PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** — Assigned RHP Ricardo Pinto to Lehigh Valley (AHL).

## BASKETBALL

### National Basketball Association

**ATLANTA HAWKS** — Signed G Jaylen Morris to a second 10-day contract.

### FOOTBALL

#### National Football League

**NEW YORK GIANTS** — Released CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie.

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** — Signed CB Richard Sherman to a three-year contract.

## HOCKEY

### National Hockey League

**ARIZONA COYOTES** — Assigned D Andrew Campbell to Tucson (AHL). Recalled F Dylan Strome from Tucson on an emergency basis and then returned Strome to Tucson.

**BOSTON BRUINS** — Reassigned G Dan Vladar from Providence (AHL) to Atlanta (ECHL).

**BUFFALO SABRES** — Assigned FS Justin Bailey and Danny O'Regan to Rochester (AHL). Reassigned F Vachar Karabacek from Rochester to Cincinnati (ECHL).

**CALGARY FLAMES** — Terminated the emergency recall of G Jon Gillies and assigned him to Stockton (AHL). Activated G Mike Smith from injured reserve.

**CAROLINA HURRICANES** — Recalled G Callum Booth from Florida (ECHL) to Charlotte (AHL).

**CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS** — Recalled F Matt Lacoppelli from Indy (ECHL) to Rockford (AHL).

**COLORADO AVALANCHE** — Reassigned F Vladislav Kamenev to San Antonio (AHL). Recalled G Spencer Martin from San Antonio.

### American Hockey League

**BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS** — Assigned D Mike Cornell to Worcester (ECHL).

**HARTFORD WOLF PACK** — Returned G Jeff Jakatis to South Carolina (ECHL).

**PROVIDENCE BRUINS** — Released F Tanner Pond from his professional tryout agreement. Reassigned F Lindsay Sparks to Atlanta (ECHL).

**ROCHESTER AMERICANS** — Assigned Fs Daniel Muzito Bagenda and Alex Kile to Cincinnati (ECHL).

**SAN JOSE BARRACUDA** — Returned G Jeremy Brodeur to Allen (ECHL). Recalled G Stephen Williams from Allen.

## ECHL

**ECHL** — Suspended Rapid City F Andrew Miller indefinitely.

**ADIRONDACK THUNDER** — Traded F Andrew Radjenovic to Rapid City for F Kenton Miller.

**ATLANTA GLADIATORS** — Released G Carmine Guverlae.

**FLORIDA EVERBLADES** — Released D Vincent Muto.

**FORT WAYNE KOMETS** — Released D Brandon Lubin.

**SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS** — Signed F Tyler Whittington to an amateur tryout agreement. Recalled G Brett Epstein as emergency backup.



## NASCAR — PHOENIX

# Kevin Harvick races to 3rd straight victory

By John Nicholson  
The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Kevin Harvick is at his best when's he mad, so much so that former crew chief Gil Martin used to try to rile him up during races.

Harvick was running extra hot when he got to ISM Raceway after penalties for technical violations marred his victory last week at Las Vegas. When he finally cooled off Sunday afternoon, he celebrated his third straight NASCAR Cup victory and record-extending ninth at the mile oval southwest of Phoenix.

"Everybody just came here mad, chip on their shoulder, wanting to do exactly what we did today," Harvick said. "That's the type of determination and grit that you want in a race team. There's nothing better to be a part of than something like that."

"Actions speak a whole lot louder than all the words I can say this week, tweets that you can send out. Parking that thing in victory lane is the most powerful thing, most powerful message you can send, and says the most about our organization and our team."

After saying Friday that he would jump up and down on the back of the No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford if he won, Harvick simply patted the back window in a nod to social media photos of his buckled rear window in Las Vegas.

"I made it very clear to pat my window and thank it for doing its job," he said.

Harvick got in front of Busch on the last series of pit stops. Busch's team dropped the jack and had trouble with the right rear tire on the stop with 53 laps left, allowing Harvick — who pitted three laps earlier — to slip ahead.

"We lost the race on pit road today," Busch said. "But we've

won races on pit road, too."

Harvick took the lead with 22 laps left when Ryan Newman finally made his last stop on the sunny day after morning rain. Busch never challenged Harvick after that and finished 0.774 seconds back.

"Man, it was a heck of a battle today," Harvick crew chief Rodney Childers said. "To sit down there in the corner and watch these guys race like that was like my short track days."

Busch won the first 75-lap stage, and brother Kurt Busch stayed on the track during a caution and won the second segment in a one-lap shootout.

Stewart-Haas racing had all four drivers in the top 10 for the first time, with Clint Bowyer finishing sixth, Aric Almirola seventh and Kurt Busch 10th.

"It was an awesome day for us," owner Tony Stewart said. "That's probably what I'm most proud of."

## PENALTY DETAILS

NASCAR said Wednesday that inspectors at its research and development center in North Carolina found Harvick's Las Vegas car violated a rule requiring rear window support braces to hold the glass rigid, and another requiring the right rocker panel extension to be aluminum.

Harvick was penalized the seven playoff points he earned for winning the Las Vegas race and its first two stages. He was docked 20 regular points and the team lost 20 owners' points. Crew chief Rodney Childers was fined \$50,000, and car chief Robert Smith was suspended two races.

Stewart said he won't appeal. "How many appeals have you seen overturned?" he explained.

Harvick regained the points lead Sunday, moving 12 ahead of Kyle Busch. And with the

victory, the No. 4 was headed back to the R&D facility.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Harvick began the streak at Atlanta after crashing and finishing 31st in the season-opening Daytona 500. He's the first to win three straight Cup races since Joey Logano in 2015.

Harvick broke a tie with Busch with 14 NASCAR national-series victories at the track. In 31 Cup starts in Phoenix, the 42-year-old California driver has 15 top-five finishes. He has one Xfinity win and four Truck victories at the track. The victory also was the milestone 40th of Harvick's Cup career.

## TOP-5 FINISHERS

Chase Elliott was third, followed by Denny Hamlin and pole-sitter Martin Truex Jr.

"I needed a little bit of forward drive there at the end," Elliott said. "I was turning pretty good and just had a hard time putting the power down."

## BURNED FEET

Alex Bowman overcame electrical problems to finish 13th

"Everything inside the car quit," Bowman said. "My helmet blower quit, everything quit. It was hot. I burnt my feet pretty good, but the race car wasn't bad."

The 24-year-old driver from Tucson is in his first season as the retired Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s replacement in Hendrick Motorsports' No. 88 Chevrolet.

## JOHNSON'S DROUGHT

Jimmie Johnson finished 14th to extend his winless streak to 27 races, the longest drought of his career. The seven-time season champion has four victories at Phoenix.

## UP NEXT

Sunday, March 18, at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, California.



AP photo

Kevin Harvick (4) celebrates after winning a NASCAR Cup Series race on Sunday in Avondale, Ariz.

## MLB SPRING TRAINING

# Jake Arrieta gets a deal he likes, ace set to join Phillies

The Associated Press

Jake Arrieta finally found a deal he liked.

The free agent ace and the Philadelphia Phillies have reached agreement on a three-year contract, two people familiar with the decision told The Associated Press.

Both people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Sunday because the deal, reportedly worth \$75 million, is pending a physical. Arrieta is joining the Phillies just 2 ½ weeks before opening day.

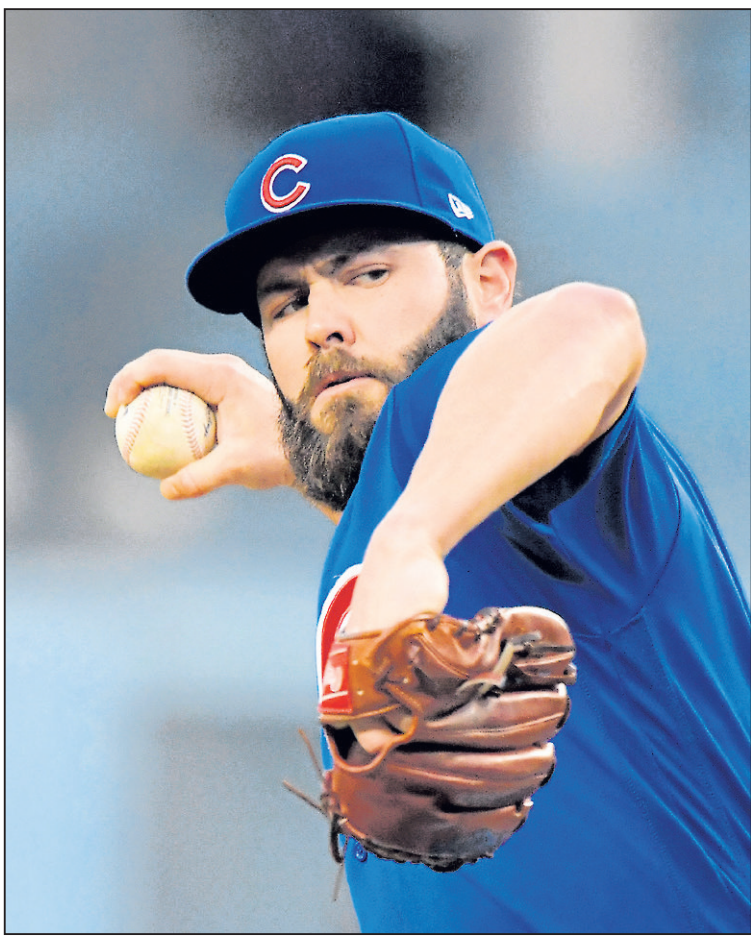
The 32-year-old Arrieta was among several top free agents who didn't get a contract for six or seven seasons in a changing market. The Phillies, who have plenty of money to spend, waited until the price was right for them.

Arrieta won the 2015 NL Cy Young Award with the Chicago Cubs and helped them win the World Series the next season. The right-hander was 14-10 with a 3.53 ERA last year.

The Phillies used 66-96 and finished last in the NL East, and haven't had a winning season since 2011. But they've added veteran slugger Carlos Santana, Arrieta and quality relievers to a young nucleus that could show considerable improvement.

## AROUND THE GRAPEFRUIT AND CACTUS LEAGUES

■**Astros 5, Mets 2:** Jacob deGrom made his spring debut for New York, pitching 2 ⅔ innings and allowing two hits and a walk. DeGrom, who has been bothered by back stiffness since the start of camp, had his fastball reach 98 mph and struck out the side in the first.



AP photo

Two people familiar with the deal tell The Associated Press that free agent ace Jake Arrieta and the Philadelphia Phillies have agreed to a three-year deal.

Yoenis Cespedes hit his third home run for the Mets.

