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Body found in Ironwood house

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IRONWOOD — The body of a person who had been dead for perhaps years was found Monday afternoon in a house that's being considered for demolition in Ironwood.

The Ironwood Public Safety Department issued a Tuesday news release saying the human remains were discovered around 4 p.m. Monday in a home that was being inspected for demolition this summer.

The IPSD was notified by city building inspector Dennis Hewitt when the body was found.

It appears as if the person might have owned the house, according to IPSD Director Andrew DiGiorgio.

Identification of the remains was pending as of Tuesday, as

the Gogebic County Medical Examiner's office continued to assist in the investigation.

DiGiorgio said foul play is not suspected, but the incident remains under investigation by the IPSD and medical examiner.

The location of the house and other information was being withheld pending notification of next of kin, which appeared to be a difficult task for the IPSD, considering the situation.

The house was on the city's list of eyesores being considered for demolition under the latest grant round from the state of Michigan.

Inspection of the houses is part of the process to prepare for contractors to submit bids under the "Hardest Hit" blight grant program.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Ian Minielly/Daily Globe

OVER SIXTY-five competitors and their family, friends and supporters bowled at Larry's Lucky Strikes on Tuesday to raise money for the Gogebic Ontonagon Special Olympics team. The team sends athletes to competitions all over the country and even different areas overseas to compete. Without federal money to fund its budget, the Special Olympics must find support from their community and Barb Siira says the U.P. is great and people always support the athletes.

Residents roll for Special Olympics fundraising event

By IAN MINIELLY
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IRONWOOD — Sixty-seven competitors from Gogebic and Ontonagon counties descended on Larry's Lucky Strikes Tuesday to bowl and raise money for Special Olympics. Barb Siira, director of Special Olympics Michigan locally since 1972, said they had to cancel the event last Friday due to weather so they held it on Tuesday instead.

The Special Olympics, according to Siira, does not receive tax dollars. They rely on a bevy of volunteers and fundraising to support the program and the athletes, who range in ages from as young as 8, to as weathered as 84. Even though Siira retired from teaching years ago, she said she has not been able to leave the Special Olympics. Siira said their biggest expense is transportation.

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Mercer forum gives soapbox to candidates

By RICHARD JENKINS
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MERCER, Wis. — The candidates in Mercer's two contested race in April's election had the opportunity to make their cases to voters Tuesday night at the Mercer Candidate Forum.

The April 4 ballot will feature John Sendra facing off against incumbent Jim Kichak for town chairman; while incumbent Jeff Stenberg, Tom Thompson and James Schmidt are facing off for two town supervisor seats.

Sponsored by the Mercer Public Library and the Iron County Citizens Forum, the event began with brief opening statements from the five candidates before they all fielded questions from moderator Neil Klemme.

The candidates briefly answered a range of questions, including the promotion of silent sports in the area, affordable housing, road improvements, the vision for the town's park, downtown parking, all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile tourism, the town's assets and views on shoreline preservation and water quality.

An early question asked the candidates what they would do to fill the town's business park.

The question prompted a variety of answers, ranging from



Richard Jenkins/Daily Globe

MERCER TOWN candidates make their pitches to voters Tuesday in the Mercer Community Center during the Mercer Candidate Forum. The candidates in attendance are, from left, John Sendra, Jim Kichak, James Schmidt, Jeff Stenberg and Tom Thompson. Neil Klemme moderated the event.

new ideas to explanations of past efforts.

Sendra advocated casting a wider net for businesses to relocate.

"I think a simple thing, like getting a (Thomas Register of American Manufacturers) from the library and starting to call large businesses — it tells you who owns them, where their satellites are — if there's a possibility, call some of their CEOs

... and talk to them about the possibility of relocating here," Sendra said, adding the area also needed core businesses — like the previously proposed Gogebic Taconite mine development.

Kichak, who said the business park was an early goal of his when he became town chairman, explained past advertising efforts had been unsuccessful.

"We went to Minneapolis, we

went to Milwaukee, we went to Chicago; we even did the Fox Valley. Our response was zero," he said.

According to Kichak, the feedback he got was the Northwoods was too far from markets to profitably operate from the Mercer area.

"Transportation is a killer when you live far away from

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Consolidation deadline passes, measure won't be on ballot

By RICHARD JENKINS
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BESSEMER — Friday's deadline to turn in the necessary signatures to put a measure consolidating the Ironwood and Bessemer school districts on the August ballot came and went without submission of petitions to the Gogebic County Clerks office.

Clerk Gerry Pelissero said the organizers of the petition drive had until 4 p.m. to turn in the required number of signatures to put a measure on the ballot regarding the consolidation of the two districts.

"The process has to start over again," Pelissero said Monday, meaning if community members want to try another petition effort they will need to get permission from the Michigan Board of Education again before collecting signatures.

Organizers had 60 days to get 5 percent of the registered voters in each district to sign the petition, which Pelissero previously said translates to 140 signatures in the Bessemer district and 359 signatures in Ironwood.

Pelissero said Monday he talked to Bill McDonald, one of the organizers, Friday and the effort didn't get the necessary minimums required by law. Pelissero didn't want to speculate as to why they didn't reach the required numbers.

McDonald said at Monday's Bessemer City Council meeting the group decided not to file the petition until after the Bessemer Area School District's May 2 bond referendum to renovate A.D. Johnston so it can serve as

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Emergency services called out for fire Sunday

Ian Minielly/Daily Globe

THE WAKEFIELD Volunteer Fire Department emblem adorns the wall above the vehicle bays in Wakefield Tuesday.

The fire department provided its free service to a fire call at a structure on the 1000 block of Kuivinen street in Wakefield Sunday. The fire department does not charge for its service to put out fires except under special circumstances.



By IAN MINIELLY
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WAKEFIELD — A Sunday night fire at 1006 Kuivinen St. in Wakefield demonstrated the level of community involvement in fighting fires.

Elements from the Gogebic County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police, Bessemer Township Volunteer Fire Department, Gogebic County Victim Services and Beacon Ambulance were all on scene in response to the blaze.

The fire was not a significant inferno, mostly snuffing itself

and staying confined to only one room in the house, according to Lou Boetto, assistant fire chief.

However, for safety's sake, Boetto called in the Bessemer Township Fire Department response team in the event a catastrophic event would occur inside the structure and any of the Wakefield VFD member needed to get rescued.

Boetto said Wakefield and the township department have an

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Suspect cut off ankle bracelet

By RALPH ANSAMI
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HURLEY — The Illinois man who waived extradition Monday afternoon to return to his home state to face a sexually violent person (escape) charge had been free after cutting off an ankle monitor.

David Hermosillo, 50, of Bloomington, was apprehended by the Iron County Sheriff's Department at a private residence in Mercer early Sunday morning, according to sheriff's department Det. Lt. Paul Samardich.

Hermosillo had been considered a violent person and his apprehension followed the Gogebic County Sheriff's Department posting information on its Face-

book page that he might be traveling through the Gogebic Range.

On Monday afternoon in Iron County, Wis., Court, Hermosillo agreed not to fight extradition proceedings and to return to Illinois to face charges that carry a \$1 million bond.

Hermosillo was wanted in McLean County, Ill., for escape as a sexually violent person after he allegedly cut off his GPS ankle monitor while living in Bloomington, according to 103.9-WLPO Radio.

In 1994, he pleaded guilty in LaSalle County, Ill., to aggravated criminal sexual assault and home invasion and received a 25-year prison term, according to police records.

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WEATHER

TODAY

Partly cloudy
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Tuesday

High 39
Low 18

Year ago today
High 40
Low 21

Today's records
High 66 (2012)
Low -14 (1976)

Precipitation

To 7 a.m. none
Tuesday none

Snowfall
To 7 a.m. none
Tuesday none

Snow depth none
Season total 114.5 in.
Last year 156.2 in.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Mercer attends indoor meet in Lakeland

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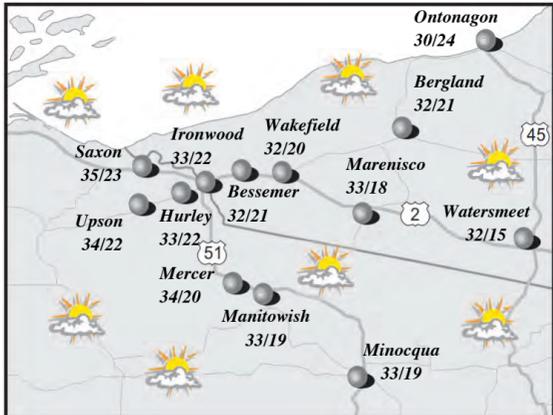


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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR IRONWOOD

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Rain Likely	Isolated Rain	Mostly Cloudy
33° 22°	40° 31°	40° 29°	38° 27°	41° 30°
Winds: 3-6 mph SE	Winds: 11-14 mph S	Winds: 4-8 mph ENE	Winds: 15 mph ENE	Winds: 10 mph ENE



LOCAL OUTLOOK

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high of 33°, humidity of 39%. Southeast wind 3 to 6 mph. The record high for today is 66° set in 1945. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 22°.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 6:59 a.m.
 Sunset 7:16 p.m.
 Moonrise 3:50 a.m.
 Moonset 1:27 p.m.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Thu.
Chicago	34/28 pc	47/45 mc
Dallas	81/65 mc	82/64 mc
Kansas City	50/42 mc	67/58 sh
Los Angeles	64/52 sh	66/53 pc
New York	37/22 s	38/34 s
Orlando	84/65 s	78/64 sh
Phoenix	83/58 mc	68/52 sh
Seattle	52/43 sh	53/46 ra

Weather (Wx): cl/cloudy; fl/furries; pc/partly cloudy; me/mostly cloudy; ra/rain; rs/rain & snow; s/sunny; sh/showers; sn/snow; ss/snow showers; th/thunderstorms; w/windy

WEATHER TRIVIA

At what time of day are noctilucent clouds visible?

Answer: At night.

HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL



Associated Press

HOUSE SPEAKER Paul Ryan of Wis., pauses as he speaks with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, after meeting with President Donald Trump who came to Capitol Hill to rally support among GOP lawmakers for the Republican health care overhaul.

Trump to GOP: Pass health care bill or seal your fate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time for talk running out, President Donald Trump on Tuesday warned wavering House Republicans that their jobs were on the line in next year's elections if they failed to back a GOP bill that would upend Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act. The countdown quickened toward an expected vote Thursday on legislation undoing much of the law that has provided coverage to some 20 million Americans. Trump huddled behind closed doors with rank-and-file Republicans just hours after GOP leaders unveiled changes intended to pick up votes by doling out concessions to centrists and hardliners alike.

"If we fail to get it done, fail to (meet) the promises made by all of us, including the president, then it could have a very detrimental effect to Republicans in '18 who are running for re-election," said Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Texas. "If it fails, then there will be a lot of people looking for work in 2018."

Trump's message to Republicans: "If you don't pass the bill there could be political costs," said Rep. Walter Jones, R-N.C.

Even with the revisions, the outlook for House passage remains dicey. After a day of cajoling votes, a senior administration official said the White House is trying to persuade about 20 to 25 House Republicans who are either opposed or undecided. House leaders and Trump can only afford to lose 21. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

The GOP bill would scale back the role of government in the private health insurance market, and limit future federal financing for Medicaid. It would repeal tax increases on the wealthy that Democrats used to pay for Obama's coverage expansion.

Fines enforcing the Obama-era requirement that virtually all Americans have coverage would be eliminated.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that 24 million fewer people will have health insurance in 2026 under the GOP bill.

Trump warned House Republicans they'd seal their political doom if they waver, with the party potentially losing control of the House. Still, several conservatives were steadfast in their opposition even after the session with Trump.

"The president wouldn't have been here this morning if they have the votes," said Rep. Rod Blum, R-Iowa, a member of the Freedom Caucus who complained that the GOP bill leaves too much government regulation in place.

Rep. Chris Collins, R-N.Y., said Trump told Republicans he would campaign for them if they backed the bill. Trump didn't indicate what he would do to those who vote against the bill, but during the caucus, he singled out Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., an outspoken critic of the bill.

Collins said Trump asked Meadows to stand up, called him a great guy and said he is counting on Meadows to get this over the line.

"The president is very adroit at putting somebody on the spot and he did that today with Mark Meadows," Collins said. Asked if there was a threat to Meadows in that, Collins responded: "There was no threat whatsoever."

Meadows was still a "no" vote at the end of the day.

Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., told reporters that if Republicans pass the legislation, "people will reward us. If we don't keep our promise, it will be very hard to manage this."

If the bill advances, prospects are uncertain in the Senate,

where Republicans hold a slim majority. Six GOP senators have expressed deep misgivings including Tom Cotton of Arkansas, who said Tuesday he cannot support the House bill.

In an Associated Press interview, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., signaled he'd use Trump's clout to pressure unhappy Republicans in his chamber.

"I would hate to be a Republican whose vote prevented us from keeping the commitment we've made to the American people for almost 10 years now," McConnell said.

The House GOP bill would end Obama-era subsidies based on peoples' incomes and the cost of insurance. A Medicaid expansion to 11 million more low-income people would disappear.

Instead, the bill would provide tax credits based chiefly on age to help people pay premiums. But insurers could charge older consumers five times the premiums they charge younger people instead of Obama's 3-1 limit.

The revisions by House GOP leaders to round up votes come at a cost — literally. Congressional budget experts had projected that the original bill would cut federal deficits by \$337 billion over a decade. But that amount is dwindling as top Republicans dole out provisions helping older and disabled people.

To address criticism that the bill would leave many older people with higher costs, GOP leaders have taken an unusual approach. They added language paving the way for the Senate, if it chooses, to make the bill's tax credit more generous for people age 50-64. Republicans said the plan sets aside \$85 billion over 10 years for that purpose. In another change, the bill would lower the income tax threshold for deducting medical expenses.

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 High 39
 Low 18
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REGIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Thu.
Ashland	36/19 pc	46/37 pc
Duluth	33/23 pc	39/32 ra
Eau Claire	36/24 s	46/41 pc
Escanaba	32/17 pc	37/33 mc
Grand Rapids	37/20 pc	46/39 pc
Green Bay	34/22 s	42/34 mc
Madison	38/26 pc	45/40 mc
Marquette	27/20 mc	37/33 mc
Rhineland	34/18 s	41/30 mc
St. Paul	39/30 mc	44/37 ra
Wausau	35/20 s	41/33 mc

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Trump signs NASA bill, ponders sending Congress to space

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump signed legislation Tuesday adding human exploration of Mars to NASA's mission. Could sending Congress into space be next?

Flanked at an Oval Office bill-signing ceremony by astronauts and lawmakers, Trump observed that being an astronaut is a "pretty tough job." He said he wasn't sure he'd want it and, among lawmakers he put the question to, Sen. Ted Cruz said he wouldn't want to be a space traveler, either.

But Cruz, R-Texas, offered up a tantalizing suggestion. "You could send Congress to space," he said to laughter, including from the president.

Trump, who faces a crucial House vote later this week on legislation long promised by Republicans to overhaul the Obama-era Affordable Care Act health law, readily agreed. The health care bill is facing resistance from some conservative members of the party.

"What a great idea that could be," Trump said, before turning back to the space exploration measure sponsored by Cruz and Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla.

The new law authorizes \$19.5 billion in spending for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the budget year that began Oct. 1. Cruz said the authorization bill is the first for the space agency in seven years, and he called it a "terrific" achievement.

Trump last week sent Congress a budget proposal that seeks \$19.1 billion in spending authorization for the agency next



Associated Press

PRESIDENT DONALD Trump shakes hands with Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, Tuesday, during a signing ceremony for a bill to increase NASA's budget to \$19.5 billion and directs the agency to focus human exploration of deep space and Mars.

The measure amends current law to add human exploration of the red planet as a goal for the agency. It supports use of the International Space Station through at least 2024, along with private sector companies partnering with NASA to deliver cargo and experiments, among other steps.

