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Today — Sunny, with a high near 55. Breezy, with a southwest wind 10 to 20 mph.



Tonight — Mostly clear, with a low around 36. West northwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday — Sunny, with a high near 50. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Widespread frost with a low around 31.

Thursday — Sunny, with a high near 53. Low around 39.

VOLLEYBALL

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WITH VOLLEY FOR THE
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Reward offered for information on missing letter carrier

CHICAGO (AP) — The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is offering \$25,000 for information about a pregnant 26-year-old Chicago letter carrier who disappeared nearly two weeks ago.

Police say Kierra Coles was last seen on Oct. 2 near her home in the South Side's Chatham neighborhood. The woman's mother, Karen Phillips, reported her missing on Oct. 4 after she hadn't heard from her for two days, and calls to her cellphone went into voicemail.

Officers did a well-being check at her apartment, and did not locate the woman. Her car was parked near the building.

Postal Inspection Service spokeswoman Julie Kenney on Monday says the agency has launched a joint investigation into Coles' disappearance, along with the Chicago Police Department.

Kenney said the agency investigates crimes against its employees, among other things, though she said Coles was not on duty when she went missing.

Suspicious letter sent to senator's home

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — A hazardous materials team was called Monday to investigate a suspi-

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Finishing up the corn harvest



A farmer combines a corn field southeast of Saunemin on what looks like a warm late summer day but is actually a crisp fall Monday. JOY BUTLER/DAILY LEADER

Market maneuvering not a reason for panic mode

By Paul Westermeyer
Staff Reporter

Equity markets were rocked last Wednesday and Thursday, which had consequences beyond Wall Street, affecting global investments in Europe and Asia, as well. Though the Dow Jones Industrial Average posted healthy gains Monday, with its 30-stock index rising about 100 points, there were still concerns with Nasdaq, which saw a slip in tech shares.

However, Marcie Olson-Rich, a financial advisor with an Edward Jones branch in Pontiac, had some advice before panic set in.

"Equity markets finished lower in what was a volatile week," she said, noting that con-

cerns about rising interest rates, the trade war with China and other international risks impacted the market, which resulted in the largest weekly loss for the Standard & Poor's 500 since March.

Olson-Rich emphasized that volatility in the markets typically tended to have two important facets: the suggestion that "something dramatic has changed in the investment landscape that seemingly warrants an equally dramatic and immediate adjustment in stock prices," while also bringing out the "emotional side" of investing, which can exacerbate some of the worst impulses of panicking buyers and sellers.

The Edward Jones financial advisor also

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Pontiac marching band wrapping up season

By Luke Smucker
Staff Reporter

The Pontiac Township High School marching band began its final week of the marching season on Monday. Instead of slowing down, the band is focused on heating up in an effort to perform well at the upcoming 48th annual Illinois Marching Band Championships.

Around 42 high school marching bands from across the state will perform at Memorial Stadium on the campus of the University of Illinois in Champaign on Saturday. Bands are divided into six classifications based on the IHSA school size and receive feedback from the judges.

"As far as marching and performing goes, we are very prepared for Saturday," Scot Schickel, director of bands at PTHS, said. "The thing we are

focusing on this week is the fact that it's going to be very cold during competition.

"We have to get used to playing out in the cold this week because it does impact the pitch and performance of the instruments. It's important to be able to offset that because, even though it's marching band, it's all about the music."

This year, the marching band is under the direction of new band teacher Mike Roberts. A recent graduate from Illinois State University, Roberts said he felt like the transition from student to instructor has gone well.

"It's kind of sad to be coming to the end of marching season," he remarked. "The students have been great. They have been very flexible with my teaching methods and they are willing to work. I think that's what made it such a positive

transition process for me. We're having fun with a lot of the marching. The students love performing and they love the show."

This year's show is called "Ex Machina." Roberts said the performance is meant to be "very machine-like."

"There are a lot of musical elements in the show that are short and abrupt, like a robot or machine," Roberts explained. "We added a lot of body movements for the marching band that fit with the show concept. Sometimes, you'll see the color guard doing the robot, sometimes we do a lot of poses that are quick and robotic to fit with the concept of the show."

Competition has been hard to come by for the marching band this season. Their first opportunity got rained out. Then, the band was in exhibition at Mor-

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Another season is coming to an end for the Pontiac Township High School Marching Indians. The band is preparing for the 48th annual Illinois Marching Band Championships in Champaign on Saturday. DAILY LEADER FILE

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Family home has been updated inside and out. Offers 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, one on each level, finished basement, fully fenced yard, nice sun room, plus a detached 2 car garage with opener, concrete driveway, central air and nice hardwood floors in living room and dining room. Home sits on a large corner lot just a few blocks from downtown Pontiac. This is a great home for the family and is move in condition with no maintenance for years to come.



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