Houston starter Lance McCullers Jr. went 3 ⅔ innings and gave up one run on four hits and a walk while striking out five.

■**Marlins 7, Yankees 5:** Aaron Judge homered for the first time this spring and Didi Gregorius hit his second for New York. Both home runs came

against Miami prospect Sandy Alcantara, who pitched the last four innings in relief.

Jordan Montgomery got the start for the Yankees, pitching 2 ⅔ innings and allowing four runs on five hits and two walks. Brian Anderson hit a three-run homer for the Marlins and Cameron Maybin added a two-run shot.

■**Cardinals 4, Nationals 3:**

Luke Weaver pitched four perfect innings and struck out four in his third start for St. Louis. Jose Martinez had two hits for the Cardinals, driving in a pair with a home run.

Anthony Rendon doubled and scored for Washington, while Matt Reynolds homered for the first time. Tanner Roark started for the Nationals, pitching four innings and allowing three runs on five hits and two walks.

■**Orioles (SS) 7, Red Sox 3:** Colby Rasmus and Chance Sisco drove in first-inning runs against Boston starter Rick Porcello, who pitched four innings, allowing four runs and seven hits.

Mookie Betts homered for the first time this spring and walked twice for the Red Sox and Hanley Ramirez had two hits and an RBI.

■**Twins 6, Rays 5:** Three-time batting champion Joe Mauer doubled, drew a bases-loaded walk and scored while leading off for Minnesota.

Jake Faria, slotted as the No. 3 starter as Tampa Bay experiments with a four-man rotation, struggled in his third outing. His ERA climbed to 16.62 after retiring just five batters and surrendering five runs — four earned — on seven hits and two walks.

■**Tigers 6, Braves 3:** Miguel Cabrera had two hits, including a three-run double, and Victor Martinez had his fourth homer for Detroit. Francisco Liriano, in the mix for a back-of-the-rotation spot, started for the Tigers and pitched three shutout innings, allowing two hits and two walks while striking out four.

Ender Inciarte doubled and singled for Atlanta.

■**Pirates 5, Blue Jays 0:** Gregory Polanco and Adam Frazier homered for Pittsburgh. Toronto starter Joe Biagini gave up five runs on four hits and two walks in 1 ⅓ innings.

■**Reds 6, Mariners 5:** Ichiro Suzuki went 0 for 3, striking out twice while leading off for Seattle in his first spring appearance. Mariners second baseman Robinson Cano exited early with tightness in his left hamstring. Reds starter Brandon Finnegan left after two batters with a forearm spasm. Billy Hamilton singled to snap a 0-for-18 start for Cincinnati.

The Reds said pitcher Anthony DeSclafani has an oblique injury. No timetable has been set for his return.

■**Athletics 7, Cubs 2:** Yu Darvish breezed through the first three innings before running into trouble in the fourth. He left after Jed Lowrie doubled and scored on Matt Olson's single.

Kyle Schwarber and Chris Gimenez hit back-to-back home runs off Oakland starter Sean Manaea.

■**Indians (SS) 3, Royals 1:** Roberto Perez and Brandon Barnes homered for Cleveland's split squad. Nathan Karns started for Kansas City, pitching three innings and allowing two runs on three hits while striking out five. Alex Gordon and newly signed Jon Jay combined to go 0-for-6 with three strikeouts at the top of the Royals' lineup.

■**Brewers 5, Indians (SS) 4:** Jason Kipnis tripled and singled for a Cleveland split squad, raising his batting average to .520. Carlos Carrasco got the start for the Indians, giving up just one hit in three

shutout innings while striking out six.

Keon Broxton singled and scored and swiped his fifth base for Milwaukee. Wade Miley started for the Brewers, pitching five innings and giving up two runs on three hits and three walks.

■**Angels 4, Rangers 3:** Bartolo Colon, trying to earn a rotation spot with Texas at 44, allowed one unearned run in four innings, giving up two hits and striking out three. Justin Upton hit a three-run homer for Los Angeles. JC Ramirez started for the Angels, pitching 4 ⅓ innings and giving up one hit — Nomar Mazara's home run — while striking out six.

■**Dodgers 13, Rockies 7:** Chris Taylor drove in three runs with two hits and Matt Kemp and Yasmani Grandal homered for Los Angeles. Dodgers starter Hyun-Jin Ryu didn't fare well in his first start, pitching 2 ⅔ innings and allowing four runs on two hits and two walks.

Trevor Story had a two-run double for Colorado and Chris Iannetta hit his third home run. Rockies starter German Marquez was roughed up in 2 ⅔ innings, tagged for eight runs on nine hits and two walks.

■**White Sox 6, Diamondbacks 5:** Chicago top prospect Eloy Jimenez had two more hits, giving him two home runs and a triple in his first four at-bats of the spring. Jose Abreu homered for the second time and Yoan Moncada hit his first for the White Sox. Chicago starter Reynaldo Lopez pitched 4 ⅓ shutout innings. Patrick Corbin allowed three runs on five hits and two walks, going four innings in a start for Arizona.

# Starlin the Marlin: Castro over trade shock, feels good about being with Miami

By Chuck King

The Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — Miami second baseman Starlin Castro says he's over the initial shock and disappointment he felt upon learning in December that he'd been traded from the contending New York Yankees to the rebuilding Marlins.

"It's kind of tough because I'd been there two years," Castro said. "We had a good team over there. We made the playoffs last year. When they made the trade, I felt a little upset."

At a price tag of \$10.86 million for 2018, he is the second-highest paid Marlins player and still could be traded at any point to further cut costs. Whether that happens or not, he's set to play for Miami.

"I feel good now," said Castro, a couple of hours before his new team faced his old squad for the first time this spring.

The 27-year old is keeping his Yankees ties alive.

Some Yankees elected to make the drive across the state from Tampa on Saturday night. Castro took Gary Sanchez,

Miguel Andujar, Gleyber Torres and Estevan Florial to dinner.

"I feel really happy to see those guys and play against them," Castro said. "It's going to be fun."

A .282 hitter over eight seasons whose next home run with be No. 100 in his career, Castro batted third against New York in a 7-5 win Sunday.

The four-time All-Star hit a triple off the center field wall off Jordan Montgomery in his first at-bat, part of a 1-for-3 afternoon. Miami manager Don Mattingly intends to keep Castro in

the No. 3 spot once the regular season begins, a role filled last year by the center fielder Miami traded to Milwaukee, Christian Yelich.

"We think he's a guy a lot like Christian from the standpoint of, this is a guy who can really hit," Mattingly said. "Hits both sides, right and left, and is just going to get his hits. If there's men on base, he's going to drive in runs. Not a 30-home run guy, probably, but a guy who will hit 15 to 20 and can get his hits."

Castro became a Marlin in

five-player trade that sent slugger Giancarlo Stanton to the Yankees.

Aaron Judge appeared in New York's lineup, but Stanton did not make the trip to the spring training facility that the reigning National League MVP called home for the first eight seasons of his major league career.

"I'm not disappointed," Mattingly said, smiling.

"It would have been fine, though. Big G, he's a good dude. I had no problems with him or any of that. He's going to be great over there," he said.

The trade of Stanton was part of an effort by the new ownership group, led by former Yankees great Derek Jeter, to trim payroll and restock the Marlins' minor league system.

Jeter attended Sunday's game, watching from the Miami owner's suite. The arrival at his seat elicited a standing ovation from the predominantly Yankee crowd, prompting a wave from Jeter.

Yankees games are big business in Jupiter, drawing 7,648 fans in potentially the lone Marlins sellout of the spring.



NCAA TOURNAMENT — SELECTION SUNDAY

NCAA dishes Virginia a tough road as top team

By John Marshall  
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Virginia earned the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament, its reward for one of the best seasons in Atlantic Coast Conference history.

The selection committee didn't do the Cavaliers any favors on their side of the bracket.

The No. 1 seed in the South Region, Virginia is in a bracket that includes Arizona, Kentucky, Cincinnati and Tennessee. Kentucky and Arizona are both in the top half of the Cavaliers' draw.

Virginia (31-2) opens against UMBC in Charlotte on Thursday.

"I told our players that everyone can play if they're in there," Virginia coach Tony Bennett said. "UMBC, I just started to know more about them. You just see the teams in your bracket and there's some really quality teams."

Virginia set a school record for victories, won the conference tournament for the second time in five seasons and earned its sixth No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

The Cavaliers did it with no surefire NBA lottery picks and a shutdown defense that led the nation with the fewest points allowed per game.

But a gauntlet of a quality teams could be waiting for them.

Kentucky coach John Calipari had the youngest of his always-young teams this season, but the Wildcats (24-10) are playing their best basketball and won the SEC Tournament.

Arizona (27-7) also is peaking at the right time, following a Pac-12 regular-season title with a dominating win over Southern California in the conference tournament. The Wildcats also have multi-talented freshman big man Deandre Ayton, who had two monster games in the Pac-12 Tournament.

Cincinnati (3-4) also has a stifling defense and won the American Athletic Conference title.

Throw in Tennessee (25-8), the SEC tournament runner-up, and the South is loaded with roadblocks in Virginia's path to



led by senior guard Grayson Allen and dynamic freshman big man Marvin Bagley Jr.

Michigan State (29-4) won the Big Ten regular-season title and has a potent 1-2 punch in Miles Bridges and freshman Jaren Jackson Jr.

Young became the first player in NCAA history to lead the nation in scoring and assists.

Whichever teams makes it through Omaha to the Final Four in San Antonio will have earned it.

■**MARSHALL VS. MARSHALL:** One first-round game that should be fun to watch is Wichita State and coach Gregg Marshall against Marshall.

The Shockers (25-7) have the type of roster that can make another deep March run, led by guard Landry Shamut and big man Markis McDuffie. Wichita State has been inconsistent, though, and lost two of its final three games, including to Cincinnati in the AAC tournament semifinals.

Marshall won't be able to match Marshall's Shockers in terms of talent, but plays a freewheeling style under coach Dan D'Antoni that's difficult to prepare for on short notice.

■**'NOVA NO. 1:** Villanova (30-4) is the No. 1 seed in the East Region, a familiar position for the Wildcats. Villanova was a No. 1 last year and has consistently been a high seed under coach Jay Wright.

Where they have trouble is advancing past the NCAA Tournament's first week.

Villanova lost in the second round to Wisconsin last year and has advanced past the opening weekend twice in nine years. One came in 2016, when the Wildcats won the national championship.

Villanova opens against the LIU Brooklyn-Radford winner on Thursday in Pittsburgh.

■**THE ODDS:** Virginia is the top overall seed, but Villanova is the favorite to win the national title. The Wildcats are 9-2 favorites to win the title, according to VegasInsider.com, with Duke right behind at 5-1. Virginia is 6-1, Michigan State 8-1. The worst odds: Nine teams at 1,000-1, including Montana, Belmont and Savannah State.

the Final Four.