After signing the bill, Trump invited several lawmakers to comment, starting with Cruz. When Trump invited Vice President Mike Pence to speak, he suggested that Nelson be allowed to say a few words. Nelson traveled into space when he was in the House.

"He's a Democrat. I wasn't going to let him speak," Trump quipped, to laughter. Nelson ultimately got a chance to briefly praise his bill.

Pence also announced that Trump plans to re-launch the National Space Council, with Pence as chairman, to coordinate U.S. space policy. The council was authorized by law in 1988, near the end of the Reagan administration, but ceased to operate soon after Bill Clinton took office in January 1993.

Police: Chicago teen apparently gang-raped on Facebook Live

CHICAGO (AP) — A 15-year-old Chicago girl was apparently sexually assaulted by five or six men or boys on Facebook Live, and none of the roughly 40 people who watched the live video reported the attack to police, authorities said Tuesday.

The video marks the second time in recent months that the Chicago Police Department has investigated an apparent attack that was streamed live on Facebook. In January, four people were arrested after a cellphone footage showed them allegedly taunting and beating a mentally disabled man.

Police only learned of the latest alleged attack when the girl's mother approached the head of the police department, Superintendent Eddie Johnson, late Monday afternoon as he was leaving a department station in the Lawndale neighborhood on the city's West Side, department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi

said. She told him her daughter had been missing since Sunday and showed him screen grab photos of the alleged assault.

He said Johnson immediately ordered detectives to investigate and the department asked Facebook to take down the video, which it did.

Guglielmi said Tuesday that detectives found the girl and reunited her with her family. He said she told detectives that she knows at least one of her alleged attackers, but it remained unclear how well they knew each other. He said investigators are questioning several people, but no one is considered a suspect yet and no arrests have been made.

He said Johnson was "visibly upset" after he watched the video, both by its content and the fact that there were "40 or so live viewers and no one thought to call authorities."

Investigators know the num-

ber of viewers because the count was posted with the video. To find out who they were, though, investigators would have to subpoena Facebook and would need to "prove a nexus to criminal activity" to obtain such a subpoena, Guglielmi said by email.

A spokeswoman for Facebook, Andrea Saul, said she had no specific comment on the Chicago incident but that the company takes its "responsibility to keep people safe on Facebook very seriously."

"Crimes like this are hideous and we do not allow that kind of content on Facebook," she said.

Jeffrey Urdangen, a professor at Northwestern University's law school and the director of the school's Center for Criminal Defense, said it isn't illegal to watch such a video or to not report it to the police. He also said child pornography charges wouldn't apply unless viewers were downloading the video.

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Community calendar

Email calendar items and community news to news@yourdailyglobe.com. For more information, call 906-932-2211.

Wednesday, March 22

Christian Men of the Northland, 6:30 a.m., Uptown Cafe, Ironwood.

Mentoring of Moms, 9-10:30 a.m., Range Community Bible Church, Hurley. 715-561-4355.

Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

DOVE Support Group, noon-2 p.m. 906-932-4990.

Ironwood/Hurley Rotary Club, 12:15 p.m., Elk and Hound Restaurant, Ironwood.

Iron County Veterans Service Officer, 1-3 p.m., Mercer, Wis., Town Hall. 715-561-2190.

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Government Iron County Land Conservation Committee, 2 p.m., Forestry conference room, Hurley.

Gogebic County Board, 5 p.m., courthouse, Bessemer.

Thursday, March 23

Cuddlebugs Story Time, 9:30 a.m., Ironwood Carnegie Library.

Pickleball, 10 a.m. to noon, Ironwood Memorial Building.

Gogebic County Veterans Service Officer, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Wakefield City Hall; 1-2 p.m., Watersmeet Township; 2:45-3:15 p.m., Marenisco Township. 906-667-1110.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Grief Support Group, 2 p.m., The Inn Bed and Breakfast, Montreal, Wis. 906-663-0308.

Pokemon Club, 4 p.m., Ironwood Carnegie Library. Ages 8 and older.

Free community dinner, 5-6 p.m., Wakefield United Methodist Church, Wakefield.

ReGeneration Youth, 5:30-6:45 p.m., ages 10-11; Relentless Youth, 7-9 p.m., ages 12-18; Lighthouse Faith Center, Ironwood.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Hurley. area74.org.

Government Downtown Ironwood Development Authority, 8 a.m., meeting, Conference Room 1, second floor, Memorial Building, Ironwood.

Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board, 8 a.m., Treatment Facility's boardroom.

Iron County Aging Unit Board, 9 a.m., Hurley Senior Center.

Friday, March 24

Mercer Cribbage, 9:30-11:30

a.m., Mercer Senior Center.

Mercer Food Pantry, noon-1 p.m., Railroad Street, Mercer, Wis. Emergencies: 715-476-7655.

Ironwood Carnegie Library Board, 4 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Harbortown AA, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Ontonagon United Methodist Church basement, next to Holiday gas station, Ontonagon. area74.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Saturday, March 25

Community Pickleball Paddlers, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Mercer School gymnasium. 715-776-4588.

Regional Hospice Polar Plunge, registration 12:30 p.m., event 2 p.m., Sunday Lake, Wakefield.

Free Supper, 5-6 p.m., Apostolic Lutheran Church, Aurora Street, Ironwood.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Sunday, March 26

Alcoholics Anonymous, 1 p.m., closed meeting, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood.

Finnish Language Classes, beginner 3 p.m., advanced 4 p.m., Little Finland, Kimball, Wis.

Ramsay/Bessemer Fourth of July Committee, 6 p.m., Ramsay Fire Hall.

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, Ironwood.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Sharon Lutheran Church, Bessemer. area74.org.

Monday, March 27

Iron County Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 72 Michigan Ave., Montreal, Wis. 715-561-4450.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Chess Club, 4 p.m., Ironwood Carnegie Library. Grades 3 and up.

After School Story Time, 4 p.m., Ironwood Carnegie Library.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Harbortown AA, 7:30 p.m. EDT, Ontonagon United Methodist Church basement, next to Holiday gas station, Ontonagon. area74.org.

Government Bessemer Township Board, 5 p.m., Bessemer Township Hall, Ramsay.

Mercer School Board, 5 p.m., Mercer K-12 School commons, Mercer, Wis.

Gogebic County Road Commission, 5:15 p.m., road commis-

sion office, courthouse, Bessemer.

Ironwood Township Board, 5:30 p.m., Ironwood Township offices.

Wakefield City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.

Bessemer Area School District Board of Education, 6 p.m., A.D. Johnston High School library.

Tuesday, March 28

Pickleball, 10 a.m. to noon, Ironwood Memorial Building.

Gogebic County Veterans Service Officer, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Ironwood Memorial Building. 906-667-1110.

Breakfast For Your Brain, 10 a.m., Mercer, Wis., Community Center. 715-561-2695.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Ironwood Kiwanis Club, noon, Golden Dragon. New members welcome.

Woods and Blooms Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Haines Civic Center, Mercer, Wis.

Life Support Group, 6:30 p.m., Woodland Church, Ironwood.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Ironwood. area74.org.

Government Gogebic Community College Board, 4:30 p.m., room B-22, Jacob Solin Business Center, GCC.

Wednesday, March 29

Christian Men of the Northland, 6:30 a.m., Uptown Cafe, Ironwood.

Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, noon, Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

DOVE Support Group, noon-2 p.m. 906-932-4990.

Ironwood/Hurley Rotary Club, 12:15 p.m., Elk and Hound Restaurant, Ironwood.

Iron County Veterans Service Officer, 1-3 p.m., Mercer, Wis., Town Hall. 715-561-2190.

Parent Academy, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Luther L. Wright K-12 School, Ironwood.

Adult Children of Alcoholics, 7 p.m., Samaritan Counseling, Ironwood.

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Salem Lutheran Church, Ironwood. area74.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Sharon Lutheran Church, Bessemer. area74.org.

Thursday, March 30

Pickleball, 10 a.m. to noon, Ironwood Memorial Building.

Gogebic County Veterans Service Officer, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Wakefield City Hall; 1-2 p.m., Watersmeet Township; 2:45-3:15 p.m., Marenisco Township. 906-667-1110.

WOLVERINE



Isabelle Kleinschmidt/Daily Globe

DEBORAH LEONARD enjoys the trails on her fat tire bike Sunday afternoon at Wolverine Trails.

US hurricane center chief going back to The Weather Channel

MIAMI (AP) — The director of the National Hurricane Center is going back to work at The Weather Channel.

Rick Knabb has been director of the center in Miami since June 2012. Knabb will participate in the National Hurricane Conference next month in New Orleans and the federal government's annual Hurricane Awareness Tour before leaving the center May 12.

Knabb left a previous stint as The Weather Channel's tropical weather expert to become chief of the U.S. government's hurricane forecasting hub. In a statement Tuesday, Knabb said his new job as an on-air hurricane expert would allow him to focus on his "greatest passion," communicating about safety during hurricanes and other disasters.

Deputy Director Ed Rappaport will serve as the center's acting director for the six-month Atlantic hurricane season that begins June 1.

Apple cuts prices on lower-end iPads, releases red iPhones

NEW YORK (AP) — Apple is cutting prices on two iPad models and introducing red iPhones, but the company held back on updating its higher-end iPad Pro tablets.

A much-sSpeculated 10.5-inch iPad Pro didn't materialize, nor did new versions of existing sizes in the Pro lineup, which is aimed at businesses and creative professionals. The new devices are mostly refreshes of existing models. Apple unveiled them through press releases Tuesday rather than a staged event, as it typically does for bigger product releases.

The iPad updates come as the tablet market continues to decline, after a few years of rapid growth. According to IDC, tablet shipments fell 20 percent to 53 million worldwide in the final three months of 2016, compared with the same period in 2015.

THE NEW LINEUP

The iPad Air 2 is replaced by a new model simply called the iPad. It retains a 9.7-inch screen, but the display is brighter and the processor faster. Its price starts at \$329 for 32 gigabytes of storage, down from \$399. The standard-size iPad is now cheaper than the smaller Mini model.

The 7.9-inch iPad Mini 4 now comes with 128 gigabytes of storage starting at \$399, rather than \$499 before. Apple

is eliminating the 32-gigabyte model, which used to sell for \$399. Nothing else is changing.

Apple is also releasing a red edition of the iPhone 7 and 7 Plus; for each phone sold, Apple is donating an unspecified amount to HIV and AIDS programs. And Apple is doubling the storage on the smaller iPhone SE while keeping the \$399 starting price.

The new iPad Mini 4 is available right away, while the standard-size iPad comes out next week, with orders to begin Friday. The new iPhone SE comes out Friday, while the red iPhones are expected by the end of the month, with advance orders beginning Friday.

THE MISSING DEVICE

IDC analyst Jorge Vela had high hopes for a 10.5-inch iPad. He said such a size might have offered room for a better keyboard, compared with the 9.7-inch iPad Pro, and it wouldn't have been as bulky as the 12.9-inch version.

And Apple typically sparks consumer interest when it has new sizes and designs, Vela said, as seen by a jump in sales following the introduction of larger iPhones in 2014 (iPhone sales have since dropped.) Vela said a 10.5-inch version might have been enough for existing iPad owners to upgrade.

A 10.5-inch version may still

come this year, closer to the holiday shopping season, along with updates to existing Pro sizes.

Jackdaw Research analyst Jan Dawson said Tuesday's announcement makes it "even clearer that there are two very distinct iPad tiers now — the iPad Pro and the basic iPads. The iPad Pros will likely continue to get all the best new features, while the basic iPad will get occasional updates and new features a little later than the Pros, lagging a generation or two behind."

DOWN BUT NOT OUT

In the last three months of 2016, iPhones generated 10 times the revenue as iPads. Unit sales of iPads fell 19 percent from the previous year. Yet Apple CEO Tim Cook has expressed optimism because many people were buying iPads for the first time, indicating that the market had yet to reach saturation, the point at which everyone who wants a particular product already has one.

Dawson agrees that the number of tablet owners is still growing, even if overall sales are declining because people aren't upgrading often. He said the new \$329 price for the 9.7-inch iPad should help spur sales. New 9.7-inch models have previously cost at least \$499.

Dax Shepard takes 'CHIPS' from primetime to 'Bad Boys'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dax Shepard was only 2 when "CHiPs" started airing on NBC and 8 by the time the popular series about the California Highway Patrol ended. He remembers the show — the sunshine, the motorcycles, the diversity (there weren't many Latinos in his hometown of Detroit). It was like a vacation from the greyness every night on prime time.

But it was a faint memory until recently, when Shepard found himself googling how to spell Poncherello for a joke for a screenplay he was writing and came across a photo of Jon and Ponch looking "kind of cool." Suddenly he saw something else: A cool "CHiPs," in the vein of "Lethal Weapon" or "Bad Boys."

Suffice it to say, the names might be the same (other than some punctuation), but "CHiPs" is not your father's "CHiPs." The once family friendly show has veered into hard-R territory in the feature film, out Friday.

It's not an uncommon practice. "21 Jump Street" and its sequel, and also "Miami Vice" veered successfully into the R zone, as will this summer's "Baywatch" remake.

And "CHiPs" wasn't always going to be that way. When Shepard signed on to write, direct and star in the adaptation, it was envisioned as PG-13 with a \$45 million budget. When that was slashed to \$25 million, Shepard insisted on the R.

"I generally like to see R-rated movies and I think you should make what you want to consume even though it's really tempting to make something you think people want to see," he said in a recent interview at a Los Feliz coffee shop. Shepard blew into the place, Matcha-filled coffee mug in hand, apologizing for any tardiness. The father of two, a 2

year-old and a 4-year-old, had been up all night with his youngest and was dealing with a hot water heater replacement while his wife, actress Kristen Bell, was out of town.

"People don't usually bring their own Matcha in here, do they?" Shepard asked the barista, who just shook her head "no." Shepard laughed and ordered another.

At 42, Shepard has a few writing and directing credits to his name, including "Brother's Justice" and "Hit and Run," but he's no doubt more widely known for his acting in films like "Idiocracy" and television shows like "Punk'd" and "Parenthood." He didn't have any delusions of his own star power to actually open a film. When he pitched his modern vision for "CHiPs," he actually assumed the studio would go with a proven star like Chris Pratt or Channing Tatum for Jon Baker.

But Warner Bros. liked Shepard, and his plan to cast Michael Pena as Ponch, and they got the green light. For one, Shepard is an economical director. "Brother's Justice" cost \$5,000 to make and "Hit and Run" cost \$1 million. They also had the intellectual property cushion on their side.

"I could have never gone to a studio and said, 'Hey here's this original comedy called 'Bonkers for Motorcycles' and it's me and Michael Pena and we need \$25 million.' They would have never done it. I knew if I were going to get any movie made it was going to have to be within a brand or a property that provided the studio with some insurance," Shepard said. "And then I get to make a completely original movie that just has the known title in it."

From there, Shepard got to make the action comedy he's felt has been missing from cinemas

in the past 15 years — one that doesn't treat the action as a throwaway.

"I see pretty big budget action movies where there's a lot of cheating going on," he said. "I just get bored when I watch computer generated battles in movies. I've walked out of more movies in the last five years than I have my whole life."

Shepard took pains to do everything practically, from the motorcycle stunts to blowing up propane tanks. With the exception of one small shot, nothing in the film is digital.

Andrew Panay, who produced "CHiPs," said Shepard is an "incredibly gifted filmmaker," whose clear vision and kindness permeates the set. He's also deft choreographer of action sequences.

"Everything is about timing and you can't really mess up when you're blowing up cars and splitting trailers in half...you have one shot to get it and you better get it," Panay said.

Getting the right mix of action and comedy wasn't all Shepard had to balance. As the screenwriter, Shepard also tried to infuse a little bit of his own social consciousness into the script. There's an ongoing thread where Ponch is repulsed by the thought of touching a naked man and the two debate whether or not that's homophobic.