■**REGION OF DEATH?:** The South is tough, but the Midwest Region may be tougher. Topped by No. 1 seed Kan-

sas, the Midwest also includes Duke and Michigan State, which were both ranked in the top 4 in The Associated Press poll. Oh, and it has Oklahoma

freshman Trae Young, who has the potential to go on a Steph Curry-like NCAA run.

The Jayhawks (27-7) won a record 14th straight Big 12

regular-season championship and backed that up with the conference tournament title.

Duke (26-7) has one of the nation's most talented rosters,

A few upsets early, but in the end, Villanova wins it all

By Tim Reynolds  
The Associated Press

Ordinarily, the rule when filling out brackets is that the First Four games in Dayton should be ignored because those teams are all incapable of winning a game when the "real" tournament starts on Thursday.

Oops.

Welcome to 2018, where two of the last three teams picked for this tournament not only will win their opening round games — but will then go on to win more games later in the week, and therefore should be showing up on billions of the gazillions of brackets that will be filled out in the coming days by people who will try to line their pockets by winning all those \$5 and \$10 bills that co-workers happily deposited into the office NCAA Tournament pool.

America, you need to know about St. Bonaventure and Syracuse.

Many people did not think they merited spots in this field.

They are wrong. The Bonnies are seriously underseeded and should not be going to Dayton. The Orange — not to make this argument too scientific — lost a bunch of games to a bunch of teams that are really good.

It's finding the upset winners that will either make you or break you in NCAA bracket pools. When Syracuse and St. Bonaventure are still playing this weekend, those wins will help you have bragging rights in the office for the next 52 weeks. Because — spoiler alert — in the end, the higher seeds will be the last teams standing.

A year ago in this space, we told you that North Carolina would win the national championship, so clearly the information contained here is guaranteed to help you win your pool. (We also told you that Vermont was going to the Sweet 16, so take all of this with many grains of salt.)

Before we begin, take note that over the 20 years, there have been some undeniable trends on the way to determining the NCAA champion.

■ They all have fewer than 10 losses entering the tournament.

■ They all have at least 26 wins entering the tournament. (There is one exception to this rule, that being Syracuse in 2003.)

■ The West Coast is not the best coast: No team from a western state has won the title since Arizona in 1997. The westernmost champ in the last 20 years was Kansas in 2008.

■ Finally, don't be ranked No. 1 going into the tournament. Sadly, that means we have to eliminate Virginia. Which this year, makes absolutely no sense.

And now, we must answer some burning questions.

■ Will all four No. 1 seeds make it to the Final Four? Nope. It's only happened once, in 2008.

■ Will all four No. 1 seeds lose before the Final Four? Again, nope. That's only happened three times — 1980, 2006 and 2011.

■ Will a longshot make the Final Four? In each of the last

five seasons, one team seeded No. 7 or higher has gotten there. But this year, won't happen.

■ Should I pick the higher seed in every game? Don't. Nobody likes that person.

So without further ado ... the picks.

SOUTH

■**FIRST ROUND WINNERS:** Virginia, Kansas State, Kentucky, Arizona, Miami, Tennessee, Texas, Cincinnati. Nary an upset to be found, with the exception of Texas over Nevada and Kansas State over Creighton. Kentucky and Arizona will have to work for their wins. Miami could struggle, but Lonnie Walker IV will get one win from what'll almost certainly be his lone NCAA appearance.

■**SECOND ROUND:** Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Cincinnati. Mild upset with Kentucky over Arizona, but that's not really an upset.

■**REGIONAL SEMIFINAL:** Virginia over Kentucky, Tennessee over Cincinnati.

■**REGIONAL FINAL:** Villanova over Tennessee.

EAST

■**FIRST ROUND:** Villanova, Virginia Tech, West Virginia, Wichita State, St. Bonaventure (yes, saying the Bonnies will beat UCLA and then Florida), Texas Tech, Butler, Purdue.

■**SECOND ROUND:** Villanova (in a very scary game), West Virginia, St. Bonaventure, Purdue.

■**REGIONAL SEMIFINAL:** Villanova over West Virginia, Purdue over St. Bonaventure.

■**REGIONAL FINAL:** Villanova over Purdue.

MIDWEST

■**FIRST ROUND:** Kansas, N.C. State, New Mexico State, Charleston, Syracuse (winning a play-in game first, then topping TCU), Michigan State, Oklahoma, Duke.

■**SECOND ROUND:** Kansas, New Mexico State, Michigan State, Duke.

■**REGIONAL SEMIFINAL:** Kansas over New Mexico State, Duke over Michigan State.

■**REGIONAL FINAL:** Duke over Kansas.

WEST

■**FIRST ROUND:** Xavier, Missouri, South Dakota State, Gonzaga, San Diego State, Michigan, Providence, North Carolina. Yes, this means the 10, 11 and 12 seeds all advance.

■**SECOND ROUND:** Xavier, Gonzaga, Michigan, North Carolina. Top four seeds, restoring order.

■**REGIONAL SEMIFINAL:** Gonzaga over Xavier, North Carolina over Michigan.

■**REGIONAL FINAL:** North Carolina over Gonzaga, in a rematch of the 2017 title game.

FINAL FOUR

This sends three ACC teams and a Big East team to the Final Four.

Virginia will beat North Carolina.

Villanova will beat Duke. V for Victory. V for Villanova. Jay Wright will get his second national championship in three seasons.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kentucky tops Vols, wins fourth straight SEC tournament title

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — John Calipari kept telling anyone who would listen that this group of Kentucky freshmen just needed a little more time than most to figure things out.

That faith was shaken when the Wildcats lost four straight games last month. But they delivered on their coach's optimism on Sunday.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 29 points, and Kentucky beat No. 13 Tennessee 77-72 for its fourth straight Southeastern Conference Tournament championship.

It's the 31st title in tournament history for the Wildcats, whose No. 4 seed in the event was the lowest in Calipari's nine seasons at the school. The Wildcats (24-10) were one defeat away last month from what would have been the

longest losing streak in the Calipari era, but they have won seven of eight since — including their first in three tries this season against the No. 2 seed Volunteers.

All in all, it's a Kentucky group that appears primed for next week's NCAA Tournament.

American Athletic Conference

ORLANDO, Fla. — Gary Clark put Cincinnati ahead for good with a free throw with 4.3 seconds remaining and the eight-ranked Bearcats held on Sunday for a 56-55 victory over No. 21 Houston in the American Athletic Conference championship.

Clark finished with 20 points and the league regular-season champions rescued themselves for the second straight day with a stellar second-half performance, limiting Houston to 20

percent shooting and 18 points after halftime.

Cincinnati (30-4) earned the AAC's automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament with its first conference tournament championship since the Bearcats won Conference USA in 2004.

Houston (26-7), which split a pair of games against Cincinnati during the regular season, lost for just the third time in its last 15 games and is headed to the NCAA Tournament, too.

Rob Gray led the Cougars with 17 points but missed a long 3-pointer in the closing seconds, then had a turnover that cost Houston a chance to try to win the game after Clark made one of two free throws after rebounding Gray's miss.

Corey Davis Jr., who had 15 points for Houston, went scoreless after helping the Cougars to a 37-35 halftime lead. Devin

Davis added 13, including a jumper and layup that turned a one-point deficit into a 55-52 lead with 1:34 remaining.

Kyle Washington's 3-pointer tied the game for the final time, setting the stage for a suspenseful finish.

Atlantic 10 Conference

WASHINGTON — Still looking for its first victory in the NCAA Tournament since a guy by the name of Stephen Curry led the way, Davidson is goin' dancin' as the Atlantic 10 champion after beating 25th-ranked Rhode Island in the conference final 58-57 Sunday behind Kelan Grady's 17 points.

Bubble teams across the land could not have been pleased to see Davidson (21-11) pull through, because the Wildcats were not going to get to join in the March Madness fun with a

loss Sunday. The top-seeded Rams (25-7), though, will be in the bracket despite being defeated, so they will take a bid from someone.

Davidson won despite going nearly 13 minutes in the second half without making a field goal, a 0-for-11 drought that somehow did not prevent it from celebrating at game's end. The Wildcats haven't been to the NCAs since 2015 — and haven't won a March Madness game since the Curry-led 2008 squad pulled off victories over Gonzaga, Georgetown and Wisconsin before bowing out against Kansas in the Elite Eight.

Peyton Aldridge, the A-10 co-player of the year, added 13 points and seven rebounds Sunday for third-seeded Davidson, which was playing in its first conference final since joining the league in 2014 from

the Southern Conference.

Sun Belt Conference

NEW ORLEANS — D'Marcus Simonds scored 27 points and Georgia State defeated Texas Arlington 74-61 Sunday to win the Sun Belt Conference Tournament championship.

No. 2 seed Georgia State (24-10) will be making its fourth NCAA Tournament appearance and first since 2015. Fourth-seeded UT Arlington, which upset Sun Belt regular-season champion Louisiana-Lafayette in the semifinals, fell to 21-13.

The Panthers, who set school records for 3-point percentage and 3-pointers made this season, connected on 8 of 17 from beyond the arc. The Mavericks made 4 of 25 3-pointers and shot 29.8 percent (17 of 57) from the floor.



WVU FOOTBALL RECRUITING

# WVU trying to fend off new suitors chasing talented linebacker Kpogba

By Chris Anderson  
For the Gazette-Mail

When a recruit makes a commitment to a school, the news is always followed with the caveat that nothing is officially until he signs. The earlier the commitment, the more emphasis is placed on that caveat. And the more talented the player is, the tougher it's going to be — such is the case with Winston Salem (N.C.) Parkland linebacker Lee Kpogba.

Kpogba, the nation's No. 31 outside linebacker and currently the highest-ranked player in West Virginia's 2019 class, pledged to the Mountaineers in Oct. 2017, over a year before the new early signing period, and nearly a year and a half from the traditional February

signing day.

"I knew this was coming, even before today," he said at the time. "I've been debating about it for a little bit now and thought about [committing earlier]. I didn't make my mind up today. I knew."

Kpogba had felt that way since his summer visit to Morgantown, when he came up to campus for a prospect camp. There, as he prepared for his upcoming junior season, Kpogba measured in at a legit 6-foot-2 and 210 pounds. He followed that up by running a laser timed 4.60 40-yard dash. Defensive coordinator Tony Gibson was stunned. Kpogba's second run drew an audience from coach Dana Holgorsen. By the time he was done running, Kpogba got an invite onto

Holgorsen's notorious golf cart for a ride around with the two coaches. An offer was soon to follow.