"I love talking about stuff in an apologetic way. I have a unique opportunity because I have a very male, motorsports fan base to bring these things up in a way that's not preachy," Shepard said. "We're always going to be making race jokes, sexuality jokes, those jokes are never going away. That's what comedians do. So the fun challenge is how do you do it that's appropriate to 2017? That's a big juggling act."

Colin Dexter, creator of Inspector Morse, dies at 86

LONDON (AP) — Colin Dexter, the unassuming British writer who created curmudgeonly, music-loving Oxford detective Inspector Morse, has died aged 86.

Publisher Pan Macmillan said Dexter died Tuesday at his home in Oxford, southern England.

Macmillan publisher Jeremy Trevathan said Dexter "represented the absolute epitome of British crime writing."

"With Colin's death there has been a tectonic shift in the international crime writing scene," he said.

Crime writer Ian Rankin tweeted that Dexter was "a gentle man with a steel mind; and the creator of such an iconic character."

Born in 1930 in Stamford, central England, Dexter studied classics at Cambridge University and became a teacher, examiner and textbook author before turning to fiction. He began writing a detective novel to help pass the time during a wet vacation in Wales.

"Last Bus to Woodstock," published in 1975, introduced Morse, a detective with a love of real ale, classical music and crosswords — and for a long time, no first name, at least not one disclosed to readers.

In the 1996 novel "Death is Now My Neighbor" his given name was revealed to be

Endeavour.

Morse, accompanied by the trustworthy Sgt. Lewis, solved murders and mysteries in the ancient English university city in 13 novels until Dexter killed him off in "The Remorseful Day" in 1999.

Some fans were distraught to see Morse go.

"I get letters from people who are very fed up and say they are not going to forgive me," Dexter said the following year. "But he's been with me for 27 years and I'm going to miss him more than anybody."

Dexter shared his hero's affection for good beer, classical music and crossword puzzles, but by all accounts lacked his prickly nature.

Maria Rejt, Dexter's editor at Macmillan, said he would be remembered for "his loyalty, modesty and self-deprecating humor."

"His was the sharpest mind and the biggest heart, and his wonderful novels and stories will remain a testament to both," Rejt said.

Dexter acknowledged that his characters would be "a miserable sod if you took him to a pub."

"He would never pay for a beer, which would rank in many people's minds as a worse sin than adultery," the writer told the Associated Press in 1997.

But, Dexter added, "he has

many likable traits. He has got a sense of justice and fair play. I think he's vulnerable and sensitive."

Morse was played — to perfection, in the eyes of many — by the late John Thaw in a successful TV version that ran from 1987 to 2000. Dexter made uncredited cameo appearances in many of the 33 episodes, which fans took delight in spotting.

He continued the practice in two television spinoffs: "Lewis," which centered on Morse's former sidekick; and "Endeavour," which showed the beginning of Morse's career in the 1960s.

Kevin Lygo, director of television at broadcaster ITV, said the network "is very grateful to Colin for bringing so much joy to the audience over the years, and the world of Inspector E. Morse will live forever."

In 2000, Dexter was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to literature.

He said at the time that if Morse really existed, he "would probably say to me, 'Well, you didn't do me too bad a service in your writing.'"

"He might say, 'I wish you'd made me a slightly less miserable blighter and slightly more generous, and you could have painted me in a little bit of a better light.'"

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In Their Opinion

Michigan must expand interlock requirements

In the past year, 2,182 Michigan drivers were prevented from driving drunk by interlock devices installed on their vehicles, according to an annual report from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

If that sounds like a lot, consider that interlock devices stopped 37,299 drunken driving attempts in Wisconsin last year, 15,107 in Iowa, 6,156 in Illinois and 10,245 in Arizona. The difference is not because those states have more drunken drivers. The difference is that Michigan's drunken driving and interlock law could stand substantial improvement.

In 28 states, anyone convicted of drunken driving is ordered to install an interlock device for some period of time, from a few months to as long as a year. Other states require the devices, which prevent a vehicle from starting unless the driver blows an alcohol-free breath through it first, only for repeat offenders and some mandate them for only the worst offenders.

Michigan falls into the latter category. Here, only the super-drunks are ordered to fit their vehicles with ignition interlock devices. Tommy Taylor, of Novi, had a blood alcohol level of 0.175 when he was arrested for the death of bicyclist Timothy Tacie. His blood alcohol level exceeded the 0.17 limit of Michigan's interlock device law.

Drivers are considered drunk in Michigan and most other states when they have a blood alcohol level less than half that, 0.08 percent. In 28 states, that charge would require the driver to install an interlock device. Credit for the laws in those states goes both to compassionate lawmakers and to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

When MADD started its interlock campaign a decade ago, only New Mexico required interlocks for all drunken drivers. The group has pushed other states to adopt the same policy. Michigan is one of the states lagging behind.

MADD says Michigan needs to catch up by:
—Enacting an all-offender interlock law that would apply to everyone who fails the 0.08 standard, including those who plead to lesser charges;
—Allowing devices after arrest and not waiting for conviction; and
—Mandating them for drivers who refuse breath tests.

Michigan lawmakers can prevent tragedies and make our streets safer with an all-offender interlock law.
—*Times Herald (Port Huron)*

How pundits got key part of Trump-Russia story all wrong

A key talking point in the theory that Donald Trump and the Russians conspired in the 2016 election is the allegation that last summer, during the Republican convention, the Trump campaign changed the GOP platform to weaken its stance on Russia's aggression in Ukraine.

It's been cited by Democrats and anti-Trump pundits many, many times. The only problem is, it's all wrong.

The reason it's wrong is this: To allege that the platform was weakened, you have to know what it was in the first place. What did the original draft of the platform say about Russia and Ukraine? Was it, in fact, changed? If so, how?

As it turns out, a look at the original draft of the platform — which has never been released publicly — shows that it always had tough language on Russian aggression in Ukraine. And not only did that language stay in the final platform — nothing was taken out — it was actually strengthened, not weakened, as a result of events at the convention.

The controversy is over a chapter in the original platform headlined "America Resurgent." The original draft discussed Russia and Ukraine in two parts of the chapter. The first passage warned of "a resurgent Russia occupying parts of Ukraine and threatening neighbors from the Baltic to the Caucasus."

The second passage was more expansive and began by noting a desire to maintain a friendship with "the people of Russia." But better relations are made more difficult, the draft said, by "the continuing erosion of personal liberty and fundamental rights under the current officials in the Kremlin":

"Repressive at home and reckless abroad, their policies imperil the nations which regained their self-determination upon the collapse of the Soviet Union. We will meet the return of Russian belligerence with the same resolve that led to the collapse of the Soviet Union. We will not accept any territorial change in Eastern Europe imposed by force, in Ukraine or elsewhere, and will use all appropriate measures to bring to justice the practitioners of aggression and assassination."

That wasn't exactly a pro-Russia or pro-

Byron York



Putin statement. And it stayed in the final Republican platform.

So how did the Trump-weakened-the-GOP-platform narrative get started? It appears it was unwittingly set in motion by a single Republican delegate, a Texas woman long active in GOP politics named Diana Denman, who proposed to add a couple of paragraphs to toughen the original platform's position on Ukraine. This is the key part of her proposed amendment:

"The Ukrainian people deserve our admiration and support in their struggle, and in their efforts to strengthen the rule of law, forge a free market economy, and expand democratic governance. We therefore support maintaining (and, if warranted, increasing) sanctions against Russia until Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity are fully restored. We also support providing lethal defensive weapons to Ukraine's armed forces and greater coordination with NATO on defense planning. Simultaneously, we call for increased financial aid for Ukraine, as well as greater assistance in the economic and humanitarian spheres, including government reform and anti-corruption."

When Denman proposed her amendment, a Trump national security aide named J.D. Gordon, who was in the room, wanted to edit it. According to Denman, Gordon got on the phone, saying he was calling "New York" to discuss the changes.

The end result was that at the behest of the Trump campaign, the platform committee took out the reference to "lethal defensive weapons." But it approved her statement of support for maintaining, and possibly increasing, sanctions against Russia, and, in

the place of lethal aid, substituted a pledge to provide "appropriate assistance to the armed forces of Ukraine" and to work more closely with NATO. Here is the final language that was added to the platform as a result of Denman's amendment:

"We support maintaining and, if warranted, increasing sanctions, together with our allies, against Russia unless and until Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity are fully restored. We also support providing appropriate assistance to the armed forces of Ukraine and greater coordination with NATO defense planning."

"The platform ended up tougher than it started, compared from the beginning to the end," Denman told me, although she added she still believes her lethal aid provision should have been included in the final document.

Nevertheless, not long after the platform subcommittee meeting, The Washington Post published a story headlined, "Trump campaign guts GOP's anti-Russia stance on Ukraine." It charged that Trump had weakened the platform, and a new conventional wisdom began to form: The Trump team, doing the bidding of Vladimir Putin, gutted the GOP platform's position on behalf of Russia.

That is precisely the opposite of what happened. In the end, the platform, already fairly strong on the Russia-Ukraine issue, was strengthened, not weakened, as a result of the subcommittee meeting. The Trump campaign agreed to a platform condemning Kremlin belligerence, calling for continued, and perhaps increased, sanctions against Russia, for the full restoration of Ukrainian territory, for refusing to accept "any territorial change in Eastern Europe imposed by force, in Ukraine or elsewhere," and pledging to aid Ukraine's armed forces.

The bottom line is that almost nothing in the Trump-weakened-the-GOP-platform narrative is as it seems. Whatever the full story of Trump and Russia in the 2016 campaign turns out to be, it will only be revealed by examining what actually happened, not by repeating talking points.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press Today's Highlight in History

On March 22, 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies, which fiercely resisted the tax. (The Stamp Act was repealed a year later.)

On this date

In 1638, religious dissident Anne Hutchinson was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for defying Puritan orthodoxy.

In 1894, hockey's first Stanley Cup championship game was played; home team Montreal defeated Ottawa, 3-1.

In 1929, a U.S. Coast Guard vessel sank a Canadian-registered schooner, the *I'm Alone*, which was suspected of carrying bootleg liquor, in the Gulf of Mexico.

In 1933, during Prohibition, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

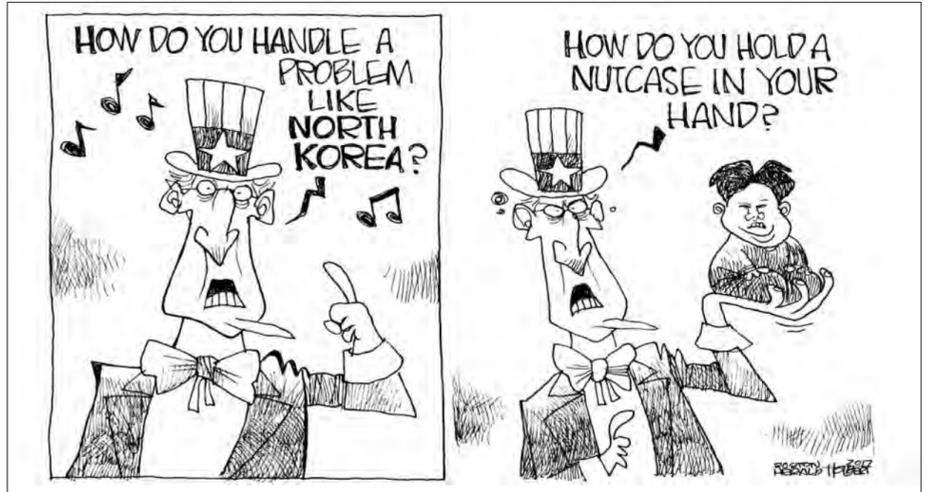
In 1941, the Grand Coulee hydroelectric dam in Washington state officially went into operation.

In 1958, movie producer Mike Todd, the husband of actress Elizabeth Taylor, and three other people, were killed in the crash of Todd's private plane near Grants, New Mexico.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson named Gen. William C. Westmoreland to be the U.S. Army's new Chief of Staff.

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotel towers in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In 1987, a garbage barge, carrying 3,200 tons of refuse, left Islip, New York, on a six-month journey in search of a place to unload. (The



barge was turned away by several states and three other countries until space was found back in Islip.)

In 1991, high school instructor Pamela Smart, accused of recruiting her teenage lover and his friends to kill her husband, Gregory, was convicted in Exeter, New Hampshire, of murder-conspiracy and being an accomplice to murder and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

In 1992, 27 people were killed when a USAir Fokker F-28 jetliner bound for Cleveland crashed on takeoff from New York's LaGuardia Airport; 24 people survived.

In 1997, Tara Lipinski, at age 14 years and 10 months, became the youngest ladies' world figure skating champion in Lausanne, Switzerland.

One year ago: Capping a remarkable visit to Cuba, President Barack Obama sat beside President Raul Castro at a baseball game between Cuba's national team and the Tampa Bay Rays (the Rays won,

4-1); Obama left the game early to fly to Argentina for a state visit there. Suicide bombers attacked the Brussels airport and subway system, killing 32 people. Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton padded their delegate troves with victories in Arizona; Democratic challenger Bernie Sanders won caucuses in Utah and Idaho and Republican Ted Cruz claimed his party's caucuses in Utah. Death claimed Rob Ford, the troubled former mayor of Toronto, at age 46; actress Rita Gam at age 88; and rapper Phife Dawg at age 45.

Today's Birthdays

Composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim is 87. Evangelist broadcaster Pat Robertson is 87. Actor William Shatner is 86. Senate President Pro Tempore Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, is 83. Actor M. Emmet Walsh is 82. Actor-singer Jeremy Clyde is 76. Singer-guitarist George Benson is 74. Writer James Patterson is 70. CNN newscaster Wolf Blitzer is 69. Composer

Andrew Lloyd Webber is 69. Actress Fanny Ardant is 68. Sportscaster Bob Costas is 65. Country singer James Houser is 62. Actress Lena Olin is 62. Singer-actress Stephanie Mills is 60. Actor Matthew Modine is 58. Country musician Tim Beeler is 49. Actor-comedian Keegan-Michael Key is 46. Actor Will Yun Lee ("Hawaii Five-0") is 46. Olympic silver medal figure skater Elvis Stokko is 45. Actor Guillermo Diaz is 42. Actress Anne Dudek is 42. Actor Cole Hauser is 42. Actress Kellie Williams is 41. Actress Reese Witherspoon is 41. Rock musician John Otto (Limp Bizkit) is 40. Actress Tiffany Dupont is 36. Rapper Mims is 36. Actress Constance Wu is 35. Actor James Wolk is 32. Rock musician Lincoln Parish (Cage the Elephant) is 27.

Thought for Today

"Kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve." — Joseph Joubert, French moralist (1754-1824).

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Mercer

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where you have to deliver (products) to," Kichak said, adding the town may need to rely on local entrepreneurs.

Schmidt said he has contacted national politicians who are willing to help attract business.

"They want their area to grow and I want Mercer to grow," Schmidt said. "They said they'll help Mercer to do the best they can to get businesses in here."

Stenberg argued he has talked to the representatives in the past and they haven't been helpful. He said there were two primary problems with getting businesses to relocate to Mercer — the lack of a significant local workforce and the shipping costs associated with locating to the town.

"So if we're going to put people in (the industrial park), it's going to have to be a product from this area," Stenberg said. "We're constantly looking, but everybody wants business in their town. It's difficult (to attract them), we've tried a lot of different things."

Thompson said it seems like businesses have always struggled in Mercer; and as there are workforce issues, thinking smaller may be key.

"My idea (for the park) is probably more a service — like cutting grass or cutting trees — a business like that, and hoping they'll hire one or two people," Thompson said. He added while attracting businesses was worth the effort, the payoff was uncertain.

Toward the end of the event, the candidates were asked about moving forward and their visions for Mercer's future.

Schmidt focused on developing the motorized and non-motorized trail systems.

"If we expand on those, we'll bring more people in," he said. "Like I said earlier, (Manitowish Waters) and Winchester are

planning on adding ATVs to their areas. If we can link up with them, Mercer will no longer be a dead end."

Stenberg said it was important to listen to why people come to the area.

"I talked to people from Springfield, Ill., and from St. Louis, Mo. They come up here because they love it here — they love the trails, they love the land, they love the people," Stenberg said.

Thompson seconded expanded ATV trails and maintaining the town's recent progress.

"The main thing is, I hope (to) maintain what we have with the silent sports and just keep things the way they are — (keep) things beautiful the way they are now," Thompson said. "This town has come a long way since I was a kid."

Sendra painted a picture of Mercer growing into a destination for tourists.

"I just want you to think — Aspen, Col., wasn't always a hotspot for the rich, it might have been a Mercer at one time; with people trying to develop it and grow it into something great," Sendra said. "I truly believe our environment is unique and beautiful and, accordingly, maybe one day we'll be like an Aspen."

Kichak talked of his love for the town and its residents.

"When I talk to people that move here, you know what they tell me — 'The people are so good. They'll help you out, they'll do anything for you,'" Kichak said. "When I was a kid and there was a house that burnt down; two days later in the front yard there were all kinds of clothes, food and everything else. That's what you call a good community."

Following the question period, each candidate was given time to make a brief closing pitch to voters.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 4 as town voters decide which three of the five candidates will represent them.

Ontonagon honors former member with moment of silence

By JAN TUCKER jantuck@jamadots.com

ONTONAGON — The meeting of the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners started on a solemn note Tuesday, with a moment of silence in memory of long time commissioner and chairman of the board John Pelkola. Pelkola died last month and had served on the board until the January meeting.

The importance of a weather observation system at the Ontonagon Airport was stressed by Airport Manager Margo Anderson, along with letters of support from several governmental agencies. Anderson noted letters from Ontonagon and Rockland townships, the village of Ontonagon, Natural Resource Commission and Lake Shore Systems all cited the advantage of an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS III).

Anderson noted that the federal government allots \$150,000 a year for airport improvements and the AWOS would provide an array of benefits including emergency services, tourism and recreation travel convenience and an incentive to business. Alan Ralph, a member of the Ontonagon EDC and Downtown Development Authority, also noted the importance of the AWOS system to the county. He said things are moving and some positive changes are in the works. He added the groups are working with Lake Shore Systems to open a "chunk of beach

property" and other amenities for Ontonagon County. "The weather equation is a big piece of this," he said. Chairman Carl Nykanen suggested that Anderson get support letters from all the townships of the county for the proposal.

Mike Yon, of the Ojibway Correctional Facility in Marinso, detailed for the board the importance of its existence in the area. He noted the facilities contains 1,088 inmates with a budget of \$23 million with \$22 million in wages and benefits. There are 21 staff members, many from Ontonagon County, and 11 vacancies. The inmates provide services to many groups around the area. In Ontonagon County they have done work at Camp Josh, Porcupine Mountains and OCAP. Yon said he wanted the board to know about the work of OCF which has been a "valued member of the local communities for several decades."

Auditor, Susan Sanford, presented a draft of the county audit, noting it will be final by March 31. She noted that the government now requires all audits to include future pension liability. This would include what the county would have to pay to pensioners if it went out of business and had to pay them all out at once. The liability is a large one, she said. She noted the county has a good balance that went up in the past fiscal year.

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Fire

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agreement to support each other when firefighters enter a burning building. The response team is on standby in the event a firefighter goes down inside a burning building.

Jennifer Jacobson, a member of the Wakefield VFD, said in response to concerns the homeowner had regarding incurring a fee for the call, "You are not going to get a bill. We do not want anyone to not call because of a fear of a charge."

The VFD is supported by donations and volunteers, with some municipal dollars for the building.

Petition

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a K-12 building. The district is proposing the renovations as its preferred alternative to consoli-

dated. McDonald said Monday night the group decided to hold off filing the petition to avoid blame if the bond proposal fails and it would likely resume efforts to put consolidation on the ballot for the November election.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Ian Minielly/Daily Globe

THE SPECIAL Olympics team in the Gogebic Ontonagon area has athletes from 8-84 on its roster competing. Marilyn Karling, left, is the oldest team member locally at 84. On the right Barb Siira, director, has been leading and fundraising for the local team since 1972 and is not stopping anytime soon.

Bowling

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Siira focuses on letter writing campaigns to raise awareness, while different area service groups, the ARC organization, and private businesses like Larry's Lucky Strikes come together to help generate money to support the athletes. Siira said the Ironwood JROTC does a lot of volunteering, as does the Key Club in Bessemer with some kids from

Wakefield stepping up when available too.

Recent local athletes have travelled the world to compete on volunteer time and charitable dollars.

Barney Hinch competed in Princeton, New Jersey in the Track and Field World Games.

Fred Broemer competed at Duke, North Carolina in the World Summer Games.

Christine Smith competed in Utah at the Winter World Games.

Brittney Sordahl traveled to Alaska for the World Games.

Ted Ketola went all the way to

China and spent two weeks at the World Games.

All of this travel costs a significant amount of money. Siira said when she put on the Facebook machine their need to raise money to send Ketola to China, she received money from Yoopers all over the country that wanted to support the Special Olympics and Yooper athletes.

One of the big fundraisers for the Special Olympics locally happens in September when people from all over the Upper Peninsula come together over two days to play golf and bocci ball.

MDNR updates fatality report

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has updated its snowmobile fatality report for the winter season to include a Houghton County death on Feb. 10.

There have been five fatal snowmobile accidents in the

state this winter, compared to 24 a year ago, according to the DNR.

The DNR previously listed no Upper Peninsula fatalities, but the latest revision last Friday includes the Houghton County crash where a 57-year-old

Rochester Hills snowmobiler struck a tree on Trail 3 in Houghton County's Adams Township around 3:30 a.m.

The initial report said the victim was impaired by alcohol and speed was also a factor.

—Ralph Ansami

Missing Michigan 16-year-old located

Michigan State Police said a missing 16-year-old Lower Peninsula girl has been found safe at Iowa State University.

Campus police located Joy Dene Martin early Monday

evening on the campus in Ames, Iowa.

She had left her home in Fenville Saturday after befriending an individual on the Internet, police said. They believe she may have taken a bus out of the state.

Police said they were working

with university officials on the continuing investigation.

MSP Lt. Ron Gromak said the incident points out how important it is for parents to stay informed about the electronic media that their children use.

UP suspects identified

LAKE LINDEN — The four men who were arrested in a heroin bust last Thursday in Lake Linden have been charged in Houghton County District Court.

The Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team searched a home on Calumet Street where the men were living. There they seized a small amount of heroin, cash and a loaded shotgun.

Breon Garner, 25, of Detroit, is charged with delivery or manufacture of a controlled substance.

Willie Nelson, 48, of Lake Linden, is charged with maintaining a drug house and a felony firearms charge.

Andre Walker, 26, of Warren, and Taiwon Jenkins, 25, of Eastpointe, are charged with misdemeanor loitering at an illegal business.

Owners can permanently shield forest land from development

LANSING (AP) — Michigan officials are taking applications from owners of forest land who would like to enroll their property in a program that shields it permanently from development.

Michigan's Forest Legacy Program uses federal and matching funds to protect environmentally important woodlands in certain areas.

That could mean buying the property and converting it to public ownership. Other arrangements involve leaving the land in private hands and paying the owner to make sure it stays protected.

Some owners might also get tax benefits for limiting the future use of their property.

Kerry Wieber of the Department of Natural Resources says the legacy program is important for preserving wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

Applications are due by June 16. Additional information is posted online.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (CW, CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX, PBS, HSN, TWC, etc.) listing their respective programs.

Record

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Feb. 27, Jamie M. Pannunzio, 36, Ironwood, child abuse, fourth degree, four months of jail-suspended, credit for 32 days served with 18 days left to serve, \$465.

Mar. 13, Carl Ernest Quackenbush, 28, Copper Harbor, Operating while intoxicated and driving with license suspended/revoked, \$1,375.

Mar. 13, Austin Arthur Hamm, 23, Ironwood, assault and battery, credit for 30 days served, \$375.

Mar. 13, Jason Robert Tribolet, 36, Ironwood, attempted sex offenders-failure to register, credit for 2 days served, \$525.

Mar. 13, Andrew James Fisk, 36, Watersmeet, failure to report snowmobile accident, \$125.

Mar. 13, Elyssa Marie Nasi, 23, Hurley, lying to a peace officer, \$425.

Mar. 13, Sara Barker, 23, Ironwood, larceny, less than \$200, \$425.

Mar. 13, Gary Grizt Eder, 32, Ironwood, driving with license suspended, \$525.

Mar. 13, Timothy Lee Aho, 49, Ironwood, driving while license suspended, \$525.

Mar. 14, Gene Eric Anderson, 57, Ironwood, domestic violence, second offense, credit for 30 days served, \$925.

Man drowns in Lake Superior

ASHLAND, Wis. — A 55-year old Ashland man drowned in Lake Superior over the weekend, according to the Ashland County Sheriff's Department.

Ronald Werchowski was reported overdue from walking his dog near the Kreher Park area Saturday evening.

A caller reported finding items belonging to Werchowski at the park and several holes in the ice near shore.

The body was recovered around 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

No foul play was suspected.

The dog made it home unharmed.

Lottery

Table listing lottery results for Michigan (Tuesday) and Wisconsin (Wisconsin) including various game names and winning numbers.

Obituaries

Rev. Norman E. Kangas

WOLF LAKE, Minn. — Rev. Norman E. Kangas, 83, a long-time resident and pastor in Ironwood, Mich., and Kimball, Wis., peacefully entered the presence of the Lord on Sunday evening, Feb. 26, 2017, at his home near Wolf Lake.

Norman was born on Nov. 14, 1933, to Edwin and Linne Kangas at his grandfather Kangas' farm near Wolf Lake. He attended country schools and graduated from the high school in Frazee.

On Dec. 1, 1953, Norman entered the U.S. Army. Following his honorable discharge in 1955, he enrolled at Bemidji State University.

On Sept. 8, 1956, Norman was united in marriage to Shirley M. Koskiniemi at the Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran Church near Wolf Lake. Shortly thereafter, Norman and Shirley moved to Fairbanks, Alaska. In 1959, they returned to Minnesota to operate a supermarket in Osage.

In 1963, Norman resumed his studies at Bemidji State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business education. In 1970, Norman entered Inter-Lutheran Seminary in Minneapolis, graduating in 1973. He accepted a call to minister in Ironwood. Norman ministered in the Apostolic Lutheran Faith in Ironwood and Kimball for over 40 years.

Norman will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Shirley, of 60 years; his five daughters, Rene (Rick) Durkee, of Winchester, N.H., Roslyn (Mark) Mitchell, of Anchorage, Alaska, Robin (Steve) Estola, of Hurley, Wis., Andrea (Chris) Raasio, of Hancock, Mich., and Amber (Philip) Impola, of Wellford, S.C.; 26 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, and two brothers.

View services at sprucegroveaic.org.



Rev. Norman E. Kangas
1933 — 2017

William L. 'Bill' Vaughan

HURLEY, Wis. — William L. "Bill" Vaughan, 72, of Hurley, passed away on Monday, March 20, 2017, at his home.

He was born April 8, 1944, in Palatine, Ill., the son of the late Anna (Mecklenberg) Vaughan.

Bill spent the majority of his life in Illinois. In 1967, he became the proud owner and operator of Vaughan's Broasted Chicken in Mundelein, Ill., with other satellite locations in Lake County. On Sept. 16, 1995, he married Jerrie (Lafin) Rouse in Hebron, Ill.

Following his retirement, he and Jerrie moved to Green Bay for a few years and settled in Hurley in 2006. Bill enjoyed four-wheeling, cooking and especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Bill is survived by his wife, Jerrie; his daughters, Nancy (Glen) Stevenson, of Rockwall, Texas, Elizabeth (Joseph) Ambrose, of Hainesville, Ill., Denise (Christopher) Wasik, of McHenry, Ill.; and Cindy (Jerry) Johnson, of Montreal; his son, Brian (Jill) Rouse, of Green Bay; his grandchildren, Tessa (Devan) Keesling, Jessica (Ryan) Martin, Daniel, Aiden, Carlie, Mac, Brent, Shelby, Evan and Jerzy; two sisters, JoAnne Valentine and Susie Shattuck, both of Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his mother, Bill was preceded in death by his sister, Terry Campbell.

Range Funeral Service and Crematory, Ketola-Burla Funeral Home of Ironwood is assisting the family with arrangements. To send online condolences, visit rangefuneralservices.com.



William L. "Bill" Vaughan
1944 — 2017

Betty Lou Duncan

WINCHESTER, Wis. — Betty Lou Duncan, 88, of Winchester, formerly of Monon, Ind., passed away at 7:50 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017, at Avanti Health and Rehabilitation in Minocqua.

Born April 18, 1928, to Edward and Myrtle Nomanson, she was married on June 8, 1946, to James K. Duncan, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are five children, Jerry (Anita) Duncan, Ginny (Dale) VanMeter, Linda (Rudy) Owens, Karen (Chuck) King, and Joyce (Rick) Clem; 14 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry J. Duncan and Terry A. Duncan.

She loved living in what she called "God's Country." She loved spending time with her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Wilderness Veterans Memorial Flame Foundation, P.O. Box 83, Presque Isle, WI, 54557; or the charity of your choice.

Viewing will be on Saturday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the funeral immediately following, at Sheets Funeral Home, 604 East Commercial Avenue, in Lowell, Ind.

Sheets Funeral and Cremation Services (sheetsfuneral.com) of Lowell, Indiana, is serving the family.

EPA gets \$16 million for cleanup of East Chicago's Superfund site

EAST CHICAGO, Ind. (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency is preparing to begin remediation work on nearly 200 properties within a Superfund site affected by an ongoing lead contamination crisis in far northwest Indiana.

The cleanup in East Chicago will be bolstered by \$16 million the EPA secured from the parties responsible for the contamination at the 322-acre site. The site includes the city's Calumet neighborhood, where about a thousand people lived in a public housing complex.

The agency announced Monday it was readying to start remediation. EPA officials have said the 192 properties targeted for cleanup have high concentrations of lead and arsenic in the soil.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said in a statement that he and Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb agreed it was crucial to protect the well-being of people living on the Superfund site. Pruitt said his agency was "accelerating the cleanup to keep residents safe in their homes and neighborhoods."

Holcomb declared the area a disaster emergency last month, and he signed an executive order on March 10 extending the declaration another 30 days. The state is still reviewing its options to give additional resources to help East Chicago deal with the contamination crisis.

The EPA will also conduct dust testing for lead inside each home as well as thorough cleanings as needed.

The federal agency has also found lead levels exceeding drinking water standards in some East Chicago homes due to inadequate corrosion controls. Holcomb has said the state was working on finding funding for water filters for those homes.



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THIS IS a Monday, June 16, 2008 file photo of U.S. President George W. Bush, center, First Minister of Northern Ireland Peter Robinson, left, and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland Martin McGuinness, right, as they speak to reporters at Stormont Castle in Belfast. McGuinness, an IRA and Sinn Fein leader who became a minister of peacetime Northern Ireland, has died, according to UK media Tuesday.

Martin McGuinness, IRA leader turned peacemaker, dies at 66

DUBLIN (AP) — Martin McGuinness took up arms to fight British soldiers in the streets but ended up shaking hands with Queen Elizabeth II. A militant who long sought to unify Ireland through violence, he became a peacemaking politician who earned the respect, and even the friendship, of his former enemies.

McGuinness, who died Tuesday at 66, was an Irish Republican Army commander who led the paramilitary movement toward reconciliation with Britain and went on to serve as Northern Ireland's deputy first minister for a decade in a Catholic-Protestant power-sharing unity government.

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who worked with McGuinness to forge Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord, said "there will be some who cannot forget the bitter legacy of the war. And for those who lost loved ones in it, that is completely understandable."

"But for those of us able finally to bring about the Northern Ireland peace agreement, we know we could never have done it without Martin's leadership, courage and quiet insistence that the past should not define the future," Blair said.