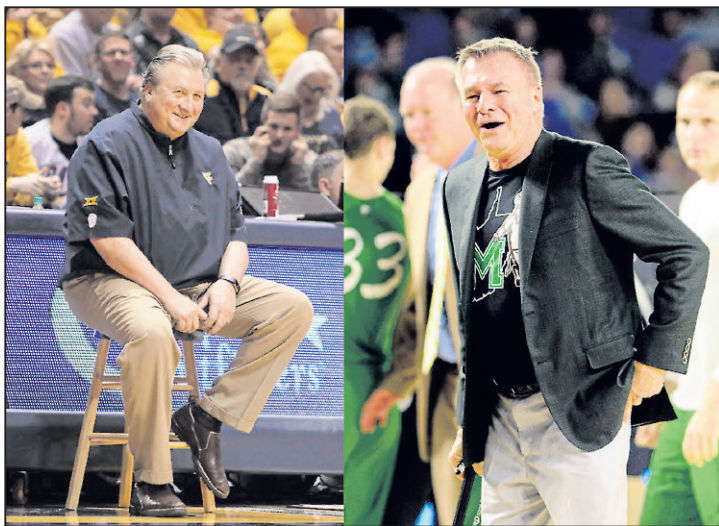
In the months since his commitment, though, other schools have taken notice. That was especially true when schools stopped by during the open period and saw Kpogba in person, a physical specimen with immense potential. Maryland and Virginia have already offered with North Carolina, Penn State and Virginia Tech also showing interest. Kpogba returned the favor, visiting UVA last week, and setting up a visit at Maryland later this month, despite stating after his original commitment that there "will be no other visits."

For his part, Kpogba remains committed to the Mountain-

eers, saying he will be in Morgantown at some point in the spring or summer. He received a visit from the coaching staff in January, is expecting another one in April or May, and has made no comment that he's reconsidering his decision to come to WVU.

But this is simply the nature of high-level recruiting. Talented recruits with options are more difficult to keep off the radar of other programs. When they commit earlier, it's not only tough to "hide" them, but to also keep them from visiting elsewhere.

It's happened in the past, and will happen in the future, maybe more so now, though, as West Virginia's recruiting efforts continue to improve.



AP photos

If WVU and Marshall both win its opening round NCAA Tournament games, the two Mountain State schools would collide in the second round.

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FROM PAGE 1B

Most of all, the nation will learn one crucial fact, that there is plenty of great basketball played in West

Virginia, both in the north and the south of the state. The Mountaineers and Herd now get a national stage to prove it. Contact Derek Redd at 304-348-1712 or derek.redd@wvgazettemail.com. Follow him on Twitter @derekredd.

COMMENTARY — COUCH SLOUCH

## Examining political activism among different sports

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN fantasy football drafts and Bud Light commercials, there has been a swift, shocking development from sports bar to shining sports bar:

The political awakening of professional athletes in America.

This is not to say that the entire roster of the Cincinnati Bengals has stopped thinking about bail bondsmen and started thinking about municipal bonds. But, in a generational shift, we have taken an unexpected step from see-no-evil-hear-no-evil Michael Jordan to I'm-not-gonna-shut-up-and-dribble LeBron James.

Jordan's mantra was, "I'm not rocking the boat."

James's mantra is, "My boat's so big, I don't care who it rocks."

(Jordan once reportedly said, "Republicans buy sneakers, too." Actually, the only Republicans I've ever seen in sneakers were four guys playing doubles at the Potomac Squash Club in Potomac, Md.)

This new age of jock enlightenment is a little jolting.

Frankly, most U.S. consumers would prefer if Hollywood and sports were divorced of any political realities. We go to the movies and we go to the games to escape all the serious stuff.

And our first instinct anyway is to tell athletes and celebrities to pipe down. What, because they are rich and famous, we have to listen to them preach to us? But this strips away their basic right to express themselves as we all do. Thus, if Jon Bon Jovi,



COUCH SLOUCH  
NORMAN CHAD

say, has a passion for hunger and homelessness issues, why shouldn't he try to leverage his fame for change?

On the other hand, no matter how noble his cause, I'm never in the mood to hear George Clooney on any substantive matter; he's too handsome to think.

Then there is Charles Barkley, seemingly a suspect choice for a social commentator. Ah, things change — suddenly, he makes more sense than most actual social commentators.

So when Laura Ingraham tells others to "shut up" and let the pros do the punditry, whom is she kidding? What makes her a pundit, because *she's sitting in the pundits' chair*? Heck, anyone can buy a pundits' chair at Ikea — you just have to assemble it yourself.

Anyway, most athletes went socially silent for a long while; we have seen few successors to Jim Brown and Bill Russell ruffling societal feathers. But, of late, there's been a gridiron groundswell and hard court hankering for civil action. From a travel-ban dissent to anthem kneeling to Trump bashing, athletes — and coaches, such as Gregg

Popovich and Steve Kerr — are speaking out.

Yet almost all the heightened activity is coming from the NFL and the NBA. The other sports? Not so much. Let's run 'em down and examine why political crossfire is not their thing:

■**Baseball:** Well, it's hard enough to figure out how to hit a 98-mph fastball from Aroldis Chapman. Should we expect these babes in the woods to step out of their field of dreams and into the minefield of social injustices?

■**Golf:** When you're born with a silver spoon in your mouth (or, as the case may be, a seven-iron in your crib) and spend a good deal of your time at country clubs and wander around Pebble Beach or Augusta National with sponsor money in your pocket, I don't think you've got Ralph Nader in your Rolodex.

■**Tennis:** *Ibid.* With, you know, tennis racquets.

■**Hockey:** Nearly half of NHL players are Canadian-born, and considering they have excellent healthcare, no gun problem and, more often than not, are really, really nice to each other, political activism is seldom on their minds.

■**Auto racing:** When you're driving in circles all day at 200 mph, I doubt you are mulling over NAFTA or DACA or NATO considerations; you just want to get home as fast as you can to watch "America's Funniest Videos."

■**Boxing:** There once was Muhammad Ali. Since then, we're looking at a couple generations of young pugilists just chasing Bob Arum and Don King for a small cut of their

own paycheck.

■**Bowling:** As a former aspiring professional bowler (who, admittedly, gave up the dream at age 8), all I can tell you is that most bowlers just want to get to the beer frame sober.

■**Soccer:** Uh, aren't these the immigrant fellas POTUS is trying to toss out?

### Ask The Slouch

Q. Despite your current success with Toni, wouldn't you be in the "First Four Out" of any marriage bracketology? (Mark Cohen; Gibsonia, Pa.)

A. I don't recall seeing you at family court in 1990, but apparently you were there.

Q. A pilot had to make an emergency landing recently when a fight broke out after a passenger refused to stop passing gas. What is the proper etiquette at the poker table? (Jim O'Brien; Racine, Wis.)

A. Just go all in.

Q. I noted that one of Wisconsin's basketball players is majoring in Life Science Communications. Isn't that what you do? (Jeff Hazle; San Antonio)

A. Not exactly — I do Couch Science Communications, a much more refined, labyrinthine specialty.

Q. Why do NBA announcers always say, "There's a timeout on the floor"? Is there somewhere else a team can take a timeout — like in the Acela Club? (Leon Rubis; Vienna, Va.)

A. Pay the man, Shirley. You, too, can enter the \$1.25 Ask The Slouch Cash Giveaway. Just email asktheslouch@aol.com and, if your question is used, you win \$1.25 in cash!

PRO GOLF — VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP

## Casey wins at Innisbrook; Tiger comes up one putt short

By Doug Ferguson  
The Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — A long victory drought on the PGA Tour finally ended Sunday, just not the one a raucous crowd was expecting.

Paul Casey closed with a 6-under 65 and won the Valspar Championship, but only after watching from the locker room as Tiger Woods came up one putt short of forcing a playoff. It was the closest Woods has come to winning in nearly five years.

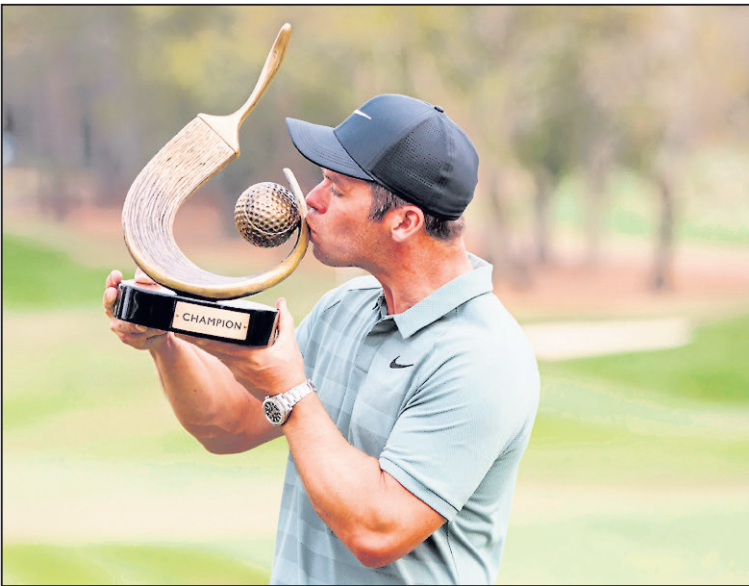
Casey, who started the final round five shots behind, ran off three straight birdies early on the back nine at Innisbrook to take the lead, and he closed with four par saves to post at 10-under 274.

No one caught him, giving him his second PGA Tour title and his first since the Houston Open in 2009.

Patrick Reed was tied for the lead and appeared headed for a playoff at worst until his approach to the 18th came back down the slope, and his 45-foot birdie putt was so weak that it rolled all the way back to his feet. He three-putted for bogey and a 68.

Woods and his massive following went dormant after an opening birdie to briefly share the lead. He went 15 holes without a birdie until he brought Innisbrook to life with a birdie putt from just inside 45 feet that died into the cup at the par-3 17th, leaving him one shot behind with one hole to play.

Woods played conservatively with an iron off the 442-yard, uphill closing hole on the Copperhead course. From 185



AP photo

Paul Casey kisses the champion's trophy after winning the Valspar Championship on Sunday in Palm Harbor, Fla.

yards, his approach came up some 40 feet short, and his birdie putt to force a playoff was 2 feet short.

He closed with a 70 — the first time since The Barclays in 2013 that he posted all four rounds under par on the PGA Tour — and tied for second. That was his best finish since he tied for second at that Barclays tournament, right about the time his back started to give out.

Casey had gone 132 starts on the PGA Tour since winning in Houston, though he had won five times worldwide, including the European Tour's flagship event at the BMW PGA Championship. He had seven top 5s in the FedEx Cup playoffs over the last three years.