McGuinness' Sinn Fein party said he died in a hospital in his hometown of Londonderry following a short illness.

McGuinness suffered from amyloidosis, a rare disease with a strain specific to Ireland's northwest. The chemotherapy required to combat the formation of organ-choking protein deposits sapped him of his strength and forced the once-indefatigable politician to start missing government appointments. He stepped down from front-line politics in January.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said McGuinness was "a passionate republican who worked tirelessly for peace and reconciliation and for the re-unification of his country."

Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny said McGuinness "will always be remembered for the remarkable political journey that

he undertook in his lifetime. Not only did Martin come to believe that peace must prevail, he committed himself to working tirelessly to that end."

But some who suffered at the hands of the IRA could not forgive.

Former British government minister Norman Tebbit, whose wife was paralyzed by an IRA bombing of a Brighton hotel in 1984, said he hoped that McGuinness was "parked in a particularly hot and unpleasant corner of hell for the rest of eternity."

McGuinness' transformation into a peacemaker was remarkable. As a senior IRA commander during the years of gravest Catholic-Protestant violence, he insisted that Northern Ireland must be forced out of the United Kingdom against the wishes of Protestants in Northern Ireland. "We don't believe that winning elections and any amount of votes will bring freedom in Ireland," he told the BBC in 1986. "At the end of the day, it will be the cutting edge of the IRA that will bring freedom."

Yet within a few years of making that stubborn vow, McGuinness was involved in covert contacts with British intelligence that led eventually to a truce, inter-party talks and the installation of the IRA icon in the heart of Northern Ireland's government.

Irish Times columnist Fintan O'Toole argued in January 2017 that McGuinness had been "a mass killer — during his period of membership and leadership the IRA killed 1,781 people, including 644 civilians — whose personal amiability has been essential to the peace process."

"If he were not a ruthless and unrepentant exponent of violence, he would never have become such a key figure in bringing violence to an end," O'Toole said.

Unlike his close ally Adams, McGuinness never hid the fact that he had been a commander of the IRA — classed as a terrorist organization by the British, Irish and U.S. governments. Nor could he.

Born on May 23, 1950, he joined the breakaway Provision-

al IRA faction in his native Londonderry — simply Derry to Irish nationalists — after dropping out of high school and working as an apprentice butcher in the late 1960s. At the time, the Catholic civil rights movement faced increasing conflict with the province's Protestant government and police.

He rose to become Derry's deputy IRA commander by age 21 as "Provo" bombs systematically wrecked the city center. Soldiers found it impossible to pass IRA road barricades erected in McGuinness' Bogside power base.

McGuinness appeared unmasked at early Provisional IRA press conferences. The BBC filmed him walking through the Bogside discussing how the IRA command structure worked and stressing his concern to minimize civilian casualties, an early sign of public relations savvy.

In 1972, during Northern Ireland's bloodiest year, McGuinness joined Adams in a six-man IRA delegation flown by the British government to London for secret face-to-face negotiations during a brief truce. Those talks went nowhere. McGuinness went back on the run until his arrest in the Republic of Ireland near a car loaded with 250 pounds of explosives and 4,750 rounds of ammunition.

During one of his two Dublin trials for IRA membership, McGuinness declared from the dock he was "a member of the Derry Brigade of the IRA and I'm very, very proud of it."

Historians and security analysts agree that McGuinness was promoted to the IRA's ruling army council following his November 1974 parole from prison and would have overseen many of the group's most spectacular and divisive attacks. These included bomb attacks on London tourist spots and the use of "human bombs" — civilian employees like cooks and cleaners at British security installations — who were forced to drive car bombs to their places of work that were detonated by remote control before they could raise the alarm.

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The county commission approved the continuance of the current tax processing agreement between the county, townships and village for a period of three years. All the townships are included, except Interior, which processes its own taxes.

In other action: —The board appointed Cathy Wainio, Ewen, to the County Planning Commission.

—The board approved the Sheriff's annual operating plan with the Ottawa National Forest and the Annual ORV Law Enforcement Agreement.

—The board heard from Pat Kitzman about what he called "abuse of court procedure."

—The board tabled a request from Mi-Trale for support in requesting the DNR consider opening the Lake Gogebic State Park to ORV operation until they learn more about it.

No promises and no one above law, Supreme Court pick says



MR. FRANKEN

SENATE JUDICIARY Committee member Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn. listens as Supreme Court Justice nominee Neil Gorsuch, foreground, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, during his confirmation hearing before the committee.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch declared Tuesday he's made no promises to Donald Trump or anyone else about how he'll vote on abortion or other issues and testified he'll have no trouble as a justice holding anyone accountable, including the president who picked him.

Gorsuch also called Trump's attacks on federal judges "disheartening" and "demoralizing."

During the long second day of his Senate confirmation hearings, Gorsuch made two other notable statements in response to questions from members of the Judiciary Committee, and both also related to Trump, who nominated him.

Republican Lindsey Graham of South Carolina asked Gorsuch whether Trump had asked him to overturn Roe v. Wade, the case establishing a right to abortion, and what he would have done

had Trump asked him to do so.

"Senator, I would have walked out the door," Gorsuch replied. "That's not what judges do." Later in the day, Gorsuch acknowledged that he and Trump discussed abortion during his Supreme Court interview, but only how divisive an issue it is. Their conversation touched on abortion, Gorsuch said, after Trump bemoaned his loss of Gorsuch's native Colorado in November.

When Vermont Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy asked Gorsuch if a president is free to ignore laws on national security grounds, Gorsuch replied that "nobody is above the law in this country, and that includes the president of the United States."

Some Democratic senators who are not on the Judiciary Committee called for a pause in the confirmation process after

FBI Director James Comey said Monday that the bureau is investigating Russian meddling in last year's election and potential ties between Trump associates and Russia.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren said on Twitter that while the investigation continues, "lifetime court appointments can wait."

Judiciary Committee chairman Chuck Grassley dismissed the idea as ridiculous.

On a day mostly devoid of drama, Gorsuch batted away Democrats' efforts to get him to reveal his views on abortion, guns and other controversial issues, insisting he keeps "an open mind for the entire process" when he makes rulings. His comments were similar in response to questions from majority Republicans as they tried to help him highlight his neutrality in the face of Democratic attempts

to link him to Trump.

The abortion question was especially pointed because Trump himself has insisted he would appoint "pro-life justices" who would vote to overturn the 1973 Roe decision.

Gorsuch likewise wouldn't comment on litigation over Trump's efforts to ban travel to the U.S. by people from some mainly Muslim countries. He did, however, say publicly what he had previously told senators in private about Trump's attacks on judges who ruled against him on that issue.

"When anyone criticizes the honesty and integrity or the motives of a federal judge, I find that disheartening. I find that demoralizing," he said.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, the Connecticut Democrat, asked, "Including the president?"

"Anyone is anyone," Gorsuch replied.

Three UP players make Class C All-State team

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Malik "Mighty Mouse" Ellison received a FaceTime call on the night of Feb. 28.

The 5-foot-8, 155-pound Beecher point guard was fresh off an emotional high of dropping a Flint area record 63 points and 11 assists, in a thrilling 108-104 triple-overtime loss to New Haven for the season finale.

He immediately answered the call when former Beecher star and Iowa State floor general Monte Morris hit him up.

At that point, Ellison was averaging nearly 27 points per game with only one offer from Division II Northwood University.

"I told him that Michigan State missed out on me doing the same thing they are doing to you, but you've just got to keep grinding and wait your turn," Morris explained. "People know good players. I just told him to play the waiting game and when you do get that offer just make people pay for it."

Ellison took that advice and has now been voted as The Associated Press' Class C Player of the Year.

"So deserving . so satisfying. It's a relief for me," said Beecher coach Mike Williams. "I didn't want to feel like I wasn't doing my job or I wasn't doing enough for that kid. It's been an honor to coach him and to coach a kid this good after having Monte (Morris)."

Two weeks later, Ellison also picked up his first Division I offer from Eastern Michigan University after a 95-64 regional semifinal victory against Unionville-Sebewaing on March 13.

Ellison averaged 26.2 points, 5.3 assists, 4.2 steals and 3.5 rebounds in his senior season. He was astonished to learn the news of being named Player of the Year.

"It's crazy. I can't even explain it for real," Ellison said. "You dream about being an MVP or Player of the Year then you work so hard for this. I've been playing basketball since I was six and I've really never won a Player of the Year or MVP award so this is a first for me."

The 2016-17 AP All-State Basketball Team is selected by a panel of Michigan sportswriters and broadcasters.

Kylen Brown of Michigan Center, Nick Welch of Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central, Jamal Cain of Detroit Cornerstone, Victor McEwen of Burton Atherton, Carson Wonders of Iron Mountain, Dre Tuominen of Negaunee, Craig Sterk of McBain, Jack Staley of Breckenridge and Gary Solomon of Detroit Edison PSA join Ellison on the AP Class C All-State First Team.

Michigan Center's Travis Gaddy was voted Coach of the Year.

Michigan AP Class C All-State Boys Team

The 2017 Associated Press Class C basketball All-State team as selected by a panel of 10 Michigan sportswriters.

Player of the Year
Malik Ellison, Flint Beecher, Sr.

First-Team All-State

Malik Ellison, Flint Beecher, Sr.
Kylen Brown, Michigan Center, Sr.
Nick Welch, Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central, Sr.
Jamal Cain, Detroit Cornerstone, Sr.
Victor McEwen, Burton Atherton, Sr.
Carson Wonders, Iron Mountain, Sr.
Dre Tuominen, Negaunee, Sr.
Craig Sterk, McBain, Sr.
Jack Staley, Breckenridge, Sr.
Gary Solomon, Detroit Edison, Jr.

Coach of the Year

Travis Gaddy, Michigan Center

Second-Team All-State

(Nominees receiving two or more votes from the 10-member panel)
Blake Durn, Saugatuck, Sr.
Raheem Riley, Burton Bendle, Sr.
Trent Bell, Negaunee, Sr.
Cogan McCoy, Delton-Kellogg, Sr.
Blake VerBeek, Grandville Calvin Christian, Jr.
Carter Johnston, Beaverton, Sr.

Coaches

Mike Williams, Flint Beecher
Ryan Hiller, Manton

Honorable Mention

(Nominees receiving two or more votes from the 10-member panel)
Pierre Mitchell, Detroit Edison; D'Juan Seal, Detroit Pershing; Ron Hill, Detroit Pershing; Hunter Slaughter, Niles Brandywine; Riley Fairchild, North Muskegon; Jordan Roland, Flint Beecher; Dewayne Allen, Flint Hamady; Matt Mignault, New Lothrop; Nick Johnson, New Lothrop; Hunter Richardson, Byron; Hart Holmgren, Ishpeming; Caleb Hodgson, Dansville; Kaleb Barrett, Carson City-Crystal; Antoine Jones, Muskegon Heights Academy; Connor Pelham, Michigan Center; Parker Randall, Sand Creek; Jared Sloop, Adrian Madison; Harrison Gilstrap, Bath; Logan Hengesbach, Pewamo-Westphalia; Zach Yarger, Potterville; Tyler Hunt, Gobles; Zaqarius Jeffries, Bloomingdale; Rick Clark, Schoolcraft; Caleb Eustice, Schoolcraft; Nathan Karney, Quincy; William Dunn, Quincy; Logan Eling, McBain; Jayden Perry, Manton; Kane Peterson, Boyne City; Cade Peterson, Maple City Glen Lake; Xander Okerlund, Maple City Glen Lake; Benji Kuiper, Grand Rapids Covenant Christian; Ryan Schaler, Beal City; Gavin Ostrander, Breckenridge; Kaleb Keipert, Roscommon; Bryce George, Marlette; Barrett George, Marlette; Brandon Reed, Millington; Lavane Blake, Flint Beecher; Azaiyah Bell, Whittemore-Prescott.

Coaches

Mark Gainforth, Unionville-Sebewaing; Jeff Ostrander, Breckenridge; Rich Ruelas, Maple City Glen Lake; Tory VanSickle, Sand Creek.



Jason Juno/Daily Globe

MERCER'S TYLER Bianga competes in the shot put Tuesday at Lakeland Union High School. He finished in first place in the event.

4 firsts for Mercer at Lakeland

MINOCQUA, Wis. — Mercer tallied four first-place finishes at Tuesday's Lakeland indoor track-and-field meet.

Sydney Thompson set a fieldhouse record with a shot put distance of 41 feet, 3 inches. The previous record was 39-5.5.

Mercer's Tyler Bianga won the boys shot put with a mark of 45 feet, ¾ inch.

Caitlyn Hiller won the 200 hurdles.

All four boys on the Mercer team took part in the 4 by 80 relay and won it. Bianga, Joe Luloff, Jovan

Pavlovic and Tristan Woolf hadn't practiced hand-offs before the meet, but won anyway.

Girls

Team: 1. Edgar 122.5, 2. Lakeland 91, 3. Three Lakes 81, 3. Rhinelander 81, 4. Wausau Newman 56, 6. Mercer 55.5.

55 hurdles: 1. Daria Hoesly, Edgar, 9.85; 2. Caitlyn Hiller, Mercer, 10.53.

4 by 160 relay: 1. Edgar 1:36.71; 5. Mercer

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Moe-mentum: Wagner stands tall for Sweet 16-bound Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Ask Moe Wagner who he looked up to when he was younger, and suddenly the Michigan big man's fiery demeanor makes a little more sense.

"Kevin Garnett was always my biggest idol, even though our play isn't really similar. Just the way he brings intensity and energy to his team," Wagner said. "That always was something that really impressed me."

Now Wagner is providing his own emotional leadership to a Michigan team that has become one of college basketball's most remarkable stories this March.

The Wolverines have won six in a row since they were involved in a plane accident on the eve of their Big Ten Tournament opener.

After winning that conference tourney, they opened the NCAAs with victories against Oklahoma State and Louisville — with Wagner scoring 26 points in the win over Louisville that sent Michigan to the Sweet 16.

The 19-year-old Wagner is in his second season with the Wolverines. He showed some promise in 2015-16, but averaged only 8.6 minutes a game as a freshman. He's been a starter the whole way this season, teaming up with D.J. Wilson to give Michigan some unexpected production in the frontcourt.

The Wolverines entered the season with high hopes thanks to the presence of seniors Derrick Walton and Zak Irvin.

The 6-foot-11 Wagner has made them even tougher to defend. The sophomore from Berlin is averaging 12.2 points a game, and unlike Mitch McGary and Jordan Morgan — two of Michigan's top big men of the recent past — Wagner is a



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Michigan's Moritz Wagner (13) shoots over Louisville's Mangok Mathiang (12) during the first half of a second-round game Sunday in the men's NCAA college basketball tournament in Indianapolis.

threat from beyond the arc. He's made 41 percent of his 3-point attempts in 2016-17, putting even more pressure on opposing teams.

An expressive player on the court, Wagner admits he's still learning how to keep his emotions under control.

Coach John Beilein says Wagner can be hard on himself, but he has an upbeat attitude the Wolverines can appreciate.

"I don't want to rob him of his energy and his passion," Beilein said. "If you heard him in timeouts — I mean, he is really into it. And it's encouraging things he's saying."

The key for Wagner is to stay on the court. He's been whistled for 100 fouls this season — no other Michigan player has more

than 80 — and he picked up two in the first 3:11 when the Wolverines faced Oklahoma State in their NCAA Tournament opener Friday. Wagner played only 14 minutes in that frenetic game, which Michigan won 92-91.

Against Louisville in the round of 32, Wagner went 11 of 14 from the field and kept his poise after being called for his second foul late in the first half.

"He's always just been an excited guy — play hard and play with a lot of passion," Walton said. "I don't think anything has changed. I think he's just channeling it a little better."

The seventh-seeded Wolverines face third-seeded Oregon on Thursday night in a regional semifinal. Michigan has won seven in a row, a streak that began with the team's last game of the regular season.

What happened next is well documented. The day before its opening game in the conference tournament, Michigan's plane slid off the runway.

There were no serious injuries, and the Wolverines arrived in time to play. Then they won four games in four days to take the title.

Now, Michigan is two victories away from an improbable Final Four appearance. If the Wolverines actually make it that far, Wagner will be a big reason why — and he'll probably be as excited as anyone.

"One of my youth coaches actually used to say that I was somebody who, like, sees the basketball court as a stage and really enjoys it," Wagner said. "Last year, I started to understand what that actually means, and kind of embraced that this year. That's just me. I really love it. I really enjoy it."

STATE QUARTERFINAL



Rob Roos/Sault News

JASON WHITENS of North Central (30) takes the ball to the basket, while Hillman's **Brandon Banks** (20) defends during a Class D boys basketball quarterfinal at Sault High School Tuesday night. The Jets won 74-61 behind 31 points from Whitens, who went over 2,000 career points in the victory. North Central will play Southfield Christian in a state semifinal Thursday night in East Lansing. In Class C, Negaunee lost 51-49 in overtime to Manton Tuesday night.

College basketball evolving into distinctively NBA game

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Rick Pitino watched in amazement as the Michigan Wolverines made 11 second-half 3-pointers, many from well beyond the arc.

The first comparison that came to mind was the NBA's Golden State Warriors.

"The amazing thing to me is you look at the size of the players that Michigan has, and they shoot it like backcourt players. That's what's really coming on," Pitino said last weekend in Indianapolis, where the Cardinals were eliminated by Michigan.

"I made a concentrated effort this past year in our recruiting to recruit

biggs who could shoot because we don't have biggs who can shoot now."

Pitino can find the NBA's influence on just about any college game.

The shot clock has been shortened, the 3-pointer has been embraced and everyone from 5-foot-6 Keon Johnson of Winthrop to 6-foot-10 Moe Wagner of Michigan seems comfortable shooting from long range.

Scoring is up, defenses are being stretched thin and coaches are trying to adapt to change by recruiting bigger, better shooters and fewer true centers.

College basketball has its own version of small ball going these days.

The Wolverines are not small by any means, but all five starters and each of their top six scorers are capable 3-point shooters.

Disbelievers can watch Friday's 92-91, first-round victory over Oklahoma State, the game that caught Pitino's attention.

The Cardinals did a solid job in Sunday's second-round game giving up only six 3s, though Wagner's deep shot helped send Michigan to the Sweet 16 for Thursday's Midwest Regional showdown against Oregon.

Style is only part of the ongoing change.

Two years ago, the NCAA approved a 30-second shot clock and followed the NBA's lead by using timeouts called within close proximity of a media timeout as the scheduled stop. It also stripped a second-half timeout from teams.

The numbers reveal just how much and how fast things have changed.

Through the first two rounds of this year's tournament, teams are averaging 74.22 points per game.

If that average is maintained through the next four rounds, it would be the highest tourney scoring average since 1993 (74.31) and a 6.45-point per team

increase over the 2015 average (67.77 ppg).

Last year, the first with the new shot clock, teams averaged 71.85 points in tourney play.

"I like it," said Michigan coach John Beilein, whose head coaching career began before the shot clock or the 3-point line existed in college.

"I think it would be very hard to play if you didn't have shooters, though, because everybody would plug in there, and you wouldn't have anybody open."

High-scoring offenses are only part of



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MERCER'S AUBREY Schoeneman competes in the shot put Tuesday at Lakeland Union High School in Minocqua, Wis. She finished second with a distance of 32 feet, 2.5 inches.

Mercer

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(Gwen Allen, Billie Botes, Rebecca Spagnuolo, Zoe Botes) 1:50.79.
200 hurdles: 1. Caitlyn Hiller Mercer, 36.04; 2. Ella Torkelson, Mercer, 39.35.

300 dash: 1. Julianne Barkholz, Newman, 47.10; 6. Kaylee Cassiani, Mercer, 55.21.
High jump: 1. Daisy Campbell, Three Lakes, 4-4; 5. Rebecca Spagnuolo, Mercer, 4-0.
Triple jump: 1. Macey Wirkus, Edgar, 32-7.25; 6. Rebecca Spagnuolo, Mercer, 27-1.
Shot put: 1. Sydney Thompson, Mercer, 41-3; 2. Aubrey

Schoeneman, Mercer, 32-2.5; 4. Bailey Thompson, Mercer, 30-11.
Boys
Team: 1. Wausau Newman 130.5, 2. Lakeland 114.5, 3. Three Lakes 34, 4. Rhinelander 30, 5. Mercer 16.
4 by 80 relay: 1. Mercer (Tyler Bianga, Joe Luloff, Jovan Pavlovic, Tristin Woolf) 43.61.
Shot put: 1. Tyler Bianga, Mercer, 45-7.5.

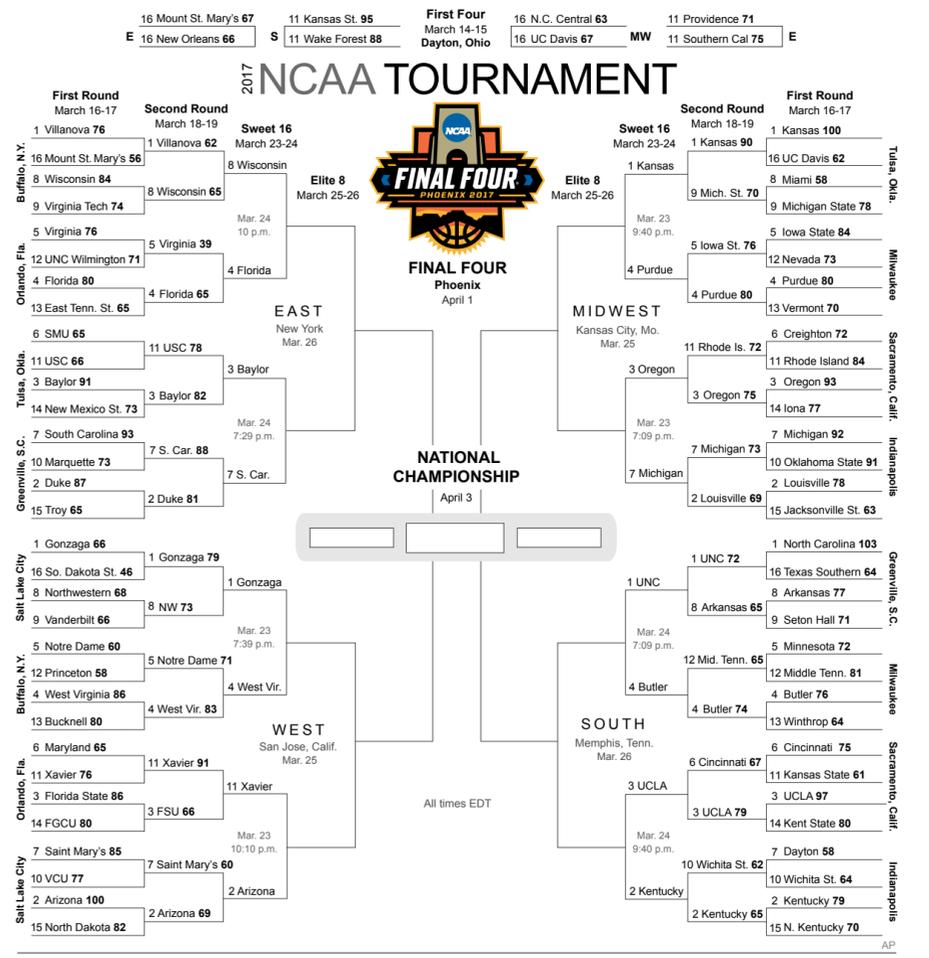
Daily Globe Scoreboard

NCAA Women's Tournament
All Times EDT
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At College Park, Md.
Maryland 103, Bucknell 61
West Virginia 75, Elon 62
Saturday, March 18
At Storrs, Conn.
UConn 116, Albany (NY) 55
Syracuse 85, Iowa State 65
At Los Angeles
UCLA 83, Boise State 56
Texas A&M 63, Penn 61
At Durham, N.C.
Oregon 71, Temple 70
Duke 94, Hampton 31
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At College Park, Md.
Maryland 83, West Virginia 56
Monday, March 20
At Storrs, Conn.
UConn 94, Syracuse 64
At Durham, N.C.
Oregon 74, Duke 65
At Los Angeles
UCLA 75, Texas A&M 43
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
At Bridgeport, Conn.
UConn (34-0) vs. UCLA (25-8)
Maryland (32-2) vs. Oregon (22-13)
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
Semifinal winners
OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At Starkville, Miss.
DePaul 88, Northern Iowa 67
Mississippi State 110, Troy 69
Saturday, March 18
At Waco, Texas
Baylor 119, Texas Southern 30
California 55, LSU 52
At Louisville, Ky.
Louisville 82, Chattanooga 62
Tennessee 66, Dayton 57
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Starkville, Miss.
Mississippi State 92, DePaul 71
Monday, March 20
At Louisville, Ky.
Louisville 75, Tennessee 64
At Seattle
Washington 108, Oklahoma 82
At Waco, Texas
Baylor 86, California 46
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
At Oklahoma City
Baylor (32-3) vs. Louisville (29-7)
Mississippi State (31-4) vs. Washington (29-5)
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners
LEXINGTON REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At South Bend, Ind.
Purdue 74, Green Bay 62
Notre Dame 79, Robert Morris 49
At Lexington, Ky.
Kentucky 73, Belmont 70
Ohio State 70, Western Kentucky 63

At Austin, Texas
NC State 62, Auburn 48
Texas 78, Central Arkansas 50
Saturday, March 18
At Manhattan, Kan.
Stanford 72, New Mexico State 62
Kansas State 67, Drake 54
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Lexington, Ky.
Ohio State 82, Kentucky 68
At Austin, Texas
Texas 84, N.C. State 80
At South Bend, Ind.
Notre Dame 88, Purdue 82, OT
Monday, March 20
At Manhattan, Kan.
Stanford 69, Kansas State 48
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
At Lexington, Ky.
Notre Dame (32-3) vs. Ohio State (28-6)
Texas (25-8) vs. Stanford (30-5)
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners
STOCKTON REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At Columbia, S.C.
South Carolina 90, UNC-Asheville 40
Arizona State 73, Michigan State 61
At Tallahassee, Fla.
Missouri 66, South Florida 64
Florida State 87, Western Illinois 66
At Corvallis, Ore.
Oregon State 56, Long Beach State 55
Creighton 76, Toledo 49
Saturday, March 18
At Coral Gables, Fla.
Quinnipiac 68, Marquette 65
Miami 62, Florida Gulf Coast 60
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Columbia, S.C.
South Carolina 71, Arizona State 68
At Tallahassee, Fla.
Florida State 77, Missouri 55
At Corvallis, Ore.
Oregon State 64, Creighton 52
Monday, March 20
At Coral Gables, Fla.
Quinnipiac 85, Miami 78
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
At Stockton, Calif.
South Carolina (29-4) vs. Quinnipiac (29-6)
Florida State (27-6) vs. Oregon State (31-4)
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
Semifinal winners
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All Times EDT
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Toronto 42 29 592 3
New York 27 43 386 17½
Philadelphia 26 44 371 18½
Brooklyn 14 56 200 30½
Southeast Division
W L Pct GB
Washington 42 28 600 —
Atlanta 37 33 529 5
Miami 35 36 493 7½
Charlotte 31 39 443 11
Orlando 26 45 366 16½
Central Division
W L Pct GB
Cleveland 46 23 667 —
Indiana 36 34 514 10½
Milwaukee 34 35 493 12
Detroit 34 37 479 13
Chicago 33 38 465 14

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
x-San Antonio 54 16 771 —
x-Houston 49 22 690 5½
Memphis 40 31 563 14½
Dallas 30 40 429 24
New Orleans 30 41 423 24½
Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
Utah 43 28 606 —
Oklahoma City 40 30 571 2½
Denver 33 37 471 9½
Portland 32 37 464 10
Minnesota 28 42 400 14½
Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
z-Golden State 57 14 803 —
L.A. Clippers 42 29 592 15
Sacramento 27 43 386 29½
Phoenix 22 49 310 35
L.A. Lakers 20 50 286 36½
x-clinched playoff spot
z-clinched division
Tuesday's Games
Toronto 122, Chicago 120, OT
Brooklyn 98, Detroit 96
Miami 112, Phoenix 97
New Orleans 95, Memphis 82
Golden State 112, Dallas 87
San Antonio 100, Minnesota 93
Milwaukee at Portland
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers
Wednesday's Games
Charlotte at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
New York at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Phoenix at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Portland, 10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Brooklyn at Washington, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Denver at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled.
Pistons Box
DETROIT (96)
Morris 5-14 2-4 13, T.Harris 10-15 4-5
24, Drummond 6-12 1-3 13, Jackson 3-9
0-0 7, Caldwell-Pope 7-17 2-2 19, Bullock
1-3 0-2, Baynes 0-0 0-0, Leuer 0-7 2-2
2, Smith 8-15 0-0 16. Totals 40-92 11-
16 96.
BROOKLYN (98)
Lopez 13-24 0-2 29, Dinwiddie 3-9 4-6
10, LeVert 5-8 2-2 15, Foye 1-5 0-0 3
Hollis-Jefferson 2-7 0-0 4, Booker 1-4 0-0
2, Acy 2-4 2-2 7, Whitehead 2-9 3-4 7
McDaniels 4-8 1-2 11, Goodwin 5-10 0-1
10. Totals 38-88 12-19 98.

Brooklyn 22 28 24 — 98
3-Point Goals_Detroit 5-23 (Caldwell-Pope 3-8, Jackson 1-2, Morris 1-5, Bullock 0-1, Smith 0-2, Leuer 0-2, T.Harris 0-3), Brooklyn 10-29 (LeVert 3-4, Lopez 3-9, McDaniels 2-4, Acy 1-2, Foye 1-4, Dinwiddie 0-3, Goodwin 0-3). Fouled Out_None, Rebounds_Detroit 51 (Drummond 17), Brooklyn 46 (Dinwiddie 8). Assists_Detroit 17 (Smith 4), Brooklyn 22 (Foye 5). Total Fouls_Detroit 17, Brooklyn 13. Technicals_Caldwell-Pope_A_14,343 (17,732).
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Boston 73 38 29 6 82 209 195
Toronto 71 33 23 15 81 216 210
Tampa Bay 72 34 29 9 77 197 202
Florida 72 31 30 11 73 183 208
Buffalo 74 30 32 12 72 183 214
Detroit 72 29 32 11 69 180 213
Metropolitan Division
GP W LOT Pts GF GA
x-Washington 72 47 17 8 102 232 161
Pittsburgh 72 46 17 9 101 252 199
x-Columbus 71 47 18 6 100 228 164
N.Y. Rangers 73 45 24 4 94 233 192
N.Y. Islanders 71 33 26 12 78 210 218
Carolina 71 31 27 13 75 186 206
Philadelphia 72 33 31 8 74 188 216
New Jersey 72 27 33 12 66 167 211
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
GP W LOT Pts GF GA
x-Chicago 73 47 20 6 100 222 183
Minnesota 74 42 22 6 94 235 180
St. Louis 72 39 28 5 83 201 195
Nashville 72 36 25 11 83 212 202
Winnipeg 73 33 33 7 73 220 232
Dallas 72 29 33 10 68 196 233
Colorado 72 20 49 3 43 140 238
Pacific Division
GP W LOT Pts GF GA
San Jose 73 42 24 7 91 198 169
Edmonton 72 39 24 9 87 209 186
Anaheim 72 39 23 11 87 186 178
Calgary 73 41 28 4 86 203 197
Los Angeles 72 34 31 7 75 175 181
Vancouver 72 29 34 9 67 166 211
Arizona 73 27 37 9 63 178 233
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
x-clinched playoff spot
Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 3, Buffalo 1
New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
Washington 4, Calgary 2
Ottawa 3, Boston 2
Detroit 2, Montreal 1, OT
Arizona 5, Tampa Bay 3
Carolina 4, Florida 3
Winnipeg 3, Philadelphia 2
Vancouver 5, Chicago 4, OT
Minnesota 3, San Jose 2
St. Louis 4, Colorado 2
Wednesday's Games
Toronto at Columbus, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Columbus at Washington, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Winnipeg at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.