Someone always played bet-

ter — until Sunday.

Corey Connors, the Canadian rookie who started the final round with a one-shot lead, fell back quickly after opening with a bogey on the easiest hole at Innisbrook. He shot 77 and tied for 16th.

Woods looked closer than ever to winning in his remarkable return from fusion surgery on his lower back last April. Each week has been a little better. He has been a factor on Sunday the last two tournaments, and a gallery that stood 10-deep around just about every green could sense it.

He just couldn't deliver after a two-putt birdie on the par-5 opening hole.

"I didn't feel that sharp with my iron game," Woods said. "I

played conservatively into the green because I wasn't as sharp as yesterday. It was one of those days I kept getting half-clubs."

He missed birdie chances on both par 5s on the back nine, pulling a wedge into the rough at No. 11 and three-putting from 80 feet on No. 14. He missed a couple of putts in the 15-foot range. And right when it looked as though he was out of chances, he ran into the 45-foot birdie putt to keep everyone guessing.

Next up for Woods is the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill next week, which he hasn't played since winning five years ago. He is an eight-time winner at Bay Hill, and the euphoria over his return is sure to reach even higher decibels.

"I keep getting a little bit better," Woods said. "I had a good shot at winning this golf tournament. A couple putts here and there, it could have been a different story."

Reed will look back on one putt.

He opened with a 60-foot eagle putt that slammed into the pin on No. 1 and was never far from the lead, tying Casey with a bold fairway metal onto the fringe at the 14th that set up birdie. He was in the middle of the fairway on the 18th. He twirled his club when the ball was in the air.

And then it all went wrong.

The putt up the hill never had a chance, and when it started rolling back at his feet, Reed beckoned it with his right hand. He used a wedge on the fourth shot, knowing he had to hole it for par to force a playoff.

That left Casey the winner, finally.

NHL

## Oleksiak's late goal helps Penguins knock off Stars

By Dan Scifo  
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Jamie Oleksiak scored a goal against his former team to help the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Dallas Stars 3-1 on Sunday night.

Oleksiak scored his fifth of the season, while Evgeni Malkin got his 39th and added an assist. Patric Hornqvist scored a power-play goal, his 20th, to help the Penguins win for the fourth in five games.

Malkin, now with 919 points, moved past Pavel Datyuk for fifth on the NHL's all-time points list among Russian-born players. He also equaled a season-high six-game points streak.

Pittsburgh, which rebounded from a 5-2 loss at Toronto one night earlier, jumped past Washington for first place in a tight Metropolitan Division. The Penguins, who lost six of their previous seven against Dallas, have won 14 of their last 15 overall at home.

Casey DeSmith made 17 saves for the Penguins with starter Matt Murray out for his seventh game with a concussion.

Alexander Radulov scored a power-play goal, his 25th of the season, for the Stars, who started a critical late-season stretch of six road games in 10 days with a loss against the

two-time defending Stanley Cup champions. Dallas, the first wild card in the Western Conference, is 14-15-3 on the road and has just two wins in its last six games.

Kari Lehtonen, making his third straight start, stopped 27 shots.

Hornqvist opened the scoring with a first-period power-play goal. The final pick of the 2005 NHL Draft, he has scored at least 20 goals in eight of 10 NHL seasons, including the last five. The Penguins had two goals in their last 18 power-play chances prior to Hornqvist's goal.

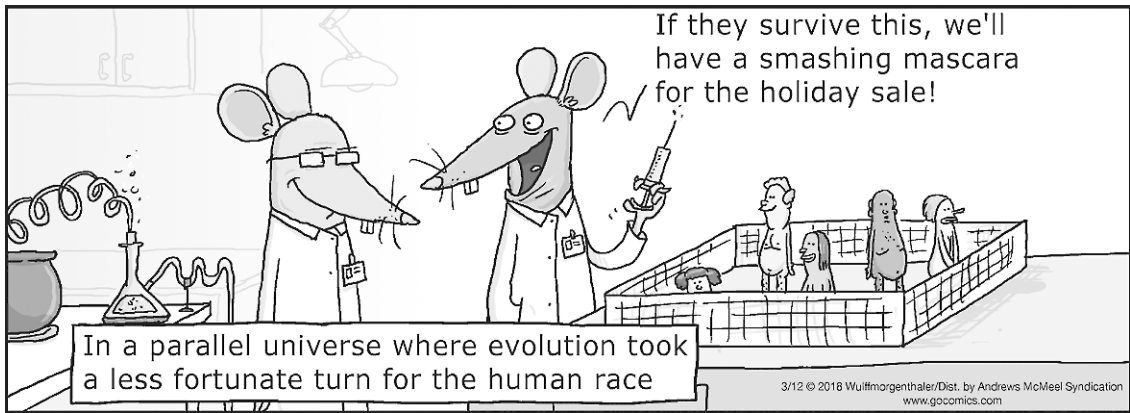
Oleksiak gave Pittsburgh a 2-0 lead with 3.7 seconds left in the first. The Stars drafted Oleksiak in the first round of the 2011 NHL Draft and Pittsburgh acquired the 6-foot-7, 25-year-old defenseman from Dallas on Dec. 19 for a 2019 conditional fourth-round draft pick.

Radulov scored a second-period power-play goal on a five-on-three for the Stars' first goal.

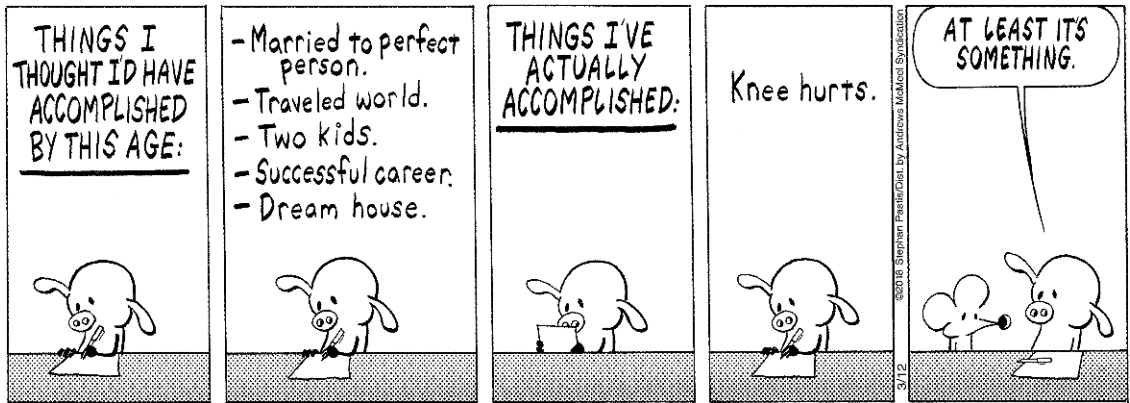
Hornqvist thought he had his second power-play goal of the game, and a 3-1 lead for Pittsburgh later in the period. But the Stars challenged the play and the goal was overturned because Malkin went offside earlier in the sequence.



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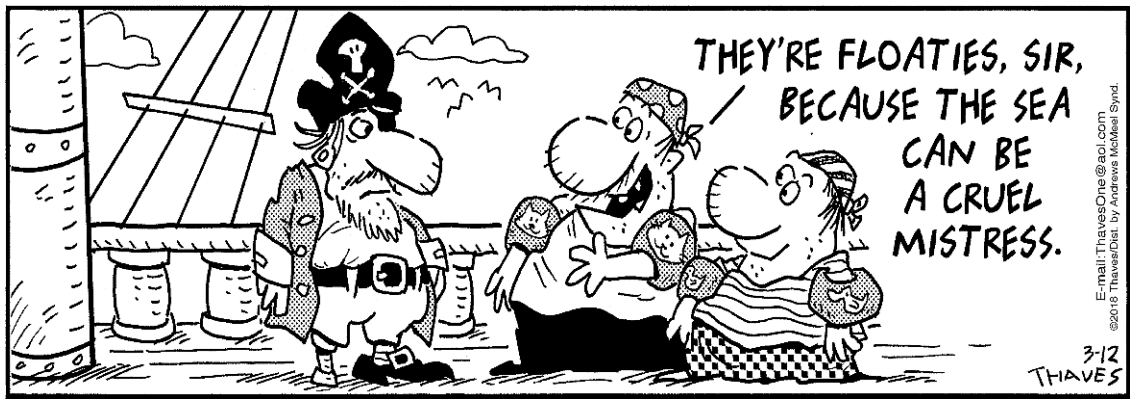
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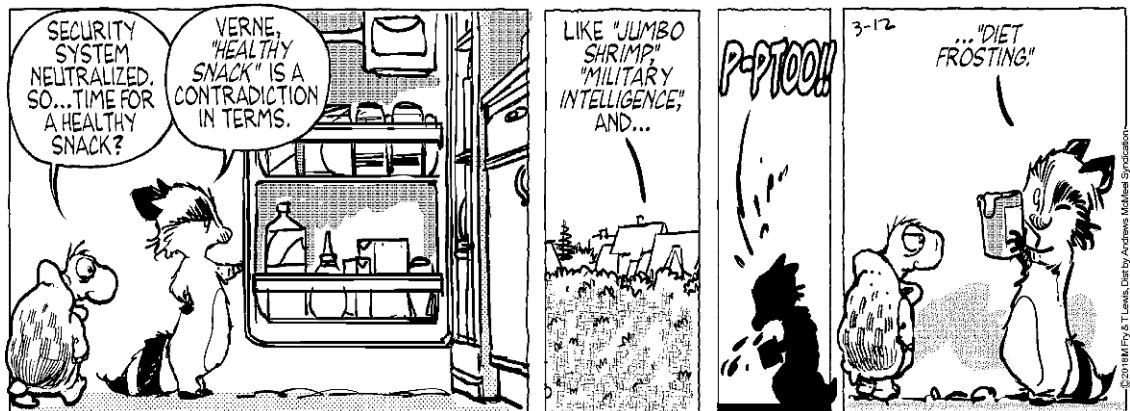
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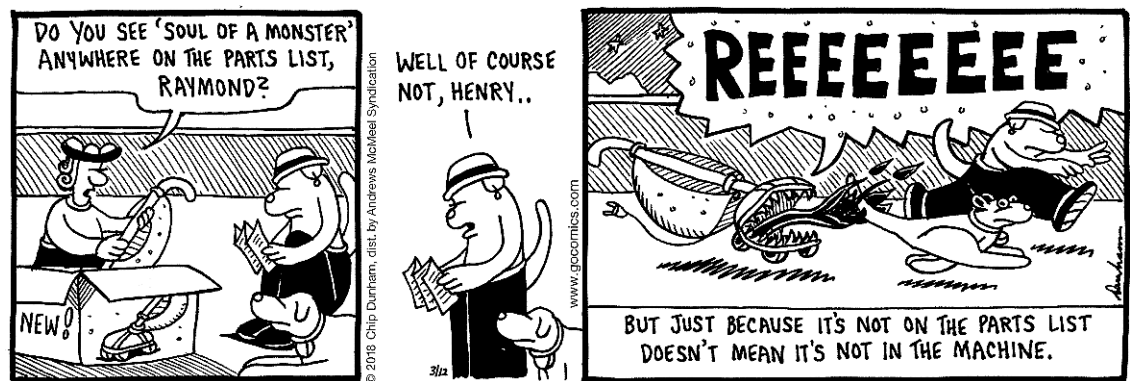
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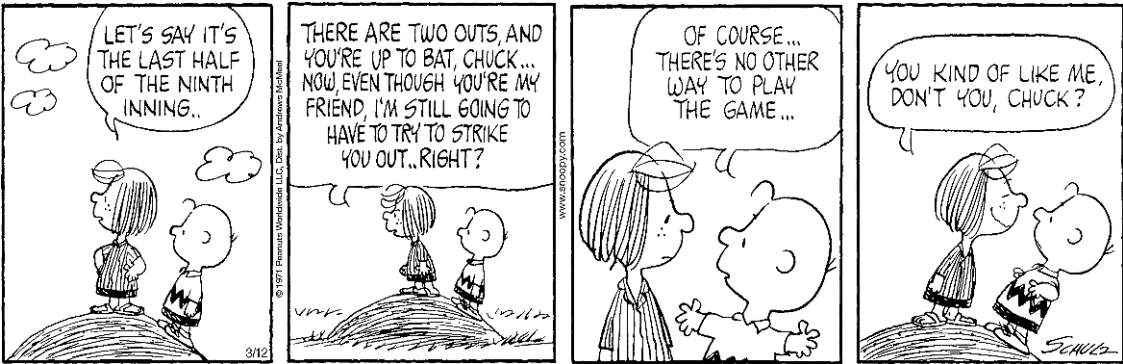
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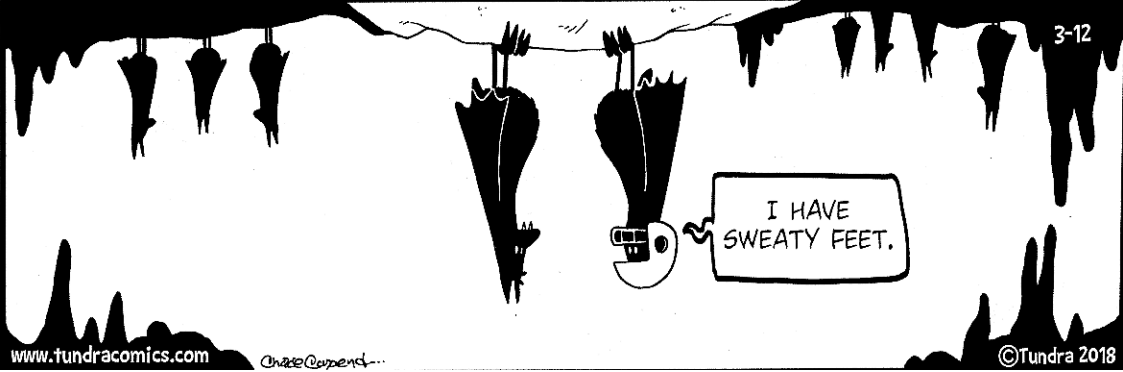
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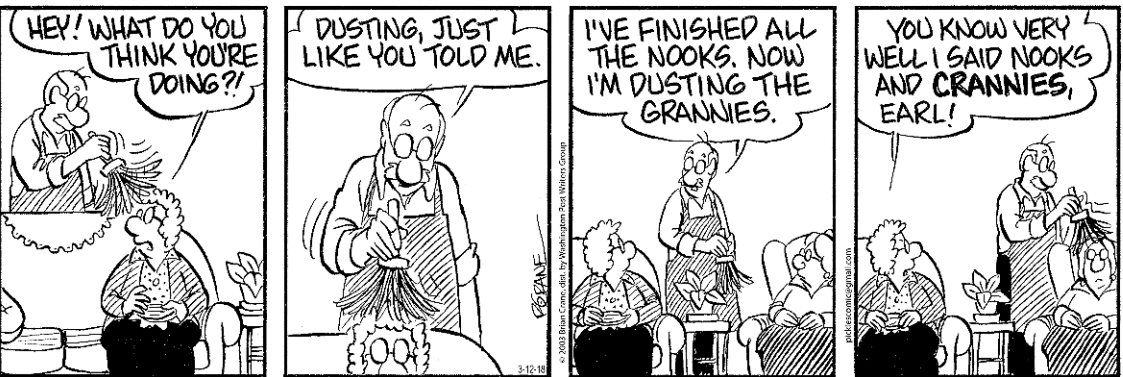
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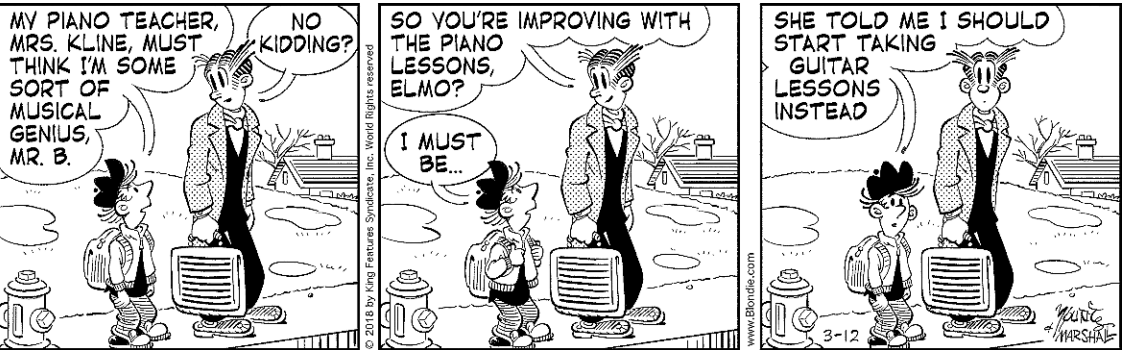
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ASTROGRAPH

Monday, March 12, 2018

**YOUR BIRTHDAY TODAY:** Take on a challenge and explore your creativity. Use your imagination to solve problems and to help your community and loved ones. You can change the way other people treat you if you lead by example. Aim high and don't settle for less.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Do what you can to pitch in and help, even if someone who likes to command your attention complains. It will feel good to help a cause you care about.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Take hold of what's important to you and don't let go, even if someone plays an emotional mind game with you. Letting someone limit what you can do will set you back.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Get involved in a project or make the effort to learn something new. The encounter you have with someone you meet will change your life. Participate and reciprocate.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Don't be too trusting. You have plenty to offer, and your enthusiasm will be appreciated. Someone is likely to twist your words or take credit for your ideas.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Look for the positive in every situation. Use your intuition to help you understand why you are faced with opposition so you can find a way to compromise.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Think about the way you present yourself or the way you deal with co-workers, friends and family. Be open and receptive to change.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Participate in something that's within your budget to bring you closer to the people you care about most. Spend time with kids, parents or a friend in need.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Trouble will brew at home or with friends or co-workers today. Keep the peace, even if it means spending time on your own. A little pampering will do you good.

**By Eugenia Last**

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** If you make a couple of changes to your office space or living arrangements, it will make a world of difference to your daily output. Stop procrastinating and get started.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Refuse to let someone restrict your freedom. Demanding people need to be put in their place. Take care of your responsibilities and suggest others do the same.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** An emotional incident will change everything. Be careful how you deal with friends, peers and relatives. A wrong word or move will be difficult to reverse.

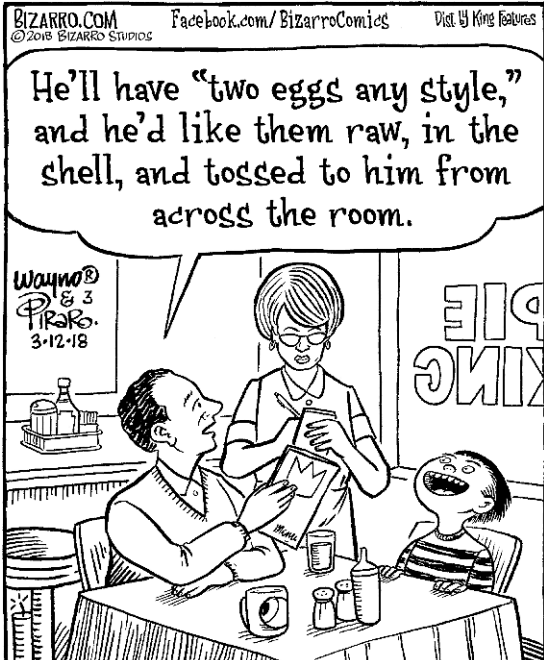
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Look at what you've accomplished in the past and use old successes to build new ones. Trust in your instincts and let your experience lead to victory.