Tourney roller coaster: Who's up, down heading to Sweet 16

By STEVE MEGARGEE
AP Sports Writer

Everything's magnified in March. A player who has been slumping all season can quickly put that behind him with a couple of big performances in the NCAA Tournament. A team that has struggled can suddenly change its reputation by heating up in the postseason.

North Carolina's Joel Berry II, Florida's Devin Robinson and South Carolina's entire team are some of those on the annual tournament roller coaster heading into the Sweet 16. Berry has struggled to find his shot and Robinson has produced some of the best performances in his college career.

Before last week, the Gamecocks were known for having their stingy defense and a suspect offense. But they've averaged 90.5 points in the first two games of the tournament to reach the Sweet 16 for the first time in the NCAA Tournament's current format. They scored 65 points and shot 71.4 percent in the second half of an 88-81 victory over Duke.

"We wouldn't be in the Sweet 16 if we were a bad offensive team," South Carolina coach Frank Martin said after the Duke game. "Now, do we shoot 71 percent, what did we shoot, 71 for a half? No, nobody does. But that's why they call this thing March Madness."

Here are some other statistical trends involving teams in the Sweet 16.

UCLA'S ABILITY TO AVOID TURNOVERS
UCLA leads all Division I teams with a 1.93 assist-turnover ratio, but the Bruins have been particularly adept in this area during the NCAA Tournament. The Bruins have totaled 46 assists and only 10 turnovers in two NCAA Tournament games, including a season-low three turnovers against Cincinnati. Before the tournament, UCLA was committing 11.5 turnovers per game. The Bruins next face Kentucky, which

has forced a total of 19 turnovers through the first two rounds of the tournament.

BUTLER'S 3-POINT SHOOTING
Butler is shooting 47.1 percent (16 of 34) from beyond the arc in the tournament, well above its season percentage of .369. Avery Woodson is 8 of 14 from 3-point range in two tournament games. Butler now must face North Carolina, which has allowed its first two NCAA Tournament foes to shoot 31.3 percent (15 of 48) from 3-point range.

NORTH CAROLINA G JOEL BERRY II'S SLUMP
Berry injured his ankle in a first-round victory over Texas Southern, which may explain why he's struggled to make his shots thus far in the tournament. Berry has shot a combined 3 of 21 and has averaged 6.5 points in two tournament games. Berry is North Carolina's second-leading scorer with 14.4 points per game.

FLORIDA F DEVIN ROBINSON'S SURGE
Robinson scored 24 points in a first-round victory over East Tennessee State to match his career high. He followed that up against Virginia by recording his second double-double of the season. The 6-foot-8 junior is averaging 19 points and 9.5 rebounds over the last two games. Robinson had entered the NCAA Tournament averaging 10.9 points and 6.1 rebounds.

MICHIGAN'S REBOUNDING WORRIES
Michigan has managed to get to the Sweet 16 despite posting a minus-13 rebound margin in its first two NCAA Tournament games. Michigan got outrebounded 40-21 by Oklahoma State and 37-30 by Louisville. They've been outscored 38-19 in second-chance points through the first two rounds yet have managed to survive anyway. Michigan next faces Oregon, which has a plus-10.5 rebound margin in the NCAA Tournament.

SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE SECOND HALF
The Gamecocks have been unstoppable after halftime. They scored 54 points in the second half against Marquette and 65 points over the final 20 minutes against

Duke. That's an average of 59.5 second-half points - a remarkable total for a team that scored just 53 points the entire game in a Southeastern Conference Tournament loss to Alabama. South Carolina is shooting 33.3 percent (22 of 66) in the first half and 62.5 percent (40 of 64) in the second half.

GONZAGA'S FREE-THROW WOES
Gonzaga has made 72.7 percent of its free throws this season, but the Bulldogs have shot just 57.4 percent (31 of 54) from the line during their first two tournament games. Jordan Mathews has shot 4 of 9, Josh Perkins has gone 1 of 5 and Johnathan Williams is 0 for 4.

WEST VIRGINIA'S LONG-RANGE ACCURACY
West Virginia has shot 52 percent (13 of 25) from 3-point range in the NCAA Tournament. The Mountaineers had made 36.1 percent of their 3-pointers before the NCAA Tournament. Jevon Carter has gone 6 of 9 and Tarik Phillip has shot 3 of 6. West Virginia could struggle to maintain that pace against Gonzaga, which ranks seventh nationally in 3-point percentage defense.

XAVIER F SEAN O'MARA'S PRODUCTION
O'Mara headed into the NCAA Tournament having scored in double figures just three times since the start of December. But the 6-10 junior has had double-digit scoring performances in both of Xavier's tournament wins while averaging 14.5 points and 6 rebounds. O'Mara was averaging just 5.5 points and 2.8 rebounds before the NCAA Tournament.

KANSAS CONTROLLING THE GLASS
Kansas entered the NCAA Tournament with an impressive plus-4 rebound margin but has been even more dominant on the boards in the postseason. The Jayhawks have outrebounded their first two NCAA Tournament foes by 13 boards per game. Landen Lucas has 11 rebounds in each of those two games. Next up is Purdue, which has a plus-7 rebound margin this season to rank 13th nationally. Purdue has outrebounded each of its first two NCAA Tournament foes by 10 boards.

Perhaps that's why Beilein and Pitino have been so successful adapting. With a track record of developing NBA-ready players, the two longtime coaches have become the faces of embracing change.

"It's probably more like the games in the '60s right now with Rudy T. (Tomjanovich) and Calvin Murphy and Bob Lanier and Pete Maravich than it is to what we saw in some periods of the 44-42 game earlier on," Beilein said.

"It's becoming more like football every day with the way people can move people around and give different looks and do the same thing. Your kids have to recognize it without huddling up every 30 seconds. It's opened up this game."

Women's teams already play

Hoops

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the equation. Pitino believes defenses are starting to add NBA staples, too. Instead of using traps and pressure to force turnovers, he said, many teams are simply trying to take precious seconds off the shot clock with "soft pressure," a notion he advocated during two stints as an NBA coach. Analytics, which Brad Stevens used heavily during his coaching tenure at Butler, has become a bigger part of the college game, too, and other changes could be on the horizon.

four quarters rather than two halves, and the NIT is experimenting this year with resetting team fouls after each 10-minute segment of the game.

One thing Beilein and Pitino don't want is the 24-second shot clock. But it's become clear to many at all levels that today's players are putting a pro-style stamp on the college game. "There's a trickle down," said Utah Jazz coach Quin Snyder, a former college coach and player. "I think some of it has to do with the fact the NBA is so widely covered now. There's so much NBA basketball on television - younger players see it. They idolize guys, they try to emulate them. That process takes place and I think it's the same thing with coaches."

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Girlfriend's friendships cause jealousy

Dear Annie: I've never felt so strongly about anyone as I do about my girlfriend, "Angelina." She is warm and funny and makes me want to be my best self every day. The year that we've been dating has been the best of my life.



Dear Annie

This is a great change from my previous girlfriend, who was from a well-to-do family and wasn't afraid to flaunt it. She was gorgeous but expected me to worship the ground she walked on because of that. She didn't like spending time with any of my friends. When she told me we couldn't

go to my best friend's birthday party — because he's an "idiot," according to her — I decided to end it.

So it's no surprise that I'm thrilled Angelina clicks with my friends. She gets along so well with them, and they all think she's hilarious. I like going out with her and all my buds. I'm proud to show off what an awesome girlfriend I have.

The problem is that I feel as if she's getting along too well with some of them. I trust her (and them) completely and know I don't have to worry about infidelity. But I can't help but feel a little jealous when, for example, I realize my friends texted her about plans instead of me. When I've "jokingly" brought that up to her, she said it's because I'm bad about texting/calling people back and all my friends know it.

Another example: Recently, I was out of town for work for two weeks, and Angelina went out with my friends a few times. Sometimes I worry that she'll end up connecting better with one of my friends than with me. She and my best friend do click really well. As much as I don't want to be jealous, I feel that green monster sneaking up on me. Should I talk to her and/or my friends, or would I seem crazy? — **Love-Struck**

Dear Love: Your girlfriend loves your friends because she loves you, not the other way around — and don't you for-

get it. So often, jealousy is a self-fulfilling prophecy. Every time you indulge such a whim (telling your partner not to spend time with a certain person, asking for validation, etc.), you end up feeling even less secure and more in need of validation. Use positive self-talk ("My wonderful girlfriend loves me," "I love that my girlfriend cares about my friends," "What concrete facts are before me?") rather than positively talking yourself out of a happy relationship. It seems you've found a keeper, and I see no reason to goof things up by letting your insecurity call the shots.

Dear Annie: In responding to a distraught parent who was "Tired and Exhausted" because of her son's addiction, you suggested Al-Anon or Nar-Anon.

From my experience, another 12-step group has been invaluable: Families Anonymous. As with other 12-step groups, locations can be found online. — **Stepfather of an Addict**

Dear Stepfather: Thank you for recommending this great organization, which is for the friends and family members of those who suffer from addiction. Visit familiesanonymous.org for more information.

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Your Birthday
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Take care of details and be precise in all your actions. Having a solid strategy and a willingness to go the distance will help you succeed this year. Don't follow the crowd when you should be leading the way. Pursue reasonable goals and be moderate in your aims.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't complicate matters by trying to fit too much into your day. Keep your life simple and your facts straight. Stick to your plan and do things for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Taking an active role in events or activities that matter to you will encourage you to use your imagination and rely on your instincts. Take care of health issues promptly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Listen, observe and learn as you go. Don't feel you have to be first or take a risk to impress someone. Protect your health and your financial situation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't make an impulsive move or decision. Money matters are best handled with care and an emphasis on frugality. Overreacting will make matters worse when dealing with friends, children or a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Observe what's going on around you at work or among your peers, but don't interfere. Meddling will lead to blame. Put your trust and time into getting ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Taking an energetic approach to life and interacting with people you find stimulating and inspiring will spur you to take on interesting projects or learn something new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Impulsive behavior will be difficult to curtail. Try to think before you do or say something you will live to regret. Overdoing it in any fashion will be costly and emotionally draining.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You'll face problems when dealing with friends, relatives and peers. Keep your promises and be willing to work alongside others to bring about positive change. Don't rock the boat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Making a move or changing your surroundings will give you a boost. You don't have to overspend if you are willing to do the work yourself. Physical and mental improvements will pay off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Set a steady pace and make sure you do your own thing. A disciplined approach when dealing with deadlines, superiors or institutions will help you divert someone who is trying to dismantle your plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Something or someone from your past will cause problems if you haven't cleaned up unfinished business. Make a point to put things in place quickly so that you can move on.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll face some opposition if you aren't readily available when needed. Don't overschedule or crowd your agenda with matters that someone else can take care of for you.

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 ♥ 7 6 2
 ♦ A Q 10 5
 ♣ K 4 3

West East
 ♠ 10 7 6 4 3 ♠ 5 2
 ♥ 8 5 ♥ K Q J 10 3
 ♦ 6 4 ♦ K J 9
 ♣ 9 8 5 2 ♣ Q 10 7

South
 ♠ A Q J
 ♥ A 9 4
 ♦ 8 7 3 2
 ♣ A J 6

Dealer: East
 Vulnerable: Both

South West North East
 1NT Pass 3NT 1♥
 All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 8

Do not be deaf to the bidding

By Phillip Alder

Paul Simon, in "The Sounds of Silence," wrote the line: "People hearing without listening." At a bridge table where bidding boxes are being used, that would have to be: "People seeing without listening." A good bridge player, though, is never deaf to the auction: He interprets all of the calls, whether by his partner or the opponents, and puts the information to good use. In today's deal, South was in three no-trump, and West led the heart eight. What should have happened after that?

South did not like to overcall one no-trump with that heart holding. He was worried that partner might hold queen-doubleton, which would have provided a second stopper if North were the declarer. But nothing would have more accurately described the nature and strength of South's hand.

Declarer started with seven top tricks. Since only 12 high-card points were missing, the club finesse was bound to provide an eighth winner, but since the diamond finesse was doomed, from where would trick nine come?

South ducked the first trick and took the second to learn the heart break. Then he cashed his six black-suit tricks with the aid of the club finesse. East followed throughout in clubs and cleverly discarded the diamond jack(♠) on the third spade. He was hoping declarer would believe that he had blanked the diamond king. However, South knew that 2-5-3-3 distribution was more likely than 2-5-2-4 and decided to let East get into the newspapers if he had the courage to pitch a diamond from a doubleton.

Declarer exited with his last heart. As he hoped, at trick 12, East had to lead away from the diamond king into dummy's ace-queen.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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 I C G U O . " — W C R X E X Y A V D M M

Previous Solution: "I always say: 'Share your happiness with the world, give other people that happiness and let it come back.'" — Iggy Azalea

TODAY'S CLUE: H s t e n b a l

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SUDOKU DAILY GLOBE

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/22

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★ 3/21

Ask The Doctors

CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME USUALLY EASILY TREATABLE

by Robert Ashley, M.D., Eve Glazier, M.D. & Elizabeth Ko, M.D.

Dear Doctor: Sometimes when I awake from a good sleep, one of my hands is asleep, and I have to shake or massage it back to normalcy. It's usually my thumb and the two fingers next to it. Is this normal?

Dear Reader: No, this is not normal. Your symptoms are typical of carpal tunnel syndrome, which occurs because of a compression of the median nerve at the wrist. The median nerve provides sensation to the thumb, index and middle fingers. It also supplies the muscles that control the thumb and the smaller muscles that control the index and middle fingers.

The median nerve is in real cramped quarters as it makes its way through the wrist. As you look at the palm surface of your hand and move your eyes toward your wrist you can see multiple tendons. The median nerve has to share room with nine of these tendons that are within the carpal tunnel. When there is inflammation in the wrist, or the tendons become inflamed, the median nerve gets compressed.

The first symptoms are often noted during sleep, when we have a tendency to flex the wrists, so that our hands curl. This flexion of the wrists causes greater compression of the median nerve, which leads to the sensation of tingling in the thumb and the index and middle fingers, as if your hands are falling asleep.

Carpal tunnel syndrome is very common and can be caused by repetitive work involving recurrent compression on the median nerve. Studies have been mixed as to the type of work that can cause this. One study showed that recurrent use of a computer mouse was associated with carpal tunnel syndrome, but there has been no consistent association with recurrent keyboard use.

Women are more likely to have carpal tunnel syndrome than are men. The rate is 5 percent in the general population, but women have rates ranging from 7 percent to 18 percent. One study, published in Environmental Research, for example, found a greater rate of carpal tunnel syndrome in female butchers and meat cutters.

Diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and hypothyroidism are diseases that are associated with an increased risk of carpal tunnel syndrome.

As for a diagnosis, that can be done through a physical exam or through a nerve conduction study.

For starters, I would consult your doctor. If he or she diagnoses carpal tunnel syndrome, wearing a wrist brace at night would be the likely recommendation. Whether rigid or of a softer variety, wrist braces help because they don't allow the wrist to curl when you're sleeping. In addition, a physical therapist can teach stretches and range of motion exercises that can ease symptoms.

Finally, pay attention to signs of weakness in the hand. This would be noticed mostly in the use of the thumb, such as if you start dropping keys or begin having difficulty holding a cup. These signs suggest additional treatment, such as surgery, may be needed.

(Robert Ashley, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles.)