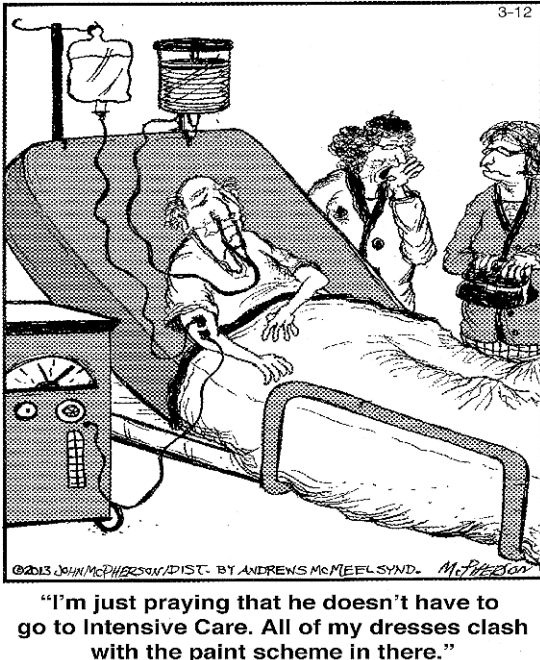
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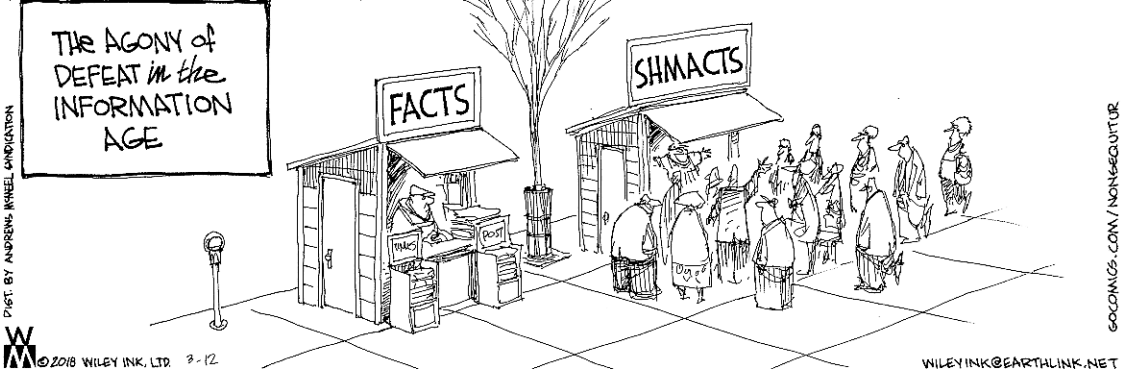
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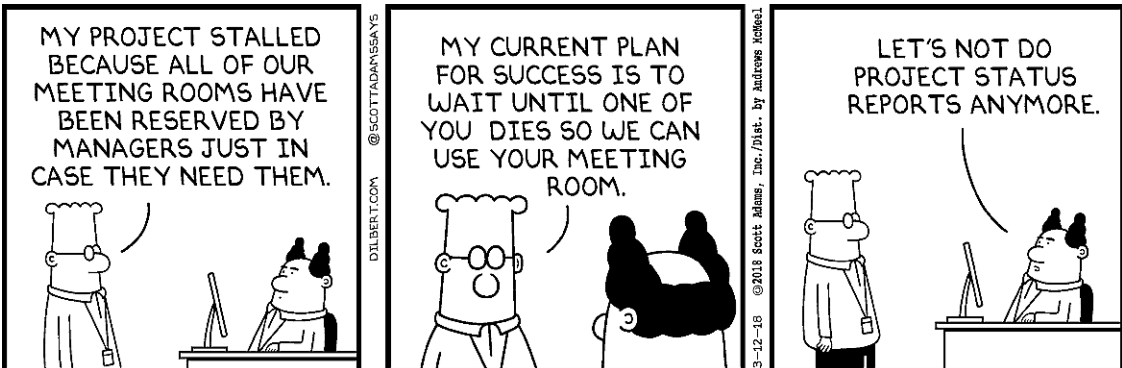
Real Life Adventures



Strange Brew



Dilbert



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ACROSS

1 Towboat

4 Plot surprise

9 Super Bowl org.

12 Son-gun link

13 Oscar de la —

14 Tram load

15 Obvious choice

17 Service charge

18 New Deal pres.

19 More sizable

21 Sold

24 Crèche figure

25 Punk rock subgenre

26 Squabble

28 Swindle, old style

31 Opulent

33 Erie Canal mule

35 NYC gallery

36 Distend

38 Blue

40 Fanatic

41 Actress Sorvino

43 "Honor Thy Father" author

45 Unjust verdict

47 Genetic letters

48 Before

49 "It's not a problem"

54 Light brown

55 Origami bird

56 Baton Rouge sch.

57 PC key

58 Old anesthetic

59 Jo's sister

DOWN

1 Heavy weight

2 ET's craft

3 Talk on and on

4 Merchant

5 Eccentrics

6 Hostel

7 Fulton's power

8 Runway surface

9 Restricted airspace

10 Gratis

11 Ogler's look

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 3-12

by Eugene Sheffer

DAILY JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

INOON

UNDOR

TEGRAH

FLUREF

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

Answers tomorrow

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

I hope I remember the routine. You can do it!

You've got spirit!

You're number one!

AS SHE TRIED OUT FOR THE CHEERLEADING SQUAD, HER FRIENDS WERE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

Saturday's Jumbles: NEWLY PLAID WEAKEN VISUAL Answer: The winery's grapes were finally ready to pick. They described the taste as — DIVINE

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

1 breathing, to a doctor (11)

2 original home (10)

3 messenger, as of bad news (6)

4 used calipers (8)

5 sculptures hung over cribs (7)

6 in an illogical way (8)

7 united (8)

SOLUTIONS

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Saturday's Answers: 1. TORMENTS 2. WASABI 3. LOCALIZE 4. MAINTAIN 5. DEMURELY 6. FLINCH 7. FLEXIBILITY

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

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PREVIOUS ANSWER

3 5 1 4 6 2

6 4 2 1 3 5

5 3 6 2 4 1

2 6 5 1 4

4 1 3 2 6

1 2 4 6 5 3

CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: AFTER YOU'VE COOKED PASTA, PLUNGE IT IN COLD WATER FOR ONLY A FEW SECONDS. DON'T OVERSINK IT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals R

TODAY IN HISTORY

The Associated Press

■ In 1622, Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, and Francis Xavier were canonized by Pope Gregory XV along with Teresa of Avila, Philip Neri and Isidore the Laborer.

■ In 1864, Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant assumed command as General-in-Chief of the Union armies in the Civil War.

■ In 1912, the Girl Scouts of the USA had its beginnings as Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah, Georgia, founded the first American troop of the Girl Guides.

■ In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered the first of his 30 radio addresses that came to be known as "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

■ In 1938, the Anschluss merging Austria with Nazi Germany took place as German forces crossed the border between the two countries.

■ In 1951, "Dennis the Menace," created by cartoonist Hank Ketcham, made its syndicated debut in 16 newspapers.

■ In 1980, a Chicago jury found John Wayne Gacy Jr. guilty of the murders of 33 men and boys. (The next day, Gacy was sentenced to death; he was executed in May 1994.)

■ In 1993, Janet Reno was sworn in as the first female U.S. attorney general. A three-day blizzard known as "The Storm of the Century" began inundating the eastern third of the U.S. A series of bombings in Mumbai, India, killed 257 people (the explosions were allegedly masterminded by India's most wanted man, Dawood Ibrahim).



# Schools brace for student walkouts over guns

By Denise Lavoie  
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — As schools around the country brace for student walkouts following the deadly shooting in Parkland, Florida, principals and superintendents are scrambling to perform a delicate balancing act: How to let thousands of students exercise their First Amendment rights while not disrupting school and not pulling administrators into the raging debate over gun control.

Some have taken a hard line, promising to suspend students who walk out, while others are using a softer approach, working with students to set up places on campus where they can remember the victims of the Florida shooting and express their views about school safety and gun control.

Since the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, demonstrations have sprung up on school campuses around the country. But the first large-scale, coordinated national demonstration is planned for March 14, when organizers of the Women's March have called for a 17-minute walkout, one minute for each of the 17 students and staff members killed in Florida.

National demonstrations are also planned for March 24, with a march on Washington, D.C.; and on April 20, the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre in Colorado.

No matter how schools decide to deal with the demonstrations, students have been reassured by Harvard, Yale, MIT, the University of Connecticut, UCLA and dozens of other colleges and universities that their participation won't affect their chances of getting admitted.

But for middle-school and high-school administrators, figuring out how to allow the demonstrations during school hours has proven challenging. In some cases, it hasn't gone smoothly.

In Needville, Texas, near Houston, Superintendent Curtis Rhodes was castigated on social media after he warned that students who leave class would be suspended for three days, even if they get parental permission.

"SHAME, SHAME, SHAME ON YOU," wrote one woman.



Dayna Smith/Washington Post

Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School senior Barrett Fife, 17, pins an orange ribbon, a symbol of gun violence awareness, to her coat at a town-hall-style meeting Wednesday.

In Garretson, South Dakota, administrators canceled a student walkout planned for April 20 after a Facebook posting about the plan drew more than 300 negative comments from adults.

And in Arizona, dozens of students at Ingleside Middle School, near Phoenix, were given one-day suspensions after they left campus on Feb. 27.

Layla Defibaugh, an eighth-grade student at Ingleside, said she wanted to participate in the walkout, but didn't because of the threatened suspensions. She does plan to join the March 14 walkout, even it means getting suspended.

"It's important for me to speak my mind on this topic," she said. "At the end of the day, they shouldn't be able to punish us for exercising our First Amendment rights."

AASA, The School Superintendents Association, has fielded dozens of calls and emails from school administrators asking for advice, while the American Civil Liberties Union has received hundreds of inquiries from students about what their rights are and if they can be disciplined for participating in the protests.

The answer depends on each school's code of conduct and

disciplinary policies. Generally, the ACLU has been advising students that because they are required to go to school by law, administrators can discipline them for unexcused absences. But the ACLU also told students in an online training video that administrators can't punish them more harshly because of the political nature of their demonstrations.

The superintendents association — which is supporting the April 20 walkout— has drafted a list of suggestions for school administrators, including holding a teach-in, a school-led walkout to a spot on campus, or a session on bullying.

"There are ways to engage and harness the students in civic engagement without compromising policies in place on attendance, participation and student safety," said Noelle Ellerson Ng, associate director for policy and advocacy.

Some schools have embraced the walkouts.

In Mooresville, Indiana, administrators met with 10 high-school student leaders to work out a plan. Mooresville High School Principal Brian Disney said the students plan to use the school's public address system to read short statements

about mental illness, the importance of kindness and standing up against all school violence before inviting all students to gather in a school hallway for 17 minutes of silence.

In Anne Arundel County, Maryland, administrators are still talking with students about how they can participate without violating school rules.

"I think we all realize that for folks who are teenagers right now, this could well be a defining moment in their lives. We want to very much encourage and empower student voices. That said, it has to be done in ways that are safe and appropriate," said spokesman Bob Mosier.

In Somerville, Massachusetts, students say they won't stop after a single walkout. They've started a weekly movement they hope will keep public attention focused on school safety and put pressure on lawmakers to pass stricter gun control laws. The walkouts will be held every Wednesday, said Anika Nayak, 16, a student organizer.

"We're really just fed up with the lack of action that's been taken in our country," Nayak said.

"We don't think enough people are listening."

# 'Black Panther' hits \$1B-plus mark at global box office

By Elahe Izadi  
The Washington Post

"Black Panther" can't stop, won't stop making money at the box office.

Ryan Coogler's take on the beloved Marvel character grossed \$1.08 billion at the global box office in just four weeks, according to estimates published Sunday by Box Office Mojo.

It is Disney's 16th movie to make \$1 billion or more, Deadline reported. Four other Marvel Cinematic Universe releases have hit that mark: "The Avengers," "Avengers: Age of Ultron," "Iron Man 3" and "Captain America: Civil War."