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BUSINESS

Banks nosedive as Trump health care speedbump tanks stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks took their biggest loss in five months Tuesday as a health care bill backed by President Donald Trump ran into trouble in Congress, which raised some questions about his agenda of faster economic growth spurred on by lower taxes and cuts in regulations.

Banks plunged as bond yields continued to fall, which will mean lower interest rates on loans. Transportation companies including airlines, railroads and rental car companies dropped, and so did materials companies like steel and chemicals makers. The dollar weakened. Small-company stocks, which stand to benefit the most from Trump's policy proposals of lower taxes and looser regulations, fell more than the rest of the market.

"President Trump promised that this health care bill would be signed, sealed, delivered within the first couple of weeks of him taking office," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer for BMO Capital Markets. "All this is doing is pushing the rest of the agenda out."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index tumbled 29.45 points, or 1.1 percent, to 2,344.02. That was its biggest drop since Oct. 11. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 237.85 points, or 1.1 percent, to 20,668.01.

The Nasdaq composite surrendered 107.70 points, or 1.8 percent, to 5,793.83. The Russell 2000 index of small-company stocks plunged 37.55 points, or 2.7 percent, to 1,346.55. Four-fifths of the stocks on the New York Stock Exchange fell.

Stocks have fallen for four days in a row, though the previous losses were small. Tuesday's losses were a reversal of the patterns that have endured since Trump was elected in November, but overall stocks are still sharply higher since then.

On Thursday the House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on the Republican-backed American Health Care Act, and despite support from the president on Tuesday, it's not clear if the House or the Senate will approve the bill. The administration hopes to get a major tax reform package to Congress by August, and a big infrastructure spending proposal may follow next year.

Banks had their worst day in nine months as bond prices rose.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note declined to 2.42 percent from 2.46 percent. Bank of America fell \$1.42, or 5.8 percent, to \$23.02. KeyCorp sank \$1.18, or 6.5 percent, to \$16.90, the biggest loss in the S&P 500. JPMorgan Chase gave up \$2.64, or 2.9 percent, to \$87.39. Still, banks have done far better than the rest of the market since the election.

Among transportation companies, United Continental lost \$2.21, or 3.3 percent, to \$65.28 and railroad operator CSX declined \$1.26, or 2.7 percent, to \$45.62. Hertz Global skidded \$1.86, or 8.7 percent, to \$19.40. Companies that make steel, chemicals, and other basic materials also slid. AK Steel plunged 86 cents, or 10.4 percent, to \$7.51 and U.S. Steel lost \$3.34, or 9 percent, to \$33.76.

The price of copper also dropped. The metal's price tends to rise when investors are more optimistic about the economy, and copper has risen 14 percent over the last year. It sank 5 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$2.62 a pound on Tuesday.

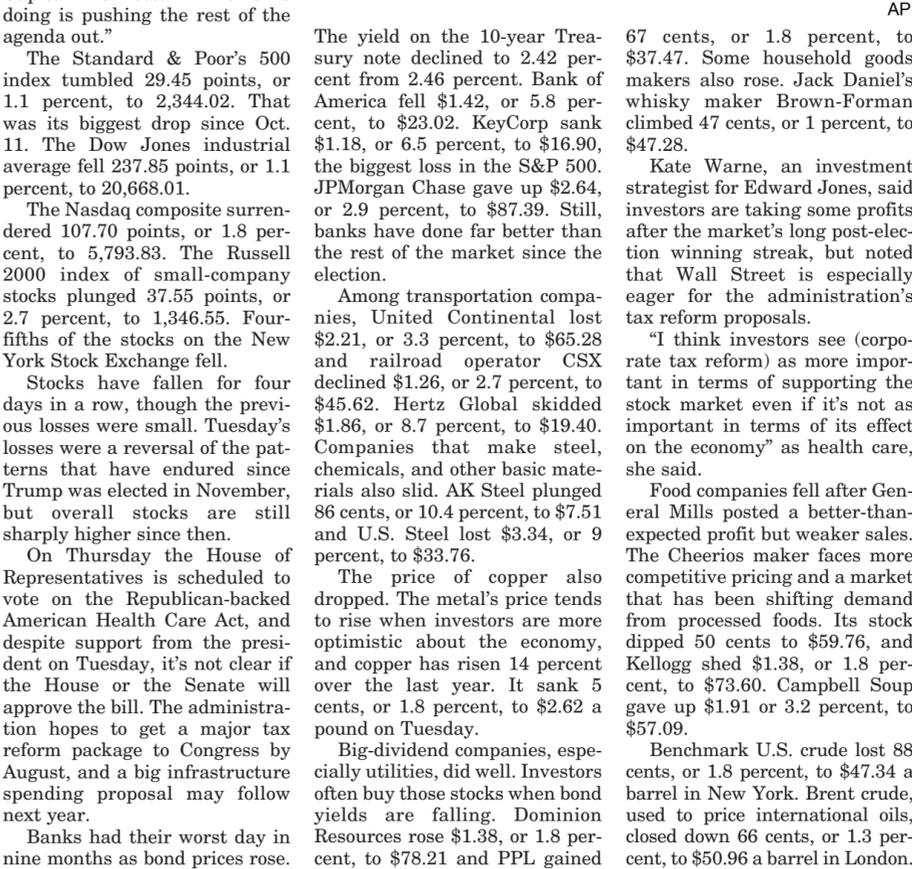
Big-dividend companies, especially utilities, did well. Investors often buy those stocks when bond yields are falling. Dominion Resources rose \$1.38, or 1.8 percent, to \$78.21 and PPL gained 67 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$37.47. Some household goods makers also rose. Jack Daniel's whiskey maker Brown-Forman climbed 47 cents, or 1 percent, to \$47.28.

Kate Warne, an investment strategist for Edward Jones, said investors are taking some profits after the market's long post-election winning streak, but noted that Wall Street is especially eager for the administration's tax reform proposals.

"I think investors see (corporate tax reform) as more important in terms of supporting the stock market even if it's not as important in terms of its effect on the economy" as health care, she said.

Food companies fell after General Mills posted a better-than-expected profit but weaker sales. The Cheerios maker faces more competitive pricing and a market that has been shifting demand from processed foods. Its stock dipped 50 cents to \$59.76, and Kellogg shed \$1.38, or 1.8 percent, to \$73.60. Campbell Soup gave up \$1.91 or 3.2 percent, to \$57.09.

Benchmark U.S. crude lost 88 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$47.34 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, closed down 66 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$50.96 a barrel in London.



FedEx profit rises but misses Wall Street's target

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Income and revenue rose during the peak holiday season at FedEx, but higher fuel costs helped keep profit below Wall Street's forecast.

Holiday-season package volume was the heaviest ever, as the big package-delivery company continues to benefit from the growth in online shopping.

FedEx Corp. said Tuesday that it earned \$562 million in its fiscal third quarter, up 11 percent from a year earlier, and revenue increased 19 percent.

Adjusted profit, which excludes costs related to the acquisition and restructuring of TNT Express, was \$2.35 per share. That was well short of the \$2.63 per share forecast by 11 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research.

The company lowered its forecast of full-year earnings excluding pension-accounting changes. It now sees those earnings at between \$10.80 and \$11.30 per share, compared with a previous forecast of \$10.95 to \$11.45 per share. The forecast assumes "moderate" global economic growth.

Third-quarter revenue of \$15.0 billion was slightly higher than the prediction of \$14.96 billion by eight of the Zacks analysts.

The company took charges of 28 cents per share related to last year's acquisition of Dutch delivery service TNT Express. The company is trying to reduce costs and increase efficiency in the TNT business, and Chairman and CEO Fred Smith said that work was on schedule.

FedEx shares fell 43 cents to close at \$191.84 before the results were released. After more than an hour of extended trading, they were up \$2.56 to \$194.40.

The shares have risen 3 percent since the beginning of the year, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index has climbed roughly 5 percent. They have gained 17 percent in the last 12 months.

FDA OKs new drug as add-on treatment for Parkinson's

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — U.S. regulators have approved the first new drug in a decade for Parkinson's disease, a chronic neurological disorder that causes tremors and movement difficulties.

The Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday that it has approved Xadago for use when a patient's regular medicines aren't working well.

The pill was tested in two six-month studies that included about 1,200 patients taking a standard treatment, levodopa.

According to the FDA, adding Xadago to levodopa decreased periods with troubling symptoms such as involuntary muscle movement. Patients who took Xadago also had better control of movement compared to groups that got levodopa and dummy pills.

Roughly 1 million Americans and up to 10 million people worldwide have Parkinson's. It generally strikes the elderly, affecting 1 percent to 2 percent of those over age 65.

Parkinson's is a progressive disease with symptoms worsening over time. Levodopa, which most patients take, can become less effective as the disease progresses. So additional medicines are then needed.

Milan, Italy-based Newron Pharmaceuticals, which has a U.S. subsidiary in Morristown, New Jersey, developed Xadago, known chemically as safinamide. It was approved in the European Union in 2015.

Newron's partner, US Worldwide Meds LLC of Louisville, Kentucky, will market Xadago in the U.S. That company said the drug's list price without insurance will be \$670 for a 30-day supply of either the 50- or 100-milligram dose.

Possible side effects can include involuntary movement, nausea and insomnia. The FDA said Xadago should not be taken by people with severe liver problems or those taking opioid painkillers and certain antidepressants.

Stolen Van Gogh paintings return to Amsterdam after 14 years

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Two paintings by Vincent van Gogh that were stolen in a smash-and-grab heist more than 14 years ago went back on display Tuesday at the Amsterdam museum dedicated to the Dutch master.

"They're back!" said Van Gogh Museum director Axel Rueger, calling their return one of the "most special days in the history of our museum."

The paintings, the 1882 "View of the Sea at Scheveningen," and 1884-85 work "Congregation leaving the Reformed Church in Nuenen," were discovered last year by Italian police investigating suspected Italian mobsters for cocaine trafficking.

It wasn't an easy find. The two paintings were wrapped in cotton sheets, stuffed in a box and hidden behind a wall in a toilet, said Gen. Gianluigi D'Alfonso of the Italian financial police, who was on hand at the museum for the ceremonial unveiling.

The paintings were found in a farmhouse near Naples as Italian police seized 20 million euros (\$21.6 million) worth of assets, including villas, apartments and even a small airplane. Investigators contend the assets are linked to two Camorra drug kingpins, Mario Cerrone and Raffaele Imperiale.

"After years shrouded in darkness, they can now shine again," said Jet Bussemaker, the Dutch minister for education, culture and science said as an orange screen slid away to reveal the two paintings behind a glass wall.

One of the two men convicted of stealing the paintings told the Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf that said he originally wanted to steal Van Gogh's world famous "Sunflowers" painting, but it was too well protected.

Another well-known Van Gogh work, "The Potato Eaters," was too big to get through the hole that Octave Durham and his accomplice smashed in the security glass to get into the museum after clambering over a fence and using a



VAN GOGH MUSEUM director Axel Rueger, left, and Jet Bussemaker, minister for Education, Culture and Science, stand next to the stolen and recovered "Seascape at Scheveningen" by Dutch master Vincent van Gogh, during a press conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Tuesday. Two paintings by van Gogh titled "Seascape at Scheveningen" (1882) and "Congregation leaving the Reformed Church in Nuenen," (1884-1885) returned to the Amsterdam museum after they were stolen from in a nighttime heist 15 years ago and recovered by Naples police in Italy.

ladder to get onto its roof.

Durham, who was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison after being convicted in 2004, told De Telegraaf that the paintings were sold to the mafia after a Dutch criminal who had agreed to buy them was murdered.

The paintings are now back on display at the museum before being taken to its conservation studio for repair. Experts said they suffered remarkably little damage even as the thieves in 2002 ripped them out of their frames and fled.

"It is not only a miracle that the works have been recovered but it's even more miraculous almost that they are in relatively unharmed condition," Rueger said.

The museum director was on vacation when the call came last year from Italian authorities who believed they had recovered the paintings. He didn't celebrate

right away; he'd had calls like this before.

"I was hopeful but also a little hesitant, because over the course of the years we had multiple occasions when people phoned us, contacted us, claiming that they knew something about the whereabouts of the works. And each time it was false, the trace went cold," he said. "The way has been peppered with disappointment."

But museum experts dispatched to Italy to check the authenticity of the works quickly turned Rueger's doubts into delight.

"It was something we had secretly been hoping for, for all those years," he said.

The two small works are not typical of Van Gogh's later and better-known works, but are still vital pieces for the museum's collection, Rueger said.

The Scheveningen seascape,

with a fishing boat and rough sea under a typically gray, cloudy Dutch sky, is one of Van Gogh's earliest works. It is the only painting in the museum's collection painted during his time in The Hague. It suffered a missing rectangular chip from the bottom left-hand corner.

The painting of the church in Nuenen portrayed the village where his parents lived.

"He had painted as a gift to his mother, so it's a very personal and emotional connection," Rueger said.

Rueger said the paintings are now back for good at a museum, which is home to dozens of works by Van Gogh, whose paintings fetch millions of dollars on the rare occasions they come up for auction.

"The security, I can assure you, is of Triple-A quality now. So I'm very confident that everything is safe in the museum," he said.

Drama 'Shots Fired' takes layered look at police shootings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The title of "Shots Fired" makes it clear the new drama series is treading on contentious turf.

Yes, a police shooting of an unarmed youth is at the center of the story, paired with a previous death by gunfire. But it's an African-American sheriff's deputy who has killed a white college student and roiled the North Carolina town where the story is set.

Series creator and executive producers Gina Prince-Bythewood ("Beyond the Lights," "The Secret Life of Bees") and her husband, Reggie Rock Bythewood ("Notorious," "New York Undercover"), are flipping the expected narrative — that the victim is black, the deputy white — as part of their effort to shift attitudes.

"Just that alone, to be able to challenge people's points of view just in the way you would look at the story, that was compelling," Bythewood said of the drama that debuts Wednesday at 8 p.m. Eastern on Fox.

The other murder, the mostly ignored shooting of a black teenager, adds more layers to a mystery that's intended to entertain as well as illuminate. Bythewood said he learned early that "you get audiences at the edge of their seats, and while they're learning forward, hit them with the truth."

In an interview, the couple cited the 2012 killing of teenager Trayvon Martin in Florida by George Zimmerman as an impetus for their approach. Although many people sympathized with Martin's family and their loss, others "had no regard for Trayvon as a human being, a child who was shot by a grown man," Bythewood said.

Zimmerman, who argued the shooting was in self-defense, was acquitted by a jury.

"What we thought is the people that did not identify with people like Trayvon or other kids who were killed could easily be desensitized and say, 'I already

know what the story is, I already know what the case is,'" and ignore the series, Bythewood said.

A crucial goal, the pair said, is to get viewers to consider the sheer tragedy of a child's loss for a parent.

"Forget race for a second, just connect with her as a mother," Bythewood said. Or rather two moms, DeWanda Wise's Shameeka Campbell and Jill Hennessy's Alicia Carr.

"Mothers from very different walks of life are suddenly members of a club nobody wants to be a member of, and in the course of the 10 hours their relationship evolves and the optics of that are pretty striking," Prince-Bythewood said.

The chance for long-form storytelling made the pair reconsider their original desire to pursue the topic as a big-screen film. But they were able to entice movie actors, including Helen Hunt, who plays the state's governor, and Richard Dreyfuss, who portrays a real estate mogul.

Sanaa Lathan and Stephan James star, respectively, as an investigator and a special prosecutor, with Stephen Moyer, Will Patton, Mack Wilds and Aisha Hinds as part of the ensemble.

"They came together because they believed in the vision," Prince-Bythewood said of the cast. Hunt and Moyer agreed.

"I want to work on things that are alive in me, and the country was on fire and is on fire and two people were writing about that and that was exciting to me," the actress told a TV critics' meeting.

Said Moyer: "It's worth saying that one of the things that attracted us all to it, with regard to especially, specifically, playing police officers, is that all of these characters, every single one of them is gray."

But what the series creators are asking of viewers is no small thing: step into another person's shoes at a time of American political and social acrimony.

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