But no other Marvel movie has sat atop the box office for four weeks in a row since premiering, according to Box Office Mojo.

Domestically, "Black Panther" has grossed \$562 million, making it the No. 7 movie of all time in North America when not adjusted for inflation and surpassing "The Dark Knight" to become the second-highest-grossing superhero movie in the United States.

While the Wakandan warrior king dominated in the United States, many were eager to see how the movie would fare in some of the biggest global markets. Well, "Black Panther" sat atop of the box office in China and grossed an estimated \$22.7 million during its Friday premiere. By Sunday, it had grossed an estimated \$66.5 million. And, in the process, "Black Panther" bucked any old industry notion that films starring black people are inherent commercial risks in the Asian nation.

Coogler posted a statement after his movie's massive weekend debut, writing last month that "never in a million years did we imagine that you all would come out this strong."

He added: "It still humbles

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me to think that people care enough to spend their money and time watching our film."

Here are some other feats accomplished by "Black Panther":

■ The biggest February release to date, even after adjusting for inflation.

■ The second-highest-grossing Marvel Cinematic Universe movie at the domestic box office. ("Marvel's The Avengers" occupies the top spot, with \$623 million).

■ Tied with "Jurassic World" as the second-fastest movie to reach \$400 million at the domestic box office. Both movies hit that mark in 10 days. Only "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" did that faster (in eight days).

■ Made \$108 million during its second weekend at the domestic box office, placing it just behind the 2015 "Star Wars" installment as having the best sophomore weekend ever.

■ The highest-grossing movie with a black director, according to Fandango, even after adjusting for inflation.

■ Has a 97 percent Rotten Tomatoes score, the highest of any comic-book superhero movie.

■ According to Fandango, joins "The Avengers" as the only comic-book superhero movies with a perfect rating on CinemaScore, which polls moviegoers on opening night.

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FX	56	Paper Towns (15, Dra) Cara Delevingne, Halston Sage, Nat Wolff	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.	★★★ Red Tails (12, Act) Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr.							
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HMC	72	Diagnosis Murder	★ Columbo: Now You See Him	Peter Falk.	Matlock				Matlock																					
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HIST	69	Modern Marvels	American Pickers	Pickers "Big Bear"	American Pickers				American Pickers																					
ID	73	A Crime to Remember	A Crime to Remember	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery						
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LMN	61	★ Lizzie Borden To...	★ Secret Liaisons (13, Cn) Meredith Monroe.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.	★ Sole Custody (14, Thril) Julie Benz.							
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SYFY	82	★ Mutant World (2014, Sci-Fi) Holly Deveaux, Ashanti, Kim Coates.	★★★ Maggie (15, Dra) Abigail Breslin, Joely Richardson, Arnold Schwarzenegger.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.	★★★ The Descent 2 (09, Thril) Natalie Jackson Mendoza, Shauna MacDonald.						
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USA	63	CSI "Loco Motives"	CSI: Crime Scene	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"	NCIS "Missing"						
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# 'Nora did not have a peaceful death'

## Oregon activists push envelope on right to die

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LOS ANGELES — Shortly after she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease at age 56, Nora Harris moved to Oregon from California with her husband, thinking it would be a place where she could die on her own terms.

Shortly after he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at age 58, Bruce Yelle migrated to Oregon from the Golden State for the same reason. This was the state, after all, that pioneered medically assisted suicide in America when its Death with Dignity Act took effect in 1997.

As it turned out, both Harris and Yelle were ineligible: People with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Huntington's, multiple sclerosis and a host of other degenerative diseases are generally excluded from the Oregon law.

This is because some degenerative diseases aren't fatal. People die with Parkinson's, for example, not because of it. Other diseases, such as advanced Alzheimer's, rob people of the cognition they need to legally request the suicide medications.

Harris — a onetime Virginia Woolf scholar who worked as a library branch manager — died in October at 64, unable to speak coherently, feed herself or recognize loved ones. Though she had filled out an advance health care directive instructing caregivers not to feed her if she lost the ability to feed herself, she was spoon-fed until two days before her passing.

"Nora did not have a peaceful death," said her husband, Bill Harris, who lobbied on behalf of a newly approved bill to update Oregon's advance-directive law.

Yelle, also 64, is alive and active, trying to change laws in Oregon that would essentially open more assisted suicide avenues for people with these diseases. He said that unless he could eventually obtain a doctor's prescription for a lethal medication, "I'm going to have an ugly death."

Their efforts are among several throughout North America that highlight a quiet but concerted push to bring the right-to-die debates to a new frontier: people with dementia, Alzheimer's and other degenerative diseases.

Relatively modest drives are afoot in Washington state and California, where organizations have launched education campaigns on how people can fill out instructions for future caregivers to withhold food and drink, thereby carrying out an option that is legal to anybody: death by starvation and dehydration. (It is often referred to as the "voluntarily stopping eating and drinking" method.)

The boldest bid is taking place in Quebec. Prompted by a 2017 murder case involving the apparent "mercy killing" of a 60-year-old woman with Alzheimer's by her husband — who smothered her with a pillow — the province's government is studying the possibility of legalizing euthanasia for Alzheimer's patients. Unlike medically assisted suicide, a medical doctor would administer the fatal dose via injection. A survey in September found that 91 percent of the Canadian province's medical caregivers support the idea.

"The process that could lead to [legislative] changes has already begun," said Marie-Claude Lacasse, a spokeswoman for the Quebec Ministry of Health and Social Services.

Somewhere between these points is Oregon, where several lawmakers are trying to push the right-to-die envelope.

Under the current law, eligible patients can obtain prescriptions for lethal barbiturates. Qualified patients must be diagnosed with a terminal illness, have a prognosis of six or fewer months to live, and self-ingest the drug. The vast majority — more than 70 percent, according to the Oregon Health Division — have cancer; most others have either heart disease or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Washington state, Vermont, California and Colorado, as well as the District of Columbia, have passed similar laws modeled on Oregon's.

Rep. Mitch Greenlick, D, chair of Oregon's House Committee on Health Care, began looking into expanding the state's Death with Dignity law



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People demonstrate in support of allowing doctors to prescribe life-ending medication to terminally ill patients in Sacramento, California, on March 25, 2015. The law passed, but it excludes people with degenerative diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. Efforts are under way in Oregon to open more avenues for people with these diseases to hasten death.

a few years ago, when a well-known 78-year-old lobbyist in Salem, Oregon, fatally shot himself in the head after learning that he had Alzheimer's.

"That really shook me up," said Greenlick, a retired director of the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research. "I started thinking, people with Alzheimer's should be able to have some control over how they die, rather than having to shoot themselves."

His 2015 attempt to expand the terminally ill window from six months to a year failed. Next year he plans to float another bill that would open up the state's Death with Dignity law to dementia patients by doing away with all stipulations about terminal time limits.

Some of the efforts have faced opposition from an unlikely adversary: the national right-to-die movement. In particular, groups such as Compassion & Choices, the nation's largest right-to-die organization, and the Death With Dignity National Center, a main author of the original law, have little appetite for widening access to lethal drugs in the states where medically assisted suicide already is legal.

Such meddling, they fear, could give ammunition to critics and frustrate their efforts to bring the narrowly defined statute to as many states as possible.

But it's not all about tactics for them.

"It's really important that the person is the decider of how they die," said Kim Callinan, chief program officer for Compassion & Choices. "And for that reason we would not expand the eligibility criteria for medical aid in dying for somebody, for example, who has advanced dementia. Because when a person has advanced dementia, they're no longer able to speak for themselves."

The national movement is at a critical juncture: Public support for medical aid-in-dying laws has surged, with a 2017 Gallup poll showing that 67 percent of Americans support doctor-assisted suicide, up from just more than half in 2013. But 2017 wasn't a great year for right-to-die advocates legislatively. Though about 30 states saw efforts to legalize medical aid in dying, not a single bill became law.

Bill Harris sued his wife's care facility for spoon-feeding Nora, but he lost, the judge saying that the possibility couldn't be ruled out that she had changed her mind about feeding because she opened her mouth when a spoon of food was put to it. Since then, elderly patients across the state have been adding written statements to their advance directives explicitly demanding not to be spoon-fed if they lose the capacity to feed themselves, said Harris's attorney, Jason Broesder.

He said that at least 50 of his clients have recently made or requested the change in their advance directives. "Clients are saying, 'I want you to make sure the state is not going to make me eat from a spoon when I don't want to,'" he said.

In late February, Oregon lawmakers passed a piece of legislation — in a party-line vote, with Democrats prevailing — that would study how to improve the process of creating and carrying out advance directives. Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, is expected to sign it.

Supporters such as Harris and Yelle hope it will lead to a new advance-directive form enabling people to check a box

instructing future caregivers to withhold spoon-feeding — also known as "assisted feeding" — so as to hasten death, should they become incapacitated by dementia. This would probably put Oregon on the national forefront of advance directives, said Thaddeus Mason Pope, director of the Health Law Institute at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota.

"Advance directives are normally used to opt out of ... feeding tubes, mechanical ventilation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, antibiotics and surgery," he said. "To be very explicit and tackle [spoon-feeding] head on, that, I think, would be a novel move."

The bill has stoked the fury of Oregon Right to Life, whose leaders fear the legislation would, if signed into law, "endanger Oregonians with dementia and Alzheimer's, allowing their health care rep-

resentatives to remove their access to food and water."

Lois Anderson, executive director of Oregon Right to Life, says Alzheimer's patients often have more capacity than meets the eye.

"They might not be able to get in a car and drive to Seattle, but they maybe have agency to decide what movie they want to watch, or if they want to go to the sunroom, or do they want to eat," Anderson said. "We believe that that agency, that ability to make those decisions, should be respected. That's part of human dignity."

Yelle is working with state Sen. Arnie Roblan, a Democrat, to advocate an expansion of the state's Death with Dignity law to include sufferers of not only Parkinson's, but also Alzheimer's, dementia, multiple sclerosis, and any "incurable condition that will result in unbearable physical or mental pain."

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- 20 Caught with a long rope
- 22 Metro
- 24 Quaint hotels
- 25 Flightless bird
- 26 Pious
- 29 Short verse
- 33 Signs of the future
- 34 Lake swimmer
- 35 Doc Holliday's friend
- 37 Cut timber
- 38 Imitating
- 39 Mai — (rum drink)
- 40 LAX guesses
- 42 Soak up the sun
- 43 Put in office
- 45 Give for safekeeping
- 47 More than enough
- 48 Play part
- 49 R2-D2's owner
- 50 Japanese mat
- 53 Granted
- 57 Feliciano or Ferrer
- 58 Land ruled by Cleopatra
- 60 Pantyhose color